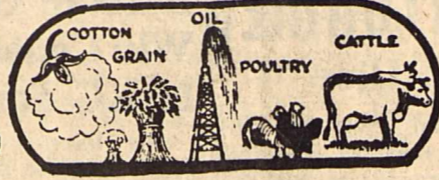


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Lo 17° 21st
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None
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GREETINGS for CHRISTMAS

As an expression of our thanks and
good will, we are extending to all our
friends and neighbors our very best wishes
for a joyous and memorable Yuletide season.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Comedy
Mr. and Mrs. Don Comedy
Lois Redwine
Lisa Shaw
Vance Abeldt

Oleta Cornelius,
Rule Correspondent
Joyce LeFeure,
Sagerton Correspondent

DPS Predicts 94 Deaths During Holidays

Captain Billy W. Melton, Texas Highway Patrol District Commander, said today, "in line with Col. Wilson E. Speir's prediction that 94 persons will lose their lives on Texas streets and highways this Christmas and New Years holidays, it is my wish to request the motoring public's help and support in reducing this needless waste of human life by observing all traffic laws especially those regarding speed and alcohol." All available DPS troopers will be on patrol throughout the holiday period in an effort to reduce, by both their presence and actions, viola-

tions that could lead to accidents. But it is only through the help and cooperation of the motoring public through their self-compliance

Lighting Contest Winners Named

The Home Lighting Contest was judged last Thursday night and winners named are, Window division: first, Ruby Turner, second, Tim Larned, third Mr. and Mrs. Drey Lowe; Door: first, Mr. and Mrs. Drey Lowe, second, Mrs. Bailey Toliver, third, Mrs. Clois Thomas; Yard: first Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Williams, second, Mr. and Mrs. W. A.

that the needed reduction can be realized. Captain Melton stated, "possibly the most prevalent accidents occurring this period

Fowler, third, Mrs. Clois Thomas.

The Business & Professional Women's Club extends their appreciation to the West Texas Utilities Co. for their cooperation and to judges, Patsy King and Noraline Willoughby of the Munday Business & Professional Women's Club.

will be the one car run-off-the-roadway type accident which is directly attributable to driver inattention."

The Captain suggested that adequate travel time be budgeted in holiday plans, stop frequently and rest, reduce speed for road conditions and above all, don't mix alcohol and driving.

"Feel free to request needed assistance from any DPS trooper during your holiday travels. Let's all do our part to reduce to zero all holiday traffic deaths," Captain Melton added.



RETIRING DISTRICT ATTORNEY ROYCE ADKINS was presented with a plaque last Thursday during the annual Courthouse Christmas Party. The presentation was made by Retired District Judge Ben Charlie Chapman. Adkins will end 24 years as District Attorney December 31. (Staff Photo)

Goodfellow Boxes Delivered

Goodfellow boxes were delivered Wednesday morning to 70 families in Haskell according to J. C. Yeary, Lions Club Chairman of the project. The boxes were packed Tuesday evening by members of the Lions Club and were distributed Wednesday morning by Lions, City Employees, and members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department. Donations to the fund will be accepted until December 28, at the Free Press.

Allie M. Kendrick \$15.00
Mr. and Mrs.
John F. Pike \$10.00
Dr. and Mrs.
R. E. Colbert \$25.00
In loving memory of my husband and son, Henry and Charles Walker \$20.00
Allie and Oca Karr \$5.00

In memory of Ralph Raney by Evelyn Raney \$25.00
Mr. and Mrs.
Marvin Stiewert \$5.00
Dr. and Mrs.
T. W. Williams \$5.00
Mr. and Mrs.
Wallace Cox Sr. \$10.00
In memory of Cub Mrs. H. Russell \$5.00
Mr. and Mrs.
Dennis P. Ratliff \$15.00
Merry Dames Club \$10.00
Fire Dept. \$25.00
Mr. and Mrs.
J. C. Wheatley \$10.00
Mr. and Mrs.
H. T. Wilkinson \$10.00
Mr. and Mrs.
V. C. Hobbs \$10.00
Hazel Weaver Bible Class
FUM Church \$25.00
Mr. and Mrs.

Henry Withers \$5.00
Nettie McCollum \$5.00
Anonymous \$10.00
Business Men's Bible Class
First Baptist Church \$50.00
Buck & Carolyn Everett \$10.00
Haskell IOOF Lodge \$25.00
Mr. and Mrs.
B. C. Chapman \$10.00
Opal Rose \$5.00
In memory of Truman Barbee, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hadaway and family \$5.00
Anonymous \$96.46
Mr. and Mrs.
O. W. Tooley \$15.00
TOTAL \$466.46
Total To Date \$676.46

Rule Lions To Sponsor BB Game

The Rule Lions Club has just entered into a contract with Godfrey Donkeys Inc., of Crescent, Okla. whereby the famous Godfrey Donkey are to appear in the Rule School Gym, January 14, 1977 at 7 p.m.

Tickets for children, grades 1-8 will be 75c, grades 9-12 will be \$1.25 and adult tickets will be \$1.75. Advance tickets may be purchased from any Lions Club member. All proceeds will go into the Briles Memorial Fund.

NOTICE

The Haskell Independent School Tax office will be closed December 23, 24 and 27 for Christmas Holidays.

The Haskell Free Press will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of the Christmas holidays.

FREE SHOW

There will be a free Christmas Kid's show December 24 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Texas Theatre in Haskell.

Woods Pharmacy Burglarized

Between \$600.00 and \$700.00 in dangerous drugs were taken from Woods Pharmacy in Rule sometime last Saturday night according to owner Harold Woods. In addition to the drugs about \$35.00 in cash and four or five watches were also taken. Woods estimated the total loss in the burglary to be between \$800.00 and \$1,000.00.

Woods discovered the burglary Sunday morning when he was called to fill a prescription.

Fifteen days prior to this incident the store was robbed of approximately \$1,000.00 in cash and merchandise. This burglary occurred sometime the night of December 3, and there were no drugs taken at that time.

Woods will start his eleventh year at the store on the first of January and this is the fifth time that the store has been robbed.

Texas Ranger B. J. Green is assisting Sheriff G. T. Garrett with the investigation. Green told the Free Press Tuesday that at this time they cannot be sure but they do not believe the same person or persons are responsible for both incidents. He said that several persons have been questioned for information and that they were not necessarily suspects. Persons with any information concerning these two incidents are asked to contact the sheriff's office.



This is the annual Christmas Greeting edition of the Free Press and along with area merchants we extend our best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

And while on the topic of the holidays we would also like to extend a word of caution.

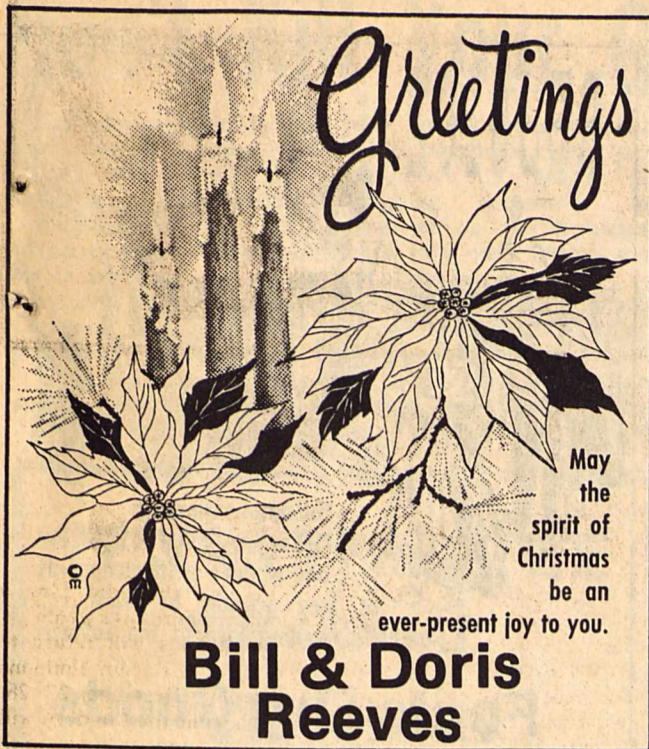
Col. Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, has predicted that 94 persons will die because of traffic accidents during the holidays.

When you travel to another town during the holidays and see the familiar flashing red lights in your rear-view mirror, be courteous to the officer. He is there for your

safety and is attempting to keep you and your family from becoming one of the 94 persons predicted to die. It is his desire that you reach your final destination safely.

And when you gather with your family please consider that all available law enforcement officers from city, county and state agencies are still patrolling our streets and highways to keep them safe for us.

Please slow down and drive safely so that you can have an enjoyable holiday and by doing so you won't ruin an officer's holiday when he is forced to record the information of a traffic fatality. MERRY CHRISTMAS



Greetings

May the spirit of Christmas be an ever-present joy to you.

Bill & Doris Reeves

Merry Christmas

Reflecting at Christmas, we give thanks to our many friends.



Gulf Oil Co.

Brooks Middleton



MERRY Christmas

Our town is ringing out with laughter and good cheer. The happy sounds of greetings carry a message of Christmas joy for you and yours!

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Party Port, Inc.

College News

Doris Carnes, formerly Doris Wootan, graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene December 17, 1976. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education with Kindergarten Certification.

Mrs. Carnes is married to Lonnie Carnes of Anson and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wootan of Haskell.



SUSAN HOPKINS



CHRISTIE McADAMS

Christie McAdams, freshman from Haskell and Susan Hopkins freshman from Haskell are members of the Tarleton State University Texas-Anns gymnastics team. The Tarleton team defeated Texas Christian University in first semester competition and lost to Texas A&M University and Texas Woman's University.

Christie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy McAdams of 1301 N. Ave G, Haskell. She participates in Class III FX.

Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hopkins of Haskell. She participates in Class II Bars.

The first home appearance of the TSU team will be Feb. 4 against Pan American College.

KING JAMES BIBLES in black and white, zippered or with semi-overlapping edges. Also available in Young Folks and Students versions. Haskell Free Press.

We pack selling power in our classified ads.

Greeting cards have colorful, historic sources

Each year researchers come up with more and more fascinating information about the origins of Christmas and New Year greetings.

Greeting cards are usually made of stiff paper or cardboard, but cloth, vellum, leather, celluloid, metal, wood, clay, cork, and new materials have been added to their designs. Cards and their messages vary in size. In 1929 an inscribed grain of rice was presented as a Christmas greeting to the Prince of Wales, and in 1924, President Calvin Coolidge received a Christmas card that measured 21 x 33 inches!

In ancient Egypt the New Year was celebrated by the exchange of symbolic presents such as scented bottles and scarabs inscribed "an ab nab" ("all good luck"). The Romans exchanged streae, originally branches of laurel or olive, often coated with gold leaf. Symbols of seasonal good will, such as a Roman lamp and the figure of Victory surrounded by streae, were combined on objects of baked clay, with the inscription "Anno Novo faustum felix tibi sit" ("May the New Year be happy and lucky for you"). The acknowledgment of the New Year with the exchanges of good will continued in Europe through the early days of Christianity.

In the 15th century, master wood engravers produced inscribed prints which had the same intent as the modern Christmas and New Year cards. One of these shows the Christ Child with halo, before a cross holding a scroll on which appears "Ein gust selig lor" ("A good and happy year"). During the 18th and early 19th centuries, copper plate engravers were producing prints and calendars for the New Year and greetings by merchants and tradesmen were common.

Recognized as the first Christmas card is one designed in England by J. C. Horsley in 1843 for his friend Sir Henry Cole. An edition of 1,000 copies was placed on sale at Felix Summerly's Treasure House in London in 1846. They were printed by lithography on stiff cardboard, in dark sepia and hand colored. The design shows a family party in progress, beneath which is the greeting, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You."

A similar card was designed by W. M. Egle of London and produced as an etching in 1848. While this card is more elaborate, its design suggests a relationship to the Cole-Horsley card. The same may be said of an American Christmas card of the same period, designed by R. H. Pease of Albany, N.Y., which bore the inscription, "Pease's Great Variety Store in The Temple of Fancy." Sentiment cards were exchanged and collected in the United States from 1830 to the Civil War and many have survived... among them an "expanding heart" Christmas present or greeting card in purse form, dating from about 1859.

Today you can say Merry Christmas in Macedonian, Greek, Hungarian, any one of 32 languages plus Braille. There are greeting cards available in our polyglot nation in Polish, Spanish, Japanese, Armenian, Croatian, Chinese, Macedonian, Portuguese, Greek, Swedish, Norwegian, Hungarian, Lithuanian, to name just a few. Distributed throughout the United States, many are produced in this country, others come from abroad.

It was noted by one of the manufacturers of these Christmas cards, that whenever there is turmoil or a revolution in a foreign country, the sales in that language soar. Since type faces in some languages are unavailable, many of the exotic messages are photographed from the originals. In the case of some Chinese messages, a waiter in a Chinese restaurant who is also an artist, wrote the greetings on a piece of paper from which they were photographed and reproduced.

¡Felices Navidades! Froliche Welnnachten! To you all!

Black Oil Provides Cheaper BTU'S

Robinson, Ill.—(HK)—The oil industry has gone one better than meat packers who pride themselves on using everything in the pig but its squeal.

At its refinery here, Marathon Oil Company puts every barrel of crude oil through a process that produces gasoline, home heating oil, and other valuable petroleum products.

But after all that, the thick heavy residue that remains does not go to waste. Called black oil, the Number Six fuel finds varied uses.

A great deal of effort is required to get the black oil from the refinery to the market place. Because of its consistency it cannot

be pipelined over long distances and therefore has to be trucked or barged and must be heated before pumping.

Users of black oil also require heated tanks and furnaces with preheaters. Customers normally are larger installations—hospitals, apartments and electric generating stations, for example.

Black oil is, however, worth the effort it takes to get it to market. It provides cheap BTU's, the real measure of a fuel's energy effectiveness. It is also environmentally superior to some alternate industrial fuels since it is low in sulphur content and meets stringent air quality standards. (HK)

DA Elect Attends Seminar

District Attorney elect, Joseph Thigpen, attended a two day seminar December 13-14 in Austin.

The seminar was for prosecuting attorneys who took office during 1976 or elected to office for the first time during 1976.

Topics covered in the meetings were: Duties and responsibilities, Case screening, grand juries, hot checks, plea negotiations, record management and filing systems, professional ethics, and several others.

Four Accidents Investigated By THP

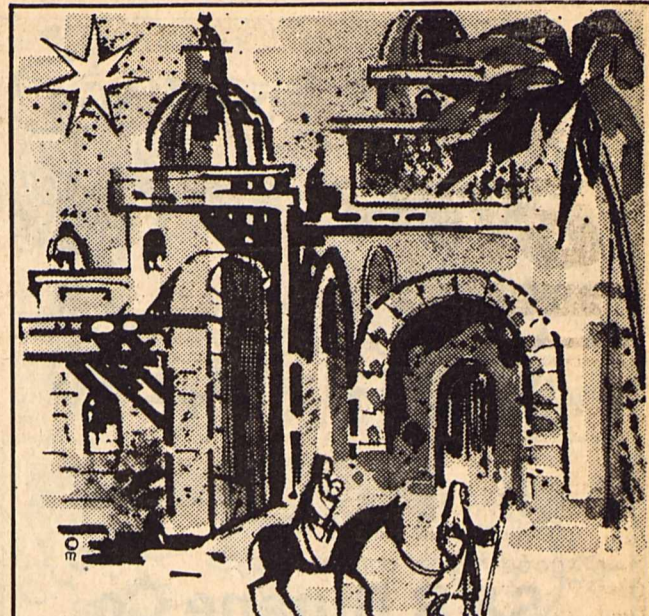
The Texas Highway Patrol investigated four accidents on rural highways in Haskell County during the month of November, 1976 according to Sergeant Frank Jirick, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

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

The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first eleven months of 1976 shows a total of 63 accidents resulting in two persons killed and 26 persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for the 60 counties of the Lubbock Department of Public Safety Region for November, 1976, shows a total of 567 accidents resulting in 14 persons killed and 261 injured, as compared to November, 1975, with 530 accidents resulting in 14 persons killed and 258 persons injured. This was 37 more accidents, the same killed, and three more injured in 1976 at the same period of time.

The 14 traffic deaths for the month of November, 1976, occurred in the following counties: Two each in Carson, Gray; One each in Castro, Oldham, Potter, Floyd, Lamb, Palo Pinto, Parker, Wichita, Wise, and Yoakum.



Glad Christmas Tidings

Let us glory in God's promise of Joy and Peace

on Earth, Good Will to all men.

Gill's Grill & Employees

We will be closed December 25 & 26



IT'S CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE

May yours be merry and gay. Our hearty holiday thanks for your kind patronage.

Hugh & Sandy Horton

Greetings for Christmas



With good old-fashioned enthusiasm we send Christmas greetings and warm wishes that you and your dear ones may enjoy a bounty of wonderful holiday pleasures.

HASKELL CO-OP GIN

HASKELL, TEXAS



Have a Ho-Ho whole lot of fun this Christmas, as you share the precious gifts of the holiday!

Rice Springs Care Home

—BOARD & STAFF—
HASKELL, TEXAS

Ruth Ann Klose—Administrator
Haskell, Texas



It is our warmest wish that your holiday be filled with peace of mind, good health, and much joy.

**S&R Butane Co.
Mobil Oil Co.**

Biggon Drinnon

Rice Springs News

Packages are arriving daily and there is certainly going to be a lot of people receiving gifts at Christmas at Rice Springs Care Home. Santa will be December 21 at 2:30 p.m. to give out all the gifts. We hope all friends and relatives can share this event with us. There will be refreshments for everyone.

The ladies from the First United Methodist Church in Haskell led a large group of our residents in singing with Mrs. Arnolia Foote playing the new organ and Mrs. Grace Montgomery leading the singing. Laura Thornton gave an inspiring devotional on Christmas, "The Inn Keeper". They presented 12 song books to the home which was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Maude Kitley and Davis Jones from Stamford visited their brother Willard Jones.

Mrs. Erma Liles, Mrs. Paris Barton and Mrs. Sallie Sanders all of Weinert visited Mrs. Mary Chandler.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Rucker from Friona and Mrs. Grady Bristow of Rule visited Mrs. Trudie Bush.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hodgins from Abilene visited Mrs. Maggie McQuire.

Mr. George Stovall from Hamlin visited Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Spitzer of Athens and Hazel and Betty Letz from Old Glory visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Klump.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Letz from Old Glory and Mrs. Otto Lehrmann from Sagerton visited Mrs. Alvena Holle.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baugh from Rule visited Mrs. Mattie Peavy and others in the Nursing Home.

Mrs. Wayland Baugh from Rule visited her aunt Mrs. Mary Liles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Letz from Old Glory, Henrietta Rueffer, and Mrs. Meta Rueffer of Weinert visited Mr. Oscar Vanderworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlis Broder and family from Rule visited Joe Teague.

Mrs. Johnny Pumphrey from Old Glory visited Mrs. Elizabeth Yakey. Mrs. Sofia Vargas also visited with Mrs. Yakey.

Mrs. Cecil Jetton from Rochester visited Mrs. Susie Stark.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Pilley from Stamford visited Velda Carter.

Margaret Lewis visited her mother Mrs. Eunice Thornhill.

Opus, Frankie and Netia Posey from Knox City, Karen Strickland of Rochester visited Mrs. Edna Collins.

Mrs. H. D. Griffith, Beatrice Sparkman and Mrs. H. E. Freedy visited Mrs. Dessie Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams visited Ethel Rose.

Melba Stowe and Mayme Burnett from Olney visited Mrs. Eunice Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis May from Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Morgan, Mrs. Zina Bills from Rule visited Mrs. Ora McCollough. Mrs. Bill Mason from Rule, also visited Mrs. McCollough.

C. B. Rhea and his Country Western Band entertained the residents with a musical this week.

Myrtle Wood from Munday, Hazel Almond, and Alma Smith from Rule visited Mrs. Bertha Yarbrough.

We extend sympathy to Pinkie Robertson in the loss of her granddaughter, Norma Jean Childress.

This is a happy holiday season for the residents here

and we extend our thanks and appreciation to each one who is helping make it possible. We especially thank the anonymous person who gave the crate of apples, and Jean and Aubrey Carroll for the lovely Bible they presented to Rice Springs Care Home.

New touches bring color to Christmas table

Every day can be a holiday through the Christmas season. A little imagination goes a long way in keeping your family full of that festive spirit.

Sprinkle a touch of candied fruit into hot oatmeal for a breakfast treat.

Give your favorite fruit salad that holiday look with a sprinkle of pomegranate seeds.

Cut bells from slices of canned cranberry sauce when serving.

Candy canes make flavorful stirrers in cups of hot cocoa or tea.

Year-round favorite casseroles have a holiday look topped with a cheese star.

Place a waxed paper stencil of a Christmas tree over a bowl of potatoes or rice . . . sprinkle with chopped parsley . . . remove stencil.

Pimento poinsettias make colorful garnishes on any one of many dishes or bordering a filled platter.

Addressing a long list of Christmas cards can really be fun! Gather the family around the table and keep them happily at work with cookies and hot fruit punch!

Ever try pancakes poured onto the griddle in Christmas tree shapes? It takes a steady hand and concentration, but think how they'll delight your family.

Original holiday decorations add to merriment!

For a shimmering effect, swag long strips of tinsel at the top of your windows, over whatever curtains or drapes are already there. Add glistening Christmas tree balls and you'll have a picture window that is lovely inside and out.

For a festive indoor window-sill box, fill a long planter with evergreens and tuck bright tinsel flowers thickly through the greens. You might also want to stand this Christmas garden on a long book shelf.

Hang a silver metal lettuce basket in some unexpected corner of your house, filled with large and small balls of colored yarn accented with gleaming Christmas tree balls . . . all silver would be spectacular!

A simple and sophisticated table centerpiece can be a conversation piece when entertaining. Fill a glass hurricane chimney with cranberries, kumquats or crab apples and top with a tuft of graceful seasonal greenery. Flanked by graceful candles it is a lovely sight. If you're lucky enough to have a mantelpiece, this colorful arrangement will look charming on it as well.

PETITE ROLEDEX: the perfect file for telephone numbers and addresses. Typewriter spaced lines. Replacement refills. Decorator colors and styling for home and office. Haskell Free Press




Christmas renews in the hearts of mankind the joy and wonder of the shepherds as they watched by night . . . the all-pervading love of the Saviour.

