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## CINDERS

By John T. King

Many times a congressman who is on the spot because of demands made by his constituents introduces a bill he knows will never be enacted into law. It's a quite common occurrence and the bill, printed in the Congressional Record even though it didn't pass, is proof that the congressman tried.

The Wichita, Kansas, Democrat was commenting on this when it said:

"In one part of Ancient Greece, it long was the custom, when a man proposed a law in the popular assembly, he did so on a platform with a rope around his neck. If the law passed, they removed the rope. If it failed, they removed the platform.

If this system were instituted in our Congress, it would, no doubt, cut down on the number of bills introduced each session."

The looks on the faces of the families who received food, clothing and toys this Christmas from the Welfare Council proves to me that most everybody believes in Santa Claus from time to time.

Our thanks to Mack Cauthorn and Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Logan, the Downtown Lions Club, the churches, and others for helping to make the gifts possible.

There are always one or two gems among the many Letters to Santa sent in each year to the local newspaper. These bits came from neighboring newspapers:

"P.S. I can go Ho, Ho, Ho, just like you, Santa."

"I have moved to town so don't go to the ranch."

"First, let me tell you something. Don't go down Tim Sweeten's chimney because I can see smoke coming out and you might burn your whiskers."

I also like the subtlety of this understatement:

"James Cecil xxxx, Russel xxxx, Georgia xx together with Mrs. xxxx were arrested without resistance when the suspects noted three shotguns being held by the officers."

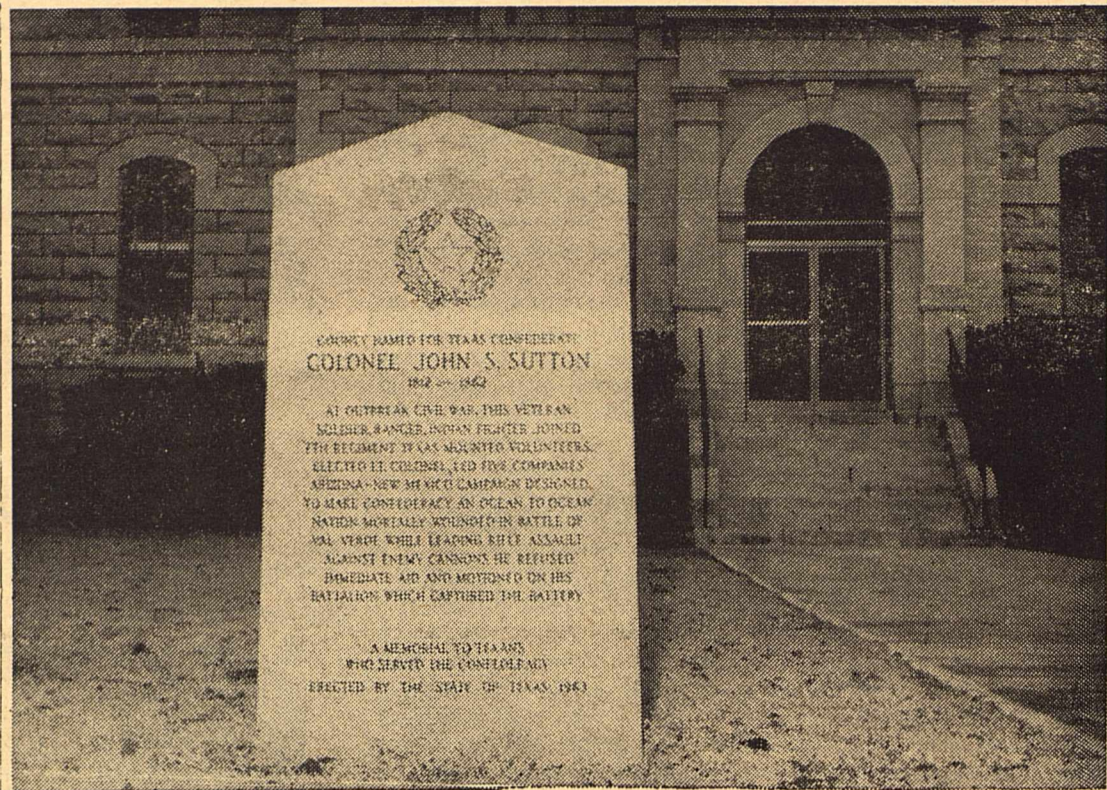
All of us at the Devil's River News wish you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. We've enjoyed bringing the news into your home in 1963 and hope to be invited back in 1964. See you next year.

## WEATHER

Compiled by J. E. Eldridge

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Wednesday, Dec. 18	T	48	29
Thursday, Dec. 19	0	43	28
Friday, Dec. 20	0	44	35
Saturday, Dec. 21	0	39	27
Sunday, Dec. 22	.04	38	23
Monday, Dec. 23	0	—	15

Rain for the month .51; for the year 17.09.



The marker recently erected on the lawn of the Sonora County Courthouse is for John S. Sutton, the Confederate colonel for whom the county was named. Made of Texas pink granite, the five-foot stone stands beside the walk leading to the front steps of the building. At the top of the marker are the Texas star and wreath. The inscription commemorates the heroism of Col Sutton.

## Marker For John S. Sutton Placed On Courthouse Lawn

A Confederate Memorial Information Marker for John S. Sutton has been erected in Sonora on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn.

Colonel John S. Sutton led five companies in the Arizona-New Mexico Campaign, the campaign designed to make the Confederacy an ocean to ocean nation. Although he was mortally wounded while leading a rifle assault against enemy cannons in the Battle of Val Verde, he refused aid and motioned on his battalion which captured the enemy cannons, according to the Texas State Historical Survey Committee.

Confederate Memorial Information Markers are erected by the State Building Commission. The TSHSC researches the subject

and writes inscriptions.

Members of the State Building Commission are Governor John Connally, Attorney General Waggoner Carr and Honorable E. E. McAdams, Chairman of the Board of Control.

The Col. John S. Sutton marker is of Texas pink granite, stands five feet high, and has the Texas star and wreath incised at the top. Placed in the public squares and along highways, these stones are designed to inform the public and contain comprehensive historical information. One-hundred and ninety-three markers have been approved this year.

This marker, for a county named for a prominent Texas Confederate, is part of a comprehensive program to observe the

Civil War Centennial.

County Historical Survey Committees are recording and marking the graves of Civil War Veterans. These Committees are also gathering information on each county's part in the Civil War—soldiers' letters and diaries and minutes of Commissioners Courts. This material will be placed in individual county folders in the State Archives.

"The Texas program is not designed to refight the Civil War but to honor the brave men who gave their lives for what they thought was right," John Ben Shepperd of Odessa, president of the State Committee, said. "We cannot bury this part of our history by saying nothing happened in Texas between 1861-1865."

## Funeral Services Held in Oklahoma For Clyde Carson

Funeral services for Clyde H. Carson, former Sonora resident, were held Wednesday, December 18, 1963, at 2 p.m. in Marlow, Oklahoma.

Mr. Carson died at 9:33 a.m. December 16 at Shannon Hospital. He was hospitalized earlier this month after sustaining injuries in a one-car accident near Eldorado December 10. However, he later was listed in good condition from the broken arm and multiple cuts sustained in the mishap.

Mr. Carson was born in 1893. December 13, 1913, he and Mrs. Tina Sweeten were married in Marlow. They lived in Sonora from 1928 until moving to San Angelo in 1948. She died October 29, 1962.

Mr. Carson was a soil conservation contractor.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Dale Henson of San Angelo and Mrs. Edythe Weaver of Sacramento, California; one brother, V. J. Carson of Oklahoma City; three grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

## Dates of Services Set by Episcopal

St. John's Episcopal Church has announced its schedule for special services during the Christmas season. The Rev. Jake Billingsley, rector, says that Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day. December 27 is the Feast Day of the patron saint, Saint John. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 p.m. followed by a reception in the home of Mrs. Bill Fields.

## BUSINESSES TO CLOSE TO OBSERVE HOLIDAYS

Most downtown Sonora businesses will close for three days during the holiday season. The Chamber of Commerce office reports that most of the retail businesses will be closed December 25 and 26 and January 1.

## Eagles Swoop Past Broncos in Cage Contest Thursday

By Dick McMillan

The Sonora Broncos were defeated in the basketball game Thursday night as Eldorado scored a crushing 84 points to the Broncos' 60. The Eagles scored heavily from the field and pulled down more than their share of rebounds to gain the victory.

The Eagles opened up a four-point lead at the end of the first quarter and held the advantage throughout the game. Bill Elliott popped in 21 points, and Tino Noriega added 14 to pace the Broncos, while Eldorado's Tip Finlay led all scorers with 22.

The "B" team came close to picking up their second victory of the year but a fourth quarter surge by Eldorado overcame them. The final score was Eldorado 87, Sonora 31. Mike Wuest led the Bronco "B" teamers with 16 points.

## SAVINGS BONDS

Savings Bond Sales in Sutton County totaled \$16,063 for the month of November, which represents 134.6% of the 1963 goal for the County, according to George H. Neill, Chairman of Sutton County Savings Bonds Committee.

Sales in Texas through November 1963 were \$133,225,946 which is 88.4% of the state goal.

## Rites Conducted For Nepo Martinez Thursday, Dec. 19

Funeral services for Nepo Martinez were held Thursday afternoon, December 19, at 4 o'clock in the First Latin American Baptist Church. The services were conducted by the Rev. Cristobal Pena, pastor.

Mr. Martinez died at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital December 18, 1963.

He was born October 11, 1935, in Sonora, where he had made his home all his life. As a result of injuries he received in an automobile accident, he had been confined to a wheel chair for the past 12 years. He had engaged in watch repairing at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Efrain Martinez.

Survivors include his parents and four sisters, Mrs. Joe Berlanga and Lydia Martinez, both of Houston, Elsa Martinez and Margot Martinez.

Pallbearers were Jesus Favila, Gil Favila, Marciano Hernandez, Simon Hernandez, Jimmy Samaniego, and Vivian Vasquez.

Burial was in Sonora Cemetery under the direction of Ratliff-Kerbow Funeral Home.

## Officers for 1964 Named by Firemen

E. L. Harrell has been elected president and Lee Patrick has been elected chief of the Sonora Fire Department for 1964. Other officers named for the new year are Frank Adkins, vice-president; J. C. Luttrell, secretary; C. W. Taylor, first assistant chief; Mat Adams, second assistant chief; Katie Brasher, mother for life; and Jake Billingsley, chaplain.

For the year 1963 the department answered 40 fire alarms. Leon Neely had the best record with a total of 38 reports to the 40 alarms.

Eight firemen had a perfect attendance record at the regular twice-a-month drills. Those attending all 24 drills were Frank Adkins, Buddy Brown, Lester Byer, Darcy Carroll, Jack Hite, J. C. Luttrell, John A. Martin Jr. and C. W. Taylor.

## COMMUNION SERVICES

Communion services will be held Christmas Eve from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the First Methodist Church. The Rev. Allen Roe, pastor, urges people to come at 7 p.m. to participate in the entire ritual, but he says that communion will be served throughout the hour for those who cannot come early.

## Youngsters Entertain Parents, Friends With Singing, Dancing, Dramatic Scenes

Students of Mrs. Sam E. Jones and Mrs. T. R. Glimp invited parents and friends to a Christmas party last week at the studio in the old elementary building.

Mrs. Jones' students, the Little Theater Buttons and Bows

Troupes, presented songs and two scenes in a "workshop session." The scenes were improvised by the youngsters. The actors cast themselves in parts and they planned a situation at a prior session, then they played their roles the afternoon of the

party. Mrs. Son Allison helped with stage design.

Members of Troupe I of the Buttons and Bows are Lea Whitehead, Carol Adamson, Sandra Adamson, Annette Shroyer, Susan Prugel, and Terry Merryman. Brenda Browne assisted as stage technician and understudy.

Members of Troupes II and III are Mary Gayle Glimp, Michelle Rousselot, Karen Kem-

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## Old Blue

(Editor's note: Miss Janis Sykes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Sykes, is now teaching at Nevada State Youth Training School in Elko, Nevada.)

One evening when Texas seemed a long distance away, she wrote the story of Old Blue. We thank her for sharing the fun with us.

So settle back and see how a favorite pal named Blue might look through the eyes of a youngster.)

By Janis Sykes

You shoulda knowed ol' Blue. Yep! Never was a dawg like that'n Outside 'a being the best old varmint dawg in the country—that Blue had a mind quicker'n me'er you.

He'd set sometimes fer hours just to calculate how'd be a good way ter outsmart ye.

Blue had a way 'a readin yer mind that beat all I ever seen. Sometimes he'd tuck his tail atween his legs and slink and side up to ye. He'd turn them ol' eyes upon yer face and these were the times when ye'd really feel guilty. He's acting that away cause he know'd you didn't want to bother with no fool dawg right then. See there? He know'd it afore you did.

Now Blue, I hope to tell ye, was an old sharpie when it come to varmints. He could whiff a coon a mile away. He's purty marked up from some a them ol' coons too. Cause fer old Blue ther jist ain't no quittin till that varmint has twiched fer the last time.

I recollect the time ol' Alf, Al and Wes went out to rid the place of some of them onery critters. Right off, ol' Blue sniffed a skunk and the hunt did commence. Blue finally cornered in one a them ol' brush piles. He barked and bayed around but couldn't seem to locate nothin fer sure. So ol' Alf he wasn't never much skeered a nothin. He crawled upon that ol' pile a dead trees and jammed his haid down atween a couple a old dead limbs.

Now things did begin to happen—something gave way and ol' Alf got jammed in that pile a brush and that ol' skunk cut loose and perfumed up that place an when he figgered that ol' Alf was sick enough he tore out er

that pile with Blue and Wes and Al right behind him. They run him pert ni all over the hill but Blue got that skunk but good.

Now that was a trick a Ol' Blue's that not many people know'd about. That ol' dawg laked to hunt but he know'd that ef he pinned his ol' nose into a skunk he wouldn't be much good fer smellin the rest of the night. That's why he'd jist fiddle faddle around some times. He's jest trying to lay all the dirty work off on you.

