

SEASON'S GREETINGS



CHRISTMAS TREE—Visions of a Happy Christmas to come dance in the eyes of these children as they gather around the Christmas Tree in the lobby of the Winters State Bank. For so many years, the bank has had a big Christmas tree in the lobby it has become a tradition... the tree serves as a "community" tree, in the manner of earlier times when a tree was erected on the street for all to see.

What Christmas is really all about...

Sometimes in the rush of holiday shopping and activities, we lose sight of the real meaning of Christmas. Of course, we know it's more than Santa and gifts and parties, but that's easy to forget amid the festivities and preparations. Now, more than ever, we need to stop and think about what Christmas is really all about.

It's a celebration—a celebration of the birth of Jesus and the birth of hope for mankind. That hope is born anew in our hearts each Christmas, as we contemplate the Christ Child. For He is indeed the Prince of Peace, bringing peace to every heart that will admit Him.

May the Joy of Christmas—the real Christmas—be yours!

Tempting scent to holiday candles

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 can-

dies 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 splattering.
- * 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.

SCENTED GIFT

Pomander balls make beautiful gifts trimmed up with velvet ribbons, lace and pretty braid. Tie them prettily from bits and pieces you have tucked away in your sewing box. Their fragrance will last long after the holidays are gone.

Santa Not Always Plump and Jolly!

Whoever heard of a skinny Santa? At one time, Santa was described as slim and tall, believe it or not. Today we are accustomed to thinking of Santa in terms of Clement Clarke Moore's "plump and jolly old elf", described in his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," that we take it

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.

for granted that Santa has always looked that way.

But until Moore wrote his now-famous poem, there were differing notions as to Santa's appearance. He was described as slim and tall in some accounts, short and fat in others. No doubt many thought of him as being dignified, for he was known as St. Nicholas at that time.

But then Moore wrote "A Visit from St. Nicholas," which appeared in print for the first time in the *Sentinel* of Troy, New York, just before Christmas in 1823. At that time it was published anonymously. By 1837, after having been printed every year in the *Sentinel*, it had been attributed to Moore.

The amusing and endearing description of Santa — "a little old driver, so lively and quick... his eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how merry! his cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry —" captivated the imaginations of readers and later, an engraving of Santa accompanied the poem to further establish him in the public's mind as a fat and jolly type.

With the passage of time, Moore's poem has become a traditional part of the Christmas scene. And every youngster, as the holiday season approaches, pictures Santa as "chubby and plump — a right jolly old elf," calling out as he takes off in his sleigh, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

O'CONNOR'S COLUMN

Leftover Turkey Tricks
Leftover turkey meat provides endless possibilities for future family meals, Mrs. O'Connor says.

"Cool cooked poultry quickly and store, loosely wrapped, in the coldest part of the refrigerator. Cooked turkey meat can be stored in the freezer in moisture-vapor resistant wrappings such as glass, rigid plastic containers, freezer foil and freezer paper or plastic wrap.

"Cooked turkey covered with broth or gravy will keep for up to six months, but turkey not covered with broth or gravy will keep only one month.

"If the meat is removed from the bone before packaging and freezing, less freezer space will be used and the meat will be ready for use. Defrost in the refrigerator before use," she advised.

Try the following recipes to make the best use of one of this year's best buys—turkey.

Turkey Croquettes
2 cups turkey, cooked, diced
1 cup rice, cooked
1/2 cup celery, finely chopped
2 tablespoons onion, finely chopped
1 teaspoon flour
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1 egg, beaten
1/4 to 1/2 cup evaporated milk
3/4 cup breadcrumbs, fine, dry
2 quarts oil for frying
1 recipe turkey sauce
1/2 cup nuts, chopped or a few sprigs parsley

Combine turkey, rice, vegetable, flour and seasonings. Add egg and enough milk to moisten. Shape into 12 croquettes. Roll in bread-

crumbs. Heat in a deep kettle or deep-fat fryer to 375 degrees F. Fry croquettes until browned, two-five minutes. Drain on paper. Serve hot turkey sauce over croquettes. Garnish with nuts or parsley, if desired.

Note: To obtain one cup cooked rice, use 1/2 cup raw rice.

Calories per serving: About 360 if garnished with nuts; about 315 if garnished with parsley. Yield: six servings, two croquettes each.

Turkey Pinwheels
3 tablespoons celery, finely chopped
2 teaspoons onion, finely chopped
2 tablespoons water
1 1/4 cups turkey, cooked, finely chopped
1 1/4 cups flour, unsifted
2 teaspoons baking powder, double-acting
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup shortening
1/2 cup milk

1 recipe Turkey Sauce
Cook celery and onion in water until tender. Drain, reserving two teaspoons liquid. Combine turkey, vegetables and reserved vegetable liquid. Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. (very hot). Stir flour, baking powder and salt together. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse cornmeal. Add milk; mix just enough to moisten dry ingredients. Turn dough onto a lightly floured board. Roll one-fourth inch thick. Spread turkey mixture evenly over dough. Roll as for jelly roll. Cut into six slices. Place slices on a greased baking pan. Bake 20 minutes. Serve Turkey Sauce over pinwheels.

Calories per serving: About 275. Yield: six pinwheels.

Turkey Sauce
1 to 3 tablespoons butter or other fat
3 tablespoons flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups turkey broth or a mixture of 1 1/2 cups milk,

whole or skim and 3 turkey-flavored bouillon cubes

Melt fat over low heat; blend in flour and salt. Heat and stir until bubbly. Add broth or milk and bouillon cubes slowly, stirring constantly, until thickened.

Note: Chicken fat adds extra flavor.

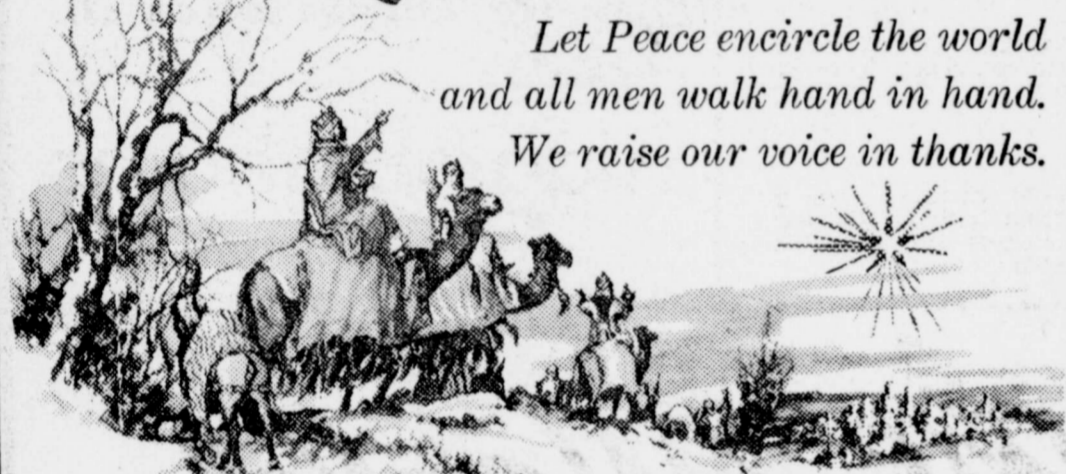
Calories per recipe: About 310 if made with turkey broth; 520 if made with whole milk and bouillon cubes. Yield: one and one-half cups sauce.

Turkey-Kidney Bean Salad
1 cup turkey, cooked, coarsely chopped
1 1/4 cups kidney beans, cooked or canned, drained
1/2 cup pickle, sweet, coarsely chopped
3/4 cup celery, coarsely chopped
1 tablespoon onion, finely chopped
2 eggs, hard-cooked, diced
1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 teaspoon mustard, pre-

pared
1 teaspoon pickle liquid
Combine all ingredients. Toss lightly. Chill at least one hour to blend flavors. Calories per serving: About 205. Yield: six servings, one-half cup each.

