

# The Merkel Mail

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## Between you

## and me

By SARAH ECKOLS



Readers, at this Christmas time, I would like to extend to each of you a happy holiday greeting. This is a very special time of year when for most of us our complete families are together the one and only time of the year. It is a time when we forget all the grievances of the past and let our love for one another come through. It is a time for sharing.

Christmas is also a time when we review the past good times and think of and miss loved ones who are no longer with us. It is a time when too, we think of and miss those whom we love, yet from whom we are separated by distance.

Christmas is a time when most of us adults think of our childhood with fond memories of the "Christmases past," when we anxiously awaited Santa's visit and the presents we would receive from him, aunts and uncles, grandma and grandpa, and friends. Some of us hold dear to our hearts a Christmas when we got our very first bicycle or that special favorite doll. In each of our lives there are many "first Christmases." There is the first Christmas we were going steady, the first Christmas we were engaged, the first Christmas we were married, the first Christmas after the baby was born and we got to play Santa, or the first Christmas without a loved one.

This is a first Christmas for me in many ways. The happiest of these is my first Christmas as editor of The Merkel Mail. It is also a sad first Christmas for me in some ways like, I am sure it is for some of you.

For some there is a first Christmas alone. That must be the saddest kind of first Christmas. Take a moment now to think of those whom you might know for whom this might be a Christmas alone; perhaps an elderly person without a family, or a person who must spend the holidays in a hospital or a rest home, and make a special effort to remember these people on Christmas.

Now that I have grown up, I no longer wish for gifts under my tree on Christmas morning. I just wish for peace and happiness for myself and those I love. It is my sincere wish that you and your loved ones have a very happy holiday and a prosperous new year.

Let me remind each of you that the highways will be crowded with holiday travelers and that drinking and driving don't mix. An estimated 100 Texans will lose their lives over the Christmas and New Year holidays. I hope one of those isn't you.

I began to think just the other day, that no Christmas is complete without the famous poem by Clement C. Moore, "A Visit From St. Nicholas."

I then began to try to find the old poem that most of us have heard at least a thousand times. I, like most of you can remember the first several lines. I searched through my book of quotations and called friends to see if they might have a copy. Finally I found one. Now I feel that the Christmas edition of The Merkel Mail will be complete.

### A Visit From St. Nicholas

By CLEMENT C. MOORE

'Tis the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads; And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter nap—

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon, the breast of the new-fallen snow, Gave a lust of midday to objects below; When what my wandering eyes should appear But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled and shouted, and called them by name: "Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Comet! on, Comet and Blitzen!

To the top of the arch, to the top of the wall! Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!" As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,

So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas too. And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound. He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;

A bundle of toys he had hung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack. His eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry; His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,

And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow. The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath. He had a broad face and a little round belly That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly. He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,

And I laughed, when I saw him, in spite of myself. A wink of his eye and a twist of his head Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread. He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his nose,

And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose. He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle; But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"



As all Christendom pauses at Christmas time 1975 to celebrate the birth of the Saviour, it is especially fitting that we in the Merkel area be thankful for the blessings which have been ours during the past year.

We think it appropriate that we all take time to re-read again the beautiful story of the birth of Christ as told by Saint Luke in the King James Bible.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenus was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, city of the Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which was called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David.)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

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

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glorify to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

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

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all things which they heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the Shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

## Pump Station Blaze Covers 15 Acres

One Abilene and two Merkel fire trucks went to the scene of a blaze at Magnolia pump station which was reported at about 4 a.m. on Monday, December 15.

The pump, motor and bleeder valve for the entire line were on fire, and the blaze covered 15 acres of grass before it was extinguished, said Merkel Fire Chief Waymon Adcock.

## 100 Expected To Die In Texas Over Holidays

Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, today warned that traffic accidents during the Christmas and New Year periods may claim almost 100 lives in Texas.

The pump station is the property of Mobile Oil Company. Workmen were called from Sweetwater to cut the pressure off.

Four Merkel and three Abilene firemen were at the pre-dawn scene for one and a half to two hours. From Merkel were Robert Harris, second assistant chief, Billy Lucas, Pat Pallares and Iky Garrett.

An estimated 46 deaths will occur in the New Year period which runs from 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, through midnight Sunday, December 28.

Congressman Omar Burleson announces the approval of a \$3,852 grant to the City of Tye by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Speir said the DPS will be working with local law enforcement agencies to mount as strong an enforcement effort as possible.

The funds will assist with Step 1 of the preparation of facilities plans and related elements for a new outfall and lift station to transmit Tye's wastewater to the City of Abilene interceptor. The current eligible cost for this phase of the project is \$5,137.

## YULE MESSAGES FROM AREA MINISTERS

### STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Years ago on the Judian hills one night sat a group of shepherds discussing prophecies of the scripture about the Saviour that was to be born and suddenly a multitude of angels began to sing and shout the Saviour is born in the city of David and they arose and went down to the city of Bethlehem to see this thing that had happened and to carry gifts to the Mother and the babe. They left all of their possessions to go worship the Saviour of the world, who had come to give himself for the sins of the world to die on the cross, to be buried and arise again. This was the greatest gift that was ever given to men. Since he gave so great gift to us, when we give let us give as unto Him.

given a second chance. He was allowed to take a deep look at himself as others saw him, and he was then given the time to change.

You and I will not have that second chance. The Scriptures teach that Jesus will someday come like "a thief in the night" (II Peter 3:10), and that "no one knows the day or hour, except the Father." (Mark 13:32). We should all live our lives in constant preparation for that moment.

Christmas is a beautiful time of the year. It's a time of loving, sharing, laughing, and giving. It's the time of year that someone can bend the fender on our car, or run into us and knock us down, and we get up happily saying "Merry Christmas!" But let these same events happen any other time of the year, and we get up angrily talking about lawsuits.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8). May we also be the same loving persons throughout the entire year that Jesus would have us be. And may we live our lives in preparation for that beautiful moment when He will come unexpectedly to take His children to live with Him forever.

Larry Gill, Minister  
Merkel Church of Christ

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES  
Sunday  
Bible Study 9:45 A. M.  
Worship 10:30 A. M. and 6:00 P. M.  
Wednesday  
Bible Study 7:30 P. M.

(EDITOR'S NOTE)—This is a condensed version of an article which appeared in the December 1950 edition of "News of Faith and Truth," a monthly publication published in Gainsville by John Curtis.

Angels attended the birth of Jesus Christ, and they carried as messengers to carry the announcement that the Lord had come. Since that time, millions upon millions of birth announcements have

gone out in various ways—by ship, by courier afoot, by messengers on horseback and in wheeled vehicles, by train, by mail, by plane, by telegram, by radio, but no other birth has ever been announced of such glorious significance and none has ever had such radiant messengers as those that brought the news of the birth of the Saviour.

If you think it strange that shepherds were fearful upon the appearance of an angel, just put yourself in their place. Human flesh is never easy in the presence of divine glory.

Indeed, it was good news that the angels brought that day, the Saviour, for whom Israel had so long looked. How sad that the chosen people of God were so tragically unprepared to receive the Saviour and appreciated His coming.

It was certainly not the picture that men had envisioned, the picture of the Saviour coming to the world to be found wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. No doubt they had pictured Him many times as a prince coming astride a prancing war horse. They had pictured Him going through the land strewn natural benefits wherever He went. But they had never pictured Him in this humble condition.

There is something about the divine revelation of Jesus that natural minds cannot comprehend. Even when men have found Him and enthusiastically proclaimed their discovery to the world, there are always those who wonder if these things really be true. We have in the shepherds story and the world's attitude toward it a miniature of what has been going on in the world for almost 2,000 years. Millions have discovered Jesus Christ as the Saviour of their souls and have gone out to tell others about it. Still there are millions who doubt, who wonder if it actually be true. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11

## Merkel Native Comes Back Here To Live

One of Merkel's newcomers isn't new at all.

She's a hometown girl who grew up and graduated from high school in Merkel, has been away since 1960, and through a series of events has wound up here once more.

Merkel folks knew her as Kay Teaff back then; now she's Mrs. Cecil Todd, wife of Tye Elementary School's new principal.

The Todds had been living in Kentucky, Mr. Todd's home state, until he accepted the job with Tye Elementary.

Kay described how the decision to move back to Merkel came about.

"We had been coming home to visit my parents (the Nim Teaffs) twice a year. Cecil really liked it here—especially the people. Everytime anyone would mention Texas, he would tell about how much he likes its people."