I know Ol' Blue figgered that jest cause he was a dawg he could get away with anything. I know he really laked to swim. Fact is he could swim better'n any duck I ever seen. He'd jump into the water and beat out lak he was late fer an appointment with a mackerel. He'd jist loll around in the water chasin sticks and practicin his favrite stroke.

Come time to go he'd climb onto the bank and ease over to you and shake like a gypsy's tambourine. And there you'd be just as wet as Ol' Blue and smellin like a dawg. He figgered that you'd think he didn't know no better—but that 'as jist his way a actin haughty cause he could swim and you couldn't.

Now Ol' Blue and Jack got along jist like brothers. Cause to Jack, Ol' Blue was jist lak another human bein. They'd jist talk fer hours in boy and dawg language.

Ol' Jack figgered that if something was good nough fer Ol' Blue it was good nough fer him. They'd even share the same fleas. Sometimes ol' Jack'd push the blame fer something he did off on ol' Blue. Blue'd jist take it but if you'd look out in the yard, you'd see that ol' dawg givin Jack a hard time. He'd have Jack a layin on the ground with one a his old paws holdin him there. I guess Jack'd finally say "Uncle" er somethin and Blue'd let him up. Yep! That ol' dawg knew what 'as goin on.

Now Blue wuz really Doc's dawg an them two had a regular understandin atween em. Ol' Blue'd work his haid off fer ol' Doc but wouldn't lift a eye-brown fer no one else. Yep—it's certain sure them two spoke the same language. Now ol' Blue jist didn't dare hardly ever to pull a fast one on ol' Doc. He

know'd better. Cause Doc was a sharpie too bout dawgs and people.

Blue'd get to feelin real smart sometimes and he'd get onery—so instead a talkin back he'd run around the sheep the wrong way. Now Doc don't go fer no monkey bizness at all when it comes to workin stock. He'd grab up a stick or a rock and jist knock the wind out a Ol' Blue or skeer 'im to death tryin. Right away Blue know'd he'd better straight'n up er he'd be poundin the pavement fer a new home.

Yep! B'lieve ol' Doc wuz about the onliest one that had Ol' Blue figgered out. And them two was practically inseparable. B'lieve Blue sorter favored Doc's wife too. Now she don't never let on thet she laks dogs but deep down I knowed she did. Ever time I seen ol' Blue around her I had to laugh and snicker aroun. She wouldn't ignore him.

That ol' dawg'd slink up to her and jest stan there not movin a muscle. He'd look up at her with them ol' sad eyes and look to all the world lak he's skeered to death. Jewel'd jist stan there and say—"That silly ol' dawg. Tell him to get outa here." When all the time she 'as really wantin to reach down and pet the ol' thang.

Lak I say Blue was a ol' sharpie. He know'd that deep down inside ol' Jewel thought he 'as a purty good thing. Jist one pat. er word from her and he'd go into a reg'lar three minute tail-spin.

Ol' blue jist lived to catch sticks and balls 'n things. Onct he got to where he could catch a ball purty good in mid-air. So ol' Al was a playin ball with him one day. An that onery rascal givin Jack a hard time. He'd threw up an eight-pound solid steel ball. Now that was the berries. Ol' Blue jumped up ter catch it and jist got plumb cooled. Ah bet his ol' eyes bugged out fer two solid days. Pore ol' dawg. He got to where he could detect such things ever' now and then. But that little incident was purty funny.

Yep. Blue wuz one smart dawg. Never be another'n lak him. Ef I live a hundred years—bet I'll never find another dawg that has it all figgered-out lak Ol' Blue.



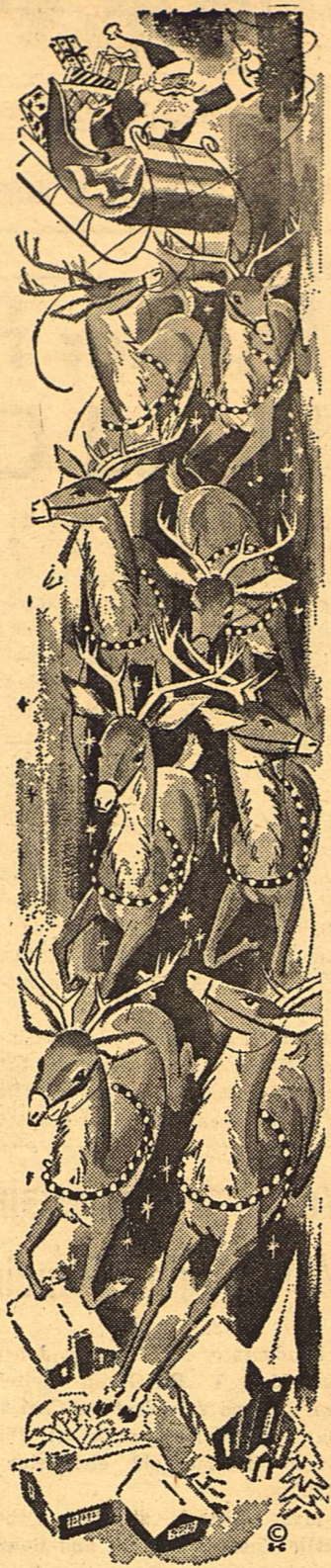
Santa Claus took time out from his busy schedule to visit Sonora at the opening of the Christmas season. He rode through town on a fire truck and then distributed candy to the youngsters. He left word that he plans a return visit the night of December 24.

**Christmas is near  
-It's time to say:  
To all "Good Cheer"  
On Christmas Day**

**If we had but one wish to offer on this Glorious Holiday- It would be that every little wish come true for you and yours, our very good friends and patrons.**

**A HAPPY HOLIDAY TO ALL!**

**R. S. Teaff Oil Co.**



**Lamb, Mutton, Beef Listed Among Items To Be Eyed for Possible Tariff Cut**

by Congressman O. C. Fisher  
Lamb, mutton, and beef imports, which have increased steadily in recent years, have depressed our domestic markets and endangered the stability of our own industries engaged in this enterprise.

Last week the U. S. Tariff Commission held hearings on the subject of the agenda for forthcoming negotiations at Geneva where tariff adjustments will be considered. Lamb, mutton, and beef have been put on the list for consideration, and the Tariff Commission took testimony on views of witnesses concerning the effect of possible tariff reductions.

I testified in opposition to the inclusion of these products on the agenda at Geneva and against any reduction in present protection.

All tariffs on lamb, mutton, beef and veal were cut in half in 1948, and are now entirely too low. I told the Commission that the swing from a net exporter of meat and meat products to a net importer in recent years has come about primarily from the very significant increase in importations of competing products.

There has been a substantial increase in lamb and mutton products, and in the case of beef the imported meat now accounts for about 11 percent of our domestic consumption. This is a dangerously high level of imports.

Cost of production of all of these products abroad are about one half of what it costs to produce them here. And when that advantage is added to the low tariff rates, the reason for the upsurge in imports becomes self evident.

In fact, the U.S.A. is fast becoming the dumping ground for surplus meats produced in low-cost countries all over the world. And yet the State Department has seen fit to include meat on the agenda to be considered for further reductions.

We need to encourage an expansion of world trade. But it is axiomatic that we should concentrate on importing those produced more efficiently elsewhere, and export those products that are produced more efficiently by us. We produce meat efficiently in this country, and in our international trade policies it should be treated accordingly.

**Happy Birthday Calendar**

Friday, December 27  
Melinda Earwood  
Mrs. Jerry N. Shurley  
Bill McClelland  
Will Wallace  
Al Elliott  
Mrs. Lin Hicks

Saturday, December 28  
Tyra Lea Hamilton

Sunday, December 29  
J. B. Renfro  
George L. Hearn  
Bob Tolliver  
Adam Delrie  
Charles W. West  
David Wuest  
Gary Henderson

Monday, December 30  
Mrs. Lewis Roueche  
Stanley Harris  
Mrs. Ellen Ray  
Mrs. Zipha Wheels

Tuesday, December 31  
Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary  
Mrs. Earl Merck

Gay Copeland  
Michael Richardson  
Alvie Brewer  
Mrs. Ella Wallace  
Mrs. Nolan Johnson  
Mrs. Auther Simmons

Wednesday, January 1  
Vernon Cook  
Leslie Fambrough  
Mack Cauthorn  
John Lee Nisbet  
Juliette B. Boughton  
Mrs. Gene Alley

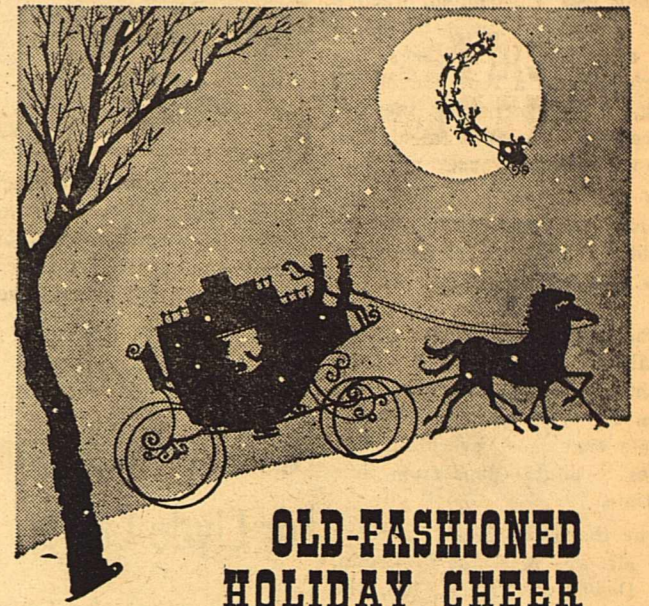
Thursday, January 2  
Mrs. George E. (Bud) Smith  
P. J. Taylor  
Giles Hill  
B. M. Halbert Jr.  
Roger Langford  
Laura Denise Neal



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL!**

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As Christmastime draws nigh, we wish to all our many friends: the best of everything this holiday.

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It's such a pleasure to say "thank you" to our many friends at Christmas. May your home be filled with merriment, and may it glow with the radiance of warm friendship and love.

**Wesley C. Young**

**Dear Santa Claus**

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963

Dear Santa,  
Have I been good?  
Please bring me a murry bike Merry Christmas to you. I love you. Do you love me.  
I want a pair of football shoes.  
Love,  
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**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**



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### INTRODUCING Sonora Teachers

MRS. A. E. PRUGEL teaches homemaking and science at Sonora High School. She is a graduate of Eldorado High School and Texas Woman's University, where she majored in vocational home economics. She received a bachelor of science degree from TWU and did graduate work at Iowa State University. Mr. and Mrs. Prugel have two daughters, Nancy, a freshman at Colorado State University; and Susan, who is in the seventh grade. Prugel is Sonora's mayor and is the manager of the Federal Land Bank Association.



### DICKENS INTRODUCED IDEA OF MERRY-MAKING AT CHRISTMAS SEASON

It was Charles Dickens, in his story of Tiny Tim, who gave to the world the idea of making Christmas a season of merry-making and good feeling toward everyone. Up to the time of Dickens, the thought of Christmas had been mainly the celebration of the feast.

In his interpretation of Tiny Tim, we get the idea of a family festival when love and friendship and kindly acts bring us closer together. It was Dickens who reminded the world that Christmas is a time for those in the midst of plenty to share with their less fortunate followmen.

—The Open Door.

### ORIGINAL SANTA CLAUS WAS TALLER, THINNER AND MUCH LESS JOLLY

In the 1600 years of his existence, Santa Claus has grown a long, white beard, moved from a small village in Asia Minor to a toy factory at the North Pole and changed from flowing robes into a red and white furry suit. He has become shorter, rounder, and much, much merrier.

The original Santa Claus was born in Patras, Asia Minor. As a scion of a wealthy family, the young Nicholas found great joy in sharing his fortune with others and, most particularly, in providing gifts for children.

Quite naturally, therefore, he is today considered the great friend of the younger set, although it must be understood that children in different countries have differing conceptions and images of his appearance and activities.

—The Open Door.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart during the Christmas holidays will be their daughter Sara, a student at Southern Methodist University, and their son James, a student at Tarleton State College.

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### West Texas Boys Ranch Members Hunt Deer at Eldorado and Mason This Year

The yearly West Texas Boys Ranch deer hunts have developed into a valuable activity for the boys and the Ranch. The administrative staff estimates that deer shot by the boys account for approximately 4% of the Ranch's food budget. "This is quite an item when you consider how much meat 64 boys consume in a year's time," remarked Morris H. Craig, Executive Director of the Ranch.

All of the boys who are capable of safely handling a rifle are given an opportunity to participate in one of the several deer hunts. The first group of boys attend the annual deer hunt in Mason provided by Operations Orphans Inc. This year twenty boys made the trip to Mason and returned with 26 deer which they dressed at the Boys Ranch. Another group of boys will attend a hunt in Eldorado on the Bill Wallace Ranch, sponsored by the Eldorado Lions Club.

Rifles, ammunition, and responsible adult supervisors are

the requirements for these hunts and are provided by the sponsoring group. The Ranch has been fortunate to avoid any accident during the hunts. Safety first is stressed at the Ranch and special instructions are given the hunters prior to their departure from the Ranch to a hunt. The hunt gives the boys an opportunity to learn good sportsmanship. The fact that they are helping provide food for their own table helps them to develop a better appreciation of the value of "hunting for a purpose, not just to shoot something."

Outdoor activities, especially hunting, is a special part of the Ranch's operation. Most of the boys who come to the Ranch have never had the opportunity to participate in activities such as those offered at the Ranch. Hunting, fishing, hiking, and horseback riding are considered as a therapeutic part of the Ranch life. Of course the basic ingredient of the Ranch is a good sound work program.

This year the Boy of the Year will be given a 12-gauge shot gun which was donated to the Ranch. The Boy of the Year usually goes to the boy who has been outstanding in all phases of his life at the Ranch.

The boys appreciation for the opportunity to hunt has best been expressed by one little fellow who said, "I have always heard about people going deer hunting, but I never thought I would get to go."

