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Poe's corner

by Charlie Poe

Christmas Customs and Legends

(The origin of Christmas from earliest times was researched by Lillian Roberson and presented as a devotional recently for several Sunday School classes) Christmas, the greatest of all festivities, is celebrated over the modern world thru' the observance of both religious and secular customs which are a heritage of many centuries. The story of the nativity has inspired legends of beliefs and these have now become background of Christmas observance.

However there are more elements which have their roots in pre-Christian times; the beautiful tree, green sprays, the lights, the spirit of good fellowship, and gift giving came down to us thru' pagan customs.

When Christians took the most beautiful of the pagan beliefs and endowed them with a new spirit, the spirit of God's gift to man, the custom took on a new meaning.

The word "Christmas" originated in England with a festival known as Christ's Mass and the abbreviation Xmas has a Greek origin. The X is the equivalent of Ch-which represents Christ. Many refuse to use this abbreviation.

Since there is no actual date of the birth of Christ, the celebration of Christmas has been observed from early December to May.

As certain pagan customs of holiday celebration were assimilated into the Christmas festivity, gaiety and frivolity threatened to overshadow the religious aspect of the celebration and ultimately prohibited the festivities in England.

The pendulum has swung again for festive activities. We really do not know the origin of carols and pagan carols were used by religious groups with words being changed. But dancing while singing carols was not approved by religious groups. In the 17th Century the Puritans abolished Christmas activities all together.

But in 1822 modern English Carols were published and caroling became popular—even so today. Not only shall we sing beautiful carols, but we shall listen reverently to the beloved story of the birth of Jesus; the adoration of the shepherds, the gifts of the wise men and the many legends. Most of us are familiar with one Biblical account of Jesus' birth—the first

Christmas.

Matthew gives us the visit of the three Kings, called Magi or wise men, to the Christ Child. Legend tells us that Melchior, King of Arabia, brought gold for a King; Gaspar, King of Torsus, brought Myrrh, signifying the great physician; and Belshazzar, King of Ethiopia, brought frankincense for the high priest. You can visualize these three Kings after more than two years following the Star finally reaching the Christ Child.

In France Christmas is a time exclusively for children. Even centuries ago French children believed the Little Lord Jesus was born in a stable on Christmas night. They came to believe that the heaven would open and Le Petit Noel would come down and bring presents if they were good. In more recent times Le Petit Noel has been replaced by Le Pere Noel or Father Christmas. In many parts of France Father Christmas has a companion. Father Spanker, who carries large bundles of switches some of which he leaves for naughty boys and girls.

The celebration of Christmas in Mexico is most picturesque. Each house is gaily decorated and each has a creche. The festivities begin after dark on December 16 and last nine days. This Celebration is called the Pasado, or lodging place, and Mary and Joseph are seeking such in Bethlehem. Every night the families go visiting in a procession led by an Angel and each person carries a candle. They sing until they reach the door and Joseph asks for shelter. He is refused until he tells the cruel innkeeper that Mary, the Mother of Heaven, is about to bring the Light of World to life. The procession is welcomed and they enter in with song and kneel in prayer at the altar.

On Christmas Eve the Pasados are more elaborate. The Baby Jesus is placed in the Creche with much ceremony. A lullaby is sung for the Babe. This is a time of much festivity—all attend midnight Mass. Christmas Day is entirely given to religious observance.

Bethlehem in Pennsylvania is know world wide as the home of Bethlehem Steel; and as the city which pauses reverently each year to celebrate the birth of Christ. Many years ago on Christmas Eve, a small group of Moravian missionaries gathered in a log cabin in the Pennsylvania Wilderness and

christened their New World home "Bethlehem," in honor of the Prince of Peace. The old spirit of Christmas still prevails and it is the continuing practice of these customs that causes Bethlehem to be known as "the Christmas City of America".

Many customs have grown up around the observance of Christmas in America. The card craze has swept our country and children have gone from hanging their stockings on the chimney to an elaborate tree in every home.

The first tree was brought to America by Hessian soldiers from Germany as they always had a Christmas tree. The first in America were grown in Trenton, New Jersey for many years, but now they are grown commercially; more than 40 million are sold annually. Some are spruce, pine, balsam and cedar. Then we have artificial trees. Some trees are used in their natural state and some are colored to complement the room decor. Decorations have gone from candles, paper chains, candy canes and apples to electric lights, fancy baubles and fantastic creches. The creche idea is credited to St. Francis of Assisi. He wanted the people to always be reminded of the humble birthplace of the Christ Child.

The White House has had trees indoors since 1856, when Franklin Pierce joined in the wave of enthusiasm for Christmas trees then sweeping the country. Calvin Coolidge had the happy task of lighting the first tree moved outside to the lawn in 1923.

May we rightly remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men.

Dear Santa,
I want a cookie counter and a typewriter-computer.

I would also like clothes for Coco, my pound puppy and a bottle for him. I would like clothes for me too!

I have been very good most of the time, so if you visit me I will leave cookies and milk.

Please leave my boys some toys too.
Love,
Angela Kerry Craig
age 4

Origins of the Christmas tree

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, O tree of green, unchanging! The words of this beloved carol call to mind one of our favorite symbols of the holiday season — the Christmas tree.

Where did it come from? Why is it associated with the birth of Christ? For the answers, one possibly has to go back to mythological times. Norse mythology had its Yggdrasil ash and the early Greeks had Dodona's oak. In Greece, it was an old custom to wreath a pole with myrtle, olive and orange leaves. The Circassians would carry a young pear tree into the house, where it was covered with candles.

Later on, it became the custom to bring small potted cherry or hawthorn trees into the house, for blooming at Christmas or the New Year.

Before the 17th century, large decorated "paradise" trees were carried around in Germany, or used in paradise plays. In these plays, a fir tree hung with apples was used to represent the Garden of Eden.

Later on, pyramidal erections of wood, decorated with candles and fruit were often carried from house to house. Researchers conjecture that these pyramids were possible substitutes for trees.

The first decorated trees in the home began to appear in Alsace in 1605. At first only apples, cookies and treats were used to trim these new paradise trees, symbolizing the sweet

fruit of redemption. Martin Luther is thought to have added candles to the trees for the first time.

By Victorian times, the tradition of the Christmas tree was firmly established in Germany. When Prince Albert became consort to Queen Victoria, he introduced the Christmas tree to England. By then, it was adorned with candles, gilded nuts and fruits and gingerbread. These goodies would remain on the tree until it was dismantled after Twelfth Night, at which time they were gleefully eaten by the children.

The Christmas tree was introduced to America by German immigrants during the 1800s. Homemade decorations such as popcorn and cranberries added an American touch to the tree, which quickly became popular in this country.

Today, electric lights have replaced the old-fashioned and unsafe candles, and there are no end of beautiful ornaments with which to trim the tree.

Christmas trees can be found in homes throughout the country during the holidays, and in public places as well. The lighting of the Christmas trees at Rockefeller Center in New York City and at the White House are among the spectacular displays enjoyed each Christmas.

The Christmas tree can be found in many parts of the world as a symbol of the season. It has journeyed from legends of the past to become a sign of redemption for all.

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you please bring me a new bicycle and a jambon and a horse and a ring.
Love
Tandy

Dear Santa,
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Jeff

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RONdom thoughts

By RON BIRK

The Beauty Of Christmas

"It may look beautiful now on a Christmas card or in a religious picture, but there is not really anything lovely in hunting desperately for lodgings when your wife is pregnant and near her time. There is nothing romantic in having your first baby in a drafty cave because no one in the inn next door will give up his bed for you, and it isn't really much fun to put your baby to sleep in the cattle's feeding trough because there is nowhere else except the dirty floor. The historic fact, shorn of its romance and decoration, was rather ugly and squalid." (J. B. Phillips)

When you really think about it, there is not much about the first Christmas that can be considered beautiful, at least by our present-day standards.

Think of the pregnancy of Mary. A teenager pregnant before marriage. How the gossip tongues must have wagged. Who believed Mary's story (if she ever told it) of an angel and the Holy Spirit? It had always taken a man to get a girl pregnant before. Why should this incident be any different?

The pregnancy of Mary, regardless of its source, undoubtedly brought great shame upon her, upon Joseph, and upon their families.

Think of the birth of the baby Jesus. A teenage girl having her first baby all by herself in a barn. Oh sure, Joseph was there. But what did a country carpenter know about delivering babies? There was no anesthesia. No doctor. No hospital.

Undoubtedly, there was a great amount of anxiety and agony involved in the birth of

the baby Jesus.

The pain of the unattended birth. The illegitimacy of the pregnancy. Plus the segregation and poverty which are also hinted at in the story. Most of us would not consider this beautiful or attractive at all. By our standards it is ugly and repulsive.

Yet, maybe right here, amidst all this apparent ugliness, is the real beauty of Christmas. In the very event in which God entered the world of humanity we see him immediately becoming involved in things "ugly" and "indecent" — illegitimacy, pain, segregation, poverty.

This should tell us something.

It tells us that our God is not an aloof, ritzy type, afraid to get involved in messy things because he might get his hands dirty. Christmas graphically tells us God is not afraid to get into our mess with us — if that is what it takes to get us out!

This first Christmas also has this to say: "...in its blunt way, Christmas comes...it comes, and from the beginning talks about what cannot be talked about, bringing to light the secret things of the dark places. Thus it reaches out through what is the most indecent in life and makes it decent so that people may know that God can make holy what is despised; that he can lift up the lowly; that his power is not the power of this world, but is the power that endures when earth is smoking ruin." (Ewald Bash)

Christmas bluntly says to those of us who have been involved in the indecent, the ugly, the painful things of life: "Take heart! Don't despair! Our God has been there, too!"

This is the real beauty of Christmas.

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Justin Angel
 Grade 3

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Texas pioneer celebrates 106th birthday

Mary L. Neely, West Texas pioneer, will celebrate her 106th birthday on December 28, at her ranch home about 75 miles downriver from El Paso.

Last year, December 28, 1985, her 105th birthday, was proclaimed Mary Neely Day by Governor Mark White. The proclamation said: "Her long and rich life exemplifies the pioneer spirit that tamed the wildest parts of Texas." In 1984 the State Senate passed a resolution honoring her.

The inspiring life of Mary Neely began in 1880 in Comanche County, Texas, where she was born to Frank and Lucretia Holmsley. Her father was a frontier doctor, and she was his assistant during her girlhood. She used this early medical training for the next several decades, ministering to the needs of family and neighbors in isolated West Texas communities where there were no doctors.

At age 22, she married Joe Holmes Neely. Their honeymoon was a three-month trip in a covered wagon to New Mexico, where several months later their first child, Joe, Jr., was born. They moved back to Texas to manage a ranch where Mrs. Neely faced rattlesnakes, panthers, and outlaws. She had to rope wild cows to get milk for the family to drink.

In 1905, the Neelys moved to Dell City, Texas, where they managed another ranch for ten years. Their second son Tom was born here. In a final move, the family bought several sections of land west of McNary, near the Rio Grande, about 75 miles downriver from El Paso. They made the move in wagons and a Model T Ford, according to Mrs. Neely, "driving cattle eight or ten miles a day, keeping them out of bogs and arroyos, dodging flashfloods."

At that time, the border was a haven for Pancho Villa's band and rustlers, and the Neelys' newly acquired house was full of bullet holes. Their ranch was a success, providing them with the necessities, plus cattle, hogs, cotton, and mohair to sell.

Wherever she lived, Mrs. Neely used her medical training, treating broken bones and wounds, and acting as midwife for her neighbors on both sides of the border.

