

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



This Community Christmas Card is our way of wishing you a joyous holiday and, at the same time, giving to our community.

Rather than sending cards to our local friends, we have donated to Operation Christmas Greeting.

The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will use the money to redecorate our Hospital and purchase life-saving equipment.

May your holiday be bright with happiness, warm with love and friendship, and festive with the traditional joys of the season.

Merry Christmas!

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Jimmie Howell Family
Maurine Henderson
Terry & Kathy Hill & Boys
Charlie, Beverly, Todd & Traci Hill
Bill & Ann Henderson & Kids
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Mrs. E. V. Hargrove
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The Dan Heard Family
Roy & Christine Hickman
Sandra & Jennifer Hucks
Jim & Ruth Hays
Doc Hill, Sara, Scott, Barry & Andy
Jack, Charlene, Gaines & Matt Howell
Dewayne & Pam Haney
Bud & Doris Holland
Viola Howard
Moss & Hattie Howell
Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Ivey
R. V. & Dolores Ivy
Jake, Martha & Jeff Isaacs
Ferne Jones & Children
Carolyn, Robert & Tina Jones
Woodrow & Alyce Killingsworth
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Mrs. Faye Kenmore
Troy, Billie & Kent Kirby
Mrs. Earl Lust
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Florene Leinen
Edith Mae Leinen & Boys
The Barry Love Family
Fred & Jerry Lilley, Sally, Candace & Jack
Roy & Mozelle Lilley

Andy & Oleda Schumacher
Jettie & Ray, Jr. Sheffy
Ramon, Molly, Mark, Joe, Tina, Blanche, (Norma & Irma Soler
Mr. & Mrs. E. R. Sadler
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Polly & M. L. Simpson & Brad Sanders
Delbert & Lois Scott
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Mr. & Mrs. Ezell Sadler
Raleigh & Grace Strother
Houston & Doris Lust
Dwayne & Roxie Loudder & Lane
John & Gloria Mason
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J. R. & Mary Emma Matthews
Mrs. Goodwin Miller
Jack R., Murna & Cara Sue Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Eldon Minchew
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Boyd & Kimmie Moyers
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Stanley, Rita, Shad, Stacy & Colby McDaniel
Becky Maxwell
Homer & Tommie Sue Nisbett
Nelle Newton
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Alan & Arlene Newman
Clara Neumayer
Don & Verbie Nelson & Children
B. M. Nelson
Ester Noble
Barry Oldfield
Carmon, Vivian, Kirk, Jeff & Vanessa Pigg
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Percy & Margaret Parsons
Mrs. Jimmie Pinner
Roy & Ina Phelan
Durward & Betty Patterson & Lonny Boothe
Dan & Jean Petty & Boys
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Pybus, Carla & Catherine
Howard & Frances Quiet
Susie Reeves
Edith Mae Reeves
Larry, Sue, Rocky & Scott Rawls
The Robert Ryan Family
Don, Lavon, Jay, Julie & Jamie Reeve

Flora Stanford
Don & Gladiola Shipley
The Donald Schilling Family
Ned & Thelma Smith
M. L. Simpson, Jr.
Leon & Oleta Sanders
Jewel & Elmer Scott
Walter, Anita, Kenneth & Debbie Schilling
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Summers
Bill, Carla, Jennifer & Justin Scott
John, Janet, Tommy, Mike & Chris Stanford
Elbert & Frances Smith & Family
Ruth & Weldon Skinner
Elbert & Mary Lois Summers
Gerald & Patty Summers & Family
The Bill Savas
J. O. & Mattie Seale
Richard, Sue, Scott & Stacy Stahl
The Gene Smith Family
Danny Schilling
Curtis & Marie Tate
Buster & Maxine Tidwell
O. B. Trimble
Elzie & Sarena Teague
Betty & Truman Touchstone & Family
Carter, Diane, Joel and Jared Townsend
Sonny and Alene Thomas & Boys
Dan & Oma Dee Heard & Family
Doyl Underwood
Shirley, Danny, Brenda & Roger Underwood
Jim & Frances Upfold
Dorothy & Loyd Vaughn
O. T. and Kathryn Vardell
Edger & Loleta Vinson
The Jerry Watts Family
James & Reta Welch
Myrtle Williams
John & Faye Walker
Ted & Nola Wood
Ray, Debbie & Cody White
Fred & Georgie Wall & George, John & Haylei
Gary, Ronda, Holly & Heather Wise
John & Margaret Womack & Family
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Richard & Ruth Wooten
Thelma Wethington
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Lena White
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Dear Santa: I've Tried to Be Good, and I Want...



Dear Santa,
My name is Steven. I am four years old. I have been a good boy. I would like to have a record player for Christmas. Also please bring me some records and a filling station. Bring my mommy something nice too please.
I love you,
Stevie Poarch

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. The color I want it will be yellow and black. and I am in the 3rd grade.
Your friend
James Flores

Dear Santa,
I want a red light greenlight game and a doll bed. And I want some cloths for my ginny doll.
Your friend,
Karla Sadler

Dear Santa,
I would like anything that you want. But I also want a Simon game. And you are my best friend.
And I am in school. And I am all right. And I am nine years old.
Your friend,
Peggy Sue Ellis
Happy Christmas

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me the game Simon for Christmas. And some clothes for Christmas. And a hand rado and a ten speed. And Beauty Secrets.
Dear Santa I hope you get fater and prettyer.
Your friend,
Linda Barron

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is it cold at the north-pole? I want a foot ball helmet and a hart foot ball. And a criss crooss crass race set. And sometimes i'm smart. But sometimes I am not. And school is to easy, But it is fun
Your friend,
David A. Maydon

Dear Santa,
I want snow shose. And a sachel. May age is 9.
Your friend
Hortencia Murillo

Dear Santa,
I want a neclace, a doll, a dress.
Your friend
Kylie Dnae Wall

Dear Santa,
Hope you get nice and fat this year. Be sure to give Rudaulph new light bulb so he can light your way.
I am 9 years old and I am in third grade. I have been very good this year and made S and s+ on my report card. So will you bring me a dirt bike.
Love,
Monica Gonzales

Dear Santa, I want a truck, an Incredible Hulk, Stretch Man. I am a good boy. I am smart too. My age is 8. My hiet is about 4 inches tall.
Your friend
Earnest Darian Smith III

Dear Santa,
I am eight year's old. and I am in the third grad. For Christmas I would like a Beauty Secret's barbie doll. Also I would like a Star barbie doll and a few Darcie clothes. And also bring me a Super star barbie Fashion Face. We will leave you out some cookies and hot chokolate.
Your friend,
Tish Miller

Dear Santa,
Please bring me these gifts for Christmas.
I would like a Kissing Barbie and a Beauty Secrets Barbie and Fashion plates.
Your friend
Sandra Sandoval

Dear santa,
I want a Double Dooper Cooper race car track and a train track. I want a teracop and a wally bally.
Love
Jason

Dear Santa,
I would like crsscroos crash for chrsmu. I like it becuse it is fun to play. I have not got one befor. I would like to have one. I an 10 year old. I an a little smart. How are you.
Your friend
Santiago Tenorio

Dear Santa,
I want a Fresh 'n' Fancy, and a Perfume Maker, and a Kissing Doll.
Thank you for being nice.
Love
Amy

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy. For Christmas I would like a sleeping bag, puzzles, coloring books, story books, shirts, pants, and a record player.
Michael



Dear Santa,
Cristmas is my favert holiday and here is what I want. I want a Tv. And a ten speed bike and a Dallas cowboys cheerleder jaket. And I also want a purple bag with my name on it. And a new Dictionary.
Your friend,
Jeanie Ruby Jean Evan

Dear Santa,
I would like a trailor for Christmas black with a face of an indian. I think you are very nice to children and people. I am 10 years old and I'm in the third grade. I have been a good boy.
Love
Juan Flores

Sana I want a Bike. And I want a racing cartrack. And I want a trucktraler. And I want a telescope. And a wach. And I want a pair ole shose. And I want a Dallas cowboys jaket. My Name is Sammy Quintero

Merry Christmas



Be an angel and have a glorious holiday!

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Dear Santa,
My name is Mike and I am eight year's old. My brother is sevin year's old. I have been a good Little boy washine dishes and vaquim-ing the floor.
Your friend
Mike Don Kennedy

Dear Santa,
I want a silver sterk train. And I want a race car set. And I want B.B. gun for me and my bother.
Your friend,
Shawn Ewing

Dear santa
I wish I had a big train. And also a brown bebee gun And I also want a guiter. I am doing good and bad in school.
Albert Ramirez

we wish you a Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
I want a Record Player, And a Monopoly game, and spill and spell.
Santa, I don't want that much stuff and I love you so much.
Your friend
Gloria Ann Gaura

Dear Santa,
I went a Beauty Secrets and a coat, doll, books, sit, of dishs. a game call oparashousn and hurry happn, the little dog that catch the ball. I may Pachel Villegas i like you very muhc, because you gave me the thing a went. I been a good girl.
Your friend,
Rachel Villegas

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me: scooter.
Love,
Deakon Carson

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good this year and I wanted to ask you to please bring me a merlin for Christmas. I'll prayer for you.
Thank you,
Pat Castaneda

PEACE ON EARTH



In this season of remembrance of the birth of the Holy Child, let family and friends be joined together in communal love and praise unto His name.

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Spreckels



Tenderly, joyfully, the choir boys sing out the miracle of His birth. Let us celebrate with them as we recall the love and humility and peace of that first Christmas day.

B&W Aerial Spray

Allan Webb, Donald Wright, James Bradford



Children's Letters to Santa Claus



Dear Santa,
I want a coat and some boots and a bike and some skates. I have been good.
Thank you
Your friend
Gloria Galvan

Dear Santa Claus,
I have written another letter before but the teacher told me to write you again. I want a big piano for Christmas. I have tried to be a good girl this year.

Dear Santa,
I want skates, smaller home and garden and I want a game of Operation, Color 'N Curl Candi, The Sunny Bunch Partitioned Wall Board with chalkboard.
Yvonne

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want some Roller Skates and I want a Barbie Doll.
I will leave you a cake.
Love,
Leticia Martinez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all year. I clean up my room and help mama take care of Mikey and help Daddy take out the trash.
For Christmas, I would like some roller skates with shoes and race car tracks with lights. I would also like a bowling set and 2 sets of socker bockers. Please remember Mikey too. He needs a little tricycle and something to play with in the bathtub. Mikey likes to throw blocks. You might bring him some plastic blocks.
Thank you,
Kris Keith

Dear Santa,
I want a doll with a toboggan and giggles. I have been good.
Love,
Mitzie Golden

Dear Santa,
I want a game call monopoly. And I also a doll call Beauty Secrets. And how are you over there? I hope you are find. Oh my name is Elaine Cavazas and I am 9 years old.
Love
Elaine

Dear Santa Claus,
I have all the things I want. I will tell you I want a bike and I want a R2D2punchin bag.
Johnn

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good girl this year. Please bring me Baby Cries and Drys and a cradle. I love you. Merry Christmas.
Kylie Maples

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a Drut Bike and a Foorball to and a necklace.
Love
Joe Reyes

Dear Santa, I have been good this year.
I want some roller skates and a sled.
Love,
Deena Richards

Dear Mr. Claws,
I have been good this year. I want a lego set and a semi book about trucks.
Love
Matt Gfeller

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me a bike, a football, a suit, a big awheel, a game, soccer ball.
Joey

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a bicycle.
Christian Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
For this Christmas I would love for you to bring me a bike and a racing track.
Love,
Chris Salinas

Dear Santa, I have been good this year.
I want a bike and a playhouse.
Love,
Patsy Ramon

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a Bike and Roller Skates and a Barbie Doll.
Love
Rachel Ramirez

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me a cook set, oven, a doll, a dishes, a suit cheerleader.
Shandra Strickland

Santa can you bein mi a train. Santa can you bein mi a soldier.
Octavio Torres

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Mose Estraca. Will you please bring me a gun and a hoseter. I got brothers and sister.

Dear Santa,
Anything you want to get me will be fine. I like surprises. I hope you have a safe trip and tell Rudolph "Hi."
Love,
Holly Axtell

Dear Santa,
I would like a care and a motorcycle.
Thank you,
Daniel Ramirez

Dear Santh,
Bobby what's coat and a gun for Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been Extra good this year. I have found all the toys I want in the Best book. I want these toys. 1. Play eggs 2. Postal station 3. Hasbro Mickey Mouse Phone 4. Bugs Bunny Ge-tar 5. Electronic Cash Register 6. Dyno-Mike Wireless Microphone 7. Christmas Gift Set 8. super Star Barbie Baby cries for me or snuggles 9. Barbie Perfume Maker 10. Sun Lovin Malibu Tonka jeep
Ken

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me Baby wipes her tears and a cradle.
Kellie Maples

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want some Roller Skates, and trampoline and a Barbie Doll.
Love
Tina Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a Spirograph and a Sweetie Face. I want a bicycle too.
Signed Jennifer Felts

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me loneranger, horsecowas and black bueauty.
Thank you,
Coby

Dear Santa,
I would like these thing for Christmas baby Feel-so Real oven.
From Mary Ann

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a Lego sets and sleigh. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love
Jason Nelson

Joyous Holidays



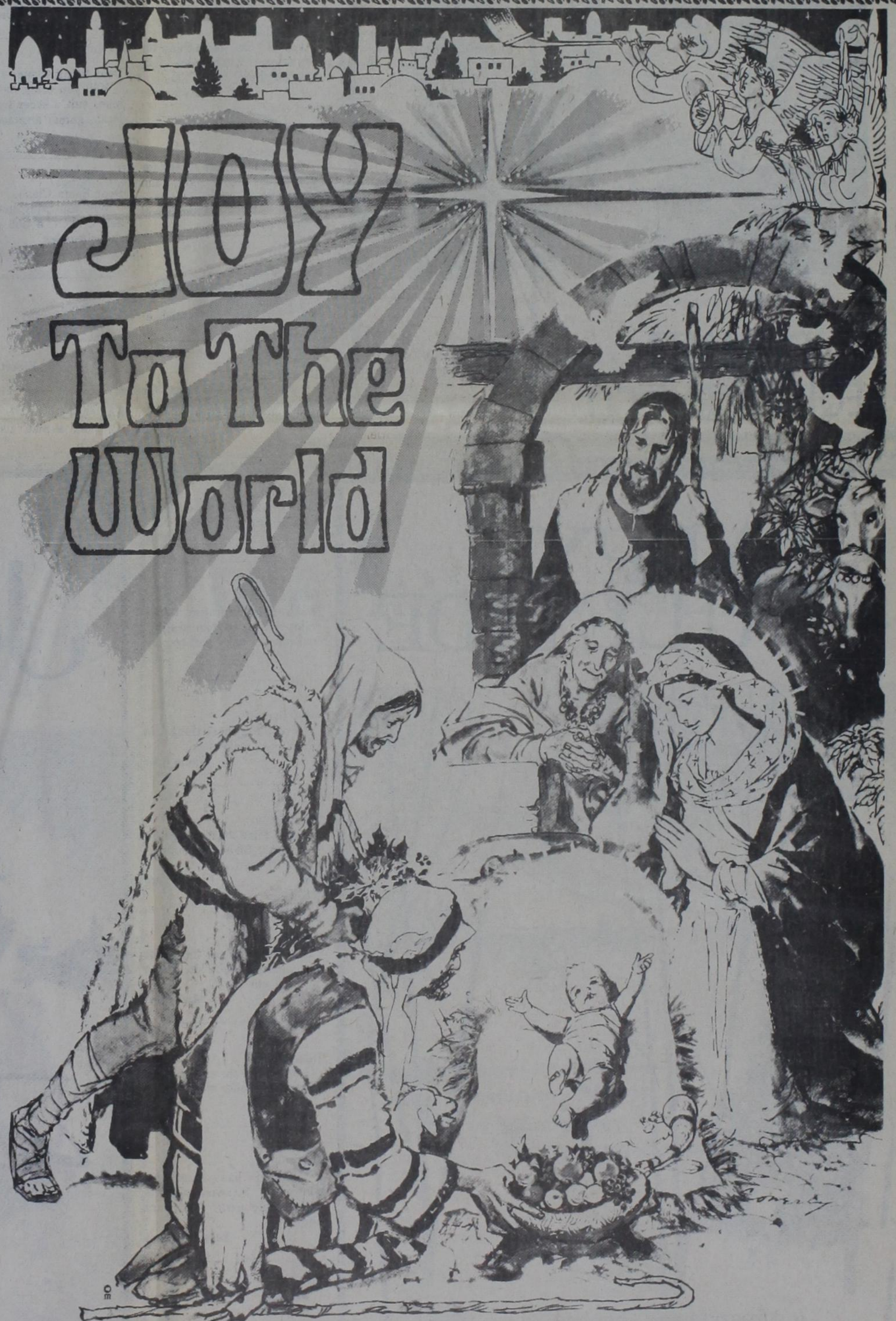
Let sweet mistletoe kisses and crimson bright cheer be gifts for your Christmas and throughout the new year.

A&H Supply

Merry Christmas.

Full speed ahead for a high-spirited holiday! Thanks for your faith in us.

EARL'S GARAGE



Hearts fill with wonder as we exult and celebrate the external gifts of this holy time... the love, peace and hope with which we are blessed. The love that folds

us together. The peace of this precious day. The hope for peace in a world reborn. We rejoice in the miracle of His birth and for the treasure of your lasting friendship.

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REJOICE



Bells are ringing,
choirs are singing...
Christmas is approaching.
Hope it's happy!

**DIMMITT
EQUIPMENT CO.**



Letters to Santa Claus



Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want this: 1. Tommy gun
2. pocket knife 3. real cows
4. Army set 5. real sheep.
Love
John Wall

Dear Santa,
I would like these things for
Christmas. Oven Baby Feel-
so-Real Baby alive chairs.
Holly

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a
swimming pool.
Love
Christine Falcon

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want Barbie. Watch. straw-
berry shortcake doll. cry &
dry doll.
Love
Carol Petty

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want a Mini Bike, race
track, and Transam red and
black.
Love
Billy Ray Thomas Jr.

Dear Santa,
I would like these things for
Christmas. Rock Bike BB.
Roy

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me road-
master bike, jacks, football
suit, and a football, dump
truck, air plane, big wheel.
Scotty Ball

For Christmas I would like a
doll named "Baby Cry"
Barbe Rosas

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want a Strawberry short-
cake doll. And some barbie
clothes.
Love
Denea Hanes

Dear Santa,
I would like these things for
Christmas. Barbie doll,
kitchen set, Baby Feel-so-
Baby alive.
Jennifer

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me a bike, a
doll, a dishes and a new night
gown and a new cheerleader
suit and a new cook set and a
big wheel.
Angie Talley

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a mickey
mouse telephone.
Beatrice Ramos

Dear Mr. Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want some roller skates and
a Bike. and I want a Barbie
Doll. I will leave you cookies.
Love Santa,
Rosi Mata

Dear Santa,
I would like these things for
Christmas. Dirt bike.
Clifford

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me a bike?
a duit football.
Daniel Ortiz

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want a Bike.
Love
Erosmo Dominquez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want a big track and a
gold cart and a train track.
I will give you some milk
and cookies.
Love,
Tye Lamberth

Dear Santa,
I would like these things for
Christmas. Kitchen set, doll,
oven, dishes.
Mary Narres

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me football,
bike, suit a soccer ball, truck,
jacks, game, airplane.
Simon

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want Roller Skates and a
Barbie Doll.
Love
Michelle Correa

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want a Team America super
stunt dirt bike. Star Wars six
pack of Star Wars people,
Star Wars NOW Speeder,
Mongoo's Dirt Bike
Love
Christian Braafladt

Dear Santa,
I would like these things for
Christmas. BB gun and
motorsiko.
From Jacob

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me, a Cook
Set, a oven, a doll dishes, a
suit cheader.
Candy Matthews

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll that
cries.
Love
Liliana Rosalez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want a Team America super
stunt dirt bike. Star Wars six
pack of Star Wars people,
Star Wars NOW Speeder,
Mongoo's Dirt Bike
Love
Christian Braafladt

Dear Santa,
I would like these things for
Christmas. Dirt bike.
Michael

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want a Red Line.
Love
Elbert Bugarin

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle.
Love
Sonja Salsar

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want a Team America super
stunt dirt bike. Star Wars six
pack of Star Wars people,
Star Wars NOW Speeder,
Mongoo's Dirt Bike
Love
Christian Braafladt

Dear Santa,
I would like these things for
Christmas. Roller skates,
pogo stick.
Patricia

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a race
track.
Fideacio Pena

Dear Santa Claus
I have been good this year.
I want a Dirt Bike. and a
football.
Love
Albert Rivera Jr.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want a Team America super
stunt dirt bike. Star Wars six
pack of Star Wars people,
Star Wars NOW Speeder,
Mongoo's Dirt Bike
Love
Christian Braafladt

Dear Santa,
I would like these things for
Christmas. TCR Car.
Yogi

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want a Red Line.
Love
Elbert Bugarin

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle.
Love
Sonja Salsar

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want a Team America super
stunt dirt bike. Star Wars six
pack of Star Wars people,
Star Wars NOW Speeder,
Mongoo's Dirt Bike
Love
Christian Braafladt

Dear Santa,
I would like these things
roller skates, barbie, skating,
makeup kit, baby feel-so-real.
Carla

Dear Santa,
I would like these things for
Christmas. Bike 410 chopper,
truck, BB gun.
Freddy Lara

Dear Santa,
I would like these things for
Christmas. makeup kit. I love
Santa, I am 7.
Mist Anes

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want a Team America super
stunt dirt bike. Star Wars six
pack of Star Wars people,
Star Wars NOW Speeder,
Mongoo's Dirt Bike
Love
Christian Braafladt

Dear Santa,
I would like these things for
Christmas, makeup kit.
Diana Ares

Dear Santa,
I would like these things for
Christmas. Strawberry short-
cake, skateboard, Baby cry
and dry.
Tessie Newton

My name is Marcela. I wait
a Kriy doll.
Marcela Estraca

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want a Star Wars Peloe, 6
Pack of Star Wars Peloe
please.
Love
Mike Pulido

Dear Santa,
I would like these things for
Christmas, roller skates.
Angela

Dear Santa,
I would like these for
Christmas. Strawberry short-
cake, skateboard, Baby cry
and dry.
Tessie Newton

My name is Marcela. I wait
a Kriy doll.
Marcela Estraca

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want a Star Wars Peloe, 6
Pack of Star Wars Peloe
please.
Love
Mike Pulido

My name is Marcela. I wait
a Kriy doll.
Marcela Estraca

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want a electric football.
Love
Fidencio Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I want a Star Wars Peloe, 6
Pack of Star Wars Peloe
please.
Love
Mike Pulido

Glad Tidings

All joy and
happiness
be yours
this
Christmas!



**FLAGG GRAIN CO.
DODD ELEVATOR
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HAPPY YULETIDE



*It's freezing and snowing
And cold winds are blowing
Still there's no better place to be
Than laughing and talking
And playing and walking
Around the outdoor Christmas tree!*

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*Unchanging and ever cherished are the traditions of the
Christmas season, uniting all men of good will in harmonious
brotherhood.*

**The North Gin
of Dimmitt, Inc.**



I've Been a Good Little Girl and . . .



Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me a bike?,
a oven?, a doll? game?, cook
set?
Monica Villanueva

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me a big
wheel, and a suit football.
Martin Castillo

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me ove, a
Cook set, dish set.
Angel Bundy

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll.
Love,
Janie Suchil

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me cheer-
leader suit, cook set, bike,
dishes, jump rope, doll,
Marta

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring a football
suit, and football.
Zeke

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me football
suit and football.
Roberto

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me bike, suit
football, game.
Noe Arguijo

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me truck,
car, football; suit; volleyball.
Daniel Gil

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me a bike,
footall.
Felix Flores Jr.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a truck,
train.
Love
Ty Waller

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle.
Love,
Rosie Enriquez

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been
good. Please bring me a
strawberry shortcake doll.
Love,
Tara Grand

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me a bike
and a football and a car.
Shawn Christian

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me a bike, a
soccer ball, a football suit,
and game.
Fidencio Sifuetez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me roller
skates.
Love
Misty

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a motor-
cycle.
Love,
Luciano Quroz

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been
good. Please bring me a Jack
in the box.
Love,
John Waggoner

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me a bike,
football suit and football.
Wally

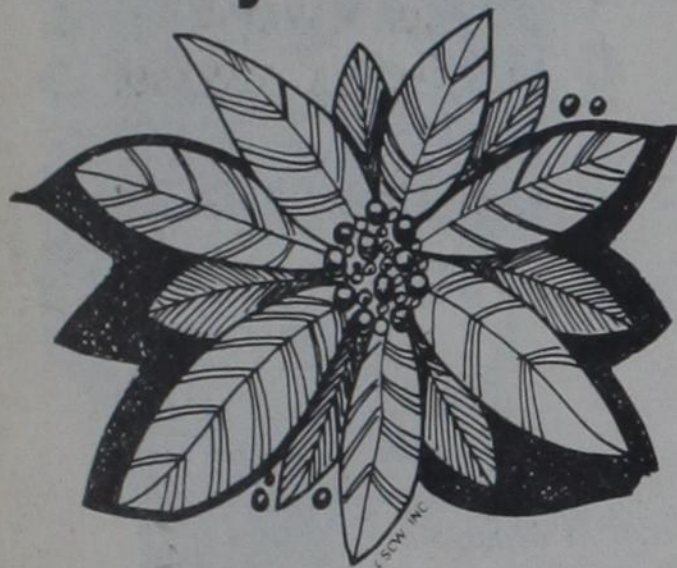
Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me a foot-
ball, and race car.
Michael Brant

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a play gun.
Love
Manuel Garcia

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been
good. Please bring me a doll.
Love,
Brandi Don Holcolm

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been
good. Please bring me a
tractor.
Love,
Danny Calwell

Greetings of the Season



May your holidays be like the
Christmas flower: Bountiful,
bright and beautiful!

The Flower Patch

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a coloring
book,
Love,
Melissa Velasquez

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been
good. Please bring me a
rabbit.
Love,
David Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a writing
tablet with numbers and a
surprise. Please bring my
brother a surprise too. His
name is Eric, and he is one
year old.
Avery Gilliland - age 4

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been
good. Please bring me a
truck trailer.
Love,
Jaimie Puente

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been
good. Please bring me Baby
rash.
Linda Flores

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been
good. Please bring me a
dolly.
Love,
Maria Anna Corales

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been
good. Please bring me socks.
Love,
Melissa White

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been
good. Please bring me a
dump truck.
Love,
Elias Tovar

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been
good. Please bring me a car.
Love,
Samuel

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been
good. Please bring me a doll.
Love,
Mercedes

Christmas Blessings



May this Holy time bring to all hearts His clear
message of Christmas love.

The Shoe Tree

Jimmie & Lynn Schulte

Happy Holidays



Santa's wrapping up the merriest days ahead for all . . . bright packages full of
love and joy and Christmas dreams come true!

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May the Peace and Happiness
of the Christmas Season
be yours forever more!
Our fervant thanks to all.

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Children's Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a strawberry shortcake doll.
Love,
Jose Barrios

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a car.
Love,
Adam

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you think I have been a good girl. Would you please bring me some roller skates and a Barbie doll with some clothes, and a baby doll that crawls, and a baby that can cry. And bring something for my Mother and Dad and brothers and sisters. And bring peace to Iran and Iraq. Let the people that were in earthquakes and floods and fires and let them have a Merry Christmas. The people that are in prison to have a Merry Christmas too. The poor and the sick to have a Happy Christmas.
Love,
Valerie Bermea

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas Santa! Hope you have a safe trip. Please Santa if I been good will you bring me a, Love Me Baby Doll, Tennis shoes roller skates, Please bring me a Merlin. Please bring my brother the game, Life. Please bring my family a game.
Love,
Nikki Schulte
P.S. Don't forget the poor, and sick, and Hungry, and will you Please try to free the hostages.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa. Santa, I love you, and I think you are very nice. Santa if you think I have been a good girl this year, please bring me a Barbie Star Traverer Motor Home, and also a Sunshine Fun Family and a Holly Hobbie Sewing Machine. Do please bring all my family something.
Thank You,
God bless you,
Dana Schulte

Dear Santa,
I like the way you fly across the sky on Christmas Night. I bet you are warm in the red coat you wear. I really do like you and your toys. Tell your elves thanks for helping you. Why I bet that they are a big help to you. I hope to get my picture with you I think it will be great to sit on your lap. Please bring me a red heart beat watch. I also want some Blue and Gold Pomp-Pons. And a Pretty changes Barbie. I think that is all for this year. Please bring Peace to the world. I would be happy if you left my family something. Please don't forget about the hostages Iran. The poor would need something to. Even the sick.
God Bless you,
Love,
Tami Ball

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a doll.
Love,
Virginia

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a doll.
Love,
Irma

Dear Santa,
How have you been doing? Merry Christmas! Is it cold up at the North Pole? If you think I have been good enough, would you bring me a doll that crawls. I really would like a music doll that can stand on a dresser. And for the last thing please bring me a Merlin.
Love,
Gwen Hoelting

Dear Santa Claus
I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be sure to remember all the people that lost their homes because of earthquakes, tornadoes, fires, and floods.
Please bring me a game called Clue, and a Mr. Mouth. Please bring me a set of 4 die cast super rigs, with detachable plastic trailers, and a Hot Wheels Class of 80 Machine Pak.
Thank you for last years toys.
Love,
Brian Schmucker

Dear Santa
Have a great Christmas Santa. If I have been a good little girl, please bring me two things - A warm-up, And a pair of tennis shoe roller skates, that can be used on the tennis court. Thank you Santa.
Please remember my family and the poor. Have a safe trip. God Bless you.
Love,
Marla Ramaekers

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas, Santa! Please, Santa, if I have been good this year, bring me a Barbie Motor Home, and a baby doll. I also want the game clue. don't forget my family, and don't forget the hostages.
Have a safe trip,
Lorelea Acker

P.S. Remember the hungry and the sick.