The Christmas season is a good time for a bit of soul-searching on the question: "Am I my brother's keeper?" The Texas Safety Association reminds drivers: When you are behind-the-wheel, LIFE or DEATH is in your hands.

The Texas Safety Association urges motorists to be prepared for weather conditions which make driving hazardous. Check your tires for traction and remember, on ice, reinforced tire chains, give up to five times as much traction as regular tires.

The Texas Safety Association urges you to make sure the path to your door is well lighted if you have party guests arriving. Remove all hazards which might cause your guests to fall. If your walk is icy, a little sand or salt will help. As a fire safety measure, provide plenty of ash trays for your adult guests.

Santa's suit or your child's costume for a Christmas play can be made fire proof with a solution of nine ounces of borax and four ounces of boric acid and one gallon of hot water. Saturate fabric and hang to dry. The Texas Safety Association says this method must be repeated after each washing—and don't forget Santa's whiskers.

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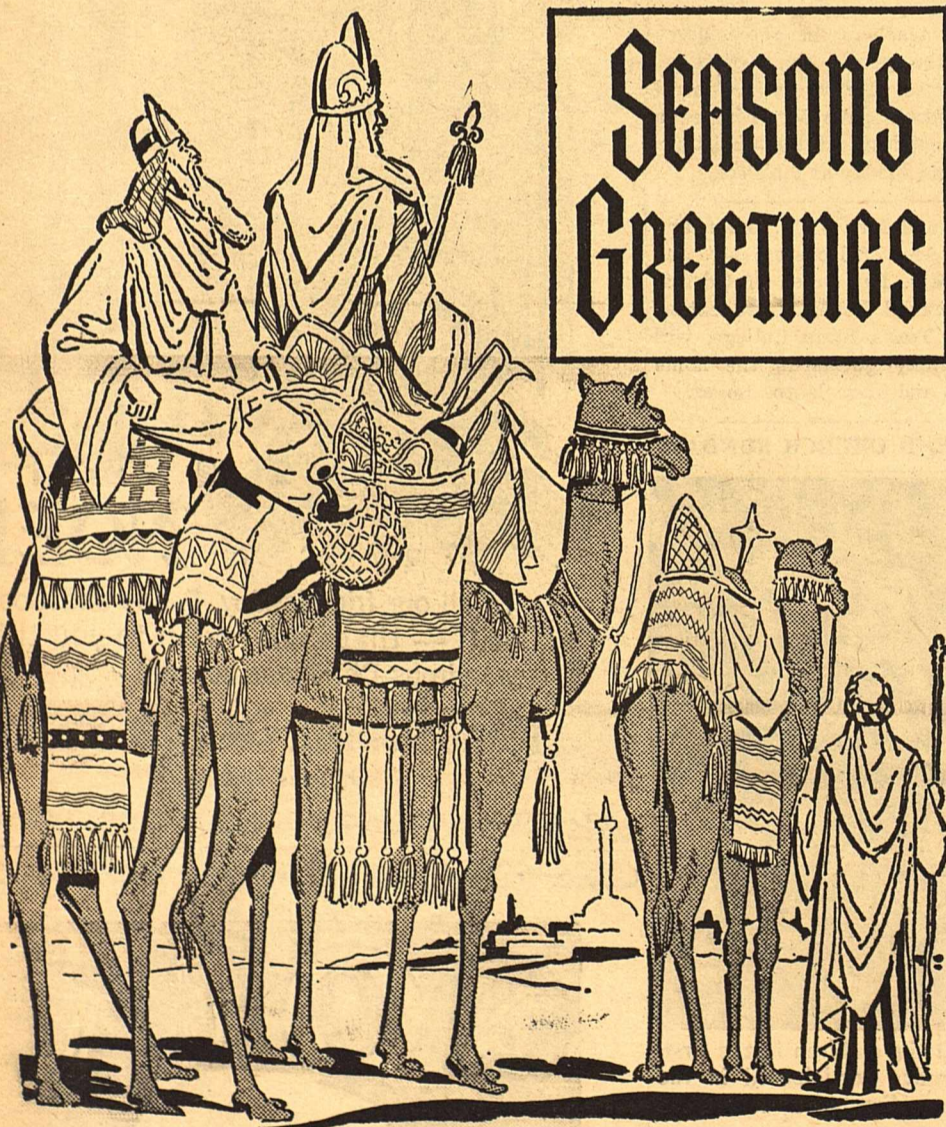


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### Silent Night



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STUDENTS OF MRS. T. R. GLIMP demonstrating their dancing techniques are Cindy Cavaness, Terry Lowe, Janice Sue Nance, Melinda Earwood, Glenna Chadwick, Ronda

Hopkins Mary Gayle Glimp and Ruthe Wallace. The group performed for guests at a Christmas party held December 16 at the studio in the old elementary building.

### Mrs. Granger Hosts Fire Wives Party At Fire Hall Tuesday

Mrs. Wes Granger was hostess at the Christmas party held by the Fire Wives Auxiliary last week. The Fire Hall was adorned with Christmas decorations featuring a tree with holiday corsages which were given to the members. A congealed salad, sandwiches, coffee, and punch were served.

Bridge and 42 were played at the party. In the 42 game Mrs. Leon Neely won high score and Mrs. Bill Jolly won low score. Mrs. Fred Adkins held high score and Mrs. Cashes Taylor won the consolation prize in the bridge game.

A welfare project was discussed at a short business meeting conducted by Mrs. J. W. Joy, president.

Other members at the party were Mes. Ed Harrell, Billie Wright Taylor, Phillip Cooper, Jack Hite, Ervin Willman, Darcy Carroll, Frank Adkins, George Barrow, Lee Patrick, Lester Byers, and Buddy Joe Brown.

### The Devil's Workshop

An Idle Mind Column

By Della King

What makes Christmas CHRISTMAS? What makes it such a special holiday, so different from all the others?

There is the religious significance of the season, and there is the joy and love of the family gathering. And the meaning and spirit of Christmas embodies a feeling of friendship and warmth toward all people.

We can't forget all that wonderful food either or the lovely Christmas carols.

And there are the memories of happy Christmases past. You can still remember the year when you found the beautiful bride doll or that special football under the tree, can't you? And the times you ate and ate and ate until you thought you could never again stand the sight of food—and then found yourself back in the kitchen looking for leftovers about the middle of the afternoon.

This Christmas I have especially enjoyed the letters written by the children to Santa. There are few things more charming than the candid comments of the before-teen group. We have tried to reproduce all the letters exactly, not disturbing the original spelling or punctuation—and some of it is delightfully original.

One youngster is thoughtful and forgiving enough to ask for something for his little bother. Another wants a poloroad camera, and a little boy wants a football suit.

One little boy wrote that he would like to see one little deer. So, fellows, if the deer rattling doesn't work—try Santa Claus.

We wish you all a merry, merry Christmas and a joyful new year.

### Central Elementary News

By Debbie DeMay

Mrs. Moore has the showcase in January.

The teachers in the classes gave the pupils some gifts at Christmas. The pupils in Central Elementary gave Mr. Finklea a gift certificate at the Christmas program Friday at 9 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Orren and Jerry Ann of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Orren of Odessa, and Lemuel Lopez, a student at North Texas State College, will be holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Santos Lopez.

ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY

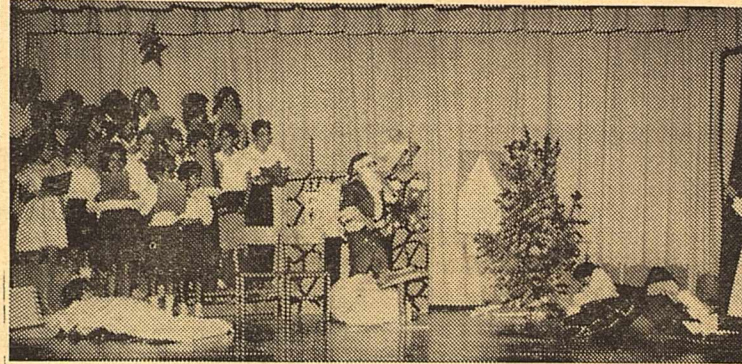


BUTTON AND BOWS ACTORS presenting their Christmas play December 16 are Sandra Adamson, Lesa Whitehead, Carol Adamson, Annette Shroyer, Susan Prugel and Terry Merryman (not shown). The troupe, directed by Mrs. Sam E. Jones, planned the play themselves.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Schwiening were in Austin this week visiting their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Gilbert and John T.



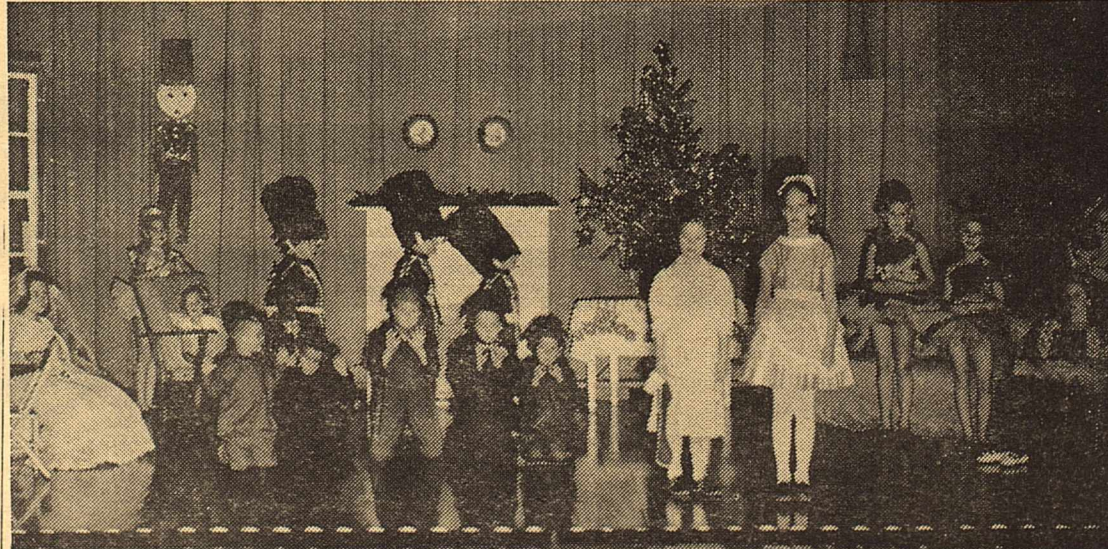
The children at L. W. Elliott School portrayed the Nativity scene at their program last week. The scene included Mary, Joseph, the wise men, and the shepherds. A choir sang carols.



A chorus of children read "Twas the Night Before Christmas" at the Elliott School program last week. Other students acted out the story of the poem. Mama was in her kerchief, Papa was in his nightcap, and the children were dreaming as Santa came down the chimney with a big bag of goodies.



Other members of the cast looked on as two students performed a dance concluding the Christmas program at Elliott School.



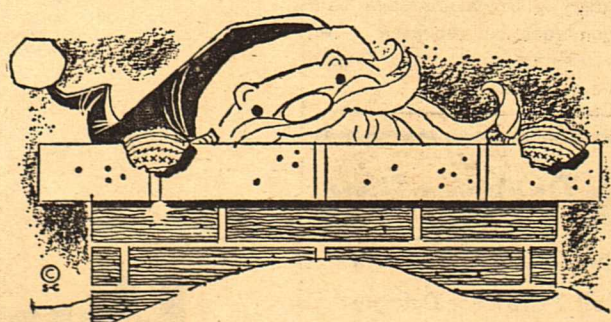
"Don't Tell Me It's Christmas" was the name of the play presented at the Central Elementary School Christmas program last week. Also included on the program were musical solos and songs by a chorus. All the children in the first, second, and third grades participated in the presentation, which was directed by Mrs. Audrey Bridges.



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### WATCH NIGHT

The First Baptist Church will have a Watch Night program on New Year's Eve at the church. On Christmas Day they will sponsor worship services on radio station KOKG.

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## Hospital News

Patients admitted to Hudspeth Memorial Hospital for treatment from Tuesday, December 17, through Monday, December 23, were as follows:

Ida West, Eldorado  
Alma Brockman, Fredericksburg  
Margaret Schwiening  
Wilma Day, Eldorado  
Rex Ann Friess  
Ben Gilley  
Faustino Bautista  
Nora Mae Wood  
Romanita Villareal, Eldorado

Lilia Ann Virgen  
T. C. Thiers, Roosevelt  
Zane Powers  
Anthony Moore, Los Angeles, California  
Annie Ruth Moore, Los Angeles, California  
Patients dismissed during the same period were as follows:

Bill Stewart  
Martha Baker, Rocksprings  
Bertha White  
Rex Ann Friess  
Ida West, Eldorado  
Wilma Day, Eldorado  
Ben Gilley  
Nora Mae Wood  
Romanita Villareal, Eldorado

# To our many friends and customers, a VERY MERRY Christmas

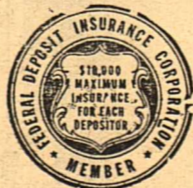


This is the season of the year when gladness and joy prevails—and most especially for us, when we look back over the past and realize how much you have contributed to our success. To our many good friends and good customers...

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ROBERT DURAN WATCHES SANTA handing out bags of candy, fruit and nuts to first grade students at the L. W. Elliott School. Around 440 bags were given to Elliott students and visitors as a project of the West Side Lions Club. Also assisting Santa were Santos Lopez, Ernest Castro, Pedro Galindo and Claude Flores.

### Auxiliary Honors Nurses at Party

Several nurses from Hudspeth Memorial Hospital were honored by the Hospital Auxiliary at a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Albert Everett last week. They received corsages as favors.

The program was presented by Mrs. Rip Ward, who told the story "The Bishop Seals Them Up" by Charlotte Baker. Mrs. J. E. Eldridge opened the meeting with a prayer, and the group sang a Christmas carol accompanied by Mrs. James Caldwell. A solo was presented by Mrs. Allen Roe.

Gifts brought by members for the children in the hospital were placed around a lighted tree in the party room. The serving table was decorated with a miniature Christmas tree. An arrangement accented by two blue candles was on the piano. Lemon pie was served.