In addition to grueling work-heavy outdoor ranch work and keeping a frontier household going — and acting as the only medical help within miles, the

4'11" Mrs. Neely found time to read aloud daily to the children. The family valued education, and Mrs. Neely has continued her reading, study, and intellectual correspondence throughout her life.

Her husband died in 1952, and for several years, Mrs. Neely — known as "Grandma" — continued to run the ranch by herself. She now has sold or leased portions of the ranch, but she still lives in their original adobe ranch house with her son, Joe, 85, a retired Navy career officer, and his wife. Her younger son, Tom, 81 — a retired Hudspeth County judge — lives in nearby Sierra Blanca. Tom calls himself "the baby of the family." The Neely brothers joke about who will take care of their mother when they die.

This year, Tom reports that his mother is doing extremely well. "We think she is doing real well for somebody her age," he says, "but then nobody is sure how somebody her age is supposed to be doing." Unfortunately for someone who has always been an avid reader, her eyesight is failing. "People read to her," Tom notes, "but it's not the same."

On past birthdays, Mary Neely has received greetings from such notables as Governor Bill Clements, President Carter, and President Reagan. Last year, she garnered much statewide publicity regarding Governor White's proclamation of Mary Neely Day. Tom Neely says that she has saved all her news clippings and is very happy about the recognition. However, Mrs. Neely is not interested in celebrity as much as she is in spiritual and intellectual progress. She enjoys discussing books that interest her, and her philosophy of life and death.

She has many friends and relatives, and quite a few are expected to visit her this year in honor of her 106th birthday.

Dear Santa,

I have been good all year long. I want a barbies and the rockets and a cabbage patch kide and a talking baby. But want will I get now I what a jean jacket and a pound puppy and a Budly picture. But I now want I will get now this is the last thing It is a picture of Staci.

Your Friend,
 Dana Sheppard
 Grade 3

Season's greetings and sincere good wishes for the best of holidays!

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Santa's Letters

Dear Santa,

Hi! my name is Amy and I'm six years old. Santa can I have some new boots like my cousin Tiffeny has. Hers are gray. I also want a cabbage patch doll with brown hair, a purple dress, a pink coat, a purple nightgown and a blue bunny rabbit. My address is 509 South Melwood. Are you doing O-Kay Santa? I love you Santa.

Love
 Amy Perkins

Dear Santa,

Hello, my name is Tennille and I'm ten years old. How are you doing? For Christmas I want a baby puppy. (a real one). Barbie and the rockers. Another pound puppy to go with my other one so it won't get lonely, my little pony, a pink nightgown, a good Christmas, and I want mama to be home for Christmas from the hospita. Bye Santa.

I Love You!
 Tennille Perkins

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Jonathan and I'm Eight years old. For Christmas I want a B-B gun, a gun with a stopper, a bike, a He man set, a little TV like the one my uncle Edgar has. A blue jacket with a hood on it, and Last I want a remote car like the one Corey has. Santa, you have a nice trip. Tell Rudolph hi for me. And Tell all the rest of the family hi for me.

Love You
 Johathan Perkins
 P.S. I'm in the school play and I play Rudolph.

Dear Santa,

I love you Santa! I wish I had a teddy bear and a barbaby doll. I will be a good children? I love you very very much Santa Claus by Santa Claus.

Love
 Aracely Jimenez
 Grade 3

Dear Santa,

Four Christmas I want a little p.p. four my other p.p. or I want the barbe and the rocers and a my little pone a puppy a rell puppy!

Love,
 Jennille
 Grade 3

Dear Santa,

I have try to be good. But if you are real bring me a stapler and a remote control three wheeler. Bring my family what they want. under the Christmas tree there is going to be cookiss and milk.

Love you
 Pete Ochoa
 Grade 3



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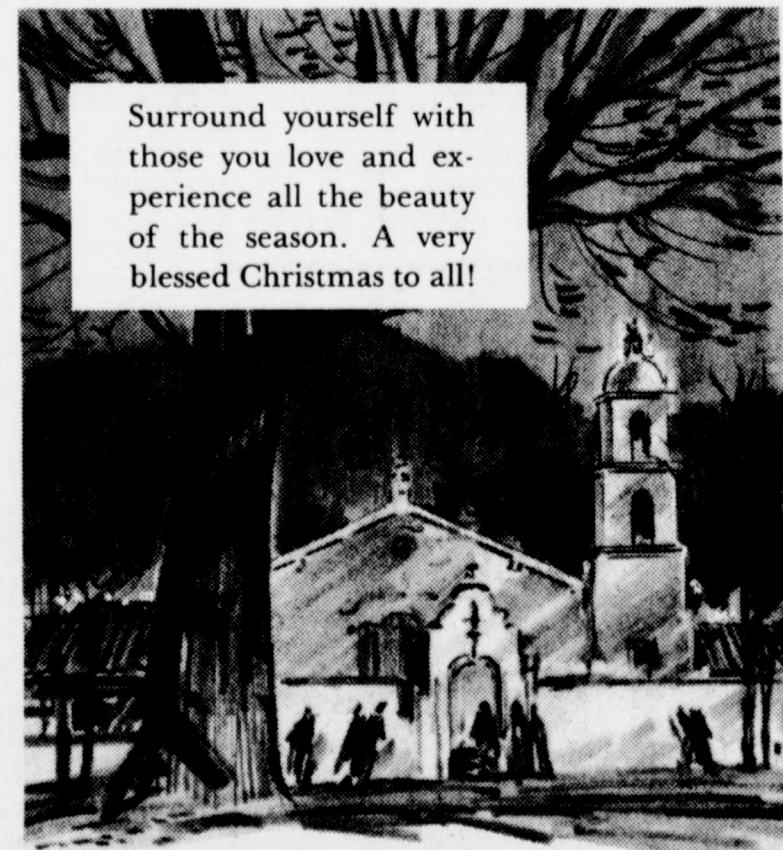
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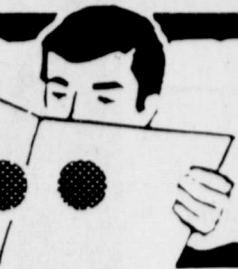
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BY ORDER OF Commissioner's Court, December 9, 1986.

Darlene Smith, County Auditor
RANNELS COUNTY, TEXAS
(December 18, 24, 1986)

The Best Christmas of all!

Sally's brother Timmy was writing a letter to Santa, when she asked him, "Timmy would you write Santa a letter for me, too?" Sally didn't know how to write, you see.

"All right," said Timmy. "What do you want Sally to bring you?" Sally thought and thought. "I don't know what to ask for," she told her brother. "That's easy," said Timmy. "Why don't you ask for a fire engine?" "No, I don't think I want a fire engine," Sally said. "Then how about a transformer?" "No, I don't want a transformer."

Christmas Eve, and she still had not thought of something she didn't already have.

For the first time she could remember Sally was not excited as she and Timmy hung their stockings over the chimney.

On Christmas morning, Timmy was the first one out of bed. He dashed into the living room and soon he came running into Sally's room to wake her up. "Sally!" he said. "Come see what Santa brought you!" Sally jumped out of bed and ran to the living room.

There, under the tree, was a big box marked "To Sally from Santa." Sally ran to the box and looked in. Inside was an adorable puppy! Sally scooped the puppy up and hugged it. The puppy licked Sally's face and wagged its tail happily.



Timmy was getting annoyed with his little sister. "You'd better decide what you want to ask Santa first. I have to write my own letter now!"

Sally looked at all her toys. She had two dolls, a toy stove and sink, a doll house, crayons and a coloring book, and lots and lots of stuffed animals. She thought about it every day until it was

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Story of the little match-girl

(by Hans Christian Anderson)

In the cold and gloom a poor little girl, bareheaded and barefoot, was walking through the streets. In an old apron she carried a number of matches and a bundle of them in her hand. No one had bought anything of her all day!

Her little hands were almost numb with the cold. Ah, a match might do her good, if she could only draw one from the bundle and rub it against the wall and warm her hands at it. She drew one out, R-r-r-atch! How it sputtered and burned! It was a warm, bright flame, like a little candle, when she held her hands over it. But the little flame went out...and she had only the remains of the burnt match in her hand.

A second was rubbed against the wall. It burned up, and when the light fell upon the wall it became transparent like a thin veil, and she could see through it into the room. On the table a snow-white cloth was spread; upon it stood a shining dinner service; the roast goose smoked gloriously, stuffed with apples and dried plums. Then the match went out and only the thick, cold wall was before her. She lighted another match. Then she was sitting under a beautiful Christmas tree. Thousands of candles burned upon the green branches. The little girl stretched forth her hand toward them; then the match went out. The Christmas lights



mounted higher. She saw them now as stars in the sky; one of them fell down, forming a long line of fire.

"Now someone is dying," thought the little girl, for her old grandmother, the only person who had loved her, and who was now dead, had told her that when a star fell down a soul mounted up to God.

She rubbed another match against the wall; it became bright again, and in the brightness the old grandmother stood clear and shining, mild and lovely.

She took the little girl in her arms, and both flew in brightness and joy above the earth, very, very high, and up there was neither cold, nor hunger, nor care—the were with God.



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Now Boy's, if you want top dollar for your fur without wondering if you just got the short-end from some road-runners measuring stick, then see me at Weem's Shell every Wednesday morning beginning about 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. We buy Raccoon, Red & Gray Fox, Bobcat, Ringtail, Coyote. No sticks. No gimmicks, just fair honest trading. Let's get acquainted. We will both benefit.
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Dear Santa,
I can't wait for you to come because I want to see you hand your reders whel I dot have much to say by.
Love Mechel

Dear Santa,
I want a kris Kringles pound puppy pound purey aletrik blanket new born baby hours new dress haier dryer christmas bear new kittie.
From Courtney

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Love you
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Christmas Blessings

Our prayer for you and yours: health and joy!

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Santa's Letters

Dear Santa,
I want a robot. Santa please bring robot and a boat. I want a play of you and a boy and girl.
Love you Santa,
Buddy
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I can not wat for crismas Santa I have a litt lest I want a tick for the super boll and mady a skatbord and thas about all.
Sinseryly,
Luke Wyatt

Dear Santa,
I wish for a goatcart. Well you bring me a threeweller. And I rely like this one and it is the best one of all and it is mockmotrol car.
Love,
Cory Smith

Dear Santa,
I went to visit you Santa. I said I want a Bigtrain set. Or a BMX bike you said ok and I will be waiting for those things.
Eric Jhon Esquivel
Sincerely
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me a Teddy Ruxpin, a 3 wheeler, and Some surprises. Merry Christmas and Come soon!
Jeffrey Jordan
4 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
What I Want for Christmas is a GiJo menitcher suzuki motorbike, punching bag, a Miami Dolphins football suit, darts with a dart bord, a wide skate bord. One other thing if you can bring my sister a new leg P.S. Please!
Your Friend,
Robert Bedford
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I want a skate boord. And a walkie-talky. And a new shirt. And some Gijoe men. And a beebie gun with a pelet gun. And a football with a real hard basket ball with a goal. P.S. and a pitchure of you.
Love,
Stephen Herrington
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year long. I want a Jambox and a babby talk dall a creket dall and a color tv. and a horse a four wheler a stocking feld with candy and toy's. And a babby puppy. A corn silckkid.
Love,
Cheri Dry