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a Baby Doll.
Love,
Maribel

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa. Please Santa if I have been a good boy bring me a pack of bs, skates, radio controlled van with lights, sears rig. Please bring my brothers and my sister whatever they want. Please bring my mother and my father something they will like. And please bring the old folks something they will like. And bring peace to the world.
Love,
Kenneth Lange

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! Will you please send me a Baby Round the Clock doll, and a backpack?
Please bring my sister a Wipe Your Tears doll, and a backpack.
Bring my daddy and my Grandma something.
Will you bring the poor something? Have a Happy Christmas.
Love,
Kirsten Birkenfeld

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an Eighteen Wheeler, cowboys horses, tractor a Backhoe, Backpack with a pup tent, and Tennis shoes.
Please don't forget the poor and the hostages in Iran. Bring my family something for Christmas too.
P.S. I will put a Dr. Pepper out on the table for you.
Merry Christmas,
Brent Durbin

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a car.
Love,
Jose Marie Lopez

Happy Holidays



Hope you've served up a great big tasty Christmas!

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Joy to the World
this glorious Christmas day.
We extend sincere gratitude
for the treasured gift
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Joy and Peace



With every ornament we hang on our tree comes a wish that your Holidays be filled with glee.

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Our wishes for a Christmas filled with old-fashioned fun and high spirits will resound through the merry season. To the fine people who've been our faithful patrons, many thanks.

South Nazareth Farm Store, Inc.

Exclusive Hesston Dealer for Castro County

2 miles south of Nazareth on FM 168

"A Wagon and Some Dolls and a Bike and..."



Let's hear it for a Christmas season filled with the sounds of happiness! Its been a pleasure serving you.

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike and a truck. And please bring me a watch. And bring my mommy and daddy some thing too. And please bring me a kite and a ball and a plane and a pick up. Thank you
Love
Norbert Acker

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Overnight Express, Livestock truck, Race Car Hauler and Santa please don't forget the other boys and girls in the world. Please bring the moms and dads something too.
Harold Verkamp

Dear Santa
If you think I've been a good boy, will you bring me a race track and a toy car, and please don't forget my Mom and Dad.
Love,
Bobby Kern

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a watch and a electric train. Please bring my mother, brothers, and sisters something too And have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Zachary Hatla

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas. Hope you have a safe trip. Please bring me a Hit 'N and Missile and a Merlin and a Watch. Please, bring my Mother and father something, and the poor something.
Merry Christmas,
Marty Gerber

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a safe trip. I want a remote control pickup and a Big Duke pickup. Please bring Cindy and Jason a nice present.
Love,
Clint Braddock

Dear Santa claus
I want a Merlin for Christmas Pleas bring a present for my two brothers, Clint and Jason I love you santa Thank you santa
Cindy Braddock

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a 20 inch bicycle a Sew Perfect sewing machine and please give the poor people something and give Sister Adrian a bag of Patience.
Please May I have this
Thank you
I Love you
Cindy Albracht

Dear Sanata Claus,
Would you, Please bring me a football and some Road Champs and a rig and a Helicopter.
Thank you,
Blaine Johnson

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a dollhouse, a Strawberry Shortcake doll, Play-Doh Fuzzy Pumper Monster Shop, And a Hungry, Hungry, Hippo game too! And please can I have My own Bible. And bring my Mom and Dad something. And my brother and sisters too! And can I please have a Lite-Brite, And a Candy-Land game. Thank you
Love,
Bernadette Hochstein

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring a Merlin game and a housecoat. Remember the old folks too. I hope you will have a Merry Christmas.
Thank you,
Monica Kleman

Dear Santa Claus,
Did you have a nice summer? How is Mrs. Santa Claus? How are you doing? Could I have a Sweet Tender. And some clothes for her and a bed for her.
Love
Mandy Boothe

Dear Santa,
I want a cowboy set and a set of car. I want a truck and a play horse. Gaterade racing team.
Love
Scott
Thank you

Dear Santa,
Happy Christmas! I want a happy Christmas too. I love you. I want a Surprise and I want a Housekeeping set, a Rhythm Band set, and Little girl sleeping bag.
Love,
Tracy Drerup

Dear Santa,
I like school.
I want a plane, some school jeans, a robot a race track, and a bike.
Love,
Wayne Birkenfeld

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade. I like you. I want a pick-up, a tractor, trailer, a book and a football.
Love,
Andy Bermea

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I want a baton and a baton dress. I want a Barbie doll, red zipper boots, a play table set and a micro-oven with a doll. Bring something for Mama, Daddy, Christie and Kyle.
Love,
Stephanie Bagnall

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Electronic cash register, Jaguar Convertible, Moppet's Secret Doll House, Fashion Plates and a Walking Mickey Mouse. Please bring the old people some good things. Thank you!
Darlene Chantell Heck
I LOVE YOU!

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a 18 wheeler semi and 10 little cars. Please bring me a bow and arrow.
Love,
Bryce Hatla

Dear Santa Claus
I would like four Math books, one sno cone the ice cream man, one snoopy Book bag, two bake and decorate. I love you santa,
Thank you
Janay Johnson

Dear Santa Claus
I want Legos and a football and a watch for Christmas. I tried to be a good boy. Bring the other girls and boys something nice too.
Thank you
Vance Acker

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Overnight express play rig and a bb gun and boots, Tonka Paloeder and a lonka truck and a coca cola set.
Thanks Santa
From Steven Lange

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me Baby rash.
Love,
Suzanna

Dear Santa Clause
I want a Michele Doll and a real carriage and some Doll Clothes and a Doll trunk. In my stocking I want some Breath mint and some lip Bilm cole & cherry and long hair Barbie and a SORRY game.
Love
Michelle Smith

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Seven years old. I would like a doctors kit and a Ranch Deluxe set. I tried to be a good boy. I love you Santa Claus. be good to all of the children. Thank you.
Leon Verkamp
Nazareth Texas

Dear Santa
I love you.
Thank you for the presents Last year. I would like a doll and a basket and shou skates and anything else. Please remember all the children in the world. Thank you.
Love,
Shelly Dawn Albracht



DIMMITT ELECTRIC CO.

Clyde Vick

Good Tidings

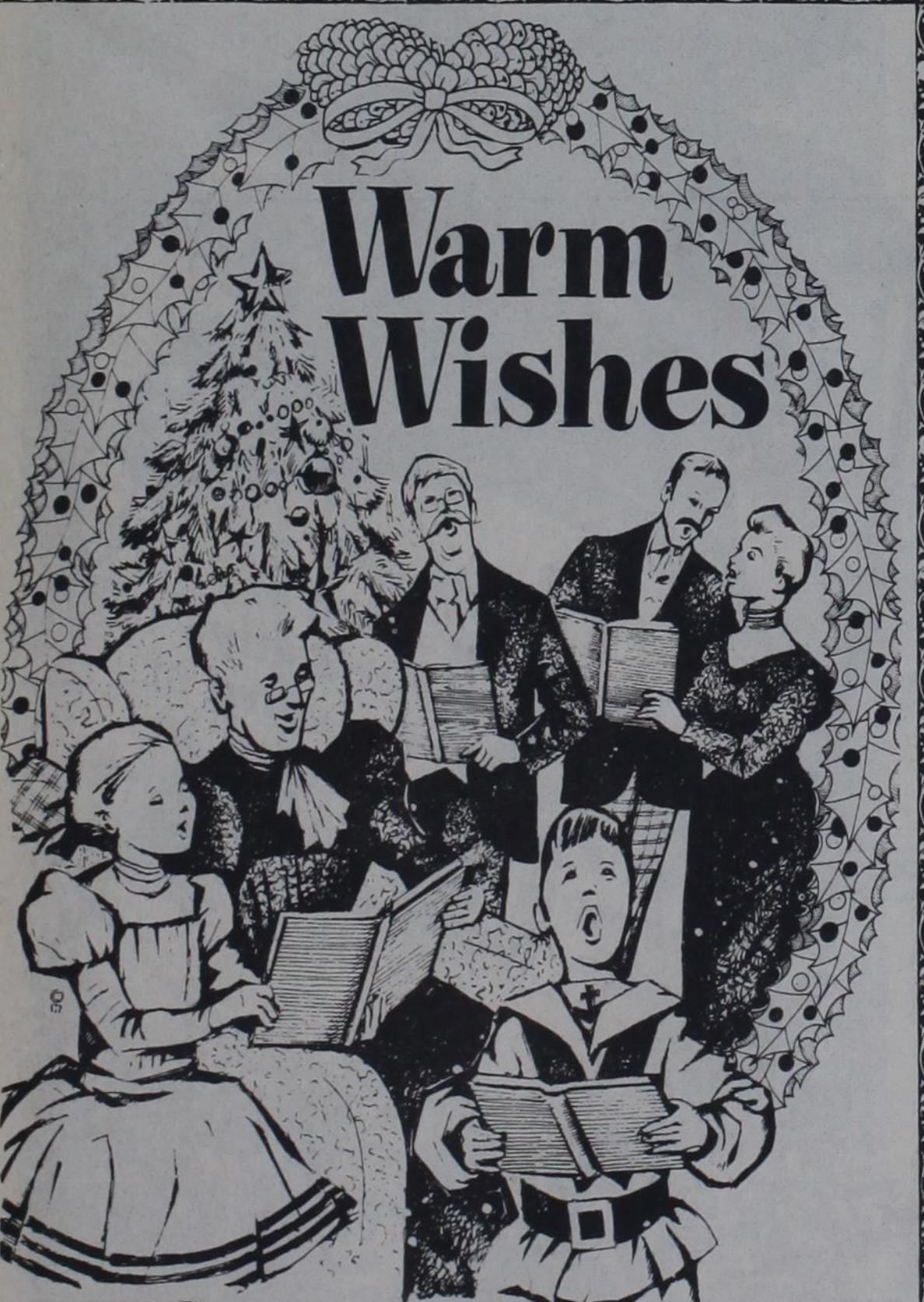


Wishing you joys to remember, memories to treasure, and love all around this Christmas!

FIVE POINT GIN

and
Hart Gin Co.

CLARK DOBBS, Manager



Warm Wishes

Mid the old-fashioned pleasures of Christmastide, we remember those who've been most dear... loving family, devoted friends, loyal patrons. For them all, we sing a chorus of resounding gratitude.

Hays Implement Co.

And All Employees



Dear Santa -- I Would Like to Have a Tractor and a Horse and a Plane and . . .



Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Wet and Care and a play typewriter, roller skates a micro-wave oven, a blender and a bicycle. I want you to bring a Pretty Face doll, a Barbie doll house, and a Barbie doll, a Barbie doll perfume maker, I want some knit pants and boots.

Please bring a statue of Jesus, Mary and Joseph with a light for Mommy and Daddy. I want a good surprise for Karmen and Sharin. I want a coloring book and crayons. I love you, Santa. I am in the first grade.
Kalina Pohlmeier

Dear Santa,
I try to be very good. I like you.
Please bring me a slide and a drum. I want you to bring something for Mommy, Daddy and the kids. Have a good Christmas.
Love,
Joshua Book

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a cap, a ship, a gun and a moterbike.
Love,
Maria

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas. I want star wars, a race track, and some cars. Bring some markers, too. Please bring something for Mama, Daddy, Tara and Trina.
I love you, Santa.
Trey Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a baton and pom-poms, and a typewriter and a kitchen set and a Baby Cries for You, roller skates and an airplane and a car. Happy Christmas Santa. I Love You, Santa.
Christie Castillo

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a play typewriter and a Barbie Doll, and a Baby Wet and Care, and roller skates. I am in the first grade in Nazareth School.
I love you, Santa.
Peggy Huseman

Dear Santa,
I am in First Grad I have been good. This is what I want: a racing car, football, a new Dallas Cowboy Jacket.
Love,
Steve Valadez

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade. I want a football and football equipment. I want a Dallas Cowboy bike, and Star Wars. Thank you. Have a merry Christmas.
Love,
Mac Annen

Dear Santa,
I want a Cry Baby doll, a back pack, skates, Barbie doll and clothes, zip-up boots, a coloring book and colors, and a baton.
Bring something for Daddy, Kirsten and Grandma.
Love,
Bridget Birkenfeld

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a toy and a doll.
Love,
Marto

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a TV and a doll.
Love,
Mariza

Dear Santa,
I want a football, and a cattle truck. I will put a Dr. Pepper on the table for you.
Hugh Durbin

Dear Santa,
I want a truck and a tractor and some candy and apples and oranges.
Love,
Lupe Medellin

Dear Santa,
Have a happy Christmas. I want a baton, and a Baby Cries for You doll. I want a typewriter, a Barbi doll, roller skates, a play house, a bike, red zipper boots. I am in the first grade. Please bring something for Mom, Daddy and the twins.
Jodi Johnson

Best wishes to you and your family for a bright holiday season, shining with new wonder and delight.

DIMMITT APPLIANCE CENTER

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Doll and clothes and roller skates and please Santa. I want a good surprise. I love you, Santa. I love you very, very much, Santa. I want you to bring something for Mommy Daddy and Leroy,
Christy Birkenfeld

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a little doll. Also bring a little doll for Margie, so she doesn't take mine away from me. I Love You. Bring me a nurse set so I can be like my big sister, Edith.
Denia & Margie DURBIN

Dear Santa,
I want a football, space ship and all men of Star War. I want you to bring something for Mama, Daddy, Justin and Kaci.
I thank you.
Love,
Jason Wethington

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a make up doll.
Love,
Veronica

Dear Santa,
I am in First Grade. I have been good. This is what I want: doll, a game, a book, and a coloring book.
Love,
Sally

Dear Santa,
I am in First Grade. I have been good. This is what I want: a doll with baby food mister mouth, Cashier Register, a toy Sant Claus.
Love,
Angelica Diaz

Dear Santa,
I am in First Grade. I have been good. This is what I want: a coloring book, dress, a game, doll, watercolors.
Love,
Brenda Reyna

Dear Santa,
I am in First Grade. I have been good. This is what I want: doll, a game, Candy, Coloring book, Pet.
Love,
Priscella Reyna

Dear Santa,
I am in First Grade. I have been good. his is what I want: a bike, a racing car, some toys, candy cane.
Frank

Dear Santa,
I am in First Grade. I have been good. This is what I want: a mini bike, a football, cars with track, Dallas Cowby Jacket.
Joe Mata

Dear Santa,
I am in First Grade. I have been good. This is what I want: a bike, a football, some cars, racing track. Some a lot of candy.
Love,
Isidra Marquez

Dear Santa,
I am in First Grade. I have been good. This is what I want: a rock toy, a little racing car, an airplane, a coloring book.
Love,
Montemayor

Dear Santa Clause
I want a bike, a doll in a suitcase, a sewing machine, pom poms and clothes, necklace with a whistle.
Pamela Regina Robinson

Dear Santa,
This is for Dustin and me, Dustin wants cloth blocks, trucks, stuff for the bath tub and a teddy bear. I want a bike, a record player, skate board, a shirt with a whistle and a necklace with a whistle, clothes for Dustin.
Angie Dyer
Dustin Dyer

Dear Santa,
I want a real puppy, earrings, some new shoes, and a doll, pom poms, a shirt, dress socks.
Stephanie Shield

Dear Santa,
I want some pom poms, kissing doll, a bike, a Barbie doll with a wedding dress, a baby doll.
Audria Johnson

Dear Sant,
I want a doll, that talks, new shoes, a dress, musical bear, some jeans, a bike, a shirt, a purse, pom poms.
Alicia Reyna



Today, and always, may you enjoy the unbounded spirit and transcendent joy of Christmas. Our thanks to gracious friends.

Cobb's

Deck the halls and gather 'round to share in a festive celebration. Hope your holidays are trimmed with treats!

Merry Christmas

EASTER GIN CO.

Hearts sing in appreciation of cherished friendships as we share the spirit of this festive holiday. In harmony and gladness we say "Merry Christmas" to all.

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Children's Letters to Santa Claus



Dear Santa,
Could you bring me a kissing doll and that is all. I forgot and also pom poms.
Monica Alcocer

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade. I want a bike, doll, record player.
Cynthia Carrasco

Dear Santa,
MERR-R-R-RY CHRISTMAS. I wot a motorcycle. I am a good boy. My name is Richard Gracia

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a moresikle. I am a good boy. My name is Ernesto Reyna

Dear Santa,
I want a real train. I want a Demolition Derby. I want a Dummy. I want a morotcycle. I want a bike.
Rober Medrano Salas
Your friend,

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade. I want a bike, doll, book.
Marsela Mingaez

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade. I want a bike, doll, book.
Amy Noier

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade. I want a football.
Coby Emery

Dear Santa,
I want a kissing doll, a baby doll, a new dress, new Levis, a bed spread, a new bike.
Amy McLain

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade. I want a bike, a record player.
Lanita Freeman

Dear Santa,
I want a pooltable that I wish for a long time. I hope you can git them.
love,
Jay Davis

Dear Santa,
I Love Santa. Santa gave me something I gave Santa a candy. Santa is nics when CHRISTMAS comes. Rudolf has a nose. I want a doll
Beatrice Guerrero

Dear Santa
I been very good this week. pleas bring me a foot ball. I'm 8 years old. My name is Humberto.
Santa please bring me a B-B gun.
your friend
Humberto Gil

Dear Santa,
I am in the Fist Grade. I want a bike, doll, book.
Maria Corral

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade. I want a bike, football, puzzle.
Adam Borron

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade. I want a doll, book.
Adriana Carralles

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a motorcycle, a helmet, and a football, wallet, bat and ball.
Johnny Barron

Dear Santa,
I had ben good. and I woud like some swings and a doll and trampoulyen and a play teluveshen and a tilufon and that is all I wont.
Love,
Marcarla Blanco

Dear Santa,
I want a game and a doll that cryes, Chalkboard.
Love
Robin Brooks

Dear Santa,
I want for CHRI a Chalkboard and I want a crayola book ov Santa back.
Love
Yolanda Gurrero

Dear Santa,
I been good and I lik year Reindeer and I lik you to and I wot a Operation and a dady and I wot the dady names Alice swimmingpod and I wot a doll and some bucks too and Dummy mockers and a little table, and I cannot what for Christmas and Pom Pom Hoola poo Merry Christmss. Santa love.
Your friend
Delma Masales
I am 7 year old

A Merry Christmas to All

May you have a candy-cane Yule, so bright and so gay, With each joy remembered past Christmas day!

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Highway 385 North 647-2489 or 647-2217

Dear Santa,
I want a mini bike, Dracula, a bike, a basket ball game, a new tube and tire for my bike, a football, a jeep, a case of cars, jacket, a belt, a gun.
Michael Diaz

Dear Santa,
I want a ten speed that all I Love you Dear Santa,
Love,
Daniel Robinson

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a doll and trampoline.
I been real good.
Love
Eva Espinosa

Dear Santa
I am 8 years old and My name is Cruz Rojas And this is what I want. Pleas I want a electric trailer and a football and a spirograph and a set of drums and a bike and I want a Eighteen Wheeler and a candy Land and a cowboy.
Your friend
Cruz Rojas

Joyous Noel

The specialty of the house is making your Christmas a memorably tasty treat time!

The Sweet Shop

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bady doll and some candy in my stocking and 3-wheeler.
Love
Shelley Smith
MERRRRRY CHRISTMAS.

Dear Santa,
Santa I little Very much biks so I wudt you to breme me a biks. I wot you a breme me a big trailer.
Love
Rumaldo Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I am 8 year old and my name is Benny Cadena. Please bring me a motor cycle and a Dummy. I want a snoopy house.
Your friend is,
Benny Cadena

Dear Santa
I wish for a Gardzilla. I wish for a Pickup with a motor cycle in back of it criss - cross - crash
Luv
Jay Grossman

Dear Santa,
I've been good. I want a doll that crise a lot and a chalkboard and a bike and a oven and thats all and I love you.
Love
Cinthia Casteneda

Dear Sant,
I what a ten speed and I what a baby cry and dry and I Sewing Machine.
Yuur friend
Patricia Centeno

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me some jewelry and a baby dolly.
Love,
Carrie Goolsby

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a tractor, a truck and a Jack in the box.
Love,
Zack Jouett

Dear Santa
I like a football. I like a motor cycle. I like a cat. I like a goy Corvett. I like a duck. I like a Dummy. I like a squirrel. I like a Twinkle. I like a B-B gun. I like a tractor. I like a Cowboys. I like a train. I like a Eighteen Wheeler. I like a fish. I like a pig. I like a pony. I like a Candy Land.
Your friend
Auden Carrasco

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a table and a doll.
Love,
Terrie Flores

"O, come all ye faithful.."

O, sing out in praise of the Prince of Peace! As we join together in the warm glow of His love, we wish you the many blessings of the Christmas season.

Parsons Rexall Drug

Dear Santa,
I want to Santa to bring a motorcycle and pony and a racing car and snoop house. I want a car.
you friend
Efen Guerrero

Dear Santa,
I am a boy 7 years old. I would like to have a motorcycle for christms. If I nan't have that please bring me a bike. I would a toy frain too. I all.
Thank you
Junior Carrasco

Dear Santa,
I've been working on a Remote controlled Airplane. German Fighter Double winged. And I've been working on it so hard. And so long. Please would you bring me one I've wanted one so long I am old enough I am 8 years old.
Your frind
John David Batson
Hrat-Texas-

Dear santa
I am have a electric trailer, and a Police. my name is Robert garcia. and a football and a spirograph and a set of drums and a candy Land and a b-b gum and a hot wheel car and a baseball golove and arecodfokiss and a electric van and a bumy and a motor cycle and a stretch man
your friend
Robert Garcia

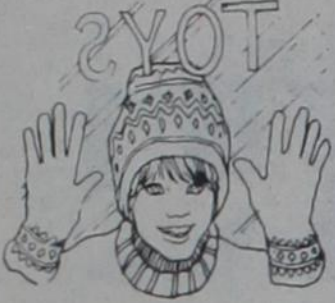
Dear Santa
I like a Big toy tractor. I like a watch. I like a Big toy Corvett. I like a Big toy motorcycle. I like a Big trian. I like a Big Ship. I like a Big space shop. I like a Big Christmas tree.
Your friend,
Carlos Portillo

HI! MERRY CHRISTMAS

In his pack, filled with bountiful delights, jovial St. Nick has a special gift of thanks for our wonderful friends. In a festive spirit we wish you all the joys of Christmas.

Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.

I want a girl with a 34-26-34
Jimmy Rojris



Start Packing Your Bag Right Now, Santa!



Dear Santa,
I like a Gamne And a Super Duper Double Looper
My friend Eric Bennett
Marry Christmas Santa,
HO HO HO

Dear Santa,
I wat a doll and I wat to a poy four my friend.
We have miss you all the time came to are room.
Can you bring us a presents four all off us.
Bring a Barbie doll four me ples.
Bring sumthing four Mrs. Pierce to Santa ples we want you to come.
Four all off us.

Dear Santa,
I bee good and sweet and I want a huffy bike and a cowboy sute and close, a football and a bear are you bringing this things too me and my teache is Mrs Pierce is and I love you merry crismas. Ha Ha Ha Ha by Joe Guerrero
I love you santa

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and some skates I want a toy gun and I want a jump rope and I want swimming pool.
Love,
Oscar Castillo
Merry Crismas

Dear Santa,
I want a doll called Baby crys for you and a Barbie house with some Barbies inside. Please bring my brother EDDIE a baby towel my mom would like it. Santa I am 9 years old. Santa I have been very good Please bring my family some presents.
And Santa I want a swim pool and I want a stocking with all your reindeer's name so would my family want your reindeer's name. And I want a bubblegum machine. I want a real golden necklace and I want some real pretty shoes.
And I want some swing pease bring Vickie some shoes and bring Nami some sport socks. Elizabeth wants a fur coat Isaias wants a sport socks to. and mom wants some pants and my dad wants some shirts
Love,
Dilphia Ponce

Dear Santa,
I would like a huffy race bike and a Bow and arrow and some electronic games and a race track and a hot wheel and a train set and for my teacher a set of gold pens.
Love
Adam Lee Kendrick

Dear Santa,
I been good and sweet. And Mrs. Pirece is sweet to. I want Barbie doll and baby cries for you. And stay alve game and for my teacher And necklace and ring.
Love,
Angelica Guerrero

Dear Santa,
I want a ring and a radio and a reddeer and a book and a boat and a Barbie and a sailboat and a sandbox and a baby cry and dry and a soot and a pance
Love
Elisa Castanedo

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a ball and castle.
Love,
Marcus Weiss

Love,
Carolina Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want a horse and a bike. And a toy truck and a electric-ronic football game. And a football and a football uniform. And a remote control and a swimming pool. And a play robot with some star wars collection. And a airplane.
Love
Miguel Morales

Dear Santa,
I want the biggest trampoline in the world. and a ten speed. and skates. and a fur coat. race set. a nine year old sister a four feet candy cane. I've been very good. and swimming pool and a golden ring.
Love,
Kimberlee Travis

Dear Santa,
I want a Bike and a watch and two puppies that are sord of meen teley Bear and sum futball and a disco record of kiss and a sting Ray and a Corvet to Mrs. Pierce a Christmas tree and sum presents for Mrs. Pierce.
Love,
Hector Barron

Peace... Joy...

TO YOU AND YOURS,
MAY THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS SHINE IN YOUR HEARTS FOREVER.

DYER WELL SERVICE
Harley Dyer

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me Indians & Cowboys and a truck and gloves.
Love,
Adolph Ladesna

Dear Santa,
I wut a go car an a coat for my Mother an a doll for my sestr an a tranAm for my bether an a good coat for my fother an I wut to pose
Love
Esteven Rodriguez

Merre Christmas
Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I want a ring and a raincoat with some boat. And a doll call baby cry and dry and I want a watch that has micky mouse girl friend. And I want some errings and a sandbox and a dress that look pretty. And a disco recard and a necklace and a Santa Claus doll. And tweety and some rollskates. And a angel. And I want Mrs. Pierce to have a dress.
Love,
Rebecca Rodriguez
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
I want a big presents four Mrs. Pierce and I want a big presents four my mother I no She we like it And this is want she wants she wonts a correct and I want a big big Christmas tree and I want a seven kitten four my two brother and I want a big new car for my Dad. and four penny I want a stove
Love,
Vickie Martinez

May your home be wreathed with the glow of holiday gladness, and filled with the fun of this bright and festive season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I have help mother around the house can I have 1. Disco Roller Skates
2. little organ
3. sewing machine
Please bring Mrs. Piercis a new baby and Mr. Piercis a nev horse and Nikki a new toy box.
Love,
Misty Reed

Dear Santa,
I want a pack of pencils and a jeep and a christmas tree a stocking please I want a drum and a pupet or football shirt race track please bring me a pack of book and a train I want a pack of cards of star wars and football and the black hole cards please bring mrs. pierce somthing and Pennie something too. I will be nice
Love,
Saul Salas

Dear Santa,
I want a football, racing track and my room pretty. I want you to get my Mom a car for a present. and I want a coat and one more thing I want you to get my sister a Raggedy Ann. and for my Dad its a C.B. and a TransAm for my Dad and I want two cars and a Socker Ball and this is for my cousin Merrlou its two dolls
Love,
Rey Velasques

It's time to gather in friendship and good will to celebrate the memory of good times, good cheer. Our holiday best to you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

George Real Estate
Jimmie George Martha Isaacs Dub George Danny Rice

Dear Santa,
I want a watch and a football and a remote control Transam and a football game a control airplane.
Your friend
David Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas, Santa Claus. And I want a pair of roller skates. And I want a Raggedy Ann doll. But the best presents of all other toys is a golden ring and a necklace. And in my stocking I wish had a candy cane and a little doll and a And Santa when you come to my house I have some cookies and milk and I'm 8 year old and I want some Barbie doll And a presents to my best friend Vicky And Santa I Love you.
Love,
Priscilla Guzman,

We greet an old fashioned Christmas with a song of joy and gladness, and raise our voices in a sweet melody filled with fond feelings and thanks.