AMANDA GOMEZ modeled a teal blue suit in the Make It Yourself With Wool Contest held in Del Rio December 14. She wore black accessories with the suit she fashioned for the competition. A senior at Sonora High School, she is president of the Sonora Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America.

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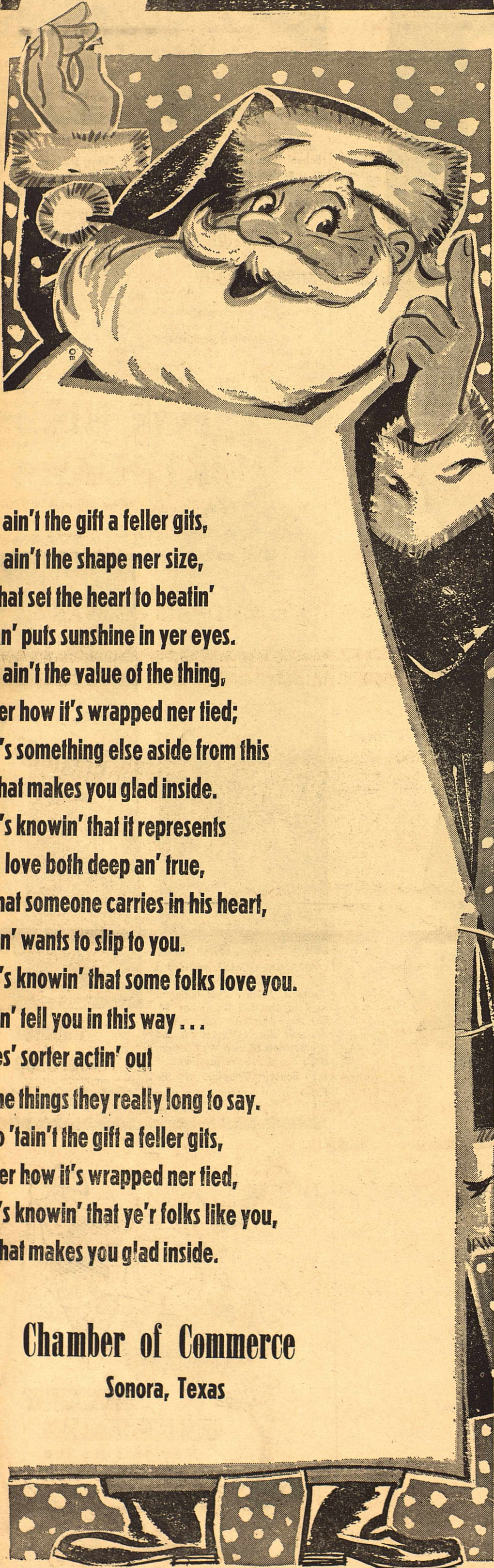


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# It ain't the Gift



It ain't the gift a feller gits,  
 It ain't the shape ner size,  
 That set the heart to beatin'  
 An' puts sunshine in yer eyes.  
 It ain't the value of the thing,  
 Ner how it's wrapped ner tied;  
 It's something else aside from this  
 That makes you glad inside.  
 It's knowin' that it represents  
 A love both deep an' true,  
 That someone carries in his heart,  
 An' wants to slip to you.  
 It's knowin' that some folks love you.  
 An' tell you in this way ...  
 Jes' sorter actin' out  
 The things they really long to say.  
 So 'tain't the gift a feller gits,  
 Ner how it's wrapped ner tied,  
 It's knowin' that ye'r folks like you,  
 That makes you glad inside.

Chamber of Commerce  
 Sonora, Texas

## Researchers Looking for New Methods For Improved Control of Pests, Weeds

By E. B. Keng

During recent years science has made tremendous strides in developing new chemicals and biological measures designed to control various agricultural pests. The phenomenal success in controlling the screwworm by sterilization of the male is a prime example well known to Sutton County ranchmen.

Many of the powerful new drugs developed, however, while efficiently controlling a specific pest, have serious detrimental effects on beneficial phases of the plant or animal community. Wildlife people are particularly alarmed at the destruction of birds and animals through the use of "broad-spectrum chemicals" to control fireants, beetles and other insects.

Conservation News, published by the National Wildlife Federation, cites a recent example near Norfolk, Virginia, where 2 to 4 pounds per acre of dieldrin was applied on 3,000 acres to control white-fringed beetle. A sample collection of wildlife killed included "57 grackles, 37 robins, 35 starlings, 34 cedar waxwings, 7 brown thrashers, 7 house sparrows, 6 mourning doves, and nine other bird species as well as cats, rabbits, a rat and a mouse".

It is difficult to realize the complexity of present day attempts to control insects. Conservation News summarizes recent developments.

"Pest control is no longer simply a matter of saying, 'Quick, Henry, the Flit!'" Here are some of the avenues down which researchers are looking for better pest control methods:

"The development of pest-resistant plant varieties (there are varieties of wheat immune to the Hessian fly) Physical methods (screens and insect-proof packages). Curing methods, refrigeration, and other food preservation practices (storing grain at low temperatures, reducing the oxygen content in airtight storage facilities, and application of infrared irradiation, cathode-ray irradiation and high-frequency electrical field techni-

The Texas Safety Association says accumulations of paper are fire hazards and suggests that you dispose of gift wrappings as soon as possible. Have a waste paper basket or carton handy for getting rid of paper.

The Texas Safety Association reminds "party goers" to give "baby sitters" full instructions on what to do in case of an emergency, such as a fire. Let the "sitter" know where to contact you.

ques are being tried). The development of pesticides specific in effect on target pest species (a feasible approach especially with herbicides). Specific bait sprays (Mirex for fire ants is applied at the rate of only four grams per acre).

"Also, the use of artificial light to change the photoperiodicity and thereby upset overwintering. The use of light traps for insect detection and to control such pests as the tobacco hornworm. The use of the recorded wing sounds of female mosquitoes to attract males, which can then be killed on an electrically-charged screen. Juvenile hormones applied externally to immature insects to cause abnormal metamorphosis, thereby controlling overwintering pest populations.

"Also, biological control through the use of parasites, predators, and insect diseases. The control of prickly pear cactus by the introduction of insects which feed only on those specific weeds. The use of marsh fly larvae to kill undesirable snails.

"Also, the exploitation of our knowledge of the multiple ecological factors that induce phase transformation in crowded populations to cause "solitaria" populations of such insects as plague locusts and grasshoppers to collapse of their own weight without producing plague emigrations. The use of synthesized female sex attractants to draw male gypsy moths, cockroaches, and house flies into traps where they can be destroyed with conventional insecticides, and to disrupt the normal colony life of social insects such as ants and termites.

"And, the discovery of a specific substance in the cotton plant which attracts boll weevils and which, if isolated and synthesized, could be used to eradicate the boll weevil. The mixing of widely different sex strains of the gypsy moth to produce large numbers of sterile hybrids. The mass production and release of many sterile insects of the species to be controlled (a feasible technique with the screwworm, boll weevil, pink bollworm, Oriental fruit fly, Mexican fruit fly, Mediterranean fruit fly, melon moth, codling moth, tobacco hornworm, tsetse fly, and European corn borer). Encouragement of insect-eating bird populations by provision of appropriate habitat including nesting boxes where appropriate (entomologists credited woodpeckers with having killed an estimated 98 per cent of Engelmann spruce beetles of an infestation in Colorado)."



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## Handel's Popularity Was at Low Point Before Composition of Beloved "Messiah"

Of all the music associated with Christmas, perhaps no composition so well embodies the spirit of the holidays as Handel's "Messiah." The great oratorio has enthralled countless audiences. It has been said to have brought more money for charity than any other single piece of music. And it marked a rebirth for its composer.

George Friderick Handel was virtually a has-been in 1741. London had grown tired of his Italian operas and of him. More than once he had barely missed

being thrown into debtors' prison, and his health was beginning to fail.

Then came a commission from the lord lieutenant of Ireland and the governors of three charitable institutions for Handel to conduct a series of charity concerts, reports World Book Encyclopedia. He began to compose a new piece for the tour.

Handel was not an especially religious man, but something seemed to possess him as he worked. For some 23 days he kept to his study, refusing to

see any visitors, leaving his food untouched and working through the night. Now he played the harpsichord, now he sang, then back to the writing. His servants thought he was going mad. Often they found him in tears. When he finished the "Hallelujah Chorus," he declared, "I did think I did see all Heaven before me, and the great God himself."

On April 13, 1742, 700 people crowded into a Dublin music hall for the premiere of "Messiah." It was a resounding success.

At the first English performance a year later, King George II was so overwhelmed by the "Hallelujah Chorus" that he rose from his seat and stood throughout the section. The audience, of course, followed the example of

their king, and so began a custom which survives to our day.

Despite the king's appreciation, however, London was not ready to accept Handel and the concert failed. It was not until Handel began directing annual benefit performances of "Messiah" at the London Foundling Hospital in the 1750's that his adopted countrymen came to recognize it as a masterpiece, and once again gave him their acclaim.

## Accent on Health

J.E. PEAVY, M.D.  
Commissioner of Health

The very things which delight the hearts of children and make parental eyes glow—the lights and candles and artificial snow—are most often the agents of Christmas tragedies.

But most tragedy is avoidable. Follow these simple rules this year as you plan your Christmas decorations, and the occasion can be as festive and warm as any you have ever experienced.

Use only flameproof crepe paper for streamers. If the package doesn't say "flameproof," don't buy it. The same injunction applies to other decorations, including the cotton bunting under the tree. Don't use it unless it has been treated with a nonflammable solution by the manufacturer or unless you yourself have treated it under directions supplied by the fire department.

If you think Christmas will not be complete without candles glowing in the windows, use them with extreme care. But never use them on the tree itself. Take special pains to keep them away from curtains, and put them in a sturdy candle holder to guard against their tipping over.

Make certain you use only decoration lighting which carries the tag of Underwriters Laboratory approval.

Even after buying only UL products, pull the power cord from the wall outlet when the lights are turned off. This is important because insulation failures and overheated circuits could develop while you are absent from home.

Saw your Christmas tree off at an angle at least one inch above the original cut and keep it standing in a pan of water throughout the holiday period. The tree will thus absorb a great deal of water, especially during the first few days, and thereby be less vulnerable to fire. Be sure to add to the water from time to time so the entire stem cut will always be submerged.

As an added precaution, take the tree down as soon as practical after the holidays. If you have had a real tree, dispose of it in the manner and place prescribed by your community. In most Texas towns, the junior chamber of commerce or a similar organization routinely supervises the burning of discarded trees. Check to see if this service is handled by an organization in your town.

Keep these few simple suggestions in mind this year as you prepare for the holidays. They require no extra time or inconvenience, but they will pay you big returns in that they will add to your chances of being around to celebrate Christmas, 1964.



May the Spirit of Christmas abide with you throughout the Coming Year

## Hudspeth Memorial Hospital



We're taking this opportunity to extend our best Christmas wishes to all of you.

## Ross Gulf Station



## Christmas Blessings

At this Holy Season, let us remember Him Whom we seek, and may His spirit be with you in all the days of the year to come.

Tommy, Guggle, Tim and Steve Thorp

**Christmas Blessings**

**FOR HIS BIRTHDAY**

As we once again celebrate that Birthday of birthdays, may the blessings He came to bring be reborn in every single heart!

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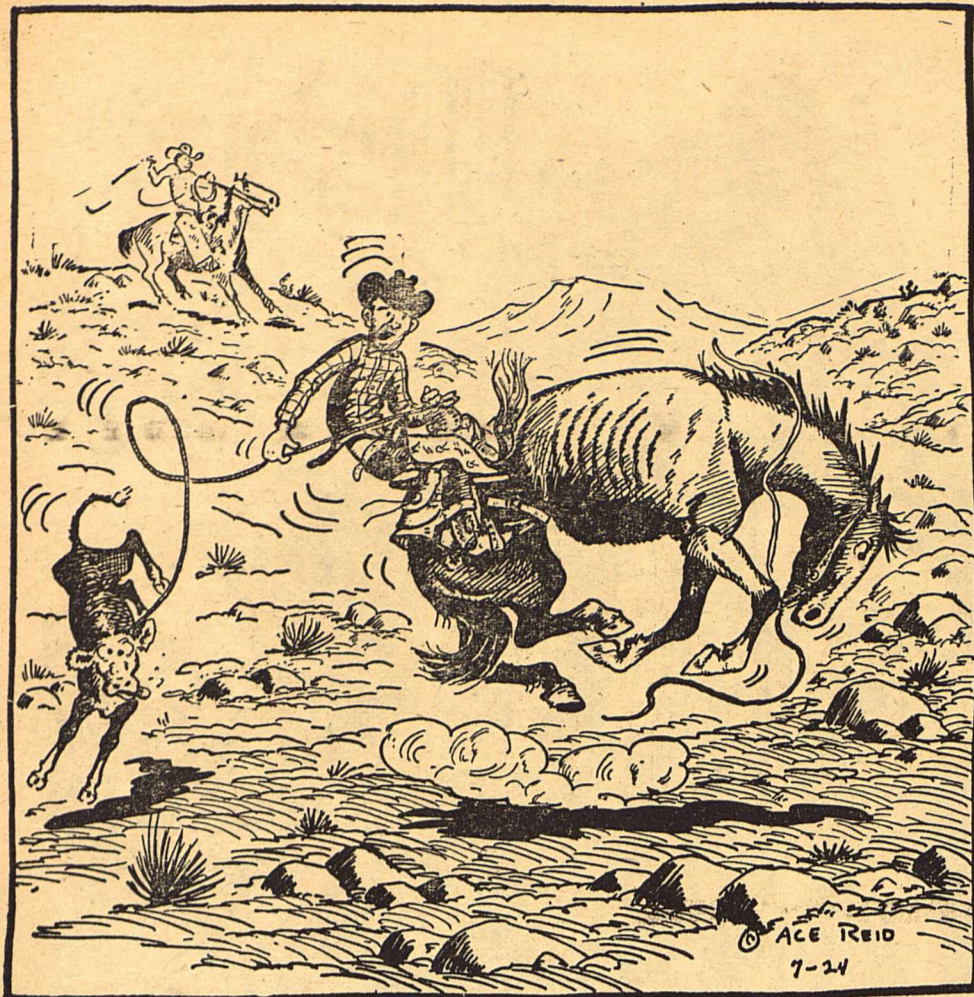


HOPE YOU HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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By Ace Reid



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**Notice**  
The Devil's River News strongly advises that readers thoroughly investigate offers requiring cash investments or educational courses paid for by the job applicant. tfn

**Personal**

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the food, flowers and kind expressions of sympathy shown to us by friends and neighbors.  
The family of O.E. Merriman.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We sincerely appreciate the kindness shown to us by the people of Sonora. We thank each one for the prayers, flowers, cards, and thoughtful acts. May God bless you.  
The family of E.R. Olinick.