Fouts Dry Goods



May the glorious light of Christmas bring you, and those you love, enduring Hope and Happiness. To all, special thanks.

**Trussell's
Northside Mobil**



May every happiness be yours at this loveliest of seasons.

With our fond gratitude . . .

Double A Drive In

Donald Cunningham



*Don we now our gay apparel
To sing this jolly
Christmas carol . . .
A holiday bright
and delightful for you,
Accompany our thanks
and good wishes too!*

**Haskell Co. Warehouse
and Compress**



*May the merry music
and sweet harmony
of Christmas
fill your hearts
with joy and love.
We chime in with a
medley of thanks and
appreciation for all our
friends and neighbors.*

**Merry Christmas
to All**

HALE FARM SUPPLY
Pat Hale, President
Phone 864-2692 - Haskell, Texas



Don't Kill Your Guests

The "one more drink for the road" sipped under the holiday mistletoe may be a kiss of death for the imbiber.

With that warning, safety advocates urge holiday hosts not to kill their guests with misguided kindness at their Christmas and New Year's parties.

The Department of Safety and Research of the Combined American Insurance Com-

pany, Dallas emphasizes that overly hospitable hosts put themselves in danger of becoming accessories to slaughter on the highways when they make alcohol the life of the party.

The National Safety Council reports that half of all highway fatalities involve drunken driving. While 45,000 American soldiers were being killed by the enemy in the 10 years of

the Vietnam War, 274,000 folks on the home front died in auto accidents in which alcohol was the lethal weapon.

It doesn't have to be that way. Combined's safety monitors declare. They offered several ways in which the holiday host and hostess can help reduce the casualty rate by making "show me the way to go home" a song of safety rather than inebriation. Here are some of the preventive measures they recommend:

—Plan your party around people, not what they have to drink. Make sure that everyone is introduced and has a place to sit before beverages are offered. In other words, mix the guests before you mix the drinks.

—Be sure that plenty of soft drinks are available for the one out of three adults who spurn alcohol.

—Assign a judicious bartender to pour all the drinks, spacing them about an hour apart if possible and resisting the temptation to urge guests

to "have another" and to keep their glasses constantly filled.

Never put the bar on a "serve yourself" basis; that is an open invitation to disaster for the person who tends to drink too much.

—Limit drinks to no more than one ounce of alcohol in each.

—Try to keep a steady flow of tasty light snacks circulating so that guests eat while they drink; that helps absorb some of the alcohol but more important, it slows the drinking process.

—Before the first guest has arrived decide what time you expect the last one to leave and close the bar about an hour before the party will be over. During that time serve substantial refreshments. The food itself may not sober up the person who has overindulged but the time consumed along with the refreshments should help to clear the mind for the drive home.

—Emphasize good conversation and perhaps some stimulating parlor games, rather than alcohol.

—If a guest drinks too much, suggest gently that coffee or some other non-

The Miracle of Christmas

The merry rejoicing at Christmas, celebrating the Birth of Christ, seeks to recapture the glory and wonder of the Nativity. People everywhere come together in warmth and goodwill, recalling the Source of the Spirit that binds them together.

Although Christmas is celebrated all over the world, it is not really known whether or not Jesus, as a boy, ever had a birthday party. Jews of His time did not celebrate birthdays... such observances were for kings and other important people, who lived in palaces. With or without birthday parties, Jesus had an enchanted childhood, so say the legends.

One such story says He made mud-pie birds one rainy day, and as He finished them, they flew away. For having bowed down to give its fruit to His Holy Mother, Jesus rewarded a palm tree by having a cutting of it planted in Paradise.

The Magic of Christmas is happily contagious, transforming the world in an atmosphere of brotherhood and anticipation. Its magic brings families together, inspires a spirit of generosity and giving, and fills the heart with a heady lightheartedness long remembered from one's childhood.

For it is in childhood that the magic of the Yuletide is felt most keenly. The air quivers with excitement and the promise of things to come. Pungent smells fill the house and little ones can hardly sleep, for listening to the furtive sounds of mom and dad tiptoeing and whispering and wrapping, far into the night.

An old French proverb says: "Miracles happen only to those who believe in them." Surely, we can all believe! Surely we can reinforce our faith in miracles!

alcoholic beverage might be substituted for the next round. And if you think the guest is unable to drive home, either arrange for alternate transportation or offer the spare bedroom for a sobering-up sleep.

In providing these suggestions, Combined's holiday safety advocates acknowledged that some people might object that the host is being made the fall guy for the falling-down drunk, but they also feel that the responsibility of the party-giver is far greater than many like to

admit.

"The truth is that if you are going to play host, you had better recognize that a responsibility accompanies both the work and the fun," a spokesman added. "You don't want your guests to suffer ill effects from drinking any more than you want them to be upset by the food you serve. And after all, you want to invite everyone again next year, don't you?"

Tempting scent

You have only to light a candle to fill your home with the tempting smells of holiday fare. Cranberries, gingerbread, nut bread waft through the air whetting family appetites. Hollyherry and fresh pine scented candles add to natural greenery and give an elegant touch to a mantle or dinner table. Scented candles, newly available, add to the festive mood of Christmas. To make candles last through the holiday season here are some suggestions:

- ★ Tapers on a dinner table should be at lip or chin level. The soft glow is flattering to all.
- ★ When blowing candles out hold your finger in front of the flame to keep the hot wax from spattering.
- ★ Scratching through the outer layer of wax with your fingernail, will release additional fragrance from scented candles.
- ★ Store candles by laying them flat in a dark, dry place. For slow and even burning, place candles in refrigerator overnight before using.

Hot tips for entertaining

For a holiday buffet, you'll want a way to keep your hot dishes just that way. Electric hot trays are the number one choice because they are usually made to keep foods warm, without drying them up. Small electric cooking appliances are great too. You can cook a dish in one and when ready to set out on the table, you can turn the setting down to "warm." It will hold at serving temperature nicely that way.

There are many attractive tabletop warmers that use canned fuels... alcohol burners, butane gas burner, or candles. Be sure to read the instructions carefully, as a safety precaution.

IT'S LATER than you think! Start shopping for Christmas now. We have 3 sizes Rolodex alphabetical files, pen and pencil sets, desk lamps, scrapbooks, dictionaries, large assortment of address books, calendars and much, much more. Haskell Free Press.

TEXAS THEATRE 9TH ANNUAL Christmas FREE KID SHOW

Dec. 24th 9:30-1:30

Sponsored by the following

Haskell Merchants

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- Lane-Felker
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- Haskell Steak House
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- Haskell Coop Gin
- Perry Bros. Variety Store
- Jones Cox Co.
- Double A Drive In
- Hassens Dept. Store
- Haskell National Bank
- Pat Hale Farm Supply
- Elsie's Hi-Lander
- Nine Point Grain Co.
- JRB Super Market
- Queen Roofing Co.
- Smitty's Auto Parts
- Bill Wilson Motor Co.

CHRISTMAS VISITORS? ICE OR SNOW STORM?

Don't be embarrassed with a stopped up Septic tank. If it hasn't been cleaned out in a year or two, it may need it. Free check, 10% off regular price this month. Regular price \$20.00 minimum up to 440 gallons or 2 loads. \$8.00 per load over first 2 loads.

Call James Bolton

658-3249 Home
658-8969 Dairy Mart
KNOX CITY



Hi! MERRY CHRISTMAS

Chugging in with a caboose full of holiday magic and our thanks.

Eastside Mobil



Best Wishes

May the serenity of the season fill your holiday with peace, warmth, brotherhood.

RUSS AGRICULTURE FLYING

RUSS MATTHEWS, OWNER
HASKELL, TEXAS

a very merry Christmas

May happiness always dwell with you. From our house to your house... thanks.



PHILPOT'S SERVICE & SUPPLY



A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Heavenly angels pray for a joyous Christmas for you and those you hold most dear. Ever thankful for your trust and devotion, we join them in their good wishes.

**Centex
Cablevision**

1976 TAX BREAK! ONLY 31 DAYS LEFT!

INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

You must:

- act before December 31st, and
- not be covered by a tax-qualified private or government retirement plan.

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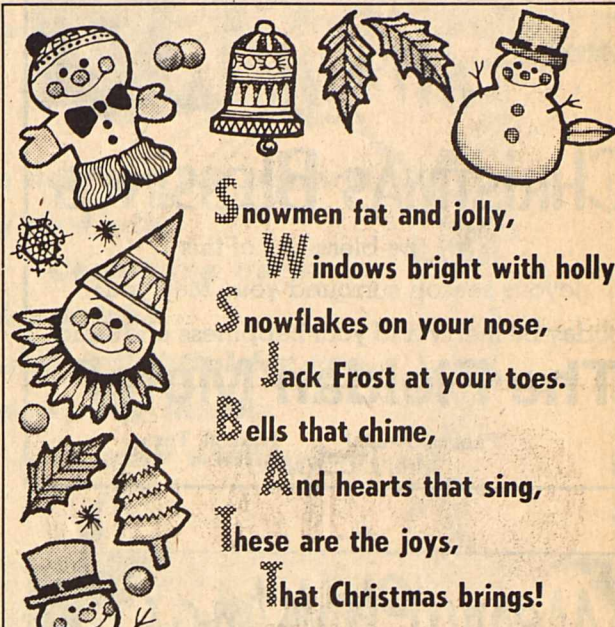
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Windows bright with holly.
Snowflakes on your nose,
Jack Frost at your toes.
Bells that chime,
And hearts that sing,
These are the joys,
That Christmas brings!

It is our joy to know you... thanks.

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PEACE be your gift at Christmas.

Our thanks.

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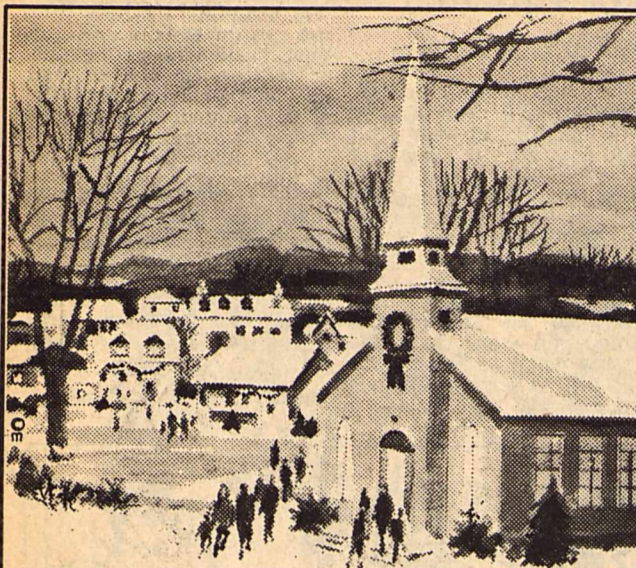
Merry Christmas



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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

May the blessings of this joyous season surround you. May your holiday be merry and your happiness enduring.

The Fieldan Motel

Phone 864-2251 Haskell, Texas
Mrs. T. C. Walker



Coming your way with thanks and all kinds of good wishes for a Happy Holiday Season!

Woodard Farm Sales

Holiday Activities Can Promote Family Unity

Christmas means different things to different people, but to everyone, it presents a unique opportunity for families to be together—sharing and participating in the fun and excitement of the season. Christmas is also an excellent time to strengthen family unity, Mrs. Ilene Miller, a family life education specialist, says.

"Family unity develops and grows through open, honest expression of affection between husband and wife, parent and child, and brothers and sisters. It includes a feeling of oneness which comes through understanding each other and being sensitive to the needs of family members. Holding similar values and goals, having emotional interdependence and being a cooperative, responsible family member help to form the 'ties that bind.'"

Mrs. Miller is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Simple daily experiences promote feelings of family unity over the years. Parents do much to facilitate a feeling of warmth and closeness between family members in many little ways. The Christmas season offers special opportunities to promote family unity. This specialist suggested some ideas for building family unity.

"Make family experiences out of as many holiday activities as you can, such as decorating the house and tree, attending and participating in community or religious programs, sending Christmas cards and preparing holiday foods. Youngsters especially enjoy and benefit from some responsibility for holiday activities.

"Making gifts or shopping with parents for gifts for friends and relatives teaches the meaning of sharing and giving. Making cookies, candy, cakes, pies or helping decorate the house and Christmas tree with parents

teaches children the meaning of cooperation. There is pride of accomplishment when a child's helpful efforts are recognized and acknowledged."

She added that Christmas is truly a special time for families. You and your family probably enjoy certain customs which make the holiday season meaningful for you. Hanging stockings, exchanging and opening gifts, eating

certain holiday foods, and many more activities provide opportunities to be together and share the happiness and excitement of the season.

"It does not matter how you celebrate the holiday or in which activities you and your family choose to participate. The important thing is that your family is drawn closer together as a result of the experiences you do share," she said.



DELECTABLE HOME MADE COOKIES make original tree trimmings as well as happy holiday eating.

Little folks bake cookies for fun and happy hours

Youngsters can spend many creative hours in the kitchen, baking and putting together their very own cookies and Christmas treats.

The recipes below are easy for little folk and will provide some toothsome goodies to add excitement to your table, hang on your tree or wrap as gifts.

Basic Cookies (from a mix). Decide which cookie to make and make up basic dough from package directions. Use ginger-cookie mix if preferred. Roll dough out about 1/8" thick. Cut in desired shapes. Bake as package directs, then decorate with prepared frosting.

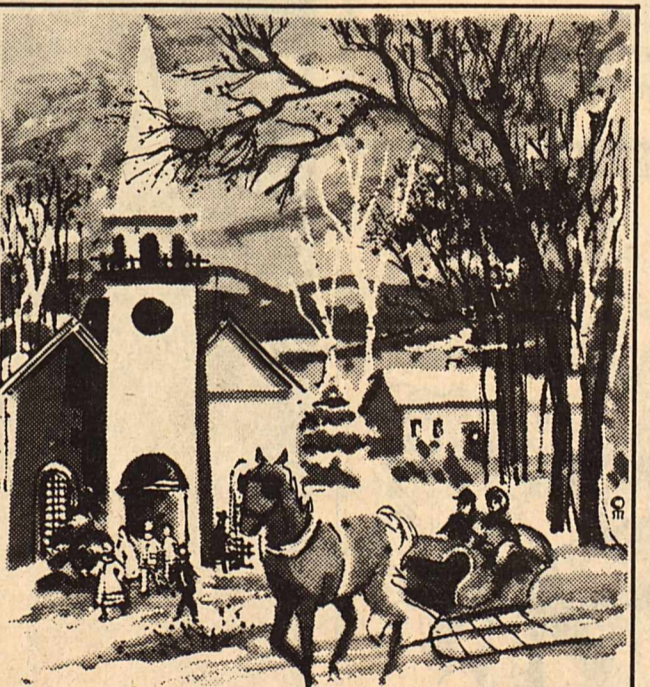
Santa Cookie: From cookie dough mix, cut out tear drop shape about 3" tall. Sprinkle with red sugar. Bake, cool, then decorate. Pointed top of tear drop is Santa's peaked hat. The wide bottom, his body.

Gumdrop Christmas Tree: Cut out triangle for tree, and small rectangle for tree base, from basic cookie dough. Press parts into place on cookie sheet and bake. When cool, add gum drops for ornaments.

Singing Angel: From cookie dough mix, cut out circle for head and larger triangle for body. From contrasting dough cut wings in tear-drop shape. On cookie sheet, press all parts into place and bake. Cool and decorate with frosting or egg paint (recipe below).

Egg Paint: It is easier for young people to decorate baked cookies, but egg paint can be applied before baking too. To make this medium, mix an egg yoke with a few drops of water. Put small amounts in tiny dishes and add vegetable coloring as desired. Use a soft brush for each color, and let your imagination go! If you are using the cookies for Christmas tree trimming, remember to leave a small hole about 1/2 inch from top of the cookie, for a bit of colored yarn or ribbon as the hanger.

CHRISTMAS WRAP Aluminum foil makes any gift special looking and is especially marvelous for wrapping those odd shaped things that never seem to fit into any box. Wrap and tie with brightly colored yarn . . . several different colors at the same time!



Merry Christmas

To the Christmas season, we say, "Welcome!" To our good friends and patrons, we say, "Thanks and the best of everything always!"

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Larry Gilliam

Chosen City Once Derided

We recognize Nazareth as "the chosen city" and consider it one of the holiest places in Christendom. Such was not always the case.

Nazareth was considered so insignificant that the term "Nazarene" was applied to Jesus Christ in derision.

When Jesus called his first disciples, among them was Philip of Bethsaida. Philip went to Nathanael and said, "We have discovered the one about whom our scriptures speak. He is Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

And Nathanael replied, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

After Jesus had spoken to him, Nathanael exclaimed, "Thou art the Son of God; Thou art the King of Israel."

And Nathanael returned to Nazareth with a few chosen disciples as Jesus began his ministry in the chosen city.

CHRISTMAS IN THE SUN

The Christmas season at winter resorts means lots of sunshine and no snow. This is strange to tourists, however the natives have a special flair for celebrating the Yuletide. Special dinners, festivals and other activities are a part of the Christmas celebration.

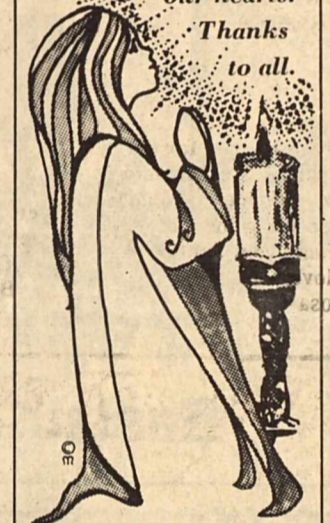
FEED THE BIRDS

Trim an outdoor tree for birds. Pine cones dipped in suet or peanut butter can be attached to branches. Balls of popcorn and cranberries can be hung from the tree. Birds welcome bits of apple, dry donuts and crumbs too.

Woodpeckers, nuthatches, warblers, bluejays and brown creepers are meat eaters. Cardinals, juncos and finches like vegetable seeds.

A PRAYER

Let us hold Christmas close to our hearts. Thanks to all.



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Haskell, Texas

Merry Christmas

Reflecting at Christmas, we give thanks to our many friends.



Jo's Beauty Salon

This is Christmas

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JOY TO THE WORLD



May the Holy Blessed Meaning of His birth be yours at Christmas. Reverent thanks one and all.

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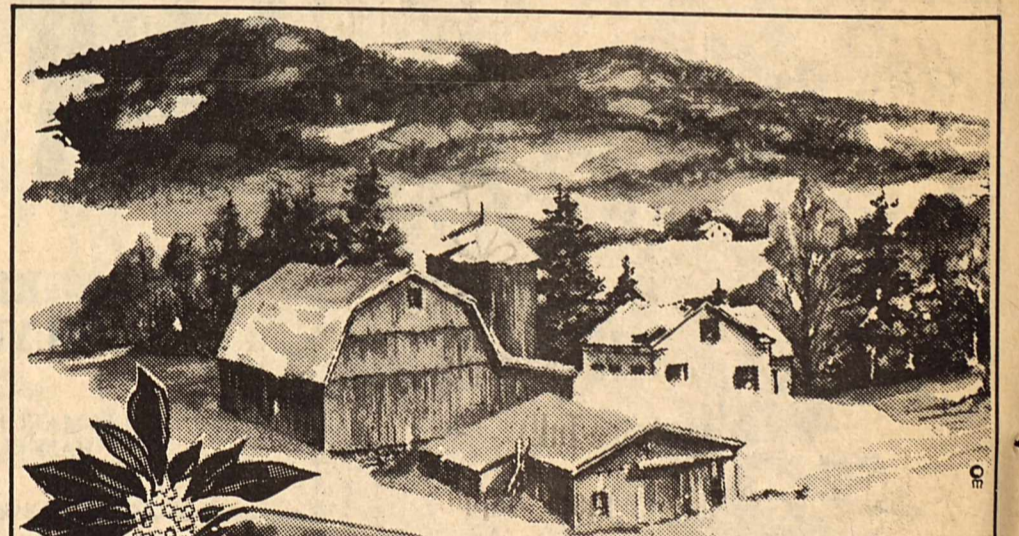
Holy night



May the infinite blessings of Christmas be yours in abundance. Our sincere gratitude to all our many friends and neighbors.

Dean Butane Company

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dean and Family
Homer Josselet—Lee Roy Isbell



We wish you joy at Christmas. May its true deep meaning light your way to peace and contentment.

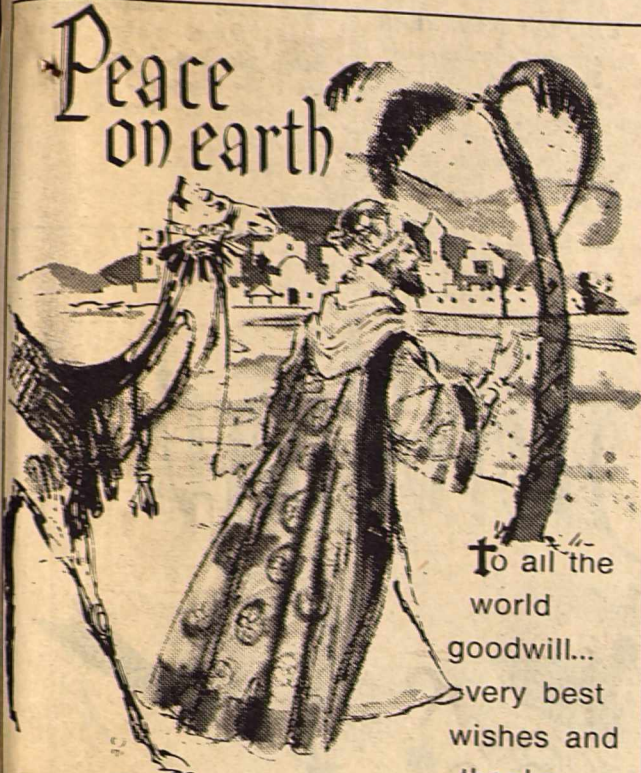
BOGGS & JOHNSON

Letters To Santa Claus...

Dear Santa Claus, I have tried to be a good little boy this year. For Christmas I would like some toy trucks and cars, a drum

and some toy tools. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls. I will leave some milk and cookies out for you.

