

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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### The Lamplighter

By Ken Towery

A few months ago our State Commissioner of Agriculture, Jim Hightower, proposed certain rules and regulations to govern the use of crop pesticides on Texas farms and ranches.

The proposed rules, needless to say, proved highly controversial. The people who were most upset, as it developed, were the farmers and ranchers of Texas. Members of the Texas Farm Bureau emerged as leading spokesmen against Mr. Hightower's proposals.

This, in turn, caused Mr. Hightower much anguish. He accused members of the Farm Bureau with throwing "purple faced tantrums". He further accused them of having "their heads in the sand", if we are to believe news accounts of the hearings and their aftermath.

We are in no position to judge the relative merits involved in arguments for or against Mr. Hightower's proposed rules. There could well be a need for establishing rules and regulations governing the use of agricultural pesticides. But it struck us as more than passing strange that the spokesmen who emerged against the proposed rules were farmers and ranchers themselves. One would have thought that a Department charged with looking after the interests of agriculture would have arrived at some sort of consensus within that community before calling for public hearings.

Now an interesting little sidelight has surfaced in the way Mr. Hightower runs his department, as well as how he gets his ideas on what is best for Texas farmers and ranchers.

Mr. Sam Biscoe has just had his law license suspended for six months. And why should that be news? Well, Mr. Biscoe is Mr. Hightower's general counsel, and he is paid \$54,000 per year. Never mind, dear readers, Mr. Hightower values Mr. Biscoe's judgment so highly that he will merely change Mr. Biscoe's title from general counsel to "assistant" and continue paying him 54,000 tax dollars per year, despite the loss of his right to practice law in Texas.

Even so, why should this be of interest to farmers and ranchers, or anyone else for that matter? Well, Mr. Biscoe is described, in an Associated Press story, as "one of the primary architects" of Mr. Hightower's new pesticide regulations.

And where did he come from and why did he get in trouble with the State Bar of Texas, and what qualifies him to be "one of the primary architects" of Mr. Hightower's new pesticide regulations? Was he an attorney specializing in law dealing with agriculture?

Not hardly. The Dallas Morning News reports that "The State Bar, which oversees the behavior of Texas lawyers, filed suit in December 1983 charging Biscoe with six acts of professional misconduct. The charges stemmed from his Dallas law practice, before he was hired by Hightower."

The charges were leveled against Biscoe by five former clients. Mr. Biscoe said they resulted from his having taken on "too many cases of a civil rights nature, and the inability to say no when the cases were obviously weak."

Intrigued by the situation wherein a civil rights lawyer emerges as "one of the primary architects" of Mr. Hightower's proposed pesticide rules, we called the Department to inquire. We were told by a spokesman that the Associated Press story was "not entirely right" in its description of Mr. Biscoe.

### LOST DOG

A medium size red part doberman bobtail male dog lost in the Harmony community. The dog had been under observation, confined at the Darrell Evans home. It is vital to locate this dog! Anyone having information pertaining to the location of the dog may call Ritchie Crow at 983-2806 or Darrell Evans at 983-2663.

## Dr. Stubbs joins SPHP



DR. DORA CRANDALL STUBBS

As of Monday, December 17, Dr. Dora Crandall Stubbs will be attending to the health care needs of patrons of South Plains Health Providers in Floydada on a part time basis. She will be in Floydada on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. for consultation at the SPHP offices.

Dr. Stubbs returned to school at age 38, after being widowed, to receive her degree in medicine from the Autono-

mous University in Guadalajara, Mexico. She received part of the funds enabling her to return to school from the State of Texas Rural Loan Board, and she has a masters degree from Texas Women's University.

After a year practicing in Brooklyn, N.Y., Stubbs operated a clinic in Attica, New York. She moved to Turkey, Texas, about six months ago and opened her own clinic in that city.

A family practitioner, Stubbs will be ministering to all patients of South Plains Health Providers, including the pediatric clinic patients and the obstetrical patients. She is anxious to begin her work with people in the Floydada area saying, "Because I went to school in Mexico, I understand Spanish and can speak it well enough to get my point across. I think that will help me in dealing with patients here in Texas since so many people speak Spanish."

Dr. Stubbs will be commuting to Floydada twice a week from Turkey where she lives with her husband, Otho Stubbs, a farmer in the Turkey area who is also an avid amateur archaeologist and a talented western artist. Dr. Stubbs has a son, Mark Howell, who is a junior at Tech this year.

"I hope my association with South Plains Health Providers and Floydada will be beneficial to all of us," said Stubbs. "I love Texas, and I want to be able to give back to some of the things it has given me. I can only do this with my medical training and by serving the people as a doctor."

## Fog blamed for accidents

The intersection at Kentucky and Wall Streets was the scene of two accidents on Tuesday, December 18. The first occurred about 8:15 a.m. in dense fog. Two pickups, a 1970 Toyota driven by Samuel Smith, and a 1979 Toyota, driven by Simon Herrera, collided at the intersection. City Police- man, Doug Brewer reported that there were no serious injuries as a result of the accident.

Texas Highway Patrolman Doug Whitworth was called to the same intersection about 10 a.m. the same day to sort out another accident. Whitworth said, "A 1980 Oldsmobile, going south on Wall and driven by Inez Rhoades of Ralls, attempted to make a left turn on to Kentucky. The vehicle broadsided a 1983 Buick Riviera going north on Wall and driven by Grant Turner of Floydada. According to Whitworth, Rhoades did not see the oncoming car in the dense fog. There were no injuries as a result of the accident."

## Post Office offers 210 years of service

"The employees of the Floydada branch of the United States Postal Service offer local patrons a combined total of 210 years of quality service through quality performance by quality employees," according to newly appointed Postmaster, Gary Reckling.

Wayne Finley with 40 years of service and Elvis Warren with 24 years of service are the senior members of the Post Office team in Floydada. Other employees include Parnell Powell,

George Finley, Ed Warren, Freddie Morren, Mazie Becker, Stan Self, Tino Morales, Gary Wilson, Jerry Finley, Ronald Evans, Roy Kinard, Harold Wayne Bennett, Carlos Vasquez, John Redding, Sam Spence, and Doyle Turner.

Reckling would like everyone to know "that our employees are committed to giving service to our customers. Serving the customer is our business as long as we can do it within the scope of postal



210 YEARS OF SERVICE are represented in this group of postal employees. They are Wayne Finley, Mazie Becker, Ed Warren, Stan Self, George Finley, Tino Morales, Gary Wilson, Jerry Finley, Gary Reckling, Ronald Evans, Elvis Warren, Parnell Powell, Roy Kinard, Freddie Morren, Harold Wayne Bennett, and Carlos Vasquez. Not pictured were John Redding, Sam Spence, and Doyle Turner.

## Three purses stolen

According to Doug Brewer, of the Floydada Police Department, "There have been several purse snatchings in the last couple of months."

Purse snatching incidents occurred on Tuesday, December 11, and Thursday, December 13. Both thefts occurred when purses were left in unlocked cars while the owners "just ran into a store for a minute."

On Tuesday, a purse was stolen outside of Don Hardy's on 5th and Missouri. The Thursday incident was a little different. The owner of the purse left her three children in the vehicle while she went into Williams Florist on California Street. A juvenile boy opened the car door and took the purse and ran.

A third purse snatching was reported to police on Sunday, December 16. Brewer stated, "Someone heaved a brick through the side window of a 1984 Suburban parked in front of the First Baptist Church and stole a purse left in the locked vehicle. It would be wise not to leave anything in open view even in locked vehicles."

Brewer again cautions holiday shoppers to be more careful. "Do not leave purses, presents or any valuables in an unlocked vehicle for even a minute," says Brewer. "I could put a real damper on your holiday fun to lose your identification and credit cards, not to mention cash."

## Chamber names winners

The winners of the Chamber of Commerce Lighting Contest were announced after the out-of-town judges toured the city and made their choices on Monday evening, December 17. In keeping with the colors of the season, the red and green lighting adorning the home of Connie Galloway at 706 West Lee was awarded the first prize of \$25.00.

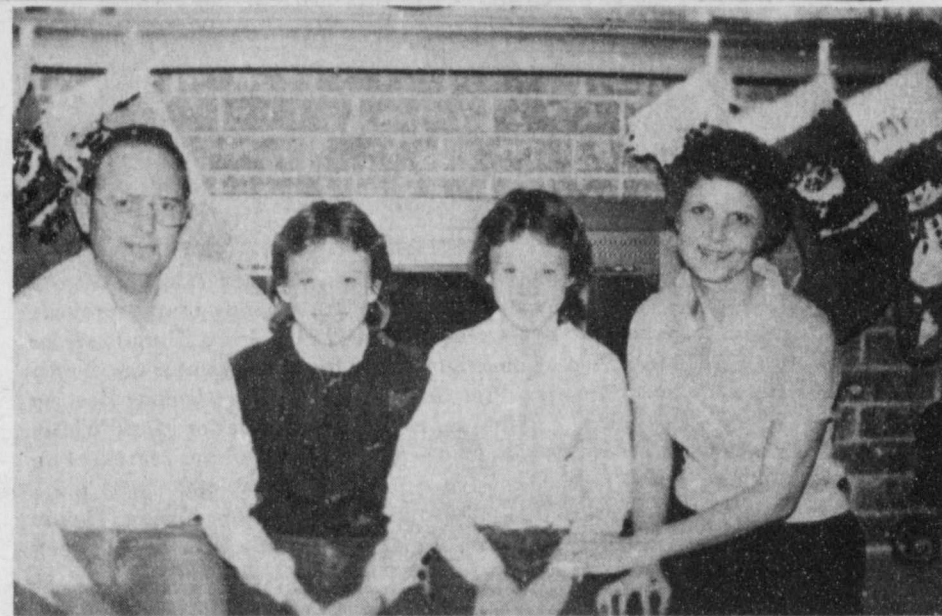
Second place was awarded to the impressive display of blue lighting on and around the Bob Hambricht home at 723 West Kentucky. The cheery Merry Christmas which greets visitors and passers by radiates a warm holiday sentiment. Hambricht will receive the \$15.00 second prize.