**For Sale**

For Sale—new \$211.40 Smith Corona Powerwriter for \$190.40. (Sorry, No Trade-In). This is the completely portable electric typewriter (with carry case) with a rechargeable battery at \$21.00 off list price. It's new and has a five-year guarantee. Perfect Christmas present for the college student or this year's graduate. The Devil's River News, Phone 2-1241. tfn 11.

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**Personals**

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Stokes went to Austin last week where they joined their daughter Nanette, a senior at the University of Texas. The three then traveled to Fairhaven, New Jersey, to spend the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Thompson, Steven and Scott. Mrs. Thompson is Mr. and Mrs. Stokes' daughter.

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Plans and specifications may be obtained at the office of Lovett and Sellars, Architects, 108 S. Jefferson, San Angelo, Texas. A deposit of \$25.00, which may be in the form of a check made payable to the Architect, will be refunded when the plans and specifications are returned within 10 days after the opening of bids.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all formalities.

For other information, call 2-1221. 2 to 14.

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*'Tis the night before Christmas and all through the casa*

*Not a creature is stirring. Caramba! Que pasa? The stockings are hanging con mucho cuidado*

*In the hopes that Saint Nicholas will feel obligado*

*To leave a few cosas aqui and alli*

*For chico y chic (y something me).*

*Los ninos are snuggled all safe in their camas*

*(Some in vestidos and some in pajamas),*

*Their little cabezas all full of good things*

*They're esperando que Santa will bring.*

*Santa esta in the corner saloon,*

*Muy borracho since midafternoon.*

*Mama is sitting beside la ventana*

*Shining her rolling-pin para manana*

*When Santa returns to his home zigzagueando,*

*Lit up like the Star Spangled Banner, cantando,*

*And Mama will send him to bed con a right*

*Merry Christmas a todos, y a todos good night.*

Author Unknown

Merry Christmas to all

**The Devil's River News**

John — Della — Roy — Santana — Mary



The Devil's River News

Evenly-Fourth Year, Fifteenth Week

Devil's River News-Sonora, Texas, Thursday, December 26, 1963

Dear Santa

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a vacuum for an and a Dack sack car and half track.  
Your friend  
DeWayne.  
Street number 1047.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963

Dear Santa,  
I have been good.  
I won't a Midge doll, Mr. Ed the talking horse and a Dummy. His name is Danny o Day.  
I won't Penny the Poodle and a Barbie Case that will keep Barbie Ken and Midge in it, and also a cotton candy maker for me. Have a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Susan Scott.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963

Dear Santa,  
Have I been good?  
I want a football and a football suit. That is all.  
Your friend,  
Kevin.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963

Dear Santa,  
I waa't a Barbie doll.  
Have I been good?  
I hope you have a nice time.  
My brother wants a football.  
My mother want's a camera.  
My Daddy want's a gun.  
My baby want's a very little doll.  
I wish you a Merry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Love,  
Tina.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some Boots, cannon, vacuum farm, Bop the Beetle, Jungle Hunt, B.B. gun, rebel set. Bear Hunt, Jack in the Box, Big bruiser.  
Have I been a good boy?  
I love you.  
Your friend,  
Jack.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963

Dear Santa,  
Have I been good?  
I want a Kodak camere.  
Love,  
Troy Lee Gilmore.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963

Dear Santa,  
Have I been good?  
I like Tiny Thumblina, I hope you can get her. I like a bike and please try to get it. And I want a penny poodle, and some cake mixes. And I want Barbie's clothes.  
Love,  
Ruth.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963

Dear Santa,  
I have been good.  
I wanta Barbie doll.  
I want a Ken doll.  
I want a broom.  
I wish for a carnera.  
I wish for a radio.  
I wish for a dishes.  
Love  
Debbie Wall.  
Box Number 215.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas to you.  
I want a bike.  
I want a Midge doll.  
I have been good.  
Dear Santa I wish you a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Darla Sue Moore.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963

Dear Santa,  
I have been good.  
I hope you will bring me an electric race car set and an electric football game, transiter radio and a real camera and real films and a real tape recorder.  
Your friend  
Doug.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963

Dear Santa,  
Have I been good?  
I want an electric football game.  
I want a pickup and a boat and trailer.  
I want a Fort Apache set.  
I wish you a Merry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Terry.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963

Dear Santa,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas.  
I want a bop the bear for Christmas, and a Casper that talks, and a Benny that talks.  
Your friend,  
David Warren Wallace.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963

Dear Santa,  
Bring me a bike and a BB gun, please. Merry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
James.  
My little brother wants a BB gun and bike.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a playhouse.  
I wish for a radio too.  
I wish for a camara too.  
I have been good.  
I wish a Midge.  
I wish for a broom.  
I wish for a mop too.  
I wish for a cotton candy maker.  
I wish for a coke maker too.  
I wish for a kool ade maker too.  
Love,  
Roy Lesa Cooper.

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Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963

Dear Santa,  
I want Barbies queen of the prom dress. I want Ken and his football suit. And soms dresses for Barbie, and Barbies baby. I want a real camera.  
I want a coke machine and an ice cream machine.  
And I hope you have a merry merry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Michelle.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963

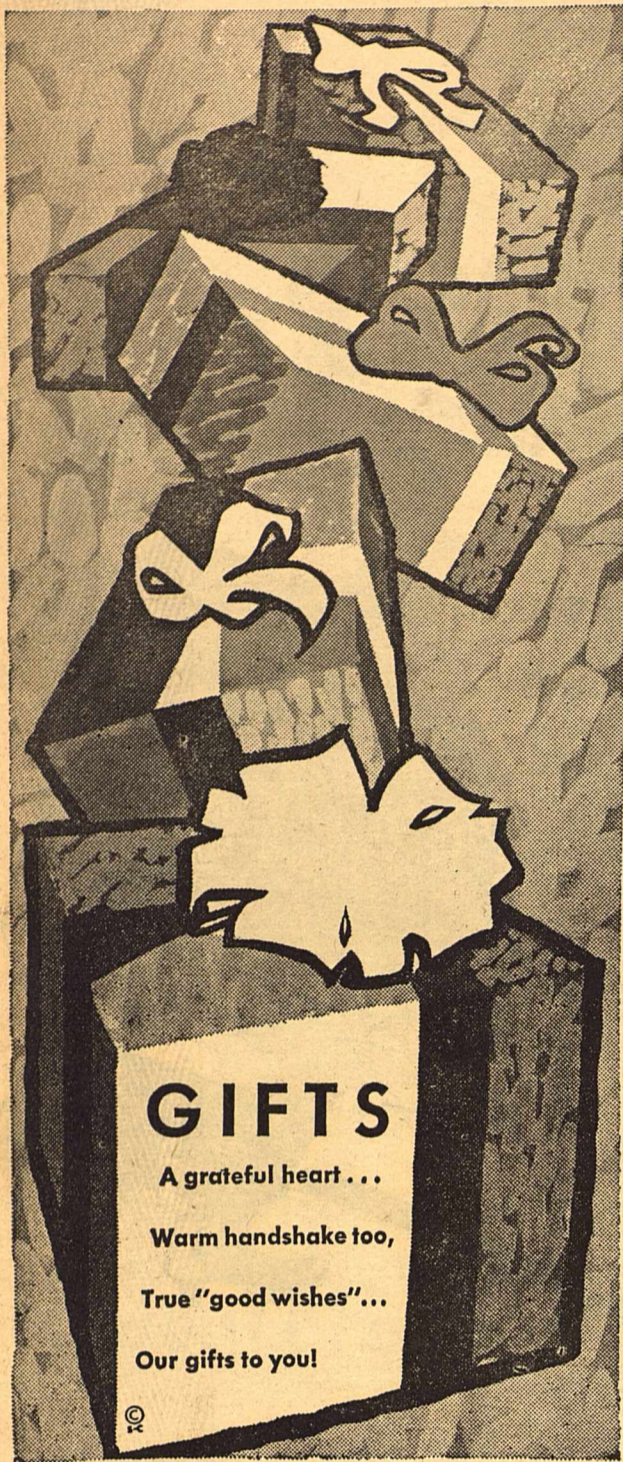
Dear Santa,  
Please bring Cades a Jack in the box.  
Please bring Janet a camera.  
Please bring Mr. Ed that talks for me.  
Please bring Cecil that talks for Janet.  
Please bring Cades a cap.  
Have a Happy, Merry Christmas eve.  
Your friend,  
Cora.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I want a football suit and a pair of skates and a football and football shoes.  
My telephone number is 25291.  
Your friend,  
Love, Mark.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963

Dear Santa,  
I like you.  
I wish you to bring me a pop bear. And seal too.  
I wish for a transiter radio.  
I wish for a be be gun and a tape recorder.  
Your friend,  
Bill.  
Marsha wishes for Barbie and Ken. With all the clothes.  
Marsha has been good.



Jack Raye's Live Oak "66"



Bill Smith Service Station  
Mobil Products



OUR SINCEREST WISH TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

City Of Sonora  
Municipal Power and Light



Christmas Blessings

MAY THIS HOLY SEASON BRING TO YOU ALL BLESSINGS OF TRUE HAPPINESS.

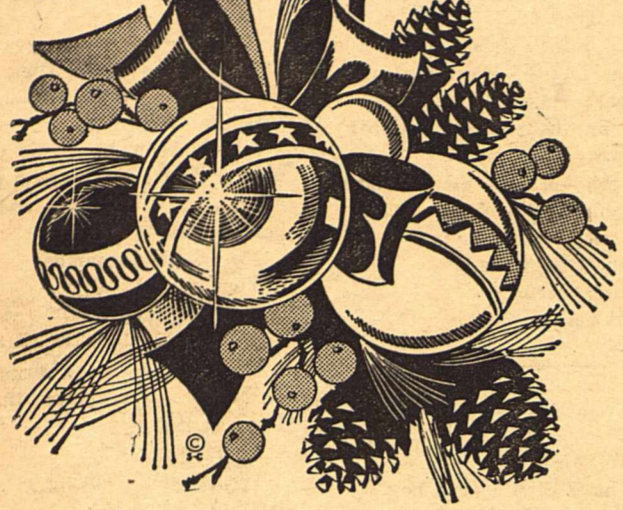
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Awalt



We join with Santa in wishing to our many wonderful friends a day filled with all the gladness of this Happy Holiday!

Web Elliott Agency  
Successor to Elliott Brothers

# Season's Greetings



Wm Cameron & Co.

## Dear Santa

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like you to bring me a Barbie doll and Ken doll. But look here, Santa Claus I do not want paper dolls. I want dolls. You want to know why I am telling you that I would like you to bring me Barbie and Ken? You know that I love Barbie and Ken but I don't have Barbie and Ken and I have Barbie and Ken in my head and I can not get them out.

Your friend,  
Mary Lillian Rocha.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me Ken and Barbie dolls. Please bring me a little radio and a night gown too. My sister wants a record player and Ken and Barbie dolls.

Your friend  
Isabel Becerra

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a b.b. gun or an air gun or a double holster bonanza. Please bring them, Santa Claus.

Your friend,  
Joe Gutierrez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a air gun for Christmas and for my brother an air gun.

I want a watch for Christmas, too.  
I have been a good boy for my mother, and for my father I grow up.  
Your friend  
Freddie Chavarria

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School

Dear Santa Claus,  
This is what I want.  
I want a double holster Bonaza or a racing car that can run by itself. Please bring them.

Your friend  
Eloy Carranza.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle and machine gun. My sisters want two walking dolls. My brother wants a b b gun. Thank you.

Your friend  
Ruben S.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want you to bring me a Tammy doll and all of her little clothes. For my little brother I want you to bring him a football suit and a b. b. gun.

Your friend  
Irene Dominguez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want you to bring me a football and some candy. Please bring me many things. I want you to bring me a bicycle and a machine gun. You are a very good Santa Claus, and you are the best Santa Claus I have every seen. And for my sister I want you to bring her anything you want to bring to her and I want you to bring me a b. b. gun.

Your friend  
Jesus Saliz.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a machine gun and a belt with a canteen on it. I want two grenades. And please bring us some nuts and candy. I want a helmet. And bring our baby a Pebbles Flintstone doll.

Your friend  
Jimmy Galindo.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the candy that you gave us. Santa Claus I guess you love all the children in Sonora. I guess you come from another town. Can you come again and this time bring a Barbie doll and Ken.

Your friend  
Mary Linda Lumbreras.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School

Dear Santa Claus,  
Would you please bring me a doll that laughs and cries and that will open her eyes? I want a big bicycle for me and my sisters. I want a walking doll, and we want some bags of candies.

Your friend,  
Graciela Vasquez



## Westerman Drug

Cecil Westerman would like to be your Pharmacist  
SONORA, TEXAS

Today, business leaders of the Nation know more about the WTU service area than they did a year ago. That is because we have promoted the business and industrial advantages extensively throughout the year. Our promotional efforts have reached attentive eyes and ears, too. So much so that we are encouraged to continue the area development program in 1964 with added enthusiasm. So much so that this is, in reality, a Merry Christmas for our service area — the region that faces GROWTH UNLIMITED. It is in this spirit that all the West Texas Utilities folks send you greetings for a —

## Merry Christmas

West Texas Utilities Company  
an investor owned company



## ...and Best Wishes

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS  
And along with our fondest wishes that every wish will come true for you, we also extend our sincere "thank you" for your loyalty during this year.