Love,
Jonathan Tatum



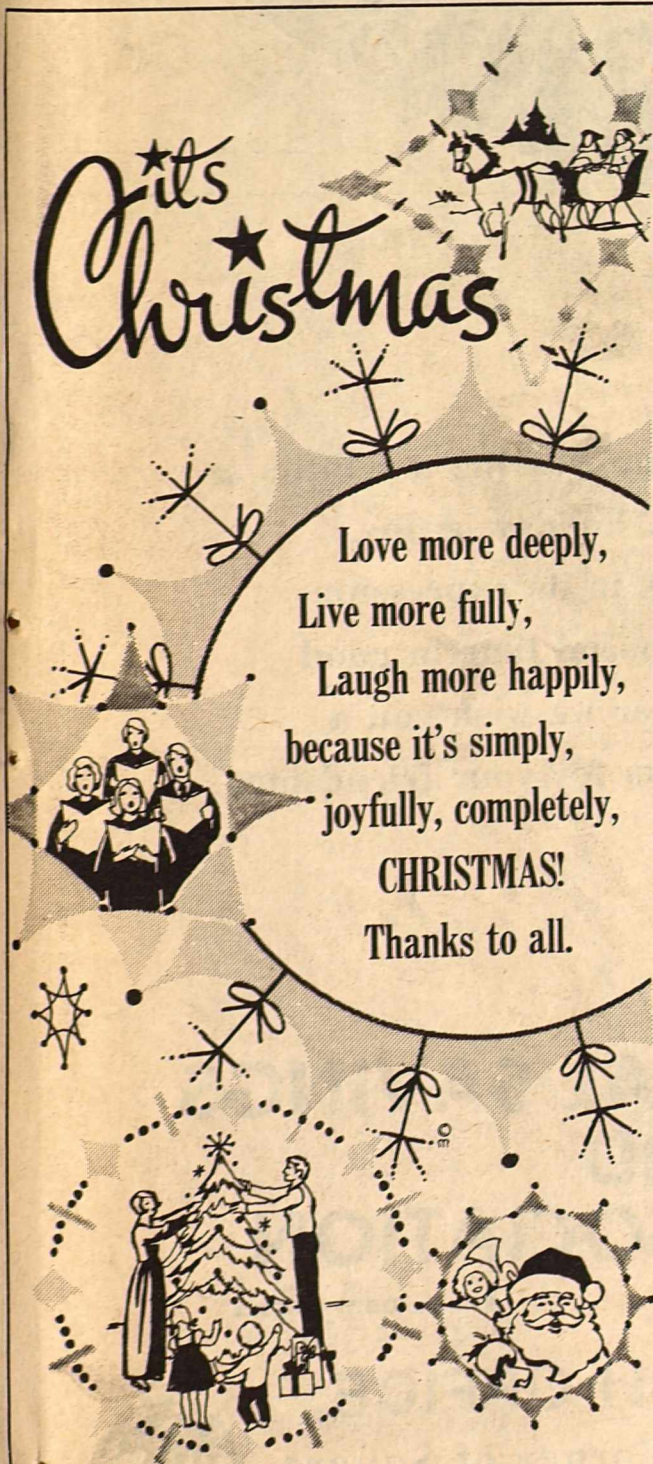
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May yours be merry and gay. Our hearty holiday thanks for your kind patronage.

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Dear Santa,

My parents' names are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cockerell. I am 9 years old and in the fourth grade. I will be 10 March 10th. Please bring me a trampoline, calculator and set of walkie talkies with morris code. And my new dog Corporal a light blue collar and leash. He is 8 weeks old and the runt of a 7 pup litter. And my bird tweety a box of budgie feed. Thank you very much.

Love, Luann

Dear Santa Claus,

I am Gina Calk. My parents are Mr. and Mrs. Max Calk. Would you please bring me a Baby That-a-way? Thank you, Santa. I love you.

Gina

Dear Santa Claus,

I am Rhonda Coleman. My parents are Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dale Coleman. Would you please, bring me a sunshine Family van? Thank you, Santa. I love you.

Rhonda

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Keith Medford. My parents are Mr. Burl Medford Mrs. Medford. Would you please bring me a "B-B" gun? Thank you, Santa, I love you.

Keith Medford

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Heath Hyatt. My parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kirkland.

Would you please bring me a "B-B" gun? Thank you Santa. I love you.

Heath

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Dianah Kay Fischer. My parents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Fischer. Would you, please bring me a Miniature Beauty Salon?

Thank you, Santa. I love you.

Kay Fischer

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Rosa Reyna. My parent are Mr. and Mrs. Felix Reyna. Would you please bring me a bicycle?

Thank you, Santa I love you.

Rosa

Dear Santa,

My name is Rob Mickler. I am in the 4th grade. My parents names are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mickler. For Christmas I would like a: race track, a telescope, and two walkie talkies.

I have a rabbit named Pete he would like: a friend and two carrots. I have two SISTER'S named Dannette and Melyn. Please bring them something special too. I have three dogs named Sissy, Tuffy, and Tiny. They would like three feeding sets for all three of them. I have a very old cat and she has 8 kittens and please bring her and her family nice soft warm bed. I will leave milk and cookies for you and I will leave one carrot each for your reindeer and will you tell Mrs. Claus, the elves, and reindeer that I love them.

Dear Santa,

My Name is Vickie West. My mom is Betty West and Johney West is my Dad. My babe brother will like a train set. please, bring me a walkie talkie set. Mom and Dad will like a ring set. I am 9 years old.

I love you,
Vickie West

Dear Santa,

I am Vicki Sistrunk and I am 8 years old. My mother and daddy's names is Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sistrunk. Please bring my animals three feeding bowls. I want a doll house, 2 barbies, and 1 barbies boat.

God bless you Santa. With love Vicki S

Dear Santa,

My name is Sandra Cheek. I am 9 years old. My parent's names are Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cheek. I want only 3 things. I would like: Walkie talkies, Gnip Gnop and a baseball. I have 5 pets, 3 cats and 2 dogs. Can you, please bring my pets a feed bowl?

God Bless you Santa,

Love, Sandra

Dear Santa Claus,

I am Billy Cooper. My mother is Mrs. Wanda Cooper. Would you, please bring me a Six Million Dollar Man?

Thank you, Santa. Billy

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Heath McMeans. I am 2 years old. I have tried to be a good boy this year. I would like to have a loader like my cousins have. Don't forget my cousins, Bobby and Ricky. I would also like a Tree Tot Amusement Park.

I will leave milk and cookies for you.

I love you, Santa
Heath

Dear Santa,

I am a 3 year old boy and I have been good this year. Would you please bring me a batmobile, gun and batman clothes? Thank you!

Love,
Nole Hadaway

Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me an electric super bowl football set and a Dallas Cowboy football shirt? See you Christmas.

Shane Hadaway

Dear Santa,

My name is Loutina Hadaway and I am six years old. Please bring me a Happy Birthday Baby Tender Love, doll clothes and a Barbie's Quick Curl Miss America Beauty Center.

Thank you!
Loutina Hadaway

Dear Santa,

My name is Shanna Langford. This is my first year of school. I am six years old.

I would like a Thumbelina, Barbie Townhouse, and a bible of my own. Please remember all the other girls and boys.

Love,
Shanna
P.S. I tried to be pretty good this year. Bring me an Etch-a-Sketch, too.

Dear Santa,

My name is Shannon Langford. I am two years old. This is my first Christmas to understand what Santa Claus is all about. I would like a putt-putt railroad, a new pair of boots, and anything else for little boys.

Love,
Shannon
P.S. Bring me some candy, too!

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy seven years old. I have tried to be a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a walkie-talkie set, racing track and tape recorder and a wagon. Remember all the other boys and girls.

Love, Mickey Dunnam
P.S. Don't forget my brother Ricky.

CARD DISPLAY

Looking for an unusual way to display your Christmas cards? How about a wall hanging, using burlap, heavy muslin or felt? You can use straight pins to attach the cards — or sew them to the fabric using strong twine and a large needle.

GOD'S SHARE

In France, a portion of the Epiphany cake is often set aside as "la part de Dieu" — God's share. It is given to the first poor person who comes to the door.

SHINE ORNAMENTS

Old Christmas tree ornaments can be bright and glossy. Spray them with clear laquer from an aerosol container. The laquer also gives them protection against breakage. Push button artificial snow is also very good for added trim to ornaments.

Medford Buick & Pontiac

We wish you a Merry Christmas

Songs of praise echo through the yuletide. As we share the old fashioned delights of this warm holiday, we carol our thanks to one and all.

Haskell Steak House

And Employees

We will be closed
December 24-25-26

Christmas Greetings

From the youngest to the oldest — from the nearest and the farthest. We at the HARTSFIELD AGENCY Wish you all a

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hess & Dorothy
Danny U.T. Austin, Tex.
Linda W.T.S.U. Canyon, Tex.
Larry, Susie, & Kyle U.T. Austin, Texas

Leisure Lodge News

So many nice things have been done for our home during this Christmas season. We want to express our sincere thanks and deep gratitude. We thank the anonymous donor for the box of apples that came from Rule, for the beautiful table arrangement that came from the Lydia Class from the First Baptist Church, the fresh fruit that came from the Grace Bible Class of the First Baptist Church, for the gifts from the Ladies Firemen Auxiliary, we thank Santa Claus that made our party more joyful, for the lovely Christmas carols brought by the ladies from the Assembly of God Church, and if we have forgotten any one will you please forgive us, as this is a very busy and rushing time.

June White of Rule visited L. B. White and put a Christmas tree on his bureau, Billie Cannon from Hale Center visited her dad, Mr. White and took him out to eat and to the barber shop, and his daughter, Jean Hayne from Munday was also a visitor.

Recent visitors of Mr. W. O. Lewis and Cleo Matthews were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Routon and Mrs. Don Coffman all of Goree, Mrs. G. C. Brockett of Weinert, Rev. W. C. Williamson of New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hicks of Goree. Mr. Lewis visited in G. C. Brockett home in Weinert on Thursday.

Visiting Mrs. Olga Tribbey were Mr. and Mrs. Chester McMillan of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clucj from Ackerley, Marsha Whittemore Mrs. Chester Baker, Mrs. O. O. Baker Helen, Pierce all from Rule, Rev. and Mrs. Jack Key from Abilene and Maurice Boles from Old Glory.

Mrs. Bessie King and Mrs. Evalene Beason from Knox City visited Mr. Erwin King.

Visiting Mary Bowman were her grandson, Bill Alvis from Washington, D.C., Minnie Huntsman, Alice Pittman, Mrs. Cecil Jetton, Mrs. W. L.

Glover, Olga Alvis and Hattie Wreyford all from Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Billie Doyle Norman and daughter from Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Piland and family from Sweetwater visited Mrs. Bessie Piland.

Jay Cox from Odessa visited his mother Della Cox on Friday and was here for the Christmas Party.

Mrs. Minnie Brady had a surprise when her daughter, Mrs. Lynch from Okla. and her granddaughter came and had an early Christmas by putting up a miniature tree. Gifts were given and friends also helped make her day.

Rev. Shipman held Thursday services on Sunday night as he had to go elsewhere. The message was taken from the 20th chapter of John. The Methodist women brought the Tuesday devotional. Rev. Charles Graff read the Christmas story, and reminded us to keep Christ in Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Routon from Goree visited his father and other residents.

The residents had their Christmas Party on Friday. Santa visited each and everyone received a gift. Christmas carols were sung. Red punch and green cookie Christmas trees were served. We thank everyone who helped in any way to make our party a success.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lackey from Irving and Mrs. W. L. Davis from Morton visited Mrs. Beulah Lackey.

Social Security Earnings Base To Increase

Beginning January 1, 1977 the social security earnings base—the maximum amount of annual earnings on which employees, employers, and self-employed people must pay social security tax—will increase from \$15,300 to \$16,500, but the tax rate will remain the same.

This means that people who earn \$16,500 or more a year will be paying \$965.25 in social security taxes or \$70.20 more than the \$895.05 they paid in 1976. The contribution rate of 5.85 percent of taxable earnings for employees and employers, and 7.9 percent for self-employed people remains the same.

The increase is not welcome

news for those already concerned about the pressures of inflation on their paychecks. That's why it's important that it be looked at in its proper perspective, understanding both its advantages and disadvantages.

First of all, the increase does not affect workers whose annual earnings are less than \$15,300; this is about five out of six workers covered by social security. This is because they will be paying at the same rate on the same amount as last year.

Secondly, while some workers will pay more, they will also be able to count on bigger benefit checks when they retire, and for their families if they should die or become disabled. Benefits are based on average earnings over a period of years, but only earnings on which social security taxes are paid count in figuring the average. When more of a worker's earnings can count toward social security, monthly checks are higher.

And third, consider the alternative. In order to keep social security benefits up with the cost of living, it is necessary to change either the contribution rate or the earnings base. Increasing the contribution rate means that everybody would be paying more taxes. Increasing the earnings base means that only those with higher earnings will be paying more.

Traditionally the earnings base has been raised periodically to keep up with the increase in wages in the economy and to maintain the level of protection the program provides. Since the amount of the social security benefit is based on the amount of the average annual earnings, if the amount of taxable earnings were not raised more and more workers would have insurance protection related to an increasingly smaller part of their total earnings. Eventually the program would provide a flat benefit because almost everyone would be earning at or above the maximum taxable amount.

Since the 1972 amendments to the social security law the increase in the earnings base has been automatic. Whenever social security cash benefits are raised because of increases in the cost of living—as they were in 1976—the law requires a review of

wages covered by social security. If average wages have gone up the earnings base must be raised too.

Average wages for the first quarter of 1976 were compared with average wages for the first quarter of 1975. The comparison showed that wages increased by about 7 1/2 percent. That percentage was applied to the 1976 base to arrive at the 1977 base of \$16,500.

Q. Why is it that Social Security does not tax all the earnings a worker receives

instead of just a part?

A. If the full earnings of all workers were counted for contributions and benefits, higher paid workers would have to be paid very high benefits based on their earnings. The Congress has not considered it appropriate for social security as a social insurance program to extend the range of contributions and benefits beyond a specified maximum. This maximum changes automatically as wages levels increase in the economy.

Q. How long will the present contribution rate remain the same?

A. It's been 5.85 percent since 1975 and is scheduled to go up to 6.05 percent in 1978. It is possible Congress may change the rate before that time to strengthen the financing of the program.

Q. How high might the wage base go? Isn't there a limit?

A. When you remember that the wage base increase is related to increases in wage levels in the economy then it

becomes easier to see that any set limit would be unworkable. If the wage base did not increase, the relationship between a worker's social security benefit and his actual earnings would diminish.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

In ancient China, the observance of the New Year lasted not a day, but for 15 days. Festivities began on the first day of the new moon and were climaxed two weeks later by "Teng Chieh," the Feast of Lanterns.

Letters To Santa...

Dear Santa, I am 3 years old and have been a good little girl. My name is Angela and I live in Abilene, Texas. I would like a little nurse and doctor hospital and a record player. Please bring me a dolly too. I will leave a snack for you. Remember my friends too.

Love,
Angela Aycock



The landscape is serene wearing a mantle of fresh snow as we greet Christmas, holiday of Joy. Joyous in observance of its origin, joyous in its expression of peace, we gather together at this special time in good fellowship. In an atmosphere of wonder we wish you a happy holiday and say thanks for your friendship.

Merry Christmas



When we count our blessings at Christmas time we think of friends like you and wish you a beautiful holiday in a beautiful world!

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Merry Christmas

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**Hi!
Merry
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Ring out,
sing out hearty
good wishes
for holiday cheer.

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Betty, Carolyn and Kay



He floats through the air
With the greatest of ease,
His pack full of goodies
And gifts meant to please.
His arms opened wide
The world to embrace,
Santa greets one and all
With a smile on his face!

We join this jolly
gentleman in extending
good wishes and thanks.

**Kennedy
Lumber Co.**

We will be closed from
10 a.m. Dec. 24 until 7 a.m. Jan. 3.

Sagerton News

Christmas is nearly here, and our community folks are asked not to forget the services at the local churches, at the Sagerton Methodist on Wednesday, December 22, at 7 p.m. for the Children's Christmas Program with fellowship following, and at Faith Lutheran on Thursday evening, December 23, at 7 p.m. and on Christmas Day, at 10 a.m.

The Senior Class of Rule High held their Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Toney Thursday night of last week. The eighth grade class held their Christmas party at the Leland Thane home.

Mrs. Emma Lammert, a former resident of our community for many years, now living in Stamford, was honored on her eighty-ninth birthday with a party at her home Sunday afternoon. Sunday morning she was honored at her church, Christ Lutheran, when the pastor asked her to come forward and the congregation sang "Happy Birthday".

Friends who dropped by Sunday at her home were Mrs. Al Smith, Mrs. Oscar Kainer, Mrs. Alice Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Nauert all of Stamford, and Mr. and Mrs. August Balzer and Mrs. Will Stegemoeller of Sagerton. Her daughter, Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer and Mr. Bredthauer and Mrs. Mary Schronerstedt, with whom she lives were also present.

Get well wishes go to Edward Niemast, who is a patient at Hendricks Memorial Hospital in Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Roy McEwen and son of Afton were here last weekend to visit him at the hospital.

The family of Mrs. Emma Rappelt held their Christmas gathering in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Stegemoeller Saturday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baitz and daughters of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. George Olson of Ozona, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Olson of Ozona, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Olson and family of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stegemoeller of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Baitz and sons, Fred and Johnny of Sagerton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Don Bivins and family of Sagerton, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Adler and daughter of St. Louis, Missouri, Mrs. Emma Rappelt of Stamford, Miss Cheri Lynn Townsend and Calvin Stegemoeller of Lubbock, and C. E. Stegemoeller, and the host and hostess and sons, Clyde, Carl and Clifford.

Get well wishes are sent to Mrs. Hilda Koch and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. August Balzer were married sixty years on

Rosie Stremmel, who are patients at the Stamford Memorial Hospital, Mrs. Frieda Quade, who was admitted to the Knox County Hospital, and Mrs. Vela Meier, who was a patient at the Stamford Memorial Hospital last week. Several others have been ill with viruses and colds. We wish them all a very speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ulmer were in Hamlin Sunday for the annual Christmas gathering of the family of Mrs. D. A. Ulmer.

The college students home for the holidays are Johnny Baitz, Calvin Stegemoeller, Lyn Dale and Carol Dudensing all from Texas Tech, and Jimmy Macias from McMurry. Steve Lehmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clancey Lehmann, received his degree from Texas Tech last week. Congratulations Steve!

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer recently attended the 75th wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. George Gaskamp at the Brenham Rest Home. Five generations of the Gaskamp family along with numerous friends joined in the celebration. There was even a letter from President and Mrs. Ford.

They were married Dec. 5, 1901 in Zionsville. Mrs. Gaskamp, 99, was born in Quernbeem at Lemforde, Germany, and she came to American with her parents in 1914. Mr. Gaskamp, 97 was born at Zionsville. They lived on a farm near Burton most of their lives, and with their daughter until 1973 when they moved to the Brenham Rest Home. Although confined to their beds, Mr. and Mrs. Gaskamp are in remarkable physical and mental condition for their ages.

They are the parents of 11 children, 22 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Five of their children are deceased, including, Mrs. Adela Bredthauer, formerly of Stamford.

Did You Know...

Xmas

SOME PEOPLE THINK "XMAS" IS A MODERN ABBREVIATION WHEN, IN FACT, THE EARLY CHRISTIANS COMBINED THE GREEK LETTERS "CHI" (Χ) AND "RHÔ" (Ρ) TO FORM A SIGN MEANING "CHRIST" OR "CHRISTIAN," A SYMBOL MUCH OLDER THAN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ITSELF!



IN THE ROMAN CATACOMBS AND OTHER HIDING PLACES CHRISTIANS FLEEING PERSECUTION USED A SIMPLE FISH SYMBOL TO IDENTIFY AND GUIDE OTHER CHRISTIANS TO SAFE REFUGE. EVENTUALLY, EACH LETTER IN THE GREEK WORD FOR FISH CAME TO MEAN "JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD, THE SAVIOR."



BEAUTIFUL -- AND MEANINGFUL -- "XMAS" TREE ORNAMENTS CAN BE MADE BY BENDING WIRE INTO THE ANCIENT FISH SYMBOL. USE COLORED PIPE CLEANERS DIPPED IN GLITTER OR FLOCKING -- OR THIN WIRE DIPPED IN SPECIAL COLORED ACRYLIC DIPS WHICH DRY TO A GLOWING TRANSPARENT FILM.

AN ANCIENT CHRISTIAN SYMBOL, THE FISH HAS ALSO BEEN HELD SACRED BY MANY OTHER RELIGIONS DUE TO ITS ECONOMIC AND NUTRITIONAL IMPORTANCE TO HUMANITY THROUGH THE AGES. AN OUTSTANDING MODERN EXAMPLE IS THE SARDINE FROM MAINE WHICH PROVIDES TOP NUTRITION AT BARGAIN PRICES.

Monday, December 20. Congratulations to them! This is an accomplishment that very few are lucky enough to achieve.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Walter Buker of Haskell announce the birth of a daughter April Renee Buker born December 14, 1976 at Haskell Memorial Hospital weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar N. Sanchez of Munday announce the birth of a daughter Cristina Abigail Sanchez born December 17, 1976 at Haskell Memorial Hospital weighing 6 lbs.

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Commissioner Precinct 4



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May the meaning of the dove of peace fill the hearts of all men this day.

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MERRY Christmas

Our town is ringing out with laughter and good cheer. The happy sounds of greetings carry a message of Christmas joy for you and yours!

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Surprise Party Honors Swinson's Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swinson were honored Saturday December 18th at the Fellowship Hall in the First Baptist Church with a 35th wedding anniversary banquet. Mrs. Swinson was surprised to find the "Christmas Youth Banquet" to actually be a surprise banquet in her honor. "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" was sung to the couple as they entered the banquet hall.

After a green orchid corsage and a holly boutoniere were presented to the couple, a meal was served. Dinner music was provided by Tom and Paul Barnett, Donna and Vicky Hill, Terri Gideon, Ember Miller, Paul Williams, Tamara Sorrells, and Mona Bledsoe.

Special guests included the honorees' parents, Mrs. Bernie Swinson and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wheeler. Also included were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bischofhausen, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Perry, and Rev. and Mrs. Dudley Bragg.