Dessert Salad
Pearl Paradise Salad Platter
1 (1 lb. 13 oz.) can pears
4 canned pineapple spears
8 apple slices
1 avocado
Crisp salad greens
Canned dark sweet cherries
Sugared grapes
1/2 pint dairy sour cream
3 tablespoons brown sugar
Drain canned pears. Arrange pears, pineapple, apple slices and avocado wedges in circular pattern on salad greens. Add cherries and frosted grapes for garnish. Shortly before serving, sprinkle sour cream with brown sugar. Serve as dressing for salad. Makes 4 servings.

Blessings at Christmas



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Christmas Inspires Interesting Customs

Charming customs add to the beauty and meaningfulness of Christmas in Bulgaria. The *kravai*, a large round cake decorated with pastry birds, flowers, and a cross, is brought out

with the appearance of the first star on Christmas Eve. The cake is lighted with a candle, and incense is burned while prayers are offered. Then the father and mother of the household

break off a piece of cake for good luck.

On Christmas Day, the Yule log is brought in by the father, while other members of the family sprinkle him with corn. This is to insure good health for all and a bountiful crop. The corn is also placed in a stocking and sprinkled upon the doorstep to insure a happy new year. The Yule log is then lit and the children of the family make wishes as they strike the log.

After church services, Bulgarian children receive their gifts from Grandpa Koleda, the equivalent of our Santa Claus. The parents in turn receive gifts from their youngsters on the last day of the year.

In Rumania, on the day before Christmas, young boys visit neighboring homes to sing a Christmas greeting, *Colinde*. They are rewarded with apples, cakes, and coins by the listeners. The singing visits begin at dawn and last until after sunset . . . one can imagine some rather stuffed little boys at the end of the day!

In an ancient Rumanian custom, villagers gather at a river bank clad in biblical costumes, to sing Christmas carols. A young boy is selected to break the ice that has formed upon the river and a wooden cross is thrown into the water. A scramble then ensues, for the rescuer of the cross is assured of good fortune in the coming year, according to the custom.

Just as in other parts of the world, feasting is an important part of the holidays in Rumania. Roast pig is the center of attraction of the holiday table. It is served with *turta*. The latter is a cake made of layers of thin dough, shaped to form leaves, and symbolic of the Infant Jesus' swaddling clothes.

Yugoslavia also has some interesting customs with which to celebrate Christmas. On the day before Christmas, the men in Yugoslavian families rise early to look for a Yule log, the *Badnyak*. This is no simple task, for many strict customs must be observed in bringing in the log. It must

fall toward the east at the moment of sunrise and its branches must not touch another tree, as that would mean bad luck in the year ahead.

When the log is brought in, the men are greeted with singing and food. Later, fire is made and the family gathers around the log to await the arrival of

the *polaznik*, a village lad. He must be the first to enter the house on Christmas morning. As he enters, he throws a handful of grain at each member of the family,

asking a blessing as he does. The log is then struck so that many sparks will fly into the air; this means many sheep and other livestock for the household.

The *polaznik* next throws some wine on the log, leaving a coin at one end. This assures the family of prosperity in the coming year. After the ritual of the log is completed, the *polaznik* is feted by the grateful family for the rest of the day.

In Mexico, colorful customs add to the festive atmosphere of the holiday season. The most popular custom, as far as the children are concerned, is the tradition of the *pinata*. This is an earthenware bowl, decorated to resemble animals usually, and filled with fruit, candy, nuts, and coins. The *pinata* is strung up and the children gather around it as one youngster is blindfolded. The blindfolded one now takes a swing at the *pinata* with a stick. If he can't break the *pinata*, another youngster attempts. At last one of the children breaks open the earthenware bowl and its contents spill out for the delighted youngsters.

Customs may vary from country to country, yet they all have one common denominator . . . a joyfulness of heart, in celebration of that most wonderful of seasons . . . Christmas.



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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.

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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 yolk 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.

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Traditions

Light Up New Mexico's Celebration

Christmas in New Mexico is filled with tradition, gaiety, and candle lanterns. The candle lanterns are part of New Mexico's history and they illuminate the state's holiday festivities in a very special way.

When the Spanish first settled in New Mexico, way back in 1598, they brought with them the custom of lighting lanterns and bonfires for festive occasions.

Mountain villagers began setting bonfires and placing them along pathways at Christmas time to light the way for Mary and Joseph and the Christ Child. The bonfires, or *luminarias* as they are called by New Mexicans, were made of pine and juniper branches and they stood from 2 to 4 feet high. The lanterns were called *farolitos*. As time went on, the *farolitos* became candles placed in sand, in paper sacks. These candle lanterns are now placed by doorways, along pathways and walls on Christmas Eve in modern times, lovely and glowing reminders of the old traditions.

Every Christmas Eve, thousands of visitors travel to Albuquerque to see the neighborhoods that are lit with *luminarias*, as they are now called, modern versions of the old *farolitos*.

You can still find bonfires blazing at Christmas-time in the mountain villages of Northern New Mexico but by and large the candle lanterns have replaced the old *luminarias*.

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3:45 Skate Canada
4:45 The Christmas That Almost Wasn't
6:30 The Blue Bird
8:15 Harry and Tonto
10:15 The Blue Bird

SUNDAY DEC. 26
2:00 The Adventures of Frontier Fremont
3:45 Mr. Horatio Knibbles
4:30 Lucky Lady
6:30 The Adventures of Frontier Fremont
8:15 Lucky Lady
10:15 Love Is A Funny Thing

MONDAY DEC. 27
4:30 High Hill
5:00 Lies Father Told Me
7:00 USA—USSR Hockey
9:30 Lies Father Told Me

TUESDAY DEC. 28
4:30 The Blue Bird
6:15 Funny Lady
8:45 The Blue Bird
10:30 Funny Lady

WEDNESDAY DEC. 29
4:00 The Drum
6:00 ECAC Basketball
10:00 Dead Cert
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Handel's "Messiah" Is A Beloved Tradition Of Christmas Season

Each Christmas season finds music-lovers enraptured by performances of George Frideric Handel's oratorio, "Messiah."

Since its first performance in 1742, "Messiah" has been thrilling listeners and adding to the significance of religious holidays.

The libretto is generally attributed to Charles Jennens, a wealthy patron of the arts. The libretto is a compilation of passages from the Old Testament and the New Testament.

At Christmastime, certain sections of the work are usually deleted and emphasis is placed on the Nativity portion of the libretto.

"Messiah" begins impressively with stately measures that become a vigorous fugal passage, giving way to the recitative for tenor voice, "Comfort Ye." A lovely aria, "Every Valley Shall be Exalted," is followed by a stirring chorus of praise, "And the Glory of the Lord." A recitative for bass proclaims: "Thus saith the Lord of Hosts: Yet once a little while, and I will shake the heavens and the earth." The aria, "But who may abide the day of His coming?" is then followed by a chorus, "And He shall purify the sons of Levi."

Now the narrative centers on the birth of Jesus... a recitative for alto, "Behold! A virgin shall conceive" is followed by the joyful aria, "O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion." The chorus joins in the familiar melody to emphasize the joyous quality of Handel's music.

"For behold, darkness shall cover the earth," continues the narrative in a bass recitative, and the air, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light." Now the chorus sings in jubilation, "For unto us a Child is born," with majestic emphasis on the words, "wonderful, counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the

Prince of Peace!" Thrilling words, equaled by Handel's thrilling music.

The oratorio continues with pastoral themes, setting the scene for a series of recitatives, beginning with, "There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night." The chorus now proclaims "Glory to God" as trumpets sound, recalling the wondrous sight and sound beheld by those shepherds at the very first Christmas. A soprano aria, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!" continues the mood of joy as the Nativity story unfolds. A lovely aria, "He shall feed His flock like a shepherd", is followed by the chorus, "His yoke is easy," ending in majestic chords.