Sonora Motor Company

Joe, Bill, Dick, Rayford, Willie, W.K.



## Neville's Department Store

Jo and J. Neville



Christmas blessings

The Ruth Shurley Jewelry  
Clarence Helen Ruth

## Dear Santa

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Would you bring me a game because it is fun to play with it. Bring my little sister a walking doll and bring my big brother a bicycle. My other

December 6, 1963  
brother wants a watch for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Ramiro Mancias.  
December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,

Please Bring me a Barbee and Ken doll, and a bicycle. Please bring me a walking doll and bring my sister a talking doll and a little bicycle too. Bring me a tether ball and a record player. My cousins want a football. My mother wants a robe for the mornings when she wakes up. I want a watch for Christmas and for my big sister another watch.  
Thank you.  
Your friend,  
Lilia Castro.

L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I write you this letter, and would you bring me and my sister a Barbee doll and Ken. For my two brothers, my big brother wants a football and my little brother wants two guns I hope you bring them.  
My mother and father want some fruit.  
Your friend  
Bertha Hernandez.

Please bring a b.b. gun and a bicycle and a football I wish for a machine gun, and double holster and a holster my brother.  
Your friend,  
Henry Perez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I hope you will understand this letter. I wish you could bring a kissing doll. My brother wishes you could bring him a gun. Santa look what I am going to put here. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.  
With love,  
Odilia Samaniego.

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Holiday Host Restaurant

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a b. b. gun and bring my bother a play rifle gun and bring my sister a Barbee doll and Ken. And my other two brothers bring a football game because they like to play.  
Your friend  
Alberto Avila

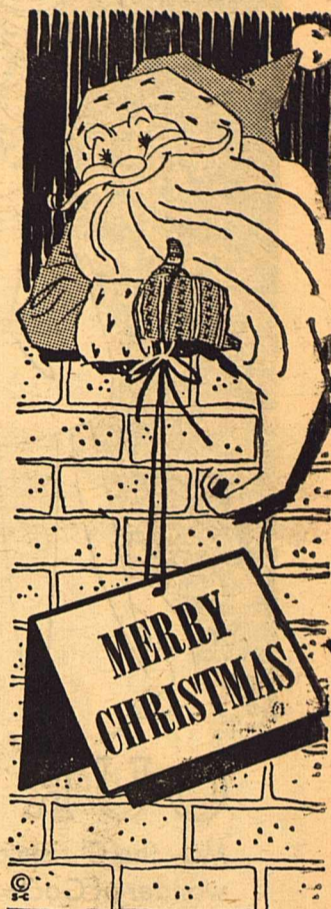
December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl. I want a Barbee doll and Ken. I want a coke machine. My brother wants a B. B. gun. I want a bicycle and a Tether ball I want a walking doll. And my brother want a machine gun. And my big sister want a ring. I want a jumping gym. Thank you.  
Your friend,  
Claudia Flores.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Well you bring me a b.b. gun and a bicycle and a walking doll for my sister. A football for my brother. Would you bring my baby sister some oranges. Please bring me a railroad train.  
Your friend,  
Joe Gomez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
My brother wants a football. Please bring me a talking doll, and my mother a night gown, and for my father some pajamas and for my grandma, night gown. And some Oranges and some apples. Thank you.  
Your friend,  
Elvia Samaniego.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a double holster Bonaza. Please bring them Santa Claus.  
Your friend  
Luis Gomes.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,



Jack's  
Sinclair Service  
at the Bridge

Enjoy A Party-Perfect NEW YEARS EVE

Firemen's New Year's Eve

# DANCE

December 31, 1963  
9 'Til 1

Music by the  
**Loyd Mitchell Band**

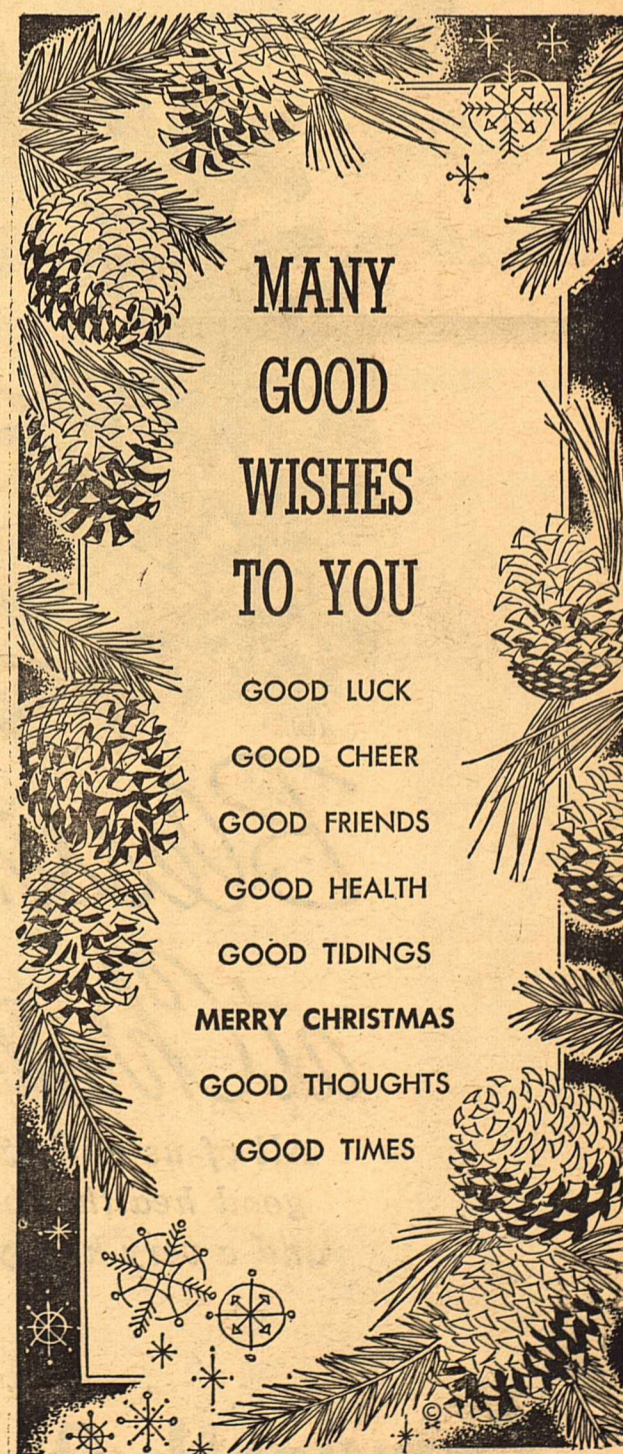
Gents \$3.00

Ladies Free

at

**Sonora Wool & Mohair Co.**

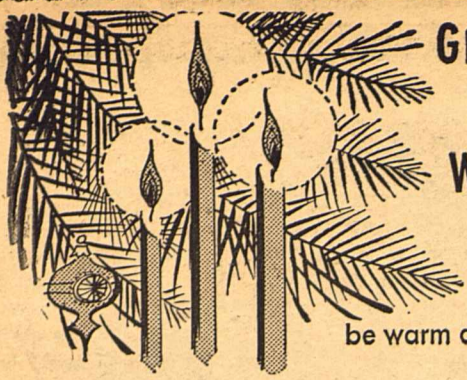
Sonora, Texas



MANY  
GOOD  
WISHES  
TO YOU

GOOD LUCK  
GOOD CHEER  
GOOD FRIENDS  
GOOD HEALTH  
GOOD TIDINGS  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
GOOD THOUGHTS  
GOOD TIMES

Home Hardware And Furniture Co.



**Glowing  
GOOD  
WISHES**

May your  
holiday  
be warm and bright!

**Martin Plumbing**



**OUR WISH**

May the Christmas story, filled with the wonder of God's overwhelming love for us, unfold more and more in your own lives to bring you great joy!

**Gulf Restaurant**

Odis, Gladys, Mike and Ronnie Watson

**STAR OF CHRISTMAS RAISED AT METHODIST HOME**



Boys of the Methodist Home in Waco, Texas, place a huge 70 pound Star of Christmas on the steeple of the Harrell Memorial Chapel. The Star was made by the children in their vocational training shop. The light of the star will summon the children to special worship services on Christmas Eve. Four hundred fifty children live in cottages providing a home-like atmosphere. Christian teachings are emphasized at the Home in its program of providing hope for the future for boys and girls separated from their families by death, poverty, or other misfortunes. Since the Methodist Home was founded over 73 years ago over 8,600 children have come under its care. The Home is supported by Methodists in Texas and New Mexico.

**Letters To Santa**

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a walking doll, some dishes, a sweater, a color book, and a telephone for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Consuelo Gamez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a baton.  
I would like a Tammy doll.  
Viola Virgen.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I would like to have a bee-bee gun, a telephone, a policeman's S4, 4, an army tank, a coat for school, and some dishes for mother.  
Your friend,  
Victor Castilla.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas please bring me a football suit a truck a radio, a little horse, a machine, and ice cream.  
Your friend,  
Albert Favila.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want for Christmas a baseball, a football, a truck, a train, a bee-bee gun, and a jacket.  
Your friend,  
Aniceto Gutierrez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want a walking doll, dishes, a horse, candy, oranges, a telephone, and a dress. Please bring something to my brother.  
Your friend  
Juanita Castillijo.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have for Christmas a little doll, dishes, a little bed, a sweater, a coke machine, and ice cream.  
Your friend  
Margarita Salcedo.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
For this Christmas I would like to have a color book, a machine gun, a rope, and some ice cream.  
Your friend,  
Edward Flores.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Would you please bring me a walking doll, some dishes a coke machine, and oranges. Also please bring a coat to my brother.  
Your friend,  
Guillermo Romero.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me for Christmas a basketball, a tiger a color book a tractor, an Indian suit, a coke machine, and a Jack-In-The-Box.  
Your friend,  
Rancie Chavez.

**Dear  
Santa  
Claus**

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me some dishes for my mother for Christmas. I want a football suit, a big hot rod, a rifle, and a tank.  
Your friend,  
Elias Gomez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want you to bring two dolls two dresses dishes a sweater ice cream, oranges, a coat, a coke machine, a color book, a telephone, and a jump rope.  
Your friend,  
Rosa Perez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want you to bring me some soldiers, a bee-bee gun a helicopter, a cowboy Indian, a machine gun, a rifle, and a tank.  
Your friend,  
Sergio Guitierrez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want a basketball, a bee-bee gun, a bike, and a football.  
Your friend,  
Joe Espinosa.

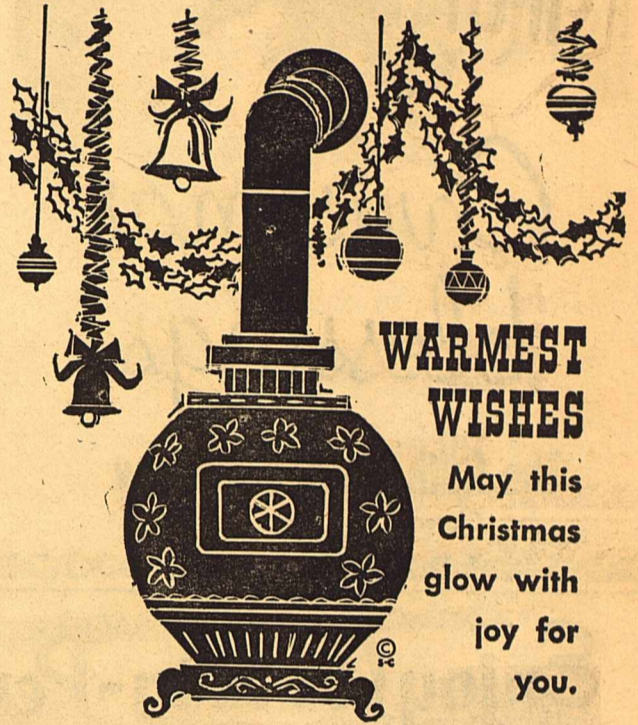
December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have a car and a color book for Christmas. Mother needs some dishes.  
Your friend,  
Carlos Cumpian

The Texas Safety Association reminds drivers to watch for traffic lights during the holiday season. Don't let festive store and street decorations distract you.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want you to bring me for Christmas a color book, a bee-bee gun, a little horse, a big car, a big tractor, a truck, and a bikewagon.  
Your friend,  
Frank Rodriguez.



**Phillip Cooper and Harold Garrett**



**WARMEST  
WISHES**

May this  
Christmas  
glow with  
joy for  
you.

**French's Big Tree Restaurant**

**Thank You**

We of the Junction Stockyards appreciate the friendship and the business of the ranchmen who have consigned their livestock to us this year to make it a record year for us.

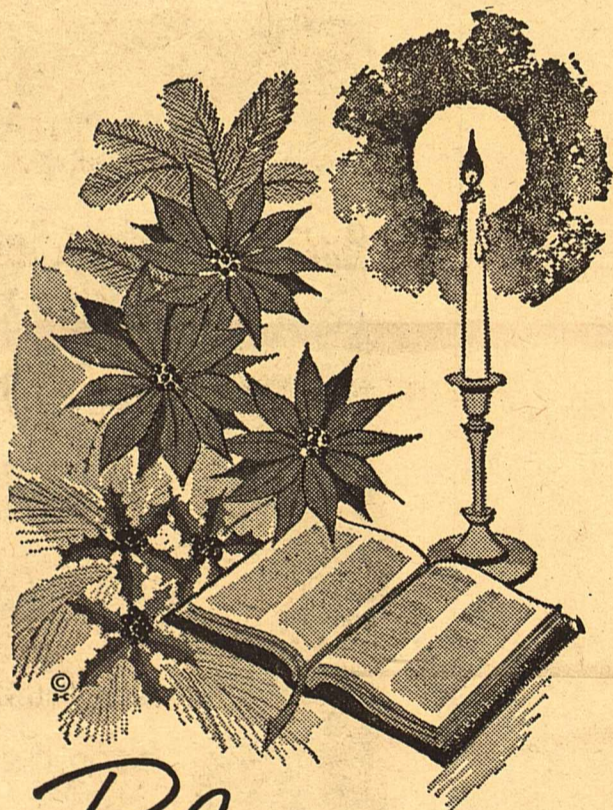
We also would like to express the sincerest appreciation for the friendship and confidence of the scores of buyers without whom we cannot succeed.