"Then in October we came here for a week to be here while my father was having major surgery.

"While we were here, we heard about the vacancy left by Gene Stuckey's death. We had discussed the possibility of moving back here, and so when Cecil found out about the opening, he applied for it... and he got it."

The Todds have a five-year-old daughter, Tasha,



KAY TEAFF TODD

... Back home again

who will start kindergarten here in January.

Kay, who graduated from Hardin Simmons University, has been teaching along with her husband most of the time since they married. Her baccalaureate degree is in psychology and chemistry; she has done graduate work toward a master's degree in counseling.

While living here she plans to see NATIVE, Pg. 4

## Tye Received Environmental Grant For \$3,852

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS



## Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Clause,

I Shane Smith want a Red Rider, b-b gun, a box of pencils a batman alarm clock and a Doctor Stool and a real foot ball and my brother Todd wants a nurf foot ball a big dump truck, some guns and a G. I. Joe, and my little sister Kriste wants a baby doll, a tricycle and a monkey and some dishes and a rockin chair.

Thank you  
Your friends  
Shane-Todd  
Kriste  
Smith

Dear Santa Clause

My name is Chad Pack and I am 7 yrs old. Please bring me a Big Wheel, a train, a race car with number 88 on it, a frisbee, the Lone Ranger & Silver. If you don't have what I want just bring me what you want.

My sister is Jill and she's 4 yrs old and she wants a Baby Crissy, & a baby buggy & a frisbee & some jewelry. Thank you for being nice & Thank you for the presents you brought us last year.

Your friend  
Chad Pack

Dear Santa,

My name is Kyle Doan. Please bring me a walkie talkie, putt-putt, Evel Knievel, play saw, boxing gloves, fire truck and a hot cycle.

My mommie is writing this letter for me because I'm not old enough to know how to write.

I like you Santa. I'll leave you some cake and cookies on the table. How do you get down the chimney? Are you magic? Merry Christmas!  
Kyle Doan

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope I get a lot of presents this year. I want Steve Austin for Christmas and a racecar and a game that is called speed buggy and a five speed and a real camera.

Sincerely,  
Joe Biera

Dear Santa,

I want a new bike and a spin welder and a minybike.

Sincerely,  
Robby

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? It is going to be fun this year when you come to see me and bring the presents. I'll have some cookies and milk I'll tell you what I want. I want a real TV.

Sincerely,  
Dustu Whisonhunt

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hop you bring me lots of toy. I want a bike for Christmas and a walkie talkies.  
Sincerely,  
Spencer

Dear Santa,

Lets thank Jesus for leg us have somebody that gous us all the things that we want. Santa Claus is the nicest man. in the world. He is very nice to give us toys. I love. You are very nice. How are you doing? I love you. Keep well.

I love you,  
Tracy Townsend

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a 3 speed bike and a racing car too and a fire set.

Sincerely,  
Ramiro. T. Aldrete

Dear Santa

You are very nice to make your rounds each year. I would like to have karotee men set and some boots.

Sincerely,  
Tim Jacobs

Dear Santa Clause,

I want some cowboy boots size 12 1/2 - Also, some blue jeans - cowboy hat - I want a doll that walks, some dishes. I have been a good girl - I'll leave you some hot chocolate when you come see me.

Love,  
Angie Cannon  
Age - 5

Dear Santa Clause;

I want a putt-putt train and a gun and I want a guitar - I've been a good boy.

Love,  
Scott Cannon  
Age - 2

Dear Santa Clause,

Please bring me a police hat - a police gun, a police car and a Raggedy Andy. I've been a good boy.

Love,  
Stephen Schultz  
Age - 4

Dear Sante Claus

I have been a very good boy this year. I want some walky talkys and a ambulance and a truck and traler that comes off. I'll make a list and my mother will give it to you. I know it's a short letter by.

Your friend,  
Michael Reddin

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have very much, a Evel Kenevel soot and and a docn buggy and a Evel Kenvel Travil van

Sincerely,  
Sean Woodard

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a record player and some records to, and I want a doll that cry's and say's mama, and a baby bed with her, and I want a belt that say's Melisa on the belt, and a highchair with my doll I have been pretty good this year, this is the first time I have wrote you

Sincerely,  
David Glasscock

Missy Jones

Dear Santa Claus I have been good. And I want some toys and cloths and a cowboy hat and. With a brown cowboy shirt.  
Your friend  
Brian Ford

Dear Santa Claus, I want a pair of walkie talkes for christmas. I also want a big jim moter-cross for christmas.

I want a base ball. I want a set multiplication flash cards.  
Sincerely  
David Glasscock

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## TOWER TALKS

by U.S. Senator for Texas  
**JOHN TOWER**



### The Cruellest Tax

WASHINGTON—The most cruel tax you have to pay isn't even called a tax by the politicians who have foisted it upon you.

I can't imagine a more oppressive tax than the hidden tax of inflation, which is ravaging the real income of all Americans.

Inflation is a regressive tax which hurts the poor more than the rich, and the middle class worst of all. It is an insidious tax that demeans the value of work, encourages profligacy and waste, and erodes the productive resources of society.

Inflation, moreover, is a tax which no voter has ever approved, which escalates capriciously, and which is all but impossible to limit.

The tax of inflation has been rising rapidly in recent years. Consumer prices rose by 12 per cent in 1974, on top of an 8.8 per cent increase in 1973.

Most Americans perceive the symptoms of inflation—ever increasing price levels—not its causes. This is dangerous. To try to cure inflation by removing its symptoms with such measures as wage and price controls is as futile as trying to cure measles by removing the spots.

Inflation is the result of expanding the supply of money in an economy at a faster rate than the production of goods and services is increasing. If there is more money chasing fewer goods, price levels go up.

Excessive federal deficits are the primary cause of inflation. Every dollar that the federal government spends over what it takes in leads indirectly to an increase in the money supply of about \$2.50.

This is how it works:

(1) When the federal government runs a deficit, it issues IOUs—Treasury bills—and sells them to investors in order to make up the deficit.

(2) The more the federal government borrows, the more it drives down the price of its own Treasury bills and the price of all other debt instruments such as bonds issued by cities and states and private corporations. This is the same as increasing interest rates.

(3) In order to keep interest rates from going too high, the Federal Reserve buys Treasury bills to slow the decline of security prices. In effect, one agency of the federal government issues new money to pay for the debts of the other agencies.

(4) The money the Federal Reserve uses to buy the Treasury bills supplies reserves to commercial banks, which use the reserves to provide loans to businesses and consumers.

(5) Since banks are able to loan out about \$2.50 for every dollar they hold in reserves, and each loan leads to a dollar-for-dollar increase in the money supply, each dollar the Federal Reserve spends to buy Treasury bills ultimately results in a \$2.50 increase in the money supply.

Deficit spending is the result of lax fiscal policy by the government. It stems from the cowardly reluctance of spendthrift politicians to tell the voters the true cost of the programs they are proposing.

There is no easy way to repeal the tax of inflation. Halting inflation would involve giving up those governmental programs being funded by this hidden tax, and this would offend many powerful special interest groups. But inflation must be halted or it will destroy our economy.

The first step to ending the tax of inflation is to recognize that it is a tax—that there is not, after all, any such thing as a free lunch or a harmless budget deficit.



"O CHRISTMAS TREE, HOW LOVELY ARE YOUR BRANCHES"—This year for the first time, Christmas trees grown in East Texas will be on the market. This year's crop of nearly 3,000 trees was planted five years ago and carefully pruned and shaped to make attractive Christmas trees, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

## Texas Taxes



By BOB BULLOCK, State Comptroller

Austin—You like to do business with a reputable store?

A store that pays its taxes? I think most Texans would answer "yes" to both questions, especially when we're talking about the sales tax money that comes out of their pockets.

As paying customers we all usually assume that we're dealing with an honest, taxpaying outfit and that's good. But in talking about the sales tax, there is one sure way the customer can tell at a glance:

That's the green sales tax permit which the law requires all retail merchants to have.

The law says that the green permit—a 4-by-9 inch card—must be conspicuously displayed in the retailer's place of business. Most stores post it near the cash register along with other licenses and certificates.

I would think that even without a legal requirement to do so most retailers would be proud to display the permit as a badge of honor as

a tax-collecting, taxpaying business.

I don't think Texans would want to spend their money—especially so-called sales tax money—with a merchant they knew was putting the sales tax in his pocket.

You can bet your boots that a merchant who can't display the green permit is doing just that.

How do you know? Because the merchant doesn't have a permit for one of two reasons—and both the bad.