The second part of "Messiah" contains what may be the most famous choral music of all time, the Hallelujah Chorus. No one who has heard this stirring chorus can ever forget it. A serenely beautiful aria, "I know that my Redeemer liveth", begins the third part of this magnificent work. This section contains yet another great chorus, "Worthy is the Lamb." The choir sings, "Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto Him" in a joyful fugue. The oratorio is then concluded with the words, "Amen" . . . voices soar in glorious sound, as Handel's monumental work comes to its conclusion.

The listener, moved by the story of the "Messiah" and its enduringly beautiful music is left with a vision . . . perhaps that same vision that Handel spoke of, after he had finished his greatest work.

"I did think I did see all Heaven before me", the inspired Handel exclaimed, "and the great God Himself."

Yule Elf
In Sweden the Yultomten is their gnome of Christmas, also known as Nisse. He is an elf or sprite.

POE'S CORNER

BY CHARLIE POE

When Margurite Mathis loads her car with supplies and takes it to the Big Spring Hospital it means Christmas for all the patients in Unit 10 South each time she arrives.

And that includes 51 trips since the project was started by the United Methodist Church in the fall of 1971.

The task began when Melvin Mathis, pastor of the church attended by Mrs. John Puckett the unit supervisor, learned of the constant need for clothing, books, magazines and other supplies.

This unit is called the El Paso Unit because the patients are from that section of the state. It is a poorer section and receives less help from home. Many of the patients are brought, receive few supplies, and sometimes are never visited again. There are between three and 400 patients. It is only for adults and most of them are elderly.

The state provides building, workers, food, laundry and medical attention. Christmas decorations for the outside and in the main lobbies are furnished but everything else must be contributed by families or from other sources. Many volunteers work in the hospital.

A devotional period is held each morning in the All Faiths Chapel and the patients are eager to receive scriptural books such as The Upper Room and Open Windows.

Other churches in town have been represented in the work of this project. A couple from the Church of Christ took a pickup load of articles several months ago. The Hopewell Baptist Church used this method to send the clothing that they had received on a drive as their mission project. The Garden Club of Ballinger sent wrapped Christmas gifts last year.

People from other cities such as Lubbock, Sterling City and Stephenville have sent articles to assist in this effort.

A local druggist has given several large boxes of cosmetics including powder, lotion, deodorant, lipstick, fingernail polish and eye makeup. Once when the supervisor and her helpers gave each woman in the Unit a tube of lipstick and some eye makeup they were delighted and felt that Christmas was already here.

Many times the clothing of deceased people has been sent. This is a good chance for women to get rid of all their high heeled and sharp pointed shoes, old hats, unused purses, old style dresses, outgrown clothes, and "tired of" clothes of all descriptions. Costume jewelry is also a popular item. Old clocks and radios are

used for therapy. Some of these are made to run again.

Quilt scraps have been sent by the sackful. At one time the women made three tops and bottoms for quilts and sold them to get cosmetics and for other personal needs.

A very small woman was told she would receive some clothing and she said, "I hope I get some slacks." Her wish was fulfilled for she received several pairs. Mrs. Puckett, the supervisor, said the woman came to them when she was ten and was then 26 years old, although she still looked like a child.

The patients help the workers unload the Mathis car by the use of grocery carts and an old stretcher—and most times they have already picked out what they want.

Articles always in demand are all kinds of clothing for both men and women, magazines with good pictures. These are used for motivation in teaching, reading and actual teaching. Also devotional magazines and books, other books, pictures, purses, quilt scraps, cosmetics, jewelry, Christmas cards and decorations for holidays.

Miss Mathis who retired in 1971 after 32 years of school teaching has had no problem of keeping busy. In addition to her trips to Big Spring she is a substitute teacher and does private tutoring. She teaches five children in her home after school—about ten hours a week.

Her church work includes teaching a Sunday School Class, singing in the choir and playing the piano in Sunday School and for other occasions when needed. She has served as president and treasurer for the United Methodist Women.

Bringing a little happiness into the lives of others has brought Miss Mathis joy—isn't that what Christmas is all about?

Holiday Reading

Christmas Day: No attendance at the office. I gave the day to relaxation, and, with a view to make an experiment upon the taste of the younger part of our present family, after breakfast I read aloud Pope's *Messiah*, a poem suited to the day, and of which my own admiration was great at an earlier age than that of my son Charles, the youngest person now in my family. Not one of them, excepting George, appeared to take the slightest interest in it; nor is there one of them who has any relish for literature. . . .

— John Quincy Adams (Dec. 25, 1820)

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Merry Christmas

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The Glastonbury Thorn



Each Christmas, the small tree or shrub we know as the Glastonbury thorn produces small clusters of white flowers. Except for the spring season, Christmastime is the only time of year that these flowers bloom.

There is an ancient legend to explain this interesting circumstance. The legend says that when Joseph of Arimathea ended a long pilgrimage in England, he drove his walking stick into the soil of Glastonbury. The staff budded and bore lovely white blossoms, and thereafter bloomed again each year at Christmas.

Because of this belief, the thorns came to be re-

garded as holy and pilgrimages were made at Christmastime in olden days to touch the thorns, as it was believed that they could heal the mind and body and purify evil.

Although modern-day celebrants no longer attribute any special powers to this unusual hawthorn, the Glastonbury thorn still holds appeal for those who know its legend at Christmastime.

Children's Christmas Party Thursday

A Christmas Party was held for the children of the Winters Child Development Center and their families Thursday night Dec. 16.

The children presented a program of songs and rhymes. Santa Claus, played by Rev. Charles Steinberg, gave out sacks to about 75 children. Sacks were provided by Central Texas Opportunities, Coleman, Texas, sponsors of the program, Mike Zuniga, Executive Director.

America's First Carol Written For Indians

As far as it is known, the very first Christmas carol composed in America was written for an Indian tribe by their missionary priest. The priest, Father Jean de Brebeuf, was born in France in 1593 and came to the New World in 1626 to spread the Gospel of Jesus.



Preaching Christianity to the Huron Indians, Father Brebeuf sought to convey the meaning of Christmas to his parishioners by composing a carol that the Indians could sing in their own language. The priest selected a popular 16th century folk song from France, "Une Jeune Pucele", for his tune and wrote new words for the Indian worshippers.



The French priest had been very impressed by the Hurons and their comprehension of the Nativity. In his writings, he describes how the Hurons had built a small chapel of cedar and fir branches to house the manger of the Christ Child, and how they prepared themselves to receive the Infant Jesus into their hearts on Christmas Day by performing some sort of penance. He wrote, "Even those who were at a distance of more than 2 days' journey met at a given place to sing hymns in honor of the newborn Child."

Father Brebeuf wrote the lyrics to his carol in 1641; on March 16, 1649, he was martyred by the Iroquois, along with other prisoners. But after the villages of the Hurons had been destroyed by the Iroquois, the surviving parishioners of Father Brebeuf resettled near Quebec, preserving the carol along with their tribal traditions. Later on, the Catholic Mohawks, who had settled south of Quebec, learned the hymn from the Hurons. The carol has since been translated into English, retaining a few of the original Indian words.

the magic of Bret Harte Christmas Story Tells of Western Christmas

You can tell when the Christmas season is approaching; youngsters suddenly start picking up after themselves and minding Mom and Dad!

But more importantly, the Christmas season has its effect on adults, too. Amid the busy preparations, we find ourselves being a little more patient, a little more thoughtful.

Perhaps it's because so much of the holiday season is spent in making gifts for others or shopping for gifts... maybe just having to think about others - wondering what Grandpa would like or whether your best friend is low on her favorite perfume - puts us all in a more considerate mood.

Christmas is the time we become so busy thinking about others, we have little time to think about ourselves. It's the time we begin to discover peace within our hearts and suddenly feel that perhaps peace on earth is within reach.

Whatever the reason, as we get more and more involved in holiday preparations, we find ourselves striving to be kinder... to be more tolerant of that irritating neighbor, to be more understanding of that harassed clerk's confusion.

Our thoughts, when not preoccupied with preparations, turn to Christmases past... and memories of those grown older or perhaps passed away.