LaMantia, Cullum, Collier & Co. of Dimmitt, Inc.
VEGETABLE PROCESSORS & SHIPPERS
Kimmie Moyer, Lee Drake, Frank Torris, Don Cox, Doyle Morris, Donna Allen, Jim Bob Ellis, Kenny Powell, Maurice Powell

Dear Santa,
I've been a prettey good boy. I'm 9 years old my birthdays on Nov 24.. And for Chrsmay I a toy train. or a race track or a par of Roller skates. And when you come to my houes I want a big candy cane in my stocking. by I havet to now.
Love
Cody Bill Gourrity

Dear Santa,
I want a electric football game and a pellet gun and maybe a racen track and a skat bord and a model air plane. And one more thing I've been good this year.
Your friend,
Tracy Comardelle

Dear Santa,
I want a pare of skates and a baby stroller. I want a Baby doll To play with and I want a jump-rope. I want a stuffed animal too, and I want a Puppert. I hope I'm good enough to get all of these things.
Mary Christmas,
Love,
Heather Ritter

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas, a ball, a doll for Christmas. I have been good all year long at school I love my friend. I play with them. I love my teacher bring my teacher a ring.
My Name is Estella. I want a doll that drinks a bottle and a tedey bear for Christmas
Love
Estella Espinosa
Merry Christmas To All

OUR SAVIOR IS BORN

A Blessed Spirit touches heaven and earth recalling a miraculous story of Love and Birth. In reverence we pray for your happiness and say thanks for the gift of your friendship.

Hubert Backus, Mgr.
Jim Hoelting, Salesman
Mark Gerber, Plant Operator
Violet Barton, Secretary

Riverside Chemical Co.

Please shop Dimmitt first!



May the glow of our warmest wishes be with you. Merry Christmas, and thanks.

Dodd Oil Co., Inc. Gulf Products

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa, I want a coat and four pairs of socks and a sweetie face. Tow Barbies one for my sister and one for me and This is what I want for my mommy is some dishes for my mommy and for my Daddy is a CB, and for my baby sister is five dolls. And some three pairs of pants for my baby sister and for Mrs. Peirce is a ring and a necklace for Mrs. Peirce. Two pairs of roller skates for my cousing Rey is a football and for my cousin Amy is a swetie face and a happy knew year

Live, Donna Velasquez

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a Snoopy soft house.

Love, Caroline Downing

Dear Santa Claus I want a doll of any kind. I want a Merlin. I want some pom-poms. I want some Levis. I want some moon boots. A water bed if possible. And mom wants bells, gawns, Posters. And my dad want livis, shirts.

Love, Carla Parks

Dear santa I want a bike and a pair of skates and a pair of boats and a jewelry bar and a watch for Christmas. How is Mrs. santa and you? Bye Santa Claus.

Love, Ginger Sears

Dear Santa, I want a bike and a truck. I want a racetrack. How are you? How is Rudolph? How are all the Raindeer? I want a beebie gun and a watch for my dad.

Love, Scott Stahl

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a pickup.

Love, Michael Fuentes

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a dolly.

Love, LaWanda Ward

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a Snoopy soft house.

Love, Gala Webb

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good. Please bring me some toys.

Love, Michael Carrasco

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a Barbie and roller skates.

Love, Rachel Salinas

Dear Santa, How are you? I am fine. I want a skate board. How are your deer.

Love, Jessica Wimberley

Dear Santa, I want a Typewriter. And a Jeep C.J. Snaketrace for my bother. And some earrings for my ears. How is all the deer doing? And how is Mrs. Claus?

Love, Diane Peralez

Dear Santa, I want a tcr racing track and a bike a pelletgun and a moetercomtrolecar a box of candly and drums. and I want to know how you are and how miss santa is and how the raindeers are and would you please buy this things.

Love, Robert Vera

Dear Santa Claus, I want a record player. I wonder if Rudolph is still with you. If he is I would like a picture of him and your picture too. I hope nobodys sick Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa Claus, will you sent a picture of Santa on his sleigh and the reindeer, too?

Love, Amparo Villanueva

Dear Santa, I would like a watch and a purse. We would all like a trampoline.

I like you a lot. Love, Kara Schulte

Dear Santa Claus, I want a car that has a contor. Then I want a mororcicle. And then I want a gocart. I wan a car maker so I can make my on cars. And I need 1000.00. I want some moon boots. I want a football and a kikstand with the football. I want a new bike. Thank you.

love, Roy Nelson

Dear Santu I want a bike and I wood like some drumes for Christmas and I wood inded like a new house. how are you I would like to see you with your deer and I saw you in the courthouse and you gave me candy cane and that all I want

Love, Martin Hernandez Jr.

Dear Santa Claus I want a tenspeed. And a car How are you and Mrs Claus. Is Rudolph and the others Raindeers. We have 5 children in our family

Love, Robert Sanchez

Dear Santa, Would you bring me a bike and a Tonka truck and would y give me a small bunny and a Jack Rabbit and if you well I'll thank you.

By David Arguijo

Merry Christmas!



A Holiday Prayer

We extend heartfelt wishes and pray that the season's joys be yours this Christmas. Thanks to our devoted friends.

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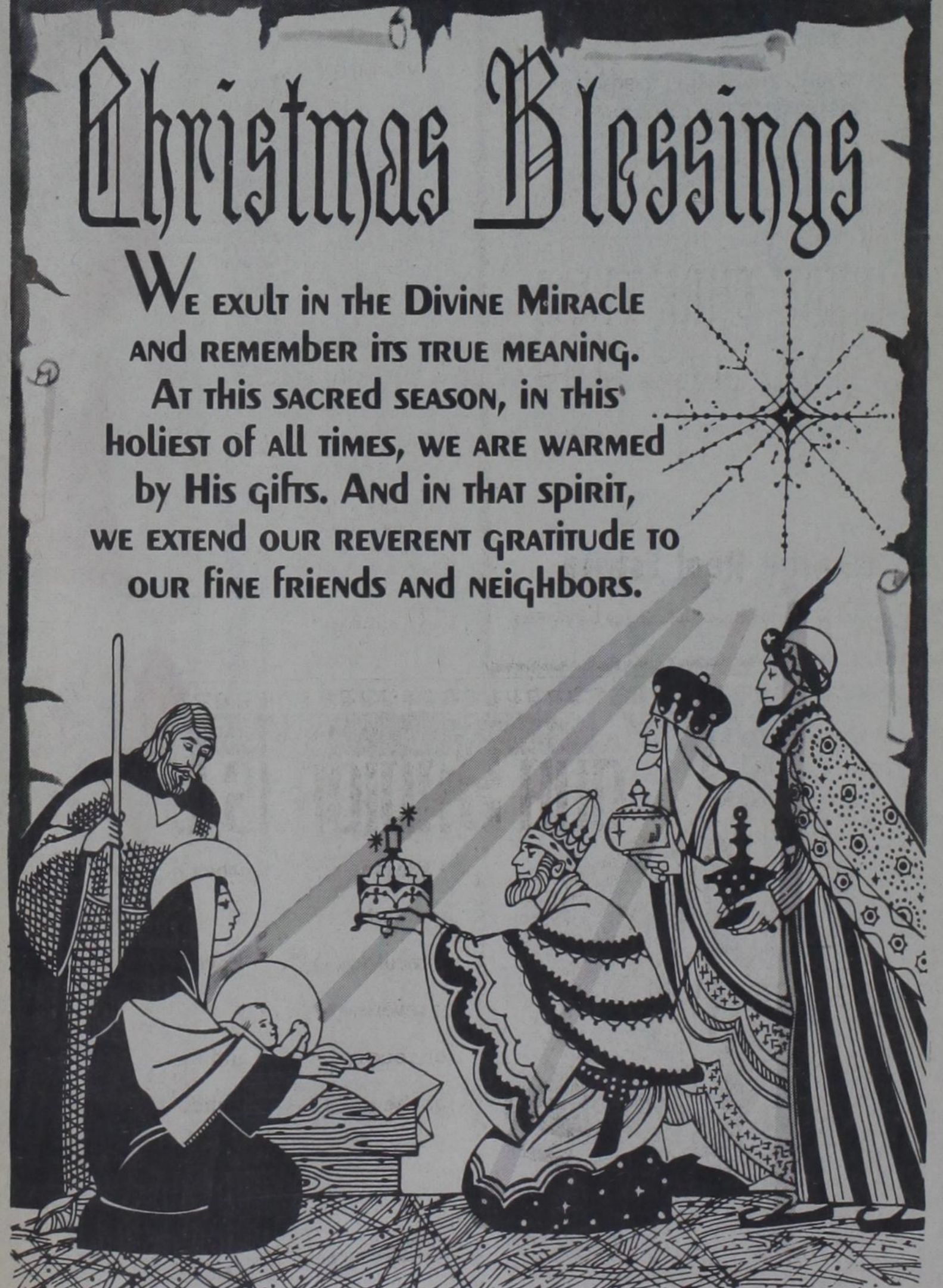
REJOICE

Let us glory in the wonder of Our Saviour's birth, as we share the infinite blessings His message brings. Thanks to our faithful friends at this hallowed season.

FARMERS GRAIN CO.

DeWayne Brown, Mgr.

Hart, Texas



Christmas Blessings

We exult in the divine miracle and remember its true meaning. At this sacred season, in this holiest of all times, we are warmed by His gifts. And in that spirit, we extend our reverent gratitude to our fine friends and neighbors.

Goodpasture, Inc.



Letters to Santa Claus



Dear Santa,
I want a bike. I want a record of sound waves. I want a doll. I want some earrings. how is Rudolph. I hope he has some friends now. Tell him that I am still his friend. How are you, Santa. I am fine. I hope you have fun giving presents. Well, I hope you have a Merry Christmas to. And that all I want now. Well I better go, by!

Love,
Irma Soler

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and a chinese checkers and a calculator and a speller and a Fresh and Fancy make up and a baby Reach and a dolly and a camera and a Snoopy back pack and a purse and a cat.

Love,
Toni Falcon

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a new bike, and a Tonka truck with the action figure and some roller skates and a foot ball, and a skate board.

And how are the deer?
And you and Mrs. Santa Claus?

And last of all I want the Star Wars action figures.

Love
Brian Nelson

Dear santa, I am Anthony and I am very very nice and I want chewbacca and also a train if you have one and a watch do you have a sled.

I like you santa.

Jason Waller,
Anthony.

Dear Santa
I want a Trampoline. I want a Barbie Doll. I want a Bike. I want a swing pool. I want a dinome ring. I an 8 yere old.

by Jackie

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old. I can decerate a Christmas tree. What I can't do is ride a sleigh in the sky. Do you have a bike in your bag? I like your long white beard.

Your friend
Stephanie D.C.

Dear Sant,
I been happy all year long. Please bring me a Doll and buggy. Would you bring me a pair of mittens? I like your red suit.

Your firend,
Kay Lynn Ethridge

Dear Santa
I like you very much and I have been listening to my parents. Would you bring me a table for Christmas and how do your deers fly?

Your friend,
Gracie Herrera

Dear Santa,
I love You. I have been good. Please bring me an Indian house and a car.

Love,
Christy Beliz

Dear Santa Claus
I want a bike that is black and if you can't find one. Then buy me a gocart. And send me check for \$100.00 dollars.

Love
Randy Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a chewbacca for my brother sow he can be happy. By you friend Junior Vargas

Your friend,
Tonya Lamberth

Dear Santa,
I can swim. I am 8 years old. I want a Rabbit coat, a Sewing Machine and a Barbie doll. I like you

Your friend,
Tonya Lamberth

Dear Santa,
I want all the family to be together for Christmas.

Love,
David Edwards

Dear Santa,
I love You. I have been good. Please bring me a ball and a car.

Love,
Michael Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a rough truck.

Love,
Kyle Kenmore

Dear santa
I have red hair. When I sleep I sleep on my side. What are you going to bring me? If you are, I want a gokart, miniture john deer tractors, a new horse, and saddle. I like you very much.

Your best friend,
Ben Scott

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a motorcycle.

Love,
Toby Wimberly

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me a Barbie house and a girl that play tennis? And then I want a Ronald McDonald that has a whistle with him. Then I want to go home to see my dad cause I've missed him a lot and then I want to say I love him and I love you, too, Santa Claus.

Love,
Cindy Paiz

Christmas Greetings

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline, roller-skates and a overn to bake things. Well I hope you fill my stockings at home. My house is tan and brown and a fence around it and its red. You're the best. I hope you come to my house. Thank you very much for every thing.

Your friend,
Sandy Garza

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me lots of toys and a candy cane.

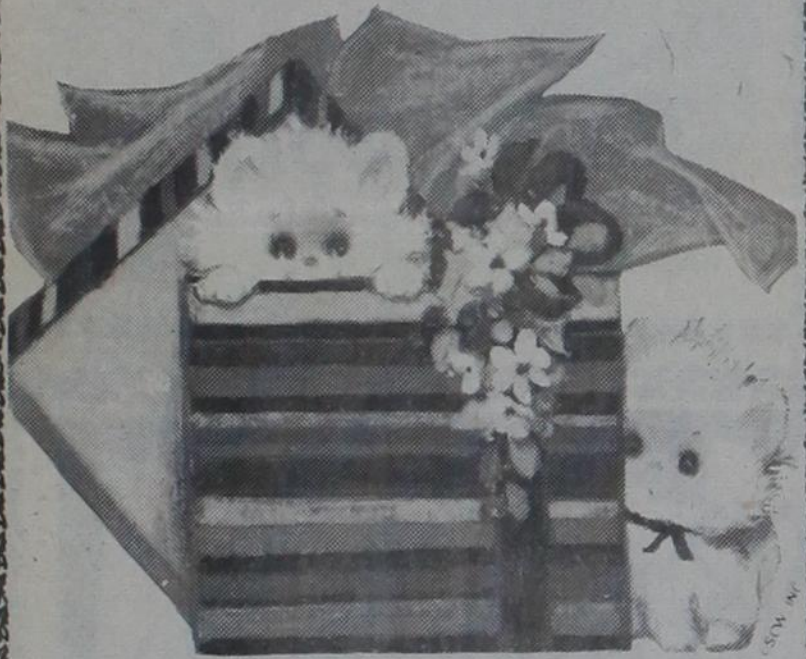
Love,
Ernie Harbison

Dear Santa I am a girl and I'm 9 years old. I have brown eyes and soled of long hair. I have been nice. I would like a trampoline and Roller Skates. And that is all.

Love
Linda Ramo



Merry Christmas



If we could, we'd go around a'carolling:
"We Wish You A Merry Christmas!"

IVEY AGENCY
Thelma Smith

Dear Santa,
Are you going to my house? I have been nice at school. I want a trampoline and a Barbie Doll. I will have for cookies and milk.

Love
Gloria Vasquez

Dear Santa
I am 9 years old. I have brown hair. I am 4 feet tall. I have hazel eyes.

Santa you are nice to me. You bring me nice toys for Christmas.

Santa I am a very nice girl. Santa for Christmas I want a trampoline and a watch and a sweetie face doll and AFN radio and tape player two tape called Village people and one mor tape but I don't know the other one yet.

Your best friend,
Christy D. Stroud.

JOY TO ALL



We're hoping Santa's got you on his very special list for all the good things of this very Merry Christmas Season.



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

Merry, Merry Christmas!

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ROSE ACKER [left] and Rosetta Bellinghausen look through a book of mementos of their native Italy. Their relatives in Salerno and Pompeii escaped the worst fury of the Nov. 30 earthquake, but are now "camping

Italian relatives spend Christmas in tent camps

This Christmas is not a very merry one for the Italian relatives of Rosetta Bellinghausen and Rose Acker because of the Nov. 30 earthquake.

But the relatives report that they are just glad to be alive, and that they have to let time help them put their lives back in order.

Mrs. Bellinghausen's

about dimmitt and castro county

by b. m. n.

The best spot in any newspaper, to make a frank and sincere statement, is the left hand column of the front page. It so happens this is my column anytime I want to use it for whatever purpose. This week the main thought I want to get across is that the entire staff here at The News extends best wishes for a happy holiday season and a Merry Christmas to everyone.

It doesn't matter how gloomy world conditions may seem, or if the economy is a little tight at home, the Christmas spirit has a way of making things seem brighter, and if allowed to take over, renews our faith and hope in looking for better things in the New Year.

Let's hope that the hostages, or prisoners, being held by the Iranians, the spots of tension throughout the world, inflation and unemployment on the national scene, will be released and brought under control early in the new year. That's a lot to ask for, or to expect, but it is not too much to hope and pray for.

As usual Dimmitt and area merchants and businesses are using the pages of the News to extend Christmas greetings to everyone in the community. As you read their messages remember this is their method of extending best wishes and greetings to you and yours.

Merry Christmas from us, also!

Names of residents who contributed to Operation Christmas Greeting by last Wednesday appear on a full-page Community Christmas Card in this issue of the News.

These others, whose contributions were received after the deadline, also extend wishes for a merry Christmas:

- J. R., Mary Jo, Jill and Blake Brown
- Jimmy and Gwen Buckley
- Earl and Gerry Chaney
- Jack Cartwright
- Lloyd and Augusta Farris
- James, Patricia and Cheryl Powell
- Teresa and John Sirmans
- Don and Ginger Scarborough
- Ralph and Avis Smith
- The Charles Summers Family

out' to avoid being caught in their homes by possible follow-up tremors. The quake destroyed cities, killed thousands of people and left more than 300,000 homeless.

mother and her sister's family live in Salerno, and another sister's family lives in Pompeii. Both coastal cities are south of Naples and in a region of Italy that has a history of seismic activity. The recent earthquake was Europe's worst in 65 years, killing thousands and leaving more than 300,000 homeless.

Mrs. Bellinghausen tried frantically for three days to phone her relatives, calling about every hour, before finally reaching anyone.

"I want to say a great thanks to Dimmitt operators," she said, adding, "They had a lot of patience with me."

Her brother-in-law, Vittorio Petraccone, said that his family and others were camping outside of their houses for fear of being trapped inside when more tremors or quakes came. About 40 people were staying in their backyard. He had been inside of the house only for a brief time when the phone rang, and he intended to stay in the house only as long as was absolutely necessary.

Petraccone said that the Sunday of the big quake had been a beautiful, warm day. People were out walking, jogging and bike riding. Others were having a leisure-

ly evening meal.

Suddenly everything was jumping up and down, he said, and the first earthquake tremor lasted one minute and 24 seconds. Everyone was terrified. They were more frightened than during the war and bombing or during the volcano eruption, because this time there was no place to go, he related.

"You could just hear the people scream," Mrs. Bellinghausen's sister in Salerno, Mrs. Carlo Cascillo, said in a more recent phone conversation. "You look outside and everything is bad."

Mrs. Acker said that for her cousin to say it is bad, "it must be worse." The relatives have never in years past leaned toward sensationalism, and Mrs. Acker apparently felt that her family was not now telling how bad the situation really was.

The nine-story condominium where Mrs. Cascillo lives still stands, but she said that the clinic where she works as a nurse collapsed during the earthquake. An emergency clinic was set up, she added, and now there is much disease among survivors.

The Pompeii ruins are now closed for six months because [See RELATIVES, Page 9B]

Lonny Rhynes says he plans no major changes in the Castro County Sheriff's Office when he officially becomes the new sheriff next Thursday.

After the death of sheriff-elect Joe Ben Mitchell, the naming of a successor fell to the county commissioners. Rhynes, a former deputy who ran second to Mitchell in the Democratic primary, was named as the appointee. He is to be sworn into office next Thursday morning as the first official act of the new commissioners' court.

Rhynes said the Sheriff's Office staff "is pretty well going to stay the same."

The present staff includes Deputies W. J. Crews, Ray Aleman and Ronnie Ballew. Jerry Jansa serves as a deputy and dispatcher. The other dispatchers are Earlene West, Art Kasher and Coy Dunn.

Rhynes will continue living in Hart, where he owns his home, and he will name a chief deputy for the city of Dimmitt. He said he will discuss the appointment with his deputies before a chief deputy is selected.

Although the state does not require that deputies take law enforcement courses through the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Rhynes said that attendance will be necessary for his deputies.

"They want to," Rhynes said of the present deputies' plans to take the PRPC courses in specialized areas, adding, "It doesn't hurt to have a refresher course."

Rhynes mentioned that he may attend the Dept. of Public Safety Academy's special course for sheriffs when it is again offered.

The appointee said that his feelings about suddenly becoming the new sheriff in January are "hard to describe" and that he wished the circumstances had been different.

"I'm looking forward to working with the commissioners' court, with the citizens and to any help they can give," Rhynes said, adding that he also looks forward to working with other law enforcement officials in our county and in the surrounding counties.

Weather

[Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.]

	Hi	Lo
Thursday	75	39
Friday	76	23
Saturday	27	15
Sunday	26	15
Monday	39	20
Tuesday	62	21
December Moisture	1.06	
1980 Moisture	12.32	

KDHN RADIO

US Weather Observer

Young Farmers, Homemakers honor year's award winners

The Dimmitt Young Homemakers and Young Farmers held their annual Awards Banquet Saturday in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church.

They were entertained by Eddy Nicholson, Lubbock's "Rocking Chair Philosopher." He related some of the humorous parts of his childhood in Bucksport, Tenn. He also told the group of his philosophy of life which is to "live well, laugh often and love much."

Debbie Annen and Teresa Parsons were both honored as Outstanding Young Homemakers for the year. Steve Olsen was named Star Farmer. Young Homemakers hardest working new member was Sherri Baldrige. Joyce Wright was named hardest working Young Homemaker.



TODAY'S THE DAY!—They've met him, talked with him, written pleading letters to him, and tried to be as good as they possibly could. And today's the big day, when the jolly old elf makes his trip from the North Pole, leaving toys and gifts to

delight boys and girls everywhere. This awe-filled meeting took place when Santa Claus visited Dimmitt during the recent Christmas Heralding Party on the courthouse lawn, when the community Christmas tree was lighted.

Nevada-Utah area favored for MX missile locations

Military spokesmen reiterated the Air Force's preference for site location in Nevada and Utah in their unveiling of the third Draft Environmental Impact Statement in Albuquerque.

They added, however, that deployment of the 200 missiles in Eastern New Mexico-West Texas remains a "viable alternative."

The MX Proposal calls for 200 missiles which will be shuffled between 4,600 shelters to keep their location a secret.

Air Force representatives, as well as representatives of HDR Sciences of Santa Barbara, Calif., the private firm contracted to prepare the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), addressed the problem of creating a boom-bust economy.

The HDR representative said they would provide incentives for construction workers to live in the metropolitan areas. "Or," he added, "we'll ask that they leave their families at home or have them live in metropolitan areas."

He also said some construction materials would be purchased in areas other than the deployment area, claiming that boom-bust is caused by increased spending in small communities.

Maj. Dick Bryan emphasized that purchasing construction materials in affected areas "would only be fair," but that city planning would

ease the problem.

The Air Force is considering "life support camps" which would be "very, very temporary living quarters," officers said.

The effect of the added work force for construction of the project would be an initial need for 23,000 housing units in the area, according to the EIS. After completion of the construction, slightly more than 3,000 housing units will be required.

There will also be the need for large numbers of health care, education and public safety personnel when construction is in full swing. Most of these personnel would no longer be needed after the system's completion.

The Air Force estimated the cost of the project at \$33.8 billion. The General Accounting Office estimates the cost at \$66 billion, and still others studying the system say the cost will go as high as \$100 billion.

Officials said that water

depletion would not be substantially changed by the MX system.

The system would use 30,000 acre-feet at peak year 1987 and 13,000 acre-feet yearly during system operations.

Short-term withdrawals from groundwater aquifers will increase depletion rates by up to five percent, according to the EIS.

"The MX will use only about seven percent of the water," Maj. Bryan said. "We're talking about a very small amount of water."

Maj. Mike Havey added

that the aquifers would recover naturally following construction.

The Air Force is reportedly planning to adhere to a Department of Defense standard of required safety zones between inhabited buildings and places where explosives are stored (6,225 feet between inhabited dwellings).

The safety zone is usually required when liquid fuels are used. The MX uses solid fuel and is reportedly safer than missiles which use liquid fuel, such as the Titan.

When questioned about the fact that the MX would be propelled by liquid fuel, Maj. Havey maintained that its placement in the missile would be safe.

The Nevada-Utah area is favored by the Air Force because those states' smaller populations ease security and logistical problems and because little of the needed land is privately owned, officials reported.

In the New Mexico-West [See MX Missile, Page 14B]

History books due in Monday

Castro County's history books will be here by Monday.

The books will be delivered to Cowser Abstract & Title Co., at Bedford and Broadway, and those who have ordered books can pick them up there.

"The books were supposed to have been delivered by Dec. 15, but the publishers said a holdup in the binding process caused the delay," Clara Vick, publicity chairman for the book committee, said.

The books are \$45 plus \$2.25 sales tax. There is an additional charge of \$2.25 postage on books to be mailed. Of the total production of 1,550, approximately 1,200 were ordered in advance, leaving 350 available for public sale.

New building's dedication is slated Monday

Dedication of the new county building that will house the Dept. of Human Resources offices will be held Monday at 10 a.m.

The building, located east of the Dimmitt City Hall, is being provided by Castro County as required by the state.

The state agency is providing all the finish work inside of the building, and will pay for its own utilities and other needs. The Dept. of Human Resources, now housed at Northwest Third and Halsell with the Community Action offices, will occupy about half of the new building, with the rest of the building vacant for the time being.

Staff and programs provided through the local agency include food stamp worker Debbie White, secretary Anita Velasquez, receptionist Mary Lou Lumbrera and the Aid to Families with Dependent Children worker K'Linn Borchardt from Tulia.

Presently, two vacancies exist in the department. They include a food stamp worker and a protective worker for child abuse and neglect. The agency's supervisors are in Amarillo and Plainview, and other workers are from Hereford.

Home lighting winners named

Winners of the annual Christmas Home Lighting Contest, sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, were announced Friday evening with Jeff and Karen Robertson capturing first place honors. The Robertsons received a \$25 gift certificate for their award-winning home, located at 615 NW Seventh St.

Second-place winners were George and Sharri Lamberth at 1608 Sunset Circle who received a gift certificate for \$15.

A gift certificate of \$10 was given to third place winners V. C. and Dorothy Hopson of 1610 Sunset Circle.

Although no prize was given for commercial decorations, the judges give special mention to the Dimmitt Amstar Plant for its lighting.

The judges also commended other homes with special lighting and decorations that would be worth taking time to drive and see. They included the homes of Gene Bradley, Cemetery Road; Don Carpenter, East Highway 86; Donald Wright, southeast of Dimmitt; T. H. Dodson, 507 W. Lee; Bill Gregory, 721 W. Maple; George Sides, six miles west of Dimmitt; and Joe Josselet, 1630 Sunset Circle.

The Home Lighting Contest was sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

Sheffy's Chatter

Parties highlight holiday week

By MYRTLE SHEFFY
This has been another week of Christmas parties — next week folks are going places.

Last Saturday evening Jerry and Sherri Matthews were hosts at a supper of pick-up food and card games for quite a few friends. Here they are: Danny and Sharla Vaughn, Randy and Joyce Bills from Earth, Gary and Ronda Wise of Sunnyside, Kim and Norman Hays, Jeff and Karen Robertson, Steve Nutt and Teresa Criswell, Rick and Joyce Wright, Gary and Renee Webb, Carter and Diane Townsend, Darrell and Beth Buckley, Dudley and Bobbie Wooten, Shanni and Rex Lust and the Matthews.

The personnel of the county courthouse had a very good supper such as turkey and dressing, baked ham, salads and good pecan pie served buffet style at the Expo building Friday night. I went as guest of Beral Hance. Rev. and Mrs. Bedford Smith were guests and I met Mary Ann Turner and Matey Sanders of Anton. Mary Ann will be living in Dimmitt now, but they are visiting deputy sheriff W. J. Crews.

The sheriff-elect Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Rhynes and three children were introduced as were all of them. I met Jerry Jansa of Hart and the new patrolman.

Charles and Estella Hotel and son Robbie hosted niece Dana Hotel, a Tech student, her home is A&M where her dad is a professor — anyway they left home Monday for Oklahoma to visit kin. Oh yes, their daughter Julie will meet them at A&M to go see an aunt and Charles' sister at Norman, Okla., his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hotel at Davis, Okla., and enroute home a stop in Chattanooga, Okla. to visit Estella's mother, Mrs. Irene Anderson.

Scott Bagley came home for Christmas from A&M and Kelly home from San Angelo University.

Jerry and Edna Kittrell were hosts at a dinner and theatre at Country Squire in Amarillo Saturday evening. The show was "A Day in New

York." Guests were Wayne and Carmen Henderson, Peggy Davis, Martin Tucker and Scott Sheffy.

Bill and Joanne Snider were hosts at a big dinner — Christmas type — for their girls Laine from Tech and Linsae, a teacher at Baytown. The George Bagleys, Scott and Kelly, Charles and Estella Hotel, and Robbie and the nice Dana Hotel were guests.

Tracy Compton finished her exams at Texas Tech Wednesday and came to Dimmitt to stay all night with her grandmother, Beral Hance. Tracey is Linda Murphree's oldest daughter and is a freshman at Tech. She Pledged Delta Delta Delta Sorority. She will spend Christmas in Denver with her family.