Perhaps the merchant has never applied for a permit, and that means he isn't filing returns with the state. We find a lot of these. In some cases the retailer isn't collecting the tax, but in more cases than not he is collecting the money and putting it in his pocket.

People operating without a permit are playing with fire. It's punishable by a fine of \$500 for every single day of operation.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO ANY SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE WITHIN THE STATE OF TEXAS—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

"Back in the East, they're more clannish—not so open," she observed.  
Merkel has changed since she moved away, she believes, in that "There seems to be a renewal here now. It might be part of something that's happening all over the country—people are going back to small towns and to rural areas."  
She recounted how she and her husband met.  
"He was in the Army at Fort Hood and on the basketball team there. I was going to Hardin Simmons, and after a game between Fort Hood and HSU we were introduced.  
"Then we started dating, and he'd drive up here from Fort Hood weekends," she grinned.  
She recalled a fast-paced five days during 1964.  
"On Thursday I graduated from college. On Saturday we got married. And on Monday we both started teaching jobs at the school in Olton!"

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DEFENDANTS,  
Greeting:  
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court, Judge Lon Lane, of Taylor County at the Court-house thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. on the first Monday

next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 26th day of January, A. D. 1976; to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on 7 3 day of December, A. D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 34936-A on the books of said court and try:  
Nordan Oil and Gas Corporation, Plaintiff  
vs.  
H. L. Smith, et al, Defendants  
A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit:  
Suit by owner of oil and gas lease covering the hereafter described property for the appointment of Receiver to give oil and gas leases covering mineral interest of the Defendants, whose whereabouts are unknown. The Defendants own 3.51% of the minerals in and to the following described property:  
Northwest one-fourth (N1/4) of Section 233 and the Southeast one-fourth (S1/4) of Section 234, Block 64, H & TC Ry. Co. Lands, Taylor County, Texas.  
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 returned unexecuted.  
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(SEAL) ATTEST: Irene Crawford, Clerk  
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### Decoration Winners At Merkel Primary - Jr High

1ST. PLACE, PRIMARY BUILDING—Ten-year-old Keith Watts poses with Frosty the Snowman who is peering out of the window of the best-decorated door in the primary building. Mrs. Danny Malone's fourth grade class won first prize for their work on the door.

2ND PLACE, PRIMARY BUILDING - Winning second place is Mrs. Peel's first grade class with handiwork by all students in the class being mounted on the door. Each student colored a picture and wrote an announcement for the door stating, "We're Santa's workers. We read, write and do our math."

1ST PLACE, ELEMENTARY BUILDING—Original drawings by students of eighth grade homeroom teacher Mrs. Judy Butler of Santa and the Nativity scene were a part of the creation that won the class first prize in the elementary building for the best-decorated door. Here class member Tommie Santee, 13, poses with the winning door.

### TEL Class Has Christmas Luncheon

The T. E. L. Sunday School of the First Baptist Church met in the Big Country Inn



Mr. and Mrs. Val Garcia announce the birth of a son, Christopher Shay. The baby was born December 16 and weighed 7 pounds and 9 1/2 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Peggy Chamberlain and James Ranne both of Brownwood. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Garcia also of Brownwood.

dining room for their regular Christmas luncheon. After a meal of turkey and all the trimmings, Lucy Ford gave a Christmas story. Those present were: Dent Gibson, Paralee Gibson, Jewell Criswell, Bessie Clack, Hob Robertson, Fannie Keith, Sylvia Thomas, Callie Newsom, Annie Walker, Irl Walker, Blanche Teaff, Jewell Dunagin, Lucy Ford, Ruth Baze, Ruby Jinkens, Essie Warren, Vivian Winter, Ina Hunter, Maggie Renfro and Dewey Fleming.

Young peas can be cooked in their pods and eaten pod and all (as the Chinese eat snow peas).

### Reader Recipes Shared

Send your favorite recipes to The Merkel Mail, P. O. Box 428, Merkel, 79536. Or drop them by the newspaper office. Many readers would enjoy your sharing them for our weekly recipe column.

#### QUICK CHILI

For a change of pace after all the holiday turkey and ham, you might want to consider a pot of chili on one of these cold winter days. Mrs. W. T. Sadler has provided us with her recipe for an easy version of it.

Melt 2 tablespoons butter in sauce pan. Add one-half cup onion and garlic, saute, and add one pound of ground meat. Brown. Then add 1 1/4 cups tomatoes, 2 tablespoons chili powder, and salt. Cook 30 minutes.

MRS. W. T. SADLER

mends pizza for a delicious winter evening meal. Here's her recipe.

She noted that the pizza can be made ahead of time and frozen, a procedure which she has used herself often when making the recipe in quantity for parties and entertaining.

#### PIZZA CRUST

1 envelope yeast  
1 1/2 c. warm water  
2 Tbs. oil  
1 tsp. sugar  
1 tsp. salt  
3 1/2 c. flour

Knead. Let rise once. Grease two 13" pans. Chill dough before rolling. Roll out dough into pans. On each of the two pizzas spread one 7-ounce can of tomato sauce. Sprinkle on some minced onions, minced garlic and Italian seasoning, and lightly salt.

Bake on oven's lowest shelf at 450 F. until lightly brown on the bottom (about 15-20 minutes).

(Steps 3, 6 and 7 are to prevent crystals of sugar getting into the candy.)

8. Uncover. Using thermometer if possible, cook rapidly without stirring to 250 F. or soft crack.

9. Four immediately, without scraping pan, onto marble or platter. Pour vanilla on top.

10. Start folding over edges. Butter hands and while candy is hot pull like taffy. Work fast.

11. When white and very hard to pull, quickly pull and

twist into a long rope 1/2 inch thick. Snip into 1/2" pieces.

12. Dust well with powdered sugar. Cool. Store in closed jar till grain sets up and candy changes from chewy to melt-in-the-mouth smooth mints. Sometimes this takes four days and sometimes it happens before it is all cut.

Make only on a dry day. --MRS. ANN BOOTH



By David and Eunice Bigelow

It was the winter of 1800 when the White House was ready for occupancy, Abigail Adams had the honor and task of being the first First Lady. History reveals that in the bumpy ride from Philadelphia to Washington more than half of her china tea service had been broken en route. Mrs. Adams had to replace it in time for the official reception or face social disaster. Why not celebrate the Bicentennial year with a formal or informal tea party in your own home? Invite friends and neighbors over and serve Bigelow's Constant Comment, an adaptation of a colonial recipe blending fine tea with orange rind and sweet spices.



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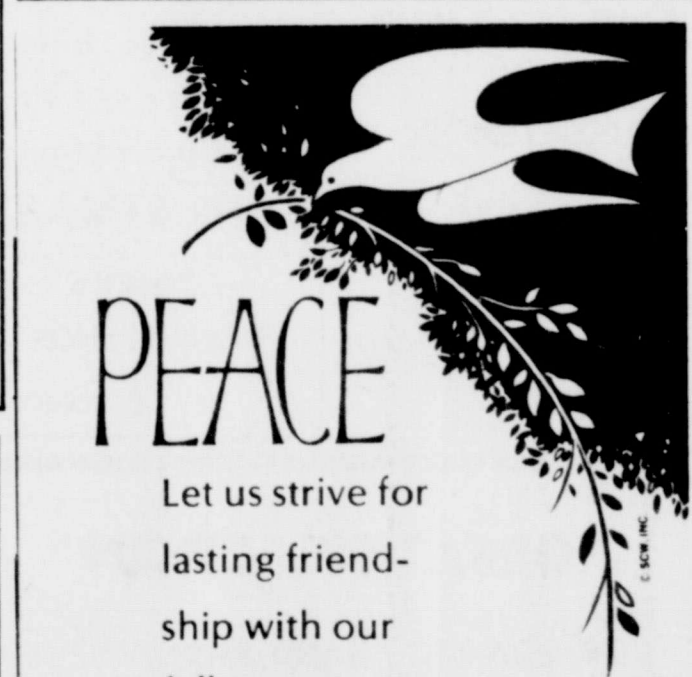
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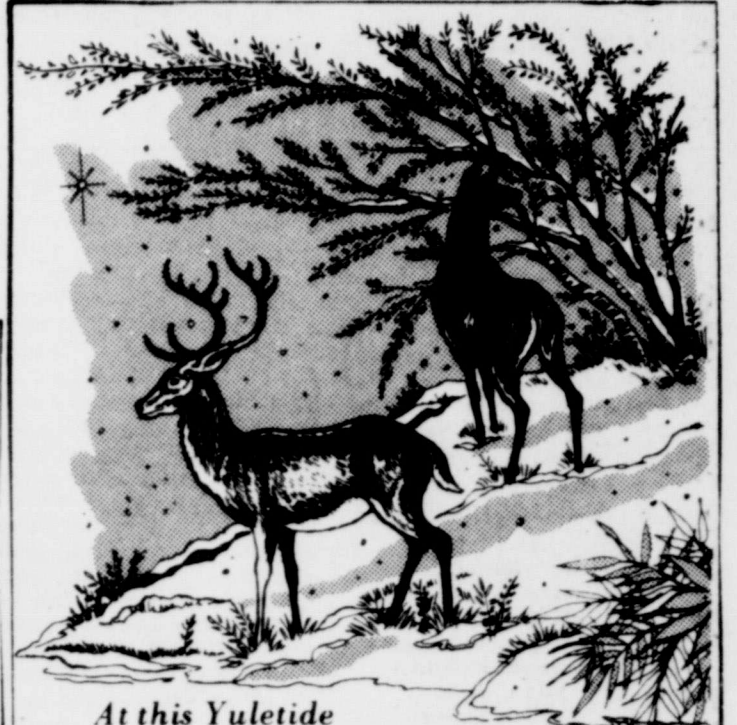
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## Gourmet Goodies To Make And Give