A poor mountain cabin housing a group of rugged characters forms an unlikely setting for an excellent Christmas story by Bret Harte, famed for his writings about the Gold Rush days. Set in 1862, in the Sacramento Valley, "How Santa Claus Came to Simpson's Bar" is considered one of Harte's best stories.

The story centers around a little boy, Johnny, who is ill in bed on Christmas Eve. His home is a poor cabin at Simpson's Bar, a cluster of similar cabins huddled around a little store, situated on Table Mountain.

Little Johnny is wise beyond his years due to his rough-and-tumble environment but when he hears about Santa Claus, he is mystified. So when Johnny's father comes home with some drinking companions, Johnny asks his father a

We give thought to the ways of God and strive to be more worthy of His love by loving those around us.

And when Christmas Eve arrives at last and the packages have all been wrapped and put under the tree, we think of Him Whose birthday we are celebrating... the Infant Jesus, lighting our lives with radiance and hope... bringing to mankind all the wonder and joy that is the spirit of Christmas.

very natural question. Just who is "Sandy Claws?"

His father brushes the question aside but one of the other men, Dick Bullen, is moved by the boy's ignorance. He borrows a mare, Jovita, and sets out to find some Christmas presents for the youngster.



Unfortunately for Dick Bullen, it's not a propitious time to run errands. It's been raining heavily, and



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the river has overflowed its banks, while the creek is impassable. He reaches his destination, the town of Turtleville, where he wakens some disgruntled shopkeepers to do his last-minute shopping.

The return trip is even harder for poor Dick.

When he gets to the creek, he finds it has become a river. Undaunted, Dick discards his coat and boots and saddle and rides the mare bareback through the rushing waters.

It is dawn before he reaches the mountain cabin at last; when he arrives he is half-naked and exhausted. But he has carried his cargo of toys to their destination and he tells

Johnny's father to place the gifts in Johnny's stocking.

"Tell him Sandy Claws has come," he says, and so ends a marvelous story written in the best tradition of Bret Harte.

The Tree
Christmas is here:
Winds whistle shrill,
Icy and chill.
Little care we;
Little we fear
Weather without,
Sheltered about
The Mahogany Tree.

- William Makepeace Thackeray (1811-1863)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Tina Milliorn
Bob McClelland
Judy Berry
Beverly Donica
Margaret Burton

CHRISTMAS JOY
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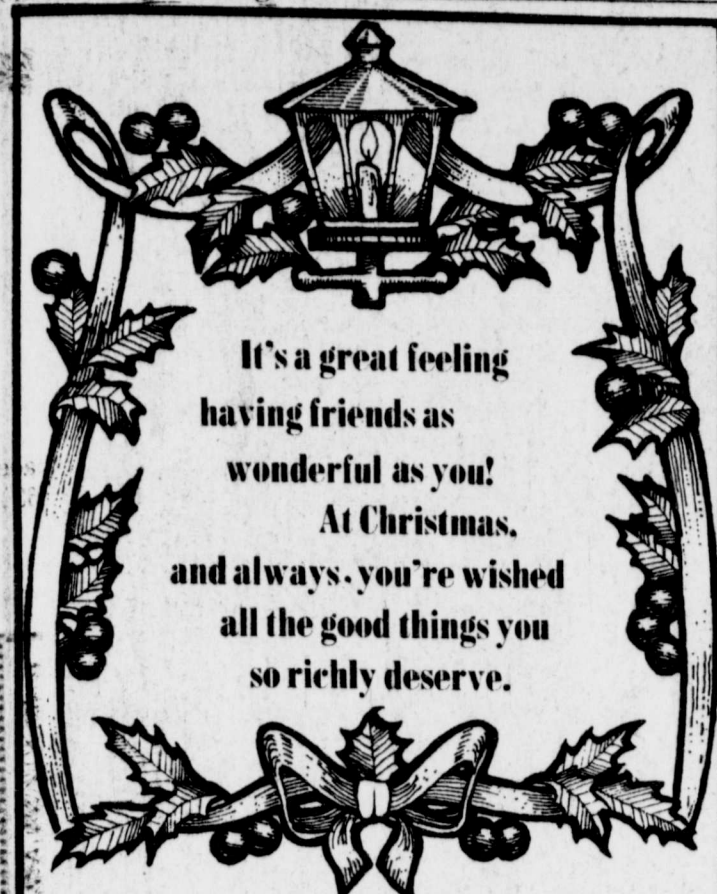
May the joy and beauty of Christmas stay with you throughout the years to come.

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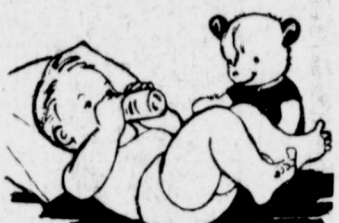
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**UM Women Met
Tuesday Afternoon**

The United Methodist Women met at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall for the Christmas party and installation of officers for 1977.

Mrs. Martin Middlebrook installed the following officers: Miss Margurite Mathis, president; Mrs. Middlebrook, vice president; Mrs. M. L. Dobbins, secretary; Mrs. F. R. Anderson, treasurer; Mrs. Frank Mitchell, program resources; and Mrs. Ralph Arnold, chairman committee on nominations.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments served to 21 members.



NEWCOMERS

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Donica of Wingate announce the birth of a son, Michael Lance, born Dec. 9, 1976, in North Runnels Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Foster. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Foster of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Morrison of Crews. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wade, Wingate. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burton of Winters.

Friendly Neighbors

Met Recently

The Friendly Neighbors Club met Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Hortie Baty. The living room decorated with a Christmas tree. Gifts were exchanged.

Charlsie Poe read a Christmas poem.

Fruit cake and coffee were served to Mesdames Emma Marks, Hortie Baty, Charlsie Poe, Flora McWilliams, Kay Rose, Alice Traylor, Lady Rodgers, Tye Hunter, Frances Campbell.

**\$293 Donated
To Special
Hospital Fund**

Ted Meyer, chairman of the special fund committee for North Runnels Hospital, reports that \$293.50 has been contributed to the special fund to purchase equipment for the hospital since the last report.

Donations by:
Mrs. Cordelia Alexander... \$25.00
Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Rogers... 10.00
In memory of:
Mrs. Beulah Byers... 20.00

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Mrs. Grace E. Graham... 30.00
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Mrs. J. P. London... 17.50
Mrs. Gladys Low... 25.00

**Friendly Ladies
Met Recently**

The Friendly Ladies Sunday School Class of the First United Methodist Church held their Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Arnold recently.

Mrs. Nancy Lindsey installed officers for the new year, including Lou Ester Gerhardt, president; Lillie Rose, vice president; Bessie Baldwin, secretary-treasurer; Billie Middlebrook, Jo Arnold, Odessa Dobbins, and Mrs. Schaffrina, teachers.

Gifts were exchanged. Present were members, Bessie Baldwin, Lucille Hill, Ethel Harkins, LaBelle Michaelis, Edith Drake, Ella Mae McMillan, Pauline Mayhew, Gladys Wilson, Beatrice Traylor, Hazel Badgett, Margurite Mathis, Nancy Lindsey, Hallie Sims and Oneta Williams. Hostesses were Louise Good, Lou Ester Gerhardt, Becky Poe, Billie Middlebrook, Willie Lois Nichols, Marie Neely, Odessa Dobbins, Margaret Bell, Aileen Mapes and Jo Arnold.

**Class of 1961
Reunion Set
December 26**

The Winters High School graduating class of 1961 will hold a class reunion in the school cafeteria Sunday, Dec. 26, from 2 to 4 p.m.

All class members and their families are invited to attend.



NEWCOMERS

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Leszynski of Abilene announce the birth of a daughter, Erin Michele, born December 9, 1976, at 7:12 p.m. The baby weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces. Mrs. Leszynski is the former Wandrea Parrish of Wingate.

Christmas Pie

The recipe for a Christmas meat pie taken from an ancient English book called for the following ingredients:

- 2 bushels of flour
- 20 pounds of butter
- 4 geese
- 2 rabbits
- 4 wild ducks
- 2 woodcocks
- 6 snipes
- 4 partridges
- 2 neat's tongues
- 2 curlews
- 6 pigeons
- 7 blackbirds

The pie when baked would weigh about 165 pounds and be 9 feet in circumference.