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas. So I wish you would give these things to me skate board and a jam box. And a football. And I hope you will get my baby brother James a little puppy. I my other brother a soccer ball.
From,
Johnny Valles
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I want a jambox and a skate board, any tape's. I also want a ring. And a ornge and white long horn cheerleading suit. I also want some long horn pom-poms. I almost forgot to tell you I have been a good girl Merry Christmas.
Love,
Staci Springer
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I can't wait intill Christmas comes, so I can give presents and receive them. I want a real live cat. I have been waiting to see your raindeer for a long time, can I? Are you really you? I don't think there is really a Santa but I was just asking. by!
Love,
Janabeth Bryan
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I can't wait until Christmas because I Give gifts, and Get presents! Heres what I want! A speck and music, jelly watch, Life the game, and a tramping. I guess thats all but if I forgot something I'll write. You can get me stuf for my stocking. Well got to go!
Sinseryly,
Rachel Edwards
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I want a My Child aprica stroller, and a My Child doll, And a Bingo Bear, And a Kitty and a puppy, And love and peace threw the world forever, and a pound puppy and lots of games and lots of cloths, and a Hamster, And a new Born baby doll, And a long lasting life And a corn silk kid.
Love,
Brandi Gray
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I want a train set, a Decepticon Galvatron Transformer, a Fraggle Rock watch, and a real pellet gun. I am 8 years old. I am in Mrs. Wilkerson's room.
Love,
Aaron Calcote

Dear Santa,
I am 4 years old and this is what I want for Christmas. I want a gun, a Thundercat sword, and I want my brother Ricky to get a He-man sword. Also I would like a dump truck. I'll leave the door unlocked for you.
Love
Stuart Weaver

Dear Santa,
I am 4 years old. Please bring me a set of dishes, a doll, a toy cat and toy dog that is fluffy. I have been trying to be good.
Love
Rebecca Moreno

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be good. I am 4 years old. I would like a bike, a toy dog, a swing set, and a doll. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.
Love
Kayla Torres

Dear Santa,
I am a good little 5 year old girl (trying to be anyway). Please try to bring me a set of dishes, a doll that cries, a swing for my doll, and toy TV. I will leave cookies and Kool-aid for you.
I love you,
Rosalinda Zamaripa

Dear Santa Claus,
I am trying to be good for Christmas. I am 5 years old. I would like a He-man sword, a robot, a He-man doll and a He-man costume. I will leave you something to eat.
Love
Joshua Moreno

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Adrian and I'm four years old. I've been a very good boy. Santa, I would like to have a machine gun, a big truck, a football and some candy. Thank you Santa. My Door is going to open for you.
Love
Adrian Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle, a He-man, a car, and a Barbie doll for my sister and a Barbie doll car. I will leave my door open for you. I also want a black toy dog. Please leave all these toys at my house.
Love
Johnathan Plumley

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Priscilla. I want you to bring me a baby doll, make up, a real pony, a toy thats all I want. I'm four years old. I'm going to leave my door open and you will find some cookies and milk under the tree for you. I've been pretty good girl.
Love
Priscilla Esquivel

Senator Phil Gramm honored for fighting Government Waste

The Citizens Against Government Waste, a watchdog association organized by columnist Jack Anderson and Grace Commission Chairman Peter Grace, has honored U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas. The group applauded Gramm for his "outstanding service in reducing federal government waste and inefficiency..." said Grace and Anderson. Gramm, widely known for his role as the author of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction law, also has strongly advocated legislation to eliminate Defense Department waste. "Thanks to your interest—and support—a number of bills

were introduced in the past two years to implement many of the recommendations of the Grace Commission," the group said. "Taken as a whole, these measures went a long way to reduce federal government waste and lower the deficit." The organization was co-founded by Anderson and Grace in 1984. It supports the work of the Grace caucuses in the Senate and House to eliminate wasteful government spending of taxpayers' money. "With thousands of members nationwide and volunteer state coordinators in all but a few states, we are convinced that our fellow citizens are vitally concerned by the federal government's inability to control its own budget," said the group.

Calcium supplement guidelines

"While medical authorities have been urging people to eat more dairy products and other calcium-containing foods, many have responded by taking calcium supplements instead," Says Dr. Dymple Cooksey, a nutritionist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service. If you take calcium supplements, she suggests avoiding calcium from bone meal and dolomite which might contain lead or other toxic material. As you shop for a calcium supplement, remember that body makes equal use of calcium carbonate, lactate, citrate, gluconate, phosphate and orotate. Not one of the forms of calcium is necessarily better than the other, despite the advertising claims. Antacids and other supplements are also adequate calcium supplements, she says. You can select the ones that are the best bargains. When it comes to taking the supplement, Cooksey says research shows no advantage to taking calcium supplements with other minerals or taking them at night. However, if you're concerned about gastric acidity, take the supplement with meal.

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Wishes for a wonderful Christmas with lots of fun and plenty of packages beneath your tree!

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Emmert Garage
Melba and Joe Emmert



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The joy of giving and sharing makes this Holy Season truly the most beautiful.

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REJOICE

With joy in our hearts, let us light up the world with the strength of our kindness, love and caring.

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Packages of happiness coming your way! Thank you for your patronage!

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JOY

We wish you an old-fashioned holiday filled with love and laughter and all the special delights of the season.

Busher Ag Service
101 E. Hwy. 53
Bud & Kay Busher



TO OUR TOWN FROM THE EMS

Sorry if we woke you
In the middle of the night
But someone in your neighborhood
is fighting for his life

Sorry if we block the road
And make you turn around
But there's been a bad wreck
With children dying on the ground

When you see us coming
We hope you'll understand
Let us have the right of way
Someone needs our helping hand

Sometimes a child is choking
Sometimes a broken leg
Sometimes a heart stops beating
And when we get there-it's too late

So if you see us crying
When we think that we're alone
You'll know we had a "bad one"
And we're feelin' mighty down

You ask us why we do it
"How can you watch a child die?"
It's never very easy
But we'll try to tell you why

We don't do it for the money
You know we don't get paid
We don't do it for the glory
But for a life that might be saved

Somewhere deep within us
Our souls are crying out
"We're here to help our neighbors
In their hour of pain and doubt."

God gave us something special
To help us see you through
We do it 'cause we love you
And we care about you, too.

Lani A. Pekelo, EMT

North Runnels Emergency Service
Winters EMT Association

Read the classifieds

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Here's a very special holiday greeting to all our special friends and patrons. We hope this joyous season brings you joy, love and happiness.

The Muffler Shop
Joe & Janet Kozelsky
Ballinger, Texas



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa's taking time out to wish everyone a very happy holiday!

Burger Hut
Bobby Mayo And Staff

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I want a go cart.
See you later
Valentine Oleman
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I want a swimming pool and a pair of skats and clothes and socks and shoes and a big trampling and a new bike and some dolls for Christmas.
Merry Christmas
Karri Wright
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
Ie Santa, I sent this letter to say hi and tell you what I want for Christmas and I want a new pair of shoes and that all and I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love
Lydia Gonzales
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I wnat a trunk with a trailer and my own bedroom and no school, and a football fild. Any my own horse and satel. And a airplane. And my own TV. And a three wheeler to ride a Map. And a new brain. And a comaiter.
Your friend
Calvin Williams
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I would like to have Jessica and a pony. I also would like to have a play cat. I would like a church ring and nicklece. I would rilly like a ring for my sister. I bealve in you Santa. I hope my sister bealves in Santa.
Love
Sherry Poindexter
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I Love you. How do you get down the chimney? I have some cookies and milk waiting for you. These are the toys I want you to bring me a Care Bear, Barbie, Barbie car, New dress. If you bring me any candy put it in my stocking and markers. I wished I could have a crystal horse and a cat.
Love
Shauna
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I would like a four whiler for Christmas and a 410 Shot gun. And a box of 308 shotgun shells. And a box of 223 shotgun shells. For Katy to be my girl friend. And a camfoja suit. And a helmet.
Love
Kevin B
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I guess I need to tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would like a giant Hulk Hogan, bland VHS tape, and that wrestling tape with Huld Hogan VS King Kong Bundy in the Steele cage. I tease my Mom that I am going to ask for a million dollars. You are famous all over the world.
P.S. I call my self Hulk Harvey. Also a big fire bird car as moms.
Sincerely
Ricky Harvey

Dear Santa,
I want Cobra things I want Cobra men. I realy want the Cobra's Night Raven and Cobra's Terror Drome, and Cobra's Dreadnok Fang, and Cobra's Dreadnok Stinger, and a remote control plane with no cord. And will you try to make it snow three feet deep. And give good presents for my brother.
From,
Kevin Conner

Dear Santa,
Did you know Santa, that I love you? No body believes in you. Well I do, I hope you are real. Are you real. Well Santa. Do you know what I want for Christmas? Well I want a watch of my own, and a picture of you, and I will give you a picture of me. Also I want you to bring my sister a watch to.
Love you Santa
Cindy Willborn
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
Santa I would like a radio, skates, stamper, walkie talkie, new shoes, a wooden doll and a tv with a ver. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love
Gayla Clough
Grade 3

Dear Sant,
I would like a new bike, 80 little cars, night rider, Fall guy, ball, foot ball, 3 Kooses, 2 walkie talkies, a water bed, shoes, base ball bat, base ball, 10 books, skates size 5, radio, all He-man stuff, 1 low, soccer ball, pads for my kneens, arms, waist, a new puppy, that is tamed, for Mary too, git my mom new house shoes, and my dad a robe me too.
Love
Michael Mostad
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
Santa the things I want for Christmas is very different from everboyd elses. I want a football, kicking black tee, warmups, socks, underwear, football suits, Permian, Lee, Central Midland High, Cooper High, Odeesa High. I hope you bring me all these things I want. Please bring me these things.
Love
John Belew
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I want a sevlv knif. And a bow and arowow. A boy Schot knif a toy armeyt gun. and I what dad to have some sharts and pants. And my mother some flowers. And my sister a watch. and a brother and low a prety gold watch.
Love
Fred Poe
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I was going to write you a letter what I wanted for Christmas this year. These are the things-jean jacket, my child, a new billfold, clothes, a pocket organizer, a corn silk hair Cabbage Patch Kid, and I want some jewelry, a new desk to do my homework on, and a VCR.
Merry Christmas
Katherine Rives
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I would like a verbot, a roller racer, and a watch. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I have been a good boy. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Merry Christmas
Jason Jordon
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a 12 speed. I like you to bring me candy. We are making a Santa Claus picture. I like the snow that falls from the sky. I like you bringing me a Barbie. I wish you a Merry Christmas Santa.
With Love
Jennifer Reyna
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Dream house and a cabbage pach kid. And my brother what's a new globe. Oh! my dad what's a new beard. And my a new walet. And my cousin what's a doll. I Love you Santa.
Love,
Jennifer Adams
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I want a popple. I want a pound puppy I want a bingo bear I want a cabble pack boll I want a bick I want soskas I want a pound puppy rado I want so chother I want a pound puppy home I want a car.
Beverly Tischler
Grade 3

Dear Sante,
W want a girls ten speed, I want a pair ov brown Ropers. I want a pair of Ble and white skates. I want some clothes. Have A Merry Christmas.
I Love you
Kimerly Hall

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pound purry and a pound puppy a cabbage patch kid a dimein ring and dimein chane a binggo bear and best of all a stocking fool of candy cane!
Kara

Dear Santa,
I want a cornsilk Cabbage Patch, skates, wooden hourse, ring and some sweatas.
Love Hollie

Dear Santa,
I want a talking bear, and a See 'n' Say.
I also would like some He man characters.
Love,
Joseph Joeris
Age 2 1/2

Dear Santa,
I want some boots for Christmas and a gun.
I would also like a Jambox.
Love,
Eric Joeris
Age 6 1/2

Dear Santa,
I want a Jack Pot toy and Remote control helicopter and a race car set. and a lazer tag game I have been good this year.
Love,
Zane Crouch
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
big tramedioe laser tag robot play dowe jambox gun 22 Kixy fm rado bolin ball basketball boxn gluv blackgluv pop gun flash light canen that shoots snow bbgun bair bell film garbag pail kids rock lords rumot kuntrol cars skatbord.
Casey