Kenneth Odom and his wife Judy and their children, Kevin, Julie and Jason of Salem, Illinois are here visiting his parents, M. B. and Lucille Odom and all the other relatives. Kenneth said Salem is in pretty country with rolling hills and lots of trees; it is farming country, too. He is with Barton Air Traffic Control which is under the Dept. of Commerce. After the holidays he will go to New Orleans on business for his company.

Don Elliott has had knee surgery recently at Highland Hospital in Lubbock. Mrs. Elliott and son brought him home Saturday.

Helen Richardson went to Dallas this past weekend to visit Bob's girls and families, then to Hugo, Okla. to be with brother Bob Estes, eannie and all for the Christmas time. She stopped in Vernon enroute to visit with the Richardson families.

Faun Welker goes to Denver, Colo. for the holidays to visit with her daughter Mrs. Lee Ochsner and family.

Ruth Wooten was hostess at a party at Western Circle Christian Church, Fellowship Hall with a party for the women's council. Kay Kellar and Elsie Smith did the program. There was white elephant gift exchange with all the guests, and gifts were brought for two boys at the Cookson Hills childrens home.

Many gifts were given to the Senior Citizen building fund in memory of Joe Ben Mitchell. Carolyn received many lovely flowers too.

Mary Frances Davis of Sweetwater came this far with her daughter Prissy and Larry Fossom and children to visit M.F.'s sister Ceal Carlike and Prissy's aunt. The Fossoms had been to Houston, Dallas and Sweetwater visiting kin. They were enroute home which is north at Elly, Nevada.

Jacalyn Thompson was the birthday girl Thursday, Dec. 18. So mama Carolyn and dad Jack baked a cake and asked friends in. This group of girls went caroling and stopped here to sing songs. Here are the names of very pretty girls: Anessa Scott, Cara Odom, Ronna Lewis, Gay Waggoner, Jamie Reeve,

Laura Nelson, Whitney Warren, Kerri Collins, Sharla Richards, Cinnamon Cox and Jackie Spinherne.

Jimmy and Floyce George hosted the Christmas dinner on Sunday for that family, honor guest is mama Cletha George. Jack and Chollis and their family were here from Tucumcari and all the grands and their families came.

Recent company at the James Bradford house were the Herbert Boswells and Craig Dickey from Lubbock and their friend Shorty Decker from Richardson and Bill Green from out of town.

Jim Cowsert and children Katy and Kent of Abilene and Carole and Ronnie Farris, Camille and Flynn of Dalhart were here Sunday from an early Christmas with Jack and Myrna Cowsert. The Farris visited his folks in Hart.

Charlotte Sageser was hostess with a luncheon and bridge party one day last week. Her guests were Susie Bradford (Mrs. Jack) — she says she won high score for her very first time, that was fun. Also Kay Wardlaw, Brenda Seeley, June Sutton, Jean DuLaney, Lee Ann Davis and Vicki Bryant. The group had their Christmas exchange of gifts.

A group of ladies went to "Tara," that nice restaurant in the Colonial home north of Lubbock for lunch. This was on a Thursday. Going were Doris Lust, Ina Cleavinger, Dorothy Gilbreath, Dorothy Mayfield, Jo

Eddie Riley, Carolyn Jones, Ruth Jackson, Polly Simpson, and Shirley Wise. Tara was formerly owned by Charles E. Armstrong's parents.

Jimmy and Joyce Davis and little Jeremy were hosts at a Christmas coffee at the law library for all the courthouse people. Beral Hance, the district and county attorneys secretary assisted. Joyce baked the pretty cake and cookies. Some of the News people were there, Don Nelson, Mrs. Lance Louder, Betty and Doyle Hoover and Jerry Marvin Hanners. Probably 25 courthouse folks.

David and Rhonda Schaeffer had a Christmas dinner party Tuesday evening for 20 of their friends. Games and conversation were the pastime.

Jeffrey Heffernan of Pleasanton, that is in south Texas, has been here to see Larry and Tammi Robb. I saw them at church.

P. P. and Madge Robb, their son Ted and Jean went to Lubbock to attend the marriage of grandson Richard Robb and Julie Parsons at the Presbyterian Church. Both are students at Tech. Richard is the son of Don and Sharon of Idalou. Others going from here were Leon and Billie Hill and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Langford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Brown are having Christmas in Santa Fe with their two daughters and families.

Barbara Snell, youth director and intern at the

Methodist Church will be with her family in Wichita, Kansas for Christmas.

Reggie Quiett, Texas Tech student is home with his parents Howard and Frances Quiett.

David Nelson is home from U.T. to be with his family Don and Verbie and Connie is here from Perkins School of Theology in Dallas. Merry Christmas to the News people.

Ramona Annen was hostess to the Wednesday duplicate bridge club at the Senior Citizens Center with dinner there. Members playing were Carlee Warren, Gladys Benson, Allen Webb, Tina Rawlins, LaDonna Reeves, Seletha Gohlson from Hereford, Jeannie Miller, Genevieve Howe, Faun Welker, Dalia Gregory. Myrtle Sheffy was guest player.

Cleo Forson was hostess with a ham dinner and bridge Thursday. Her players were Helen Richardson Opal Burks, Betty Cartwright, Rosalie

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Mrs. Seely's brother is master violin-maker

(Reprinted from the Lamesa Press-Reporter)

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Lamesa's Vernon Flenkiken is carving a name for himself in the world of violin making. Flenkiken is the brother of Mrs. Gene (Cleo) Seely of Dimmitt.

Flenkiken started two years ago after studying at Howard College in Big Spring under Denver Pettit, an elder student of the art who has been making violins for more than 40 years.

In the last two years Flenkiken has made six violins, each taking about four months to complete.

"The first one was for my wife, and the next five have been for my children," he said. "This one is for me, and it will probably be for sale."

Flenkiken's violin placed third in workmanship, seventh overall at the International Violin and Guitar Makers Association contest and convention in Mesa, Ariz.

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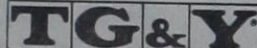
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open letter

Jim Aldridges send Christmas greetings

Dear Friends,

A cheery hello to everyone! I know Santa Claus will come to see all of you because I know how good all of you have been. This will be mine and Jim's first year away from home on Christmas, but there are lots of things that could be worse than that. We will have Genita and her girls with us.

Jim is still in ICU, it will be a year Jan. 30. He is doing fairly well right now. Hope this finds all of you well. "Wishing a Merry Christmas to All."

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'Tis the season of highway danger

Major C. W. Bell, regional commander of the Texas Dept. of Public Safety, said that the Christmas-New Year's season is traditionally one of the most dangerous driving periods.

The problem, he noted, is increased by the large number of people taking holiday trips and driving to "seasonal" parties.

Bell reported that the majority of holiday traffic

deaths will be caused by drinking drivers or by driving at excessive speeds.

"In order to spare the Texas people all this grief and misery, all motorists should stay within the 55 mile speed limit and, above all, don't drink and drive," Major Bell said.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients in Hospital:

- Josephine Jackson
- Luther Kilgore
- Lecora Moore
- Jesus Salinas
- Howard Bridges
- Father Stanley Crocchiola
- Eddie Schulte
- Ethel Lacy
- Marcelina Perez
- Felicita Falcon
- Helen McLean
- Edna Goolsby

Patients Dismissed:

- Billie Meacham
- Georgia Brown
- Artie Cone
- Leora Calhoun
- Choc Lay
- W. M. Keating
- Melissa Garcia
- Connie Cassels
- Gloria Mason
- Howard Bridges
- Marta Irlbeck
- Concepcion Castillo
- Susie Martinez
- Bob Baker
- Delores Silva
- Buster Cooper

More about

Chatter ...

[Continued from Page 2] Markley, Myrtle Sheffy, Alice Decuffa, Emily Clingsmith won high score, Paul Welker 2nd high, Jeannie Miller, Jonnie Vannoy and Oleda Schumacher.

Many of us went to city hall Thursday afternoon for the business meeting of Dimmitt Agri Industries. President George Sides presided, manager Bill Clark gave the report of operations and margins, Charles Axtell read the minutes, Jerome Brockman gave the invocation. Audit report was by Bill Sims of Lubbock. Door prizes were given. Secretaries Mrs. Stump and June Fisher registered the guests and saw to the coffee and doughnuts. Some new board members were elected.

Mrs. W. J. Booher says her son Jim Aldridge, in Baylor Hospital in Dallas, is doing better. She talked to him Sunday. His daughter Genita said he sat up in a chair Saturday and that the skin grafts are "taking." This is good news. Jim wishes everyone here a Merry Christmas.

A FOOL in a high position is like a man on the top of a high mountain; everything appears small to him and he appears small to everybody.

Conservation

Field windbreaks may work for you

By BARNEY G. LEE
Soil Conservation Service

Wind erosion affects every person in Castro County in one way or another.

Several methods of wind erosion control are available to Castro County producers. The method used by a land user is usually determined by his consideration of his needs, equipment, personal preference, and the needs of the land. One method may work for one producer, but may not necessarily be the method needed by his neighbor.

One method of wind erosion control is the use of field windbreaks.

Field windbreaks have taken a new look from the older types that were planted 20 to 30 years ago. The use of evergreen trees and shrubs has become more important in windbreak plantings. Proper windbreak management is essential for new planting as well as old ones.

The Soil Conservation Service assisted 36 producers last year with ordering windbreak trees to be planted in Castro County.

One of the major benefits of field windbreaks is the contribution to wind erosion control, but there are other benefits. Field windbreaks may make good habitat for some types of wildlife, they can help protect rural homes or machinery, and sometimes they are used for the protection of livestock. Properly planned and managed windbreaks can add to the aesthetic value of some farms.

Some other methods of wind erosion control are cropping systems, mulching, Crop residue Management, strip cropping, field borders, and minimum tillage.

One or more of these methods should be used by the land users of Castro County. Each individual should decide on and use those methods which would work best for him and his land.

Field windbreaks are not the solution for every

producer, but they may be the solution for you. No matter what method or methods are chosen, now is the time to start planning ahead for control of wind erosion next year.

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PLAINS MEMORIAL

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Hipolito and Delores Silva became the parents of an 8 pound boy last Wednesday at 12:27 p.m. He has been named Hipolito Jr.

OUT OF TOWN

Duane and Kathy Maurer have a new baby girl, Lori Lee. She was born Dec. 11 in the Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Al Maurer of Nazareth and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Goss of Tulia.

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DR. DON YORK (LEFT) AND STEVE WOOLSTENHULME
Key officials of Central Care Systems, Inc.

Central Care Systems buys South Hills Manor

South Hills Manor has been purchased by Central Care Systems, Inc., (CCS), a company based in Richardson.

The change of ownership became effective Dec. 1.

Steve Woolstenhulme, CCS president, commended the previous owner, Virgil Justice, on the upkeep of the home.

"We feel that the Justices have done a very good job," he said.

Woolstenhulme said the Manor currently has a superior rating, and that probably only 2% of the nursing homes in the state have achieved that status.

Woolstenhulme said CCS owns nursing homes in Oklahoma and the Panhandle of Texas.

He said CCS's first priority with South Hills Manor would be to get more patients. The Manor is licensed to have 118 beds, but at present has only 65 patients.

CCS reportedly won't try to cut the staff, to redecorate, or make major changes in the operation of the home. They

are "very pleased" with the present management and staff, Woolstenhulme said.

Woolstenhulme expected the transition to be so smooth that the patients wouldn't even notice.

Dr. Don York of Canyon supervises CCS Homes in the Panhandle-Plains area. He analyzes the situations in the CCS homes, noting the needs of each and reporting them to CCS.

Dr. York started with CCS Dec. 1, but he has been a licensed administrator of nursing homes for 19 years. For 18 years, he owned a nursing home in Canyon.

Woolstenhulme said the new owners' major concern is proper maintenance.

Woolstenhulme stressed that CCS was not an outside corporation coming in to take funds from the community. He said CCS's purpose was "not to take from the community, but rather, to add to the community." Dr. York added, "We want to join the community."

Woolstenhulme said all funds of the Manor will

remain in the community. He said most purchases will be made locally.

Aside from Woolstenhulme, CCS has four major stockholders who act as a board of directors for the corporation. Lynn Finlinson of Provo, Utah, is Woolstenhulme's partner.

Finlinson and Woolstenhulme started in the real estate business, purchasing primarily apartments. They formed CCS and began purchasing nursing homes because they wanted to work "with a more solidly established piece of property."

They felt nursing homes were handled with more professionalism.

They also wanted to serve people, and felt operating nursing homes was good opportunity for service, he said.

View from the library

By BRICK ATRY

We in the library greet Christmas with some anxiety. Directly afterward all sort of reports and things need to be filled out. Then we have another year to handle with book prices going up, new regulations to regard and new salesmen to greet.

Those of you who picked books for Christmas gifts already know about the fine selection this year. This year of 1980 brought out many fine books, some best sellers, some unknown.

At the library 1980 was a fine year for children's books. The variety this year was fine, indeed. A noticeable omission of integration and anti-racist literature left room for some very delightful books and ones which beginning readers would enjoy. Unfortunately, the sex books for children keep coming out and out, most of them very close to being kiddie-porn (Like the much taunted "Show Me" picture book). Yet, there are even bright spots here as sincere and knowledgeable authors write better ones.

Although this year's non-fiction had well advertised smut, like "Thy Neighbor's Wife" and "Men In Love," there were some real ringers. One which may one day have the most affect is a little known work by Martha Lear called "Heart Sounds." There were, of course, dozens of financial books and several titillating exposes of famous people. Finally, the best development, in non-fiction was the Rockford College Institute, a conservative think-tank which monthly puts out well documented and well written essays on how American liberalism is changing us. Sometimes the acid remarks make the reader's teeth go on edge but the articles always have valid points.

Last but not unimportant, are the booming growths of electronic and computer technological gizmos which will soon influence all libraries to a great extent, even this one.



SANTA CLAUS has made many public appearances locally since he first arrived during the caroling and tree-lighting party on the courthouse square earlier this month. His latest appearance was at the First State Bank of Dimmitt Tuesday, where he was on hand five hours to hear last-minute requests.

OF the 61,500 tee shots taken during the first 35 professional golf tournaments of 1973, twenty-three were holes-in-one. According to statistics, the odds against making a hole-in-one are about 9400 to 1.

Mrs. Hill takes Allsup's course

Dorothy Hill of Dimmitt has received her diploma after completing the Allsup's store manager training course.

The eight-day class is a requirement for new managers, preparing them for the responsibilities of operating an Allsup's store.

According to instructor Larry Watts, "The course is demanding, teaching theory, policies and procedures, as well as practical application. It provides our customers with a professional who is better prepared to meet their needs."

IF YOU'RE a short person, don't "chop up your body" with bold, contrasting colors. Use one all-over color or a mix of soft tones, suggests Nancy Brown, a clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

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- DECEMBER 26 - Roy and Shirley Henderson.
- DECEMBER 27 - Jerry and Beverly Durham.
- DECEMBER 28 - Bob and Jean DuLaney, Fred and Bobbie Bruegel, Steve and Debbie McCord, Charles and Ann Heck, Gregory and Billie Schacher.
- DECEMBER 29 - Hal and Gretchen Brockman.
- DECEMBER 30 - Albert and Rita Hartman, Gerald and Mary Braddock, David and Pat Keith, Eugene and Esther Galan.
- DECEMBER 31 - Jim and June Fisher, Jerry and Dena Phillips, Delton and Sue Tischler, Maurice and Wanda Campbell.

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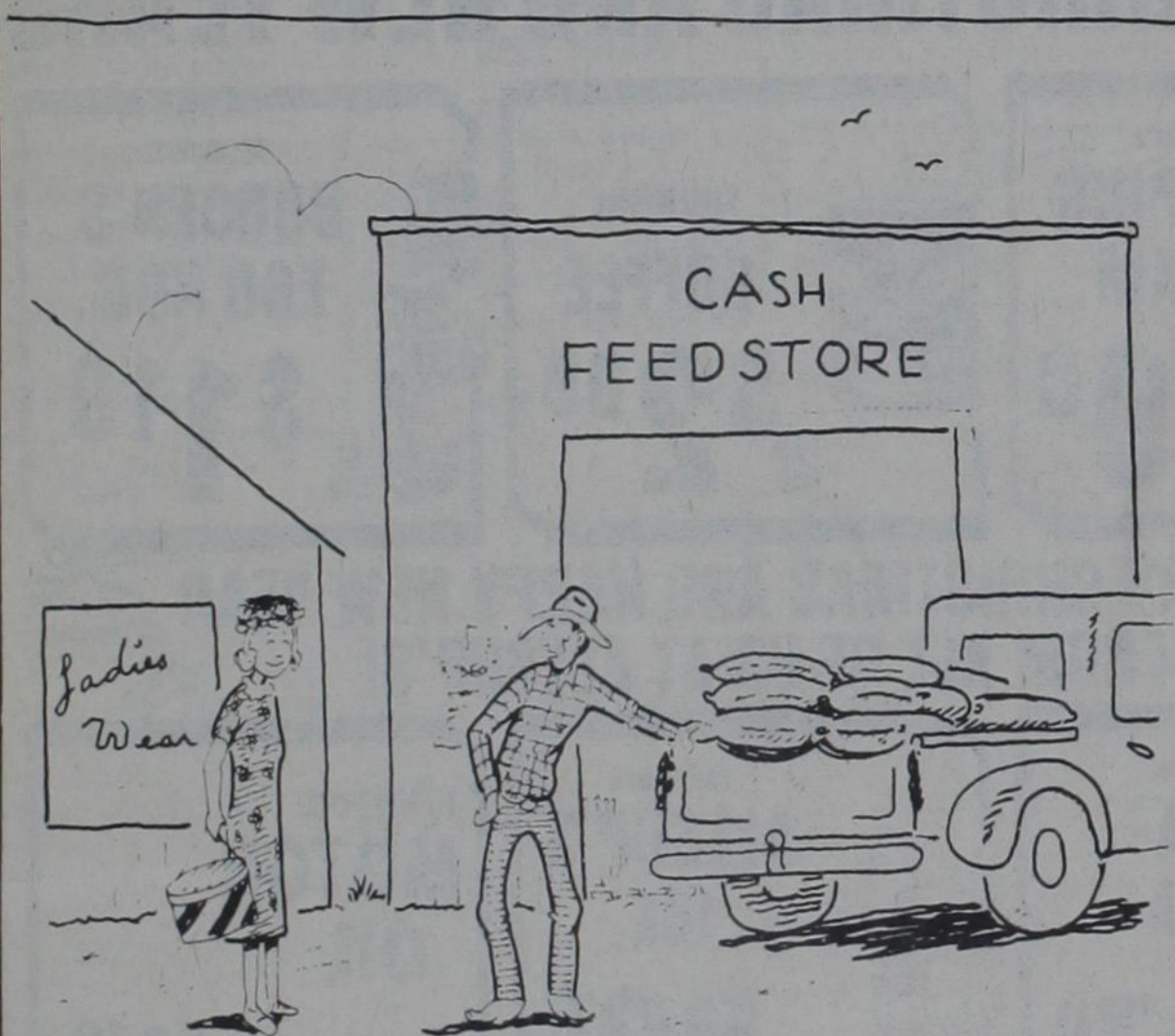
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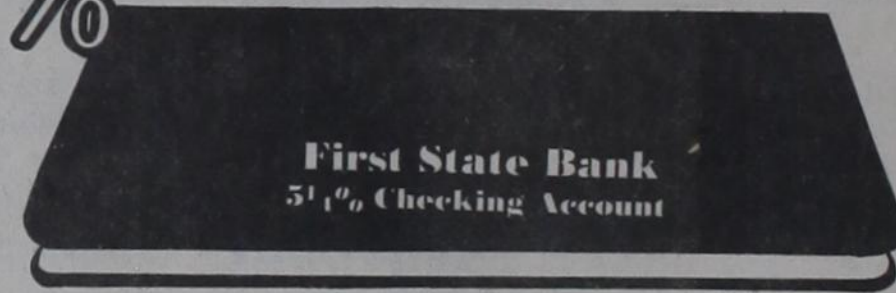
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in the Holy Family Church. The pageant has been widely praised for its original costuming, music and coordination.

THERE was once a law that required residents of Nottingham, Maryland to let their hogs roam free between March 1 and October 22 each year. PERHAPS the reason more twins are being born these days is because kids lack the courage to come into this world alone.

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Social Security
in
Castro County
By JANICE ULMER



If you are a disabled person, today's column will be of particular interest to you. Recent changes in the law are effective this month, December, 1980. These changes are intended to encourage people who receive social security or SSI disability payments to return to work.

The changes are: If a person who is still disabled becomes unable to work within a year after benefits were stopped because of work, payments can be automatically reinstated. A new application is not necessary, but the person must notify social security. If a worker starts receiving social security benefits within five years

after they stopped and he or she had medicare before, medicare can begin immediately. The person will not have to serve another 24 month waiting period.

This is also effective for disabled widows and widowers and adults disabled before age 22 whose benefits start again within seven years.

Medicare coverage will also continue for an additional three years if benefits stop because the disabled person has returned to work. This provision applies only to persons who work in spite of the disabling condition. If the disability improves medically, it will not apply.

Impairment related work expenses can be deducted from a person's earnings in deciding whether he or she is able to do substantial gainful work. These expenses include medical devices and equipment, attendant care, and required drugs and services.

Disabled widows and widowers are now eligible for a trial work period which permits them to test their ability to work and still get benefits.

Social security will pay a reasonable charge for any medical reports it needs and requests.

If you have any questions about any of these changes or think they may apply to you, feel free to call our toll free number, 1-800-392-1603 or stop by our office at 1401-B 5th, Plainview, Texas. We will be glad to answer any questions.

IN 1970, before the draft ended, the percentage of black soldiers in the U.S. Army was 14 percent. At the end of 1978 the percentage had doubled to its present 28 percent.

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Turkey shoot set at Easter

The Easter Lions Club will hold a turkey shoot Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. across the road from the Easter Lions Club building.

There will be a "bacon shoot" with an entry fee of \$2. There will also be "ham and turkey shoots" with entry fees of \$3.

The club will award a 12-gauge Remington 1100 shotgun at the end of the shoot.



JAYCEES PLAY SANTA—Mrs. Dora Mooney of South Hills Manor nursing home receives a basket of fresh fruit and nuts from members of the Dimmitt Jaycees, who distributed 11 of the baskets to Manor residents last Wednesday. Jaycees, from left, are Mike Leavitt, Jim Long, Dale Broadstreet and Curtis Broadstreet.

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Sunnyside

Church tops mission goal

By TEENY BOWDEN
Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Elkins of Olton, parents of Gerald Elkins, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Olton Sunday afternoon. Several from the community attended the celebration.

The church went over its \$1,500.00 goal for Foreign Missions. \$290.00 of the \$1,840.00 given went to Brazil in the Lottie Moon Plus offering.

Mrs. Bruce Bridges, Erin, Robin, and Jonathan, Mrs. E. R. Sadler, and Mrs. Ezell Sadler attended the Christmas Party at South Hills Manor in Dimmitt Tuesday night. Beck Bridges had charge of the rhythm band which presented the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Nelson, Scott and Brandon Cox flew to Dallas Sunday morning to see the Cowboy game with the Philadelphia Eagles. The trip was a birthday present for Scott, Lisa, Laura, and Leslie stayed with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nelson in Dimmitt. They flew home Monday.

Several from the community baked pies for the farm sale of the Darryl McLains in Hart Friday.

Mrs. Gene Ross and Chanin attended the funeral services for her grandmother in Geary, Oklahoma Saturday. She died Thursday just twelve days after losing her husband.

Mrs. Gale Sadler had a Christmas party for the youth of the church Thursday night. They went caroling and then played games and had fondue at her house after the caroling. Those attending were

Lynn Brown and his guests, Bear Bryant and Kathy Kirkland of Lubbock, Ginny and Anne Guy, and Ray Lynn and Kay Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Sadler attended a Farm Bureau Board Member's party in Dimmitt Monday night honoring Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flynt. He will be leaving his F.B. Insurance Agency at the end of the year.

Mrs. Ray Joe Riley attended the Christmas Open House in the home of Mrs. Bill Rich in Hart last Thursday. She and Dorothy Gilbreath attended the brunch and Christmas party of Sue Merritt and Carol Dyer in Hereford last Friday.

Leslie Nelson was honored with a birthday party in her home Thursday afternoon. She was five. Those helping her eat birthday cake and ice cream and play games were Jennifer Fuller, Shellie Lee, Garland Coleman Jr., Tory Bryant, Abby Crawford, and Traci Knox.

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Jones went to San Angelo Monday to go deer hunting and visit with relatives through Wednesday. He got one deer. She took her mother, Mrs. Mae Etta Watts, to her home in Fort Worth last Tuesday.

BYW met Thursday afternoon for Bible study with Mrs. Bruce Bridges in charge. Mission Friends met with Mrs. Jimmy Waggoner also.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dean Carson entertained in their home Friday night with a Christmas party for a few friends.

Mrs. Ray Joe Riley and her sisters fixed a Fiesta supper last Friday night in Hereford for their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Scott, to help them celebrate their December birthdays with their family.

Keiko Naito of Japan, a student of T.W.U. at Denton, arrived in Lubbock by plane Friday, and was met by her hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Wilson. Daneen flew in Saturday and was met by Paul Kelley of Amarillo who brought her home and spent Saturday night and Sunday with the Wilsons. Keiko Naito will be a guest of the Wilsons through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Joe Riley and Jodie entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkerson and

family and some of their friends of Lubbock last Saturday for a pheasant hunt. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Haydon and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cleavinger also visited with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Odom, Kevin, Julie, and Jason of Salem, Illinois left Saturday after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Cox, Brandon and Cinnamon. They came last Friday.

Gerald and Judith Graham of Coshocton, Ohio would like to wish their friends here a Merry Christmas.

Lisa Nelson and the Dimmitt 7th grade team won their game with Muleshoe Monday night 33-15.

Brandon Cox, Scott Nelson, Richard Sauseda and Brad Holcomb and the Dimmitt freshman team lost to Littlefield and Texico in the tournament in Muleshoe. Brad was high scorer in the Littlefield game with 10 points. Richard was high point man in the Texico game with 10 points.

Carrie Sadler and Toby Tischler made 12 points each in the Tulia game in the Canyon tournament winning 51-30 for the Dimmitt junior varsity team. Toby with 14 points helped win 60-28 over Canyon B team, and 14 points in a 35-31 win over Plainview. Carrie made 10 points in the game against Hereford which they lost 30-32.

Mrs. Eddie Haydon and Mrs. Ray Joe Riley helped with a senior class of Springlake-Earth for 1981 dinner at the Church of Christ in Earth Monday.

Mrs. Ray Joe Riley and Mrs. John Gilbreath went to Lubbock Thursday with their Dimmitt bridge club for a Christmas Party and meal out.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Wilson were in Hobbs Wednesday night where Hershel had a program at the Rock Chapel Baptist Church for their Christmas banquet and party.

Kim Haydon was home from South Plains College in Levelland Thursday for the holidays.

Kevin Riley came in from Tech for the holidays and the between semesters break Friday.

Coby Gilbreath came in from South Plains College Thursday for the holidays and

Vandalism in Nazareth investigated

County sheriff's officers are investigating a vandalism problem in Nazareth which was reported by Nazareth

School Supt. John Mason. Mason reported that school buses have been vandalized several times this fall and estimated the total damage at about \$1,000. According to the sheriff's report, the buses have been vandalized while they were parked in the bus barn across from the high school. Damages to date include broken windshields, broken windows and bus seats, mirrors and gear shift knobs which were either removed or damaged and the theft of two exempt license plates. Windshield wiper arms and defroster vents on the buses were also damaged. "We don't carry vandalism coverage on our vehicles," Mason said. "We have to pay for this out of our own pockets."

NHS sweeps past Amherst

The Nazareth Swifts and Swiftettes scored a collective 181 points in a sweep over Amherst Friday night. The Swiftettes, in their highest-scoring game this year, defeated Amherst 101-22. The Swiftettes took an early lead in the first quarter, 32-8, and coasted the rest of the way. High scorers were Sharon Gerber with 24 and Roxane Birkenfeld with 18. The Swifts also maintained a steady lead over Amherst as they raced to a final score of 80-45. High scorers were Bryan Huseman with 20 and Dwayne Acker with 18. The Nazareth JV girls won their game also, 69-21, to make it a three-game sweep.

More about Relatives ...

[Continued from Page 1] of the quake damages, and Petraccone has been placed in charge of their restoration. He is to triple his labor force to insure that the ruins are restored as soon as possible, hopefully before tourist season. Both Pompeii and Salerno rely on tourism, and the cities need that business, Petraccone said, especially now. Mrs. Bellinghausen visited her family in Italy last summer. Mrs. Acker has not seen her relatives for eight years, but she plans to go there in May. "Don't come right now," the Italian relatives stressed. Their morale is low, they are hurt financially, and they need time. But everyone is all right, and that's something to be grateful for this Christmas.