Under the direction of Mr. David Bradshaw, the program was presented by the Youth of First Baptist Church. Craig and Chris Childress, David Gray and Mona Bledsoe, and an ensemble consisting of Tamara Sorrells, Jackie Mayfield, Terri Therwanger, Vicki Bledsoe, Tim Lacey and Johnny Yeary sang several songs. A play "This Is Your Life" was written and performed by Terri Gideon, Terri Therwanger, Johnny Yeary, Tim Lacey, and Chris Childress.

The youth presented a silver tray and a Christmas tree decorated with homemade ornaments to the Swinsons. The Swinsons also received a wall hanging with the Youth's pictures arranged on it and a gold picture. The program was concluded by Mr. Swinson as he presented his bride of 35 years with a diamond and jade gold bracelet and he played "How Great Thou Art" on his harmonica. After "Bless Be The Tie" was sung, a reception was held. The table was covered in white linen and lace. The three-tiered white anniversary cake was decorated with green roses and topped with white wedding bells and white doves tied with green ribbon. A ring of green ice and holly floated in a bowl of green slush punch. A large holly candle in a white milkglass stand centered the table. Serving at the table were Kim Campbell and Cynthia Jones. The houseparty included Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Yeary, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris, Mr. and Mrs. David Bradshaw and all the Youth of First Baptist Church.

The story is old, but the perspective is up-dated and brought into sharp focus by the film "The Gospel Road" to be shown on Sunday December 26 at East Side Baptist Church. The showing will begin at 7 p.m. "The Gospel Road", distributed by World Wide Pictures was conceived and produced by Johnny Cash and his wife, June Carter Cash, whose desire was to tell the story of Jesus Christ in a realistic and meaningful way. The film is a unique blend of scripture-based narrative, an abundant supply of specially written songs, and a series of in-depth character portrayals, with Israel itself as the mixing bowl. You are there, walking beside the Jordan and the Sea of Galilee; you are there, seeing Him in many human situations that establish a practical and personal rapport with every viewer. You are there, being introduced to the disciples, and gaining insights into their varied personalities. You are there, experiencing the highly charged emotional impact of the trial before Pilate, and becoming so personally involved that you feel sympathetic pain when Robert Elfstrom, in an outstanding portrayal of Christ, suffers the physical attack that precedes the Crucifixion. Adding to the effectiveness of "The Gospel Road" in its endeavor to convey reality for this day are: the fascinating treatment of the Crucifixion, making this tragedy an event of significance that reaches from its own time across the years to take on meaning for all men of all ages; and the songs and background music of Johnny Cash and other outstanding musicians, whose contemporary style is not out of keeping with the story...a story that reveals that His darkest day has become our brightest.

Gospel Road To Be Shown December 26

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Applications Sought At Post Office

The U.S. Postal Service at Haskell announced that they will be taking applications for examination for Clerk and Carrier positions starting Dec. 23 through Jan. 7.

From this examination a register of eligibles from which future clerk and carrier vacancies in this Post Office will be filled.

No experience is required, but all applicants will be required to take a written examination to test their aptitude for learning and performing the duties of the position. The general age requirement is 18 years and all applicants must be citizens of the U.S. or owe allegiance to the U.S. or have been granted permanent resident alien status.

Starting salary is \$5.88 per hour plus 30c cost of living allowance.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, political affiliations or any other non-merit factor.

If you have any questions contact Joe Alves at the Haskell Post Office.

Land Bank To Reduce Interest Rates

Joe Harper, Manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of Haskell, announced today that the Federal Land Bank of Houston will reduce the interest billing rate on variable rate loans to 8%. This reduction will be effective on January 1, 1977, and will affect \$980 million in variable rate loans to 17,100 Texas farmers and ranchers. This billing rate change will be effective on both farm loans and rural residence loans.

The variable rate loan was introduced by the Houston Bank in July, 1969 and allows the rate to fluctuate with variations in the money market. Improvements in the money market have made this billing reduction possible. Harper stated, "This action is in keeping with the Land Bank's policy to provide farmers and ranchers credit at the lowest possible cost consistent with sound business practices."

The Federal Land Bank of Houston makes long-term real estate loans on farm and ranch land and rural residences throughout Texas and now has \$1.2 billion in loans outstanding. The local Association makes and services loans in Haskell, Knox, Jones, and Baylor counties. Officers and directors of the Association are O. G. Lewis, President, E. H. Burnett, Weldon Walker, J. E. Nix, Ralph Howe, Ernest Beck Jr and Rex Conner, Ass't Manager.

Tender loving care for thriving poinsettias

Do you know the origin of the lovely plant we have come to identify with Christmas? These colorful plants were first introduced to America in 1825, by Joel Poinsett, then serving as our Ambassador to Mexico, who brought some 16 plants back to his South Carolina greenhouse. He gave them to friends and botanists with greenhouses who nurtured them carefully.

Poinsettias moved out of doors in the early 1900's when a Swiss horticulturist, Albert Ecke, started to raise them in California for local holiday selling. Now we have come to enjoy poinsettias, not only at the Christmas holiday, but all the year round as well. The most popular is the vivid red, but there are white, pink and marbled flowers as handsome and radiant.

Poinsettias need specific care if they are to flourish, but that care is not really complicated. They are happiest kept at room temperature, near a window, in full daylight, but out of drafts. Water when the top soil feels dry to your touch, keeping the soil moist but not wet.

If you decide to move your poinsettia outdoors for the summer, it will need cutting back to help it retain its shape. To encourage a shorter, fuller plant cut it back between the middle of July and the beginning of August, and repot in a pot one or two sizes larger than the original, and bring indoors again about Labor Day.

Poinsettias are photo-period sensitive plants that flower in response to the length of the day. Ten hours of daylight and fourteen hours of darkness will start flowers on their way, but the least glimmer of light during the dark hours will abort any flowering.

From about October 1 to mid-December, the plant should be in complete darkness from sunset to sunup. It can be put into a closet, in a room that remains dark through those hours, or under a table that is skirted to the floor. If you have a large enough carton available up-end it over the poinsettia to keep light out. Unless the plant is kept in the dark it will not flower.

Farm-facts

A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News
Compiled From Sources Of The
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
John C. White, Commissioner

Good News And Bad ... Cotton Production Shows Increase ... Sheep, Lambs On Feed Down Again.

There's good news and bad news for people who like pecans and citrus. The Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service notes that pecan production in the state is down more than earlier forecast. Citrus production, however, shows an increase.

A slim crop of 18 million pounds of pecans is now forecast for Texas. This is 74 per cent below the 68 million pounds produced in 1975.

Improved varieties are expected to total seven million pounds while natives should total 11 million pounds.

Nationwide, pecan production is also down; the crop for this year is expected to be the smallest since 1962. It is set at slightly more than 100 million pounds, which is down 59 per cent from last year.

CITRUS PRODUCTION IN TEXAS is now set at 18,100,000 boxes; this is seven per cent more than last year.

Grapefruit production is expected to total 11,500,000 boxes. Production of all oranges is projected at 6,600,000 boxes.

Nationwide, the grapefruit crop is expected to show an increase of 12 per cent from last year. Orange production is expected to be up 13 per cent from last year.

COTTON HARVEST FOR THE STATE is now more than 50 per cent finished, and the crop is expected to total three million bales.

The Dec. 1 projection shows an increase of 150,000 bales over the previous month.

Harvested acres are estimated at 4,500,000, which is an increase of 15 per cent from last year. Yield is expected to average 320 pounds per acre, up slightly from last month and well ahead of last year's poor crop.

Nationwide, cotton production is set at 10,264,000 bales; this about a fourth more than last year. This total includes 51,000 bales of American-Pima cotton.

Texas' American-Pima crop estimate is 7,500 bales, which is 33 per cent below a year ago.

Wheat seeding is now complete throughout the state. Limited grazing is available in some areas.

Range and pasture conditions declined over most of the northern and eastern sections of the state. Moisture is generally adequate to above normal in most sections of the state.

Cattle conditions remain good in most areas; clear, warm weather is needed to stimulate growth of pastures and ranges.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED in Texas as of Dec. 1 total 55,000. This is 37 per cent below a year ago and is 21 per cent below last month. Current intentions to market include 16,000 in January and 14,000 in February.



WINNERS IN THE tricycle and bicycle divisions of the pet parade in Rule last Saturday were Tonya Parr, left, and Michelle Betts. (Staff Photo)

Comm. Court Holds Meeting

The Honorable Commissioners Court met in Regular Session at their regular meeting place, with the following members present: County Judge B. O. Roberson, Comm. Prec. #1 Q. D. Byrd; Comm. Prec. #3 J. R. Perry; Comm. Prec. #4 C. A. Turnbow and Jenny Brazell, County Clerk, in waiting upon the court at which time the following proceedings were had.

Minutes of 11-23-76 were read and approved.

Motion by Turnbow and seconded by Byrd to pay all approved bills. All ayes.

Motion by Byrd and seconded by Perry to transfer \$4.29 from General fund to Group Insurance Fund. All ayes.

Auditors and Treasurers monthly report accepted as filed.

Motion by Perry and seconded by Turnbow to approve bond of T/A Jimmy Owens. All ayes.

County offices in Court-house to be closed on December 24, 27, and 31.

Motion by Perry and seconded by Turnbow to approve delinquent tax record from 1972 through 1975. All ayes.

Upon recommendation of Jimmy Owens, Perry moves, and seconded by Turnbow to issue certificate of cancellation for the years 1963, 1965, 1966 and 1967 to Billy Wayne Denison. All ayes.

Order from District Judge concerning salary of Court Reporter accepted.

Haskell County Ambulance financial report filed.

John Estes, J. P. Prec. #6 successfully completed 20 hour course in responsibilities of the office Justice of Peace.

Motion made and carried to recess until December 28, 1976.



CRAIG WHITMORTH was named winner in the 3 to 5 year division last Saturday during the Pet Parade in Rule. Craig was dressed as a goat roper and was leading a goat. (Staff Photo)

IT'S CHRISTMAS

It's the happy time! We send our wishes for a merry season of gatherings with families and friends. And it's the time to say thanks for letting us serve you. The pleasure has been ours. We look forward to more Christmases with you.

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Pat Hale

Significant changes are on the horizon for researchers working on agricultural projects. Underlying factor for these changes is the growing consensus among scientists that current research with its aims at yield increases through better fertilization and cultivation technique may be nearing its peak. In short, there is a growing feeling that we are reaching the stage of making a plant produce all that is possible. That's the reason for the change in direction. Scientists are now beginning to experiment on changes in the biological potential of plants. Basic changes in photosynthesis are being considered. Methods of limiting a plant's respiration are under study and the strange yield increases of some plants when exposed to carbon dioxide are being examined. In short, the new direction for research involves changing the plant itself in ways which could develop new and much greater yield increases.

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"Christmas Thoughts"

I've noted in my more than three score years and ten the increased emphasis on the commercial aspects of the season, at the same time the great resurgent awareness of the spiritual and moral significance of Jesus and His teaching among the younger generation.

If you think our children are odd and at times appear manifest with strange ideas try to remember that the strangest idea Jesus had was a fanatical belief that "Love is salvation."

Until the Sermon on the Mount, it was never conceived that love was stronger than hate, the world had never known such a testament of brotherhood through love for one another.

And if you are not acquainted with it gentle reader, you never experienced God's greatest gift to man...in one word...Love.

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Felker, Larecy Vows Read

Karen Jean Felker and Charles Frederick Larecy were united in marriage December 18, 1976 in a double ring ceremony in the Whaley United Methodist Church in Gainesville at 7 p.m. with the Rev. John F. Allen, pastor, officiating.

The parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Felker of Lake Kiowa, Texas and the groom's parents are Mrs. Bill Larecy and the late Mr. Larecy of Coalgate, Oklahoma.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a candlelight wedding gown with fitted bodice slightly above the waistline of Ivory Beaded Alencon lace and with a full skirt of silk organza over Peau de Soi leading to a chapel length train bordered in Alencon lace. The fitted bodice featured a U neckline. The long fitted sleeves of silk organza accented with the same Alencon lace. The chapel length veil was bordered in dainty lace attached with beaded lace to cap.

She carried a cascade of Phalaenopsis and stephanotis

with a touch of English ivy for her bouquet.

Debbie Morgan of Weatherford Oklahoma was Maid of Honor.

Debbie Gray, Weatherford, Okla., Laura Freeman, Gainesville, Texas and Carol Roane of Lake Kiowa, Texas were Bridesmaids. They wore wine flambé satin gowns with a floral sheer cape. They carried a single red rose with a bow and greenery.

Candlelighter was Christy Lewis of Denton, Texas. Bill Larecy, brother of the groom, was the best man.

Groomsmen were Neil Salmon, Dallas, Robert Levell, Fort Worth, and George Finch of McAlester, Okla.

Jon Felker, Denton, Gary Felker, Odessa both brothers of the bride, Gary Vaughan, Durant, Okla. and Danny Droke, of Oklahoma City were ushers.

Organist was Anita Earle. Rhony and Charlene Hardin were singers.

The couple will live in Coalgate, Oklahoma.

The bride attended Haskell and Gainesville High Schools, East Central University, Ada,



MRS. CHARLES LARECY
...formerly Karen Felker

Oklahoma where she is a senior in Executive Secretarial Administration.

The bridegroom attended Coalgate High School and is a graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy, Weatherford, Okla. He is a pharmacist in Coalgate, Okla.

The bride is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Felker and niece of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hansz and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Felker, and Mr. and Mrs. Viars Felker.

If you are feeling sorta low some night, get out and drive around Haskell. The beautifully lighted windows, doors and yards will brighten anyone's spirit. To name just a few, David Davis, Dr. Williams, Clois Thomas, W. A. Fowler, Abe Turner, out in the Addison addition, Carl Anderson and many, many more.

R. W. Addison, Lipan, formerly of Haskell is in town last week attending to business.

Matrons Club Has Christmas Celebration

The Weinert Matrons Club met Thursday night, December 16, in the Community Center for the annual Christmas dinner and party. Husbands and other guests were invited.

Mrs. M. W. Phemister who was director for the night, called upon Rev. Paris Barton, pastor of the Baptist Church, for the invocation.

After the dinner of holiday foods, those present were entertained by a singing group and their pianist from the Foursquare Church. The group later led the entire congregation in singing Christmas carols. Gifts were taken from under a Christmas tree and passed out to all who were present.

HYH Holds Christmas Party

Haskell Young Homemakers met Monday night December 13 at the home of Mrs. J. W. Wallace for their annual Christmas Party.

Vice president Laura Alsbrook introduced the guest, Marijean McCarthy, who presented the program for the evening. Mrs. McCarthy represents Lone Star Gas company in Abilene.

She demonstrated holiday gifts of home cooked foods in homemade containers. She explained many things from economizing in everyday cooking to making a reindeer out of a brown paper bag. There were lots of goodies and cute ideas for everyone to see.

After the display of prepared foods, Mrs. McCarthy emphasized that energy conservation is everyone's concern. She then presented each member with a special holiday folder containing recipes and pictures of the holiday gifts displayed.

After the program members enjoyed an evening of many different salads served on tables covered with Christmas tablecloths. Colorful oil lantern lamps decorated with a touch of holly tied with red and white gingham check bows were centerpiece.

When the meal was concluded President Debbie Earles held a short business meeting. It was decided that the club would help with the Mother's March of Dimes drive to be held in January.

The State Convention was also discussed which will be in January. Any club member planning to attend needs to contact Debbie Earles so reservations can be made.

Members talked about helping support a clinic which will be set up in the near future to help screen diseases. More about this will be decided at a later date. The meeting was adjourned and a motion was made and seconded to open gifts.

Club Sponsor Jean Jeter was presented a gift on behalf of the club. Everyone enjoyed a variety of gifts given by secret pals.

The next meeting will be held at the Homemaking Cottage Monday January 17.

Bride-Elect Honored

Miss Cherri Lynn Townsend bride-elect of Calvin Stegemoeller, was honored with a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. Joe Clark in Sagerton Sunday afternoon, December 19.

Mrs. Clark met guests and introduced them to the bride, her mother, Mrs. R. B. Townsend, her grandmothers, Mrs. Earl Hanson and Mrs. Buck Townsend all of Rochester, and Calvin's mother, Mrs. Leon Stegemoeller of Sagerton and grandmother, Mrs. Emma Raphael of Stamford.

Guests were registered by Mrs. Clayton Stegemoeller of Lubbock.

The bride's chosen colors, burgundy and pink were used throughout the home, even the flocked Christmas tree was decorated with burgundy bows and pink balls.

Mrs. Don Bivins and Mrs. J. B. Toney of Sagerton poured punch and served cookies. Other hostesses were Mrs. Carl Hertel of Rule, Mrs. Melvin Baitz and Mrs. Buster Tredemeyer of Sagerton and Mrs. George Olson of Ozona.

The couple both students at Texas Tech will be married on January 8 at the Baptist Church in Rochester.

FHA Christmas Party Held

On Monday night at 7:00 the Future Homemakers of America in Haskell High held their annual Children's Christmas Party in the Homemaking Cottage.

Two members paired together and asked one child in Elementary School to attend the party. As soon as everyone had arrived, the group sang Christmas Carols. The children's favorites were "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer", "Silent Night", "Here Comes Santa Claus," and "Jingle Bells". After the carols were sung, Santa Claus arrived and passed out gifts to the children. He asked all the children what they wanted for Christmas Eve and then he had to leave to go visit some other children. The children played with their toys and had a real fun time. Toys received, such as tea sets, stuffed animals and guns amused the children. After the children finished playing, refreshments were served. The children had a marvelous time and all left with smiles on their faces.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Comedy were in San Angelo last weekend visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Dunnam, Emily and Matt.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. McCollum of Hideaway Lake have been visiting with Nettie McCollum. Mrs. Marquette Jordan of San Antonio is also here on an extended visit while Miss McCollum is recovering from a broken shoulder.

Refreshments were served at Pam's home to the performing students who were Kirk and Holli High, Davis Chapman, Tom, Paul, and Fred Barnett, D'Anne and Denise Burris, Stacia Adams, Cheryl Weise, Will Pace, Paul Cox, Michele Nanny, Patrick McCoy, Rochie Reddell, Rhonda and David Adams, Sandra and Emily Thornhill, Tamara Sorrells, Lori Landes, Katie Fischer, Jill Jennings, Paul Williams, Donna and Vicky Hill, Bryan Middlebrook, Mary Frances and Robert Lehrer, Debra and Linda Wells, Kimberly Lanier, Stephanie Browning, and Ember Miller.

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MISTLETOE KISS

Ancient Druids believed mistletoe of love and therefore every woman passing beneath it was kissed. Today, it is popular belief that any woman who stands beneath the mistletoe invites a kiss. Some even hold that a girl kissed beneath the mistletoe will be married within a year — if she allows herself to be kissed but once for each berry on the mistletoe.

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Marrs To Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Marr will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, December 26, 1976 with a reception hosted by their children in the Community Room of the Haskell National Bank from 2 to 4 p.m.

They were married in the parsonage of the First Baptist Church in Haskell on December 24, 1936. Rev. H. R. Whatley officiated. They lived in the Paint Creek Community until April of 1968 when Mr. Marr retired from farming and they moved into Haskell. Mr. Marr is now employed by J. H. Strain and Mrs. Marr is

employed at The Drug Store. The couple have four children and five grandchildren. Their friends are invited to celebrate with them and the couple has requested no gifts, please.

In Abilene, last Saturday were Lisa Shaw and her mother, Mrs. Audie Stocks and mother-in-law Mrs. Bill Shaw and Lois Redwine and her mother, Mrs. Dick Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Stocks of Abilene were in Haskell for a brief visit Saturday.

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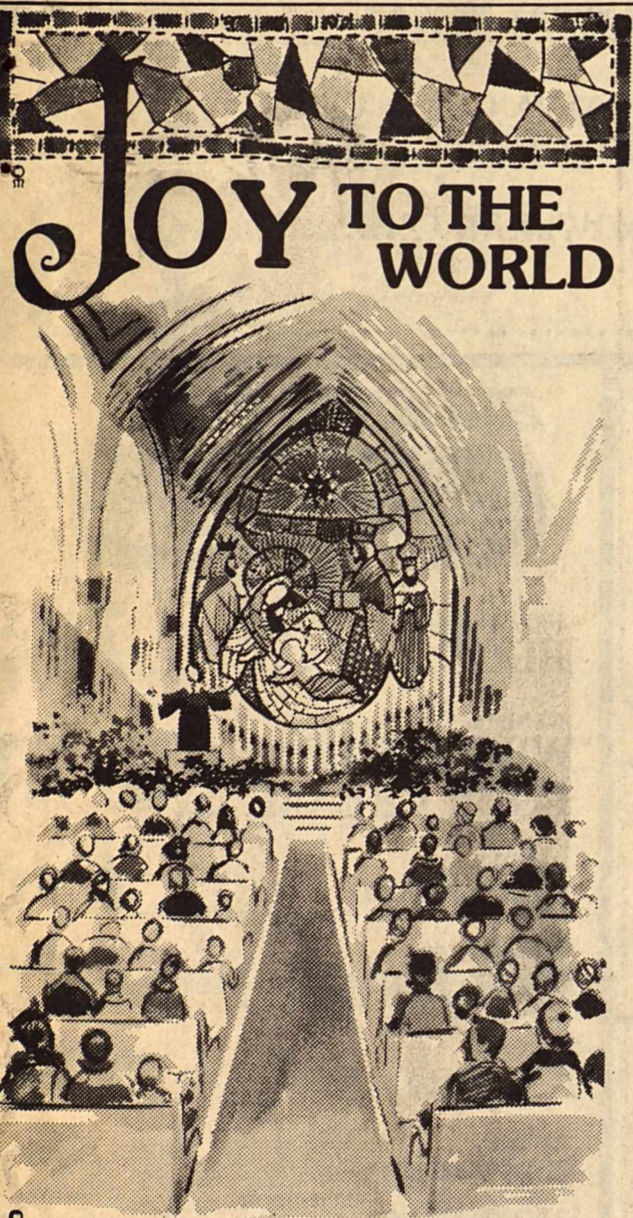
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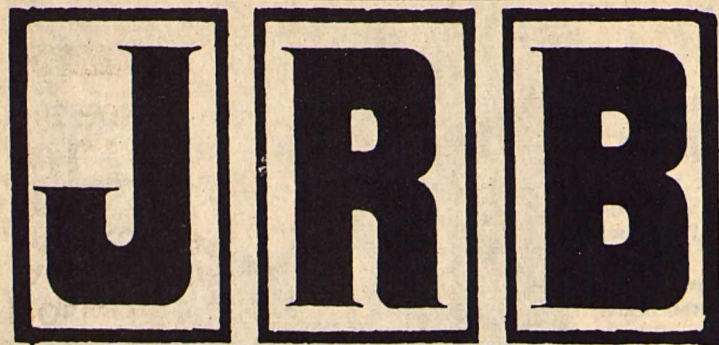
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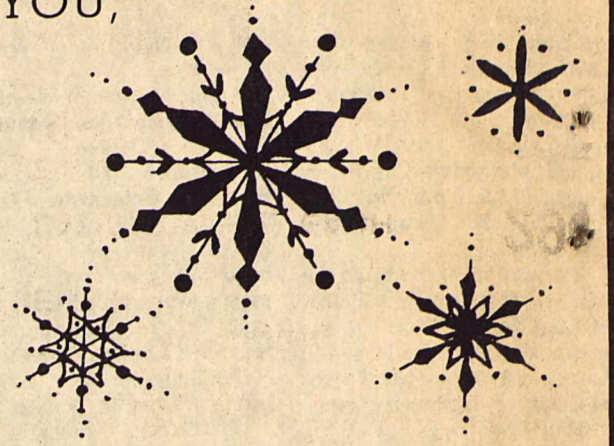
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3 Ring Peaches..... HALVES OR SLICED 2 1/2 CAN	2 / \$1	Pumpkin..... DEL MONTE 303 CAN	3 / \$1
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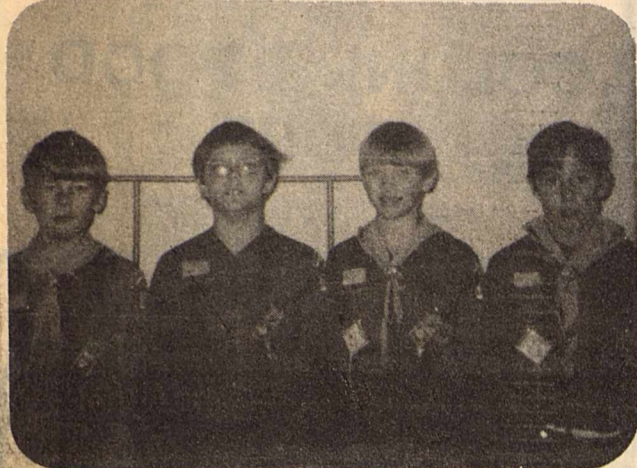
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RULE ROUND-UP

BY OLETA CORNELIUS

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Paul Sorrells, Randy Andrews, Kevin Meier and Clayton Sorrells.