L.V. Assiter at 900 West Mississippi will receive the third prize of \$10.00 for the unique display in his yard. A canopy

of lights shelters a trio of reindeer fashioned from natural wood.

The judges had a difficult task choosing three winners from the many displays they saw. They felt that three of the homes they viewed should be mentioned as being very lovely. Tagged for honorable mentions were Donald Bean at 905 West Mississippi for a colorful display of red lighting, C.J. Payne at 729 Tennessee for a lighted poinsettia arrangement, and James Widener at 124 Mae for a display featuring giant candy canes and greenery highlighted by blue lights.

The Chamber hopes this will be the beginning of a long tradition of decorating for the season, and wishes to thank all who participated. Everyone is encouraged to plan to enter the competition next Christmas.



DELMAS MCCORMICK, the newly appointed chairman of the Texas Farm Bureau Soybean Committee, is shown here with his wife Pauline and his twin daughters, Anita and Amy.

## McCormick chairs Texas FB Soybean Committee

Delmas McCormick, a Floydada resident, has been appointed chairman of the Texas Farm Bureau Soybean Advisory Committee by state president S.M. True. This is McCormick's second year on the committee and he will serve as chairman for a year.

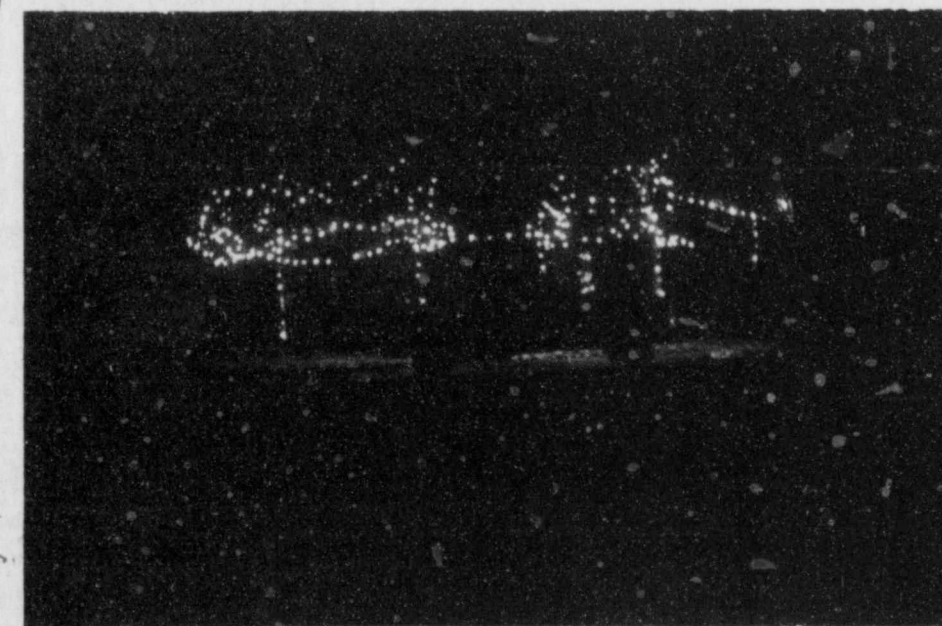
The committee considers issues pertinent to soybean producers across the state and makes recommendations to the Texas Farm Bureau board of directors concerning solutions or responses to those issues. McCormick will represent Texas Farm Bureau soybean producers at the American Farm Bureau Convention in Hawaii in January. He will also be attending a leadership

conference in Austin in January. Other meetings across the state will be on his agenda as well.

The McCormick farming operation is located southeast of Floydada. Cotton, wheat, grain sorghum and soybeans are produced on the farm.

"Farm Bureau is definitely a family farm organization and my wife accompanies me whenever she can. We enjoy the work and hope we can be of service to others who place their trust in us," said McCormick.

McCormick and his wife, Pauline have two sons, Michael Dorman, age 26, and Mark Allen, 21. They also have twin daughters, Amy and Anita, age 13.



THIS COLORFUL LIGHT display was awarded the 1st prize in the Chamber of Commerce Lighting Contest. It is the home of Connie Galloway at 706 West Lee and was done in red and green lights.

### This Week

#### BAND CALENDARS

Floydada Band Boosters Community Birthday Calendars are now in. Band students will be delivering them within the next few days. Any business, who had a listing on the calendar, and has not yet received their copy may call 983-3338.

#### BANK OPEN HOUSE

First National Bank will hold their Open House Thursday, December 20, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the festivities. Goodies provided are furnished courtesy of the bank employees.

#### ACP SIGNUP

Floyd County ASCS office has scheduled sign-up for the 1985 ACP program from Wednesday, Dec. 19 to Friday, Dec. 21 at 208 South Wall. Phone 983-2352 for more information.

#### CHEESE AND BUTTER

The American Agricultural Movement will distribute cheese and butter in Floydada on December 21 from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on December 21.

#### MUSEUM DISCOUNTS

The museum will have 30% off all this week on many handmade Christmas decorations for sale, plus on many other items such as scarfs and tams, and house shoes.

### WEATHER

Courtesy of Energas

Date	High	Low
December 12	68	42
December 13	29	28
December 14	30	30
December 15	38	35
December 16	56	38
December 17	58	28
December 18	46	42

#### BASKETBALL

Friday night the Winds basketball teams will play Idalou there. It will be the girls second district game and the boys first. Thursday, Dec. 27, the girls will travel to Jlaton for a tournament and the boys travel to Frenship. The tournaments will be held Dec. 27-29. Let's all go out and support the Winds.

Go Green Varsity Cheerleaders

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Mal Function Junction will be making their last appearance for a New Year's Eve dance at the MAC from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. New Year's Eve, sponsored by Alpha Mu Delta. Party favors will be given away. Proceeds will go to charity. Charge will be \$10 a person.

### Marble Scholarship established

The family and friends of Mike Marble have established a scholarship to be awarded for the first time to a Floydada High School graduate in 1986.

The person receiving the scholarship must plan to further his or her education beyond high school in an area related to agriculture. The recipient will also be a person who shows initiative with above average interest in maintaining a healthy agricultural economy. The person may plan to attend either a two year or four year college or vocational school.

Those who wish to contribute to the Mike Marble Memorial Scholarship Fund may make contributions directly to Floydada High School or to the Mike Marble memorial fund at Hale County State Bank in Plainview.



**GREEN THUMB WORKERS**, Georgia Finley and Mary Adams look over the materials Finley brought back from a recent seminar on oral history projects.



**GREEN THUMB TOUR**—Officials from across the state recently toured projects that employ workers from the Texas Farmers Union [TFU] Green Thumb senior employment program. Shown here at the Elgin Adult Day Care Center are Bobby Hatch, Center Director; Mike Moeller, President, Texas Farmers Union; Bastrop County Judge, Clyde Clardy; Walter Tibbitts, representing Voernor Mark White; Quinten Woormer, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture; Sam Gorena, representing Lt. Governor William Hobby; Rhoda Cavitt, Director, Combined Community Action; Richard Raymond, representing Senator Lloyd Bentsen; Green Thumb workers, Blanche Robinson and Frances Williams; and Brenda Brinsfield, Green Thumb sponsor. Green Thumb has more than 1,000 older workers in 109 Texas counties.

## Officials tour projects

More than 50 representatives from government, agriculture, and social service organizations participated recently in an all-day tour of project sites that utilize workers from the Green Thumb senior employment program.

Sponsored by Texas Farmers Union, Green Thumb employs more than 1,000 rural, low-income persons aged 55 and older, in 109 counties across the state. The senior workers are placed with non-profit organizations such as libraries, schools, senior centers, and municipalities to provide services that might not otherwise be available.

Projects toured included stops in Elgin at the Adult Day Health Services Center; Doak Springs Senior Center, Fayette County Fairgrounds, LaGrange; and the Combined Community Action Program in Smithville. Each of these organizations utilize the abilities of Green Thumb workers to assist in

providing needed services for their rural communities.

Texas Farmers Union President Mike Moeller, told the group that in talking with Green Thumbs across the state, "I have come to realize how much the opportunity to work means to them." He further commented that "the jobs this program provides are important not only as a source of additional income, but even more importantly as a source of self-esteem and personal fulfillment."

Special guests on this year's tour were Walter Tibbitts, representing Governor Mark White; Sam Gorena, representing Lt. Governor Bill Hobby; Richard Raymond, representing U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen; Quinten Woormer, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture; Dan Stewart, Texas Department of Aging; and Bob Girard, Director, Senior Texans Employment Program.

## Floydada Nursing Home Happenings

Monday morning devotions were by Trinity Church. The singers were Rev. G.A. Van Hoose, Eula Mae Wilson, Dartha Westbrook, and Shirley Varner. Eula Mae read a poem and Rev. Van Hoose spoke about Heaven. Dolores Cannon and Leona Neff made the ladies beautiful in the beauty shop Monday and Tuesday. They all look forward to beauty shop days. We certainly do appreciate these two ladies. They volunteer many hours to the Nursing Home. I believe the Lord will richly reward them. Monday afternoon we painted ceramic Christmas tree candy dishes. The residents who painted were Emmitt Lawrence, Ollie Birnie, Addie Lindley, Iva Simpson, Lura Brashears, Ruth Benson, Bennie Wilson, Una Clark, and Myra Hall.

Tuesday morning devotions were by Brother Neeley Richardson. He spoke from Genesis concerning the beginning and the miracles of God. Tuesday afternoon we had a good time of Bible study, sharing, and prayer. We concluded our study about Joseph, the son of Jacob.

Wednesday morning devotions were by City Park Church of Christ. The singers were Elva Blum, Ruth Walker, Beulah Baker, Mary Spears, Ruby Hartsell, Vernola Hanna, Eva Tackett, Lorilla Bradley, and Mary Hale. In the

afternoon we played Bingo. Mamie Bradshaw bingo'ed first and got the 30 cent coke money. Mrs. Halencak, Addie Lindley, and Mamie Bradshaw bingo'ed on the blackout and Sue Thompson bingo'ed the most times. We appreciate Jo Bryant and Dorothy Neff for helping with the Bingo game.