More about Sunnyside

[Continued from Page 8B] noon. J. B. Hensley of Hale Center had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Ezell Sadler Thursday night and visited with the Gale and E. R. Sadlers and the Larry and David Sadlers also. Baldomero and Arjela Sauseda were home from WTSU Friday for the holidays. Chris Elkins was home from South Plains College Thursday for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brown, Jason and Jared had a Christmas party with her family in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Almond Whitford of Springlake Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Lance Louder helped with a hay ride for the youth of the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt Sunday night. They went to Nazareth to see the pageant.



THE HOLY FAMILY returns from Egypt to their home in Nazareth after King Herod's death, in a scene from the Nazareth Nativity Pageant, performed Sunday and Tuesday nights in the Holy Family Church. Actors are Patti Schacher as Mary, Stanley Maurer as Joseph and Wayne Wilhelm as the boy Jesus.

Bobcats capture Reese AFB title

Dimmitt's Bobcats sailed high and buzzed low as they won the championship of the Reese AFB Holiday Tournament. They rang up their highest score of the season as they defeated hapless Brownsville Villa Maria, 104-41, in the opening round last Thursday. Then, after downing Olney by a 60-35 count in the semifinals, the Bobcats posted their lowest-scoring victory of the year as they downed Childress, 41-38. For their championship in the small-school division of the tourney, the Bobcats were awarded the beautiful Commander's Trophy, which is almost as tall as some of the players. Any team that wins the Commander's Trophy three years in a row gets to keep it for good. Kevin Cleveland was named the Most Valuable

Player in Commander's Trophy Division. The sophomore whiz kid scored 60 points in the Bobcats' three tournament games, including 30 against Brownsville. And Randy Washington was named to the all-tournament team, his second such honor this season. The flashy guard scored 53 points in three games, and was Dimmitt's high scorer in the championship game Saturday night. In the Bobcats' slaughter of Brownsville, every player scored and the starting five played only half of the game. Everyone was set for a big showdown when the Bobcats faced Olney in the semifinals Friday. Olney had knocked off previously undefeated Tahoka in the first round. But it turned out to be a false alarm as Dimmitt ripped to an easy 60-35 victory. The Bobcats finally got all the pressure they wanted when they faced Childress in the championship game Saturday night. After starting late because of the state football playoffs, the big Childress lads had posted a good early-season mark — and they almost added Dimmitt to their victim list. Despite shooting their lowest percentage this season from the field, the Bobcats led all the way until in the fourth, when Childress surged ahead by 36-34. Randy Washington tied the score with a pair of clutch free throws — Dimmitt's first of the night — and then Kevin

Cleveland sank a 25-footer after Phil King had come up with a big rebound from a Childress rim-out. As Childress brought the ball down, Cleveland tipped it to Jeff Watts. Then, quicker than Childress could say "uh-oh," a fast-break play of Watts to Cleveland to Washington produced a big basket to give Dimmitt a 40-36 advantage. After another Childress basket, Dimmitt went into its delay game and Joe Nino collected a free throw with 10 seconds left to give the Bobcats their final victory margin of 41-38.

★ REESE AFB TOURNEY

Bobcats 104, Brownsville 41 (Opening Round)

Dimmitt	32	56	74	104
Brownsville	10	25	32	41
FG —	49/85	58%		
FT —	6/10	60%		

SCORING — Dimmitt: K. Cleveland 30, R. Washington 23.

Rebounds, Credits — K. Cleveland 9R 7C, R. Washington 5R, J. Nino 23C, P. King 7R.

Bobcats 60, Olney 35 (Semifinals)

Dimmitt	18	38	50	60
Olney	6	17	23	35
FG —	27/65	42%		
FT —	6/9	67%		

SCORING — K. Cleveland 16, R. Washington 12, J. Nino 8, K. Weatherford 6.

Rebounds, Credits — J. Nino 13R 14C, K. Weatherford 6R, K. Cleveland 13C.

[Bobcats 41, Childress 38 (Championship)]

Dimmitt	14	22	32	41
Childress	12	21	27	38
FG —	19/58	33%		
FT —	3/6	50%		

SCORING — R. Washington 18, K. Cleveland 14.

Rebounds, Credits — R. Washington 9R, K. Cleveland 8C, P. King 9R, J. Nino 13C.

New postmaster named at Earth

Beebie L. Welch has been appointed the new postmaster of Earth, according to Sectional Center Manager/Postmaster C. T. Davis, Jr. of Amarillo. Mrs. Welch has served as a postal clerk at Earth for the past 25 years. Postmasters selected for offices of this size are made on the basis of merit from a list of qualified candidates submitted to the sectional center manager at Amarillo.

agri-facts

Laser technology, which seems to know no limits, has now found a practical and important use in agriculture in the preparation of land for irrigation. Laser leveling, which has proven far superior to the old method of eyeballing the mark on a grade stake every hundred yards, has shown some unsuspected advantages like 15 to 20 percent yield increases in some California fields because there are no low spots which are too wet, or high spots which dry out. Because excess water is not necessary to water high spots, water can be applied uniformly. And, laser leveling has proven beneficial in preparing an ideal seedbed, with greater precision in the planting of seeds and the placement of fertilizer. First used in the 1976-77 California drought, laser leveling uses a continuously rotating beacon which sends out a 360-degree plane of laser light, providing a continuous fixed elevation.

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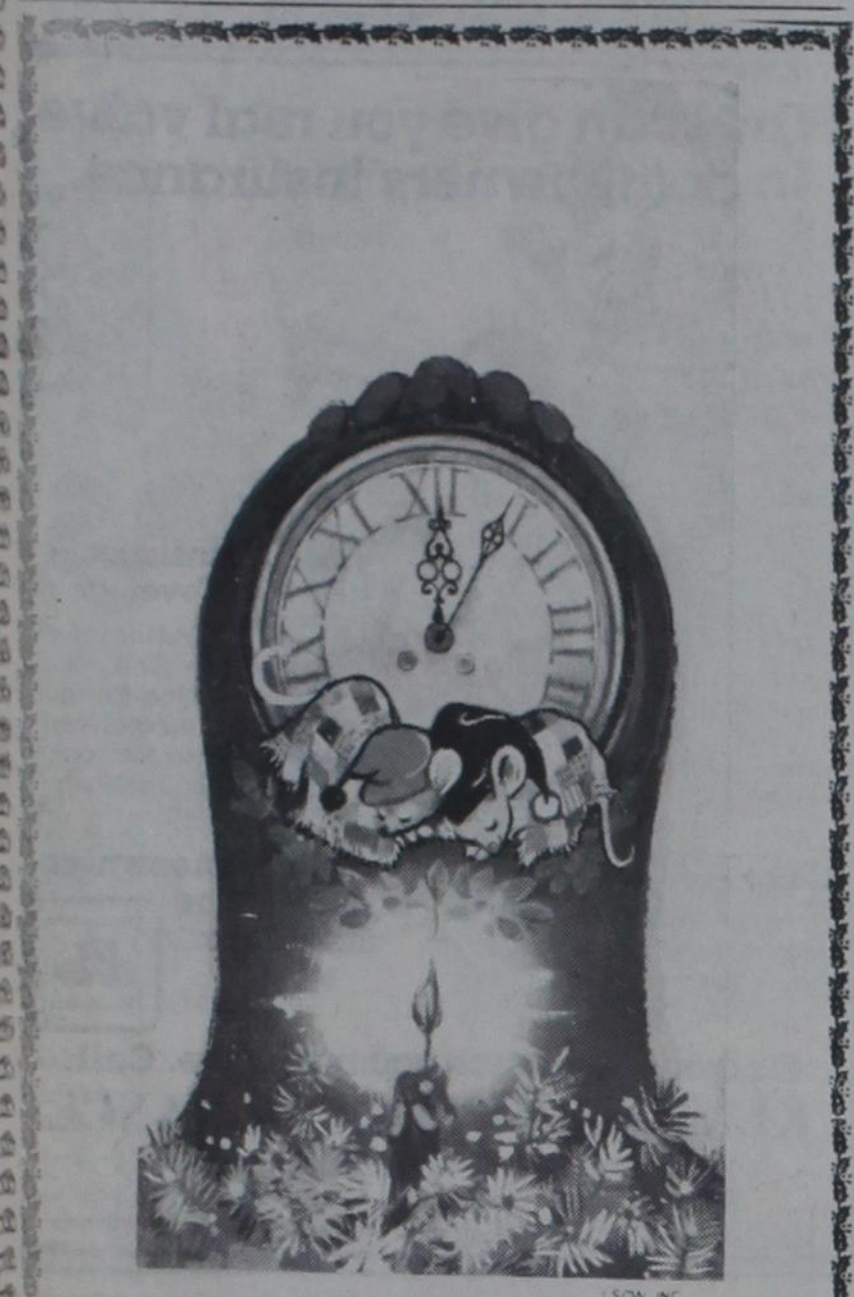
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Obituaries

Sanjuana Perez

Funeral services for Sanjuana Perez, 30, were held Monday in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Rev. Raphael Chen, pastor, officiating.

Miss Perez died Saturday morning at Plains Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens, under the direction of Parson Funeral Home.

Miss Perez was born in Lamesa June 14, 1950, and had lived in Dimmitt 16 years.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Perez of Dimmitt; two sisters, Lupe Rodriguez of Dimmitt and Virginia Bordova of Hereford; and five brothers, Raymond and Philip, both of Dimmitt, Frank of Lamar, Colo., Johnny of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Jesse of Sweetwater.

C. G. Armstrong

Funeral services for C. G. "Goebel" Armstrong were held in Dunn Memorial Chapel in Tucumcari, N.M., Dec. 13.

Mr. Armstrong had been a resident of Castro County before moving to Tucumcari several years ago.

Survivors include three daughters: Joen of Sacramento, Calif., Faye Kingston of Tucumcari and Ruthie Kirk of Austin; and one son, Jimmie, of California.

Attending the services from Dimmitt were Troy and Billie Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lilley, Alene Lilley and Jo Hankins.

Concepcion Sepeda

Funeral services for Concepcion Sepeda, 71, were held Sunday afternoon.

She died Friday at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt after a brief illness.

Services were in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Raphael Chen, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens, under the direction of Parsons Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sepeda was born in Cotulla Dec. 8, 1909. She had lived in Dimmitt six years after moving here from Dilly.

Survivors include three daughters, Modesta Sandoval of Dimmitt, Emma Chaverta of Pearsall and Audelia Lopez of Grand Prairie; four sons, Feliberto, Elio and Pancho, all of Dimmitt, and Armando of Bay City, Mich.; four sisters, Martha Rosales, Pancha Deltoro and Matilda Carranca, all of Carrizo Springs, and Cruz Moncada of Freer; two brothers, Juan Santoya and Antonio Santoya, both of Carrizo Springs; 27 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Pat Brock assumes national presidency

Pat Brock of Phoenix, formerly of Dimmitt, is the newly elected president of the Auxiliary to the American Osteopathic Association (AAOA).

Mrs. Brock is the daughter of Raymond Wilson of Phoenix, longtime Dimmitt businessman and former Castro County judge. She is a graduate of Dimmitt High School.

Her husband, Dr. Robert Brock, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brock of Dimmitt.

Rotarians hear Nazareth children

Nazareth's kindergarteners presented a Christmas program featuring such songs as "Merry Texas Christmas," and "All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth" to Rotarians Friday at their noon meeting.

The Club received a report during its business meeting that the Interact Club of Dimmitt High School had gathered food and toys to distribute to needy families for Christmas.

THE neon lamp was invented by Georges Claude of Paris, who was granted a US patent in 1915.

During her years in the AAOA, Mrs. Brock has had several offices, including that of second vice-president and chairman of the public relations and publicity committee, scholarship committee, editorial advisory committee, student associate auxiliary counselor committee and convention committee.

She is a past president of the Auxiliary to the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association, and served as convention chairman, parliamentary, historian, and publicity and membership chairman. She is also a past president of the Maricopa County Osteopathic Auxiliary and served as its program chairman and membership chairman. She initiated the newsletter, serving as its editor for several years.

The mother of three children — two sons and a daughter — Mrs. Brock is active in school activities, Little League baseball, Pop Warner football and church activities. She is a member of the United Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star and the American Diabetes Association. She has served as church organist in the past.

Mrs. Brock is a graduate of Southern Methodist University with a degree in psychology and pre-med. She works with her husband in his office. Her hobbies include needlework, reading, flying and fishing.

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open letter

Satellite students have happy holiday

Dear Friends, Our beautiful holiday celebrations started Dec. 5 when the Legal Secretaries Association treated us to pizza and lovely gifts from Santa. The secretaries chose a student for the night also.

kind to make a personal visit with us once each week for three months.

Mrs. Martinez, Mrs. Tommie Guzman and her daughters came with lovely treats for each student and for the teachers.

Jean DuLaney gave the final farewell for the lovely holidays and presented each student with a gift.

We wish you all happy holidays and a great new year.

NORMA CONARD Teacher, Satellite Training & Work Center

Police calls

A 17-year-old Dimmitt girl was arrested last Wednesday and charged with criminal mischief. She was released on \$750 bond.

An Earth man, 21, was arrested by city police officers on a misdemeanor DWI charge Friday night. He was fined \$150 and released.

Highway Patrol officers arrested a 41-year-old Dimmitt man early Saturday. He was charged with misdemeanor DWI and released on \$350 cash bond.

A 25-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested by Highway Patrol officers Saturday and charged with driving with a suspended license, speeding and fleeing a peace officer. He was released on \$200 bond pending court action.

Highway Patrol officers arrested a Dimmitt man on charges of misdemeanor DWI and having no valid driver's license. He was released on \$1,000 bond. The arrest occurred early Sunday.

A Tucumcari, N.M., man, 27, was arrested by Highway Patrol officers early Sunday on a misdemeanor DWI charge.

A 19-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested by city police officers early Sunday and charged with misdemeanor DWI and having no valid driver's license. He was released on \$750 bond pending court action.

City police officers arrested a Dimmitt youth Sunday morning on a charge of driving with a suspended license. He was released on a \$300 bond pending court action.

City Police arrested a 40-year-old Dimmitt man on a charge of public intoxication Sunday morning. He was fined \$75 and released.

Katy Lapins of 1003 Cleveland filed a complaint with city police in connection with the burglary of an eight-track tape player and six tapes from her car. The theft occurred while the Lapins vehicle was parked in the lot at Dimmitt High School during the school day Friday, according to police reports.

Jay Ellis reported the theft of two used radiators from his residence at 409 SW Third St. He told police officers that the theft probably occurred Sunday morning.

Susanna Balderos of Dimmitt was eastbound on Bedford Sunday afternoon in a 1974 Ford sedan when her car was struck by a 1976 Ford truck. The driver of the truck, Castenda Armanda, had reportedly failed to yield the right of way to the car.

Officers called to the scene issued a citation to Armanda for failure to yield right of way.

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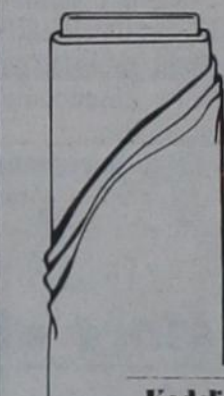
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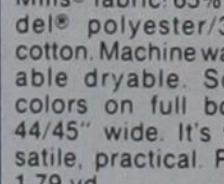
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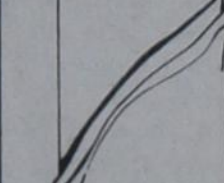
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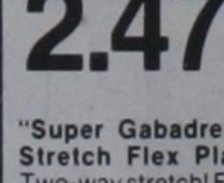
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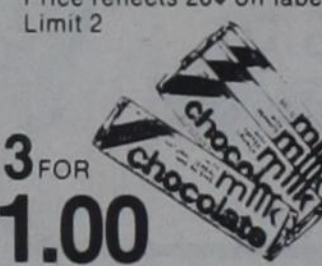
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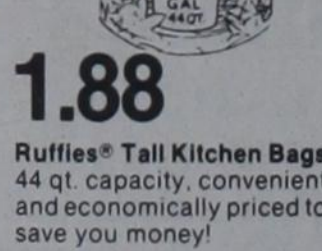
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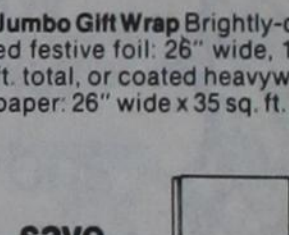
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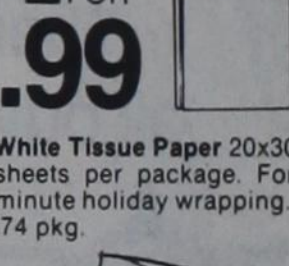
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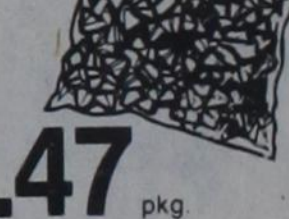
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Vows recited in Levelland

Laura Lea Armstrong and Danny Robert Anderson exchanged marriage vows in the First United Methodist Church in Levelland Dec. 12.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Armstrong of Dimmitt. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Anderson, also of Dimmitt, are the parents of the groom.

Dr. Harold J. Cates performed the ceremony.

Debbie Dennis was the maid of honor and Darren Campbell served as the best man.

The bride is attending South Plains College and will soon enroll in Methodist Hospital Nursing School.

The groom is employed at Littlefield Feed Yard.

The couple will be living at Rt. 1, Box 26, Amherst.



MR. AND MRS. DANNY ROBERT ANDERSON
... She's the former Laura Lea Armstrong

Nazareth

Big crowds see pageant

By VIRGIE GERBER
The Nazareth Christmas Pageant was presented Sunday and Tuesday evenings to large crowds. This is the ninth year of the pageant.

Father Stanley was admitted to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on Thursday. Everyone wishes for his quick return to health, that he may be back with us for Christmas.

Congratulations to Duane and Kathy Maurer on the birth of a girl on Dec. 11 in the Tulia Hospital. She has been named Lori Lee. Grandparents are the Al Maurers of Nazareth and the Herbert Goss of Tulia.

Donna Charamza and sons Kris and Bryan returned to Temple on Monday after spending a week with the Albert Gerber families.

A large crowd enjoyed the Nazareth band concert on Sunday afternoon.

Many friends and relatives attended the wedding of Tim Wilhelm and Monica Friemel in Umbarger Friday evening.

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Heath Acker

Dear Santa,
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Love you. See you at Christmas.
Katrina Acker

Dear Santa,
Max and Monty have been very good boys. We try to help Mother and Daddy.
We would like two walkie talkies. Also a electric train and a remote control jeep and a snow cone machine.

Dear Santa Claus,
Can you bring me a kick and go, or a race car with lights or Big Detour.
I am 6 years old and I live with my Grandpa and Grandmomie in Nazareth. I'm in kindergarten.

We would also like a football to play with.
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Miss Friemel, Wilhelm wed in Umbarger church Friday

Monica Marie Friemel and Timothy Edward Wilhelm exchanged marriage vows Friday afternoon in a double-



MRS. TIMOTHY EDWARD WILHELM
... The former Monica Marie Friemel

ring ceremony in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Umbarger. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Friemel of Umbarger. Mr. and Mrs. James L. Wilhelm are the parents of the groom.

Rev. James Sonderman officiated at the ceremony. Mrs. Kevin Schenk of Umbarger, sister of the bride, served as the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Evey Wilhelm of Nazareth, sister of the groom, Jackie Skarke of Umbarger and Mrs. Chris Meiwes of Hereford.

The bridal attendants were gowned in emerald green formal length dresses with accordin pleated skirts. The back neckline of each was draped and formed a sleeveless bodice. They wore wrist corsages of white carnations and baby's breath, and gold chain necklaces.

Serving as best man was Dale Wilhelm, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Jim Friemel of Umbarger and Steve Friemel of Amarillo, brothers of the bride, and Kenneth Schilling of Nazareth. Ushers were Dale Acker of Nazareth, Weldon Wilhelm of Nazareth and Wayne Taylor of Canyon. "Ave Maria," "Take our Bread," and "Seek Ye First" were the musical selections played in the ceremony by Mrs. Vincent Ramaekers on the organ and Mrs. Dean Reinart on violin.

The bride entered the sanctuary, which was decorated with white mums, baby's breath and greenery on either side of the altar, to the traditional wedding march. White ribbons and greenery accented the reserved pews.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a formal length white gown. The Empire bodice featured a wide scalloped Queen Anne neckline and long sleeves. Re-embroidered French Alecon lace and cameo appliques were stitched to English net covering the bodice. English net adorned with Alencon appliques formed the tight fitted sleeves which ended at the wrist. The cuffs were closed with six self-covered buttons and were attached to a gathered ruffle of net Schiffli lace gracing the hand. A wide ruffle of crystal pleated English net encircled the bottom of the silk organza skirt. The train extended to chapel length. To complement her selection, the bride chose a fingertip veil of miramist net. The Juliet headpiece was entirely covered with Schiffli embroidery and it continued to form an edge completely around the soft falling veil. The bride wore a diamond necklace which had been worn by her grandmother on her wedding day.

A reception following the ceremony was held in the Umbarger Parish Hall. Guests were registered by Grace Friemel, sister of the bride. Servers were Mrs. Scott Avent of Claude, Donna Wieck of Umbarger and Roxanne Skarke of Umbarger. The bride's table, head table, gift table and register table were covered with lace-trimmed tablecloths. The three-tiered wedding cake was topped with miniature bride and groom figureines that had been on the bride's parents' wedding cake.

Following the reception, a dinner was served, followed by a dance with music provided by the Rough Riders band from Nazareth.

After a brief wedding trip, the newlyweds are making their home in Nazareth. The bride is a 1979 graduate of Canyon High School, and has been employed at Irwin's Greenhouse in Canyon. The groom, a 1977 graduate of Nazareth High School, is presently a student at West Texas State University, where he is studying agricultural economics.



MR. AND MRS. KEM BALES
... She's the former Ginger Wilcox

Couple establish home in Muleshoe

Kem and Ginger Bales are making their home in Muleshoe following their recent marriage there.

The couple exchanged vows in a double-ring ceremony in the Muleshoe Church of Christ with the Rev. David Cox officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. (Ike) Wilcox, formerly of Dimmitt. Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bales of Muleshoe are the parents of the groom.

Serving as the matron of honor was Sheila Gail Pitcock, sister of the bride. Senior bridesmaids were Vada Wilcox, sister-in-law of the bride, Monica Dale, Debbie Green and Tina Conner, all of Dimmitt. Crista Wilcox, cousin of the bride, was the junior bridesmaid.

The bridal attendants wore burgundy floor length gowns with long full sleeves of soft white sheer knit. Each carried a nosegay of silk burgundy and white butterfly orchids and silk burgundy sweetheart roses, accented with white lace and burgundy-and-white ribbon streamers. Rusty Whitt served as the best man. Senior groomsmen were Ricki Wilcox of Dimmitt, brother of the bride, John Gunter of Fort Benning, Ga., Paul Harbin of Lubbock and Kenny White. Brian Glover was the junior groomsman.

Tiffany Luann Wilcox of Dimmitt, niece of the bride, and Dink Pitcock, nephew of the bride, were the ringbearers. Tanya Wilcox, the bride's cousin, served as the flower girl.

Ushers were David Pitcock, brother-in-law of the bride, Jack Finley Smith of Lazbudie and Max Burkman of Ruidoso, N.M. The bride, given in marriage by her father and mother, wore a floor length white gown of Sheerganza and re-embroidered Chantilly lace over bridal taffeta. The gown had a short, sheer, fitted bodice jacket with a high neckline, natural waistline and long, full bishop sleeves coming to wide pointed cuffs at the wrist. The taffeta undergown had spaghetti straps, a formal bodice and a

full hooped bouffant skirt. The neckline, sleeves, cuffs and skirt were accented with lace enhanced with tiny seed pearls and rainbow sequins. Rows of re-embroidered Chantilly lace ruffles on the skirt cascaded down the back of the gown, ending in a sweeping chapel length train. Her shoulder length veil of imported illusion lace was supported by a coil of lace flowers and leaves trimmed with seedpearl and rainbow sequins.

The bride carried a cascade bouquet of burgundy and white silk orchids and roses. A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church following the ceremony.

The couple are now at home after a brief wedding trip to San Antonio.

Mrs. Bales is a 1980 graduate of Muleshoe High School and is employed at High Plains Cooperative. The groom is a 1975 graduate of Muleshoe High School and is engaged in farming.

Ward-Allison engagement is announced

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ward of Dimmitt announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tammy, to Larry Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Judge Baldrige, also of Dimmitt.

The couple plan a Jan. 16 wedding at the Lee Street Baptist Church.

Miss Ward is a 1978 graduate of Lubbock Christian High School. She is currently studying at West Texas State University to become a registered nurse.

Allison, a 1976 graduate of Dimmitt High School, attended Oklahoma State Technical School and is now employed at Jerry's Automotive.

THE men's record for consecutive ringers in a horseshoe tournament is 72, set by Ted Allen in 1951.



[Compiled from the Community Birthday Calendars sponsored by the Castro County Extension Homemakers Council and the Nazareth Swift Band.]

DECEMBER 25 — Keith Birkenfeld, Jeanie Wilhelm, David Lust, Charlie Wales, David Tuggle, Debbie Annen.

DECEMBER 26 — Danny Bruton, Randy Glenn Wilson, Johnny Rutkowski, Gladys Wright, Reba Lay, Brenda Hoelting, Darrell Huseman.

DECEMBER 27 — Oleta Sanders, J'Lyn Ryan, Kim Watts, Peggy Ewing, Tim Elliott, Joy Ringwald, Kent Hoelting, Mark Huseman, Debbie Keel, Jenny Huseman, Lydia Schacher, Clyde Schulte.

DECEMBER 28 — Raymond Guajardo, Bea Acker, M. A. Tidwell, Carol Bagwell, Jeffrey Bezner, Rita Vasquez, Suzan Collins, Leroy Birkenfeld, DeAnne Jones, Royce Huseman, Cyrilla Brockman, Mary Ann Schulte, Mark Kleman.

DECEMBER 29 — Phan Jones, Kevin Paul Acker, Janet Mays, Garland Coleman II, Joe Collins.

DECEMBER 30 — Ronnie Huseman, Kent Kirby, Randy Fry, Justin Ballard, Kristi Kelley, Lola McDaniel, Carla Summers, James Killough, Arnold Peralez, Jr.

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JANUARY 1 — Debbie Dobbs, Lisa Davis, Monica Villanueva



MELINDA KAY KING AND PAT ACKER
... Wedding will be in Nazareth

Feb. 28 vows planned

Mr. and Mrs. Joe King of Amarillo announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Melinda Kay, to Patrick Joseph Acker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Acker of Nazareth.

The couple will be married Feb. 28 in the Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

Miss King has attended Amarillo College and West Texas State University. She is currently employed at

Sakowitz. The groom served three years in the US Army after graduating from Nazareth High School. He is a graduate of WTSU with a bachelor's degree in physics. He is currently working as a research technician with the Alternative Energy Institute at WTSU.

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MR. AND MRS. R. B. BAKER
... To observe 50th wedding anniversary

Bakers to be feted at reception Sunday

R. B. and Gweneth Baker of the Easter Community will be honored Sunday with a golden wedding anniversary reception.

The event will be held from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in the Easter Community Center, with the children and grandchildren of the couple serving as hosts and hostesses.

All friends of the couple are invited to attend.

L. B. Baker and the former Gweneth Dewey were married Dec. 25, 1930, in the home of her parents near Hale Center.

They farmed in Lubbock County before moving to the Easter Community in 1957. He is now retired from farming.

The couple's children are Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Reeves of Cotton Center, Mr. and Mrs. Durven Baker of Perryton, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dulin of Hale Center, Maxine Wilson of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Baker of Dumas and Bobby Baker of Amarillo.

They have 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The family requests no gifts.

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SHEPHERDS GATHER at the Bethlehem manger to see the newborn Christ child in a scene in the ninth annual Nazareth Nativity Pageant, which drew large audiences Sunday and Tuesday nights. Mary is portrayed by Patti Schacher, and

Stanley Maurer plays Joseph. The shepherds are Steve Albracht, Randy Hartman, Randy Hochstein, Mark Hoelting, Allen Maurer and Benny Schacher.

Bobbies take second in New Deal Tourney

Dimmitt's Bobbies captured the runner-up trophy in the New Deal Invitational Basketball Tournament, defeating Idalou 59-48 Friday and losing to New Deal 49-59 in the championship game Saturday.

The Bobbies staged their Andrews Sisters act Friday as Becky scored 20 and Sonya 12 to lead Dimmitt to its semi-final victory over Idalou.

Dimmitt and Idalou had both advanced to Friday's semifinals due to pre-tournament dropouts.

In the championship game Saturday, New Deal jumped to a 14-7 lead in the first quarter and stretched it to 31-22 by halftime. The Bobbies fought back to within four points, 39-35, in the third quarter before New Deal rallied in the fourth to take a 10-point victory.