CUB SCOUTS DEN I

Tuesday night, December 14, the Rule Cub Scouts, Troop 144, Den I held a pack meeting honoring their grandparents at the Cub Scout Den. Mrs. Clara Hines, the guest speaker for the evening, was introduced by Mrs. Betty Sorrells, Den Leader. Mrs. Hines presented a program on homemade craft ideas that she had made. The scouts presented Mrs. Hines with a gift as a token of their appreciation, following her demonstration.

Mr. Howard Wampler, Cub Master, presented four of the Cub Scouts their Bear Badges which they had earned. The parents pinned the badges on their sons. Scouts earning their badges were Paul Sorrells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Sorrells; Randy Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Andrews; Kevin Meier son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Meier and Clayton Sorrells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Sorrells. The parents of the Cub Scouts were very proud of their sons for achieving this

honor. Each of the scouts were presented an identification bracelet with the Cub Scout emblem on it. Their name was also engraved on the bracelet. Refreshments of cookies, brownies, candy, punch and coffee were served to the thirty people present for the meeting.

Den I of Troop 144, met Thursday December 17, at their Cub Scout Den for their Christmas party. The scouts enjoyed playing games and then exchanged gifts. Following the gift exchanging, refreshments of candy cane shaped cookies and cokes were served to the scouts. Those present were Paul Sorrells, Randy Andrews, Kevin Meier, Clayton Sorrells, Lester Walker, Larson Wampler and Den Leader, Betty Sorrells.

BULLETIN BOARD

Dec. 23 School Dismissed 2:15 p.m. Christmas Holidays
 Dec. 25 Merry Christmas
 Dec. 27 Lions Club
 Dec. 30, 31, Jan. 1 Jayton Tourn.
 Jan. 3 Jr. Hi at Paint Creek 6:30 p.m.
 Jan. 4 Rule hosts Lueders-Avoca 7 p.m.
 Jan. 6 Jr. Hi at Goree 6 p.m.
 Jan. 10 Jr. Hi at Rochester 6 p.m.
 Jan. 11 Rule hosts Paint Creek 7 p.m.

THANK YOU

The Rule Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the many people and civic organizations who helped with all the activities on Saturday, December 18th, to make it the success it was and helped in

the observing of the Christmas season. Also the merchants who donated prizes and money for the drawing and A. D. May for furnishing funds for the Cub Scouts for sweeping the sidewalks and prizes for the Pet Parade. Thank you one and all.

U.M.W.

The ladies of the United Methodist Women met in the home of Mrs. Rex Murray for their annual Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 14 at 11 a.m. Mrs. Murray has hosted the luncheon for approximately twenty seven years and it has become a tradition to have it in her home.

Mrs. O. G. Lewis presented the Christmas program entitled "The Promise Received" and opened the program with the reading of scripture from the second chapter of Luke. Assisting her on the program with a play-lette was Mmes. A. R. Eaton, Ollis Macon, R. O. Henry and J. N. Cornelius. Following the program Christmas Carols were sung and Mrs. Morris Neal concluded the program with prayer.

Guests enjoyed a covered dish luncheon from a table laid with a white cut work tablecloth. Mrs. Allen Forbis asked the blessing for the meal.

Following the luncheon the group exchanged gifts from the Christmas tree and following fellowship adjourned.

SWEET HOME R.A.'S

The Sweet Home R.A.'s met for their weekly meeting on Tuesday, December 14, in the home of Mrs. Doyle Sorrells.

For their program at this meeting, the R.A.'s had their Christmas party and exchanged gifts. Refreshments of hot dogs, chili, chips, tea and cookies were served to the boys. Games were played and everyone had a good time.

Those present were Russell Andrews, Paul Sorrells, Randy Andrews, Toby Dennis, Lane Wolf, Lance Hanson, Tracey and Sammy Yarborough, Jim Pittcock, Robert Saffel and Mrs. Betty Sorrells.

TEL CLASS

The TEL Class of the Rule First Baptist Church met for their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. W. S. Cole on Friday afternoon, Dec. 17th. Mrs. Henry Cloud was co-hostess with Mrs. Cole.

The beautiful Christmas decorations and lights gave the feeling that Christmas is in the air and after much reminiscing of other days, Christmas Carols were sung, being led by Mrs. Cole.

Dennis Cloud, son of Mrs. Joe W. Cloud and the late Joe W. Cloud, was invited as a special guest. He read the Christmas story taken from Luke, Chapter Two. It was very impressive and enjoyed by all present.

Gifts were exchanged from a beautiful lighted tree after which coffee, iced tea and pie were served to seventeen members and the teacher, Mrs. J. E. Geer.

COTTON BOWL

Rule residents will be interested in the Cotton Bowl game played on January 1st, in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas when the University of Houston plays Maryland. Participating in the game will be a former Rule graduate, Art

Briles. Art is a sophomore attending the University of Houston and plays the position of split end for the University. Best of luck in the game. Art!

SCHOOL OUT

Classes of Rule High School will be dismissed today, Thursday, December 23, at 2:15 p.m. for the Christmas Holidays. Classes will resume on Monday, January 3, 1977. Happy Holidays!

MARY MARTHA CLASS

Members of the Mary Martha Class of the First United Methodist Church met in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Allen Forbis, Thursday night, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. for a covered dish supper. Rev. Allen Forbis asked the blessing for the meal. Following the meal, a devotional was presented by Mrs. R. O. Henry and the group enjoyed singing Christmas carols.

Canned and baked goods were brought by the members and were packed into four boxes which the members carried to shut-ins.

Attending were Mmes. O. G. Lewis, R. O. Henry, A. R. Eaton, W. R. Mason, Clyde Franklin, Doc Rose, Rex Murray, E. Wilemon, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rinn, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Neal and the host and hostesses, Rev. and Mrs. Forbis.

BOUNCING BALL

Playing in the Aspermont Invitational Tournament last weekend, the Bobcats were eliminated from the finals. Playing on Thursday, the girls defeated Old Glory 40-32. They went back on Friday and played Merkel and lost 49 to 51. In their final game played on Saturday, they were defeated by Hamlin, 40-59 to eliminate them from the tournament.

The boys played Old Glory for their first game on Friday and lost 63-53. Playing again later in the day, they were defeated by Merkel 58 to 74, and thus they were eliminated also from the game.

Play will pick up after the holidays when they journey to Jayton for their Invitational Tournament, December 30, 31 and January 1st.

The junior varsity journeyed to Knox City to play in their Invitational Tournament last Friday and played Guthrie and lost 37-57. Going back again on Saturday morning they were defeated by Rotan 44-45 and playing Saturday afternoon they lost to Munday, 35-34.

SUCCESSFUL DAY

The Rule Chamber of Commerce is to be recommended for the success of the Special Day in observance of the Christmas season held last Saturday in Rule. Everyone attending had a good time. Much work, time and effort by many people went into this project to make it the success it was. It was so successful that the Chamber is planning to have another one next year and make it an annual event along with the Rule Jubilee held in August each year.

One of the delightful highlights of the afternoon was the Pet Parade sponsored by the Rule Chapter of Young Homemakers. Pets of dogs, cats, duck, goat, chicken, hamster and rat were included in the parade. Judging the parade was Bill Comedy, Publisher of

the Haskell Free Press, Bob Lizard of KTXS-TV of Abilene and J. B. Criner, farm editor of KRBC-TV of Abilene. Members of the Rule Drill Team assisted by carrying place cards listing the various divisions. Leading off the parade was a 1931 Ford driven by Vernon Mahler and going along for the ride was Vance Saffel. Following them was the various pets and then the trike and bike division. All were filmed and shown on the KTXS-TV news program Saturday night, December 18.

In the Class I, three through five years old division, the winner was Craig Whitworth. Craig was dressed as a goat roper with chaps, boots, cowboy hat, rope and leading the goat. Second place was Jason Tanner dressed as a clown and leading his dog. Third place was Jennifer Beard dressed as an angel leading her dog.

Winning first in Class II, which was kindergarten through second grade was Angela Fannin, dressed as a ballerina and leading a bulldog, dressed in a ballerina skirt. Second place winner was Delmrio Valelire dressed in a long red dress, wearing a red bonnet and carrying a puppy dressed in a red bonnet matching hers. Third place winner was Jim Pittcock, dressed for a bird hunt with bird dog and gun.

Class III, third through fifth grades with pets winner was Shannon Lusk who was dressed as a Spanish girl with a Chihuahua dog. Second place was Barbara Oliver, dressed in Bicentennial dress and carrying a hamster in a small egg like container. Third place was Tod Kinney dressed as a hobo and pulling a wagon with hobo friend and two puppies.

In Class IV, division of trikes, Tonya Parr won first place dressed as an angel and riding her trike decorated in silver. Second place was Joey

Mathis riding his trike and decorated as a Christmas gift box. In the bicycle division, Michelle Betts won first and Clayton Sorrells second with their decorated bicycles.

Those winning first place received a blue ribbon and a gift certificate for a malt or milkshake at Woods Pharmacy. All who entered received a sack of candy and fruit. Following the parade the children were surprised by Santa who handed out sacks of candy and got many requests for Christmas Eve.

In the drawing for the painting donated by Mrs. Florence Larned of Haskell and held at the Starving Artist Sale, Lisa Baird received a painting of a windmill and was the lucky winner.

At the Tasting Bee held by

the Village Primitive, approximately 175 persons attended and enjoyed all the goodies and coffee. Winners of the door prize given by the Village Primitive was Barbara Hensley, who won a crock container and Jean Bell who won a box of homemade candy.

Closing out the activities of the day was the drawing held in front of the Blue Bonnet Cafe. Directing the drawing was Chamber of Commerce president, Barry Hobbs and calling the names was R. W. Callan.

Winning cash of \$100 was Cotton Thompson, Norva Smith and Ann Crawford. Winning \$50 was Burt Cox and R. S. Woolridge received \$20.

Receiving gift certificates of (Cont. Page 4, Sec. 2)

Warm Wishes

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Cotton Classing

MUNDAY
Cotton prices dropped from 4 to 5 cents a pound from what was reported last week, according to Sidney Ferrell in charge of the Munday Classing Office. Prices generally ranged from 28 to 29 cents per pound over corresponding

CCC loan rates. Grade 42 continued as the predominant quality in this week's classings and accounted for 48% as compared to 51% last week. Grade 41 accounted for 20% and grade 52 was 13%. Grades 32 and 51 each accounted for 7%. Cotton reduced in grade because of bark or grass accounted for 14% of the classing for the

week. Staple 31 was again the predominant length at 56%. Staple 30 accounted for 21% and staple 32 was 19%.

Micronaire readings were in the desirable range of 3.5 to 4.9 on 73% of the cotton tested. Nineteen percent miked from 5.0 to 5.2 and 5% miked 5.3 or higher.

About 14,000 samples were classed during the week ending December 17. This brought the seasons total to 56,500 samples, compared to about 28,300 classed by the same date a year ago.

CONSERVATION VIEWPOINTS USDA Soil Conservation Service

Assisting
California Creek and Wichita-Brazos
Soil and Water Conservation Districts

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR is the seasons greetings from your local soil and water conservation district's Directors and the Haskell Field Office of the Soil Conservation Service:

California Creek Soil and Water Conservation District:

Jim Lee Baucum, Anson, Chairman, R. V. Earles, Paint Creek; F. A. Ulmer, Sagerton, H. L. Ford, Hamlin; and Birger Haterius, Avoca.

Wichita-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District:

L. D. Offutt, Munday, Chairman; M. W. Phemister, Weirert; W. L. Ballard, Rochester, Charles Griffith, Benjamin; and Emil Navratil,

Truscott. Soil Conservation Service, Haskell; J. C. Yeary, District Conservationist, Jim Hudson, Soil Conservationist, Harry Koehler, Conservation Technician, and Bob Aycock, Conservation Technician.

TOWARD CLEANER WATER—Over the past year, the nation's conservation districts have substantially increased their participation in water quality planning efforts under Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Law. In 40 states, districts and/or state soil and water conservation agencies have been assigned major responsibilities for various phases of non-point pollution control planning.

Controlling sediment—a source of non-point pollution—is a key responsibility of conservation districts. When it comes to controlling such pollution, I'm convinced that we have no better starting place than lessons we have learned over the past 40 years in developing systems to reduce erosion.

The measures being applied in districts, acre-by-acre, to control erosion and conserve water are, by and large, the very measures that will be necessary to reduce heavy runoff and subsequent water pollution, whether from farm and ranch lands, urban construction sites, roadsides, strip mines, stream banks, or other locations.

J. C. Yeary
District Conservationist

Annual Report Of Earnings Due SSA

If your yearly earnings from employment and/or self-employment are more than \$2760 in 1976, you are not age 72 in all months of the year, and you receive some Social Security benefits during the year, you are required by law to file an Annual Report of Earnings with the Social Security Administration by April 15, 1977. This is a separate report from any income tax report filed with the Internal Revenue Service. Filing a tax return with IRS does not meet the requirement for filing with Social Security. You may or may not receive a reporting Form SSA-777 in the mail from Social Security. If you do not receive a form by the end of January 1977, and you know you are required to file, call your nearest Social Security Office.

The information you furnish about your work and earnings is used to determine if you were paid the correct amount of benefits for 1976 and are set up for correct payment in 1977. If your annual report shows we owe you money, a check will be mailed to you. Under the annual earnings test for 1976, you can earn up to \$2760 for the year and still get all your benefits. Only \$1 can be withheld from your Social Security benefits for each \$2 earned over \$2760. Also no matter how much you earn, you can receive a full month's benefit for any month you did not earn over \$230 gross wages and did not render substantial services in self-employment.

If you have questions about whether or not an Annual report is required, telephone the local Social Security Office. In Abilene the number is 698-1360.

STOCK MARKET

The market at Haskell Livestock Auction was active on a run of 1168 head of cattle, 300 hogs, and no sheep and goats at its sale Sat. Dec. 18, 1976 according to James Powell reporter.

No sale next Sat. Dec. 25. Next auction will be held Friday Dec. 31 10:30 on hogs 12 noon on cattle.

Butcher calves: choice, 30-33; good, 28-30; standard, 26-28; rannies, 21-26.

Cows: fat, 23-25; cutters, 18-23; canners, 14-18; stockers, 23-25. 165-265 by head.

Bulls: bologna, 30-35; stockers, 30-34; utility 25-30.

Stocker Steer Calves: choice, 38-40; good, 35-38; medium, 30-35; common, 25-30.

Stocker Heifer Calves: choice, 30-32; good, 27-30; medium, 25-27; common, 20-25.

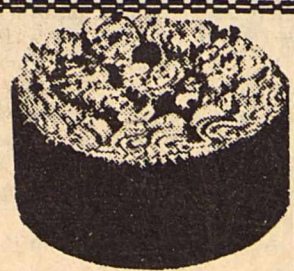
Feeder Steer Yearlings: choice, 35-37; good, 30-35; medium, 28-30; common, 25-28.

Feeder Heifer Yearlings: choice, 30-33; good, 28-30; medium, 26-28; common, 23-26.

Cows & Calves: good, 200-265, plain, 175-200.

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spelled just that way. She is used to people thinking it's funny and the constant teasing, but enjoys the fun of it as much as others.

Miss Christmas, whose fame has spread all over the world, spends a considerable amount of time answering the many people who write her. She starts writing her Christmas cards in September.

Asked about marriage proposals and changing her name, Miss Christmas responded "Well, I've seriously thought about marriage a couple of times, but I was raised the old-fashioned way and I guess I'm looking for an old-fashioned type of person who thinks like I do. I really like the traditional things — like Christmas."

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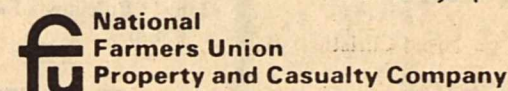
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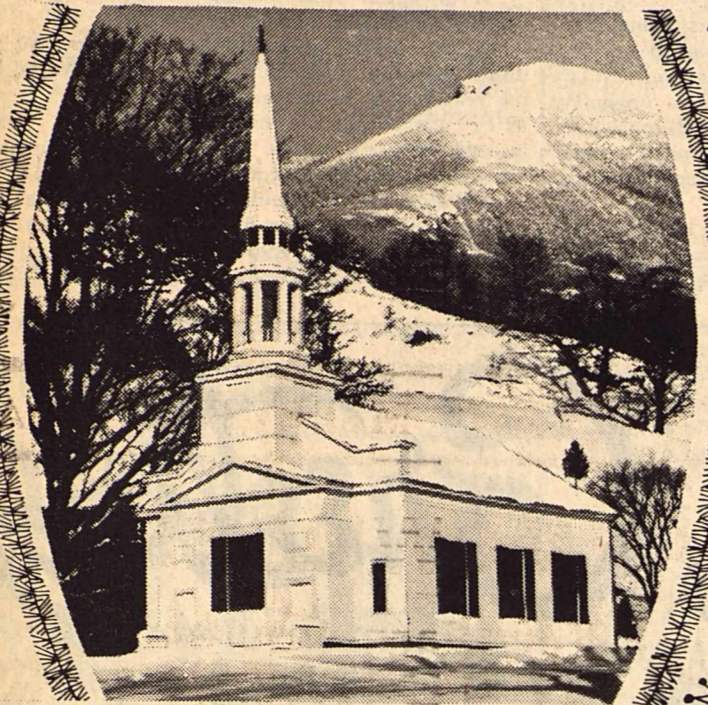
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Love,
Jeffrey Brister.

Dear Santa,
I want a Wake-up Thumbalina doll, a Barbie doll, a Weebles Haunted House and a birthstone ring.
Don't forget I will be in Menard, Texas Christmas Eve night. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Kristi Brister

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl this year. I hope you will be good to all boys and girls everywhere. I would like very much for you to bring me a piano, a guitar, a kick-n-go and a doll that cries and wets. Thank you for being so nice!
Merry Christmas
Robin Harrell
4 years old

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Frederick and I am 3 years old. I have been a fairly good boy this year. I want a brown gun like Jay Mayfield's and a police gun. Please remember all my friends at Mrs. Howard's and everybody else. I will be at Meme and Grandad's house

this year.
See you Christmas.
Frederick Whitney

Dear Santa,
I live at Weinert and am 1 1/2 years old. I have been a good girl (usually) and I would like for you to stop by my house on Christmas Eve. Please bring me a baby doll, a table and chairs, and a tricycle.
I Love You,
Shanna Murphy

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a nice little boy and I want a nerf football, crash-up derby, playmaster view camera and that's all.
I wish you a merry christmas.
Come see me,
Douglas Boling

Dear Santa,
I want a football suit, football, crash-up derby and Evil Canivel motorcycle and man. Have a happy New Year.
I love you,
Mark Jimenez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll, baby carriage, baby bottle and cash register. I love you Santa. How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer. How are you. I wish you a merry Christmas. Come see me.
Love,
Karen McGuire

Dear Santa,
You are good Santa Claus. Put something in my stocking. I want some kleetts, kicking T, plow and tractor.
Come see me Christmas.
Love,
Robin Raynes

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a walkie-talkie, airplane, tractor, boats and truck. I also want a yo-yo. Please come see me and my sister and brother. I been a good boy.
Love,
Walter Smith

Women's lib endorses green Christmas

For about 35 years both men and women have been sentimentally dreaming of a "White Christmas." The poignant message of Irving Berlin's popular song is dear to us all, at holiday time. However, a Green Christmas is an ancient custom and more universally observed.

At pagan winter festivals in early times, winter flowering plants and evergreens were prized for their promise of the return of the sun and of spring. Holly and ivy are part of that ancient heritage and were extolled in an old Christmas carol "The Holly and the Ivy."

As far back as those ancient pagan games, holly was characterized as masculine, ivy as feminine. At a later date, it was decided that spiney-leaved hollies are "he" and smooth-leaved hollies are "she."

Depending on the kind of holly brought home at the holidays, it was determined whether he or she would be head of the house, the New Year!