Dear Santa,
I want a football and gome He man things and a romot, Return of the jedi move to and a small car and a new bike and castle gracekall and snake mounon and a new soccer ball and some rockets.
Your friend,
George Villarreal
Grade 3

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From Catherine

Dear Santa,
I like you and I want toys but the best thing is I want my mother and fother to be nice to me and I Like your elvz to.
From: Patricia

Dear Santa,
I've been a pretty good boy. I was walking through the Abilene Mall and I saw a jackpot toy and I just wondered if you could get it for me. It costs 35 bucks, so if you can't get that I'd like a new junior foot ball. If I can't get that I'll take anything that your elves can make. I'll make sure the fireplace isn't to hot. I'll get you some cookies and milk or koolaid. Have a nice Christmas!
Sincerely,
Sean M. Byrne
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I want a Fluffy Dog. These things are my little pony things. A Buggy, A castle, A stable, My little pony baby firefly, Bingo Bear, a baby popple, My child doll, a bucket of popoids. How is your elfs and reindeer? Oh, and I want a fludder pony and a hair pony and love pony.
P.S. and for Josh to get well and a kitten and puppy.
Love,
Jana

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year long I want a Fluppy Puppy a sweat-suit the talking doll cricket a My Child and a skateboard some clothes for my Ken a party set for my barbies a necklace some earrings a cabbage patch cornsilk kid and lots of dress up clothes and a sticker book a bracelat a taperecorder a four-willer. Merry Christmas Santa Clouse.
Your Friend,
Monica Harris
Grade 3
Age 4

Dear Santa Claus,
I want to be a teacher and i want two cabbage patch and horse and cat and merry christmas.
Love
Kelly

Dear Santa Claus,
I can't wait for you to come to My house where You Will put good. Will you put gold in my stocking.
From
Tony

Joy and peace
Peace and goodwill to everyone this Christmas Season and always.
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Happy Holidays
The season is the reason for wishing you the very best!
Winters Area
Chamber of Commerce

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Blessings
A Christmas Wish! That you and those you love will enjoy the best Christmas ever!
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Santa's
Dear Santa,
My sister good for our I want a cabb My sister and for Christmas page patch di new gloves.

Dear Santa,
I've been good bike And a along with a my mom a ring a bike. For my chair. For my watch.

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I have been Rudolph? Is he want to see family fine? I sure they do would like a We wish you a Be carefully!

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My sister and I have been good for our mother and father. I want a cabbage patch carrier. My sister and I want a computer for Christmas. I want some cap-patch dippers. I want some new gloves.

Love, Sincerely,
Marie Spill
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I've been good. I wish I had a bike And a cabbage carrier along with a cabbage doll. For my mom a ring. For my brother a bike. For my sister a table and chair. For my brother Jerry a watch.

Love
Penny Ramon
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. How is Rudolph? Is he fine? If he is, I want to see his nose. Is your family fine? If they are make sure they do their job fine. I would like a new weat please? We wish you a merry Christmas. Be carefully!

Love
Erika Vega
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I don't know what I want but I would like something for my friends and family. My brother Denoris a girlfriend and my brother Ricky a new shirt. My sister a small mold glass butterfly in diffrent colors. My mom a pretty white dress with roses on the bottm and on the sleeves. Any my grandma Alice a bunch of flower frains. My grandpa a new radio for his shack.

With love
Tamaria Smith
Grade 3

Dear Santa
Some of the things I would like for Christmas are a calculator, a tent, a Life game, and a Steve The Butler robot. I'll leave you something to eat. Don't forget my brother something too. Have a Merry Christmas. I'll be good.

Sincerely
Lori Jobe
Grade 3

Dear Santa
I want a trampling for Christmas and a motorcycle and a transformer and a knife and a throing star and I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love
Chad Kraatz
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, a bike, a cat, a four wheeler, and a truck, I would also like a Mini Bike and a United States Map puzzle, And I wish my family could have a new car.

Love
Joseph Ovales
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I want a train set for Christas under my tree. It will be good of you to get this. I will be surprised when I get a train set.

Love
Isaac Moreno
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like a new bike. I need a pair of sox. I would like a new three wheeler. My brother wants a new computer. He wants some sox too.

Love
Nathan Bentrup
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
My family has been good. My sisters wants a three wheeler this Christmas. I have two dogs I love my dogs. GeeGee want Brian to come home. Please Santa if it's possible, make it where no one will fight. How is Rudolph? Santa is he ok? I Love Rudolph.

Love
Mel Kennedy
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I would like a football and a pair of rollerskates and a flex and 200 and 100 pennys. And a red dachshund.

Merry Chresos
Kevin Menzenmayer
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Mark Deike trbo train and Devol Der Cleif hanger. Plus, bring my sister Kristin a sowing set. Bring my sister Kimberly a digitl watch. Bring my Dad Michael a pair of gloves and pliers. Bring my mom Mitzi a visheins coke knery.

Love
Mark Dieke
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I Love you Santa Claus. Whould you bring me a ver, my little pony, new car, doll, my own room, puppy, red a new desk, and one bed, a new Christmas tree.

Love, Elodia Torres
I Love you Santa Claus
Grade 3

Dear Santa
This year I want a VCR, a puppy and a stereo, a 4 wheeler, and, a bike. I will try to leve a pie and malk.

Love Jerry Esquivel
to Santa
Grade 3

Dear Santa
I wont baby doll and a Fluffey Love to a stuffed pony, a VCR, my own room to, how close, how show to, a basketball, a sokrball to.

Love
Mary
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
Duw you now wut I want fur Christmas? I wont a Stereo for Christmas Santa I want you to git my setrete a pav of wotes, and git me a new dike Santa.

Love Mikey
and Chrissy
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I have been nice to my mother and father. I would like a new three wheeler a computer and a bike for Christmas. How is Rudolph and your elves? Be careful on your way back.

Love
Dominge Lard
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a three wheeler and a bike because they are good to ride to the store and to the creek.

Love
Alex Ochoa
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I want a waterbed a car I want a robot.

Love,
Jeff Miller

To Santa,
For Christmas I want a bike a carebear a pet dog and a baby talk.

Love Misty

It now costs more to amuse a child than it once did to educate his father. Don't be an agnostic. Be something.

Robert Frost

Herbert Prochnow

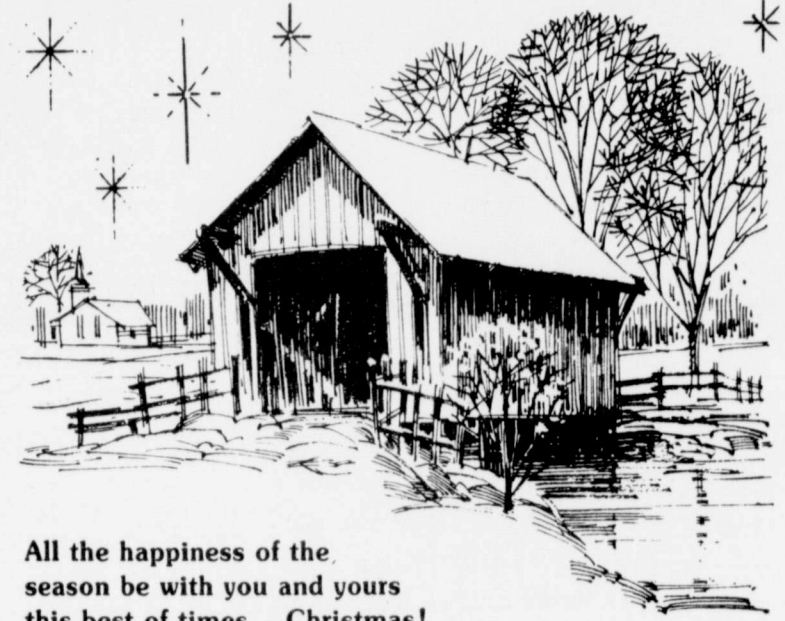


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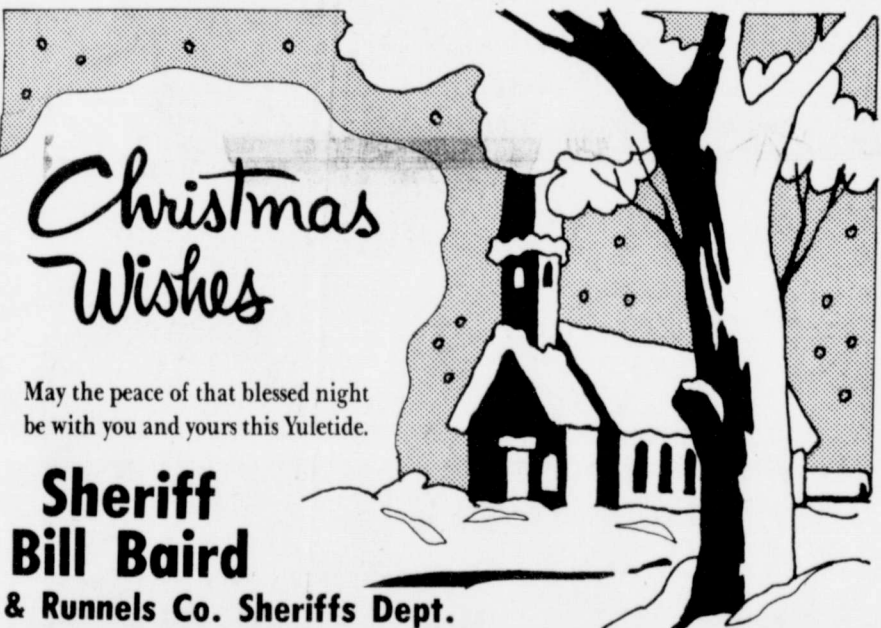
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Christmas Blessings

Best wishes for a great Yuletide season!

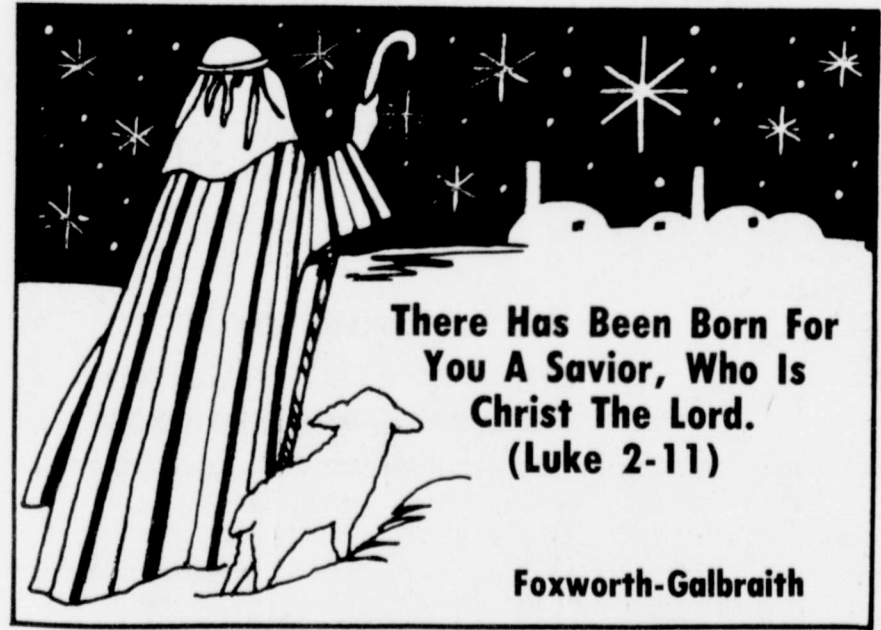
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Christmas Wishes

May the peace of that blessed night be with you and yours this Yuletide.