Dimmitt's top scorers were Pam Nelson with 13 and Sonya Andrews with 12.

The Bobbies' season record now stands at 10-5. Their next game will be against Levelland here Jan. 2.

Cats go in search of Caprock trophy

Dimmitt's Bobcats hope to ring out the old year with another championship trophy as they enter the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament in Lubbock next week.

The strong field in the small-schools division includes Tulia, Lubbock Christian, Tahoka, Slaton, Idalou, Abernathy and Morton.

Because of their championship in the Reese AFB Tourney last week and their previous victories over Abernathy, Morton and Tulia, the Bobcats are likely to be tagged as favorites in the small-school field.

And that could be hazardous in a field that includes several state-ranked teams.

Dimmitt will open against Tahoka at 2:45 p.m. Monday in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. The Bulldogs have only one loss on their record, that coming against Olney in the first round of the Reese

AFB Tourney last week. In other first-round games in the small schools division Monday, Slaton will play Idalou at 8:30 a.m., Tulia will meet Lubbock Christian at 10 and Abernathy will go against Morton at 11:30.

Dimmitt will play either Tulia or LCHS Tuesday. The two first-round losers will meet at 8:30 a.m. and the winners will play at 4:15.

Wednesday's schedule calls for the consolation game at 12:30, the third-place bout at 2 p.m. and the championship game at 7:30 p.m.

Dimmitt and Morton hold the edge in past Caprock Tournament championships, but Lubbock Christian won it last year while the Bobcats finished third.

The holiday classic in Lubbock is sponsored by the Caprock Chapter of American Business Clubs. Proceeds go to scholarships and charitable projects.

Texas Sesquicentennial logo contest announced

The Texas Sesquicentennial of 1986, Texas' 150th birthday celebration, is on the way, and all Texans are invited to the party. Preparations for the birthday are being kicked off with a state-wide contest to devise an official logo -- a simple and readily-identifiable symbol, or trademark, of the Texas Sesquicentennial.

The logo contest is one of the first activities of the Texas Sesquicentennial Commission. Created by the 66th legislature in 1979, the Commission is charged to "coordinate celebrations of the 150th anniversary of Texas' independence as a Republic and progress as a state." These celebrations will highlight the "historic, economic, cultural, environmental and social aspects of Texas."

During the planning stages of the Sesquicentennial, the Commission functions as a clearinghouse of information between state and local levels. The Commission will also work to encourage state, national, and international participation, to develop standards for sanctioning

local groups, and to plan for the creation of commemorative products, such as stamps and medallions.

The Commission publishes a special newsletter of the Sesquicentennial, the *Texas National Dispatch*. The *Dispatch* is a revival of a newspaper published in the early days of the Texas Republic at Washington-on-the-Brazos, and will be available free of charge.

The contest to develop a visual symbol, trademark, or logo, of the Sesquicentennial is open to all Texans. Contest rules are as follows: (1) Only one entry per person; (2) All are eligible except Commission members, staff, and their immediate families; (3) Designs must be submitted on one side of a plain, white 8 1/2" x 11 paper; (4) Entrants' names, addresses, phone numbers, and school affiliations (if any) are to be printed on the back; (5) All entries must be postmarked no later than San Jacinto Day, April 21, 1981 and the winner and runners-up will be announced on May 5, 1981 in Austin.

Here are guidelines for winter driving

Winter is here, and with it comes foul weather. With the hope of reducing the number of inclement weather collisions, the Texas Tech University Traffic Safety Education Program reminds area motorists of the following winter driving guidelines:

1. Drive more slowly than usual. This will allow you to maintain better control of your vehicle.

2. When roads are slick, even slight adjustments to braking, steering and acceleration may cause exaggerated movement of your vehicle. Anticipate required adjustments and make them gradually. Avoid sudden starts and stops.

3. If skidding occurs, immediately remove your foot from the accelerator (or brake). At the same time, steer toward the direction your back wheels are moving. Overcorrection may reverse the skid. If this happens, steer the opposite direction. Continue in this manner until your vehicle is straightened out with respect to the roadway. DO NOT touch the accelerator or the brake until you regain control of the car.

4. Even after snow has melted, patches of ice may remain on the road, especially on bridges and overpasses. If you happen upon a patch of ice unexpectedly, immediately remove your foot from the accelerator and steer straight ahead. DO NOT touch the brake pedal. Your car will naturally tend to move in a straight line.

5. At downgrades followed by a stoplight, do not start down the hill until you are sure you will have a green light at the bottom. Starting down the hill on a red light will necessitate trying to stop on the downgrade. As this is virtually impossible on icy roads, your vehicle may slide into oncoming traffic traveling

on the crossroad.

If your car gets stuck, don't "gun" your engine. This will only cause your wheels to dig further into the snow or ice. The best way to avoid getting stuck on winter roads is to avoid driving in patches of deep snow. If you should get stuck, however, DON'T PANIC. Place a flat piece of wood, cloth, or similar material in front of and slightly under the rear tires. Gently accelerate, and the car should gain traction and move.

7. Tire chains are a good idea on snow and ice, but be sure to remove them as soon as possible after the roads have cleared. If not removed promptly, tire chains may tear up tires and/or road surfaces.

Ag outlook conference set

A Texas Agricultural Outlook Conference is scheduled for Jan. 13 at 10 a.m. in Lubbock's Civic Center. Dr. Roland Smith of Texas A&M has announced.

The session will include an economic overview of the agricultural industry and discussions on farm policy and trade issues, income trade-offs and production costs outlook. Talks will center around the outlook for specific commodities, including beef cattle, grain and cotton.

The various discussions will also include references to the 1981 Farm Bill, President-elect Reagan's transition team and the status of the Russian grain embargo.

Featured speakers will be Dr. Carl Anderson, Dr. Ed Uvacek, Dr. Ron Knutson, Marvin Sartin and Smith.



HOWIE McCLURE, South Plains College student from Dimmitt, heads north while the bull turns south during the recent 1980 Fall Cat Daddy Rodeo at the SPC Arena in

Sales tax receipts up 20 percent

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said that December city sales tax payments to Texas cities will bring 1980 totals to more than \$500 million.

Bullock said his office is sending \$33.5 million in payments to cities who levy the one-percent optional city sales tax this month.

The rebates to Texas cities is \$93.5 million more than was distributed among Texas cities during 1979, an average increase of more than 20 percent.

Dimmitt's final check this year is \$6,781.79, bringing the total this year to \$137,289.31, a 23 percent increase over 1979.

Hart will get \$802.24, boosting their 1980 total to \$17,019.69 -- a 20 percent increase over the previous year.

Nazareth will receive \$1,468.91 this month, for a 1980 total of \$16,182.70, up 26 percent over 1979.

City sales taxes are collected along with the state's four percent sales tax by merchants and businesses and rebated monthly by the Comptroller to the cities where the tax is levied.

More about MX missile ...

[Continued from Page 1]

Texas area, 146,700 acres of private land in 21 counties would be needed during construction. 9,500 acres would be permanently required. Also, an estimated 1,400 families would probably have to leave their homes in the Clovis-Dalhart areas to make room for the system.

The acquisition of private land would increase the cost of the system considerably, according to Maj. Bryan.

Officials defended the shuffling of missiles, claiming that simulated missiles in the 22 other cluster shelters would read exactly like the real missiles.

"There will be some differences, but the Soviets will never be able to figure out how those differences match up," Havey said. "We've hired other agencies to break it. We figure if they do, it'll give us a five to 10-year lead time on the Soviets should they ever break it."

There is a 90-day public comment period for the 1,900-page EIS which will begin Jan. 2 and end April 1.

Public hearings will be held by the Air Force toward the end of the comment period, but written comments can be mailed to AFRCE-X/DE, Norton Air Force Base, Calif., 92409.

Senior center to reopen Monday

The Castro County Senior Citizens Center will reopen Monday after being closed for a week for the Christmas holiday season.

Magazine features Swiftettes

The Nazareth Swiftettes are billed as the "builders of the longest-running girls' cage dynasty in state history" in the January issue of Texas Sports magazine.

Texas Sports is a relatively new magazine which began publication last February.

The magazine features the Swiftettes in an article by Tom Klein about their winning tradition. The team has a record of 149-14 during the past four seasons.

Swiftette Coach Joe Lombard commented in the article, "We don't have all

the size and natural ability you have in a larger school. But since we don't have many kids out, we can spend a little more individual time with each kid."

Lombard also said that organization was very important in practice as well as play.

The article contained two News photos featuring the Swiftettes in state tournament action.

The magazine also has an article about the Wayland Flying Queens and their coach, Cathy Wilson, formerly of Nazareth.

When young adults move back home . . .

When adult children move back home, set up clear "ground rules" to make the transition easier, advises a family resource management specialist, Nancy Granovsky. "Even written lists or mini-contracts can go a long way in helping families adjust to these household changes," she says.

Mrs. Granovsky is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Economic pressures are the force behind many households doubling up, the specialist explains.

Three age groups seem most likely to make a move. Young adults or teenagers, 40-45-year-old singles (many of whom are recently divorced or legally separated) and those 70 years or older.

Rising rents and utility bills, high property taxes and the high cost of household maintenance are blamed for this trend.

Many young adults feel the economic pinch as they try to manage on minimal starting salaries.

This results in many adult children moving home.

Families unaccustomed to having their children at home could experience conflict unless certain mutually agreed upon ground rules about home management are established, she cautions.

Some of the daily living routines to work out include:

PEOPLE SCHEDULES

Accommodate different work schedules so that living patterns and needs of all family members are respected. Retain independence with mutual respect for other people's time demands.

MEALS
Establish an equitable system for shopping, food preparation and clean-up. Decide how many meals will include the entire family.

HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES
Decide what financial support adult children will contribute to household expenses. Some household expenses will increase as a result of additional members.

LAUNDRY
Establish laundry rules. Some young adults may show a tendency to revert to pre-adult behavior when "someone else" did the laundry.

HOUSEHOLD TASKS
Evaluate what must be done to maintain family standards for household care and who will do it. Plan to share tasks.

Every family situation is different, so the decisions about home management will naturally differ, Mrs. Granovsky explains.

What is important is that all parties sit down together to discuss the situation that brings them together and how they can live in harmony without fracturing independence or family relations, she adds.

City aims to stamp out wrong-way parking at PO

The City of Dimmitt has painted double yellow stripes in front of the post office in an attempt to keep drivers from parking in front of the post office facing the wrong way.

It is unlawful to cross a double yellow stripe except when turning into a private drive.

People parking their vehicles facing the wrong way will be issued citations for driving on the wrong side of the street, Police Chief Ron Mitchell cautioned.

The chief also warned about the rise in thefts during the holiday season.

"We need to caution people to secure their businesses," he said. "Make sure all doors and windows are locked."

Mitchell said the department has just received some new "No Parking" sign to be put in city alleys. There have reportedly been several people parking in alleys. Blocking an alley creates a fire hazard, and Mitchell said city police officers would

Stars trace man's history

Since the beginning of time man has been fascinated by the stars.

Very early in his existence man learned to navigate, tell directions and determine seasons from the stars.

Sirius is the brightest star in the sky, to persons on Earth, with the exception of our own Sun. To the Egyptians Sirius was the most important star in the sky. Its appearance annually just before sunrise marked the flooding of the Nile and another season of plentiful water and good crops.

As early as 2137 B.C., the Chinese are recorded as having observed an eclipse during the reign of Emperor Chung K'ang Ti of the Hsai Dynasty.

A meteor shower on Nov. 13, 1833, greatly impressed the Kiowa Indians who thought the world was coming to an end.

Since people banded together to form nations there have been flags and stars upon those flags. The oldest symbol of this type is the Star of David, a symbol so old there are no records of its beginning. It has represented the Jewish nation for nearly 2,600 years.

But the best known of all stars is the Star of Bethlehem.

IN the country of Uruguay the law states that two people may stage a duel legally as long as both are registered blood donors.

**PEACE
ON EARTH**

A bright and happy holiday season to you and yours!

HOME MERCANTILE
Jerry and Nellie Wilhelm
Nazareth



Angels gather at the manger to proclaim the birth of the Savior in a scene from this year's Nazareth Nativity Pageant. Performances will be at 8 o'clock Sunday and Tuesday evenings in the Holy Family Church.

Christmas Greetings From Nazareth

From the community that was named for Christ's home town, our greetings go out to you this Christmas.

It was from Nazareth that Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem, where the divine miracle occurred. It was in Nazareth that the Son of God was raised to manhood. And it was from Nazareth that Christ went out later to give new hope to mankind. So this season is especially meaningful to us.

We are proud of two of our community's Christmas traditions. One is the annual Nazareth Christmas Pageant, which we hope you are able to witness this year. The other is this Community Christmas Card, through which we wish a Merry Christmas to all our local friends. Instead of sending you an individual card, we have donated to this Community Christmas Card to beautify the church grounds and cemetery of Holy Family Parish.

We hope that during this holy season you will witness once again the joy of this miraculous event, and the renewal of hope that it brings. Merry Christmas!

F. P. and Lucille Schacher
 Hubert and Joan Backus and boys,
 Leonard and Julia Birkenfeld
 Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Birkenfeld
 Doris Hatla Family
 Charley, Beverly, Todd 'n Traci Hill
 Anna Ehly
 Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Schulte
 Brigetta Dobmeier and Richard Dobmeier
 The Herman Birkenfeld Family
 Allen and Stephanie Dobmeier and family
 Mr. & Mrs. Carol Birkenfeld and Family
 Ray, Mary Lou Schmucker and Children
 Joe Lynn, Mary Lou Birkenfeld and family
 Elma and Patti Schacher
 Mrs. Meta Stork
 Ronnie, Regina Hoelting - Neal, Rhonda, Russ and Darryl
 The William Hochstein family
 Mrs. Frank Huseman
 Jim Hoelting Family
 Sybil Steffens and family
 Cecil Hoelting Family
 Al, Leona and Allen Maurer
 A.P. and Liz Hoelting
 Raymond and Cecelia Annon
 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lange
 Dan, Ethel, Jeff, Danelle, Marvin, Annette and Brian Schmucker
 Jim and Bobbie Schmucker and Family
 Carl Dean, Mary, Karleen and Gerry Kleman
 Mrs. Frank Hoelting and Leonard
 Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Schacher
 Joe, Amy and Janet Schmucker
 Mr. & Mrs. Julius Birkenfeld
 Greg and Christina Hoelting
 Jerome Brockman family
 Leroy, Dorothy and Lisa Pohlmeier
 The Alvin Kleman Family
 Walter, Georgie Kleman and Family
 The Robert Verkamp Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Francis Gerber and Family
 Christine Braddock
 Mrs. Marie Brockman and Children

Mr. Earl G. Backus
 Elizabeth Schmucker
 Rose Hindman
 John, Linda and Shawn Smith
 The Clarence Wilhelms
 The Arnold Huseman Family
 Ed Ramaekers family
 Virgil and Shirley Brockman
 Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Brockman
 The Louis Husemans
 Kent and Teresa Birkenfeld
 Walter, Anita, Kenneth and Debbie Shilling
 Rocky and Dianne Wilhelm
 Louise Schulte
 John and Margaret Womack and Family
 Elmer, Florene and Stanley Schulte
 Gene, Aune, Kris and Celia Kern
 Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Pohlmeier
 The A. F. Steffens
 Albert and Marie Venhaus
 Cyril and Mitzie Brockman and Children
 Clara Kleman
 Lavern and Ronnie Wilhelm and Children
 Mrs. Leo Ehly
 Al, Lillian and Tom Cameron
 C. B. Wilhelm
 Mrs. Dora Albracht
 Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Huseman and Family
 Benedictine Sisters
 Sonny, May Hochstein, Joe, George and Bernie
 Agnes Brockman
 Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne Schulte and Boys
 Leonard and Rose Mary Wilhelm
 Paul, Lillian and Joe Venhaus
 Sidney, Peggy, and Jerad Birkenfeld
 Mr. & Mrs. Dickie Hoelting and family
 Joe, Imogene Drerup and family
 Gertrude Acker
 Charles and Chuck Birkenfeld
 Ida, Roxanne and Curtis Birkenfeld
 Tom and Raelene Hoelting and Family
 The Gilbert Schulte Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Huseman and Family

Rose Birkenfeld
 Rose Warren
 Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Anderle, Greg and Steve
 Raymond, Kimmie, Amber and Ryan Huseman
 Rudy and Mary Litsch
 The Vincent Gerber family
 Albert Gerber family
 The Leonard Gerber family
 Dean Wilhelm family
 The Alfred Schacher Family
 Al and Anrelia Schoenenberger
 Randy, Monette, Brandon and Gaylon Schilling
 Ralph and Sharon Brockman
 Melissa, Jennifer, and Kristen
 Lucille Drerup and Carol
 Alphonse, Viola and Family
 Gladys and Angela Fortenberry
 Frank and Paula Acker
 Josephine, Urban and Fred Ball
 Marvin and Darlene Schulte
 Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Hoelting and Family
 The Philip Husemans
 Sam, Margie Albracht and Family
 Lucy Leinen
 Mr. & Mrs. John Backus and Family
 Lezzie and Petronilla Birkenfeld
 Albert and Anna Schulte
 Danny Schilling
 David Bowns
 Mr. & Mrs. Pat Dulsky
 Mr. & Mrs. Walter Schulte
 Lawrence Schmucker
 Floyd and Dorothy Schulte and Family
 The Ralph Albracht Family
 Ray and Martha Schulte, Olen and Sheryl
 Joe Johnson Family
 Regina Steffens and Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gotch
 Mr. & Mrs. John Schacher and family
 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Wilhelm
 Lawrence and Winifred Wagner
 Doyle and Rosie Kleman
 Walt and Lucy Pohlmeier and Family
 Terry and Jeremy Hutson
 Mr. & Mrs. Tony Gerber
 Helen Backus

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
 I want a Boy Doll and a car.
 Love
 Melissa Arriaga

Dear Santa,
 I want a gcart and a motorcycle and an alien and twister and a life game.
 Love,
 Jeff Long

Dear Santa,
 I want a Candy Land.
 Love,
 LaMonical Thomas

Dear Santa,
 I want fashion Plates and twister and games.
 Love,
 Lisa Travis

Dear Santa
 I want a car and some glue.
 Love,
 Johnny Oltivero

Dear Santa,
 I want a Barbie hous and wipe your Tires baby doll and a kradle. but most of All i want mom and dad to have what They want
 Love,
 Kristi Barrera

Dear Santa,
 I want a baby cries for you and a pom pom.
 Love,
 Lisa Gonzales

Dear Santa,
 I want a radio and tape player, twister and a Dallas cowboy glass and a Hoston oiler glass and a Miamie Jersey and a Dallas cowboy cup Dallas cowboy Jersey
 love
 Dennis Petty

Dear Santa,
 I want a cat.
 Love,
 Michelle Flores

Dear Santa,
 I want a Barbie doll.
 Love
 Thomas LaQuita

Dear Santa,
 I want a fur coat.
 Love,
 Emily Clary

Dear Santa,
 I want a radio and tape player.
 Love
 James Maydon

Dear Santa,
 I want a Barbie house and a fashion Plate for me and a Mr. Mouth and a Hungry Hippo
 Love
 Gloria Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
 I want a electric race track and a remote control car.
 Love,
 Jerry Simmons

Dear Santa,
 I want a bike, and a race track, and a football game.
 Edward Silva

Dear Santa,
 I want a glasses and some glue.
 Love
 Marlene

Dear Santa,
 I want a go cart and a motorcycle
 Love
 Hondo Garcia

Dear Santa,
 I want a BABY cries For You.
 Love
 Asha PATEL



We who live in the "Town With a Heart" hope you will have a joyous Christmas. Instead of sending individual cards to our local friends, we have donated our card money to the Hart Cemetery Fund. It's a tradition which we feel honors the memory of those who helped make so many Christmases happy for all of us.

- Mr. and Mrs. Orval Sharp
- Mr. and Mrs. David Smith
- Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Hawkins Sr.
- Sue A. Dinwiddie
- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Greensburg
- Zella Chamberlain
- Doug, Marilyn, Lew and Daniel Higgins
- Tom and Laverne McLain
- Mrs. H. E. Loman
- Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne Brown, Ware and Blair
- Jimmy Ray and Greta Davis and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Newman
- Alene Lilley
- Anna Mae and Furche Riley
- H. R. Curtis
- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Percy Hart
- Sam and Nell Swopes
- James and Doris Dobbs
- Joby Sanders
- Lula Mae Hanes



GREETINGS TO ALL

Tree lights are glowing everywhere. Gay wreaths bedeck the windows. Carolers raise their voices in song. Anticipation fills the air. Hearts are light, spirits bright. It's Christmas. Have a merry one.

Frito-Lay, Inc.

Corn Handling Division

GREETINGS



Devoted friends, here's to a holiday filled with the sentimental and old-fashioned joys that mean so much at Christmas.

DIMMITT CONSUMERS

HO HO HO!



Putting the finishing touches on a bright Christmas holiday, we hope you will enjoy every colorful moment of it all. Thanks.

Big T Pump Co.



Letters to Santa Claus



Dear Santa, I have brown hair, brown eyes. Maybe you might think of what I look like. Well I only want one thing for Christmas and I want something for my two brothers. I want a overn that really works. I like you a lot.
Love,
Tonya Alexander

Dear Santa, I am ten years old. I want a pump b.b. gun. And a pineball michine. And I would like a new bike. And a electronic battel ship game. And I wish you a Merry Christmas.
your friend
Kyle Mansell

Dear santa I like you very much I see your program on tv I realy do like you santa
love
Freddy

Dear Santa, I want a walketalke and a car and a truck and bring me a presen. And have a very good crisemas and a good year.
My friend is freedie

Dear Santa, I want some weights and a truck racen set. I also want a Motorcycle. How do your raindeers fly.
thank you,
Robert Mabry

Dear Santa, My name is Monica Garcia. I want the game simon says for Christmas. Thank you.

Dear Santa I've been a good Boy. For Christmas I want a super hot Cycle. And a Diesel Train Set For my Baby Brother.
Love
Herman and John Lee Luna

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a book.
Love,
Cindy Silva

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a set of doll dishes.
Love,
Esmeralda Flores

Dear Santa, I love you. I hae been good.
Please bring me a Baby Cries For Me Doll.
Love,
Sarah

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a trailer.
Love,
Freddie Garcia

Dear Santa, I want a Millineum Falcon, and all the Starwars Figures.
Thank you,
Rodney Killough

Dear Santa, I want a cat house and a play house for me. And I want a big bear that I saw in Herford yesterday. I wish I could have it.
Thank you
Santa I Love you
Delia Puento

Dear Santa I like you. I have been good. I want a tv.
You friend
Max

Dear Santa, I would like to have a Wipe Your Tears Baby. and a Happy Baby.
Love
Your friend,
Jamie Baker.

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a barbi doll, a real kitty and puppy, a toy tiger, and toy dishes.
Love,
Dominga Suchie

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a vest, football and helmet, and sleeping bag
Love,
Ronnie Musick

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a truck, a toy stuffed tiger and a pickup.
Love,
Davy West

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a toy monkey, a kitty cay puppet, a play bird, a play Santa, a play angel and a book.
Love,
Heather Thomas

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a Darsie doll, dishes, a baby doll, doll clothes and a Fisher and Price Doll house.
Love,
Leslie Ratzlaff

Dear Santa I Like you very much! You are my best friend. now I'm going to tell you what I want a Cry Baby for you and a hairdrier and a, curling iron. I Love you by-by
Love your friend
Sharla Jackson

Dear Santa I want to ask You this I tried to be good I want Stunt Bikes and Darth Vadar Collector Case and Drive Comand and a football and a Chips suit like guns and all that and a big car like the Dukes of Hazzard
Love
Joehuis Castaneda

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a barbi doll, a game, a toy bike, a whistle, and a real bike.
Love,
Michelle Garcia

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a firetruck, a Mickey Mouse, a car, a toy turtle, toy kitty, toy rabbit and toy train.
Love,
Joshua Arguijo

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a gun, a spiderman, superman, a car, a cowboy and indian set and a toy mouse.
Love,
Daniel Silva

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a car, a toy monkey, a cowboy hat, boots and complete outfit.
Love,
Esmael Yzaguirre

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a toy box, a racing track, cowboy boots, a train, a toy bear, a stuffed toy puppy and kitty, and a cowboy and horse set.
Love,
Abraham Sanchez

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a controlled car and van, bike and poker cards.
Love,
Cris Calderon

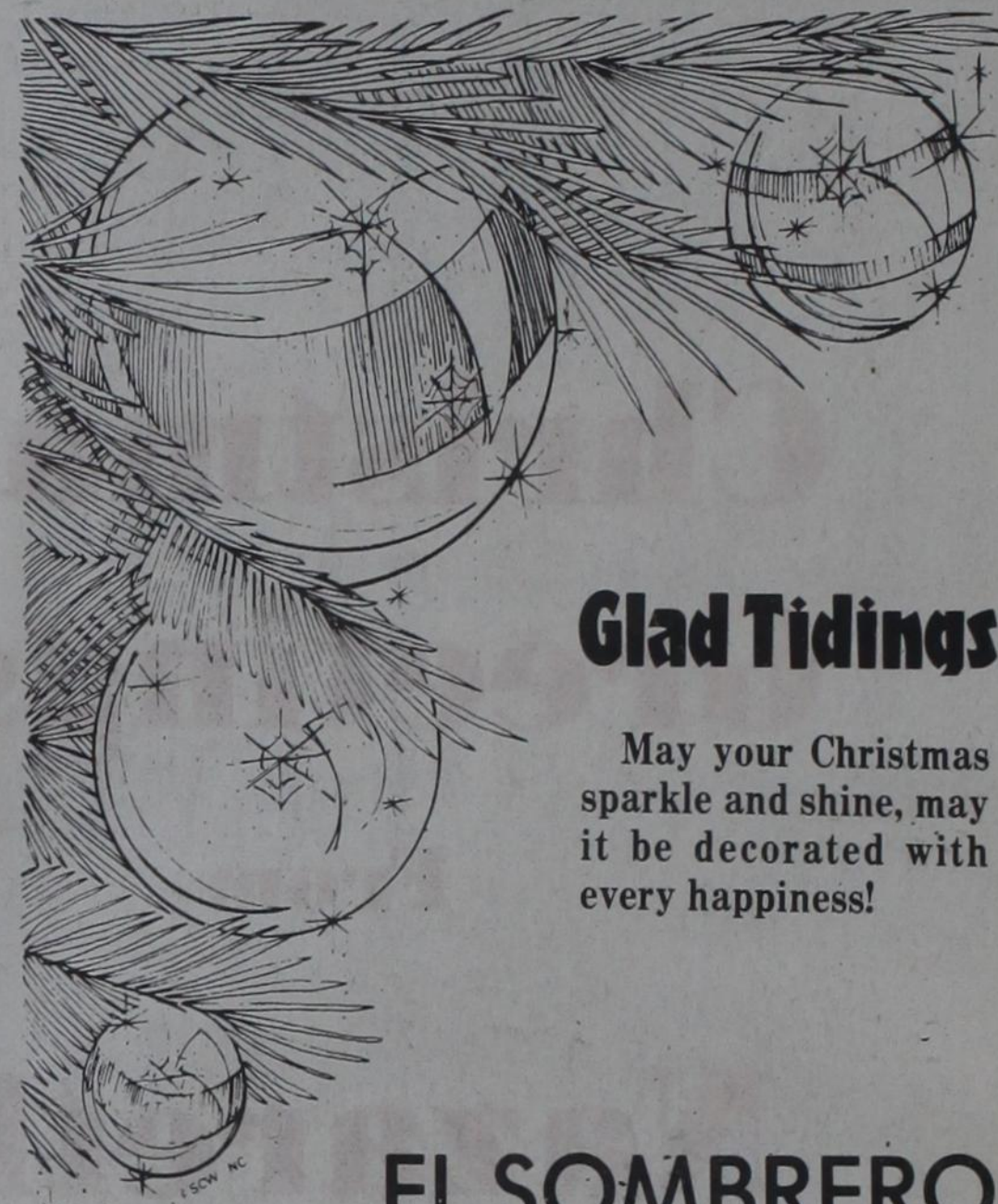
Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas

from

Rhoads Memorial Library

Chip Thrasher



Glad Tidings

May your Christmas sparkle and shine, may it be decorated with every happiness!

EL SOMBRERO

Floyd and Mary Lopez and Family

JOY TO ALL



Gathered round Santa in merry celebration, we think of our friends and take this moment to say "thanks." We appreciate you continuing association and hope your holidays will be bright and happy!

West Texas Rural Telephone Co-Op

Santa Claus, Please Bring Me Football Game



Dear Santa,
I want anything you want to bring.
Love,
Colette

Dear Santa,
I want a Electric race track with cars that race.
Love
Casey Summers

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old and my name is Linda Mora. Santa do you have a present for us? Santa I hope you have a toy for me. I want a Barbie doll and a present for my family. Dear Santa I also like your rain deers and I like you.
Your friend,
Linda Mora

Dear Santa,
I Like You. Would you give me a candy doll and a play rabbit.
I Love You Santa Claus.
Your friend
Cecilia

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me Incredible Hulk.
Love,
Mel Rivera

Dear Santa,
Dear Santa,
You are a nice man. What are You doing today. I am working at school. I want Matchbox car racers. I will see You later. Good by.
I am your friend
Chad Killingsworth

Dear Santa,
I want a doll. and some mittens. and a color book.
Your friend
Melissa
I Love Santa claus.