When it comes to giving presents particularly suited to someone's tastes, there's nothing like food for thoughtfulness. Very seasonal for the holidays are these homemade goodies invented by epicures that are almost as much fun to create as to consume.

Sheldon Landwehr, columnist, critic and world traveler renowned for his candid restaurant reviews suggests two of his most popular gifts:

### Orange Cognac Fruit Treats

- 1 cup (8 ounces) Leroux Cognac With Orange liqueur
- 1 pound mixed dried fruit (apples, pears, peaches, apricots)
- 1 package (10 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate bits
- Assorted decorations (sprinkles, dragees, non-pareils)

In a double boiler heat Cognac With Orange 1 minute. Pour into a shallow dish, add dried fruit and marinate at room temperature, turning occasionally, about 24 hours. Drain and place on a dry platter. Melt chocolate in double boiler. With tongs dip each piece of fruit into melted chocolate coating evenly. Decorate as desired. Place on waxed paper or household foil and refrigerate until ready to package.

### Jamaica Rumcock

- 2 1/2 cups drained canned fruit (pitted dark sweet cherries, sliced cling peaches, pineapple chunks, mandarin oranges)
- 2 cups dried fruit (pitted prunes, apricot halves, small figs, peaches, pitted dates)
- 1/4 cup whole blanched almonds
- 1 pound (2 1/4 cups) superfine sugar
- 1 1/2 cups Myers' Jamaica Rum

In a 1 1/2 quart crock layer fruit, almonds and sugar. Add Myers' Jamaica Rum gradually, gently stirring to dissolve sugar. Rum should cover fruit. Cover crock and weight lid to keep fruit under rum, adding more rum if necessary to cover fruit, and let stand 4 to 7 days. Stir to distribute fruit evenly.

You might also like to try these perennial favorites.

- Seven Crown Brownies
- 1/4 pound butter
- 2 ounces (2 squares) Bakers unsweetened chocolate



**TASTY TREATS**—Dried fruits, soaked in Cognac With Orange liqueur and dipped in chocolate, make a tasty way to say Happy Holidays.

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup sifted flour
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 to 1 1/2 jiggers
- 7 Crown whiskey
- 2/3 cup chopped walnuts

Over very low heat melt together butter and chocolate, stirring constantly. Cool. In a mixing bowl beat eggs until foamy, gradually adding sugar, beating well after each addition. Blend in cooled chocolate mixture. Stir in flour, in two or three additions and mixing well each time. Add vanilla, then whiskey and beat. Stir in nuts. Turn into greased 8 x 9 x 2-inch pan. Bake in preheated 325° F. oven about 25 minutes, or until baked and shrinks slightly from edge of pan. While warm, cut into squares. Cool in refrigerator about 30 minutes. Remove from pan and store. Makes 18 or 24 squares.

### Kumquats a la Canadienne

- 2 cans (11 ounces each) whole kumquats, drained (syrup reserved)
  - 1/4 cup sugar
  - 1/2 cup reserved kumquat syrup
  - 1/2 cup Harwood Canadian whiskey
  - 10 cardamom seeds, crushed
  - 3 orange slices, seeds removed
- In two attractive 12-ounce jars place kumquats dividing about equally. In saucepan over medium heat mix together sugar, kumquat syrup, whiskey,

cardamom seeds and orange slices. Bring to full boil. Remove orange slices and place in jars with kumquats. Pour hot syrup mixture over fruit, adding more whiskey if necessary, to cover fruit. Cook with a tight lid; store in refrigerator up to 2 months. Serve as a condiment with meats or over ice cream as a dessert.

### Chicken Liver Pate au Cardin

- 3 ounces butter, divided
- 1/2 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 8 ounces chicken livers, halved
- 2 tablespoons Jacques Cardin brandy
- 1 teaspoon prepared French mustard
- 1/8 teaspoon (or less) mixed ground spices
- Salt and fresh ground pepper to taste

In a small saute pan melt 1 ounce of the butter. Add onion and garlic and cook, stirring often, until soft. Add chicken livers and cook gently about 5 minutes. Remove from pan and pour brandy into pan. Rinse pan to deglaze and add to livers with remaining 2 ounces softened butter. Add mustard and mixed spices. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Either put through blender, press through a sieve or pound until smooth in a mortar. Turn into earthenware dish, cover with foil and chill. Store in refrigerator several days for flavors to blend. Serve or package as a gift.

## New Brucellosis Ruling Miss Clemmer To Explained to Cattlemen Wed Robert Wheeler

AUSTIN—Texas Animal Health Commission has been officially notified that as of January 1 Federal indemnity payments will no longer be paid to raisers whose cattle are condemned as brucellosis reactors, according to Dr. H. Q. Sibley, executive director.

The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) took the action after Commission Board members voted this fall not to adopt a more stringent program which would have brought the state into compliance with Federal regulations.

"Indemnity payments have amounted to around \$2 million annually in Texas," Dr. Sibley said. In addition, the Commission also will lose funds for 54 state brucellosis testers on a \$662,200 annual contract with APHIS.

There is some confusion on indemnity payments, Dr. Erston Cox, area APHIS veterinarian said. "All animals identified as reactors that are branded and tagged through December 31 will still be covered under the present program," he explained.

Under proposed Federal regulations, Texas cattle could be quarantined. "These quarantine regulations have not been placed against Texas yet, and there is a possibility they will not be," Dr. Sibley said. "But the consequences are serious."

Cattle groups opposing the Federal program have proposed more extensive research for an improved vaccine and less stringent rules that do not increase costs of production.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer Jr. of Route 3 Merkel, have announced the engagement of their daughter Teresa Gwendell, to Robert Wayne Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs.

### Card Of Thanks

WE WOULD LIKE to thank all our friends and neighbors for being so kind and sympathetic during Truett's illness and at the time of his death. The family of Truett Jones

A. D. Stevens of Abilene. The couple will be married January 6, at the Merkel Church of Christ at 7:30 in the evening. The bride elect is a graduate of Divide High School at Nolan and is presently a student at Abilene Christian College. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Clyde High School and spent four years with the United States Army stationed in Germany. He is presently employed as a carpenter.

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## Notice

**SOUR CREAM FUDGE**  
(This recipe was incorrectly printed in last week's paper. Here is the correct version.)

- 4 cups sugar
  - 1 cup sour cream
  - 1/2 stick oleo
  - 2/3 cup white corn syrup
  - pinch of salt
  - 1 Tbs. vanilla
  - 1 cup nuts, broken in pieces
- Cook to soft ball stage. Let stand 15 minutes. Then beat (electric mixer can be used) until loses gloss and gets milky-looking. Add nuts. Pour into pan; cut into squares.



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I have been pretty good this year. I would like a baby a live and a taprecarer and that's all. I hope you like the cookies this year.

Love  
Melody Iape,

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been pretty good this year. I want a Barbe an Ken and a van for Christmas. May I have a big walking doll to and my sister wants two love briad. My two brothers wants a toys and a Jak in the-box. My dady wants a car and my mother wants a timex.