At this Christmas Season we again say THANK YOU and BEST WISHES for the Christmas Season and all the seasons to come.

**Junction Stockyards**

JUNCTION, TEXAS  
Charlie, Gertrude and Jane Schwartz

"We Appreciate Your Business And Value Your Friendship"



**Blessings  
at Christmas**

All of us wish all of you  
good health, good cheer  
and a very happy holiday.

**Foxworth-Galbraith**

Lumber Company

# Dear Santa



Old Saint Nicholas will soon be with us all again and he brings you our very sincerest wishes for a Happy Holiday!

**Sonora Food Locker**

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a walking doll.  
Please bring me a bicycle.  
Rosa Linda Jiminez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like some boots and a B.B. gun  
Nicho Gamez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a BB gun and a bicycle.  
Carlos Arrendona.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a car and a bicycle.  
Please bring me a truck.  
Pedro Hernandez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I wanted a bicycle. Please bring me The Barbie and Ken dolls.  
Rosita Hernandez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a radio.  
Enrique Mata.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a bicycle.  
Albert Pena.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle.  
I want a truck.  
I want a gun.  
I want some clay  
I want a BB gun.  
Santiago Sanchez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a baby doll that can walk.  
Brenda Flores

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have a doll and a box of dishes and a play house.  
Yolanda Arredondo.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll.  
Anna Maria Gonzales.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a Walking doll.  
Beatrice Gandar.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a bicycle. Please bring me the Barbie and Ken dolls and some clothes for them.  
Sandra Trevino.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want Santa to bring me a doll, some dishes, a sweater, a dress, a blouse, some toys, a color book, and a jump rope.  
Your friend,  
Juanita Samaniego.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a walking doll.  
Please bring me the Barbie doll.  
Blanca Lumdreras.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a bicycle. Please bring me a baby doll that can talk.  
Mary Gamez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a play house.  
I want a bicycle.  
I want a Walking doll.  
Sally Gonzales.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want a hot rod car and a football.  
Your friend,  
Fernando Gamez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a walking doll and some candy. Mother needs some dishes. We love you so much.  
Your friend,  
Juanita Garza.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Will you please bring me a tiger, a machine gun, an army tank, a machine gun and a helicopter and some candy. My box number is 159. I like your very much because you have brought me any nice things.  
Your friend,  
Carlos Martinez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Would you please bring me for Christmas a walking doll, a dress, a sweater, color book, apples, oranges, and dishes.  
Your friend,  
Diana Arredonda.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bee-bee gun, a football suit, and a machine gun for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Gabriel Espinosa.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas please bring me a walking doll and some dishes. That is all I want. My box number is 513.  
Your friend,  
Isabel Guerra.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring some dishes for my mother. Some fruit for the family, and some toys for me. I will see you in San Angelo.  
Your friend  
Eddy Noriega.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want some soldiers and a tank. I will see you in San Angelo.  
Your friend,  
Freddie Virgen.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me for Christmas some toys, some dishes, two sweaters, a wagon, a walking doll. I want a dog, a telephone, and a jump rope.  
Your Friend,  
Gloria Ramos.



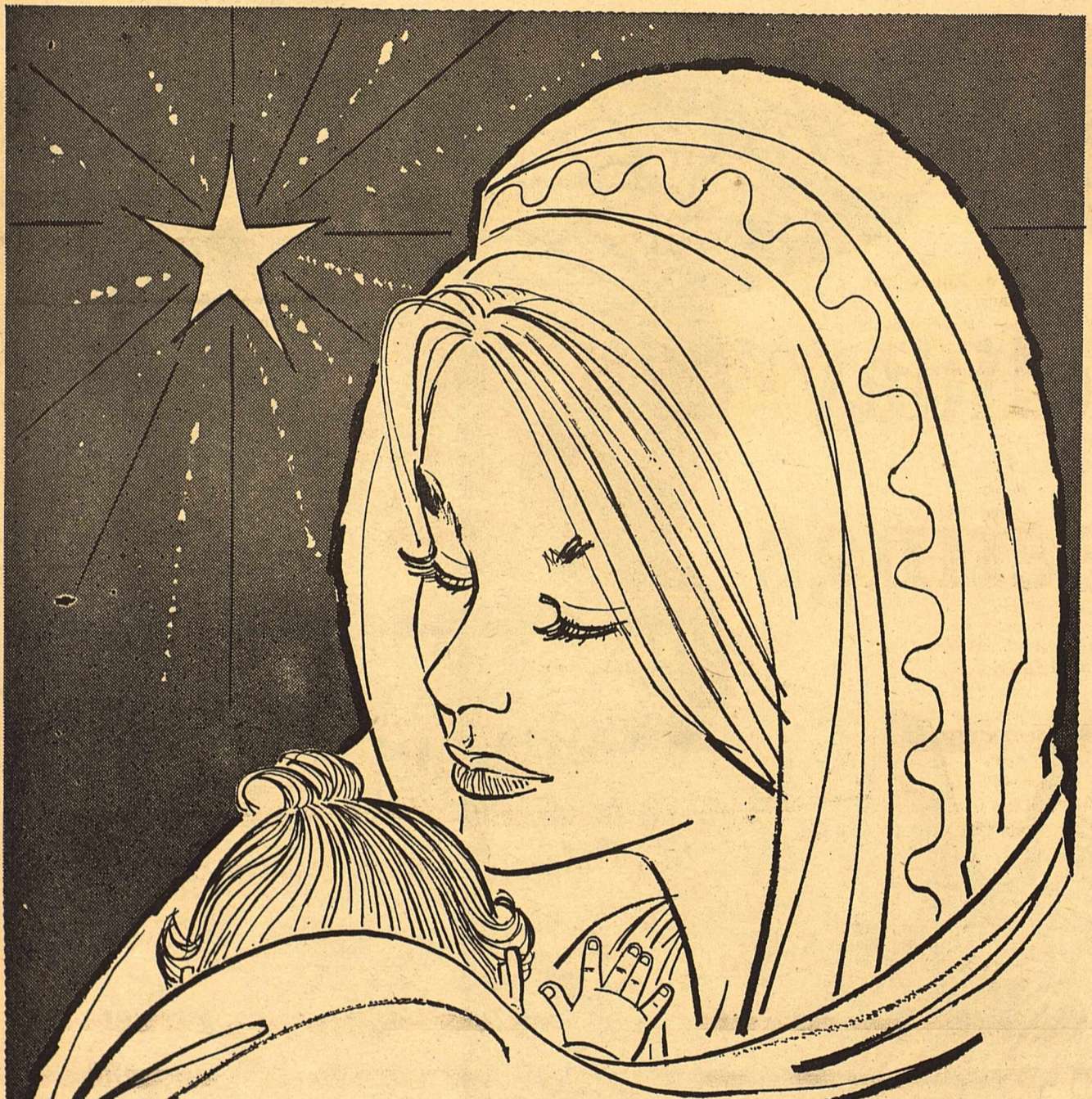
## Christmas Greetings

**The Lester Rayons**  
Walter's Radio and TV



A HEARTY THANKS FOR YOUR WARM PATRONAGE

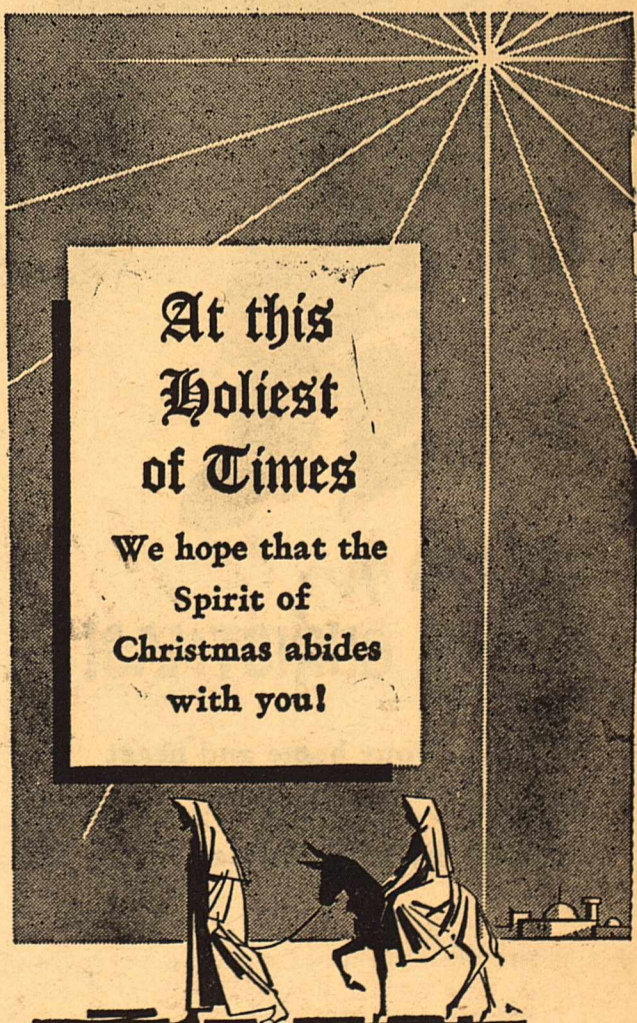
**Barrow Jewelry & Sporting Goods**  
Sonora, Texas



*Come All Ye Faithful,  
Come Let Us Adore Him*

*Behold the Madonna and the Child, symbolizing to all the world the Sacredness of this Season, recalling to each of us His many blessings. As the Christmas story once again unfolds its Holy message, let us join together in a fervent prayer that the world will always live in Peace and Good Will.*

**Evans Foodway**



**At this Holiest of Times**

**We hope that the Spirit of Christmas abides with you!**

MAY HAPPINESS BE YOURS

**Mr. and Mrs. John Fields and John David**



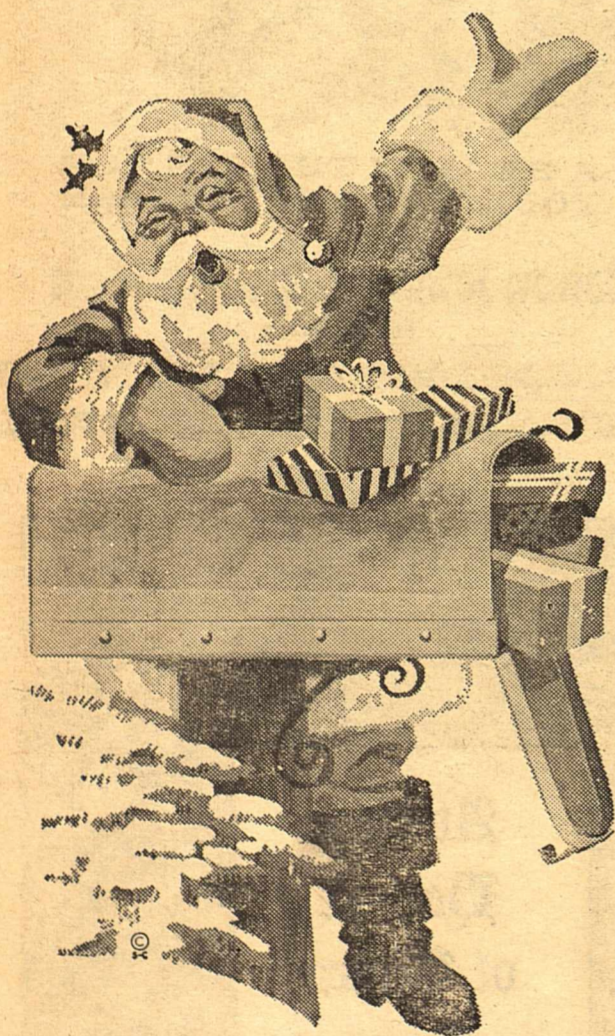
Thanks to all of you, our many loyal friends and customers, for your wonderful patronage,

**Sonora Electric Co.**



Christmas warmth and Christmas cheer,  
We extend to you this time of year.

**The Ratliff Store**



**HI, AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

We hope your home and heart will be filled with laughter, joy and good will this glad Holiday season.

**Western Motel**

## Letters To Santa

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Santa, I would like to have a talking doll please. I like you very much. My mother will like to have a set of dishes. My daddy will like to have some boots. My little brother would like to have a big truck for Christmas.  
With love,  
Josephine Gutierrez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I wish you will bring me two tires for my bicycle. I want a watch, too. Santa Claus you are very good because you bring us many toys we want. I will be very happy if you will bring me the things I want. If you will not bring the things I want I will be very sad. Please bring me the things I want.  
Your friend,  
Robert Samaniego.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like you to bring me a red scooter. I would appreciate if you'd bring Nana a dusting cleaner. I would like a talking doll too. My mother wants a dish washer for Christmas. My father would like a suit. My grandmother would like some cloth.  
Your friend,  
Brend Perez.

December 6, 1963

L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Santa, I want a Wrist watch. My mother wants a set of dishes. My father would like to have a black tie. I have been a good girl. Please remember my mother and father.  
With love,  
Emily Brown.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want some tubes for my bicycle tires and a Barbie doll with the boy Kin.  
With love,  
Rosemary Perez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have a Tammy

for Christmas. Would you please bring it to me? I like Tammy because she is so beautiful and she has clothes to wear. I think that's all I want for Christmas. I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.  
Your friend,  
Anavelia G.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like you to bring me a red scooter. I like you because you bring me things. I want a doll that walks and talks. My mother would like some beads and a dress. My daddy would like some pants and a pair of shoes.  
With love,  
Leticia Reyna.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I wish you could bring me a

puzzle and a watch and a coloring book and a box that have eight watercolors and eight picture. I wish you could bring a little toy for my baby brother.  
Your friend,  
Sylvia Samaniego.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me the truck I want a dirt truck. My sister

wants a kissing doll. My brother wants a football. I like a bicycle.  
With love,  
Eumberto Villarreal.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a new bicycle and a gun. My sister wants a new dress. I have been very nice all this year.  
Your friend,  
Charley Lopez.