**WINGATE
NEWS**

Merry Christmas to all. Mr. D. B. Vick underwent surgery in North Runnels Hospital Thursday.

The G. F. Smiths and Mrs. M. R. Smith and brother plan to celebrate Christmas in the Russell Smiths house in Midland.

The Gene Wheats and his mother and the Dewitt Bryans attended the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Matthews in San Angelo the 13th of Dec.

Ed Hall Jr. returned to the hospital in Houston after spending a few days here with his parents.

The members of the Methodist Church enjoyed a social and gift exchange at the Christmas tree Tuesday night.

Mrs. Flossie Kirkland and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Holder plan a flight to Winslow, Arizona to visit Mr. and Mrs. Billie Kirkland and family.



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The Wassail

Bowl Story

The wassail bowl dates back to 13th-century England, when the lord of the manor would play host to his tenants during the celebration of the 12 days of Christmas. The dependents living on his land would be

invited to the manor house where the master would drink their health from a bowl of spiced ale, containing apples roasted to the point of bursting, and then his tenants would drink. The words of the toast were "Wassail," which means "to your health," and the accepted reply was "drink hail."

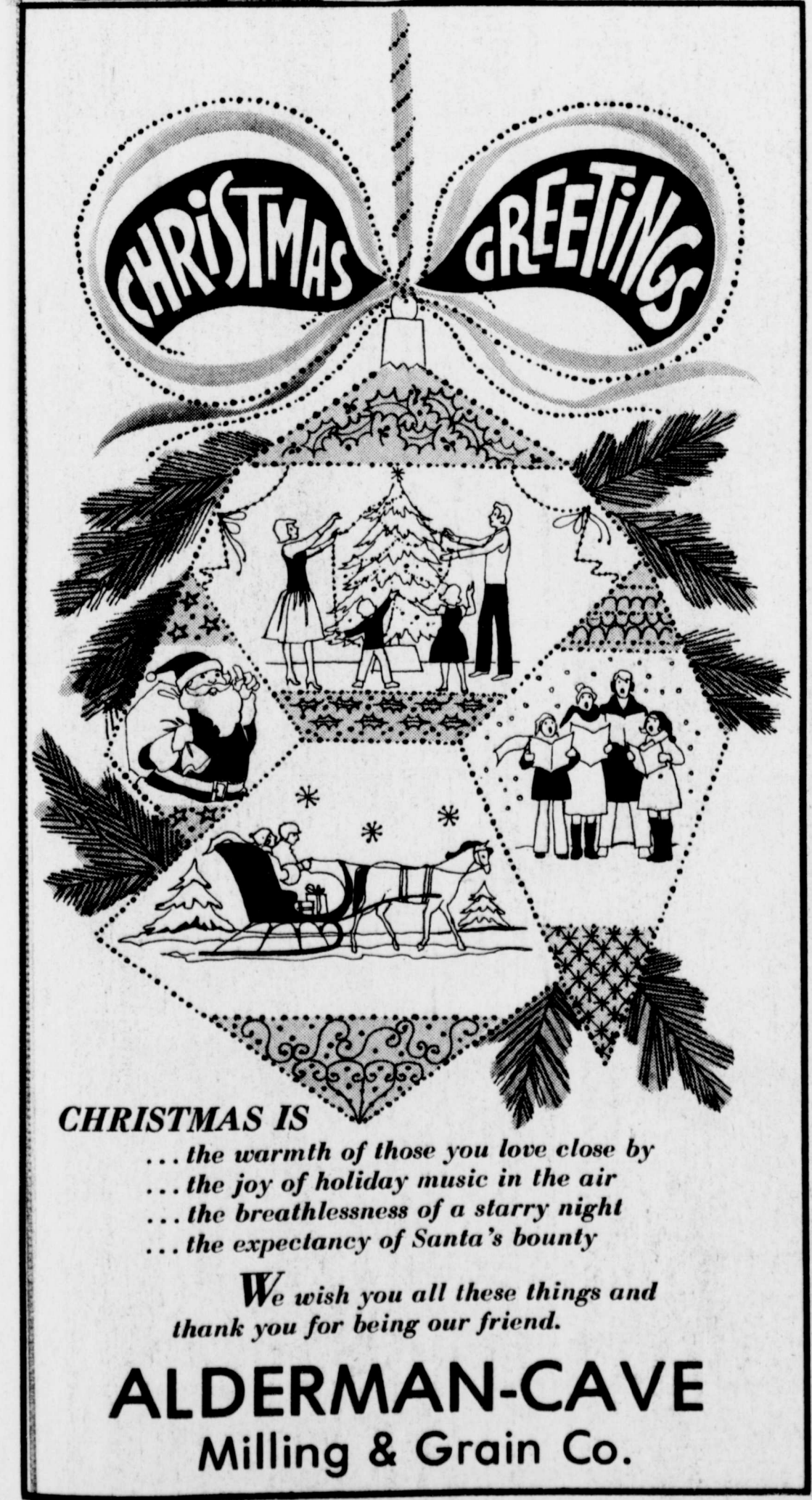
This medieval symbol of hospitality was revived in England and in America to some extent in the 19th century.



Warm Wishes

Here's hoping that all our friends,
whose confidence we treasure, will
share the many blessings of Christmas.

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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

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and good cheer to our many
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Let us remember the true wonder of the Season
... the warmth of home and family ... the love
of neighbor and friend!

WESTERN AUTO



Miss Hulliger, Tony Dry To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Stu Hulliger of Mineral Wells announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Janelle, to Tony Dale Dry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dry of Winters. Miss Hulliger is employed by DHV Inc., and her fiancé is employed by the Pool Drilling Co. of Winters.

The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Jodie Boren of Abilene. Boren is also a well-known western artist and a personal friend of the Hulligers.

The marriage will be on December 31 in Tuscola.

Mrs. Olive Barr Died Tuesday In Colorado Stock Show Activities Will Cover Two Days

Mrs. Olive Long Barr, 76, died at 2:30 p.m., Dec. 14, at Canon City, Colo., following an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Spill Memorial Chapel, Winters, with Paul Wallace, minister of the Main Street Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial was in the Wilmeth Cemetery, under direction of Spill Funeral Home.

She was born Olive Corum, Oct. 5, 1900, at Palo Pinto. She married Henry Long, Nov. 11, 1917, in Wise County. He died Nov. 10, 1939. In 1947 she married Winfield Barr at Colorado Springs, Colo.

She came to Runnels County in 1920, and lived in the Wilmeth Community for a number of years, later moving to Winters. In 1947 she moved to Lake George, Colo., where she lived at the time of her death.

She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors are her husband of Lake George, Colo.; two daughters, Mrs. Pat Gray of Winters and Mrs. Nancy Beth Hammons of El Centro, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Newt Stoeker of Winters, Mrs. Leola McGuire of Grand Prairie, and Mrs. Leatress Kirk of Kodiak, Alaska; 10 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Two sons preceded her in death.

Pallbearers were Bob Gideon, Bud Eoff, Virgil Low, Leonard Wright, Frank Brown, Carson Easterly, E. E. Vaughan, and Jim Jones.

“No Room at The Inn”

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

— St. Luke 2:7

The annual Junior Livestock Show, sponsored by the Winters Livestock Association, will have activities on two days this year, with a horse show on Sunday afternoon, January 9, and the regular livestock show Monday, January 10.

Prior to the horse show Sunday, a barbecue and sausage dinner will be served by the sponsoring association in the Winters Community Center.

General chairman for the horse show will be Glenn Hoppe. Paige Baize will be horse show superintendent,

with Jim Williams assistant. T. C. Jenkins will be judge of the horse show.

The regular livestock show will get underway early Monday morning, with R. Q. Marks as general show superintendent, and Raymond Schwartz, assistant.

Divisions will include sheep, swine, steers, poultry and rabbits. Eddie Puckett will be livestock show judge.