Thursday morning devotions were by Rev. Earl Blair. He spoke about God's forgiving, sustaining love.

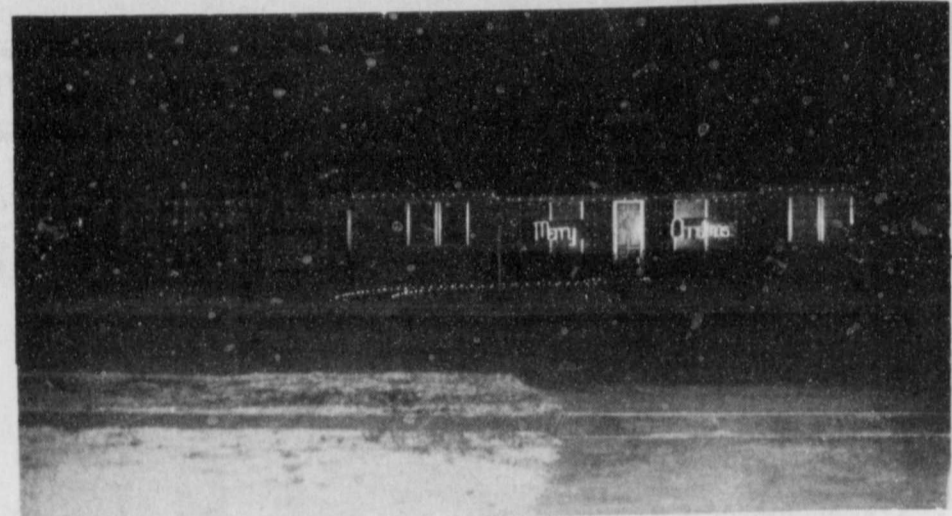
We want to thank Mrs. Stewart for the two cakes she brought to the Nursing Home. They were very good. Thursday afternoon the bus trip was cancelled due to the weather so we played two games of dominos. Myra Hall won one game and Dosia Webb won one game.

Friday morning devotions were cancelled due to the weather. In the afternoon we enjoyed a cheese tasting party.

This week's visitors included: Myria Dade, Mary Adams, Grady and Esther Freeman, Ethel Carmack, Hazel Bradley, Bobbie Rogers, Anna V. Mayes (Paducah), Marilyn Gowdie, Dorothy Neff, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Dunavant, Geneva Wilson, Nelda Tomison, Jay Tomison, Lois Parker, Mildred Fuqua, Marquita Sha Smith, Mrs. Joyce Williams, Na'Cole Wyvett Smith, J.W. and Dolores Cannon and Della Hughes.



**TENCHA GARZA** and Melissa are shown with the Cabbage Patch Doll they won in a drawing at Perry's on December 17. Wally Padgett, Manager of the Floydada Perry's, said, "We have had several offers to buy the doll, but we held on to it for our Christmas Give Away drawing." Mrs. Garza was pleased with the doll she won, saying, "My daughter will love it."



**THE HOME** of Bob Hambright at 723 West Kentucky won the second prize in the Chamber of Commerce Lighting Contest. It was decorated in blue lights with a brightly lit "Merry Christmas" as a focal points.



**THE L.V. ASSITER HOME** at 900 West Mississippi received 3rd place in the Chamber of Commerce Lighting Contest.

## Perry named Petersburg Man of the Year

John Perry, a former Floydada resident, was recently named Man of the Year by the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce. Perry, a past mayor of Petersburg, owns Perry Farm Machinery. He has been president of the Petersburg Day Parade for the past two years and is an active member of the First United Methodist Church.

Perry and his wife have one son, three daughters, and four grandchildren. Perry moved to Petersburg from Floydada in 1964. He is the son of J.E. Perry of Floydada.

### Lamplighter

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Biscoe's role in the matter. He was an expert in "administrative law" we were told, who had a big hand in bringing various sides together and working out the final draft. Well perhaps, we suggested, the words "midwife" or "handmaiden" would have been more descriptive of Mr. Biscoe's efforts? Perhaps, we were told, but the spokesman hastened to say that he did not wish to imply that Biscoe's roles were merely that. He did yeoman service, we were told, that went well beyond being a passive participant.

Well, we asked, if he were so good at bringing different sides together, why did so many farmers oppose the proposals?

It was here that the issue came into focus, from Mr. Hightower's view. Those who spoke against the proposals, we were told by the Department's spokesman, were not concerned about them at all.

This was merely the opening round, we were told, in the 1986 elections. This was the beginning of attempts by the Texas Farm Bureau and the "chemical people" to mount opposition to Mr. Hightower's reelection.

Not knowing the innermost thinking of either the "chemical people" or the Farm Bureau leadership, it is not possible for us to judge the accuracy of Mr. Hightower's assessment. But it should be obvious that whether his thinking is right or wrong, it is his thinking, and that does not portend a very satisfactory solution to one of the issues now troubling Texas agriculture.

It would be sad indeed if Mr. Hightower takes the position that legitimate concerns expressed in open public hearings by people who have not only a right but a responsibility to express those concerns, are to be discounted as merely political posturing by his potential opponents.

It will also be unwise. In politics there are certain truisms. One is that for every gauntlet thrown down, there will appear someone to pick it up.

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## CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY

Friday, December 21, 1984

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- ◆ Pancake Eating Contest - 9:30  
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- ◆ Drawing: 5" T.V. with AM & FM Radio
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<b>COUPON</b> Champion SPARK PLUGS	15% discount	<b>COUPON</b> Automotive BELTS	10% discount
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## Courthouse News

### Deeds

Terry Brent Duke to Jimmie Jo West, all Lot 6, in subdivision of Blk. 8, Price Addn., Floydada.

Starnes Construction Company, a Texas Corporation, to Cowin L. Hurt, et ux, all Lot 57, Blk. 3, Steen Place, addn. to Floydada.

A.J. Jester, et ux, to Ramon B. Vallejo, et ux, all Lots 7-11 and all Lots 14-22, in Blk. 1, Morris Subdivision, addn. to Floydada.

Lenaetta Russell, et al, to Grace Baughman, all Lots 1 and 2 and N/2 of Lot 3, in Blk. 3, Byars Addn., Lockney.

Christine Robertson to Victory Baptist Church of Floydada, a Texas corporation, all Lot 1, Blk. "K," Andrews Addn., Floydada.

Vicente Villalon, et ux, to Antonio Banda, et ux, tract of land 75' East and West by 140' N. and S. out of N.B. Davis Sur. #9, Blk. S.C.

Johnnie M. Turner, et al, to Leslie

Ferguson, et ux, S. 1/2 of Lot 8, and all Lots 9 and 10, in Blk. 4, A.J. Byars Addn., Lockney.

Glen R. Cooper, et ux, to Archie Jones, et ux, all Lots 1 and 2, Blk. 1, Guest and Ramsey Addn., Lockney.

Hammit Incorporation to The Three H Company, NE quarter of Sec. 38, Blk. G.

Jimmie Jo West to Henry Gutierrez, et ux, E. 25.8' of Lot "D," and all Lot "F," both in Blk. "I," Andrews Addn., Floydada.

Larry J. Schneider, et ux, to Dorothy May Anderson, all Lot 5 and E/33' of Lot 4, Blk. 2, Texas Addn., Floydada.

### Marriage Licenses

Sergio Ceja Leal, Margarita Saucedo Ricardo Sanchez Vasquez, Carol Rendon

### Probate

Alma Gloyna, will and appl. to probate, 12-5-84.



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Eddie Smith  
Louise Turner  
James Williams  
Donnell Gowens

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STUDENTS of Andrews Elementary presented "Christmas on Angel Street" for the enjoyment and edification of the rest of the students and for parents on December 17 and 18. The production, directed by Bobby Rainer, used recorded music, live vocals, dancing and acting to relate the tale of a newsboy tempted by crime, who is saved by goodness and the true meaning of Christmas. The play provided students a chance to view and participate in a dramatic presentation as well as a chance to learn proper etiquette for attending such presentations.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—The children of First United Methodist Preschool started out their program by singing Jingle Bells and playing musical instruments. They continued the musical portion of the program with Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Frosty The Snowman. They then presented a play about what really makes Christmas, which is bringing someone else Christmas joy. It was followed by the spelling of Christmas and giving a meaning for each letter, the S standing for "Something that we want to do, and that's wish a Merry Christmas, to each and all of you. That is what each of us here in the First Methodist Preschool wish to do, is to wish each of you the merriest Christmas followed by a bright and Happy New Year," said Elaine Galloway and Dorothy Anderson. Pictured are: [top row] Robin Padgett, Tyson Whittle, Jacob Thrasher, and Shonda Turnbow; [2nd row] Charley Tilson, Kyle Pierce and Leigh Dawdy. Spelling out Christmas on the front row are Neisha Simpson, Timothy Simpson, Amanda Green, Jennifer Noland, Steve Alan Covington, Lisa Martinez, Misty Rowan, Ashleigh Williams and Benjamin DeBoer. Not pictured, due to illness, is Derek Martinez.

**Seeking information on Hendersons**

Seeking information on descendants of Preston Walker Henderson (b. S. C. 1859, d. Texas, 1916) and Pamela Jane Williams Henderson (b. Tenn. 1856, d. Texas, 1942). Sons: William Earl (b. 1879), James Rutledge (b. 1882), Andrew William (b. 1885), Albert (b. 1888), Claude Houston (b. 1891). Preston Henderson was a publisher of a newspaper in Floydada and may have been in the legislature. Will swap info on kin in Va., N.C., S. C., Tenn., Reply: Jim Henderson  
727 Westover Ave. Norfolk, Virginia, 23507.  
Phone collect after 6p.m. CST 804-627-3885.

**1985 ACP sign-up slated through December 21**

The 1985 ACP Program has been announced by the Floyd County ASCS Office. Sign up has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 19 through Friday, December 21.