**Frosty Fred**

**GIFT OF GIFTS**

Mary gives to us her Son... May He bless you, every one!



**Labenske Style Shop**



These happy holidays come but once a year...and in the midst of all their flurry, scurry, fun and frolic, all of us here want to pause and wish each and every one of you a world of good cheer, along with our sincere hope that it will last throughout the coming year! A very Merry Christmas!

**Stockmen's Feed Company**

Bryan Hunt Jack Neill  
Jimmy Harris, Manager

# Dear Santa

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I like you to bring me a bicycle and a little truck to play with. My brother wants a toy to play with him and I like to see one little deer. We wanted to have a Christmas tree.  
I love you because you bring many things.  
My name is Ubaldo Luna I am in third grade.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a doll that shuts her eyes because I like them. You are a good man with us. I hope my sisters can tell you what they want.  
With love,  
Irene Vasquez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a barbee and a walking doll. I'll appreciate it you'll bring a Vacuum cleaner. Bring my brother a coat for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Virginia Garcia.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a pooltable. My mother wants a hair dryer. My daddy wants some tools. My brother wants a Chemistry set. I hope you can bring it because they are too heavy to par.  
With love,  
Johnny Gonzales.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I like you because you bring us some things for Christmas. I want a bicycle and my little brother said that he wants a little truck. I think my mother wants some clothes.  
Your friend,  
Sylvia Gamez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,

I want a kissing doll and a bicycle. My sister wants a Jewelry box. My little sister wants a Tammy doll. My father wants a suit.  
With love,  
Clara Velardez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll name Tammy. I want a Barbee Ken kissing doll. That is all I want for Christmas. My sister wants Barbee and Kin and a kissing doll and that is all she wants for Christmas. My brother wants a truck and scooter and bicycle and that is all for Christmas.  
With love,  
Dolly Leyva.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a football and both of sisters want talking dolls. My little brother wants a scooter and a truck with two horns and I want a b.b. gun with two packs of b.b.'s  
Your friend,  
Raul Gonzales.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like you to bring me a bicycle. I've never ride in a bicycle and I want the biggest doll. I want a set of dishes please.  
Your friend,  
Leonor Cerda.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want Boots and a bicycle and a B.B. gun.  
Bobby Ramon.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Radio.  
I want some clay.  
I want a bicycle.  
I want a gun.  
Carlos Domiguez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a BB gun.  
I want a bicycle.  
Berto Bernal.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle.  
I want a gun.  
I want some animals.  
Carlos Gallegos

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a walking doll.  
I would like a bicycle. Please bring me the Barbie and Ken dolls.  
A baby dolls that can talk.  
Lamar Gonzales.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a gun and a bicycle and a BB gun please.  
Joel Carranza.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,

I would like B.B. gun and boots.  
Alex Gonzales.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want some boots and a BB gun. Please bring me a bicycle.  
Joe Louis Perez.

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,

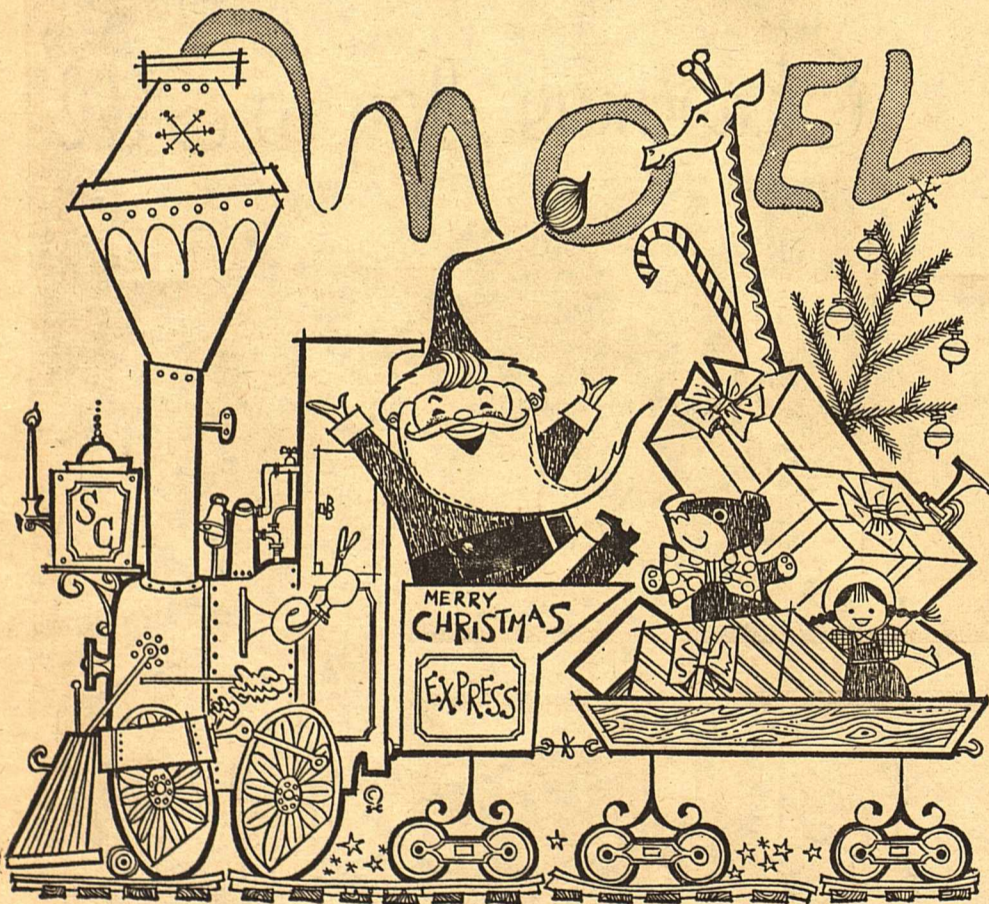
I want a talking doll and a play home. Please bring me a walking doll, a box of clay, and Barbie and Ken. I would like some dishes.  
Juanita Duran.



## Wishes To Our Friends

May all the joys He came to bring  
Within your hearts forever ring!

J & S Motors



### Steaming Right Your Way To Wish Holiday Happiness

Santa's steaming down the track...  
Loads of gifts tucked in his pack  
And just carloads of Best Wishes meant for you.  
To our many, many friends,  
Each one here also sends  
Warmest greetings and a Merry Christmas, too!

**Sonora TV Service**



**Sonora Men's Store**  
Faye and John McClelland



Greetings and Best Wishes  
for the Holidays

**Modern Way Grocery**

Dick Black

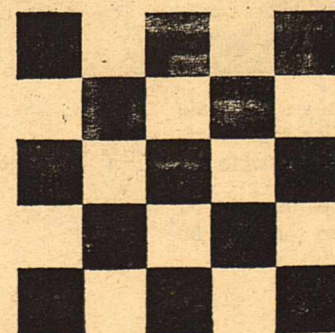


all of us

wish you a

Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year

Thank you for your friendship and patronage!



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**C. G. Morrison's**  
Variety Store



We pray that  
your Christmas will  
overflow with health,  
wealth and happiness.

**Greenhill Texaco Service Station**

## Dear Santa

December 6, 1963  
L. W. Elliott School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me for Christmas a train, soldiers, a cowboy suit, a gun, a tank, and some candy.  
Your friend,  
Zaragoza Beserra.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963  
Dear Santa,  
Have I been good? I want some clothes for Jane's dolls and my dolls, please I want a car for my dolls please. And I want some games please. And I want some clothes and shoes please.  
Love,  
Molly.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963  
Dear Santa,  
Am I a good girl?  
I want a glamor stole.  
I want a nurse suit.  
I want all three wigs for Barbie.  
I want a camera with 10 films.  
I want a vacuum form.  
Love,  
Melissa.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963  
Dear Santa,  
Have I been good? I wish you a Merry Christmas too. If I have been good will you get me a doll and some dishes and a Ken and a Barbie and cradle?  
My house number is 905.  
My Name is Nancy.  
I love Santa.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963  
Dear Santa,  
Have I been good?  
I like Christmas.  
Merry Christmas to you.  
I wish you a Merry Christmas.  
I want a camera.  
I want a set of dishes.  
I want a Barbie doll.  
I want her clothes too.  
I want her case.  
I have been a good girl.  
Your friend,  
Rebecca.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963  
Dear Santa,  
Bring me a top and a Thumbelina doll.  
I want a Barbie and Ken camera, too.  
I hope you have a Merry Christmas.  
Your friend  
Melinda.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a trissha doll, and a polaroid camera. And a little dog house, and a tape recorder.  
Merry Merry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Debra.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963  
Dear Santa,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.  
I want a Ken and I and some Barbie clothes. And I want some Ken clothes.  
Your friend,  
Patricia Ann Garmon.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963  
Dear Santa,  
Please stop at my house. Maybe I will have a glass of milk and a sandwich on the table. I just want three things and those things are a guitar and a buffalo hunters set and a bicycle. Please bring me those things.  
Love from your friend,  
Randy Hill.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963  
Dear Santa,  
Have I been good?  
I want the two racer cars that jump and change lanes, and a tape recorder.  
Love,  
Drew Scherz.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963  
Dear Santa,  
I have been good.  
I want a watch.  
I want a Barbie doll.  
I want a Ken Doll.  
I want a Midge.  
I wish for a radio.  
I wish for a camera, too.  
I wish for a coke maker.  
I wish for a cotton candy maker.  
I wish for a Koolad maker, too.  
I wish you a Merry Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Patricia Ann.

Sonora, Texas  
December 12, 1963  
Dear Santa,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas.  
I like Santa.  
I would like you to bring me a watch.  
I hope you have a Merry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Love,  
Ella Lu.



Hill's El Paso Station



OUR WISH TO YOU  
THIS CHRISTMASTIDE

May your hearth-fire be bright and your tree all a-light,  
And your home filled with sounds of good cheer;  
Friends and kin there to feast, and the last (but not least)  
May your heart receive all it holds dear!

## Commercial Cafe

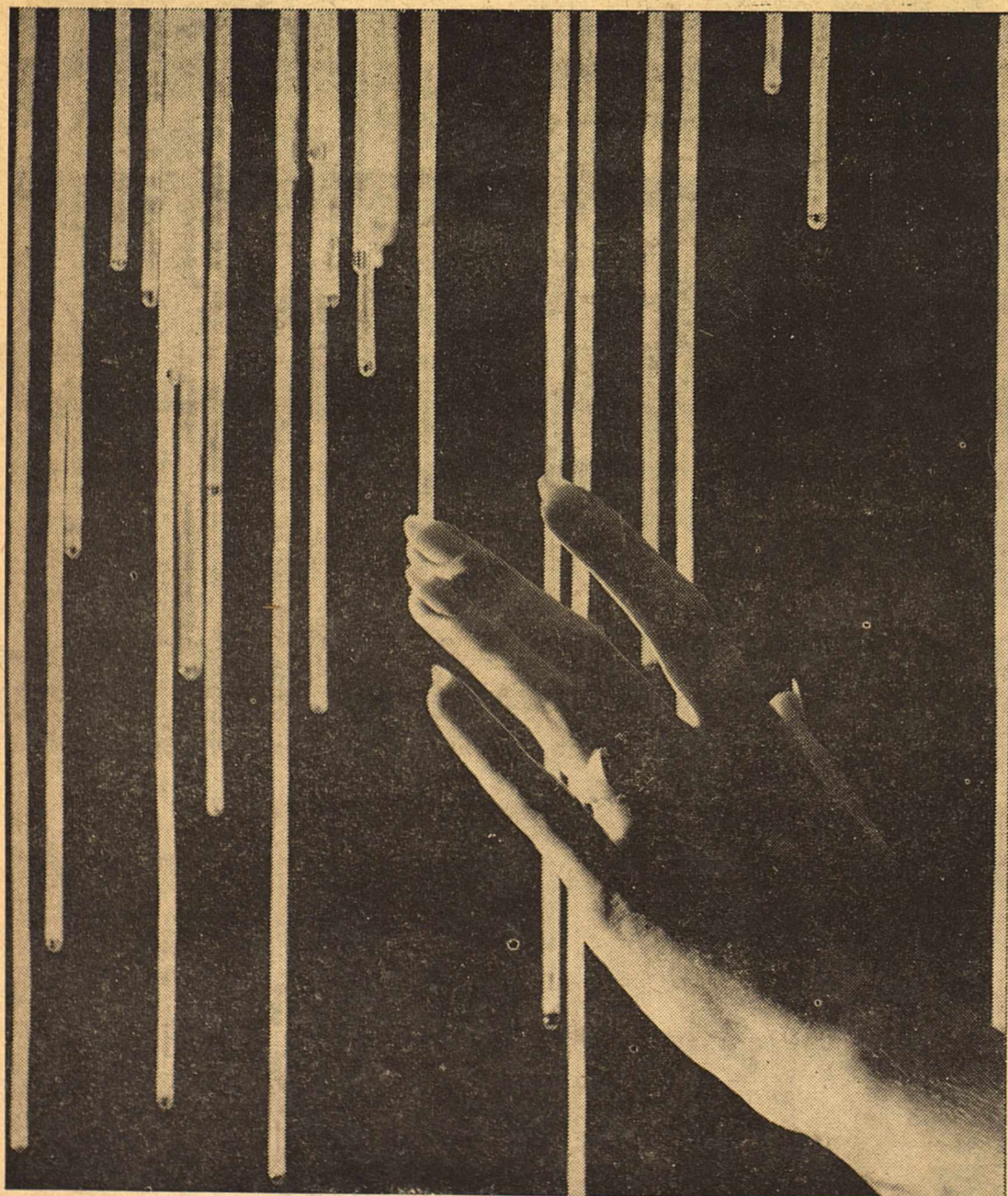
Mr. and Mrs. Santos Lopez

## Christmas Joy to All



## Elliott Chevrolet Co.

Sonora, Texas



At Christmas we think back on all the many things the people of this area have done to help us grow into a major tourist attraction. Without your help this would not have been possible

We thank you and wish you a very merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy new year. May all your dreams for 1964 be fulfilled.

## Caverns of Sonora

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