Show barn work days will be January 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, with all members of the association asked to help prepare the barns and grounds for the show.

Then As Now, Carols Were Holiday Tradition

Back in the 1890's, every well-furnished home had a piano and one of the favorite pastimes was to gather around the family piano to sing the popular tunes of the day. At Christmastime, the joyous singing of Christmas carols was an important part of the holiday scene, adding to the festive mood of everyone from Papa down to little sister.

Today's fashions have changed significantly and the color TV set may now occupy the place of honor in most American homes but you'll still find Christmas carols a well-loved tradition in family observances of the Yuletide season.

The sounds of favorite carols are more apt to emanate from a stereo set than from a player piano but they're the same songs that young ladies and their

beaux sang at the turn of the century, with a few modern additions. However, the traditional singing of carols has not completely died out here — many church groups make a practice of caroling in local hospitals and institutions, and some carolers still go from home to home in true holiday fashion.

Many churches feature an evening of beloved Christmas music during the holiday season, and of course TV and radio stations offer many programs of traditional and new carols.

Folks from the Nineties might be amazed at the Christmas customs of today but they'd be right at home when it comes to America's favorite holiday music in 1975 — Christmas carols.

Ecology Factor Spells End for Yule Bonfires

Twelfth-night, the night before the feast of the Epiphany, marks the end of the Christmas season. In past times, it has been the practice of celebrants to observe the end of the holiday season by burning their Christmas trees in one great bonfire. But the ecology movement has apparently finished off any remnants of this old custom here in this country.

In one midwestern city, where the burning of Christmas trees had been an annual community event for many years, complaints from pollution-conscious citizens has forced the abandonment of the tradition. So much pressure was brought to bear on the local pollution control agency by environment-minded residents that harried officials were forced to reject a request for an open-fire permit from would-be Twelfth Night celebrants.

Greeting Cards Began During Victorian Era

Back in the late 1800's, sending greeting cards to friends and relatives at Christmas came into vogue for the first time.

Those early Christmas cards were quite different from the cards you receive in your holiday mail today. Many greeting cards during the Victorian era featured satin fringes. Popular designs were centered about such subjects as birds, animals, flowers, and children in grown-up poses.

The first Christmas card was designed by John Calcott Horsley for Sir Henry Cole in 1843. It read, "To Uncles, Aunts, & Cousins, A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you." The illustration featured a family celebration, with glasses raised in a toast.

Martha SS Class Met Recently

Martha Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cook. For a Christmas social and gifts were exchanged.

The living room decorated with a Christmas tree and lights. Opening prayer was led by Charlie Poe. Roll call was answered with Bible verses.

Mrs. Vallie Brannon gave the devotional. Mrs. Alyce Compton gave the diversion.

Fruit cakes topped with whipping cream and cherries, coffee or drinks were served to Mesdames Pearl Jackson, Emma Marks, Thelma Mayo, Effie Harnegay, Eula Cook, Vallie Brannon, Parie Carwile, Clara McDams, Lady Rodgers, Alyce Compton, Charlie Poe, Allie Jones, Miss Eunice Polk and one visitor Mrs. Bangs.

Another card of this era, features angels with trumpets and peacock wings, along with the message: "Shout with joy ye mortals pray for Christ is born on Christmas Day." It was published by Louis Prang, a pioneer in the manufacture of holiday greeting cards.

Prang perfected reproducing processes and sponsored art competitions to stimulate outstanding designs for his greeting cards. Many of his reproductions, involving as many as 15 colors, were so accurate

they couldn't be distinguished from the originals.

We can thank the holiday spirit of those living in the Victorian era for one of our nicest Christmas customs of all — cheery, friendly greeting cards!

The custom of giving gifts once a year at a religious festival has been handed down to us.

The ancient Romans and pagans in central Europe observed this custom and of course the first "Christmas" gifts were gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



May enchantment be your gift at Christmas. Our gift is your friendship, thanks.

Rosalie and Slim Albro

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Roy & Doris



Merry Christmas
Wishing you and those you hold most dear all the old fashioned joys of Christmas!
Hearty thanks.

MIKE'S Grocery & Market

Merry Christmas

May Peace, Love and Hope fill your home always.

ALDERMAN REAL ESTATE

Peace

Our wish is that you be blessed with the sweet peace of the Christmas Story. Warm thanks.
Melba's Arts, Crafts & Gifts

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!

SPILL BROS. CO.

a Christmas Wish

Whatever is beautiful,
Whatever is meaningful,
Whatever brings you joy and happiness,
That's what we wish for you!

Our profound thanks at Christmas

Vaughn Oil & Gas
Ercel & Marie

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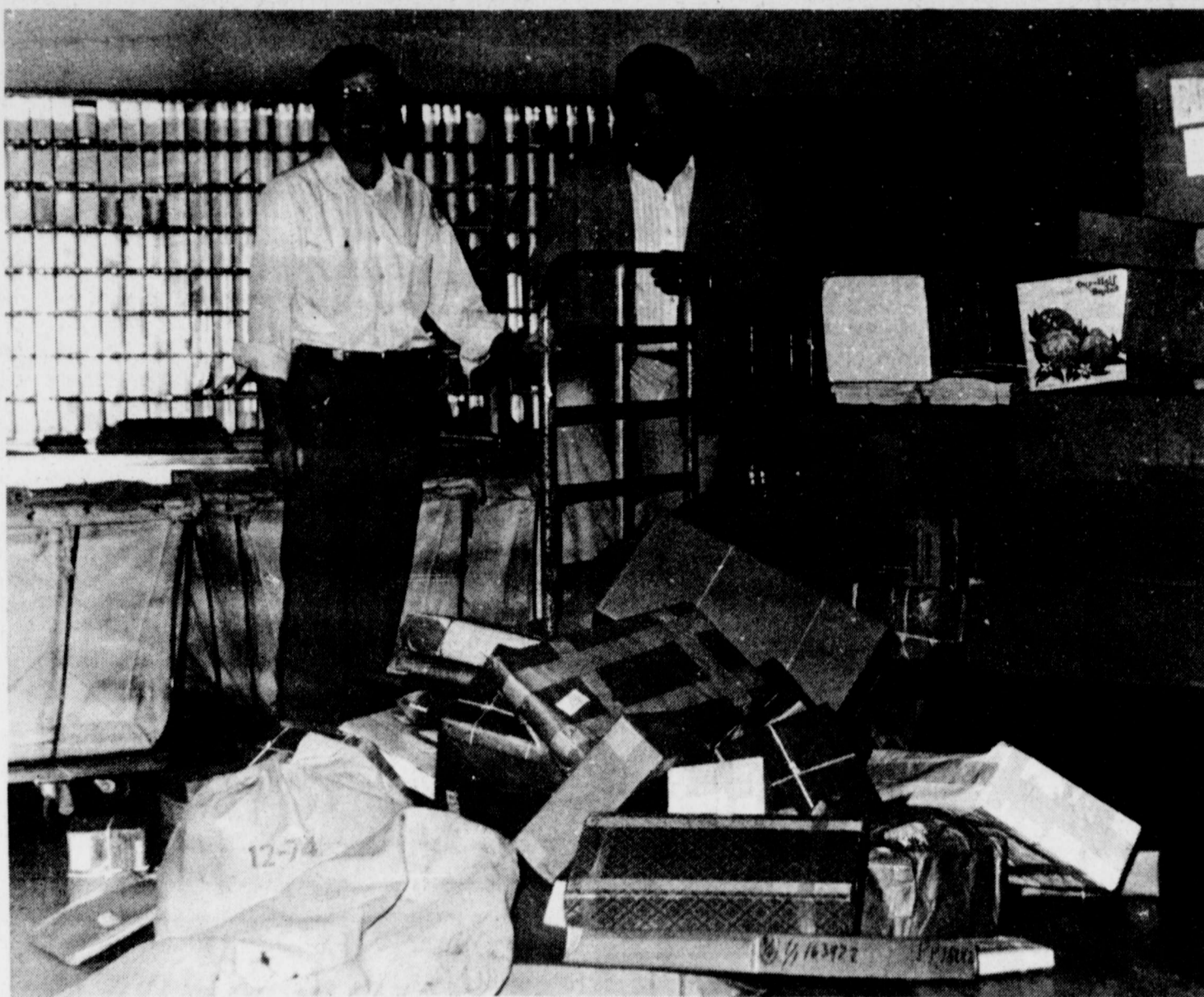
Enterprise To Be Closed For Few Days

In order to give staff members a Christmas holiday, The Winters Enterprise office will be closed next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 22-24.