Dear Santa claus  
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My friends Santa claus  
from Tainmie Swinney

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been proey good this year. I am going leav you a cloid glass of milk this

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been pretty good this year. And I would like to have a stuffed elephant, and a snopy soaper, roller skates, barbie camper, and a Good time van. I've been studing math, spelling. I wish you could come to our class, Tuesday December 15, 1975. I love you truly,  
Tamara Watson

## THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS

Five names were given Jesus Christ  
Long centuries before  
He came down from His throne above  
To open Heaven's door.  
Isaiah calls Him "wonderful."  
How well this prophet knew His person and the works of love  
That He on earth would do.  
And next He calls Him "Counselor."  
Ah, this He is indeed!  
"The Mighty God," yes, He alone  
Has conquered death and sin,  
And faith in His atoning blood  
Will Heaven for us win.  
"The Everlasting Father"--  
this  
May seem a little odd--  
But with the Father, Christ is one,  
Redeemer, and true God.  
"The Prince of Peace," how true this is  
The angels knew it, too,  
He brought a heavenly peace  
when He  
Was born for me and you.  
May we remember these five names  
And never once forget  
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# STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights



by Lyndell Williams  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas political parties are gearing up for the 1976 presidential elections—and the state's first (and perhaps only) presidential preference primary.

Republicans launched their primary plans several weeks ago, and organizations are forming to support candidacies of President Gerald Ford and former California Gov. Ronald Reagan.

Democrats met in Fort Worth last week to finalize delegate selection rules changes. They also approved a proposal to streamline their state conventions (making them double-header, two-day sessions, instead of one-day, 24-hour marathons).

U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and Alabama Gov. George Wallace are moving out front among Democratic presidential candidates in the Texas primary May 1 with preliminary petition-gathering and organization.

Liberal Democrats met in San Antonio Saturday to map their strategy to try to minimize the delegate strength of Bentsen and Wallace.

Former U.S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough said he may become a candidate in the preference primary, although he will reach no firm decision before the end of the year.

Former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter is also making plans to enter the primary, as is former Oklahoma Sen. Fred Harris. Other candidates are undecided.

**Metric Conversion**  
Texas industry may be converting already to the metric system of measurement, according to testimony before a House sub-committee.

State agency spokesmen discussed with the panel a possible overhaul of the state tax structure if the change from the English system of measurement (feet, yards, pounds and pints) is adopted.

The U.S. is the only major industrialized nation not using the metric system. Congress has been considering several bills which would convert to that system.

Some industry representatives said they feel the conversion ultimately is inevitable.

## Race Opens

Chief Justice Charles Barrow, 54, of the San Antonio Fourth Court of Civil Appeals last week mounted a campaign for an upcoming State Supreme Court vacancy.

Barrow so far is unopposed, but he said he will "run like a scared coyote," expecting another candidate will emerge before filing deadline. The veteran of 13 years on the intermediate appellate court bench paid his filing fee as a Democratic candidate.

## Lawmaker Pay 25th

Texas legislators are now squarely in the middle among those of 50 states when it comes to the payroll.

They rank 25th at \$600 a month, with \$30 per day living expense allowances during sessions. California legislators are paid the most—\$21,120 a year plus a \$30 per day expense allowances, a leased auto and gasoline credit card and \$4,556 a month to pay for staff operations during annual sessions. New

Hampshire pays \$100 a year—with no expense account.

## Courts Speak

Texas Supreme Court refused to force trial of a suit by 12 alien children seeking to throw out a state law which requires them to pay tuition to attend Houston public schools.

The high court also rejected Alamo Heights and Edgewood (San Antonio) school districts' efforts to require their taxable property values to be equalized with those of other districts.

In both the Houston and San Antonio cases, the court refused to accept petitions for writs of mandamus.

In another case, the Supreme Court upheld Texas

Woman's University rules requiring undergraduates under 23 to live in dormitories.

Reaching for a pistol in a belt is not assault with intent to murder, the Court of Criminal Appeals held in overturning a conviction and 25-year sentence of a Lufkin man.

A State Bar grievance committee has moved to suspend the law license of 229th District Judge O.P. Carrillo pending his appeal of an income tax fraud conviction.

## AG Opinions

The Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System may enter student loan cancellation contracts where graduates become employed by certain state agencies, Atty. Gen. John Hill concluded.

In another recent opinion, Hill said public community and junior colleges are required to set aside from tuition charges for

vocational-technical courses only the six per cent designated in the Texas Education Code.

## Short Snorts

State colleges and universities asked approval of 210 lower division

(freshman-sophomore) courses at 49 off-campus locations and 1,510 upper-level or graduate courses at 177 locations. All but one of the state public senior institutions are requesting approval to conduct off-campus courses.

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## Ruby Sanders Music Brightens Nursing Home

Part 3 of a Series:

Senior citizens  
The daughter of musicians, Ruby Sanders has been playing the piano since she was "that high."

Now 83 years old, she's still at it. A resident of Starr Nursing Home, she daily entertains the other folks there with her piano playing.

"They want the old songs--the old hymns. There are a few numbers that they make the old hymns. There are a few numbers that they make me play over and over." Mrs. Sanders said--songs like "Amazing Grace" and "Sweet By and By."

Born near Irescott, Arkansas, the next to the eldest in a family of nine children, Mrs. Sanders has been in Texas since she was a young girl. The family was engaged in farm work around Snyder, Blevins and other places in the state.

Music played a big part in family life when she was a girl. Mrs. Sanders remembers her father saying, "After ya'll help me get this bale of cotton, I'll buy you an organ."

And her father kept his promise. The children in the family were to learn to play so well that many of them, Mrs. Sanders included, spent many years as church organists. Mrs. Sanders spent 14 years playing at one church.

Mrs. Sanders' husband, Edd Sanders, who died about 10 years ago, did farm work for a number of years and spent 35 years as an employee of Fargo gin 12 miles north of Vernon.

Mrs. Sanders has a daughter who lives in Merkel, Ada Swanson, and two



AT THE KEYBOARD--Ruby Sanders starts in on one of her musical sessions for nursing home residents.

sons, one in Seattle Washington and the other in Hopkins, Minnesota. She has taken plane and auto trips to visit her distant children.

She has lived at Starr Nursing Home for four years. "When I came here to the nursing home I hadn't touched a piano for years and years, and remembered how to play only one song. I had to learn a lot of songs again. Now I can play I don't know how

many dozen," she said. Mrs. Sanders' music is a cherished part of the day's ritual at the nursing home for many of its residents.

"They keep telling me I better never quit being able to play for them," she grinned. Her sessions last at least 30 minutes daily. "I'll sit down at the piano in the morning and start playing a song, and here everybody comes!" she said.

## Christmas Poinsettias Require Special Care

The poinsettia is the favorite Christmas plant, with its attractive green leaves and bright red bracts. And with the proper care, it can provide attractive colors for your Christmas decor throughout the holiday season.

Everett Janne, landscape horticulturist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, outlines several requirements which must be fulfilled to receive full benefits from poinsettias.

"The poinsettia will do best when placed in a sunny location and protected from sudden temperature changes due to drafts, heat vents or opening doors. Night temperature should not drop below 60 degrees F. A sudden drop in temperature can cause complete loss of leaves," noted Janne.

"Proper watering will do much to prolong the life of the poinsettia. The plant's water requirements are relatively high due to its large leaf surfaces and the low humidity in homes and offices. The soil ball around the plant should not be allowed to become so dry that the leaves start to wilt."

On the other hand, the horticulturist cautions against keeping the soil saturated with water as this cuts

off the oxygen supply to the roots, resulting in loss of feeder roots and foliage. Frequently, poinsettias come in pots covered with an attractive foil to enhance their appearance. Be sure to check if the drainage hole in the bottom of the pot is closed by the foil. If excess moisture cannot drain out, the soil will remain waterlogged.

"About three weeks after receiving the plant, fertilize it with a complete fertilizer," suggests Janne.

## Fortnightly Club

The Fortnightly Study Club met Tuesday, December 11, at 4 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes. Mrs. Haynes was hostess for the annual Christmas party. Mr. Haynes greeted guests at the door.

The home was decorated in keeping with the Christmas season. A refreshment plate was served. Plate favors were in keeping with the Bicentennial theme as well as Christmas.

Mrs. Wilson called the meeting to order then Mrs. Haynes, program chairman, introduced the program. Miss Jennifer Smith sang "Have Yourself a Merry Christmas" and "Star of the East." Mrs. John Cain gave "Christmas At Our House." Mrs. C. B. Knight presented "Christmas in the Old South." Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton sang "Take My Yoke Upon You," then Mrs. Horton read "Miracle in the Wilderness," by Paul Gallico.