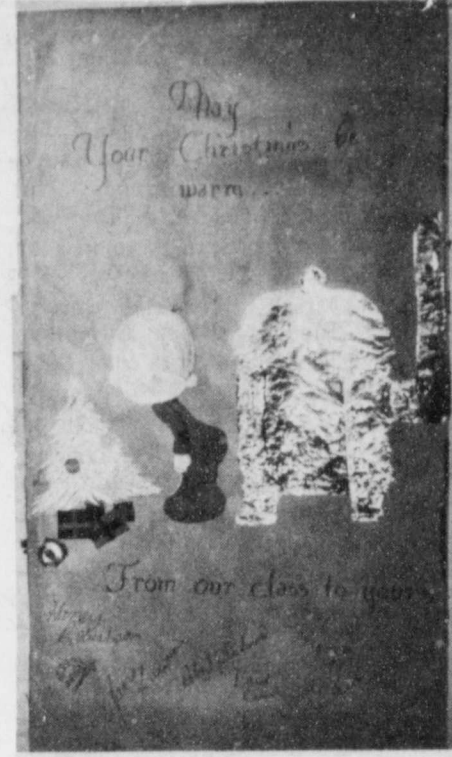
A number of conservation practices can be cost shared, including parallel terraces, standard terraces, diversion terraces, waterways, irrigation tailwater recovery pit systems, irrigation pipelines, irrigation lake recovery systems,

and land leveling.

Anyone who would like more information about the cost-share program should contact the Floyd County ASCS Office of the Soil and Conservation Service at 208 South Wall in Floydada. The phone number is 983-2352. All programs and services provided by the USDA and SCS are available to everyone with regard to race, color, creed, sex, or national origin.



THE ICE which coated Floydada on Saturday, December 15, damaged many trees in town. These trees which lost branches to the winter weather are in front of the Sheriff's office on Missouri.



THE WINNER in a door decorating contest at Floydada High School was the door of Robert Lockwood's classroom. The decorating was done by the students and the results were judged by an impartial "civillian".

**Dear Santa,**

I want 1 tire for my bike 20 inch. And a doll to fit the blanket that fay and I maid. And a coloring book to. And a new box of 48 crayons and pencils and a brush and comb. And a wal-mart truck. And farm animals. And cowboys and horses and Indins.

Love Beth

**Monday earns doctor of ministry degree**

Derrell Wayne Monday, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Jones and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Bertrand, all of Floydada, received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during fall commencement on December 14.

Monday was among 332 new graduates from the world's largest seminary who received degrees from President Russell Dilday.

Southwestern is one of six seminaries operated by the Southern Baptist Convention. In its 77th year, Southwestern trains men and women for Christian ministry in schools of theology, religious education and church music.

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# LAKEVIEW NEWS

By Joyce Williams

The Lakeview oil well is going right on down toward business. By midweek they had reached a depth of 5064 feet and had cased the well. O.L. Ferguson of Levelland is the head tool pusher. Joe Berrera, driller, and his men are coming over daily from Levelland and one crew is from Lubbock. Sitton Drilling of Lubbock is in charge. Mr. Ferguson contacted Willie Bunch, whose land is east of the well site, to purchase water, but final negotiations were made with Dee Adams for water for the well. It looks just like thirty years ago to see the oil derrick pointing up from the Adams' pasture. The huge old red mule barn watched it then and stands silent sentinel today, having stored feed for farm mules decades ago that were replaced by tractors energized by the gasoline from similar wells.

The ice, sleet and rain that fell Friday and Saturday, about 1.2 inches, left country roads like quagmires. The Joe Thurston's got stuck coming home from church Sunday morning and Joe had to walk in and get the tractor to pull the car out.

Mrs. Riley Teague went to Pampa Thursday for the next day's formal opening of her son's new dental clinic. Dr. Keith Teague has seven assistants in his new offices. Patients are provided with earphones at each dental chair so they can listen to soothing music instead of the drill. The clinic was beautifully decorated by the doctor's talented wife, Beverly (Smithee), also formerly of Floydada. Beverly has her degree in interior decorating. Lula also got to see her grandson, Ryan, play basketball with his eighth grade team, while in Pampa.

Lula's other son, James Earl Teague of Lubbock, spent Sunday and Monday with her, helping paint the interior of her house. She is putting down new carpet this week, getting all ready for Christmas.

Lakeview is losing one of its most eligible young bachelors to the city life. Greg Bishop is moving into the Jack Lackey's house across from the Mac Willsons, and their popular daughters. He bought the carpet his aunt Lula took out of her house, and is having it laid in his new bachelor pad in Floydada. Now that he's up there close to Duncan school and all those pretty young single schoolteachers, he may discover pastimes more interesting than fishing trips to the Gulf Coast and deer hunts on the Roaring Springs Ranch with ole buddy, Gary Nixon. He may even get refined and give up Red Man and Copenhagen now that he's in the city.

Mrs. James McGaugh attended the Tuesday evening meeting of her sorority, Alpha Sigma Upsilon, at the home of Mrs. Barbara Edwards. The hostess presented a program of low calorie and healthful diets. She served her guests a low calorie nutritious refreshment plate featuring whole wheat bread; salad of cabbage, celery and dried apricots; and popcorn with chopped apricots and a honey coating. Club members presented baby shower gifts to Mrs. Jack Elliott and new son. On Thursday Mrs. McGaugh and fellow workers at Caprock Hospital enjoyed a fiesta supper at the home of Mrs. Steve Anderson. Miss Marlyse McGaugh stayed in town over the week-end to play in the annual Christmas concert Sunday afternoon. She was the houseguest of Miss Jeanie Jackson. Marlyse's brother, Michael McGaugh, is expected home from Midwestern University in Wichita Falls for the Christmas holidays.

Judge Choise Smith and son, Hunter, went pheasant hunting in Spearman last week. Dean Smith's Jr. High basketball team played in a tournament in Floydada. The 8th grade boys won. Miss Jody Smith was home from Texas Tech University Sunday. She also works in the toy department at Best store in Lubbock.

Mrs. Speck Brian, Mrs. Pete Calloway and Mrs. Monte Williams visited Mrs. Howard Bishop last Monday. The ladies all went to Thacker's Jewelry in downtown Roaring Springs to look at diamonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wright were in Lubbock Tuesday. Mary is getting ready for all her children to come home for Christmas.

The Bobby Kendricks are also looking forward to their children's families visits during the holidays.

Over at the Wayne McMams, Susan is getting ready for a holiday visit from her sister, Miss Lucy Pierce of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. W.N. Bunch have already celebrated Christmas once this season. On Friday they checked with the highway department and decided to brave the icy roads to Midland for a Christmas celebration with the family of their daughter, Joy Finley, and her husband, James. Other family members present were the Finley daughters - Melanie, who is a student at Midland Junior College; also Kristi and Wendell Law and son James Robert of Jal, New Mexico, and Suzanne and David Bachon and children, Arre (named for Willie's mother) and Shoy of Goldsmith, Texas. The Bunches discovered the roads were ice free south of Slaton. The family had their tree Friday night and Mamie and Willie returned home Saturday in the rain. Their son, Darrell and family of Carrollton are expected here during Christmas.

All the rose bushes are sparkling with lights at the Odell Breeds. So pretty at night.

Mr. and Mrs. Q.D. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Monte Williams were in Crowell Wednesday and Thursday for funeral services for Mrs. Rondyne Self Jones, wife of Vernon Jones, sister-in-law and aunt of the Williamses.

The Carl Moosbergs and Mrs. Tommy Sherman and son, Roy of Lockney went to Duncan, Oklahoma Tuesday to meet their newest relative, little Robbie Lynn Winslow. They had early Christmas with Donny, Carla and Zade Winslow. Mrs. Alice Steele was there also. They returned home Saturday evening, having driven in rain all the way. Alice returned to her home in Perryton on Sunday. The Moosbergs hope to have the Shermans and Steeles here for Christmas. The Moosbergs attended a Christmas fellowship Sunday evening at the City Park Church of Christ after evening worship. Bro. Sergio Hernandez preached with an interpreter. He is graduating from the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, sponsored by the Floydada church, and plans to do mission work in his native Monterey, Mexico. Bro. and sister J.C. Bailey were presented a red and green money tree from the church members.

Mrs. Joe Max Harrison makes a most delicious candy that is so pretty for Christmas.

**Cherry Mash Candy**  
In double boiler, melt:  
12 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips  
Add:  
10 oz. chopped salted peanuts  
¾ cup peanut butter  
1 Tablespoon margarine  
Stir until well mixed. Butter a 9"x13" pan or dish. Spread half the chocolate mix over bottom of dish. Chill. Keep remaining half of chocolate mix over hot water. Set aside.

In heavy saucepan combine:  
2 cups granulated sugar  
¾ cup evaporated milk  
Dash of salt  
12 large marshmallows  
½ cup margarine  
Cook over medium heat. Boil 5 minutes. Remove from heat, add and stir well:  
6 oz. cherry chips  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Spread cherry mixture over chilled chocolate. Chill again. Then spread remaining chocolate mixture over cher-

ry candy. Chill. Cut into tiny squares. Delicious.

## Center News

By Mrs. J.E. Green

Tuesday morning, Dec. 18:  
What a day this is! Foggy, windy and cold. Nice if you can stay in by the fire! Much of last week was bad but Sunday was good. We had dinner at the church, Calvary.

Sue and Vic came awhile in the afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Dunn's Lubbock children came to see her.

Sunday was a clear day. Ice melted Saturday night.

Mrs. Eula Battey is convalescing at home. Mrs. Ola Warren is not far away. Mrs. Maudie Muncy of Lockney visited Mrs. C.M. Meredith recently.

Mrs. Doyle Sandifur is staying in. Mrs. Leo Frizzell is home again. Mrs. Roe Jones is at home. Mrs. Wiley Rogers and Miss Opal Rogers are at home. Mrs. Elmer Warren must be out of town.

The Henry Brewers did not have company Sunday. (They usually do.) I wonder if we are going to have a white Christmas.



# OBITUARIES

ANALEE BROWN

Graveside services for Annalee Brown, 84, of Floydada were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 18 at Floydada Cemetery with the Rev. Earl Blair, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial followed under direction of the Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

She died at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at Floydada Nursing Home after a brief illness.

She moved to Floydada from Dallas in 1979. She worked for 46 years with the telephone company. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. A.E. Guthrie of Floydada.