New touche

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.

READ AND USE THE ENTERPRISE CLASSIFIEDS!



'TIS THE SEASON—The reason James Gehrels and Donnie Gibbs, of the Winters Post Office, seem pleased is that they can see daylight at the end of the tunnel. Thursday morning's incoming Christmas mail was very light, a signal that the peak had been reached for this

season a day or two earlier, and receipts would return to about normal from now until Christmas. There may be a day or two heavier than Thursday, but for the most part, the annual avalanche is about ended, they indicated.



The word "nice" comes from the Latin *nescius* meaning "ignorant."

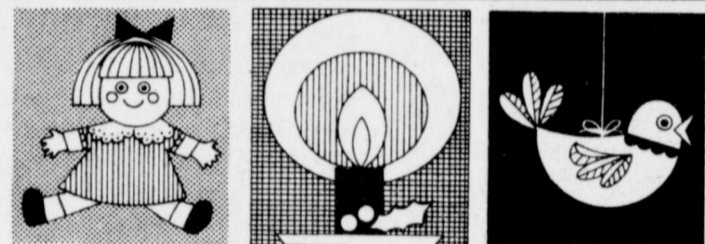
PEACE be your gift at Christmas. Our thanks.

Bob Loyd LP Gas Co.
Bob Loyd & Gene Wheat

JOY

Wishing you everything that's bright and beautiful at Christmas. May our sincere thanks ornament your holidays.

Swatchesue Electric



Today's Christmas Traditions Derive from Ancient, Recent Times

Christmas as a formal observance has been celebrated by Christians since the third century. The word itself means Christ's Mass, connoting the religious rites that commemorated the birth of Christ.

Originally, Christmas Day was celebrated on both January 6 and December 25. During the fifth

century, the Western world adopted December 25 as Christmas, with Eastern churches following suit later on.

Because December 25 was already a feast day in honor of the pagan sun god Mithra, Christians chose that date to honor Jesus as "The Light of the World."

In many ways, Christmas

has served to replace the pagan customs of ancient times. For instance, in Germany, the winter solstice was observed on December 21 by pagans, and many customs of the pre-Christian celebration were transferred to the Christian holiday. Dramatic enactments of the birth of Jesus, Christmas carols, and the "manger songs" of medieval times were incorporated into the holiday celebration as time went on, replacing the old pagan customs.

The Christmas tree itself is believed to be derived from the use of palm trees in the worship of the Egyptian goddess Isis. During the winter solstice a palm tree with twelve shoots, representing the months of the year, was carried to celebrate the completion of one year and the beginning of another. The palm tree was replaced with a fir tree as the observance extended to northern climates.

The Yule log came into use around the 16th century and again, this custom has its origins in pagan times. At the time of the solstice, a sacred fire would be lit from a brand kept from the previous year's log. It is thought that the custom was brought to England by the Vikings. In later times, the Yule log would be brought in with much ceremony on Christmas Eve to light the holiday fire.

The Christmas stocking is originally an Italian custom. Tradition has it that La Befana, a wandering witch, comes on the feast of Epiphany to fill the stockings of good children with gifts, and those of

naughty children with ashes. La Befana's name is actually a corruption of the word, Epiphany, the feast that commemorates the bringing of gifts to the Infant Jesus by the Three Wise Men.

The exchanging of gifts dates back to early medieval times, and is probably inspired by the gifts of the Wise Men.

Christmas cards, however, are a fairly recent tradition. The use of cards dates back only to the latter half of the 19th century. They were an inevitable outcome of the practice of writing to distant friends and relatives at Christmas-time, a custom which came into greater favor with the increasing efficiency of postal systems.

Merry Christmas

We wouldn't miss this opportunity to hope the magic of Christmas touches you all. Thanks to our neighbors.

Foxworth Galbraith
Building Materials Center

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

Jim Hatler
Insurance Agency

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

May your holidays be merry and marvelous... festive wishes from Santa and us.

Foster & Lindsey
Barber Shop

Happy Holidays

Hoping the beautiful memories of a family Christmas will be shared by you and those you love.

The Nelan Bahlman Family and Staff

PRINCE OF PEACE

May the Glory of Christmas be an inspiration to you now and for all time. Thanks.

Johnny's Shell Station

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Celebrating the time of Santa, of Joy, of Giving! We send you sparkling wishes and sincere appreciation.

Winters Sporting Goods
Clarence & Dale

Our Savior is Born

May His blessings surround you at Christmas and always. We proclaim His glory and extend greetings and profound thanks to all.

Winters Farm Equipment
E. E. Thormeyer

Looking ahead to Christmas — Give a gift you make yourself

Some of the nicest gifts you can give are those you've made yourself. They have a special way of showing you really care.

The recipes below are for interesting holiday treats that you can make before the festivities begin. Attractively wrapped, they will make most welcome gifts.

or perhaps you'll want to show them off at home, for guests and your loving family.

Rum or Bourbon Balls
Make these a few weeks before giving, so they have a chance to ripen.

1 cup pecans, almonds or walnuts, chopped fine
1 cup vanilla wafer crumbs
2 tablespoons Dutch cocoa
1 cup powdered sugar
1 1/2 tablespoons white karo syrup
1/4 cup rum or bourbon
Mix all ingredients together. Using about 1 rounded teaspoon of the mixture, form small balls. Roll in extra powdered sugar and store in tightly covered container, making sure they are not crowded together. That's it! For a change, try chocolate wafers instead of the vanilla, but leave cocoa out of recipe if you do.

Leckerli

1/2 cup honey
1 cup sifted flour
1/2 cup chopped candied lemon and orange peel
1 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 tsp. cloves
1 tablespoon cinnamon
1 tsp. baking soda
1 cup unblanched almonds, sliced thin
Grated rind of 1/2 lemon
2 1/2 cups sifted flour
Heat honey and 1/2 cup sugar to boiling. Remove from heat and add peel, spices and baking soda dissolved in 2 tablespoons cold water. Add remaining ingredients and knead until well blended. Roll dough to 1/2 inch thickness. Put on greased waxed paper, on cookie sheet and bake in moderate oven, 325°, for about 25 minutes. Turn out on wire rack and remove paper immediately. Turn, right side up. Cook remaining 1/2 cup sugar and 1/4 cup water until mixture spins a thread. Spread on leckerli and cut in diamond shapes. Store in airtight container for at least a week before giving or using.

Nut Loaf Sensation

3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
2 packages pitted dates — about 1 lb.
1 cup well-drained maraschino cherries
3 cups shelled Brazil nuts — 2 lb. unshelled, or 1 lb. shelled
3 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
Start heating oven. Grease, then line with waxed paper, a loaf pan measuring 9" x 5" x 3". Place first 4 ingredients in sifter. In large bowl put nuts, dates and cherries and sift flour mixture over them. Mix with hands till fruits and nuts are

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-pile 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!

Legend of the Lamb

There is a beautiful legend concerning one of the creatures in the stable where the Infant Jesus was born. It seems that there was a little lamb sharing the Blessed Child's first abode. As the animals all gazed in silent adoration upon the Holy Babe, this little lamb felt badly because it had no gift to offer the Newborn King.

Suddenly the lamb noticed how thin the Babe's blanket was... surely the Infant must be cold! The straw upon which He rested offered very little warmth. The little lamb

knew then that there was indeed something it could offer to this Holy Child. Quickly, the lamb nestled by the Child, sheltering Him from the cold.