It's a party! THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Everyone gets into the act at this favorite Christmas party. Invite dear friends and relatives for a heart-warming evening for all. The hostess heaps baskets with ribbons, popcorn, colored papers and cellophane, foil, seals, bells, colored yarns, scissors, glue, whatever. Each one makes ornaments from whatever suits his or her fancy, and then uses them to trim the tree. Prizes can be awarded for the funniest, prettiest, or cleverest ornament. After light refreshments, guests take home one or two of their creations for their own tree.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



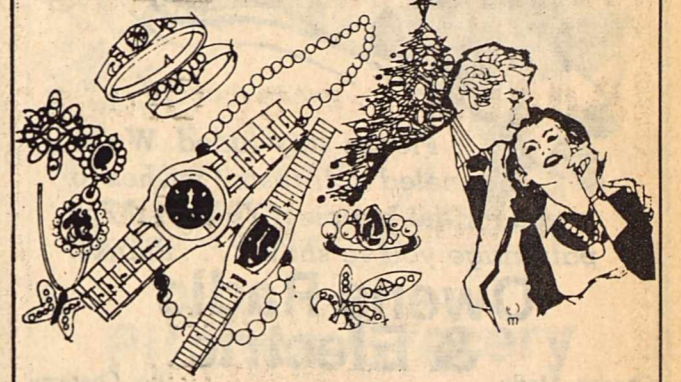
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—Cliff Morris—

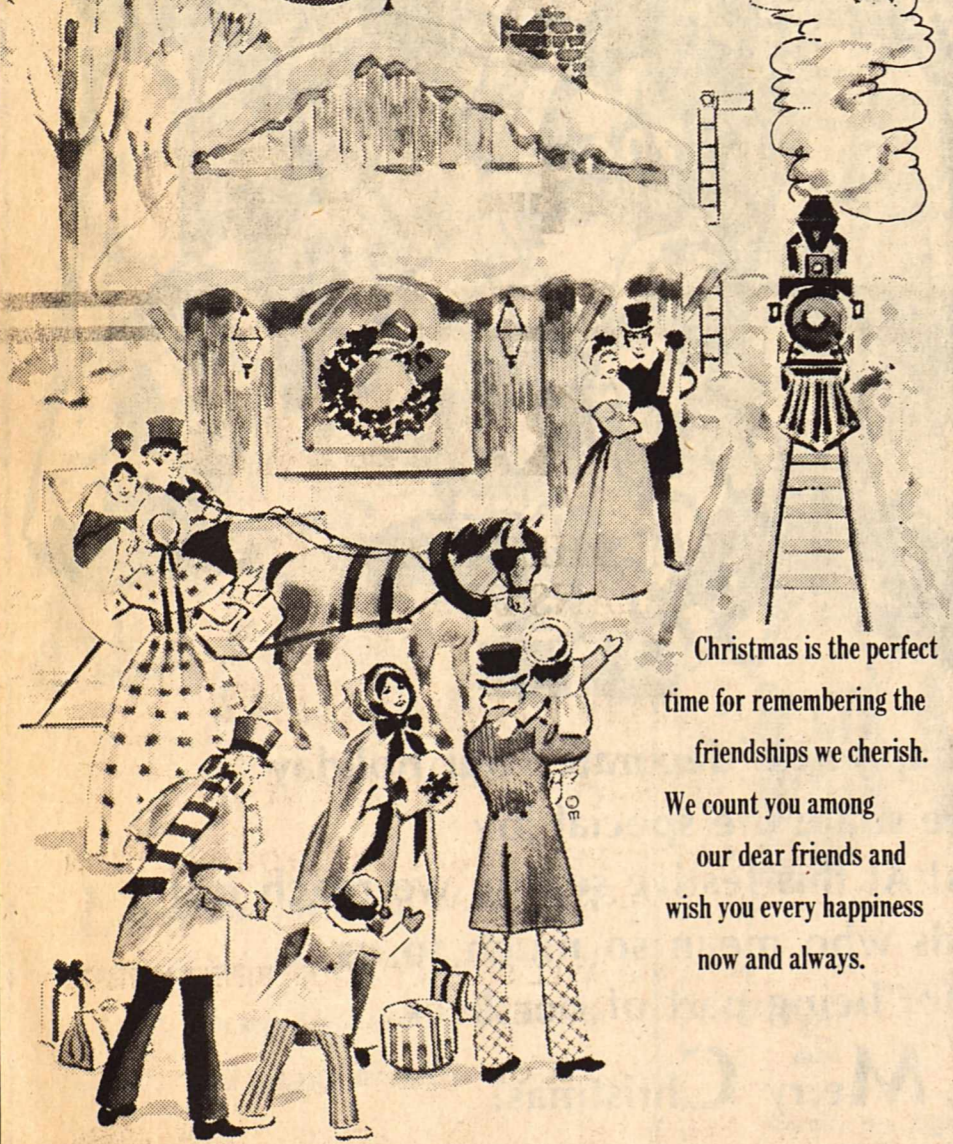
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Rule News

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various amounts were Mr. Vanderbilt \$30; R. N. Wilson \$15; Jack Gore \$15; Elgin Wright \$40; Geraline Pool \$30; Tammy Ivy \$40; and L. W. Jones Jr. \$40; and \$15 which he donated to the Rule Boy Scouts.

Receiving prizes were Swede Kittley—a watch; Billy Morton—box of fireworks; Marsha Simpson—coleman lantern; Bernice Price—hand lantern; June Biffle—small ice chest; Lester Norman—knife and Shirley Rhoads—large ice chest.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bredthauer and daughter, Rosie Spurek of Rule had a Christmas dinner Sunday Dec. 12, 1976. Guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer of Sagerton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bredthauer and their two sons, Benny and Brian of Weinert, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bredthauer of Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nierdieck and Melissa of Sagerton and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Nierdieck and son Mickey of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curry of Chillicothe visited last Sunday with Mrs. Ed Cloud.

OPEN HOUSE

A large number of people attended the Annual Tour of Homes sponsored by the Rule Recreation Club. Several registered from out of town.

The homes of each was beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilcox was remodeled by the removing of a large hall to make a combination dining room, den and easy entrance to a kitchen which was moved to the back of the house.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis was remodeled to enlarge the living room and add a fireplace. Dressing rooms and bath were added and others in the house remodeled. They have also bricked their home.

The home of Mr. and Mrs.

Wallace Allison had room added on to make her a completely new kitchen which is a homemakers dream. Also included was a dining room.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner was remodeled and also added on to. A den with a fireplace was added on along with an upstairs with two bedrooms and bath. Other remodeling was done in the bedrooms and kitchen.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Tanner is a new home completed in October of this year. A large combination living and den next to the kitchen is very lovely. A fireplace is included. The three bedroom house with two bath home is conveniently arranged with a nice laundry room off the kitchen.

CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scouts of Troop 144, Den II, held their Open House last Saturday and a large number of people attended. The scouts met for their Christmas party last Thursday night, the 17th and enjoyed a good time.

Five Bobcat badges were awarded. The recipients were Lane Wolf, Kevin Mathis, Joe Ray Torres, Billy Wayne Friske and Shannon Martin. Receiving a Wolf badge was David Newman. Presenting the badges to the Cub Scouts was Den Master Howard Wampler. Cub master is Jack Gore. An American flag has recently been purchased by the scouts to display at their meetings.

Following the presentation of the badges, the cubs exchanged gifts and refresh-

ments were served by Mrs. Gore, Mrs. Mathis and Mrs. Daniels to the scouts and their parents attending.

VA News

VA Administrator Richard L. Roudebush said today more veterans are becoming eligible for waiver of the GI Bill life insurance premium payments because of physical disabilities.

The Veterans Administration chief reminded veterans that "all National Service Life Insurance policies beginning with World War II provide for waiver of premium payments in some instances of total disability."

"A veteran having this insurance may not be required to pay premiums if he or she

becomes totally disabled before reaching age 65 and the disability has existed for at least six consecutive months," he said.

But Roudebush cautioned veterans that the waiver of premiums is not automatic and must be applied for.

He said there are currently more than 157,000 veterans who have insurance on which the premiums have been waived due to total disability.

"As the age of World War II veterans increases, more of them are becoming totally disabled. For example, during the year ending November 1, 1976, more than 24,000 insured veterans applied for waiver of premiums because of total disability," he said.

"Total disability" for VA insurance purposes means that the veteran is prevented

from working because of that disability.

Roudebush reminded veterans that they should make timely applications for waiver of premiums because "raw funds of premiums already paid after the onset of disability are usually limited to one year prior to the filing of the claim."

For additional information and application forms, Roudebush advised veterans to contact the nearest Veterans Administration office or write to the VA center which handles their insurance.

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Christmas Greetings



May love and happiness decorate your holiday and everyone around your tree share the special joy that only Christmas brings! At this festive season we reach out to greet the friends who mean so much to us all year through. Thanks for being part of our lives.

Merry, Merry Christmas!

Haskell National Bank

AND EMPLOYEES

IN THE Christmas Spirit

Each Christmas we realize anew, that our most rewarding possession is our many enriching friendships. And so to all our friends we wish a Merry Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Dairy Queen

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Christmas Eve, Friday December 24 and Saturday, December 25.

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New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31 and Saturday, January 1

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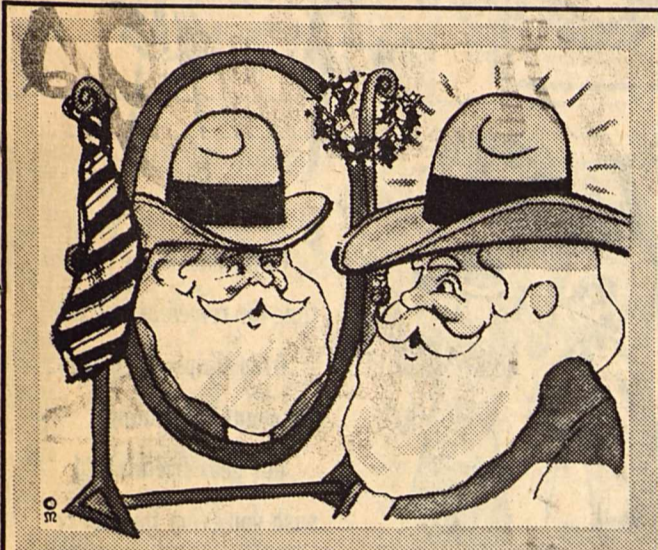


**Peace,
Joy**

*May
the Star
that guided
the Wise
Men blaze
a path of
enrichment
for you.*

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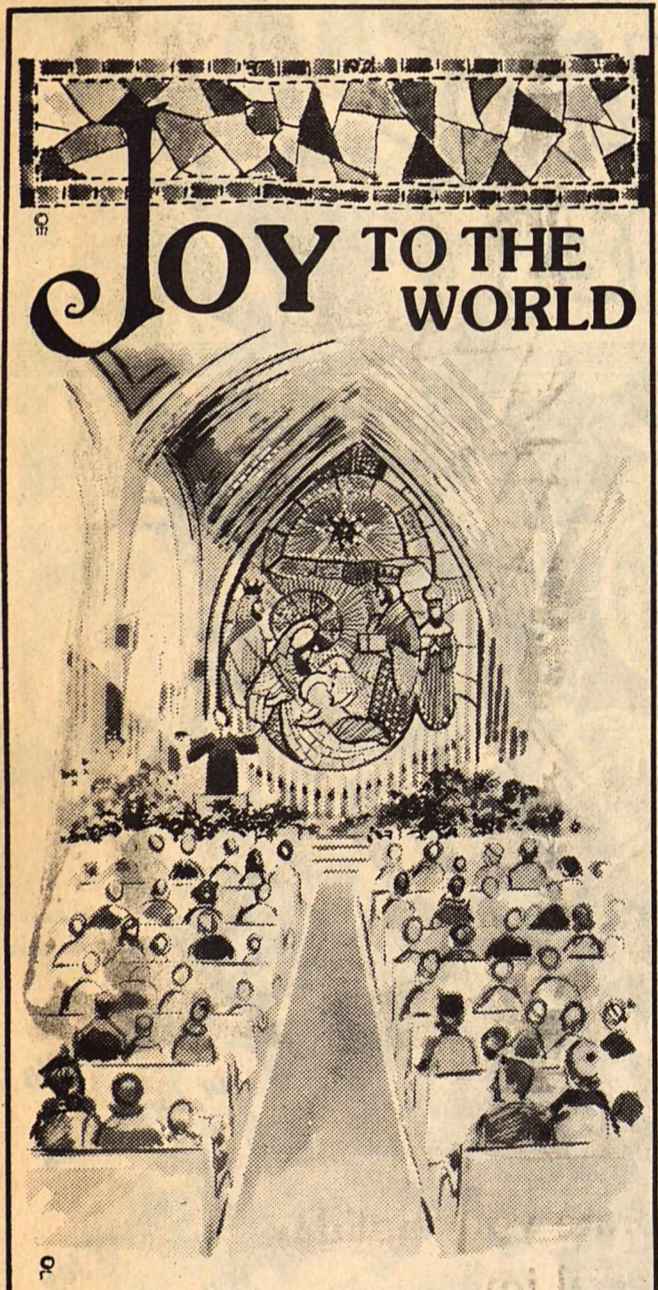
MERRY CHRISTMAS



**Greetings
FOR CHRISTMAS**

Hope your Christmas is looking great. May our wishes and thanks be with you all season long... reflecting our friendship. Merry Christmas to all our patrons.

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Service Station**

**Letters To
Santa Claus...**

Hello Santa,
How are you? I want some toys. I want a football, basketball, boxing gloves and evil canevil motor cycle. I have been doing math book work. I have been good. Come to see me. I love you.
Good by,
Ramon Castillo

Dear Santa Claus,
I been good to my Grandma. I want a bike, six million dollar man, football game and football.
Dear Santa I do my work at home. I wash the dishes and I work outside and clean my yard.
I love you Santa,
Johnny Perez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football, basketball, baseball bat and glove. I have been doing good in my writing in math and playing.
Merry Christmas,
Ricky Perez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Six Million Dollar Man, stretch man, jaws game and that's all.
I love you. I wish you see me some day real soon.
Merry Christmas
Ruben Castillo, Jr.

Dear Santa,
I want a football, a play motorcycle, a puppet and a chalk board, a little one. Dear Santa I love you! I am seven years old. That's all.
Merry Christmas,
Ignacio Torres

Dear Santa Claus,
You want believe this, I want a Big Wheel. Please bring me some dolls with cloths and a Barbie Van. Then I want a Trampoline. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
I love you,
Stacia Adams

Dear Santa,
I want a Don't Cry Little Baby, easy bake oven, and that's all. I will leave some milk on the TV. and some cookies.
I've been a good girl.
Love,
Laurie Hester

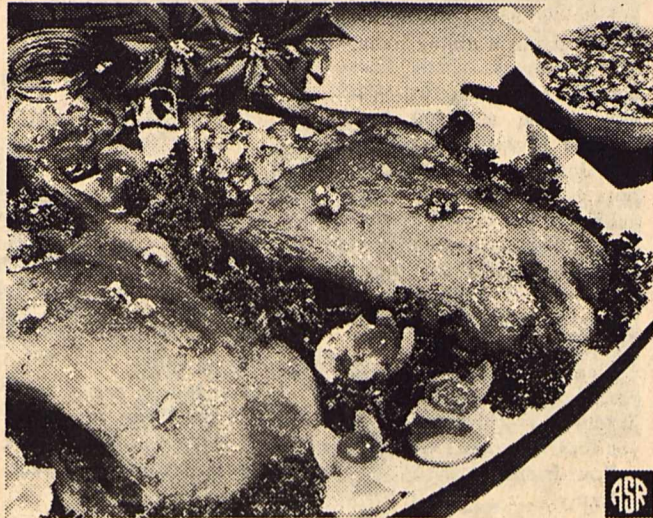
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a dolly and jaws game. I don't know what else. I want right now. How are you? I'm alright. Are you coming Christmas? Who helps you make the toys? Do the elves? Come see me.
Love you,
Tiffany Moeller

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Baby-That-A-Way, a jaws game, a camera and a ring that changes color. I also want a drum to play and some dishes. I want some new shoes and cloths too. I wish you come see me and I wish I can see you. The End.
Merry Christmas to Santa,
Margaret Castorena

Report your COMINGS & GOINGS by calling 864-2686.

Ducklings For The Holidays

by Martha Logan



Ducklings are festive for small dinner parties at holiday time. Allow half a duckling per person and about 1 to 2 days to thaw the ducklings in the refrigerator. A lime walnut glaze adds a flavorful touch to the party dish, and kumquat flowers are a pretty garnish for the duckling platter.
To make the kumquat flowers, cut from the blossom end to the center four times. Pull out the rind to form 4 petals. Tuck a piece of maraschino cherry into the centers for a bright note. Cut off a slice at the base of each kumquat and arrange the kumquat flowers on slices of lime.

Roast Ducklings With Lime Walnut Glaze

Yield: 4 servings

2 Swift's Premium Ducklings, about 4 pounds each
1/2 cup corn syrup
Thaw the ducklings according to directions on wrapper. Remove giblets. Rinse ducklings with cold water and drain. Fill lightly with stuffing, if desired. Truss and tie into compact shape. Place ducklings breast side up on a rack in a shallow open pan. Use no water or cover. Roast in a 325°F. oven 2 1/2 to 3 hours. Blend together corn syrup, lime juice and cornstarch in a saucepan and cook approximately 10 minutes, stirring constantly until thickened. Add walnuts. Use to baste ducklings during the last 30 minutes of roasting time. Serve remaining glaze as a sauce for the ducklings.

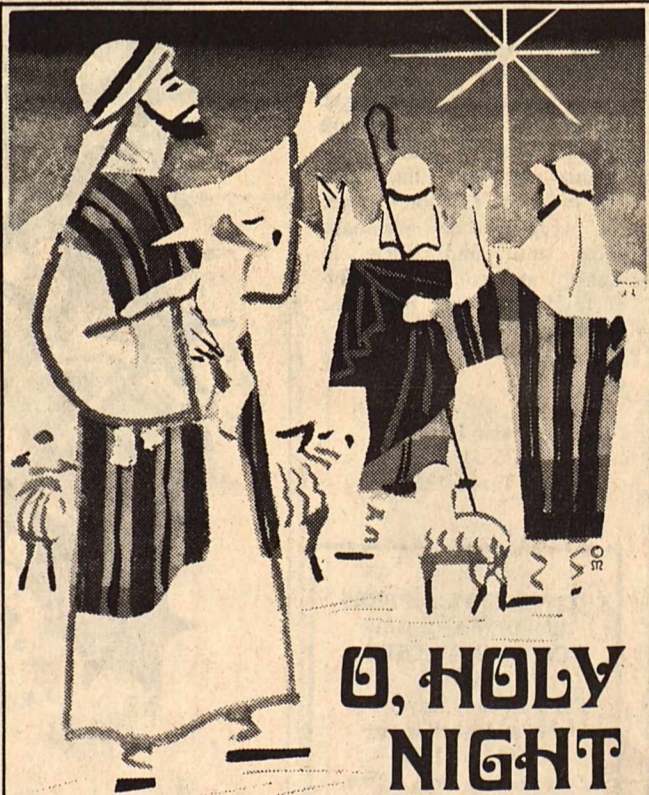
Dear Santa,
I been good at school. I want a b-b gun and b-bs. And I want some black trucks and a santa doll and a Big Jim helicopter and a Big Jim and Big Jeff. An Evel Knivel and one of them things that you run it with. I would like some Texas Rangers and a cavalry set. I will put doughnuts and milk in your plate if you're hungry.
Love,
Marcus Phemister

Dear santa claus,
I have been a good boy. I want a Green Machine, and a trampoline and a football suit. I live in Weinert and am in the first grade.
Love,
Mondy Mayfield

Dear Santa,
I want a Green Machine and some more stuff. An army outfit with an arm badge and some little cars would be good. I have been good.
Love,
Barry Walker

Dear Santa,
I want a new doll and some new clothes. I also want a new one of those dogs that are soft and a new purse. I hope you have a merry christmas.
Love you,
Tina Briscoe

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby doll and high chair baby. It takes a bottle. And I have twin baby brothers, Daniel and Felix, who would like a little car and Daniel want a little horsie. Santa, I want something for Samson and John, a little swing and a bike to Samson.



Across the ages shines the wonder of a Holy Night. May the true meaning of Christmas make your holiday bright.

Elsie's Hi-Lander

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Steve Austin, green machine, tractor and shot gun. I want a truck and a jeep. Please bring me some candy and oranges. Please fill my stocking! How are you? Is it cold weather up there? Have you built a snowman? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I love both of you.
Merry Christmas,
Kerry King

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby-that-away and a baby a-live, also a hush little baby. Please bring me a gum machine and a picture of you. That's all.
I love you,
Monica Estrada

Dear Santa,
I want a flip-back yo-yo, some kleetts, (size 3) football and Evil Canevil motorcycle. How are you? Are you fine? I love you Santa. Sometimes I be good. I do my math, writing and spelling. We play outside.
Merry Christmas Santa,
Louis Perez

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GREETINGS

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Leo Fields, Agency Mgr.; J. W. Aycock, Pres.;
Jeanette Frierson, Sec.; Helen Owens, Office Sec.;
Ronnie Tanner, Adjuster
HASKELL, TEXAS

Letters To Santa Claus...

Dear Santa, I thank you for the presents! I want all of these toys! Be wanting for the stuff you get!

James Toland Christmas List:
1. Battleship 2. Sub Search 3. Beat the 8 Ball 4. Karate Men 5. Super toe 5. Aces of the sky — Pinball 7. Profess-

ional Hockey rod 8. Sky Battle 9. Aerial Aces 10. Magic 11.

Haunted Mansion Game 12. Gostly Gostly 13. U-Drive-it 14. Self Drive airplane 15. typewriter 16. Desk 17. Generator Light set 18. Speedometer 19. AFX Car-corvette 20. Tabletop base station Hand-held space com-munion 21. The game of life 22. Sorry 23. Stay alive 24. Chopper strike.

Your friend,
James Toland

Patty's Christmas List:
1. Cher's Dressing Room Playset 2. Jaws Game 3. Twister 4. Tuesday Taylor's Penthouse 5. Benji Sleeping Bag 6. A Unicycle 7. Rain-dow-Skateboard 8. Bride Doll 9. Darlin Honey Hill Bunch Doll 10. Holly Hobbie Umbrella 11. Miss America Costume 12. Tuesday Taylor 13. Cher 14.