Sheriff Bill Baird & Runnels Co. Sheriffs Dept.



There Has Been Born For You A Savior, Who Is Christ The Lord. (Luke 2-11)

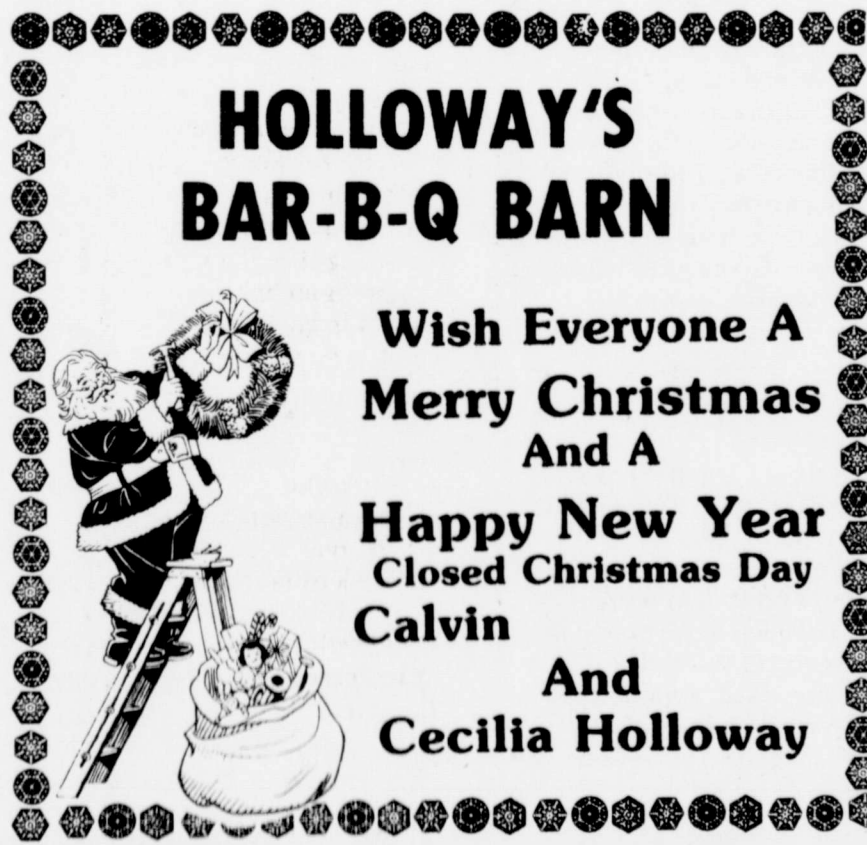
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Hi

To all who are young in heart: Warmest holiday greetings for the best of Christmases ever!

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Wish Everyone A Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year
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Merry Christmas

Chiming in with best wishes of the season to all our friends. We hope you have a happy Holiday and a very healthy and prosperous New Year.

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Crime Of The Month December Christmas Holiday Warning

During the Christmas Holidays we all do a lot of shopping. Criminals also shop during the holiday season. We urge you to lock your card doors while shopping. Try to park in a lighted area. Do not go shopping alone if you will be shopping after dark. Ladies, keep an eye on your purses. Please lock your houses when you leave. If you happen to see someone shoplifting, please tell the merchant. Shoplifters account for a big percentage of inventory shrinkage and the cost of this shrinkage is passed on to you the consumer. RUNNELS COUNTY CRIMESTOPPERS pays cash for information that leads to the arrest and indictment of any criminal. If you have information for us please call RUNNELS COUNTY CRIMESTOPPERS at 365-2111 or dial the OPERATOR and ask for ENTERPRISE 67574. You do not have to give your name and your information may be worth a cash reward of up to \$1000. RUNNELS COUNTY CRIMESTOPPERS wishes you a safe and merry Christmas and a happy and fruitful New Year, unless you are a criminal and if that is the case we wish you would stop.

CJC plans registration for 1987 Spring semester

Cisco Junior College is making preparations to begin its 1987 Spring Semester. Registration for the spring semester at the Cisco campus will be held in the Harrell Fine Arts Building from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 12 and Tuesday, January 13. Night registration is scheduled for one night only, Monday, January 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Registration is assigned by last name. It is very important that you register at the assigned time.

REGISTRATION IS ASSIGNED BY LAST NAME AS FOLLOWS:

Last Name	Date	Time
Monday, January 12		
K and L		9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
I and J		10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
G and H		11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
E and F		1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
C and D		2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
A and B		3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 13		
R and S		9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
O/P and Q		10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Mc/M and N		11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
V and W		1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
T and U		2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
X/Y and Z		3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dormitories will open at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 11. The cafeteria will open at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, January 12. Classes will begin January 14 at all locations, but late registration will continue through January 23 during regular office hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) at the Admissions office on the Cisco campus. Registration for the Clyde campus will be held Wednesday, January 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Clyde Educational Center located on I-20, Exit 299 in Clyde. For more information, call the appropriate campus at one of the following numbers: Cisco - (817) 442-2567; Clyde - (915) 893-5976; Abilene - (915) 698-2212.



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A Visit from St. Nicholas

by Dr. Clement C. Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all... and to all a goodnight!"

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

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

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below, When, what to my wondering eyes did appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name.

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky, So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot; A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath; He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself; A wink of his eye and a twist of his head Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside

of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

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New Year's Day

GREETINGS

Here's wishing you the best of holidays with friends and loved ones all around you!

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REJOICE

We pray that the spirit of the holidays will glow ever brighter in your hearts.

Linda Bruchmiller, County Clerk, and Staff

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Serenity reigns throughout the land and in the hearts of all at Christmas who believe in the miracle and meaning of that first Holy Night.

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Wait a minute...

By Kerry Craig

There have been several times when I have, in a joking way, talked about making up some news, or using some left over from last week, or that big headline that says "News Shortage Grips County".

A while back we discussed reporting bad news, when something unpleasant or really bad happens to someone, as opposed to reporting good news.

We explored the "easy way out" that most news-types choose. The easy story to write because all the information is there, such as in a traffic accident or fire or something.

It is much easier to write about a fire that burned specific barn than to write about all the barns that didn't burn.

Sure, there are a few reporters who really dig and ferret out a good story, one that does some good for everyone. There are many, many more reporters that want to do that but, all they can do is stir up a stink and do good only for their egos.

You know, there may be something to that thought—folks trying to do something good for everybody else and to leave their mark as the one that did something good.

In trying to do this, only a scant few ever really succeed. Others may get something beneficial started. Then there is the majority that only generate more stink as they try to stir more.

Maybe so news-type reporters are nearly human after all. They can just make more noise now.

In talking of doing something good for our neighbor, this year at this special time the community food pantry comes to mind.

In the past few months we have carried numerous stories about the pantry being empty, or needing food to help families in need.

A visit to the pantry, Thursday, revealed shelves loaded with food, baskets being prepared for Christmas delivery. The food-stuffs were there because there are those among us that really want to do something good. They weren't seeking any special recognition. They were just doing their part as a member of our family—The family of Man.

This next, with thoughts of Christmas in our minds, is somewhat contradictory.

Merchants look to this time of year as a time when sales increase because of Christmas gift buying. The merchants strive to increase the amount of business they do by increasing the number of customers they have in their store.

The stores are gaily decorated with the bright colors of Christmas and many things are used to increase traffic in the stores.

A newspaper is not unlike a merchant in a store. Our potential customers are those merchants. We work together for mutual benefit and for the

benefit of our community.

I do, however, find the thought of Christmas decorations in stores at Halloween a bit premature.

Just like the merchant, though, I look at the holiday season as a time for increased sales, and work to that end.

In all our rush for the dollar, could it be that we are missing something?

There was a Christmas card in the mail today with some thought-provoking lines. "To see Christmas through the eyes of children is to see the world with love." May we all rediscover the magic of Christmas.

As we make our rediscovery maybe we can forget a bit of the commercialism that highlights Christmas.

Maybe we can find, once again, the true meaning of Christmas.

We see it everyonce in a while. I saw it Thursday when a neighbor walked in our office and asked if we could deliver something to the food pantry. Of course we said we could, and he handed us a check for a big bunch of bucks.

That check will help to make Christmas a bit better for some of our neighbors who, otherwise, might have had to do without.

A gift like that—from the heart—is closer to the true meaning.

Not unlike a man that, in a peak business rush, ran out a particular commodity. There was one family in need of that commodity. When they asked the business man for the space, they were told there was no more room at the inn, the man, his wife and her unborn child were given quarters in the stable.

There is another story of old. One in which the Greatest Gift of them all was given—Christ.

From our house to yours, may this Christmas be one of warmth, joy, and fellowship with loved ones—in the true spirit of Christmas

Highway official retires to help build Stacy Dam

John M. Arthur, district construction and right-of-way engineer with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, will retire Dec. 31 after a career of almost 40 years with the Brownwood District.

He has accepted a position with the engineering firm of Freese and Nichols, Inc. of Fort Worth as resident engineer to help build the Stacy Reservoir Dam and Spillway.

This is a water conservation project 2½ miles in length located in Coleman, Runnels, and Concho counties that will provide water to Abilene and other West Texas cities.

Arthur is a native of Comanche and began working with the Highway Department on Sept. 11, 1947.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



A Christmas Gift

The Community Food Pantry received a big boost Wednesday when the Cafeteria Ladies unloaded this load of food items and canned goods. The foods were purchased with the proceeds of a fund raising activity conducted by the Food

Service Workers.

The foods will be used to fill baskets for families in need during this special time of the year.

Pictured are Betty Easterly, Nell Ballard, Pauline Briley, and Eloise Prine.

Breast Cancer screening set

According to the American Cancer Society, one of every 11 women in the United States will develop breast cancer sometime during her lifetime. Every year, over 37,000 women die as a result of breast cancer which is the number 2 cancer killer of women.

In an effort to find cancers at the earliest possible stage and to prevent unnecessary deaths, North Runnels Hospital will sponsor a mobile breast cancer detection unit at the hospital on Tuesday, January 13, 1987.

Hospital Administrator Rita Williams said the unit is an extension of the Regional Breast Care Center of Women's and Children's Hospital of Odessa.

The unit will be parked near the X-ray department of the hospital that day, and women who wish to have a screening mammogram should call the North Runnels Hospital before that day, if possible, to schedule an appointment.

Mrs. Williams said the test will cost \$50 cash and the results will be sent to the patient's physician who will go over the results with the patient.

Mrs. Williams indicated that it is not uncommon for the exact test to cost \$150, and more, as well as the expense of travelling elsewhere to have the test performed.

According to a spokesman from the Regional Breast Care Center at Women's and Children's Hospital, "the death rate from breast cancer could be drastically reduced if women would have mammograms done before a problem exists."

By using modern, state-of-the-art, X-ray equipment, breast cancers can be found when they

are about the size of a grain of rice and well before the cancer can be felt. A woman who is diagnosed with breast cancer at this early stage has a 90-97 percent survival rate. However, a woman who is not diagnosed until a lump can be felt has approximately a 50 percent survival rate in five years.

Mrs. Williams said that women who wish to have the screening done should call the North Runnels Hospital at 754-4553 for an appointment. The women should report approximately 15 minutes prior to their appointment time for the registration. Typically, the exam

takes less than 30 minutes. A female technologist will perform the examination.

The X-ray films will be returned to the Regional Breast Care Center at Women's and Children's Hospital where they will be interpreted by a radiologist who will send a report to your physician.

HSU Cowboy Band and Six White Horses to take part in inaugural parade

The Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy Band and Six White Horses marching unit have been invited and will take part in Texas Governor-Elect William P. Clements, Jr., inaugural parade on Jan. 20 in Austin.

Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, HSU president, said Thursday that he had received a letter of invitation from Inaugural Parade Committee Co-Chairmen Maj. Gen. James T. Dennis, Adjutant General of Texas, and retired Maj. Gen. Willie Scott.

The parade will begin at 2:30 p.m.

The Inaugural Committee has also invited President Fletcher to attend the inaugural ceremony at high noon on the

Closed for the Holidays

The offices of *The Winters Enterprise* will be closed Monday, December 22, through Friday, December 26.

Our offices will be open for business as usual on Monday, December 29.

The deadline for copy and material to be published in the January 1, 1987 issue of *The Winters Enterprise* will be noon Monday, December 29.

Our offices will be closed January 1, 1987 through January 2.

We will return to regular schedules on Monday, January 5.

LULAC met for Christmas dinner

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) held their annual Christmas dinner at the Multi-purpose Center on December 4, 1986. A typical Mexican dinner was served to the guests and members.

Hosting the affair were Mrs. Marianne Woffenden, Instructor of the Head Start Program in Winters, and Mrs. Maria Gonzales, President of the local chapter.

The after-dinner speaker, Mr. Mike Zuniga, Jr., talked about coming events for the new year. A round table discussion was held.

The next meeting will be held on January 18, 1987 at the Multi-Purpose Center. Anyone interested in attending may call 754-4163 for information.

same day. W. Scott Mather, director of the Cowboy Band, and Dr. William O. (Bill) Beazley, coordinator of the Six White Horses and their coeds, both expressed pleasure for their organizations to be invited.

"We're always honored when representatives of Hardin-Simmons University take part in significant occasions in our state and nation," said Fletcher.

The band and horses' unit took part in Clement's 1979 inaugural.

The Cowboy Band's first inaugural for a Texas governor came in 1927 when it played for Gov. Beauford H. Jester, 1947 and 1949 respectively; Gov. Dolph Briscoe, 1973; and Gov. Mark White, 1983.

Scouts on parade



Life Skills Class

Now in its third year, the Life Skills Class at Winters offers a full area of life skills training for youngsters with learning disabilities. Included in the training is normal house work, full home and personal management, computer skills, and vocational skills.

Located in the little yellow house behind the school, the class has seven students enrolled this

year.

Pictured (l-r) are: Ronnie Willborn, Brenda Torres, Rena LaBedelle, Otis Liggins, Sammy Little, and Kevin Gray. Not pictured are class members Alfred Fenwick and Teresa Potts. Instructor for the class is Janna M. Lilly. The teacher's aide is Marilyn Tension.

Obituary

Clara Conley

Clara Conley, 77, of Paint Rock, died Wednesday, December 17, 1986 at 1:55 a.m. in Shannon West Texas Hospital.

Born December 28, 1908 in Hill County, Texas, she was a homemaker. She married Paul Dewitt Conley March 30, 1927 in Paint Rock, he preceded her in death October 17, 1966.

She was a member of Paint Rock Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Jerry Conley of Concho; one sister, Mrs. Lee Jones of Noxice; four brothers, Ed Sheffield and Clyde Sheffield, both of Brownwood, David Sheffield of Grosvenor and Elmer Sheffield of Paint Rock.

Services for Clara Conley were held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Rains-Seale Funeral Home with Rev. David Brooks officiating. Burial was in Concho Cemetery under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: David Harvey, Charles Dankworth, Vernon Wallace, Vance Harnes, Wayne Johnson and Edwin Tickle.



HSU receives endowment gifts

Hardin-Simmons University has received endowment gifts of \$335,013 for the purchase of books for the Rupert and Pauline Richardson Library.

Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, HSU President, announced Wednesday at a news conference the receipt of \$242,217 from the estate of the late Elta Campbell Roberts of Abilene, a 1912 graduate of Simmons College (now HSU). She died in 1966.

An earlier distribution of \$92,796 from the estate of Melvia Poteet Campbell, mother of Mrs. Roberts, also was designated for endowment to purchase books.

Both gifts were given in memory of Willie Beatrice Campbell, a young Abilene business woman and sister of the late Mrs. Roberts. Miss Campbell received a bachelor of arts degree from Simmons College in 1913. She died in 1934.

Mrs. Roberts worked for the law firm of Stinson, Hair, Brooks and Duke for 32 years.

Mrs. Roberts' father and the late Mrs. Campbell's husband, Dr. Matthew Elmer Campbell, was an eye, ear and nose specialist in Abilene from 1919 until his death in 1948. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell moved to West Texas in 1900 and to Abilene in 1919.

Funds will be invested with the Baptist Foundation and earnings from the investment will go toward book purchases, the president said.

The gifts to the HSU library come from First National Bank of Abilene, which has served as trustee for the two estates since

they were established. Dr. Fletcher expressed gratitude for the provisions for the library. "Our university family will benefit for years to come from these generous gifts," he said.

Dr. Joe Dahlstrom, director of the library, said that because of the gifts the library will be able to purchase books "over and above the regular budget."

"We'll be able to select the more relevant books as they become available," he said.

Santa's Letters

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring some presents? I have been good, by the way, how is your family doing and the reindeer? How are your Elves doing making toys. While we're talking about toys I would like you to bring my family a computer. Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS SANTA!

Love
Julie Lancaster
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control boat and a remote control airplane and a remote control dune buggy.

Love
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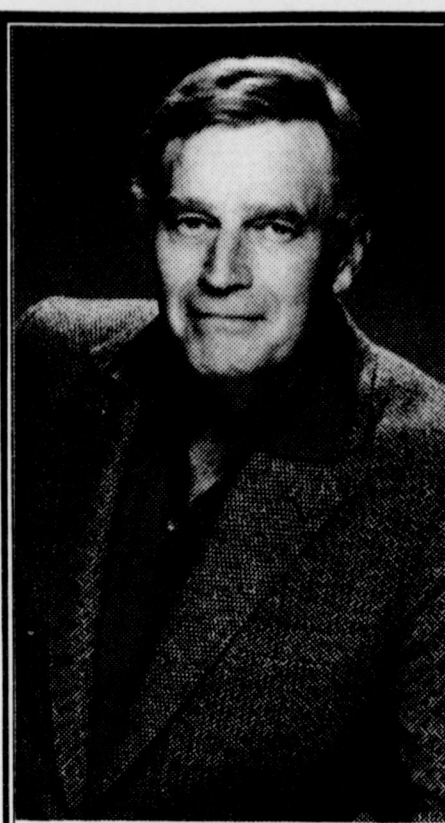
Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control Bigfoot and a basket ball hoop and a basket ball and a bike.

Merry
Christmas
Wayne

Christmas Day In The Morning

As I sat on a sunny bank,
A sunny bank, a sunny bank,
As I sat on a sunny bank
On Christmas Day in the morning.

I saw three ships come sailing by,
Come sailing by, come sailing by,
I saw three ships come sailing by,
On Christmas Day in the morning.
And who d'you think were on the ship,
Were on the ship, were on the ship,
And who d'you think were on the ship
But Joseph and his Fair Lady.
O he did whistle and she did sing,
And all the bells on earth did ring
For joy our Savior Christ was born
On Christmas Day in the morning.
— Anonymous

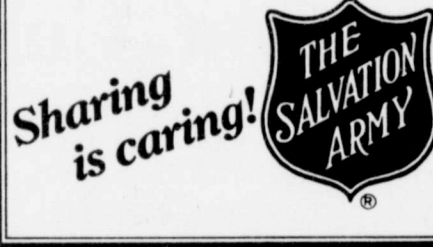


CHARLTON HESTON
National Christmas Chairman

Over five million people had a share of Christmas last year...

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Please remember to share with The Salvation Army this year.



Heap on more wood! the wind is chill;
But let it whistle as it will,
we'll keep our Christmas merry still.
— Sir Walter Scott

HSU ex-students to be honored during homecoming weekend

Three Hardin-Simmons University ex-students, all graduates of Abilene High School, will be honored during Homecoming weekend as Distinguished Alumni.

HSU President, Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, announced the following as honorees:
Elizabeth Junell Baugh of Abilene, a 1937 graduate, retired executive director of the Young Women's Christian Association.

Helen Jean (Bond) Parks of Richmond, Va., a 1948 graduate and a former missionary to Indonesia whose husband, Dr. Keith Parks is now the President of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Dr. Bryce Jordan, President of Pennsylvania State University, ex-student of 1941-42.

The trio will be honored at a luncheon on Feb. 27 at Mabee Complex and with a reception

beginning at 11:30 a.m. Each will be given a plaque and honored with the reading of a citation. Distinguished Alumni Awards are given annually to outstanding graduates and ex-students by the HSU Alumni Association.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

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Joy

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Nurly New



Happy Holidays

To all our good friends: may you find gifts aplenty this Christmas, filled with love and much happiness.

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Happy Holidays

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JOY TO ALL

We wish you a season of beautiful Christmas moments...lasting memories to treasure forever.

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Joy

Wishing you joys to remember, memories to treasure, and love for this Christmas and always.

Winters Welding Works

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THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF CREEK WA DISTRICT: That an elect district on the 17th for the purpose of to the Board of D That said elect following places the following nam appointed officer 1. For Electio ty Hall Building within said Distri Presiding Judge, tant Judge. 2. For Electio Audrey General shaw, Texas, wi Pat Aldridge as Aldridge assista 3. For Electio Chamber of Co Winters, Texas, Tina Smith as P Guy as Assistan 4. For Electio ty of Winters M vor, within said Baldwin, as Pres The polls at designated poll tion day be ope to 7:00 o'clock p Kay Colburn is for absentee vot for the above da held at C building, 118 W Texas within above named d absentee voting least eight ho absentee voting a Sunday, or a beginning, or a ing through the date of said elec shall remain op 8:00 A.M. and said absentee w ed place for ab absentee clerk which ballot a voted by mail The following ly filed as cand accordance wi order for elect Election passe names shall be said election in ing held by the in the followi Notice of sal by publication once a week newspaper o published in the district is loca ed in said coun thereto; the fir being not mor than 21 days b tion. Immedi been held, the shall make ret in triplicate, o Presiding Ju President of

Notice of Water Control and Improvement District Directors Election (A Viso del Distrito de Control de Aguas Mejoras Eleccion de Directores)

THE STATE OF TEXAS (EL ESTADO DE TEXAS) (CONDADO DE) Runnels COUNTY TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED VOTERS OF Elm Creek WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 17th day of January, 1987, (TOMEN NOTA que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el dia 17th de January de 1987,

at the places, in manner, and for the candidates for the office of said district, as set forth in the attached copy of an order for

Order for Directors Election

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF RUNNELS

On this the 9th day of December, 1986, the Board of Directors of Elm Creek Water Control District convened in regular session open to the public with the following members present, to-wit:

Whereas on the 17th day of January, 1987, there will be elected 4 directors for this district;

WHEREAS this Board by order dated the 9th day of December, 1986, established the procedure for candidates who desire to file for said election;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ELM CREEK WATER CONTROL DISTRICT:

- 1. That an election be held in said district on the 17th day of January, 1987, for the purpose of electing four directors to the Board of Directors of said District;
2. That said election shall be held at the following places 4 in said District, and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers for said election.

The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall on election day be open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.

The following named persons have duly filed as candidates for said election in accordance with the above mentioned order for election procedure in Directors Election passed by this Board, and their names shall be placed on the ballot for said election in accordance with a drawing held by the Secretary of this Board in the following order:

Notice of said election shall be given by publication of a copy of this order once a week for three weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which the district is located, or if none is published in said county, in the nearest county thereto; the first date of said publication being not more than 35 days nor less than 21 days before the date of the election.

delivered to the Secretary. The ballot box and other election records and supplies shall be delivered to the Secretary at the office of the District and be preserved as provided by law in said office.