Warmed by the animal's shaggy coat, the Christ Child smiled and touched the little lamb. According to the legend, the lamb's coat was suddenly transformed into soft, curly wool. And that is why, the legend says, all sheep now bear a warm and woolly coat... as a symbol of a special gift offered by that little lamb on the first Christmas night.

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 spiny-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!

Womens libbers will undoubtedly be cornering the market on smooth-leaved holly this happy holiday season!

Twelfth Night

Christmas goes out in fine style — with Twelfth Night. It is a finish worthy of the time. Christmas Day was the morning of the season; New Year's Day the middle of it or noon; Twelfth Night is the night, brilliant with the innumerable planets of Twelfth-cakes.
— Leigh Hunt

C. T. Parker's Weekly News Column

Christmas Gifts For Gardeners

For those gardeners on your Christmas gift list, there are plenty of gift suggestions, says C. T. Parker, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Not only plants and flowers make excellent gifts, but numerous types of gardening tools can "hit the spot" with both the beginning "green thumb" or "old pro," suggests the agent. Cordless electric lawn or garden tools are particularly popular and there is a wide selection.

Other gifts to please any gardener's fancy include such decorative items as statues or planters, wind chimes and bird feeders.

And don't forget gardening books or a subscription to a gardening magazine.

A gift certificate from the local garden center is always a welcome gift for the "hard to please" person, adds Parker.

As far as flowers or pot plants are concerned, he suggests poinsettias, kalanchoes, azaleas, ornamental peppers and Christmas cacti as excellent yuletide presents.

One of the most treasured gifts can be a "work certificate" for a friend or neighbor who needs help with yard work. Such a gift costs just a little love and Christmas spirit, says Parker.

Pruning Ice Damaged Trees

Pruning not only trims back unwanted growth but can generate new growth to a tree damaged by ice, says Parker, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A valuable shade tree can be saved and begin new growth with little or no damage visible if it is carefully pruned. A tree that has been damaged by ice should be pruned at the base of the limb that was damaged. No stubs should

remain exposed.

Sometimes the damage may be severe enough to require that a tree be trimmed back to the main trunk or main branch. In this case the wound should be painted with a dressing that can be obtained at any good nursery or garden center, notes the agent.

Orange shellac serves as a good temporary tree dressing if one is not readily available. A proper wound dressing should be applied to the damaged tree within six weeks, emphasizes Parker.

Sucker growth can become a problem to the severely damaged tree if it is not continually pruned and cared for. This process may take a few years but it will prolong the tree's life.

Often the bark of a tree may be torn from the side of the main trunk or branch when a limb breaks. This bare section should be smoothed out with a knife or chisel and then coated with the tree wound dressing, points out the agent.

In cases when a trunk splits or a large part is broken off, a professional tree surgeon should be consulted, advises Parker.

A Christmas Poem

The young mother (so very young!)
Smiles softly to behold Him
And takes a ragged swaddling cloth
To tenderly enfold Him
His infant eyes gaze upon
A world of strife and sorrow
Does He see now the silent tree
Awaiting some tomorrow?
But loving fingers take
His hand
With playfulness, caressing;
He stretches infant arms to her,
As if in some new blessing
The mother laughs with sweet delight
At this endearing game
And speaks it for the first time:
His wondrous, holy Name.

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!

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.

Fireside Restaurant
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson

JOY TO THE WORLD

Let us sow the seeds of love and hope as we celebrate the birth of Christ. We say thanks and wish you a holy and happy holiday.

Senior Citizens Nursing Home
Johnny & Janice, Staff and Residents

A PRAYER

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

ANN'S BEAUTY SHOP

A Festive Name

"Merry Christmas" in June? September? It is for a lovely young lady in Sacramento, California, whose name is truly Merry Cheree Christmas!

In answer to endless inquiries and as many jokes, this charming young woman never tires of explaining that her name really is Merry Christmas, and is 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."

Joy at Christmas

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

PIGGLY WIGGLY

Blossom Shop

merry merry **Christmas**

May your pear tree bear fruits of Love, Health and Happiness.

Blossom Shop

Fa-la-la-la

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!

Dry Manufacturing Div.
Wallace Murray Corp.

merry **Christmas**

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.

Griff's Exxon Station

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DEL MONTE MANDARIN ORANGES 11-oz. CAN 39¢	OCEAN SPRAY C RANBERRY SAUCE 15-oz. CAN 39¢	16-oz. CAN RED DART WHOLE Green Beans 4 \$1
GANDY'S HALF & HALF 16-oz. CTN CREAM 8-oz. CTN. 33¢	THRIFT MAID SWEET PEAS 16-oz. CAN 4 \$1	THRIFTMAID CORN W.K. 17-oz. CAN 4 \$1

SWIFT'S BUTTERBALL TURKEYS ALL SIZES LB. 69¢	CURED WHOLE ONLY HAMS 20-LB. AVG. LB. 89¢
SMOKED TURKEYS 9-LB. AVG. LB. \$1.19	GRADE "A" CHICKEN HENS LB. 69¢

CURED HAMS BUTT END HALF LB. 98¢
CURED HAMS SHANK END HALF LB. 89¢
WINN-DIXIE WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE CANNED PICNICS 2-LB. BAG \$1.69 3-LB. CAN \$3.49

WINN-DIXIE BACON LB. PKG. 89¢	KOUNTRY FRESH LIGHT Corn Syrup 32-oz. BOTTLE 63¢
DEL MONTE CUT Green Beans 16-oz. CAN 4 \$1.00	DEL MONTE IN OWN JUICE Pineapple 15¼-oz. CAN 39¢
THRIFTY MAID Pear Halves 29-oz. CAN 49¢	DEL MONTE FRUIT Cocktail 17-oz. CAN 39¢
KRAFT PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese 3-oz. PKG. 23¢	BLUE BONNET OLEO LB. PKG. 39¢
BAKER'S ANGEL FLAKE COCONUT 7-oz. PKG. 49¢	KOUNTRY FRESH BROWN & SERVE ROLLS 12-CT. PKG. 39¢

SUNKIST NAVEL ORANGES LB. 25¢	RUSSET POTATOES 10-LB. BAG 69¢
CELERY LARGE STALK 19¢	RED DELICIOUS APPLES LB. 25¢
GOLDEN RIPE Bananas LB. 15¢	TEXAS SWEET JUICY ORANGES 5-LB. BAG 69¢

Season's Greetings
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS!



FB CONVENTION—Runnels County Farm Bureau is represented by these delegates in Fort Worth only. Pictured at registration are, front row, left to right, Mrs. LeRoy Pelzel, Mrs. Frances Bredemeyer, Mrs. Dub McMillon, Mrs. Doyle Condra. Back row, left to right, LeRoy Pelzel, Edward Bredemeyer, Dub McMillon, and Doyle Condra.

Six Runnels Delegates To FB Convention

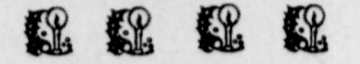
Runnels County Farm Bureau was represented by six delegates to the 43rd annual meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau Dec. 5-8 at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth. Some 1,500 persons from all parts of Texas attended. Policies to guide the state's largest farm organization next year were adopted by the more than 1,000 voting delegates representing the 210 organized county units. Also approved were recommendations on national issues. These will be forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting Jan. 9-12 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Delegates registered Sunday, Dec. 5, before attending the evening's activities which included a Vesper Service, Discussion Meet and Talent Find. The convention business session began Tuesday morning and continued through Wednesday. The last order of business was the election of directors and the president. The president for 1977 is Carrol Chaloupka of Dalhart.

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\$12.95

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PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS

May the best of everything fill your home this happy holiday. Thanks for your good will.

Season's Greetings
From The Staff Of
THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

Richard C. Thomas, Yvonne Thomas, Brenda Linton, Nancy Mass, Ann Eckels, Charisic Poe, Kelley Thomas, and Gloria Poehls.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa declares a very happy holiday for all! We join him in sending warm greetings to you.

Thanks To You All!

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