Jody alone 15. Bugs Bunny Drum set.

Patty Toland

Dear Santa Claus.

My name is Emily Cress SoRelle and I am two years old. I live at 1400 North Avenue K with my Mommy and Daddy and I have tried to be a good girl all year.

I would like for you to bring me a baby That-a-Way, a stove for my room and a shopping cart to play with and I also want some goodies for my stocking.

Please remember all the other boys and girls and all my little friends. I'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve.

Your friend,
Emily

Dear Santa Claus.

My name is Joey Wayne Mathis. I am four years old. Would you please bring me a set of walkie-talkies and a B-B gun and anything else you think I might like. I have been a pretty good cowboy all year. Please bring my little sister Christy, who is 5 months old something to play with. We will leave you some cookies and pie.

Love,
Joey Mathis

Dear Santa Claus.

Merry Christmas. Please bring me a Repair Station, a Green Machine, and a mickey mouse clubhouse. I will leave you some milk and cookies on Christmas Eve. Hope you don't get too tired.

Love,
Matt Lane

Dear Santa,

I want a Dusty and her horse, Rageddy Ann bean bag, baby the wets and cries, and a Jaws game.

Please don't forget Lee and Shawn Jordan and all the other little boys and girls.

I am in the first grade and 6 years old. I have been a good girl, I think.

Remember Mrs. Everett. She is my teacher.
Lots of Love,
Lori Pat Lane.

Dear Santa

I have been a good girl. Please bring me a baby alive and a barbie doll.

Love,
Michelle Bynum
P.S. I am 5 years old and I live in Haskell, Texas.

Dear Santa

My name is Marc. I am 6. I would like a race car track, train, paints, green machine.

Thanks,
Marc Grupe

Dear Santa Claus.

I have ben a pretty good boy. Please bring me a bat moible and a cats eye. Thank you for the presents last year.

Love,
Craig Hanson

Dear Santa.

I want a Rub-A-Dub Dolly, a record player, and a watch. I'll have milk and cookies on the table.

From Dalyn Gilly

Dear Santa Claus

I have ben a pretty good boy. Please bring me a racing car track. Thank you for the presents last year.

Love, Lance Hanson

Dear Santa.

Momy will translate this for santa. I am 3 years old. I want a flag, I want 3 cars. I want a doll for Derrick. Tammy wants a baby doll. Mema wants a baby doll and a race car to play with me. Candy wants a baby doll, and a baby doll for Melanie.

Love,
Denny Tidrow Jr.

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Cole, and I am 3 years old. I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas please bring me a children's hospital, a tool box, some clothes, and a tractor. Remember all of the other boys and girls. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Cole Callaway
Weinert, Texas
P. S. I will leave a glass of milk and some cookies by the tree.

Dear Santa,

My name is Chad and I am 3 years old. I live at 802 S. E. 1st. For Christmas I would like a Record Player, Bulldozer, Dump Truck, Puzzle, Emergency Truck and anything else you might want to bring me. I have tried to be a good little boy so please don't forget me.

Chad Roberts

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Green Machine, a gun, a rifle, a cowboy suit, a calculator; a dot-to-dot book; shirts; a rust-colored vinylie coat; a soccer-ball; a hot wheels. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Bobby Medford, Jr.
P.S. I am 5 years old and in Mrs. Sloan's room.

Dear Santa,

Hi. My name is Susan Marie Freeman I live in Snyder. What I want for Christmas is a wagon, box of blocks and a letter form. I got my sock up. Don't forget my grandmother, grandfather Fenner and Aunt Ella. Uncle Bob in Hobb, Tx. Don't forget my grandmother Freeman, great anut and Uncle in Haskell and cousins in Weinert. Don't forget my three uncle and anut in Rogers Arkansas. — am 14 months old.

Love,
Susan Marie Freeman
908 23rd St.
Snyder, Texas 79549

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

HOLIDAY CHIMES

May the bells of Christmas ring in a season of joy and contentment for you and ever-lasting gratitude to all our loyal friends.

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Best Wishes



this Christmas

May the season be
abloom with peace
and love for
all. We appreciate your generous support.

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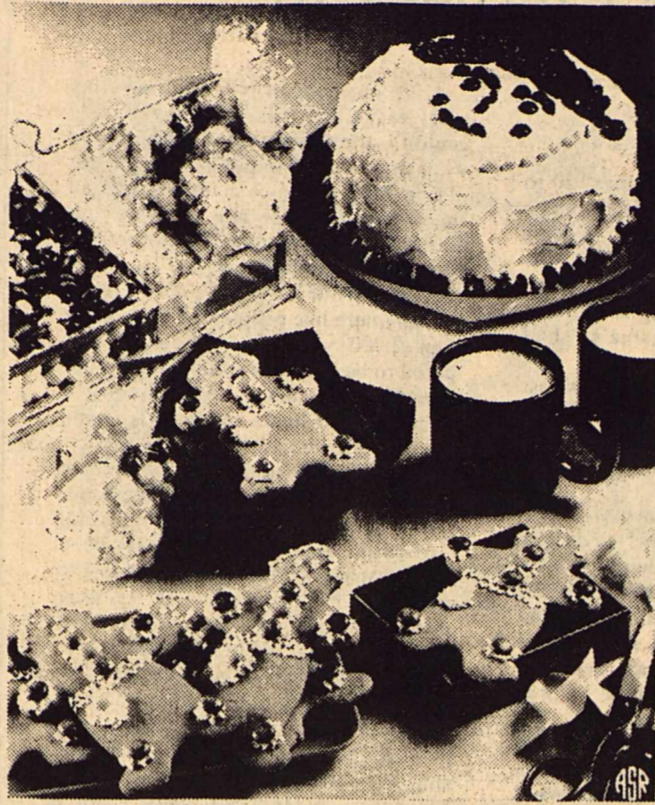
'Bake 'n Make' Easy Treats For Santa

Let the entire family get into the act in baking and decorating holiday goodies. The little ones, particularly, will delight in being part of the holiday fun, preparing for "Santa" and making gifts for family and guests.

Start with easy convenience foods and make the project fun for everyone. Cake and cookie mixes, prepared frosting and brightly colored "M&M's" Chocolate Candies produce gals, as well as good tasting results. The quality chocolate of the candy adds special goodness to the holiday baking and lends bright colorful accents to decorate the table and tree.

Easily the best tasting hot chocolate to warm chilled youngsters and adults is made by spinning 1/2 cup of "M&M's" Plain Chocolate Candies in a blender and adding 2 cups of hot milk. There's no mistaking the special goodness and quality of the real chocolate of the candies. Add favorite flavorings — grated orange rind, a cinnamon stick stirrer or top with whipped cream and a dusting of nutmeg.

Decorate the Christmas tree with popcorn balls made with the candies, wrapped in plastic and tied with a ribbon and a cluster of the colorful candies. Or nestle the colorful balls in greens on the mantle and give to drop-in guests. The candies give a "professional" look to cookies and gingerbread men or may be used to put a Santa face or a Christmas tree on a cake made with a mix. For more



quick and easy ideas for holiday foods and decorations, write for a free folder: "Bake 'n Make", P.O. Box 11756, Ft. Dearborn Station, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

Santa's Choice Cookies

- 1/3 cup butter or margarine
- 4 cups miniature marshmallows
- 5 cups oven toasted rice cereal
- 1 cup "M&M's" Plain Chocolate Candies

Melt butter or margarine in large heavy saucepan. Add marshmallows; heat slowly until marshmallows are melted and blended. Add cereal; stir until cereal is evenly coated. Stir in candies. For each ball, fill a buttered 1/4-cup measuring cup loosely with mixture and drop onto waxed paper. Shape into balls. Cool at room temperature. Makes 20 to 22 balls.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all you have done for me. This year I would like to have a football and a dart burde.
Love Billy Shelton
Second Grade

Dear Santa
Thank you for all you have done for me. This year I would like to have flying aces attack carrier.
Love Brian Wray
Second Grade.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all you have done for me. This year I would like to have hush little baby.
Love
Mary Lehrer
Second Grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all you have done for me. This year I would like to have bb gun.
Love
Ponciano Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and all your reindeer this year? I hope you are just fine, so you can come see all us good little boys and girls.

My name is Jimmy Johnston and I am 3 years old. My mommie and daddy said I have been pretty good this year.

Thank you Santa for all the good things you brought me last Christmas. This year Santa, I would like to have a big Tonka dump truck that hauls real dirt, a big wheel cycle, a "Hay" Fonzie Doll, a pair of Winnie The Pooh house shoes, and a pair of boots, and some clothes. Of course I would love anything else you bring me Santa.

Santa, please don't forget all the other boys and girls, all my little friends, and Santa, please bring my new little cousin some little baby toys. She lives in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Don't forget to stop and have some milk, and cookies, pie, that I will leave on the table for you. And I will leave something outside for Rudolph and all the other reindeer. Without them you couldn't get all the presents to everyone. So a big Thanks to them too, Santa.

You be real careful on your way back to the North Pole and tell Mrs. Santa Claus, Hello and Thank Her for letting you bring all the presents to the boys and girls on Christmas Eve. Be looking for your. I love you Santa.
Your little friend,
Jimmy Johnston



Wishing You Christmas Joy

A season of peace and wonder,
excitement and joy is Christmas! May
this spirit of happiness be with you always.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



We join Frosty in extending warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday from beginning to end.

BYNUM'S

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bynum
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bynum
Teresa Hudspeth
Emma Franklin
Jo Morrison

Letters To Santa Claus...

Dear Santa
I want a bicycle with training wheels, A Bionic Woman, some long sleeve shirts, pants a Baby That Away thats all. Santa my little brother wants a crib toy and some surprizes. We will leave you some cake and milk for you.
We Love You
Jennifer &
Brandon Messenger

To Santa Claus North Pole,
My name is Lupe Estrada. I am 5 years old and at Kindergarten in Weinert.
For Christmas I would like a baby doll, a telephone and anything else you want to leave me.
Please bring my brothers and sister something too.
Love, Lupe

Dear santa
Please bring me a Evel knievel bike, Trampoline, football and pitch backs please bring my little brother some Toys too. Please come one day early, I'm going to grandma's.
Jacent Wilkinson

Dear Santa,
My little brother Roger is 4 years old. He wants a Rifle, Maskatron, truck, Horse and cowboy.
But please give Mommy and Daddy something.
Thank you,
Roger Roewe

Dear Santa
I've been good. Please bring me a Hush Li'l Baby. And a Hush Li'l baby's Rocking horse or doll clothes. Santa I will be at my Grandma and Grandpa in Haskell, Texas.
Love Debra Harvey
Odessa Texas

To Santa Claus North Pole,
My name is Floyd Smith and I am 6 years old. I am in Kindergarten at Weinert.
I would like a yellow tractor, a green combine and anything else you want to bring me.
My brother, Walter, would like a combine, too. My sister, Lena Fay, would like a baby doll.
Love, Floyd

Dear Santa,
My name is Julie Roewe. I am 7 years old. I want a Jamie Summers, Tape Recorder, Bike, Typewriter, Potery craft. Please don't forget my good friends Mary, Stacey, Mindy, and all the other children.
Don't forget Mommy and Daddy.
Thank you,
Julie Roewe

Dear Santa;
I've been pretty good. I would like a Thunder Shift 500 and a R-R-R-Paw Power and a Snoppy Scooter. I will be at my Grandma and Grandpa's house in Haskell, Texas.
Love,
Michael Clay Harvey
Odessa Texas

To Santa Claus North Pole,
Jo Beth McGuire is my name and I live in Weinert. I am 4 years old.
For Christmas I would like a crying baby with diapers and a bottle.
The back door will be unlocked, so come on in. A Santa Claus picture is on it.
Love, Jo Beth

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all have done for me. This year I would like to have a cB radio.
Ronald Hertel

Dear Sants Claus,
I am 9 years old. I'll be 10 in January and would like to have a ten speed bicycle, a panasonic 8-track tape player and a pair of Outdoor Skates.
With love,
Holly McBroom

To Santa Claus North Pole,
My name is Keith Swaner. I am 5 years old and in Kindergarten at Weinert.
I want a yellow and red big wheel. My brother, Kyle, would like a gun game.
I am good most of the time. I try anyway.
Love, Keith

Dear Santa
Thank you for all you have done for me this year I would like to have a buck.
Love Bobby Short
Second Grade

to Santa Claus North Pole,
My name is Kent Sanders. I am 6 years old and in Kindergarten at Weinert. I would like a red go cart, a big wheel, and a purple bicycle.
Please bring my baby brother, Kole, something he can play with.
Be careful going down the chimney because the fire may be on.
Love, Kent

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all you have done for me this year I would like to have car.
Paul Ozuna



Snowmen fat and jolly,
Windows bright with holly.
Snowflakes on your nose,
Jack Frost at your toes.
Bells that chime,
And hearts that sing,
These are the joys,
That Christmas brings!

Merry Christmas to
Jean & Bob
Scott, Brady

Charlotte & Vern
Darlene, Butch
Lucy, Billy
Flint, Monica

Suzy & Jim
Chad, Jennifer

MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS



On a note of good cheer, we greet our many friends with best wishes and appreciation.

Anderson Tire Co.

Old-Fashioned Greetings



Hope you and your family share an old-fashioned Christmas decked with friendship, fellowship, festivity.

Fabric Boutique



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

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Markey's Spraying Service



Have a Ho-Ho whole lot of fun this Christmas, as you share the precious gifts of the holiday!

Paymaster Gin

Weinert, Texas
—Don Griffis-Manager—



Old-Fashioned Christmas Wishes

Commemorative Plate
Haskell Co. Courthouse
Will Make A Perfect
Christmas Gift. \$12.95

JONES COX & COMPANY
COUNTRY STORE

—Established in 1905—
Hardware, Fine Furniture and Gifts
Box 458 Haskell, Texas 79521

The Eternal Gift

By Rev. Paul Rodriguez
Calvary Baptist Mission
Haskell, Texas

I've known many a Christmas, 30 to be exact, first five or six I don't remember. I was just a child. I don't remember ever receiving a gift as luxurious as a bicycle, swing set or even a BB gun. Our gifts were glass kittens and clay dolls from mama's shelf wrapped in aluminum foil.

When I grew up Christmas was just another day when I felt I had some special excuse to go get drunk, so you see there wasn't very much to my Christmas.

Then came one Christmas that I'll never forget. We were newlyweds, my wife and I, living near Abilene. It was a cold year. There was a blanket of snow on the ground almost every day. I had lost my Mom and Dad a few months back and my brother was dying of cancer in a Houston hospital. I was making forty-five dollars a week. My wife was expecting our first child. There was times when all we had to eat was tomato sauce with salt for flavor. We'd look at each other from across the table and we'd laugh and laugh. We'd pretend we were at some fancy restaurant eating an expensive meal.

A 25 cent lollipop is what I gave my wife for Christmas that year. We couldn't afford a Christmas tree so we went to the hills and got us one and out of the birth of Christ and we had our Christmas, a beautiful, unforgettable Christmas, for that year we let Jesus come live in our hearts. We didn't reject him anymore like people had done more than 2,000 years ago when he was forced to be born in a stable among the animals. We said "Jesus there's a vacancy in our heart and you can come live here forever."

This year Christmas won't be much different materialistically speaking, spiritually it will be another beautiful Christmas like Christmas has been since that night 8 years ago, for in the midst of our present situation shortage of this, shortages of that, and we don't realize that what we're really short of is love, and so many other problems, in the midst of all this, behind the darkest cloud the sun still shines, flowers still give off their fragrance, the birds still sing, the sky is still blue, I still have my beautiful wife and one smile from a child makes my life complete, and oh, the happiness that fills me, because best of all Jesus still lives in my heart.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Darla Griffis. I am 8 years old and I live in Weinert, Texas. I would like a Baby Alive doll, a slinky, and a game called "Junkyard". Also I have 2 sisters, Derinda and Donna. Derinda wants a Zip camera and a watch. Donna wants a tape recorder and some blank tapes. I have tried to be good this year. I'll see you at Christmas!
Love, Darla

Dear Santa,
I like you your wife and elves, do you live at the North Pole. There are going to be cookies and milk on the Piano. I hope you eat all of them. Here are five things I want for Christmas. 1. Evel Knievel Stunt world set 2. Thunder Shift 500 3. TIP motorcross race set 4. Flying aces attack carrier 5. Sizzlers 2 silver curcet set.
Love always
George Watson

Dear Santa,
Hush li'l baby. The honey hill bunch. Stay alive. Sorry. Connect four. Jaws. Twister. Breaking point. Beat the 8 ball. Candy land. Raggedy Ann nitetimer. Record player. Raggedy Ann and Andy excite set, Raggedy Ann and Andy talking alarm clock, flashbrite projector, Mickey Mouse phone, Sewing machine. Needlepoint magic. Housekeepint set. Mixer-blender set. Holly Hobbie umbrella. Winnie-the-pooh luggage set. Wake up Thumbelina. Happy birthday Tender Love. Rub-a-dub dolly tug boat shower. Baby clothes. Bless you baby Tender Love. Money Magic. Card Magic. Merry Christmas I Love You.
Tina Lacey

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. I have tried hard to be a nice boy this year, but it has been a pretty big job. So will you please bring me a bicycle, Six Million Dollar man and a small train?
Thank You
Jackie Lewis
105 N. 14th St.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Donna Griffis. I am 10 years old. I live in Weinert, Texas. I would like a tape recorder, some blank tapes and the T.V. Ping Pong Game. I have tried to be good this year. I hope I will see you at Christmas!
Love, Donna

Letters To Santa Claus...

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a hush little baby. And a record player. And a iron that heats. And a ironing bord. I think I have been a good girl. I Love you Santa.
Yours Truly
April Walker

Dear Santa,
I want a truck for Christmas. I've been a good boy and am three years old.
Love,
Andy Anguiana

Dear Santa,
I am 2 years old. Bring me a truck for Christmas.
Tommy Butler

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Hush little B by and a check Board set. Please bring my Little Sister and brothers something for Christmas. I have been a good girl. I Love You Santa.
Yours Truly Evett Walker

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like to have some dishes and a Baby-That-Away.
Love,
Glenda Reynolds

Dear Santa Claus
I want a Hush little Baby, a sewing machine and a Record player. I love you santa.
Yours truly
Marshelle Bennett

Dear Santa,
I am three years old and I want a guitar from you. I have been a good boy.
John Reynolds

Dear Santa,
I am Timothy and I want a truck. Please bring it to my house.
Love,
Timothy Abila

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 6 years old and in the 1st grade. I have tried to be good this year but my big sister would say I didn't make it all the time.

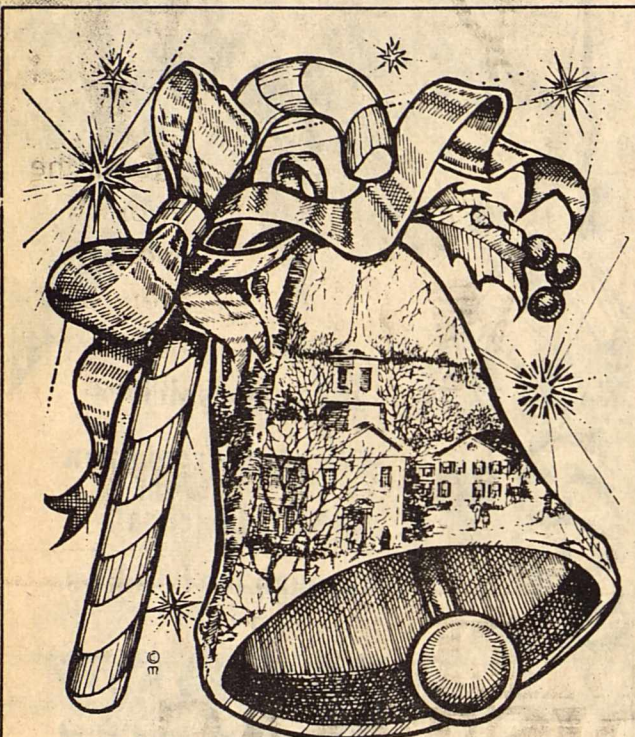
Thank you for remembering me last year. For Christmas this year I would like a Rub-a-Dub dolly, a Cinderella game, some records, and candy for my stocking. Please be good to my sister, Shelah, and all the other little girls and boys.
Love,
Sharla Jetton
Haskell, Texas
P.S. Please don't forget my little puppy, Pockets.

Dear Santa,
My name is Sharla and I am 5 years old. I want a Beauty Center, play jewelry, and a Baby Alive. I want some skates too. I hope you don't get stuck before Christmas. Please buy my mother something.
Love,
Sharla Matthews

Dear Santa,
I am Steven and I want you to bring me a toy for Christmas. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Steven Crain

Dear Santa,
I am Eugene Butler. Would you bring me a hot rod? I am five years old.
Love,
Eugene Butler

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me something for Christmas. Please bring me Wyatt Earp



ON CHRISTMAS DAY

all bells on earth will ring sounding a message of love and joy to people everywhere.

Our sincere gratitude.

THE *Personality* SHOPPE



Joy at Christmas

Wishing you
bright moments
To enjoy while
they're here,
And sending
warm thanks
To our friends
far and near.

Holden-McCauley Funeral Home



Joyous wishes for a happy Holiday.

The silver sounds of sleigh bells echo through the Christmas air with a message of hope and joy for all. They ring out too, our thanks for your loyal friendship.

Hanson Paint & Body

HASKELL, TEXAS



Best wishes for a bright, and merry Christmas

Here, beneath the lamplight's glow, we gather to joyously sing out, "Hello," To you and all those you hold dear, a holiday filled with lots of cheer!

City Cafe



As holiday chimes peal we extend
resounding wishes to all our friends...
may Hope, Love and Peace be
with you at Christmas and always.

Farm & Ranch Supply

303 SOUTH FIRST
T. J. BALLARD AND FAMILY

We wish you a Merry Christmas

Songs of praise echo through the yuletide. As we share the old fashioned delights of this warm holiday, we carol our thanks to one and all.



Johnson Pharmacy

Letters To Santa Claus...