It is further found and determined that notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting was posted in accordance with the terms and provisions of Art. 6252-17 at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of this meeting and that the terms and provisions of said Article 6252-17 have been complied with and copies of said postings and return shall be attached to this order and become a part thereof.

The above order being read, it was moved and seconded that same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted AYE: Unanimous, and the following voted NO: None.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of December, 1986.

Walter Spill President, Board of Directors of Elm Creek Water Control District ATTEST: W. C. (Bud) Davis Secretary

Art. 2.01 of the Election Code provides that polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., provided that by order of Commissioners' Court in counties having a population of 1,000,000 or more, according to the last preceding Federal Census, polls may be open one hour earlier.

Orden de Eleccion de Directores

1. Para el Precinto Electoral Num. 1, City Hall en Ballinger, Texas, dentro del mismo en el Edificio Drug Store Building en Wingate, Texas, dentro del mismo con Roland Koch como Juez Presidente, Mary Davis como Asistente al Juez.

2. Para el Precinto Electoral Num. 2, en el Edificio Audrey General Store en Bradshaw, Texas dentro del mismo Distrito con Pat Aldridge como Juez Presidente, D. L. Aldridge como Asistente al Juez.

3. Para el Precinto Electoral Num. 3, en el Edificio Chamber of Commerce en Winters, Texas, dentro del mismo Distrito con Tina Smith como Juez Presidente, Donna Guy como Asistente al Juez.

4. Para el Precinto Electoral Num. 4, en el Edificio de Winters Marina, Elm Creek Reservoir, dentro del mismo Distrito con Buford Baldwin, como Juez Presidente.

Los sitios de votacion en cada uno de los lugares arriba designados se mantendran abiertos el dia de eleccion de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m.

Kay Colburn es nombrado Secretario para la Votacion en Ausencia. La Votacion en Ausencia para la eleccion arriba citada se llevara a cabo en Chamber of Commerce building, 118 W. Dale Street, Winters, Texas limites del mencionado distrito y dicho lugar de votacion en ausencia permanecera abierto por lo menos ocho horas diarias para la votacion en ausencia no siendo sabado o domingo o dia festivo oficial del Estado, principiando 20 dias y continuando hasta el cuarto dia anterior a la fecha de dicha eleccion.

Dicho lugar de votacion permanecera abierto entre las horas de 8:00 A.M. y 4:00 P.M. en cada dia de la votacion en ausencia. El lugar arriba descrito para la votacion en ausencia es tambien la direccion postal del secretario para la votacion en ausencia a la cual podran enviarse las aplicaciones para boletas electorales tanto como las boletas con votos enviadas por correo.

Las personas nombradas abajo se han registrado debidamente como candidatos para dicha eleccion de acuerdo con la orden arriba mencionada para procedimiento de eleccion en la Eleccion de Directores aprobada por esta Junta, y sus nombres aparecern en la boleta para dicha eleccion y de acuerdo con un sorteo que se llevo a cabo por el Secretario de esta Junta en la siguiente orden:

Aviso de dicha eleccion se hara por medio de publicacion de una copia de esta orden una vez por semana durante tres semanas consecutivas en un periodico de circulacion general publicado en el condado en que se encuentra este distrito, o si no se publica ninguno en dicho condado, en el condado mas cercano; la primera publicacion debera ser por lo menos 21 dias anteriores a la fecha de elecciones, y no mas de 35 dias anteriores a la misma. Inmediatamente despues de que se haya hecho dicha eleccion, los oficiales a cargo de la misma deberan reportar los resultados de la misma en triplicado, una copia la debera retener el Juez Directivo, una copia sera entregada al Presidente de esta Junta, y una copia sera entregada al Secretario. La urna electoral y demas documentos electorales y provisiones seran entregadas al Secretario en las oficinas del Distrito para ser conservadas como lo estipula la ley en dicha oficina.

Ademas se ha encontrado y determinado que aviso de la fecha, lugar y asunto de esta junta fue colocado de acuerdo con los terminos y provisiones del Artículo 6252-17 por lo menos 72 horas anteriores a la hora programada para esta junta, y que los terminos y provisiones de dicho Artículo 6252-17 han sido conformados y que copias de dichos avisos y resultados seran anexadas a esta orden y forman parte de la misma. Habiendose dada lectura a la orden arriba mencionada, se hizo la mocion y fue secundada para ser aprobada. Despues, al llamado sobre esta pregunta, los siguientes miembros de la Junta votaron afirmativamente: Unanimous, y los siguientes votaron negativamente: None.

PASADA, APROBADA Y ADOPTADA este 9th day de December de 1986.

Walker Spill Presidente, Junta Directiva del Distrito de Control y Mejoramiento de Aguas del Condado de Elm Creek CERTIFICA: W. C. (Bud) Davis Secretario

El Artículo 2.01 delCodigo Electoral indica que los lugares de votacion se mantendran abiertos de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m., a condicion que por orden de la Corte de Comisionados en Condados que tengan una poblacion de 1,000,000 o mas habitantes, segun el ultimo Censo Federal precedente, los lugares de votacion pueden ser abiertos una hora mas temprano.

(December 25, Jan 1, 8)

Notice of Water Control and Improvement District Directors Election (A Viso del Distrito de Control de Aguas Mejoras Eleccion de Directores)

THE STATE OF TEXAS (EL ESTADO DE TEXAS) (CONDADO DE) Runnels COUNTY TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED VOTERS OF VALLEY CREEK WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

(A LOS RESIDENTES VOTANTES CAPACITADOS DEL CONDADO DE VALLEY CREEK DISTRITO CONTROL DE AGUAS Y MEJORAS) TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 17th day of January, 1987, (TOMEN NOTA que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el dia 17th de January de 1987,

at the places, in manner, and for the candidates for the office of said district, as set forth in the attached copy of an order for

en los lugares, en la forma, y por los candidatos al puesto de dicho distrito, como lo indica la copia aneja de la orden de directores' eleccion, duly entered by the Board of Directors of said above mentioned district on the 17th day of eleccion de directores, debidamente asentada por la Junta Directiva del arriba mencionado distrito el dia 17th de November, 1986. Said attached Order for Directors' Election is made a part of this notice for all intents and purposes.

November, de 1986, Dicha Orden de Eleccion de Directores aneja se considera en todo caso ser parte de este aviso.)

Frank K. Antilley President, Board of Directors (Presidente, Junta Directiva)

Duncan Hensley Secretary, Junta Directiva (Secretario, Junta Directiva)

(Dec. 25, Jan. 1, Jan. 8)

Order for Directors Election

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF RUNNELS

On this the 17th day of November, 1986, the Board of Directors of Valley Creek Water Control District convened in regular session open to the public with the following members present, to-wit:

Frank K. Antilley, President H.O. Polk, Vice President Windell Egger, Alpheus M. Hill, Carl W. Moore, Lester Schaefer, Duncan Hensley, Secretary and the following absent: Edd Poehls, constituting a quorum, and among other proceedings had by said Board of Directors was the following:

Whereas on the 17th day of January, 1987, there will be elected 4 directors for this district;

Whereas this Board by order dated the 17th day of November, 1986, established the procedure for candidates who desire to file for said election;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VALLEY CREEK WATER CONTROL DISTRICT:

That an election be held in said district on the 17th day of January, 1987, for the purpose of electing four directors to the Board of Directors of said District; That said election shall be held at the following places 2 in said District, and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers for said election.

- 1. For Election Precinct No. 1, at Drug Store Building, in Wingate, Texas, within said District with L. R. Hancock as Presiding Judge.
2. For Election Precinct No. 2, at Dave Compton Residence, in Norton, Texas, within said District with Mrs. Dave Compton as Presiding Judge.

The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall on election day be open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.

L. R. Hancock is hereby appointed Clerk for absentee voting. The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at Wingate within the boundaries of the above named district and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least eight hours on each day for absentee voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. on each day for said absentee voting. The above described place for absentee voting is also the absentee clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent.

The following named persons have duly filed as candidates for said election in accordance with the above mentioned order for election procedure in Directors Election passed by this Board, and their names shall be placed on the ballot for said election in accordance with a drawing held by the Secretary of this Board in the following order:

Notice of said election shall be given by publication of a copy of this order once a week for three weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which the district is located, or if none is published in said county, in the nearest county thereto; the first date of said publication being not more than 35 days nor less than 21 days before the date of the election. Inmediately after said election has been held, the officers holding the same shall make returns of the result thereof in triplicate, one being retained by the Presiding Judge, one delivered to the President of this Board, and one delivered to the Secretary. The ballot box and other election records and supplies shall be delivered to the Secretary at the office of the District and be preserved as provided by law in said office.

It is further found and determined that notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting was posted in accordance with the terms and provisions of Art. 6252-17 at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of this meeting and that the terms and provisions of said Article 6252-17 have been complied with and copies of said postings and return shall be attached to this order and become a

part thereof. The above order being read, it was moved and seconded that same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted AYE: H.O. Polk, Windell Egger, Alpheus M. Hill, Carl W. Moore, Lester Schaefer & Duncan Hensley, and the following voted NO: None. PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 17th day of November, 1986.

Frank K. Antilley President, Board of Directors of Valley Creek Water Control District ATTEST: Duncan Hensley Secretary

Art. 2.01 of the Election Code provides that polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., provided that by order of Commissioners' Court in counties having a population of 1,000,000 or more, according to the last preceding Federal Census, polls may be open one hour earlier.

(December 25, Jan 1, Jan 8)

Orden de Eleccion de Directores

EL ESTADO DE TEXAS CONDADO DE RUNNELS

En este dia 17th de November de 1986, la Junta Directiva del Departamento de Control y Mejoramiento de Aguas del Condado de Valley Creek, Distrito Num. de congreso en reunion regular, abierta al publico con los siguientes miembros presentes, a saber:

Frank K. Antilley, Presidente H.O. Polk, Vice Presidente

Windell Egger, Alpheus M. Hill, Carl W. Moore, Lester Schaefer

Duncan Hensley, Secretario y los siguientes ausentes: Edd Poehls, constituyendo un quorum, y entre otras actas tomadas por dicha Junta Directiva se encontro la siguiente:

En vista de que en este dia 17 de January, de 1987, seran elegidos 4 directores para este distrito;

En vista de que esta Junta por orden fechada el 17th day de November, de 1986, establece el procedimiento para los candidatos que deseen registrarse para dichas elecciones;

POR LO TANTO, SE ORDENA POR LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DEL DEPARTAMENTO DE CONTROL Y MEJORAMIENTO DE AGUAS DEL CONDADO DE VALLEY CREEK DISTRITO NUM. 2

Que se lleve a cabo una eleccion en dicho distrito el 17th day de January de 1987, con el proposito de elegir four directores a la Junta Directiva dicho Distrito)

Que dicha eleccion se lleve a cabo en los siguientes lugares 2 en dicho Distrito, y que las siguientes personas son nombradas oficiales para dicha eleccion.

- 1. Para el Precinto Electoral Num., en el Edificio Drug Store Building en Wingate, Texas, dentro del mismo Distrito con L. R. Hancock como Juez Presidente.
2. Para el Precinto Electoral Num., en el Edificio Dave Compton Residence en Norton, Texas dentro del mismo Distrito con Mrs. Dave Compton como Juez Presidente.

Los sitios de votacion en cada uno de los lugares arriba designados se mantendran abiertos el dia de eleccion de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m.