Those present for this program were the following guests: Mr. Comer Haynes, Mr. Buster Horton, Miss Jennifer Smith and Mrs. Bill Teaff. Members were: Miss Christine Collins and Mesdames John Cain, Johnny Cox, W. R. Cypert, S. C. Dixon, Don Dudley, Lem Dudley, Bryan Dunagin, Charles Eager, Mack Fisher, David Gamble, Coner Haynes, Buster Horton, Carl Hughes, C. B. Knight, Andy Shouse, and Ray Wilson. Honorary members were: Mrs. S. D. Gamble and Mrs. Russell McAnally.

## Stella Cutler Died

December 17

Stella Cutler, 70, a native of Merkel, died at 6:50 p.m. Wednesday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene following a short illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Friday in the Merkel United Methodist Church.

## Give A "Safety" Gift This Christmas Says TSA

If you haven't completed your Christmas shopping, the Texas Safety Association suggests a couple of gifts for safety this Holiday season. One requires the giver to exercise his willpower, the second gift to demonstrate his love.

The first gift would help insure that Holiday travelers reach the New Year safe, sound, and still a good financial risk for their Christmas creditors. That is to "give" yourself one hour for every drink you take at a Holiday party before you start to drive anywhere, including home.

The reason behind this, the Texas Safety Association explains, is that the body requires about one hour for the alcohol in the average drink to be eliminated from the drinker's body.

Because half of all traffic fatalities involve alcohol, the one-for-one rule is vital to reduce Holiday traffic crashes when partying and driving often are commonplace.

The second gift is a present to the child of your choice of an appropriate child restraint system for the car he/she rides in, instead of restraining him to ride unrestrained in a dynamic environment. Nationwide the National Safety Council reports that almost 1500

children under the age of five lose their lives in traffic crashes annually. Many could be saved if they wore proper safety harnesses.

Ordinary seat belts are unsuitable for very young children, because in a crash the heavy-duty belts can do heavy damage to a child's fragile body. Child restraint systems are designed to more effectively distribute the forces of collision around the body, lessening the chances of injury.

Child restraints are available at moderate cost from many automobile dealers and

juvenile stores. They would make an excellent gift for a youngster and might be the most important gift a parent or grandparent could ever give, TSA says.

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## Ora Mann Died At 81

Mrs. Ora M. Mann, 81, died at 6:30 p.m. Friday in West Texas Medical Center, following a lengthy illness. Services were at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Starbuck Chapel. The Rev. N. S. Daniel and Rev. Russell McAnally officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Mann was born in Calahan County April 21, 1894 and moved to Merkel in the early 1950's.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Billie Suber of Merkel, a niece and two nephews.



## SILENT NIGHT

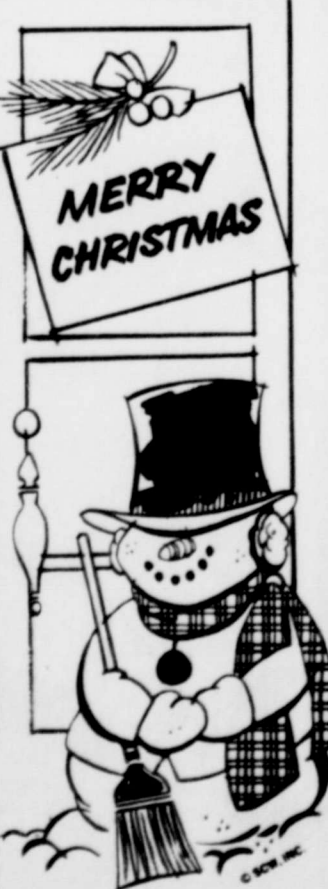
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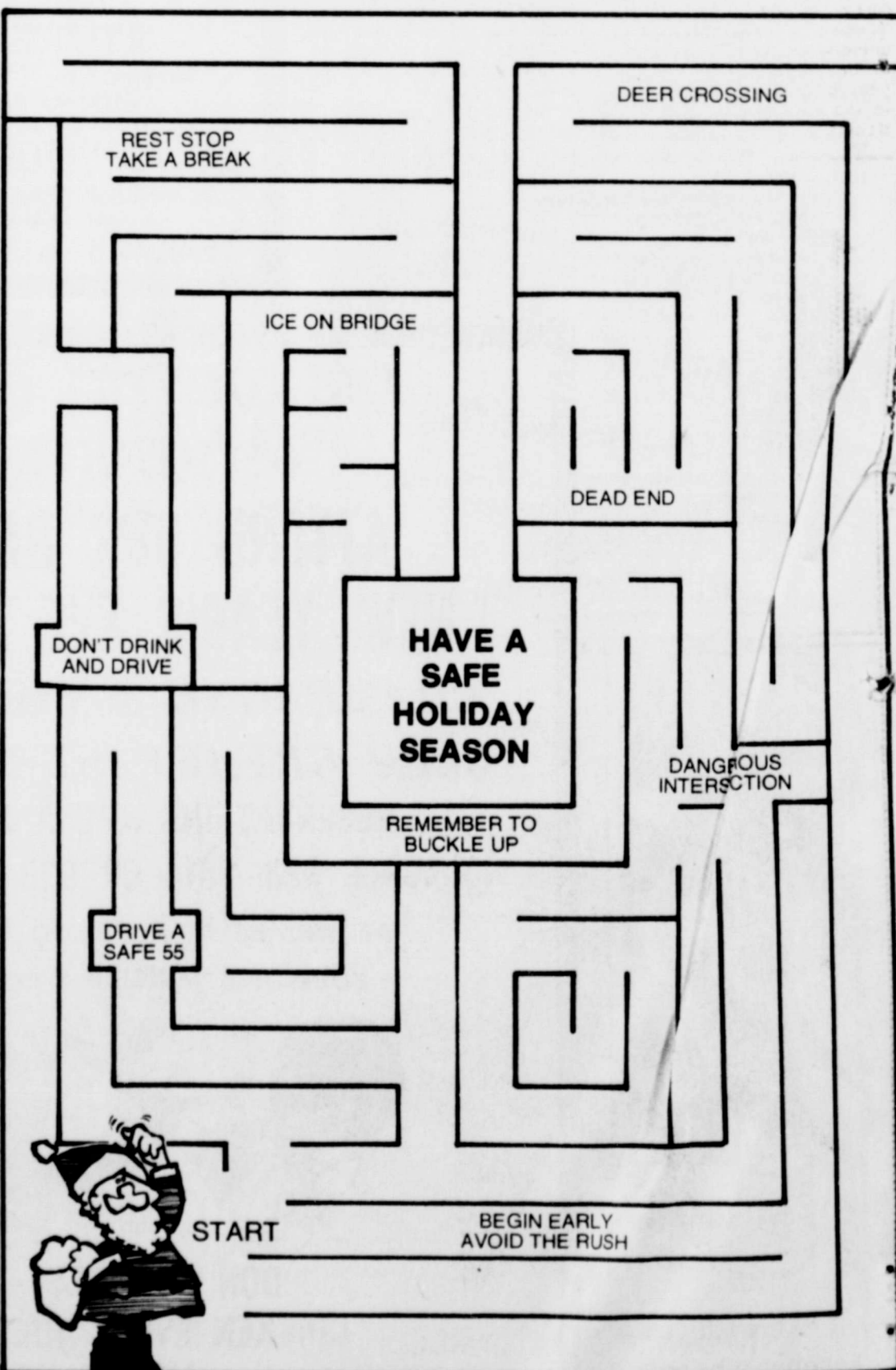


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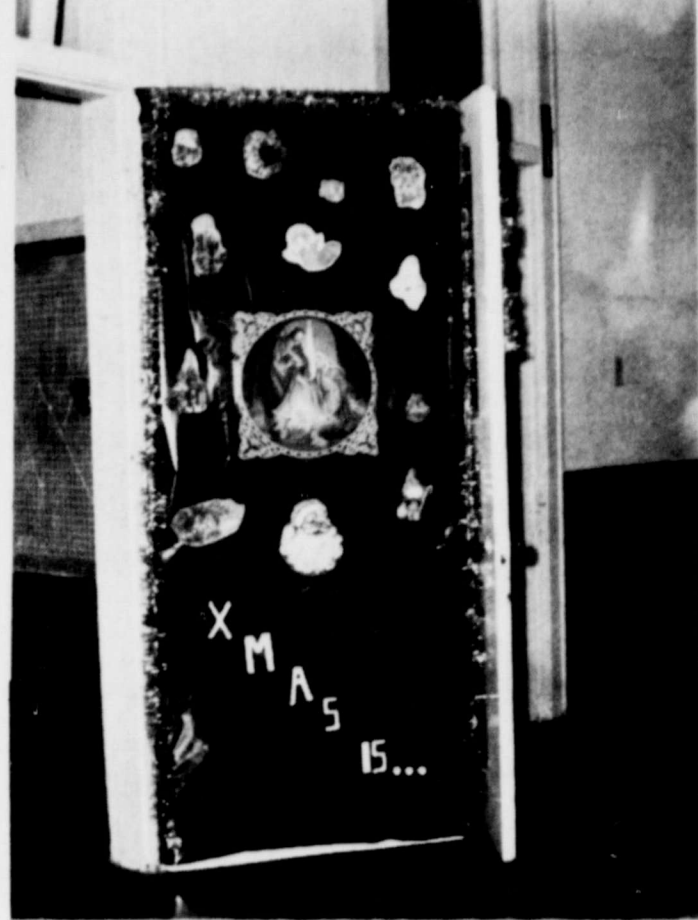
According to legend, if a knight kept the point of his spear forward when he entered a strange land it was a declaration of war.