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good girl. I am 7 years old. could you please bring me a magic show and Rustic lake House and a hush little baby and a van or a car for barbie and a Surprise! bring everyone a toy this christmas!
Love, Melinda Smith

Dear Santa
How are you? Fine i hope. I want a cassette player and a rock shiner.
Your friend,
Benny Lopez

Dear Santa
How ARE YOU For X-MaS I want a train set, Bow and arrow, skate board. Thank You.
P.S. I Will Be in Crystal City.
Micheal Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I love you and I would like a doll, some games, Professor Mathics Calculator and anything else you want to bring me. Remember my brother and all the other kids in the world. Thank you.
Tiffany Moeller

Dear Santa
I am a little girl 5 years old. I want a tote bag, Barbie and House, Race track, Happy birthday Tender Love, and what else you think I would like. I have been a pretty girl. Don't forget other boys and girls.

Emilie Victoria Whiteley
I Love Santa.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 9 years old and for Christmas I would like a Record Player that plays all size records. Also a pair of Insulated Coveralls and some other cloths.
Love, Jody Freeman

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy, this year. I sure would like a Strech Armstrong, Green Machine, Flying Aces Air Craft Carrier, Evel Knievel Funny car.
Randall Roewe

Turkey For The Family
by Martha Logan



Turkey, squash and apples all spell the bounty of the harvest season. They also used to mean a long day in the kitchen for the cook, but that was before the day of the frozen turkey roast that comes in its own aluminum foil roasting pan. This trim, boneless turkey roast is ideal for smaller families. And you can buy it as you like it; all dark meat, all white meat or a combination. It even comes with a turkey gravy concentrate, so you can have old-fashioned turkey dinner goodness without the bother.

Turkey Roast With Squash 'n Apple Casserole
Yield: 4 servings

2 pound boneless Butter	2 small Johnathan apples, cored and cut into 1/2 inch wedges
Basted Swift's Premium Turkey Roast with Giblet Gravy Packet	2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 medium acorn squash	1/4 cup brown sugar
Salt	1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

1 tablespoon butter or margarine

Prepare turkey roast according to package directions. Cut squash in half lengthwise. Scoop out seeds and pulp in center. Cut crosswise into 1/2 inch thick slices. Layer squash in a well greased 1-1/2 quart baking dish. Sprinkle with salt. Add apples and remaining ingredients. Cover. Bake in 350°F oven with turkey roast during the last 40 minutes. Serve with turkey and giblet gravy.

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. I live in Fort Worth, Texas, but I will be visiting my momo and popo Bledsoe in Haskell and my grandma and popo Stout in Weinert during the Christmas holidays. I've been a very good girl this year and I promise to be better next year. I'd like a bionic woman doll, some dolls added to my doll collection, an answer clock, doll's bunk beds, a buggy, and any other toys that you think I might enjoy. I'll try to remember to leave you a snack.
Love,
Tammy Bledsoe

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some clothes. My brother Rodney want a Choo Choo train and a bike. I want a baby-alive. Santa Claus please go to see my teacher.
Merry Christmas and a happy New year. We will be waiting for you when you come.
We Love You,
Your friends
Denise and Rodney Johnson

Dear Santa,
I haven't been especially good this year but I haven't been as bad as my brother, Cory. Mom said I could only ask for one thing so please bring me a baby that away. Cory would like a truck that doesn't break too easy. If you

have an extra red wagon, Cory and I could practice sharing next year.

Please remember my cousins and Mom would like a new house if you have one.
Love,
Nikki Schwartz
Waco, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus
please may I have a telescope I have been a good boy, Jim Lanier.
Love Jim

Dear Santa
My name is Allen Chesnut and I am 7 years old. I would like a drum and pickup and trailer with horses in it. I would also like a Seasame Street toy.
Love,
Allen Chesnut

Dear Santa,
Get Don a shirt, get Kean new boots; get Kristi a shopping basket; get Mommy a new Shakey glass; get Daddy some pants; get Kristi a new skirt.
I'm good, Santa Claus.
Love, Kristi

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all you have done for me This year I would like to have a hush little baby.
Love
Stacey Covington.
Second Grade.

it's Christmas!

The world is bright and gaily decked... Christmas has come. Spend it in joy and in peace.

Biard Cleaners

Peace on earth

To all the world goodwill... very best wishes and thanks.

Tanner Grocery
Rule, Texas

MERRY CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

CHRISTMAS IS
... the warmth of those you love close by
... the joy of holiday music in the air
... the breathlessness of a starry night
... the expectancy of Santa's bounty

We wish you all these things and thank you for being our friend.

Lane Apparel FOR MEN
Next to M-System
HASKELL, TEXAS

NOEL

We're wishing you all the blessings of an old-fashioned Christmas. May your Yuletide be merry and full of good cheer. Thank you.

Federal Land Bank Association of Haskell

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We sincerely wish that you may enjoy a holiday season full of overflowing with life's best.

May it bring our good friends and patrons many moments rich with peace and contentment.

McGee & Tidrow Builders Supply

Merry Christmas

To the People of the 101st Legislative District

Once again I take advantage of a Special Anniversary to express appreciation for your kindness and the privilege of representing you in State affairs.

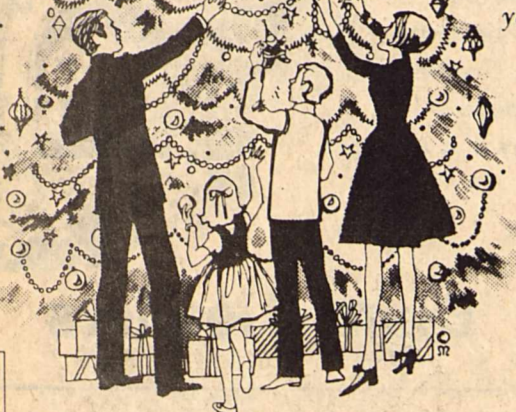
Call on me when I can be of service and when you think I need advice!

W.S. "Bill" Healy

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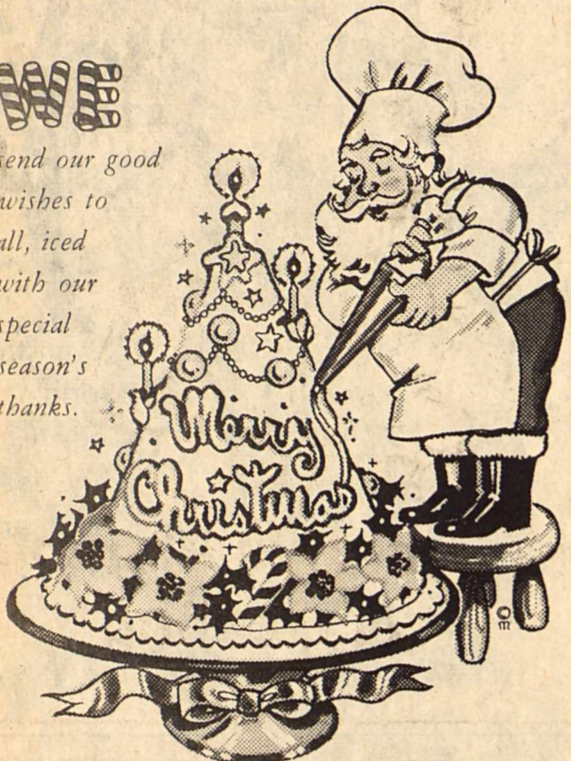
Joyful Wishes

May holiday blessings brighten your tree. Many thanks for being able to serve you.



Richardson Truck & Tractor

send our good wishes to all, iced with our special season's thanks.



The Sweet Shop

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Mahoney and Family and Employees

Letters To Santa Claus...

Dear Santa, Thank you for all you have done for me. This year I would like to have a train set.

Love
Kelly Klose
Second Grade

Dear Santa, Thank you for all you have done for me. I would like a Hush li'l baby.

Thank you love
Cheryl Strickland

Dear Santa, Thank you for all you have done for me. This year I would like to have a Dishes and a Doll.

Love
Second Grade
Linda Lewis

Dear Santa, Thank you for all you have done for me. This year I would like to have a doll.

Love,
Patricia Hery

Dear Santa, Thank you for all you have done for me. This year I would like to have a Bengie Sleeping Bag.

Love,
Paula Hudspeth
Second Grade

Dear Santa, Thank you for all you have done for me. This year I would like to have a bike.

Love
Second Grade
Rebecca Flores

Dear Santa, Thank you for all you have done for me. This year I would like to have a bike.

Love Gloria Villa
Second Grade

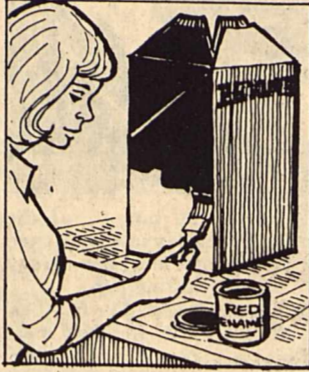
Dear Santa, I want a racetrack and virtiebird and swat some trucks a new gun and some worm pagamas.

Dear Santa, I want a Baby That Away and Johnny wants a tractor

These Do-It-Yourself Gifts Say 'With Love' In A Special Way

Here are two gifts that are different, easy to make and that say "especially for you," made from moving cartons or boxes available from any Bekins Company branch. Instead of "just buying something," try these clever ideas to personalize your Christmas gift giving.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said: "the only gift is a portion of thyself." That's what you give when you give a gift you've made.



Beanbag or Ball Toss Game
For youngsters of all ages: Cut a hole in the center of the bottom side of a Bekins dishpack or deep book carton. Then, with a sharp knife, light saw or single-edge razorblade, cut slits in the cardboard in an "X" pattern— from each corner into the center hole. Turn the edges of the slits up so that the beanbag (or ball) will bounce off the edges of the slits unless the player gets a "hit." Hits are scored each time the bean-

and anything else you want to bring us.

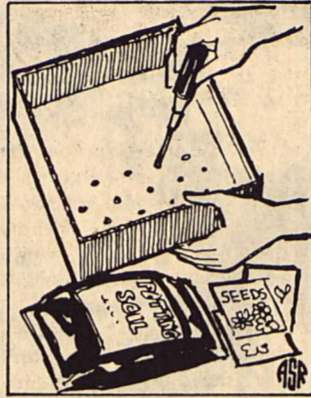
Drive safely please.
Thank you,
Teresa and Johnny
Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus, I want a evil knivel jump set and a operation game and some candy please try to get those things I want.

Love Steven Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Chad Harris Gibson, and I am 3½ years old. I am very excited about Christmas this year, and I am trying to be a good boy and mind my mommy and daddy. Please bring me a football uniform with arm and knee pads and a helmet so I can be a quarterback. Also bring me

bag or ball goes down through the center hole. The box can be painted with bright enamel to reflect the holiday spirit.



Portable Planter
For the family gardener, who can't wait til Spring to exercise that green thumb, make a portable starter-planter by cutting away one side of a four-inch deep Bekins mirror carton, or by cutting down a book carton to a depth of four inches.

Prick the bottom of the box for drainage with a heavy screwdriver. Fill box with damp potting soil and drop in individual seeds, carefully spaced. Place on a waterproof surface in a sunny window and water regularly. When seedlings are strong and the weather is warm enough, take the carton to the planting site, place in garden bed and cut away carton corners. Over the next few months the cardboard will decompose and become mulch.

any other toys that a farmer-cowboy-football player will like. Please remember to bring my little brother Paul Jon some presents, too. We will leave cookies and milk for you on the piano. Thank you, Santa.

I love you,
Chad Harris Gibson
507 N. Av D, Haskell

To Santa Claus North Pole, Pennie Dale Boling is my name. I am 5 years old and in Kindergarten at Weinert. I would like a baby doll, a telephone, a play bell and some doll dishes.

I have been pretty good little girl this year. Christie, my little sister, would like two baby dollies. Love, Pennie

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Paul Jon and I am Chad Gibson's little 11-month old brother. This is my first Christmas, and we are all eagerly awaiting your visit at our home. Please bring me any toys that a little tag-along farmer-cowboy-football player will enjoy. Please remember our cousins and all the other boys and girls. Thank you, Santa.

I love you,
Paul Jon Gibson
507 N. Av D, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus Please bring me a Huffy bicycle, Green Machine, Mr. mouth, and Nutty tennis. Have a Merry Christmas

Bryan Baldwin
Dear Santa Claus I think I have been a good girl this year. please will you bring me a hamster and a Hush Little Baby Doll, and a new Bedroom Suite. Please remember all the girls and boys and remember that I love you!

Sheree Dumas
6 years old
Dear Santa, My name is Anthony Chesnut. I am 4 years old. I have been good this year. I would like a green machine, a truck, and Choo-choo train. Please bring my brothers something.

Love
Anthony Chesnut
Dear Santa, My name is Jason Chesnut and I am 2 years old. I would like a tricycle and a gun and some trucks. I have been good this year (most of the time).

Love,
Jason Chesnut
Dear Santa Claus, Would you bring me a doll and some flowered pants and any color of socks. I have been a good girl this year and I am 5 years old. I want to be sure that you know were I live. I live with my grandmother and granddaddy out in the country in a brick house in Rule, Texas. I would like for you to bring me all of those things.

Love,
Kathleen Kutch

Greetings to All



This frosty fellow brings our holiday wishes and many thanks for all your trust.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wayne McDermett

GREETINGS



Our wish is simple but sincere ...
May you enjoy a Merry Christmas.

WINONA'S



He floats through the air
With the greatest of ease,
His pack full of goodies
And gifts meant to please.
His arms opened wide
The world to embrace,
Santa greets one and all
With a smile on his face!

We join this jolly gentleman in extending good wishes and thanks.

Woods Pharmacy

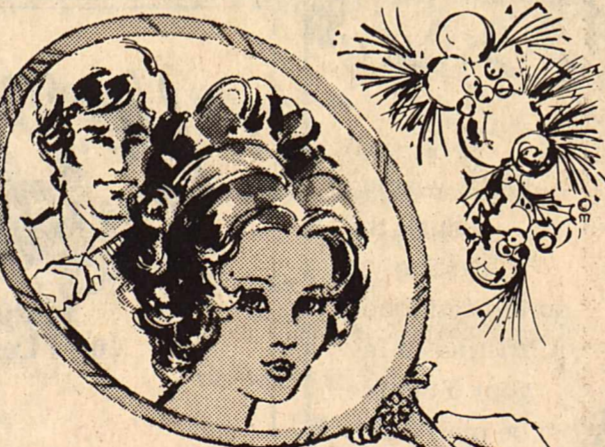
Rule, Texas

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We're happy to be of service to you all the year round, and happy to extend good wishes for your happiness and joy this festive season.

Jeter's Texaco



Merry Christmas

Our wish? The loveliest, merriest Yule to you and the family. It's a pleasure knowing and serving you.

Martha's Beauty Center

Martha, Pat, Brenda, Linda, Kathy, Beth, Sandy



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

Charles Reed & Family

NATIONAL FARMERS UNION INSURANCE COMPANIES



May our pleasant relationship continue to flower and grow throughout a happy and healthy Christmas Holiday!

Haskell Credit Bureau



Let us keep Christmas. Let us hold this shining day close ... remembering faithful friends.

Parker's Super Market

Kenneth & Roxie Parker, Doris Darnell, Lee Roy O'Neal, Ann Young, Phillip Stocks, Robert Rodriguez, Frankie Moeller, Mike Carr.



The First Christmas

Silent night, holy night... May the joy of Christ's birth live in your heart today and forevermore.

Hammer Laundry



Orange Pekoe tea refers only to the size of the leaf, not to color or variety of tea.



No one would purposely buy a toy which could injure the child for whom they plan happiness, but thousands of Texans this Christmas may be doing this unknowingly.

If the wrong toy falls into the hands of a child, this toy could produce a serious injury, says the Texas Department of Health Resources. When buying toys this year, think toy safety, advises Dr. Fratis L. Duff, director of the Texas Department of Health Resources.

A few months, or a year of two, in a child's development can make quite a difference in that child's ability to cope with toys. "That's the reason manufacturers are required to place precautionary labeling on toys," says Harold Ray, director of the Department's Division of Product Safety.

"Consumers should look for the warning label on a toy which states that the toy isn't recommended for a child under a certain age," Ray said. "If such a label warns that the toy is too advanced for the child in mind, the purchaser should heed the warning and find one to fit the child."

Ray noted that a testing process has been used in determining the right toy for the right child. Last year the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission issued final regulations for use and abuse testing of toys. While not banning toys, the regulations provide tests for impact, bite, flexure, torque tension and compression—all of which simulate normal and reasonably foreseeable use, damage and abuse of toys, games and other articles by children for whom the toys are intended. These age levels are 18 months and less, over 18 months but not over 36 months, and over 36 months but not over eight years of age.

What can you, as an individual do to prevent this mis-match of toy and child?

First, be aware of how the toy is built, says Ray. Toy buyers in the family should reject those with obvious hazards—sharp points; rough or unfinished surfaces; small, detachable parts that may be swallowed; brittle plastic or glass that breaks easily and leaves sharp edges that may cut; poorly constructed toys with sharp spikes or pins that are exposed when the toy is pulled apart by a curious child; toys with triggers, gears, or other parts activated by a spring or motor that may pinch fingers or catch hair.

Most of these types of toys have been eliminated through Consumer Product Safety Commission standards. But, some 5,000 new toys enter the marketplace each year. The holiday season will find more than 150,000 different kinds of toys for sale in an estimated one million retail outlets. Despite the efforts of toy manufacturers, retailers, state and federal inspectors and different governmental agencies, it is impossible to inspect every toy.

It is possible, however, for parents, relatives, friends and older sisters and brothers to check every new toy they buy and every old toy around the house for possible hazards.

There are some specific things you can do in thinking toy safety. These suggestions include:

- *Buy toys that suit the skills and abilities of the child. Avoid toys that are too complex for young children. No small child should be subjected to electrical toys or those which can produce burning temperatures.

- *Look for labels that give age recommendations or safety information such as "Not Recommended for Children Under Three" or "Non-Toxic" on toys likely to end up in little mouths.

- *Watch out for toys that have sharp edges, small parts or sharp points.

- *Avoid toys that produce

extremely loud noises that can damage hearing, as well as propelled objects that can injure eyes.

- *Explain to the child how to use toys properly and safely.

- *Always try to supervise young children while they play.

- *Insist that children put their toys away so they do not get broken, and so that no one trips or falls on them.

- *Examine toys periodically. Repair broken toys and discard toys that cannot be fixed.

Keep these toy tips in mind before, during and after purchase of toys, says the Department of Health Resources, and you'll feel more confident that the toys you buy will bring nothing but pleasure to their young owners.

Deductible For Medicare To Increase

The Medicare hospital insurance deductible will be \$124 starting January 1, 1977, according to M. Glyn Hammons, social security district manager in Abilene.

"A Medicare patient who goes into a hospital and starts a benefit period after Decem-

ber 31 will be responsible for the first \$124 of covered hospital expenses," Hammons said.

The 1976 deductible was \$104. Under the Medicare law, the amount of the deductible is tied to the average cost of one day's stay in a hospital.

"The increase to \$124 for 1977 is a result of a review of hospital costs during 1975," Hammons said. "However, the present \$104 deductible remains in effect throughout any benefit period that started in 1976 even if the period of hospitalization continues into 1977."

Medicare hospital insurance helps pay for hospital stays and certain post-hospital care of people 65 and over, disabled people under 65 who have been entitled to social security disability benefits for 24 consecutive months or more, and many people who have permanent kidney failure.

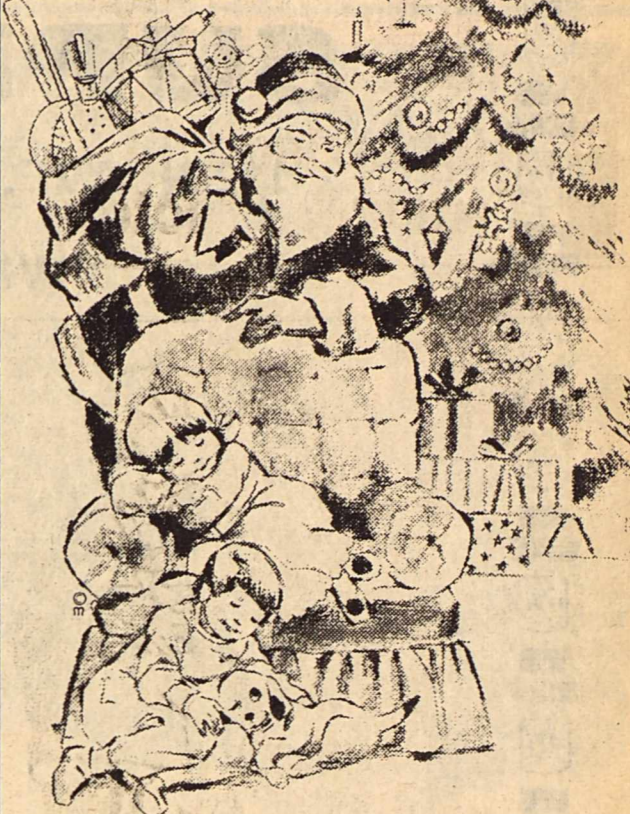
Medicare is administered by the Social Security Administration.

COMBINE a Bates Director List Finder and a Phone Pen for a thoughtful gift. Pen holder adheres to any surface and holds refillable ball point pen. Haskell Free Press.



Santa's pack is overflowing with gifts of happy days, gifts of joy and friendship.

To his bounty we add our warm thanks.



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Bogel Cotton Co.

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205 N. 1ST

[Next to Dairy Queen]

PHIL BOGEL
864-3100

Let us Adore Him

May His ever-present love be a source of special joy to you as you celebrate His birth. May our thanks add to the splendor of your Christmas.



Haskell Memorial Hospital Board & Staff

DOYLE HIGH'S

THE DRUG STORE

100 S. AVE. E

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from Kenneth Jones

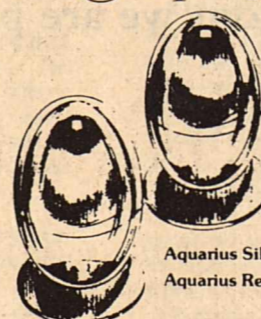


A study at Harvard U. School of Public Health showed that among women with good-to-excellent prenatal diets, 95% of their babies were born without complications in good-to-excellent condition. Among women with poor prenatal diets, the results were reversed. Disorders, such as miscarriage, premature birth, and stillbirth were found related to faulty maternal diet. For prospective mothers, proper nutrition has a pre-eminent role in childbearing. It is the quality of the food—vitamins, protein and minerals—not the quantity that is important.

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