BETH MALONE

Services for Mrs. Will (Beth) Malone, 80, of Plainview were at 10 a.m. Monday, December 17 at First Baptist Church Chapel with Dr. Fred Meeks, pastor, officiating.

Graveside services were at 3 p.m. at Seminole Cemetery with the Rev. John Laudate, pastor of South Seminole Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial followed under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

She died at 2:05 a.m. Saturday at Central Plains Regional Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Floyd County, and grew up in Floydada, Seminole and

Merry Christmas!

Sweetwater. She married William Carroll Malone on March 3, 1959, in Seminole. They moved to Plainview in 1960.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church and played the piano for services for many years.

Survivors include a daughter, Ardis Zamarano of Elgin, Illinois; a son, Chester Walker of Denver, Colorado; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

MAY DELL PURNELL

Services for May Dell Purnell, 79, of Floydada were at 2 p.m. Friday, December 14 in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ray Elmore, pastor, and the Rev. James Holman, pastor of Midland's St. Paul's United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Lorenzo Cemetery by Carter-Adams Funeral Home of Ralls.

Mrs. Purnell died at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, December 11 at her home of natural causes.

She was born in Dickens County and had lived in Floydada since 1960. She was a Methodist and a retired schoolteacher, having taught in Patton Springs, Robertson, Spade and South Plains. She married Robert W. Parker and after his death married Charlie Purnell who also preceded her in death.

Survivors are a grandson, Charles Glyn Carter of Lubbock; a niece, Nancy Baumgart of Austin; and a nephew, Pat Young of Cashmere, Washington.

JACK ROBERTSON

Services for Jack Robertson, 45, of Silverton were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 19 at Silverton Church of Christ with pastor Ted F. Kingery officiating. He was assisted by Gerald Beasley of Silverton.

Burial followed in Silverton Cemetery under direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Robertson died at his home early Monday morning. Justice of the Peace Glenn Stone ruled the death was of natural causes.

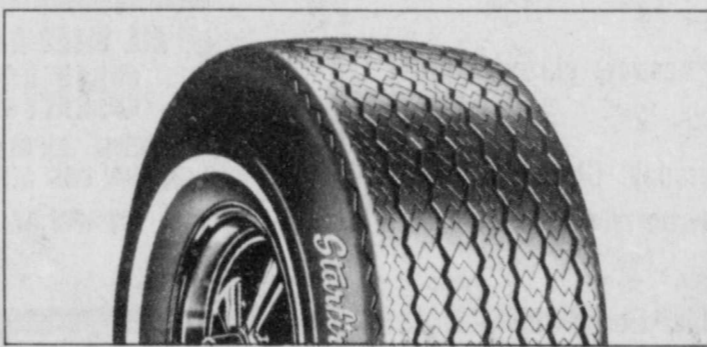
He was born in Cone and married Gayle Benefield January 25, 1957, in Ralls. He attended the Oklahoma State School of Pharmacy and was a registered pharmacist. He owned Jack's Pharmacy and was a resident member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robertson of Ralls; two sons, Jack Jr. of Floydada, Corey of Silverton; a daughter, Stacy Bain of Plainview; and a brother, Dan of Spur.

Pallbearers were Dick Rohr, Bill Boling, Wayne Nance, Troy Jones, Fred Strange and Berile Long.

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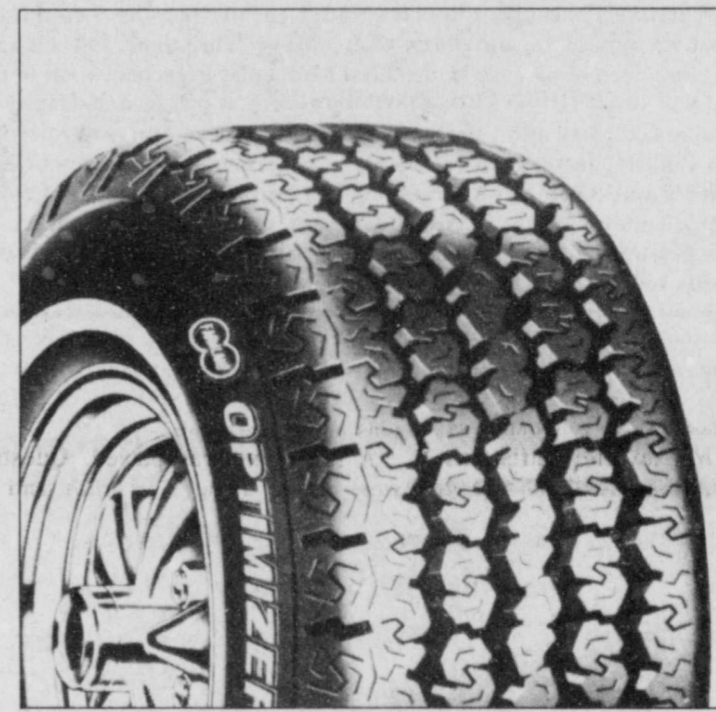
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## Alpha Mu Delta has gatherings

The 177th meeting of Alpha Mu Delta, Floydada chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, was called to order by president Julianne Cornelius on December 11, at 7:00 in the home of Wendy Pierce. All members present stood for opening rituals. Holly Hendrix read the minutes from the previous meeting and official business was taken care of. Plans for the New Years Eve dance were finalized. Then gifts were exchanged with secret sisters at they listened to Christmas music. Everybody also had a tree ornament that was exchanged with each other.

Hostess Wendy Pierce and Penny Ogden served hot stuffed baked potatoes with salad and banana nut bread, apple sauce cake with tea and coffee.

The evening ended with all standing for closing rituals and everyone joined hands for the Mizpah.

Members present were Barbara Anderson, Donna Anderson, Abby Battey, Julianne Cornelius, Holly Hendrix, Duffy Hinkle, Judy Lloyd, Mitzi Nixon, Penny Ogden, Linda Phillips, Wendy Pierce, Kelli Reddy, Stacey Westbrook, Debra Graham, and Beth Eckert.

**Progressive Supper**  
The members of Alpha Mu Delta

along with their husbands enjoyed a progressive supper Friday, December 14. The group met at Wendy and Stan Pierce's house. From there they traveled to Julianne and Eric Cornelius house for a salad, buffet style then on to Joel and Holly Hendrix's for turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings. The dinner ended at Larry and Penny Ogden's house with dessert. They chose from chocolate mousse, apple pie and homemade candy.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Anderson, Steve Anderson, Jerry Battey, Eric Cornelius, Joel Hendrix, Billy Hinkle, Larry Ogden, Stan Pierce, Rick Reddy and Scott Graham.

**Nursing Home Visit**  
The members of Alpha Mu Delta along with their children met at the Floydada Nursing Home where they shared Christmas carols with the residents of the home.

Those attending were Debra Graham, Abby, Tyler, and Tanner Battey, Julianne Cornelius, Wendy, Kyle, and Kelsey Pierce, Kelli, Laura, and Lindsey Reddy, Duffy and Pepper Hinkle, Holly and Jonie Hendrix, Judy, Stacy, and Shane Lloyd.



**60TH ANNIVERSARY**—The family of Lorin and Bennie Leibfried entertained the couple with a dinner in Lubbock on December 19, honoring them on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Those in attendance were Jiggs and LaJuana Jackson of Perryton, Suzy Jackson of Lubbock, Rusty and Virginia Jackson of Lubbock, Mike, Linda and daughter, Mindy Jackson of Tyler, Texas. Lorin Leibfried and the former Bennie Sanders were married in Floydada, December 19, 1924.

## Grace SS class holds annual tea

The annual Christmas tea for the Grace S.S. Class was held December 11 in fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church.

Steve Cartledge led the singing and also accompanied himself on the guitar. Mary Wilson, president of the class, read Luke 2:1-8 for the scripture lesson. Myria Dade voiced a prayer, then a Christmas story was presented by Myrtice Rainer.

Several songs were sung and a story, "Trouble at the Inn," by Flora Fawver and "Why Jesus Came" by May Garrett, were read. A poem, "If Jesus Came To Your House," was given by Vada Meredith and a Christmas story

by Nettie Adams was followed by more songs and a prayer poem by Flora Fawver.

After a Christmas tree with an exchange of gifts, tea with turkey sandwiches and all sorts of sweets were enjoyed by members and guest, Steve Cartledge.

Present were: Lula Stewart, Kate Crabtree, Ethel Warren, Ovie Poole, May Garrett, Myria Dade, Mary Wilson, Vada Meredith, Carrie Cline, Mildred Fuqua, Estelle Eubanks, Beulah Denison, Valree Turner, Cleo Goins, Flora Fawver, Ava Newsom, Myrtice Rainer, Lois Durham, Iva Benson, Steve Cartledge and Nettie Adams.

## '29 Club has Christmas meeting

The 1929 Study Club met at Lighthouse Electric for their Christmas meeting. The president read the quotation "Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting" by R.L. Stevenson. Then roll call was answered by "My favorite Christmas

Carol."

Mrs. W.B. Parrack gave some serious thoughts about Christmas, asking, "Will we remember to be as loving, generous and thoughtful after Christmas as we are now?"

A fun game was played. Questions were asked about Christmas and answered by those present. Christmas candy was given to the two who had the most correct answers. Gifts were then exchanged.

Members then found their place at a beautifully decorated table by finding the Christmas ball with their name on it. Delicious refreshments were served to Mrs. Nettie Adams, Mrs. H.O. Cline, Mrs. W.C. Denison, Mrs. Clarence Goens, Mrs. C.M. Merideth, Miss Frances Mitchell, Mrs. W.B. Parrack, Mrs. George Smith and Mrs. Beth Whitaker by the hostesses, Mrs. Vase Campbell and Miss Mary Anne Swepston.

## Burleson gives historic reading

The Buffalo Grass Chapter DAR met at Lighthouse Electric Tuesday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. Fifteen members and two visitors were present.

Mrs. Lou Burleson, dressed in 1864 mode, gave a Christmas reading -- "Christmas in the Confederacy - 1864" by Catherine Polk Gale.