HIGH SCHOOL DOOR DECORATION WINNERS - Taking first place honors in the door decoration contest at Merkel High school is Mrs. Penick's room with "Love



is." Second place winner is Mrs. Dudley's room with their Christmas tree door and third place was taken by Coach Aldridge's room with their Christmas Is."



## CEMETERY DONATIONS

The following donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association have been announced by director Fred Starbuck.

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Mrs. Matt Ely in memory of Stella Cutler  
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Mrs. Ross Sires

## State Expenditures Up 28%— Over Half On Education

Comptroller Bob Bullock said Thursday that state expenditures during the first quarter of the 1976 fiscal year, which began September 1, were \$1.75 billion, up 28 percent from the first quarter of last year.

"More than half the increase was in education costs," Bullock said, pointing out that state expenditures for education rose 29 percent.

Revenues for the first quarter of fiscal 1976 were \$1.45 billion, he said, up 15 percent from the comparable quarter a year ago. The largest jump in revenues was in federal funding, up 29 percent over the previous fiscal year, the Comptroller said.

Bullock said tax collections were up 10 percent over the previous year. The 10 percent figure was probably low, he added, because the combination of Thanksgiving and the last weekend of No-

ember caused many quarterly tax returns to be late.

The information was contained in Bullock's November financial statement, prepared

by his Office of Planning and Research. For the first time, the report included information on the crude oil industry.

## Fat Stock Show Tickets For Sale

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce has tickets to the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show on sale at the chamber office. The price for the tickets is \$4.00 this year and these are reserved tickets. The date of these tickets is for Saturday night February 7.

Since this performance is already sold out the chamber only received 25 tickets. These will be sold on a first come basis. The tickets have to be returned earlier this year so if you plan on going to the rodeo please buy your tickets as soon as possible.

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# Accent on Health

Fratris L. Duff, M.D., Director

The Texas Department of Health Resources has embarked on an enlarged program of bringing better health to babies, small children, new and expectant mothers through proper nutrition.

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program is operating in 24 locations within the state with improved nutrition and health as its goal. An additional five other local programs will be implemented soon.

The WIC Program is sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture. It is administered in Texas through Dr. Connie R. Yerwood's maternal and Child Health Division in the Department of Health Resources.

For the current year, Texas is operating under a \$20.8 million budget with an authorized case load of 75,108 persons a month. Approximately 60 to 65 per cent of these receiving supplemental food are located in the Rio Grande Valley.

The goal of the program is to have healthier infants, mothers and children, and the nutritional aspects of health are being emphasized. Trained nutritionists counsel with all participants. Lack of physical and mental attainments of nutritionally deprived youngsters has drawn the increasing attention of public health officials in the past few years.

The WIC Program works hand in hand with approved clinics throughout the state. Pregnant and lactating women, infants and children under age five are eligible to participate in an authorized program if they live in a low income area served by an approved clinic, if they are receiving reduced-cost medical services and are determined by a competent professional on the staff to be at nutritional risk.

The supplemental foods include milk products, cheese, eggs, iron fortified cereals, vitamin C enriched fruit and vegetable juices and iron-fortified infant formula. Changes in allowable foods may be forthcoming, but these changes apparently will be subject to state approval.

History of the year and a half old program indicates measurable nutritional and medical impact on participants.

A survey of Texas projects indicated greatly improved blood values of participants. It was found that those in the program were taking greater advantage of health services both for mother and their offspring. And, the frequency of missed appointments for clinic services had sharply dropped. A more in-depth clinical evaluation will be conducted in the future to further document the nutritional impact of the Texas program.

The program isn't designed to meet the total food requirements of those involved. It does, however, supplement normal diets with nutritious, body-building foods.

Operation of the food program has been computerized by the Department of Health Resources, reports T. L. Johnson, administrator for the program.

Through local projects, the

participants are given computer cards which they use to make purchases at approximately 600 participating grocery stores throughout Texas.

The grocers redeem the cards and return the cards to the Department. Monthly computer printouts are made on all the cards by the Department. The printouts not only show the total charges against the program but also show the price paid for each item, such as a quart of milk. Each local project also receives a printout relating to its own participants.

"Say a project has 10 participating grocers," said Johnson. "They can check to see what each grocer charges for the different items. If one appears to be out of line on any charge for a particular item, the grocer can be notified."

The 24 Texas WIC programs and their sponsors include:

Austin-Travis County Health Department, Austin; Community Action Resource Services, Inc., Texarkana; Cameron County Health Department, San Lito; Catholic Charities Family Services, Harlingen and Raymondville; C & Y Project, Driscoll Foundation Children's Hospital, Corpus Christi; C & Y Project, UT Health Science Center, Dallas; Coastal Bend Migrant Council, Inc., Corpus Christi; Community Action Council of South Texas, Rio Grande City; Denison-Sherman-Grayson County Health Department, Sherman.

Also, Galveston County Coordinated Community Clinics, La Marque; Hidalgo County Health Department, Edinburg; Westlake and Pharr; Laredo-Webb County Health Department, Laredo; Lubbock Well Baby Clinic, Lubbock; Montgomery County Health Department, Conroy; Southwest Migrant Association, San Antonio; UT Health Science Center, Houston; Community Council of Bee County, Beeville; Centro de Salud, Crystal City; City of Dallas Health Department, Dallas.

Also, South Plains Health Provider Organization, Plainview; Crosbyton and Lubbock, Wichita Falls City-County Health Department, Wichita Falls; Waco-McLennan County Health Department, Waco; Walker County Health Department, Huntsville; and the Maverick County Child Health Care Center, Eagle Pass.

Approved for the program are: Fort Worth City Health Department, Fort Worth; Houston Maternity and Infant Care Project, Houston; South Plains Community Action Association, Inc., Levelland; Centro De Salud Familiar La Fe, Inc., El Paso; and Fort Bend Office of Early Childhood Development, Rosenberg.

Texas Department of Agriculture home economists remind grocery shoppers that even though a boneless roast is more expensive per pound than a bone-in roast, it has no excess fat and no bones, thus yielding more servings.

## 3 Burglaries Reported in Merkel December 16

Two burglaries of businesses and one burglary of an apartment took place on Tuesday, December 16 in Merkel. Police Chief Paul Crouse announced.

All are under investigation, he said last week.

A portable color television set worth about \$500 was stolen from Palmer Pontiac, 1208 North 1st, between dark Tuesday evening and daylight. There were no signs of forcible entry.

Cybert's Income Tax Service at 127 Kent had a stereo and two speakers stolen the same night. Burglars broke a window and a door to gain entry, Crouse said. No estimate of damage to the place of business has yet been made, he added.

The apartment of Charles Stine at the rear of the Merkel Hotel was burglarized that Tuesday afternoon. The intruder apparently entered through a window which was discovered ajar. Nothing has yet been found missing, Crouse said.

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The gloom of the world is but a shadow; behind it, yet within reach, is joy. TAKE JOY.

And so at this Christmas time, I greet you, with the prayer that for you, now and

prayer that for you, now and forever,

the day breaks and the shadows flee away. Fra Giovanni (1387-1455)

The English "vegetable marrow" is a squash to Americans.

## Reed Promoted in South Korea

Paul D. Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Reed of Merkel has been promoted to sergeant in the United States Air Force. Paul, who is stationed in Korea, graduated from Merkel High School in 1972.