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a farm set and a candy cane.
Love,
Patrick Hardy

Dear Santa,
You are a good friend. I want a jump set, two Friefoxes And I Bike and I Golden Eagle train And Two walkie talkies. I want some Star War people.
You're friend
Scott

Dear Santa,
I have been very nice. I would like a Doll and a trampoline. Are you coming to see me this year. I lik you very much thank you.
Your Best freind,
Jana Powell,

Dear Sants,
I love you. dos the Deers fly I like Sants vyer much I what a Barbie Doll and brok a sewing machine
you friend
marina garcia
I love sants vyer much.

Dear Santa,
I would like a trampoline for Christmas. And I would also like an electronic Robot, I lik it with blue pants and a peach shirt, and black hair and brown eyes.
from your friend
Ray Estraca

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a Barbie Doll.
Love,
Priscilla Zarazua

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a big box of candy a my bottel baby and a trampoline. I can't wait to get on the bus to go to Rosvel. We have many gift under are tree. Thank you Your a nice old man.
Love,
Belinda Cox

Dear Santa,
Have you been working on toys. You are a nice fellow. I like you Santa. Can you bring 4x4s, tracks, cow and a tv.
Love
Chas

Dear Santa
You are good to me. You are good. I want stawbeery short cake Snail cart. And the Bionic waman. And a Dictionary.
Your friend
Monica

Dear Santa
I am a good boy. I wast a bike and a Bee Bee gun. I Love you Santa Claus too.
Your friend
Martin Paz

Dear Santa,
I Love You Santa. I want some books. I want a dictionary. I want some mittens. I want a globe.
Love
Christie Fulkerson

Dear Santa
I Love you Santa. I would like a Baby Cries for You doll. And a Merlin, And a dictionary, and a truck. And a wipe your tears baby doll.
Love,
Dena

Dear Santa,
I like you Santa. are a good rriend Santa, Santa thank you for the game for last year. I like you Santa you are my best friend.
Thanks for the games you got me I want a foot Boll soot and a foot Boll.

Dear Santa
You are nice to me. You bring me sum toys. and my sister too. I want a big trailer and my sister wants a record-player that costs \$29.95 cents.
Your friend is
Jose Rocha Jr.

Dear Santa
I like you will you bring me a race cars. Please. bring me a foot boll and. bring me a puppy Please. bring me a train.
Your friend
Rafael Vasquez

Dear Sant,a
I want a bee bee gun foot ball suat football.
Love
Jesse Garza

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a DALLAS COWboys suit and I love you Santa, I know that you are at the North Pole
Your friend
Pablo

Dear Santa,
I Love you very very much. I Love God too. I have a sister her name is Holly Her and me want two dolls and a toy puppy.
Your friend
LaDawna Campbell

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a race track and a b.b gun and a cap. Thanks Santa.
Love,
Roger Gauna

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me some skates and a doll and some boots. Thanks Santa.
Love,
Julie Rivera

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a baby doll, record player and a tranpaine.
Love,
Nadine Schulte

Please shop Dimmitt first!

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PEACE AND GOOD WILL TO MEN.

DIMMITT MOTOR CO.
C. B. Lunsford Stanley McDaniel

Joy to the World



Let the glad messages of the Holy Season ring out this Holy Night!

SNIDER INSURANCE AGENCY



SEASON'S GREETINGS

The reindeer are restless. Santa's ready to go. It looks like it's going to be the best Christmas ever!

DON HARGROVE

- Contractor -

SEASON'S GREETINGS

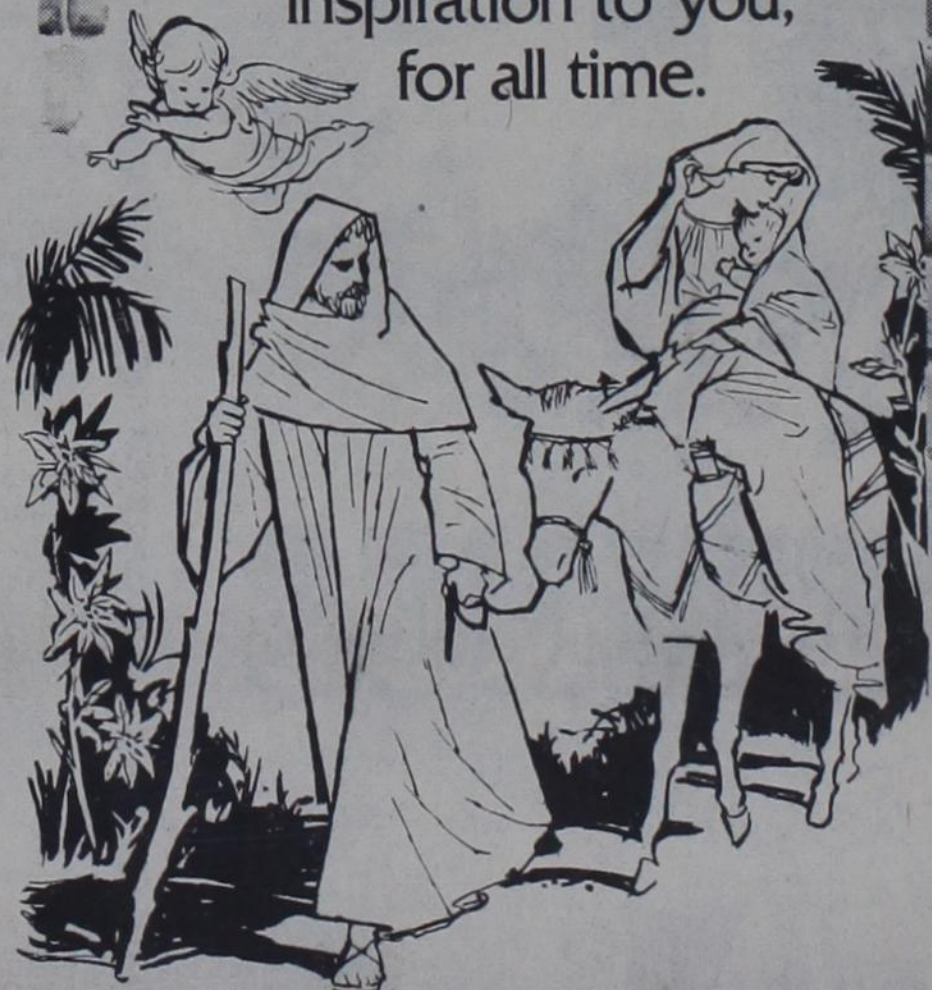
Santa's unpacking a sensational Christmas for every one of our customers! We've put in a special request that your holidays be festive and jolly, abundant with the love of family and friends.

Farmer's Grain Co.

DeWayne Brown, Mgr.
Hart, Texas

At Christmas

May you be blessed with the Heavenly Spirit of this wonderful season. We hope His message will serve as an inspiration to you, for all time.



CENTRAL PLAINS SAVINGS ASSOCIATION
111 NE 2nd St. 647-2118

Get a Bigger Sleigh, Santa Claus!



Dear Santa,
Would you please, bring me a bike.
Love
Eddie Sotello

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Lock Block Set, I have been good.
Thanks,
Shawna

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me some walkie talkies and two more things, a racing track, and a Skating board.
Love,
Stacy Waggoner.

Santos
what are you going to bring me? I have blue pants and a peach shirt. And a picture of storm trooper, and I have black hair and brown eyes.

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a baby doll and dishes. I Love you and you are a very kind man.
Love,
Teresa Tovar

Behold the
ETERNAL BEAUTY
of this blessed time!
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO CHERISHED FRIENDS
AND NEIGHBORS.

KITTRELL ELECTRONICS

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a baby Cries for you, a tv and some roll skates. Will you come to my house and eat cookies and you are sweet.
Love,
India Thomas.

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a stereo with 8 track and cassette. Thank you, you are a very nice man.
Love,
Kable D. Oldham

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Beauty Secrets Barbie, and a Strawberry Shortcake game, and a Cry Baby. Thank you Santa, your nice. I will be at my Memes. I Love you.
Love,
Stacy Stahl

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a game and a gun. Thanks you Santa you are nice.
Love
Paul Tavar

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a doll house and a dress and a Barbie doll. Thank you Santa you are nice.
Love,
Rachel Mendoza

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a doll house and a dress and a Barbie doll. Thank you Santa you are nice.
Love
Leticia Gil

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a baby cries for you doll, Fresh and Fancy, roller skates. Santa thank you, you jolly old man.
Love,
Stacey Coker

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a table and I want a michin pepes and I want a chock bord please
Rosa

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Go Trail Blazing, and Show Beam, a ABC Sprot truck, I would like a set of ploes man car, Home Torch car with 12 cars, that mach car that I sow on TV.
Your friend,
Chris

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a BB gun and a bike and toy guns and some rolerskase and a watch and some trucks and a airplane and star wars peple
Your friend
Juan Jr. Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a race car set and a snow sout and a truck that got to weeLaneck side and fire on it and I want sum hot weels cars.
Shawn Norris

Dear Santa Claus,
I woud like a black cowboy hat and a areme set and we woud all like a trepalen.
Your friend,
Royce Schulte

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike and a record player
Your friend
Margie Ortegon

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Battleship game and a Pay Day game and a new football team for the football game that you gave me last year the Houston Oilers
your friend,
Mike Lay

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a three Wheeler and a sock full of candy and soming from all the family
your friend
Scott

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a paar of moon boots.
your friend,
Todd Miller

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Dollhouse and a merlin with a doll house. I want some Dolls and a sno-cone maciene, baby wet and care, kissing barbie
Your friend
Shawn U

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike and a goltcor. frome Tommy Garcia,

Dear Santa Claus
I want rollskats and a doll and a bike.
I want a buch of play dishes and one stufts dog
Melissa Guzman

Dere Santo Clous
I wnat a bike or Christmas and a kitt and a sled and a gold kor and doots for Christmas
Juan

Dear Santa,
Bring me a doll and a PayDay and a life and a rings and a monopoly and a necklace and a bracelet and a earrings and a Sorry and a game and a twister
Love
Janie Gonzales

Grab-Bag of gifted entertaining ideas and other gourmet treats

A basket of delicacies is a wonderful way to say "Merry Christmas!" Put one together yourself imaginatively with unusual gourmet items or the makings of a festive dinner. A dinner basket lined with holiday greens or a brightly colored napkin can include a chicken or duck, ready to cook or just roasted and carefully wrapped, a bottle of wine, a gathering of fresh vegetables, cookies or a fruitcake.

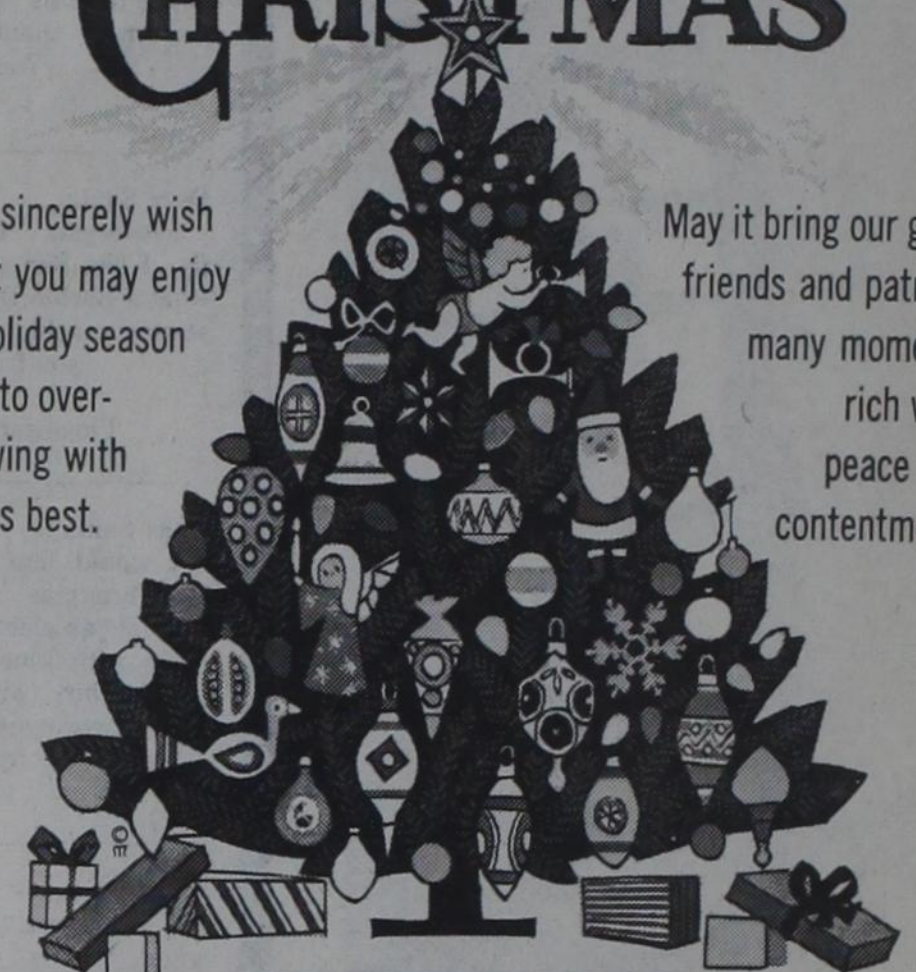
Another welcome gift basket could include one or two fine cheeses, bright red apples and green pears, a jar of homemade preserves, holiday cookies and a bottle of wine or brandy.

Ever think of sending your favorite recipe as a Christmas card? Choose one of your most unusual dishes... one that you know is really great. A local printer can set it up and reproduce it on colored paper or you can type it on the inside of a pretty, blank greeting card. Use a colored ribbon in your typewriter and sign it brightly with a matching felt tipped pen. A really original greeting!

Since the holiday brings out the best of your cakes, pies and cookies, why not have a "desserts only" evening for friends. You might serve those really sumptuous cakes you love that are too rich after a complete dinner. Set your table with a seasonal centerpiece and several cakes, pies and holiday cookies. Rich, steaming coffee and an interesting spiced tea should fill the bill.

Have a dessert tree, as a special surprise, to end a holiday dinner party. Buy a styrofoam cone in the local five and ten cent store, choosing the size that best fits your needs. Using toothpicks and a variety of dried and fresh fruits, candies and berries, you can create a colorful climax to your meal.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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

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

Sears

Authorized CATALOG SALES MERCHANT

H & R BLOCK

Trudie Derrick

E. B. and Evelyn Noble

Margaret Womack

GREETINGS

We hope that the true spirit of Christmas will bring a glow to your spirits, warmth to your heart. Thanks to all!

KILLINGSWORTH TRUE VALUE HARDWARE

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CHRISTMAS Joy

As the wise men following the star, found the stable in Bethlehem, may you also find new spiritual meaning in the joy, peace and goodwill of Christmas.

We will be good to you at **WESTERN AUTO**
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spinhirne & Family

Get a Bigger Sleigh, Santa Claus!



Dear Santa
Can I have a gun that shoots a bit of fire and a Ruff truck.
Yur frind
Todd McDaniel

Dear Santa,
I Love you Santa and I want a rabbit and I think you are a nice fellow.
Love
Bell

Dear Santa,
I have been a bood boy, and I would Like a drum and a flashlight.
I Love you Santa.
your frind
Adam Cline

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good boy.
Please bring ma a tiny truck.
Love,
Barry Rogers

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bb gun, I have been good.
Thanks
Steven

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Jana Renee Waggoner. I'm 5 years old. I'll be 6 the 18th of this month. I am in kindergarden at Richardson Elementary school.

May the radiance of the Christmas Star cast its light upon you, bringing with it renewed faith and wonder at the miracle of the Nativity.

ED HARRIS LUMBER CO.
HART, TEXAS

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a little car.
Love,
Orlando Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good boy.
Please bring me a toy tractor.
Love,
Danny Ward

Dear Santa,
Pease bring me a bb gun.
Ramiro

I would love a white furry stuffed cat to sit on my bed for Christmas. I would love a baby doll that takes a shower and also some new school cloths for me. I would love to have a whole kitche, with stove, refrigerator & sink. I've been good tghis year. Well sort of. Most of the time. I love you Santa.
Love
Jana Waggoner

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a toy Motorcycle.
Love,
Joel Romero

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a race track and I want a trampoline and I want a baby crys for you.
There will be a big big surprise.
Love,
Renea Harman.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Baby Cry Snow, Cone Maker, Lock Block Set.
Thanks,
Robyne

Dear Santa,
You are a nice fellow. I want a sewing machine and a Barbie Doll.
Your frind
Latisha

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a bike.
Love,
Brady Nelson

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a radio and doll game.
Thanks, you are a very nice man.
Love,
Genice Bossett

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Race Track, Train, bb gun Crane, Snow Cone Maker, Candy Man Land Game. I have been good.
Thanks,
Ashley

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Race Car, I have been good.
thanks
Wyette

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a toy car.
Love,
Paul Montiel

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a doll and a bike and a book. Thanks Santa. There will be cookies and milk for you.
Love,
Tammy Garcia

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Racer Car, train, bb gun, thanks! I have been good
Gabriel

CHRISTMAS CHEER

A Christmas bright and cheery is our greeting to you. And add our thanks for your generous support.

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a doll.
Love,
Lupe Alaniz

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a chalk board roller skates and a watch. Thank you for this presents. I like you very much.
Love,
Lisa Esquivel

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Lock Block Set, I have been good.
Thanks,
Shawna

CASTRO OIL & GAS

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a little doll.
Love,
Amanda Flores

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me for Christmas a firebird and parts for my sween bike and truck race track. I Love you. We will have cookies and milk. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Craig Golden

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Racer Car, I have been good.
Thanks
Luis Gonzales

Joyous CHRISTMAS

MAY THE SEASON'S SPIRIT OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING REMAIN WITH YOU ALL YEAR.

Hi-Plains Savings and Loan Association

Dimmitt Branch 3rd & Bedford 647-2189

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a race track and a race car. Santa I am going to give you some cookies.
Love,
Fermin Fernandez

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a bike and race track. Thank you for giving me a present.
Love
Toby Gonzales

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a remote control car and a Darth Vader case and a Snake track.
I Love you Santa.
Love
Steven Carter

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a bike and a Trans-Am track and a Godzilla Toy.
Thanks Santa your a good man.
Love,
Larry m, Alcantar

Dear Santa,
Would you please, bring me a bike and a race track. Thanks you Santa.
Love,
Raymond Dones

Dear Santu,
Would you ples brin me a choo-choo train. You are a nice old man.
Love,
Robert Langfordt.

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me for Christmas a typewriter and calculator. and Santa you are a very good man.
Love,
Melissa-Ley Ja

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike.
Love
Johnny Espinosa

Dear Santa,
Will you give a play tran and a sock full of candy and a picture of you.
your frind
Domingo

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Sing the carols. Ring the bells. Let the season's joy be felt by young and old...and thank you for your patronage.

C&S EQUIPMENT CO.
Management and Personnel

GREETINGS at Christmastime

CHEERS



That festive holiday spirit is in the air with hearts filled with excitement, we say Merry Christmas, and thanks.

JONES DITCHING SERVICE



Santa As A Sky Pilot: Bearded St. Nick uses an early flying machine for a delivery of toys. This Christmas card published in 1915 is from the Hallmark Cards Historical Collection.



Santa's Pennyfarthing bicycle cutting through the snow on a card made in the late 19th century by L. Prang, father of the American Christmas card. From the Hallmark Cards Historical Collection.

Antique cards illustrate Santa Claus's merry mythical excursions from frosty North Pole

Santa's mode of transportation wasn't always as lightfooted as his eight happy reindeer. Matter of fact, Santa didn't meet up with Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Comet, Blitzen, Donder, Cupid and Vixen until 1822, when Clement Clark Moore penned his popular poem "The Night Before Christmas."

Nick riding about on his pony "Swarte Piet" (Black Pete). The Pennsylvania Dutch turned the animal into a white mule and called the rider Kriss Kringle!

Antique cards in the Hallmark Cards Historical Collection, show Santa riding everything from a rocket ship to a "Pennyfarthing"—essentially a unicycle with a small back wheel. The father of the

American Christmas card, Louis Prang, showed Santa pedaling through the snow with a holly branch in hand and reindeer in pursuit.

A 1909 postcard pictures St. Nick at the helm of a ship, one from 1915 shows him flying an open airplane. Even contemporary cards portray jolly Santa getting around in a variety of ways, from motor bike to reindeer.

Santa himself has been portrayed in many shapes and sizes. He is alternately pictured in Christmas archives as a white bearded, priestly looking man, a black bearded buccancer, a roly-poly elf and a gaunt old man!

Whatever his means of transportation, Santa is Santa, beaming and jolly, and Christmas would surely not be the same without him!

Please shop Dimmitt first!



With special thanks for your warmth and friendship we wish you a very Merry Christmas

Dennis Floral & Gifts

409 N. W. 4th Street

Across From Plains Memorial Hospital

Dennis Funeral Home

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Hope your holiday is a real hum-dinger! In harmony with the season, we extend thanks to all.



Sands Motel

HOLIDAY CHEER

We're here to spread your word! And the good word for this time 'round is Merry Christmas, folks!

Dimmitt Printing Co.

Children's Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa

Please bring me a Baby Cry, Snow Cono Maker, Candy man Land. I have been good.

Thanks, Chris

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Baby Cry, Lock Block, Snowcone Maker, candy Man Land Game. I have been good.

Thanks Noemi Aleman

Dear Santa Claus

I want a car Santa Claus. I want a truck Sana Claus. I want a Bikskol Santa Claus.

Love Johnny Joe

Dear Santa,

I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a big doll.

Love, Lizandra Oltivero

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Candy Man Land Game. I have been good.

Thanks, Yvonne

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Snow Cone Maker, I have been good.

Thanks Santa From Elizabeth

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Baby Cry, Snow Cone Maker, I have been good.

Thanks Susan Waggoner

DeAr SANTA,

PleASe bRing me A bb gun. I haVe been good.

Thanks Johnny

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a train, bb gun, Race Track. I have been good.

thanks Reyes

Dear Santa,

I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a Choo-Choo train.

Thank You, Love, Clifton Finch

Dear Santa,

I love you. I have been good. Please bring me trampoline.

Love, Cory Mays

Dear Santa,

I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a toy.

Love, Abraham

Dear Santa,

I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a toy gun.

Love, Luis Pena III

Dear Santa,

I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a wagon.

Love, Adolfo Rodriguez

Dear Santa

I would like a baby bed, a rabbit coat and moon boots and books and baby love and tuch.

Your Friend, Leigh

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a play Santa Claus and I want some Books and a Baby weton care

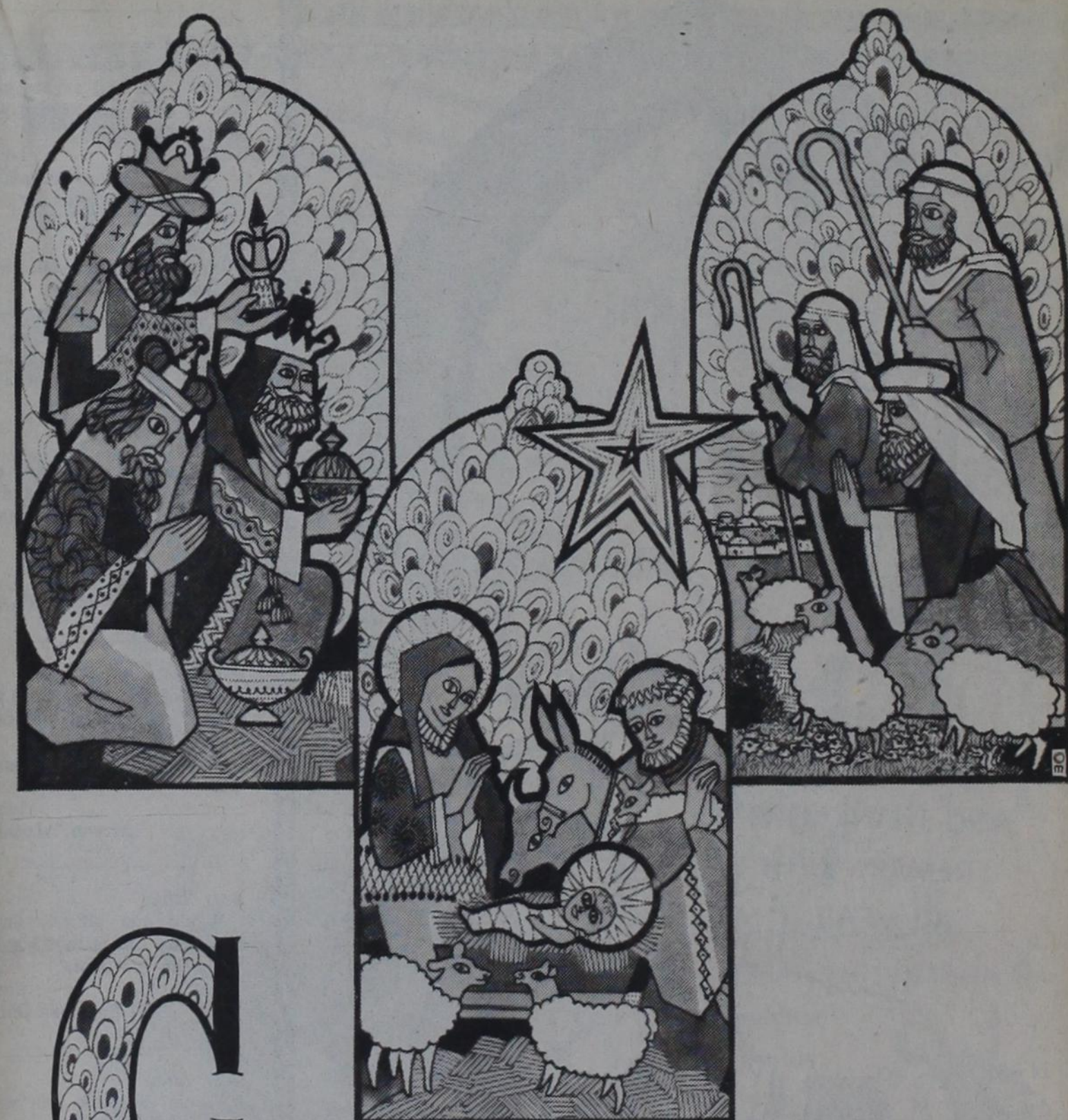
your friend, Leslie Durham



Greetings

May the joy of the season live in your home at Christmas bringing you true contentment. Thanks for your loyal patronage.

3-Way Farm Service



CHRISTMAS...

A time for spiritual rededication. A time for sharing memories and renewing cherished friendships. A time for joy and peace.

HOLLY SUGAR CORPORATION
HEREFORD PLANT



Children's Letters to Santa Claus



Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a sweetie face doll.
Love,
Sonia Oliviero

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Bady wet in ker and a chergh
Your friend,
Missy

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a soldier, a stuffed toy, a toy train set, and a gun.
Love,
Tito Cernelas

Dear Santa,
I want a twister game and Barbie Kising doll and Mr. Mouth and the Hungry Hippos and pera of penes thet a stare on the back and some shortes that have a stare?
Love,
veronica Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a twister and a monopoly games that's all I want.
Love
Sonia Zuniga

Dear Santa,
I want a fashion Plate and a Hungry Hippo
Love
Jeanne Davis

Dear Santa,
I want Alien and payday and monopoly and life
Love,
Steve Campbell

Dear Santa,
I want a twister game and a Barbie house.
Love
Brandi Hoyle

Dear Santa
I want a new blue bike with brakes on the handle bars. I want a train and a Cud Scouts pocket knife.
Love,
Paul Zuniga

Dear Santa,
Bring me a go cart and a game named twister and a truck and a game named Hungry Hippo and a motorcycle. and a game named Alien.
Love
Pable-Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a bike, a housekeeping set, a doll, and a big wheeler.
Love,
Criselda Sifuentez

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a toy motor cycle, a stuffed toy puppy, a baby doll, a rocking chair and toy doll bed.
Love,
Lawonda Hearne

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie doll and twister
Love
Sonia Alarcon

Dear Santa,
I would like a Clue game and twister and Hungry Hippo.
Love
Gina Evans

Dear Santa,
I want a twister game. and I like a Barbie doll.
Love
Alicia Villegas

Dear Santa
I want a twister and a Alien game.
Love
Isabel Flores

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle. and I want a truck. I Love you Dear Santa
Arthur Velasquez

Dear Santa
I want a Alien game and a toy motorcycle.
Love
Henry Flores

Dear Santa
I woaat a game and a truck and a Mr. Mouth and a Go cart
Love
Jessie Rasalez

Dear Santa,
I want a twister and I want a Mr. Mouth and I want a Fashion Plate
Love
Leticia Moreno

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a bike, a doll and dishes.
Love,
Renee Garcia

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a baby cries for you, a star doll and a baby that walks.
Love,
Rala Byrnes

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a doctor kit, a doll and doll house.
Love,
Amanda Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a superman, a batman and Robin, some boots, and incredible hulk.
Love,
Jose Garcia

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a snow cone maker, a cowboy hat, a race track, cowboy boots, and a vest.
Love,
Shawn Dalton

Dear Santa,
I want an eletric train set.
Love,
Roy Salazar

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a fire truck, a toy train set, a car, a little Christmas tree and a toy wolf.
Love,
Domingo Silva

Dear Santa,
I want a BABY cries For You.
Love,
Denita Mireles

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me some cowboy boots, blue jeans, cowboy hat, a chips set, a truck, gloves and a dart set.
Love,
Anthony Mirelez

Dear Santa,
I want an electric car.
Love,
Chris Hutson

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a fire truck, a car and a little bear.
Love,
Johnny Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a bike.
Love,
Richard Villegas

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good.
Please bring me a cloud ship from "Star Wars", a fire seig squad 51, a gun, an airplane with controls and some cars.
Love,
David Maxwell

Dear Santa,
I want a two story play house and some Dishes.
Heather Yarbrough

Dear Santa,
I want a go-cart.
Love,
Michael Ewing

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Doll.
Love
Kristie Kinser

Dear Santa,
I want a tamborine and pom poms.
Love,
Diana Perez

Dear Santa,
I want a trans-am car.
Love,
Valdez



MERRY CHRISTMAS

In the spirit of the season we bestow on all our neighbors and friends this wish - a blessed Yule, filled with special moments to be enjoyed with the folks you love.