The Regent, Anne Swepston presided over the meeting. Carolyn Marble gave a report on National Defense, Citing the Risk of Constitutional Crisis.

Anne Swepston was elected the chapter's delegate to the state conference in March at Fort Worth. Eugenia Bethard was elected alternate. Miss Swepston will represent the Chapter at Continental Congress in Washington,

D.C. in April.

Liberty Love Day is February 14. This is an opportunity for members to help raise funds for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty.

Present were: guests, Lou Burleson and Grace Zabelaski, and members, Mary Lou Bollman, Loretta Denning, Emily Johnston, Gladys Jones, Janis Julian, Carolyn Marble, Ona Ruth Neff, Marisue Potts, Anne Swepston, Margaret Wheeler, Blanche Williams, Eugenia Bethard, Nancy Marble, Ozena Norris and Emma Lou Whitaker.

The hostesses, Janis Julian and Gladys Jones, served refreshments after the meeting adjourned.

## Caprock Hospital Report

**Dec. 10 - 17**  
Janice Brown, Roaring Springs, adm. 12-11, dis. 12-13, Jordan  
Ora M. Stonecipher, Roaring Springs, adm. 12-11, dis. 12-13, Hong  
Gilbert Cozars, Floydada, adm. 12-11, dis. 12-13, Hong  
Juana Quintanilla, Floydada, adm. 12-11, dis. 12-14, Hong  
Joyce Lopez, Floydada, adm. 12-11, dis. 12-14, Hong  
Alifonsa Ochoa, Floydada, adm. 12-13, continues care, Hong  
Gregorio S. Degollado, Floydada,

adm. 12-14, dis. 12-16, Jordan  
Huberto Diaz, Floydada, adm. 12-14, continues care, Hong  
Jason Brinkley, Floydada, adm. 12-15, dis. 12-17, Hale  
Leroy Cisneros, Floydada, adm. 12-15, continues care, Hong  
Andres Pena, Floydada, adm. 12-16, continues care, Hong  
Ollie Bernie, Floydada, adm. 12-16, continues care, Hong

## Sr. Citizens Menu

**December 24-31**  
Monday — Closed  
Tuesday — Closed  
Wednesday — Meat loaf, blackeyed peas, fried okra, roll and butter, rice pudding with raisins, milk  
Thursday — Baked ham, rice, broccoli, cheese casserole, tossed salad with dressing, hot roll and butter, chocolate chip cookie, milk  
Friday — Beef stew with vegetables, harvard beets, cabbage carrot salad, cornbread and butter, fruit cobbler, milk  
Monday — Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, mashed potatoes, Italian vegetables, roll and butter, apple crisp, with whipped topping, milk

## Courtesy given for new bride

Mrs. Scott McCarty, nee Linda Mata, was honored with a bridal courtesy December 15 in the home of Mrs. H.G. (Red) Watts. The couple was married November 26 in Plainview.

Receiving guests were Mrs. H.G. Watts, the honoree, Mrs. Truett McCarty, and Mrs. Art Mata. They wore corsages of lilac daisies.

Cindy Cooper secured the names of guests in the bridal book. The registration table was draped with a pink, lace tablecloth.

An ecru lace over pink cloth covered the serving table. An arrangement of pink flowers, accented with a lilac candle in crystal, highlighted the table.

Coffee and spiced tea were served from a silver service by Terri Hill and Sulema Salinas.

Presiding in the gift room were Debra Bailey, Margie Ferguson, Pam Bennett, and Pat Franklin.

Hostesses presented Mrs. McCarty with Silverstone club aluminum. Hostesses were Debra Bailey, Margie Ferguson, Elna Bloys, Nettie Ruth Watts, Barbara Ellison, Paula Edwards, Joy Blasingame, Lela Hooten, Pat Franklin, Pam Bennett, Dalhia Hight, Anita Bigham, Vera Jo Bybee, Jinna Sue Turner, Karen Cooper, Carla Robnett, Pat Adams, Mrs. W.L. Carthel, Dot Thomas and Ann Ford.

## Alpha Sigma hosts baby shower

Alpha Sigma Upsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Barbara Edwards Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00.

All members stood for opening rituals. Meeting was called to order by President Rhonda Guthrie. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Roll was called and the treasurer report was given.

A thank you note was received from Vikki Yeary.

The next meeting will be January 8 at June McCaugh's home with Ginger Warren giving the program. Pledge rituals for new member, Sheri Turnbow, will be given.

Social for December will be a Christmas party at Rhonda Guthrie's home the 14th at 7:00. Each member is to bring a gift for her secret sister, and her husband and a dish of her choice.

Ginger Warren had the raffle. There was no further business and meeting was adjourned. Everyone repeated closing rituals.

A baby shower was given for Karen

and Casey Elliott. With Casey receiving gifts from each member.

Barbara Edwards gave the program on diet and food nutrition. Then served high protein and dietary food.

Those attending were: Neva West, Ginger Warren, Sheryl Derryberry, Barbara Edwards, Alice Ogden, Sheri Turnbow, Janice Poteet, Rhonda Guthrie, Karen Elliott, June McCaugh, and guest Casey Elliott.

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## "Why Still America?" discussed

Fourteen members were present when Buffalo Grass Chapter DAR met on November 13 at Lighthouse Electric.

Mrs. Christa Smith, a member of the faculty at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, was the speaker. Her theme was "Why Still America?" telling of her life in Germany during World War II and of her family's escape to Poland, later coming to the United States. She is now an American citizen.

Hostesses for this meeting were Carolyn Marble, Ozena Norris and Polly Cardinal.

The next meeting will be January 22. Lars Alkemade, AFS student, will be the speaker, telling of his native country, Denmark.

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# Junior Varsity Whirlettes Basketball Summary

Floydada's JV girls basketball team took second place in the Tulia Tournament held November 29 to December 1. The preliminary round pitted Hale Center against Floydada with Floydada taking the game 44 to 17. Treva Ledbetter was the high scorer with a total of 17 points, followed by Tina Lara with 8. Becky Lopez netted 6, Jana

Davis got 5, and Cynthia Covington scored 4. Norma Cisneros and Daralyn Williams each scored 2.

The second round of play matched Floydada with Tulia. Floydada again marched on to a 43 to 37 win with Treva Ledbetter and Tina Lara scoring 12 points to take high scoring honors. Norma Cisneros and Jana Davis each

scored 6, while Tana Perry came through with 4 and Lori Higginbotham made 2. Becky Lopez scored 1. The win for this game advanced the girls to the championship game with Nazareth.

Nazareth outscored Floydada to win the game 67 to 39, leaving Floydada in second place. Treva Ledbetter was again the high scorer with 14 points. Norma Cisneros followed with 9, Jana Davis with 6, Becky Lopez with 4, Tina Lara with 4, and Tana Perry with 2.

December 4th found the JV girls squared off against Slaton. Slaton defeated the girls 55-36. Norma Cisneros led the scoring for Floydada with 10 points followed by Treva Ledbetter with 9. Jana Davis had 4, Becky Lopez had 3 and Tana Perry, Daralyn Williams, and Lori Higginbotham each scored 2.

December 11, the JV girls journeyed

to Lockney for a match they won 40-26. Floydada's high scorer was Tana Perry with 12 points and 5 rebounds. Becky Lopez scored 8 points, as did Treva Ledbetter who also got 6 rebounds. Norma Cisneros had 4 points and 9 rebounds and Lori Higginbotham had 4 points and 5 rebounds. Daralyn Williams scored 2 points and Tina Lara garnered 7 rebounds.

Floydada's J.V. girls beat Tulia 44 to 30 in a game played in Floydada on Saturday, December 15. Treva Ledbetter led the scoring with 19 points and 4 rebounds. Norma Cisneros was not far behind her with 13 points, but she also racked up 13 rebounds. Scoring 4 points were Pam Woody (7 rebounds), Tana Perry (3 rebounds), and Jana Davis (2 rebounds). Cynthia Covington made 2 rebounds and Lori Higginbotham made 1.



GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM is pictured left to right, back row: Coach Regina Smith, Treva Ledbetter, Tana Perry, Lori Higginbotham, Cynthia Covington, Sherri Lambert, and Norma Cisneros. Front row: Mary Garza, Becky Lopez, Daralyn Williams, and Jana Davis.

## Freshman take Valley

Floydada Freshman boys played Valley on December 17. The Fish carried home a 35 to 24 win. The leading scorers were: Ty Stovall, 8; Heath Robertson, 7; Randy Enriquez, 6; Roel Cisneros, 6; Jeff Smith, 4; and Chad Pernel, 2.

Defensive standouts were: Chad Pernel with 7 rebounds and 2 steals; Roel

Cisneros with 7 rebounds and 1 steal; Randy Enriquez with 7 rebounds and 2 steals; Jeff Smith with 7 rebounds and 1 steal; and Ty Stovall with 5 rebounds and 3 steals.

The Fish now have a 4-0 record and will be playing Friona on January 7 here in Floydada following the 7th and 8th grade games.

## School bands perform in annual Christmas concert

The Floydada school bands presented their annual Christmas Concert on December 16 before a capacity crowd at the A.E. Baker Memorial Auditorium.

The afternoon's entertainment began with the Junior High band's performance of "The Highlander March." The group skillfully wended it's way through "The Ukrainian Bell Carol" before doing "O Holy Night." Mark

Thompson, Vera Bueno, and Eli Rodriguez were featured on cornets for this popular Christmas number.

The sixth grade band demonstrated the steps they have taken in beginning music this year before performing "Mary Had A Little Lamb." Band director, Paul Stapp said, "With only three 35 minutes classes a week, these kids have progressed beyond my expect-

tations and they have a solid beginning for further work in music." The group closed their portion of the program with "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" in honor of the holiday season.

The high school band began their performance on an upbeat note with a Scott Joplin Tune, "Easy Winners." This was followed by a march rhythm tune entitled "Prestissimo." The performance of "Silent Night" featured Laron Cheek on the piano. In the holiday spirit, the band next played "Silver Bells" and "White Christmas."