Military life is not new to Paul, since he has traveled over the globe with his family. His father is a retired service man. Sgt. Reed will return from his tour of duty in August of 1976.

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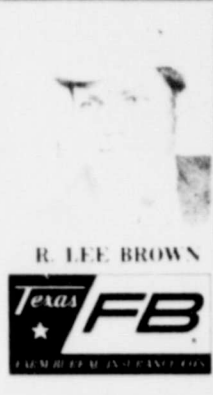
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7 3/4 % 5 YR. CERT.—\$1000 MIN.	6 1/2 % 1 YR. CERT.—\$1000 MIN.
7 1/2 % 4 YR. CERT.—\$1000 MIN.	5 3/4 % 90 DAY ACCT.—\$1000 MIN.
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If you do the drinking, please let someone else do the driving.

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SEAGRAM'S 7 FULL GALLONS	\$21.95
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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want lots of toy for Christmas I want a new stocking I have to go Merry Christmas.

Sincerely  
Lyle Baker

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a very good girl this year. For Christmas I would like to have a box of flash card and a baby alive and a girls bicycle and a record player and a tape player and taperecorder and a long dress and a pair of shoes and a coloring book and colors and a pack of divide cards and a race car for my brother. Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication flash cards hotcicle and baby that away doll and a doll house.

Your friend  
Cindy Williams

Dear Santa Clause,  
I've been pretty good in Mrs. Braune's class. We've been working with multiplication. I've been good in church school. I won't a gun in a catalog with solid brass trims. Eighteen wheeler with a trailer its a Kennworth that starts my first name.

Your friend,  
Ken Hogan

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been pretty good this year. I want tractors that work on the roads like a grader a mixer a bulldoxer a dump truck a roller a crane. Tool bench tools Richet Shave Racers the Army things the Police task Unit the Smoke Rifle the Police patrol car the fire sware truck the fire trucks. I leave some cookies and a glass of milk and a newspaper to read you might want to take the newspaper with you.

Your Best Buddy  
John Starbuck

Dear Santa Clause,  
I have been pretty good this year. I am in the third grade. I want a tit while rider, and a gunbelt, and a racetrack. I am 8 years old. I like your cote and your bootes I hope you a happy merry Christmas

Your friend  
David Teaff

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want a ten speed racer for Christmas and I want a set of walkie talkies and a race trak and a Evel Keneval motor cicle and a set of maltaction flash cards arid a watch and a mine bike and a foot ball for Christmas and I have been pretty good this year.

Your friend  
Randy Davis

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been pretty good this year, how are you. Thanks for the toys you gave me last year. I can nct wait untill christmas. It's not long till christmas this year. It's been a long wait for christmas since last year. We made lot's of christmas decorations at skool.

your friend,  
Parker

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been pretty good boy this year. I want a B B gun and Mighty Mo Dump truck and a train set and some multiplication cards. And pleas bring My sisters some toys too.

Your friend  
Darren Pack

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been pretty good this year.

Kenneth

Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I hope I get a lot of presents this year.  
I hope you have a Merry Christmas, because I think christmas is the best time

of the year.  
Sincerely,  
Jerry Davis

Dear Santa  
My name is Kenny Sims. I an 8 year old How are you and Mrs. Santa and the elves and the reighnder. I hope you are not sick. This is a list of what I want for Christmas.  
race car set  
Steve Astana set  
Tlask Bright.  
Sincerely,  
Kenny Sims

Dear Santa,  
I hope your not sick. And I hope you are well. How is Mrs. Santa and the deers? And the elves. I hope I get. Lots of presents Santa this year. Say hello to every. Body please Santa.

Sincerely,  
Cresencia Vasquez

Dear Santa,  
What have you been doing Santa, I hope you are all right. I have been waiting for you. You have been good to all of us. We all hope you have a Merry Christmas

Sincerely,  
Billy Hall

Dear Santa Claus,  
Your toys are the best toys in the world.

Ever time I got some toys from you they last a long time. I am glad that you come each year on Christmas day.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Toney

Dear Santa,  
I want a Tonca Truck and a stamp set and a hat and a Magic marker and a play alagador and thats all. Thinks

Sincerely,  
Jason

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa Fine I hope? I want you to bring a lot of presents to me.

How is Mrs. Santa? Fine I hope.  
Sincerely,  
Melisse Lavis

Dear Santa,  
Hi, I hope you are doing fine. Santa I want a Baby a live and a Bless you baby teder love. May god bring you peace and love on Christmas day.  
Merry Christmas.  
Jackie Williams

Dear Santa,  
I love you. How is Mrs. Santa I wish you give me a toy at Christmas.

Love,  
Mum Prasarn

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been pretty good this year. I would like a flash bright and a big stuff Snoopy dog and a basket ball goal. how are you doing?

love,  
James Allday

Dear Santa Claus  
I have been a good girl this year I some multiplication cards for school I want a present to give my teacher I want some cothes to waeer I want a baby alive.  
My friend,  
Marsha Tutt



There's no better time to wish our friends the best! Merry Christmas!

Ann's Flowers

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# Season's Best



Jolly greetings to all our good friends... We just know Santa s got you on his list! Have a Happy Yule!

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STEVE, KAYE, SARAH,  
MARTHA SUE, ANN,  
BECKI, KAROLYN, DAVID,  
PEE WEE, PAUL & JANICE

Victory Gospel Singers  
and  
Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Richardson  
Wish everyone a  
Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year

Peace on Earth  
Good Will  
Towards Men!

May the spirit of love that is the essence of Christmas permeate all hearts. we pray. Noel!

FROM EVERYONE  
AT  
SYBLE'S  
BEAUTY NOOK



Merry Christmas

A stocking-full good wishes our friends!  
BLAND,  
BECK, CHAD,  
& JILL PACK

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Christmas Joy



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MY WIFE BILLIE & I WISH ALL OF YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Elemer Martin

STATE REPRESENATIVE DISTRICT 61

MERRY CHRISTMAS



TO ALL OUR FRIENDS!  
Heartiest greetings of the season! It's always a pleasure to wish our friends the very best!

THE DAIRY BAR  
J.E., MARIE  
&  
FAMILY



**Happy FEASTING to YOU and Merry SAVINGS too**



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THURSDAY - THRU - SATURDAY  
DEC. 18-19-20-22  
DEC. 23-24-26-27

**CREAMY CRISCO**  
3 LB CAN \$1.33 (1 LIMIT)  
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**DRINK** 46OZ CAN 49¢

DELMONTE 303 PUMPKIN 2 FOR 59¢

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DELMONTE 303 FRENCH Green BEANS 2 FOR 59¢

DELMONTE 303 CS Golden Corn 2 FOR 69¢

DELMONTE 303 Garden PEAS 2 FOR 69¢

DELMONTE 11OZ Mandarin ORANGES 2 FOR 69¢

BAMA Peanut Butter 18OZ JAR 83¢

PRINGLES Potato CHIPS TWIN PACK 89¢

LIQUID DOVE DISHWASHER KING SIZE 89¢

**TIDE** KING SIZE \$1.79

**DASH** JUMBO SIZE \$2.93

**MIRACLE WHIP** 5 LB. BAG 98¢

**FLOUR** 5 LB. BAG 69¢

**FOLGERS** COFFEE WATCH FOR 15¢ COUPON 1.19 (1 LIMIT)

**JELLO** ASSORTED (6 LIMIT) 3OZ BOX 3 FOR 59¢

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**SAVINGS too**

I.G. DAIRY FRESH 1/2 GAL CRTN 73¢ Butter MILK FOREMOST PKG Avocado DIPS 49¢

**Frozen Foods**

BIRDSEYE - ORANGE AWAKE 12OZ CAN 39¢

HOT ROLLS 24IN PKG 45¢

MORTONS FRUIT PIES EA 69¢

BETTY CROCKER CAKE MIXES BOX 59¢

I.G. FRESH BROWN AND SERVE 12 PACK ROLLS 39¢

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FOREMOST - BORDENS - GANDYS WHIPPING OR SOUR CREAM 1/2pt 3 FOR \$1.00

HALF & HALF PT 3 FOR \$1.00

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PILLSBURY BISCUITS 4 CAN PACK 49¢

REYNOLDS FOIL WRAP 25 FT ROLL 29¢

INSTANT TEA LIPTON 3 OZ JAR \$1.39 (1 LIMIT)

MEADOLAKE OLEO SOFT LB 49¢

COOKING OIL CRISCO 24 OZ BOT. 89¢

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FRESH GREEN ONIONS 19¢

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