L. R. Hancock es nombrado Secretario para la Votacion en Ausencia. La Votacion en Ausencia para la eleccion arriba citada se llevara a cabo en Wingate dentro de los limites del mencionado distrito y dicho lugar de votacion en ausencia permanecera abierto por lo menos ocho horas diarias para la votacion en ausencia no siendo sabado o domingo o dia festivo oficial del Estado, principiando 20 dias y continuando hasta el cuarto dia anterior a la fecha de dicha eleccion. Dicho lugar de votacion permanecera abierto entre las horas de 8:00 y 3:00 en cada dia de la votacion en ausencia. El lugar arriba descrito para la votacion en ausencia es tambien la direccion postal del secretario para la votacion en ausencia a la cual podran enviarse las aplicaciones para boletas electorales tanto como las boletas con votos enviadas por correo.

Las personas nombradas abajo se han registrado debidamente como candidatos para dicha eleccion de acuerdo con la orden arriba mencionada para procedimiento de eleccion en la Eleccion de Directores aprobada por esta Junta, y sus nombres aparecern en la boleta para dicha eleccion y de acuerdo con un sorteo que se llevo a cabo por el Secretario de esta Junta en la siguiente orden:

Aviso de dicha eleccion se hara por medio de publicacion de una copia de esta orden una vez por semana durante tres semanas consecutivas en un

periodico de circulacion general publicado en el condado en que se encuentra este distrito, o si no se publica ninguno en dicho condado, en el condado mas cercano; la primera publicacion debera ser por lo menos 21 dias anteriores a la fecha de elecciones, y no mas de 35 dias anteriores a la misma. Inmediatamente despues de que se haya hecho dicha eleccion, los oficiales a cargo de la misma deberan reportar los resultados de la misma en triplicado, una copia la debera retener el Juez Directivo, una copia sera entregada al Presidente de esta Junta, y una copia sera entregada al Secretario. La urna electoral y demas documentos electorales y provisiones seran entregadas al Secretario en las oficinas del Distrito para ser conservadas como lo estipula la ley en dicha oficina.

Ademas se ha encontrado y determinado que aviso de la fecha, lugar y asunto de esta junta fue colocado de acuerdo con los terminos y provisiones del Artículo 6252-17 por lo menos 72 horas anteriores a la hora programada para esta junta, y que los terminos y provisiones de dicho Artículo 6252-17 han sido conformados y que copias de dichos avisos y resultados seran anexadas a esta orden y forman parte de la misma. Habiendose dada lectura a la orden arriba mencionada, se hizo la mocion y fue secundada para ser aprobada. Despues, al llamado sobre esta pregunta, los siguientes miembros de la Junta votaron afirmativamente: H.O. Polk, Carl W. Moore, Lester Schaefer, Alpheus M. Hill & Duncan Hensley, y los siguientes votaron negativamente: None.

PASADA, APROBADA Y ADOPTADA este 17th day de November de 1986.

Frank K. Antilley Presidente, Junta Directiva del Distrito de Control y Mejoramiento de Aguas del Condado de Valley Creek CERTIFICA:

Duncan Hensley Secretario

'El Artículo 2.01 delCodigo Electoral indica que los lugares de votacion se mantendran abiertos de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m., a con-

dicion que por orden de la Corte de Comisionados en Condados que tengan una poblacion de 1,000,000 o mas habitantes, segun el ultimo Censo Federal precedente, los lugares de votacion pueden ser abiertos una hora mas temprano.

(December 25, Jan 1, 8)

Card of Thanks

A big "thank you" is given to the grocery stores, convenience stores, churches, clubs, and concerned citizens of the community who have given to the Winters Food Pantry during the month of December.

Mrs. Alice Hale, VISTA Coordinator of the Pantry states that over 5,000 pounds of foods was either donated directly by local stores, or purchased through area Food Banks with donated funds this month. Churches and Clubs have been generous in monetary support - \$550 so for this month has been given in support of the Christmas Baskets. The Staff and Volunteers, along with all of the recipients of this good will, appreciate the Winters community spirit.

Dear Santa

This is everthing I want. A doll, VCR and a puppy and I hope you bring everything I want. And I hope you have a good time. Bring them over to me. I hope you have a good Christmas day.

From Jennifer Rodriguez Love Jennifer Grade 3

Greetings May your holiday season be bright with joy and happiness! Winters Laundromat

Greetings Blessings to all our friends! Security State Bank Wingate, Texas

Merry Christmas It's Christmas again! May yours be a joyful one and your new year happy and prosperous! Winters Oilfield Supply South Hwy 83 754-5545

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OFFICIAL BALLOT

**Winters Chamber of Commerce
Citizens of the Year**

Outstanding Citizen of the Year

Oil Industry Citizen of the Year

Agricultural Citizen of the Year

Nominations

Outstanding Citizen of the Year
Charles Ludwick
Bobby Airhart
Esther Sharps
Randall Connor
Mike Grantham
Stephen Byrne

Oil Industry Citizen
James Bomar

Agricultural Citizen of the Year
Mike Mitchell
Randall Connor

Biotechnology course set at HSU

People interested in jobs and vocations related to biotechnology will have an opportunity to learn from those involved in the field during the spring term at Hardin-Simmons University.

Registration for the new term begins Jan. 12 and classes on Jan. 13.

Dr. Gary Stanlake, associate professor of biology and coordinator of the course to be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 to 12:50 p.m. in the Sid Richardson Science Center, said that members of the HSU Biology faculty and the Fairleigh Dickinson Research Center will serve as lecturers in the course.

It is entitled Biology 3299, "Biotechnology," and will provide a person with two hours college credit. Those who wish may audit the course also, Stanlake said.

Biotechnology is the application of biology in such fields as agriculture, medicine, and industry. Biotechnology uses tools like genetic engineering, monoclonal antibodies, and fermentation to create marketable products.

More information may be obtained by calling Dr. Stanlake, Area Code 915, 677-7281, Ext. 394.

Fun craft project for the kids to make this season

Children enjoy the activity of holiday preparations, such as wrapping gifts for family and friends; you can include them in these preparations by letting them make gift tags.

All that is needed are some plain index cards, short pieces of ribbon, yarn or colored string, a hole punch, and some odds and ends of wrapping paper.

Have the youngsters fold each card in half, then have them punch a hole at the top corner of the fold. Show them how to cut out motifs from odds and ends of wrapping paper, making sure that the designs are small enough to fit on the folded card. You can also use old greetings cards for this purpose.

Glue a motif to each card, and draw the bits of ribbon or string through the holes of each card for tying onto packages.

If the children prefer, they can also draw simple motifs such as trees, stars or Christmas ornaments on the cards with either crayon or felt tip pens.

These little tags also make charming decorations for a small tree. In another variation on these index card gift tags, you can have the youngsters punch holes about a quarter of an inch apart, along the edges of each card. Have them weave brightly colored yarn in and out of the holes, with the yarn making a border around the edge of the card. Tie the ends together in a knot.

Have the youngsters letter an appropriate message such as "To Dad" or "To Auntie" on one side of the card, and "From Jimmy" etc. on the other side.

A Christmas gambol oft could cheer
A poor man's heart through half the year.
— Sir Walter Scott

Dickens extolled Christmas in his writings

Of all authors, perhaps no other is as closely associated with Christmas as Charles Dickens.

His classic "A Christmas Carol" has been read and reread, and translated into stage, motion picture and television productions.

But, not many are aware that Dickens wrote other Christmas tales. They were fairy tales with a moral, published during the Christmas season in the 1840s.

According to researchers, Christmas was very special to Dickens. He saw it as a time when people were more giving and more open to change.

This kind of change was classically described in "A Christmas Carol" when the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge learns to celebrate Christmas with warmth and generosity.

One of the other Christmas books, "The Haunted Man" is written in the same vein. It tells of a chemist who had endured much suffering and

betrayal in his youth. As he sits gazing into the fireplace on Christmas Eve, a spirit grants the unhappy man forgetfulness from the sad past. But, the chemist discovers that his happy memories are wiped out with the unhappy memories, as well. He realizes that he does not want to forget his past, after all.

Dickens was editor of a magazine for 17 years. Each year, he would prepare a Christmas issue, filled with songs and stories of the season. In addition to the five Christmas books he wrote, Dickens also published two volumes of Christmas stories.

A unique gift for your home

Make a shadow box picture for your home from those extra special Christmas cards that you hate to throw away and left-overs, stickers and labels. Combine them with snapshots of the family and glue onto cardboard. Pick up a shadow box frame at an art supply or frame shop, put your picture in, and it's ready to hang! A real conversation piece!

Footprints in the sand THEN and NOW!

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life.

In each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's.

When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and, to my surprise, I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times of my life.

I asked the Lord about it: "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most."

The Lord said: "My precious child, I never left you during your time of trial. Where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."

— Author unknown



The Origin of the Salvation Army

One of the world's leading Christian charities was founded in 1865.

Then it began in 1865 with one man, William Booth, who wanted to bring the teachings of the Bible to desperately poor people in the slums of London's East End. He made many converts, but they didn't feel "at home" in churches, so Booth set up Christian Mission centers.

In 1880, Commissioner George Scott Railton and seven young women began work in New York City, helping the poor and combining Gospel preaching with social work. The group's work soon began to spread rapidly around the world — by the early 1900's, it was active in 36 countries.

Now Today, The Salvation Army continues to work where the need is greatest, guided by its faith in God and love for all people. As an expression of its spiritual beliefs, the Army offers



humanitarian services such as food, clothing and shelter, in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. It offers special assistance in facing personal problems — family relationships, the problems of unwed parents, alcoholics, ex-prisoners and others. It runs rehabilitation centers, in-residence programs that provide work therapy and counseling.

The Salvation Army depends on donations of money and volunteer time to continue its good work. For free brochures on how you can help, write: The Salvation Army, 799 Bloomfield Ave., Verona, NJ 07044.

THE ULTIMATE TOUCH

Christmas card senders who want to complete the seasonal appearance of their greetings are using postmarks from Christmas, Florida; Santa Claus, Indiana; Snowball, Arkansas; and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. They send their addressed cards to the postmasters for mailing and postmarking.

Joyous Holidays

Chiming in with this expression of our hopes for you at Christmas — joy to all!

**Beauty Center
Merle Norman
Cosmetics**

Leona Mathis
Marilynn Presley

Presents for Pets

As part of the family your pet will share the excitement of opening presents on Christmas morn. You'll find an interesting assortment of gifts for cats, dogs, birds, what have you, at department stores, variety and pet shops.

A carpeted scratching post makes an ideal gift for Tabby and will save wear and tear on upholstered furniture. Catnip toys and other feline

treats come completely packaged in red Christmas stockings. Easy-to-clean litter boxes are readily available and there are odor absorbing litter chips to put in them.

Latex toys in a variety of shapes and sizes will keep Fido happy. A new item on the market is a ribbed vinyl ball that rolls about crazily, keeping your dog alert and happy. Assorted squeaky toys, rawhide chews, etc. come in bright holiday stockings. A new collar that is soft inside and non-irritating is always welcome, and while you're shopping, look at the many new grooming brushes that will help you keep your dog sleek and clean.

Arf, meow, Merry Christmas!

Season's Greetings

We wish you an old-fashioned holiday filled with love and laughter and all the special delights of the season.

MAC OIL FIELD COMPANY, INC.

BOX 668 754-5565 WINTERS, TEXAS

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"SERVING THE OIL INDUSTRY FOR OVER 20 YEARS"

PEACE

Silent Night, Holy Night, filled with the wonder of His love. May you and yours be blessed with the peace of this season of joy and love!

Bob Loyd LP Gas Co.

Gene Wheat

Merry Christmas to All

May the gentle blessings of the holy season touch you and yours this Christmas and always!

Winters Funeral Home

Ted Meyer, Mike Meyer, Linda Dry

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We hope your Christmas is filled with love, warmth and happiness. Your continuing patronage has made this Christmas a wonderful one for us.

Heidenheimer's Employees