Diana Wilson was featured on the cornet for "O Festive Bells and Ancient Kings." The holiday celebration continued with "Jingle Bells Fantasy" before LaVada Garrett led the audience in a Christmas sing-a-long featuring many Christmas favorites.

The concert was preceded by a fund raising ham and beans luncheon, sponsored by the Band Boosters. Much of the food was contributed by the band members and prepared by members or Band Boosters. The money raised will be used to support band activities.

## Varsity Whirlettes beat Lockney; fall to Tulia

Floydada girls Varsity team played Lockney at Lockney on Tuesday, December 11 and came away with a solid win of 47-26. High scorer for the game was Jill Willson with 22 points and 5 rebounds. Kellie Pitts toted up 8 points with 14 rebounds and Mary Lloyd came through with 7 points. Margie Cisneros hit the mark for 5 points and came up with 11 rebounds. Paige Cannon scored 3 points and made 3 rebounds. Marissa Jones added 2 points and 13 rebounds to the statistics.

The girls did not fare as well against Tulia on December 14. Tulia took the game 50 to 37. High scorer for Floydada Varsity girls was Jill Willson with 15 points and 6 rebounds. Amelia Medrano scored 6 points and had 3 rebounds. Margie Cisneros had 5 points and 2 rebounds. Marissa Jones toted up 4 points and 7 rebounds while Kellie Pitts had 3 points and an impressive 18 rebounds. Mary Lloyd had 2 points and 3 rebounds and Paige Cannon had 2 points and 1 rebound.

## Floydada ninth grade defeat Littlefield 48-46

The Floydada ninth grade boys met Littlefield's ninth grade boys at center court on Monday, December 10 and came away with an overtime win of 48 to 46. The winning points were scored at the buzzer ending overtime play.

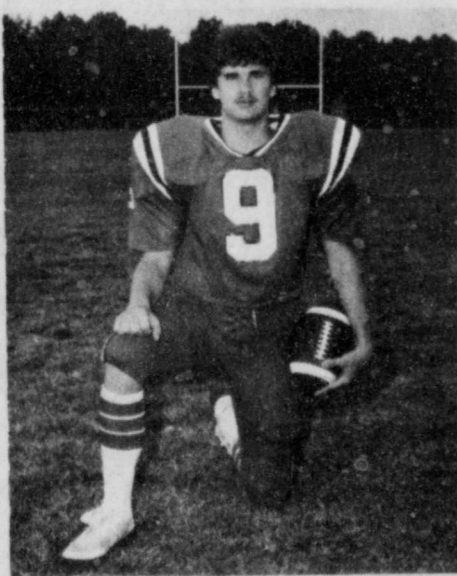
Rolland Hernandez scored 14 points during the game and Chad Pernel scored 12. Heath Robertson scored 8 points, while Randy Enriquez netted 5

and Roel Cisneros made 3. Ty Stovall, Jeff Smith, and David Medrano all scored 2 points each.

Defensive standouts were Ty Stovall with 6 steals, Heath Robertson with 6 steals, Rolland Hernandez with 12 rebounds, and Randy Enriquez with 10 rebounds.

The Freshmen now stand at 3 and 0 in play this season.

## Another Lipham boy is on Daingerfield team



JOE KIM LIPHAM

The Daingerfield Tigers are one game short of another State championship. Last Saturday the Tigers beat Vernon 14-7 at Texas Stadium in Irving. This week the Tigers will play Medina Valley at the Baylor Stadium in Waco for the State title.

Joe Kim Lipham is a junior at Daingerfield High and #9 on the Tiger defense. He is formerly of Floydada along with his family Mr. and Mrs. Julian Lipham, who moved from Floydada three years ago.

The Lipham's 18-year-old son, Tim Lipham played defensive end on the Daingerfield Tigers who were State champions last year. That broke state and national records. Tim is a freshman at the University of Texas at Arlington.

## "In Concert"



Floydada High School Whirlwind Band



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Floydada's 6th Grade Beginner Band

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Jerry Cannon  
Superintendent

12-13, 12-20c

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### LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 674

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Passed and approved this 11th day of December, 1984.

/s/ Parnell Powell  
Mayor

Attest:  
Jimmie Lou Stewart, City Secretary

Approved as to Form:  
Steven D. Hale, City Attorney

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YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court of Floyd County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof in Floydada, Texas, by filing a written answer, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being on the 28TH day of JANUARY, 1985, to Plaintiff's Original Petition, filed in this Court on the 3rd day of December, 1984, in this cause numbered 6980 on the docket of said Court and styled MARBLE BROS., a partnership composed of Fred Marble, Keith Marble and Don Marble, as Plaintiffs, vs. L.C. Darby, et al.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:  
A trespass-to-try-title suit in which Plaintiffs for cause of action would respectfully show the Court the following, to-wit:  
That on or about the 26th day of October, 1984, Plaintiffs were lawfully seized and possessed of the following described land and premises, situated in Floyd County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit:  
All of Lots Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15) and Sixteen (16), all in Block Number Fifty-Six (56) of the Original Town of Floydada (Floyd City), Floyd County, Texas.  
That Defendants unlawfully entered upon the said premises and ejected Plaintiffs therefrom and unlawfully withheld from them the possession thereof to their damage in the sum of \$3,000.00. Plaintiffs pray for judgment and possession of said land, and for other and further relief to which they are entitled as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in said suit. That Plaintiff's further own title to the above described tracts of land under the 3, 5, 10 and 25 year statutes of limitations, and that title to each of the above respective tracts of land is presumed to be in Plaintiffs, respectively, as alleged, as a result of peaceable and adverse possession under duly recorded deeds and claims of right and payment of taxes on said property, respectively.  
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The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.  
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Floydada, Floyd County, Texas, this the 12th day of December, 1984.

(SEAL) /s/ Mary L. McPherson  
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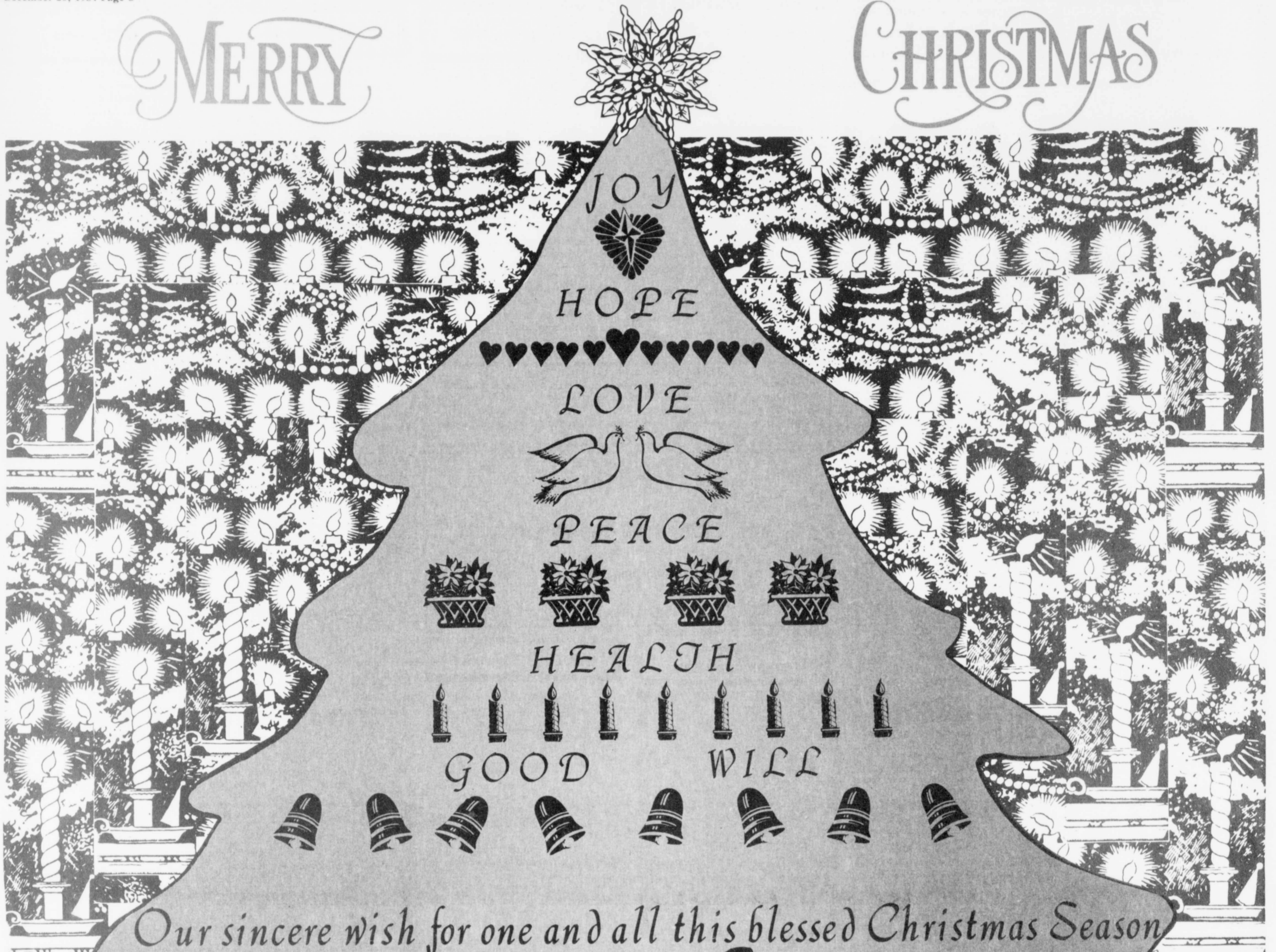
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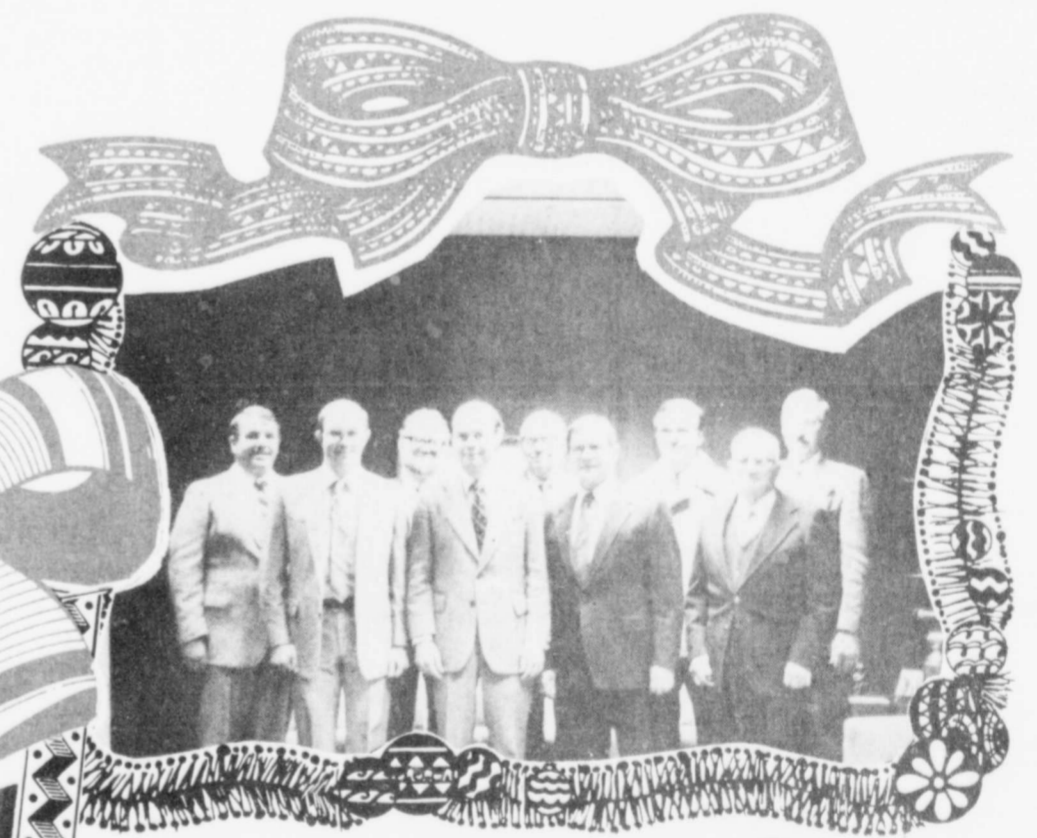
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# "The Man in a Costume"