Dimmitt TV Cable Co.

YULETIDE CHEER



Hearts are mellow, spirits light, at this Season of Good Fellowship!

ALVIN'S DRIVE-IN CLEANERS

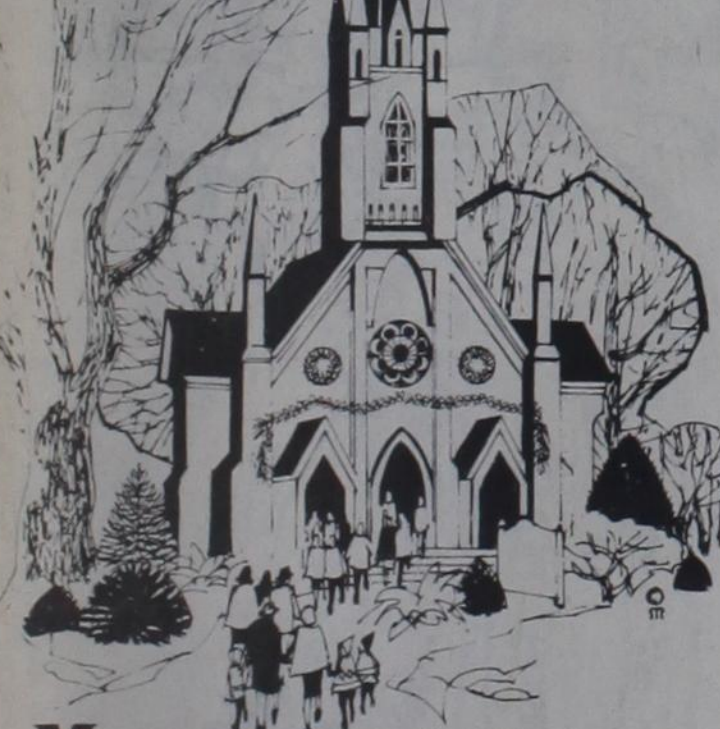
HAPPY YULETIDE



Wishing you bright holidays as Chistmas lights up the world!

Jerry's Automotive & Machine

GREETINGS



May the spiritual peace of this Christmas enter into your lives. It's a time of joy... a time to wish everyone the happiness and contentment of the Holy Night long ago. Our sincere thanks to all.

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FEDERAL LAND BANK ASSOCIATION OF HEREFORD 364-1464



Season's Good Wishes



Percy & Margaret Jerrye Lilley Dee Mynatt

Parsons Funeral Home

With sincere gratitude for the warm friendships which we have enjoyed, we extend greetings of the season to all of you, whose good will and loyalty we count among our most cherished possessions. May the holidays find you in hearty good health surrounded by devoted family and friends.

'But I don't WANT a partridge in a pear tree!'

One of the most popular Christmas songs is "The Twelve Days of Christmas," describing a long list of fantastic daily gifts that "my true love gave to me."

What if it were to really happen?

What if a modern young working woman, Carol Yule, were to receive all the gifts described in the Christmas ballad from her ardent admirer, Marvin Truelove?

In a humorous skit which they sometimes perform during the holiday season, Dimmitt High School speech teacher Brenda McClellan and her students dramatize the possible consequences through the follow-up notes and letters that Marvin's generosity generates.

At the News's request, Mrs. McClellan shares the sketch with us:

On the first day . . .

Dearest Marvin,

Thank you ever so much for

the fabulous present. It's really the most fun gift I've ever been given.

The partridge is so cute, and he just adores his pear tree. Of course, they do dominate my one-room apartment, but I'll make do, even if it means putting one of my armchairs in storage.

But I love your gift, I really do!

Love,
Carol

On the second day . . .

Dear Marvin,
Another present! What a surprise!

Now, Marvin honey, think I'm not appreciative, but really, sweetie, two turtle doves flying around an apartment can really make a mess.

Remember my red carpet? It's now two-toned. I know your heart's in the right place, but don't you think the partridge would have been enough for one Christmas?

Love,
Carol

On the third day . . .

Marvin—

If your latest gift is your way of telling me you're for the birds, then you've succeeded!

Did you know that French hens can't be domesticated and that their deadliest enemies are turtle doves and partridges? Did you also know I've got a cleaning bill of over \$200 for the blood and feathers? Did you also know I'm now known throughout my building as "that crazy bird lady"?

No more! Please!
Carol

On the fourth day . . .

MARVIN!!
Let me tell you about calling birds! THEY CALL EACH OTHER! MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT! 24 HOURS A DAY! NON-STOP!

Thanks to you, I'm now on tranquilizers and wearing ear plugs! Needless to say, I've stopped entertaining. Parties just don't make it in a bird sanctuary.

Now PLEASE!! BUG OFF WITH THE GIFTS!!!

Carol

On the fifth day . . .

Dear Big Sport!
When I got the five "golden" rings, I figured you were finally coming around to your senses by giving me something I could use.

Naturally, I was wrong. Five minutes after putting them on, my fingers turned green.

Marvin, you are the pits! One more gift and I get tough!

On the sixth day . . .

Mr. Marvin Truelove
12 St. Nicholas Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Truelove:

My client, Ms. Carol Yule, has instructed me to hereby order you to cease at once the sending of geese, hens, doves, birds or gifts of any kind to her.

Should you fail to comply to this order, we have no course but to take immediate legal action

Very truly yours,
Elbert Gribble

EG/vm

On the seventh day . . .

Dear Mr. Truelove:
I am the downstairs neighbor of Carol Yule and she has told me to send this bill to you.

For water damage to my apartment and possessions following flooding caused by seven swans overflowing upstairs bathtub . . . \$3,500.00

Please remit at once!
Myron Schmeer

On the eighth day . . .

To:
Ms. Carol Yule
1 Holly Street
New York, N.Y.

You are hereby ordered to take immediate steps to remove the following violations as specified under Section 4, Paragraphs 5 and 14, of the Residential Zoning Law which states:

"No dairy farm or establishment providing milk produce may be permitted in a multi-unit dwelling."

"No zoo or aviary may be permitted in a multi-unit dwelling."

On the ninth day . . .

SUMMONS
Ms. Carol Yule
1 Holly Street
New York, N.Y.

By order of the Police Commissioner, you are hereby ordered to appear at Civil Court to answer the following charges:

- 1. Operating a cabaret with nine dancers without a license.
- 2. Using a private residence as a wildlife preserve.

Failure to comply with this summons will result in your arrest.

Marvin!!!
For God's sake STOP!!

On the tenth day . . .

ACME Realty Corporation
245 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y.

Ms. Carol Yule
1 Holly Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Ms. Yule:

It has come to our attention that you are in violation of the terms of your lease in our building at 1 Holly Street. In the aforementioned lease, you agreed that you would be the only person living in your apartment and also that you would keep no pets. According to complaints by other tenants, you are now sharing your apartment with 10 leaping men, nine dancing women and eight milkmaids with cows. In addition, there are reports of various numbers of swans, geese and other birds on the premises. We have no choice but to evict you at the end of this month.

Very truly yours,
F. C. Sweedle
Manager of rentals

On the eleventh day . . .

Harley Stagnire, M.D.
Stagnire Clinic
66th St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Truelove:

I feel it is my duty as a psychiatrist to warn you that your actions toward my patient, Ms. Carol Yule, are causing her great mental anguish and bringing on severe traumas.

She came to me today in a hysterical condition, screaming uncontrollably about "eleven pipers piping," followed by other complaints I could not make out.

I learned from her that you are responsible for her condition, which may require her to be committed to a mental institution. For her good, I must insist that you remain completely out of her life.

Sincerely,
Harley Stagnire, M.D.

On the twelfth day . . .

Quigley, Farquahr, Gribble and Stubbs
Attorneys at Law
200 W. 57th St.
New York, N.Y.

Mr. Martin Truelove
12 St. Nicholas Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Truelove:
I regret to inform you that

Ms. Carol Yule took her own life today. In her suicide note, she stated that she wished to repay you for all the things you have done for her.

Therefore, I am obeying her last wishes by sending to your apartment the following of her personal possessions:

- 12 drummers drumming,
- 11 pipers piping,
- 10 lords a-leaping,

- 9 ladies dancing,
- 8 maids a-milking,
- 7 swans a-swimming,
- 6 geese a-laying,
- 5 golden rings,
- 4 calling birds,
- 3 French hens,
- 2 turtle doves,
- and a partridge in a pear tree.

Sincerely,
Elbert Gribble

THE STORY OF THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Legend has it that a casual blunder by St. Nicholas started the custom of hanging Christmas stockings. While making his yearly rooftop visits in Holland, this kindly gent dropped his purse down a chimney. Much to the good fortune of those below, the purse fell into a stocking left on the hearth to dry. As word spread of the family's good luck, the tradition of hanging Christmas stockings became popular and widespread.



MERRY Christmas

At holiday-time, we take pleasure in remembering your friendship and loyalty . . . remembering too, the joys of old-fashioned festivities in the hope that they are now yours.

THE VILLAGE SHOP



Merry Christmas

At this joyous time of year, we wish the best of holiday blessings to all our customers and their loved ones. Thanks for your loyalty.

DIMMITT AGRI INDUSTRIES



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

On the way to all our customers, neighbors and friends, good wishes for a warm, wonderful holiday. Our "thanks" to everyone.

REEVE-FLEMING CHEVROLET-PONTIAC



Greetings for Christmas

From all of us to all of you, our best and merriest wishes. Here's hoping the holiday season holds for you many present delights. Sincere thanks for the opportunities you've given us to be of service. Have a simply wonderful holiday.

Swisher Electric Co-Op, Inc.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Season's Greetings



Pleasing our customers pleases us too! Merry Christmas!

GEORGE'S EXXON STATION

IT'S CHRISTMAS



...and we take pleasure in this opportunity to say thank you for your continuing confidence and trust. Best wishes to you and your family for a happy holiday.

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Slip into the Yuletide spirit — spread good cheer!

Age-old customs, traditions shape contemporary holiday

For all of the many symbols of Christmas—a welcoming wreath upon a door, gaily wrapped packages spilling out from under a tree, twinkling lights dancing upon tinsel—seldom is the special significance of the holiday season obscured.

From large cities to remote country villages in lands both near and far, a spirit of good cheer prevails among the people.

There is great excitement as age-old customs are followed in preparation for the holiday celebration. And, though the customs may differ from land to land, the holiday sentiment remains much the same in many cultures.

Midwinter had always been a season of joyous celebration in ancient civilizations. The Romans paid tribute to their deity of agriculture, Saturnus, during the winter season of Saturnalia.

A Roman holiday

It was a week-long festival marked by processions, gift-giving, feasting and decorating the home with laurel and evergreens.

In winter also, the Hebrews celebrated the Festival of Lights, or Hanukkah, which is still observed today by people of the Jewish faith. It is a holiday which commemorates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem by Judas Maccabeus in 165 B.C.

The Temple had been pillaged by the Syrian army, and only a small amount of sacred oil remained. Although it was judged to be enough to last for only one day, the oil burned for eight days. Therefore the Jews observe Hanukkah for eight days in honor of this miracle.

Winter rites

Similarly, wintertime festivities took place in early Egyptian and Greek civilizations. The Goths, Saxons and Druids of the northern lands all celebrated the arrival of the winter solstice with great feasting and sacred rituals.

These pagan rituals eventually melded with the Christian celebration of the birth of Christ, and the season's festivities took on an international character as Christianity grew in acceptance throughout the centuries.

At first, the Church resisted observation of pagan rituals but, failing in that attempt, it incorporated the forms into the Christian celebration.

Custom of gift-giving

Perhaps the most well-known and widespread of all Christmas traditions is the practice of giving gifts.

The early Romans made gifts

to their emperors during Saturnalia, the three wise men, or Magi, brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child; and an Archbishop from Lycia brought the gift of faith to many.

This generous Archbishop from Asia Minor was the good Saint Nicholas, or Santa Claus, the patron saint of girls and boys.

Children all over the world write to him at his home at the North Pole with their gift requests, a practice which has been abstracted from a Germanic legend.

The symbols of Christmas are both sacred and secular. From special holiday cakes to the star on the Christmas tree, from sidewalk Santas to the scene of the nativity, the mix of pagan and Christian symbolism is thorough.

Celtic traditions

Kissing under the mistletoe stems from ancient Celtic tradition. Decorating the tree—in early times, with fruits and sweets—stems from an early Germanic worship of vegetation.

Sending Christmas greetings to friends and associates to express friendship and good-will first came about in Victorian England.

An English first

Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert, introduced the first Christmas tree in England from his native Austria in 1841.

Centuries-old customs have been handed down in a spirit of heart-warming brotherhood. Children grow excited at the thought of Santa's visit, or the chance to sit on his knee at the local department store.

Singers both young and old venture out into the crisp night, filling the air with the sweet sounds of Christmas carols.

College students gather in the dorm lounge, surrounded by bowls of popcorn, needles and thread, red and green ribbons, and an eight-foot tree waiting to be decorated.

Heart-warming season

Very few hearts escape being touched by the spirit of Christmas. Busting commuters don't seem as easily bristled during

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

Our family would like a trampoline. Would you please bring our baby sister Kaci a Lolly doll and a Bucky, the wonder horse. Nadine would like a baby crawl around and a record player. Royce would like an army set and a black cowboy hat. Kara would like a watch and a purse. Denise would like a purse and fashion plates.

Thank you very much.

We love you!
The Schulte's

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a guitar, Micky Mouse ears, and that's all. I want some records, too. I want a baby doll bed. That's all.

Kitzel's been a good boy and I'm a good girl.

Love,
Elayne Hoover, age 3

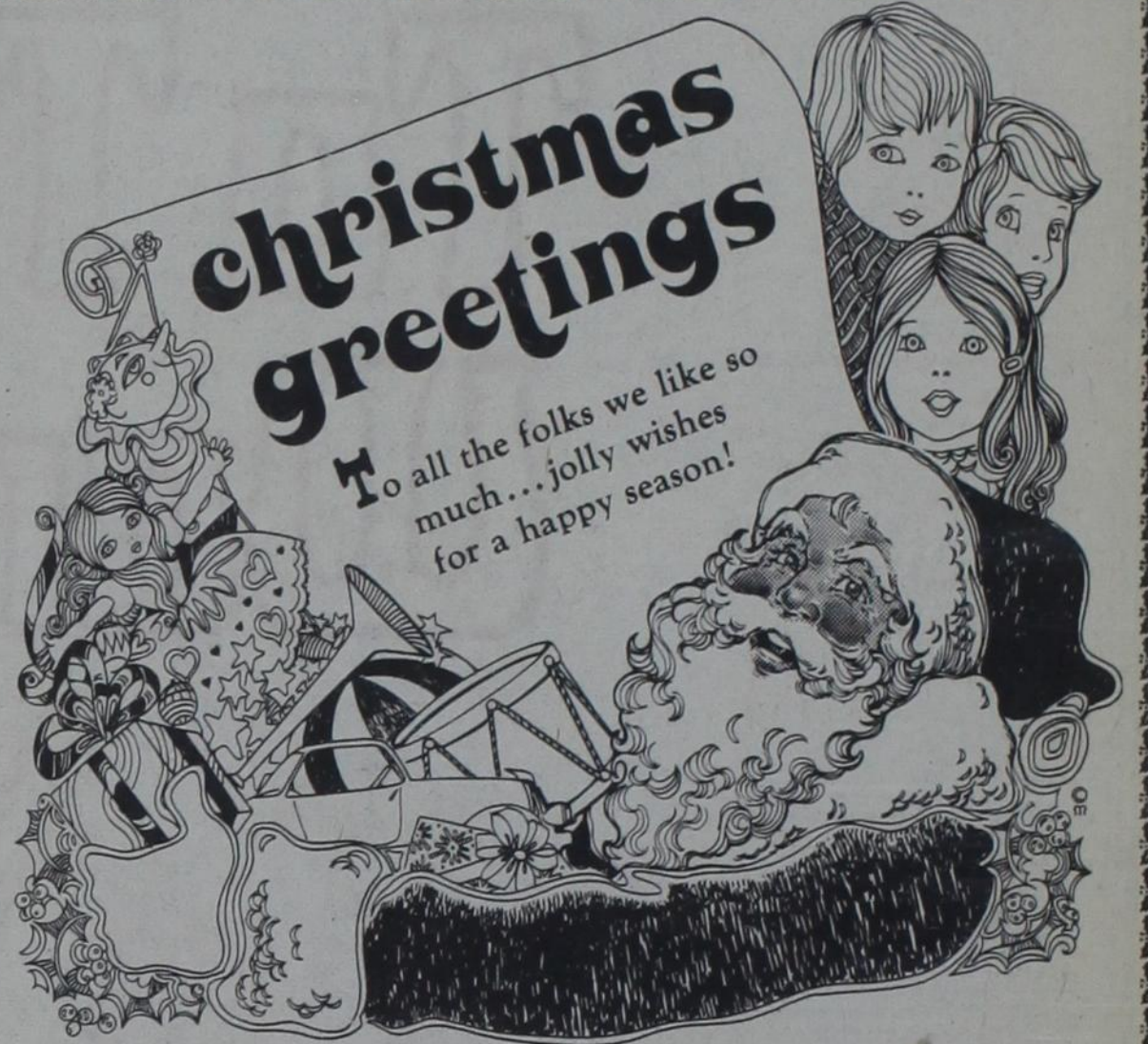
Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bicycle, a Gribbit game, a Lego farm, and some other toys. I hope your elves get your toys made in time.

Please bring my little brother some clothes. Thanks for my toys last year.

Please come to my house early this year because I'll be gone on Christmas.

Love,
Garland and Ben



christmas greetings

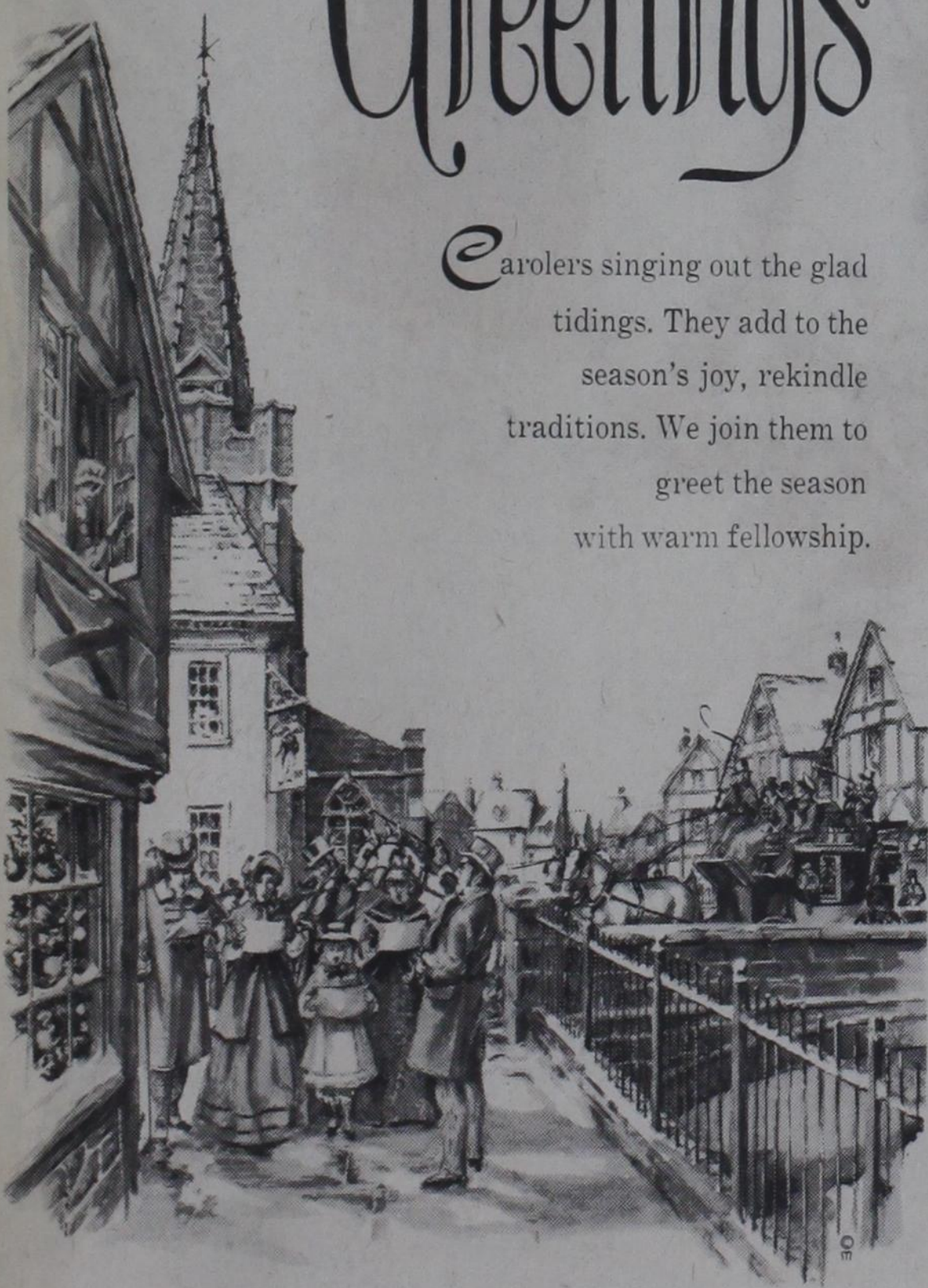
To all the folks we like so much... jolly wishes for a happy season!

Thank you for your patronage.

FLAGG FARMERS GIN, INC.

Greetings

Carolers singing out the glad tidings. They add to the season's joy, rekindle traditions. We join them to greet the season with warm fellowship.



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PIPE CLEANERS

HELP TRIM-A-TREE

Pipe cleaners in colors are a boon when trimming a tree. They're great for attaching lights and cords to branches, can be bent to use as ornament hangers, fasten reinforcing sticks to limp branches and when curled in a spiral make an attractive trim themselves. Some enterprising folk shape them into little figures to hang as original ornaments!

Store your lovely Christmas ornaments in clean cartons from the liquor store. The dividers separate and protect them when they are tucked away. A little tissue around each will keep it whole until next year.

Yule Legends

French peasants believe that a daughter, born on December 25th, will be wise, witty and virtuous.

Polish children get their holiday gifts from Mother Star, and her companion Father Star, not from Santa Claus!

NO CHRISTMAS

Because its inhabitants are Buddhists and Mohammedans, Christmas Day is never celebrated on Christmas Island, located in the Indian Ocean! And no Christmas festivities are held in Santa Claus's hometown of Myrina, Turkey. The birthplace of St. Nicholas is a Mohammedan community.

LEGAL HOLIDAY

The only religious holiday recognized as a legal holiday throughout the United States is Christmas. Alabama became the first state to declare Christmas a legal holiday, in 1836. By 1890, all other states had done the same.

HOLIDAY PUZZLER

Can you remember the names of all of Santa's reindeer? We've listed them all directly below, upside-down, but first see how you do without peeking!

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Donder, Blitzen, Rudolph



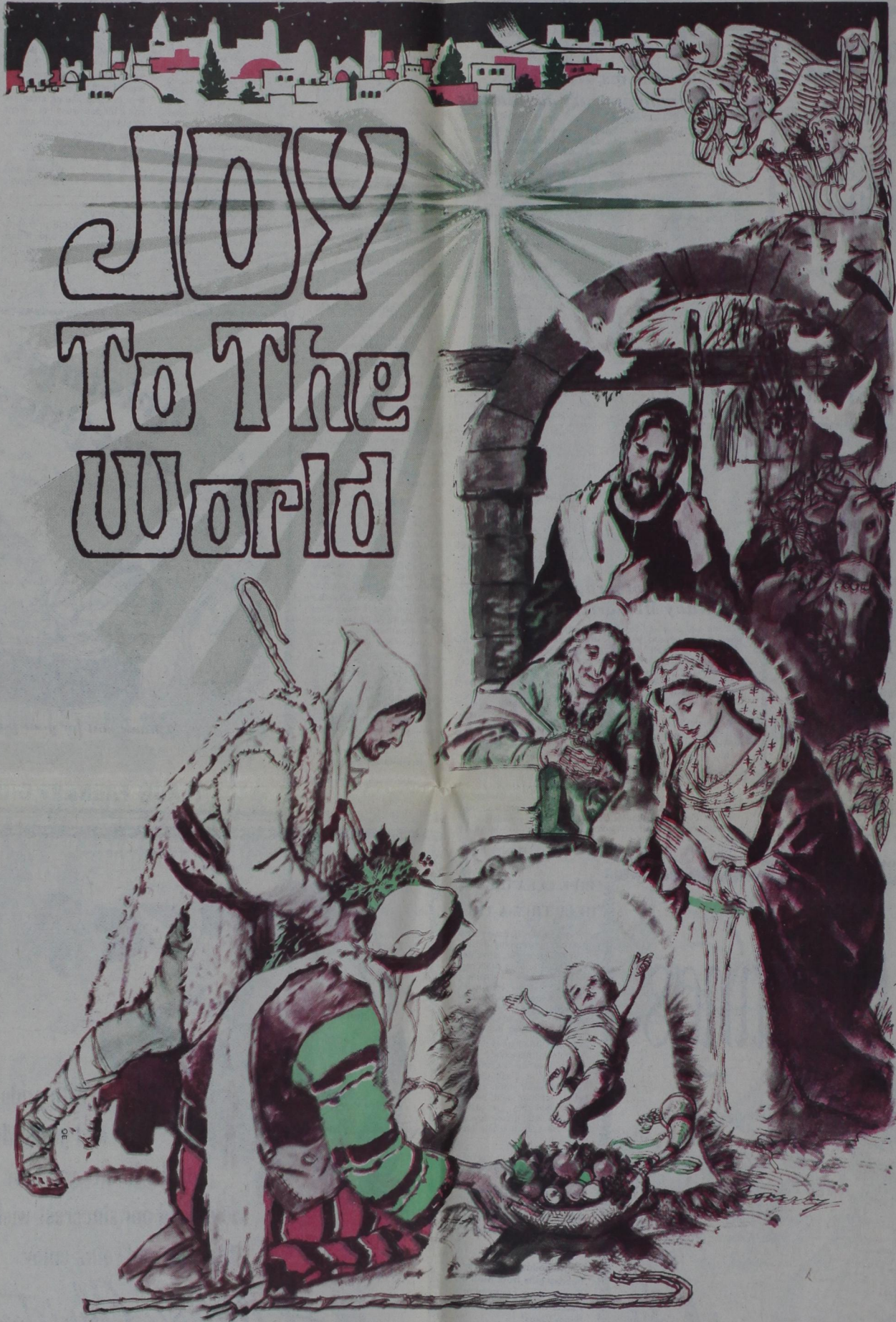
With pride and gratitude

for the loyalty you have shown, we extend our sincerest wishes that you and yours enjoy

A Merry Christmas

CASTRO COUNTY GRAIN CO.

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BEHOLD THE PRECIOUS BABE...THE PRINCE OF PEACE!
 AS PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD JOIN TO CELEBRATE
 THIS SACRED SEASON AND TO SHARE THE LIGHT OF HIS
 MESSAGE, WE EXULT AND OFFER WONDROUS THANKS.
 MAY YOUR HEART AND HOME BE FILLED WITH THE
 SPECIAL BLESSINGS THAT MARK THIS HALLOWED HOLIDAY.

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