**By Tiffany Gentry**  
 "What's your name, boy?"  
 "Nmpherluh."  
 "Speak up, honey," the boy's mother said.  
 "Nicholas!" he shouted.  
 "Straightforward little child, isn't he?" Santa remarked. "Whaddya want for Christmas, Nikky?"  
 "My name is not Nikky."  
 "Nicholas?" Santa tried.  
 Five-year old Nicholas sat impatiently on Santa Claus' (alias Harold Smith's) lap in a large department store while Santa was the center of attention among the shoppers.  
 "Oh, I want a million pillion dollars and, uh, and one of those little dogs called Doopees. He-he."  
 "Oh, ho-ho," Santa laughed, trying

to sound merry, "you mean a Poodle. I see. Hmm. Well, I don't think I can count to a million pillion, but I'll see what I can do. Ho-ho-ho!" The mother's face turned red as she left to look at clothes.  
 Immediately the boy started bawling. "I'm gonna tell Mommy! You won't give me anything for Christmas! I want a pillion dollars! Mommy said I could!" Nicholas started yanking hairs out of Santa's beard.  
 "Bratty kid," Santa muttered under his breath as passing shoppers stopped to observe the scene. "Ho ho ho! Tell you what, I'll see about getting you one of those cuddly white poodles, okay?"  
 The boy calmed down and stuck out his lower lip. "I'd rather have a pillion dollars."

Santa was left speechless with little Nicholas waiting for a replay. Observers turned into snickering individuals.  
 "I bet my dad can whip your dad," the boy told Santa. He chose to ignore that remark.  
 "Hey, Nicholas, I see your mom coming back. Well, it's been nice chatting with you. Ho ho, Merry Christmas!"  
 Santa smiled at the mother. "He's a sweet child."  
 "Well, you're ugly and you need to lose weight," Nicholas shot at the Santa.  
 "Nicholas!" the mother scolded and turned to Santa. "Thank you for your help and time." The boy stuck his tongue out at Santa as they left.

"My brother said there wasn't any such thing as a Santa."  
 "Oh, he's just kidding. Why, of course there's a Santa. I came all the way from North Pole just to visit with little boys like you."  
 "No offense, Mister, but you don't fool me. I saw you stick your moustache back on your lip when that little kid knocked it loose," he said as he caught a fly and plucked off the wings.  
 The boy went on. "But my mom said I had to be nice to you 'cause after all you could probably think of better things to do. Boy, is she the pits. And you are, too."  
 Santa decided to take this matter in stride. He pulled off his moustache and stuck it on the boy since he had an extra one. "Here, keep it as a reminder."  
 "Well, I guess it's better than nothing. Boy, you're dumb to dress up like that. Everybody knows you're too young to be Santa. And besides, the corner of your pillow is hanging out over your belt. Well, bye." The boy hopped down and walked off, marvelling at his new gift.

children who were relentless in wanting to sit on his lap. He even spilled his Coke on his bright red suit, staining it a dull brown in one spot. "I can already tell the kind of afternoon this will be, exactly like this morning," Santa spoke out to himself. He wasn't optimistic at the moment.  
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 Following several more cases of whiney and rude children, three triplets with fat cheeks, pudgy stomachs, blue eyes, and golden bouncing hair came giggling up to Santa. They were no more than three years old.  
 "After my own nature," Santa chuckled, patting his pillow-stuffed belly.  
 "We came to sit your your lap, Mister Claus." They pronounced each syllable distinctly before giggling again. One by one, they hopped up on Santa's lap, smiling.  
 "Well, what are your names, girls?"  
 "Cindy,"  
 "Mindy,"  
 "Wendy,"  
 they all said at once and giggled.  
 "I want one of those little dollies that you pick out of the cabbage patch," one said.  
 "Me, too, and I want a teddy bear that you can throw around and never hurt," another added and giggled.  
 "I don't, I want a house for barbie dolls that you can put together yourself,



and even worse I want a barbie doll," the last one said, ending with a giggle.  
 "I have your milk and cookies, too. Are you gonna come down our chimney?"  
 "Ho ho, I suppose so...if I can get all of your presents down it!" Santa laughed.  
 "We only have our new house half built so make sure your reindeerries don't fall through the roof when they land," they all giggled.  
 "I'll have them land on the lawn just to be safe."  
 Okay, Santa. Bye, Santa."  
 Bye, Santa."  
 Two of the girls left and the last one reached over and tiptoed to whisper in his ear before she scurried off to catch up with the others.  
 "I love you, Santa."

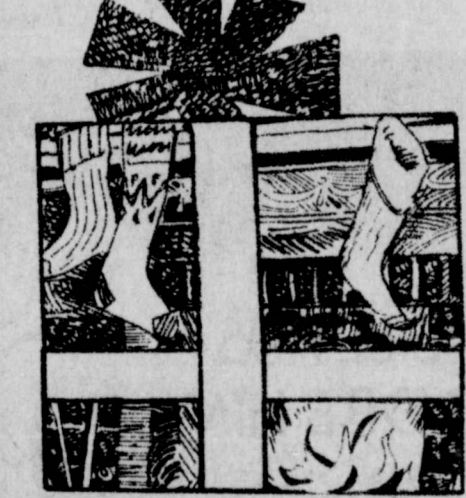
**What Christmas is Really About**  
**By Steve Caballero**  
 I'm going to tell you about a story of a young boy named Tim, and his only wish for Christmas.  
 It was a week before Christmas and all the kids were talking about the presents they were going to get and the beautiful Christmas tree they had.  
 Tim and his family were very poor and didn't have a tree, but Tim had something that most of the other kids didn't have. He had the love and care of his parents.  
 Tim and his family didn't have money to buy presents or a fancy tree with lights on it. As far as Tim knew, Christmas was about giving and receiving of presents. He had much to learn.  
 One day at school, his friend Charlie asked him what he was going to get for Christmas. Tim told him that they didn't have money to spend on Christmas presents. Charlie told him that receiving presents wasn't all Christmas was about.  
 Charlie told Tim that Christmas was the day that Jesus was born. Christmas was when three shepherds saw a new star in the sky. It meant that a new king was born. The shepherds knew that a Saviour had been born into this world. The shepherds also knew that Jesus was God's son because an Angel of God had told them.  
 So see Tim, that's what Christmas is all about. It really isn't about receiving presents and having fancy trees. It's about loving each other like we were one big family.

down hills with my sled. I got bored of sledding and decided to make a snowman, I got my dad's old black hat, used two big buttons for eyes and one big carrot for his nose.  
 Soon it started to snow. I went inside and watched it snow. My mom called me to eat lunch. I couldn't wait until Christmas morning.  
 Morning soon arrived and as soon as I got out of bed right to the Christmas tree I went, but I still didn't see any presents. I asked mom where they were. She said, wait for tonight when we get to grams house. When we got to grams house I was in her bed. Everyone was asleep and I heard noises downstairs. I thought I was imagining. Gram didn't have a Christmas tree, no lights either. I rushed downstairs and to my surprise lights, a Christmas tree and presents were there. It was snowing outside. I rushed outside and I saw Santa Clause, a star wink. I realized that this was no ordinary Christmas, it was a magical Christmas night.

"So this is the life of a full time Santa," Harold Smith told himself. "They either tear up your beard or make fun of your costume." He commented aloud. "Yip-pee."  
 Harold Smith was on his first day job at Sanger-Harris Department Store. He was rather inexperienced in playing the role of Santa and realized that his first encounter with a little child was a bomb.  
 Harold reported to the manager of the store (who hired him) and told him of his predicament. "Maybe I'm just not right for this job. I'm sure you can find someone kids like. Evidently I'm not that person."  
 "Oh, come on now, it was just your first child. Give yourself time and you'll come around," the manager smiled and patted him on the back.  
 Harold returned to his Santa seat and put on a fake smile. A toddler walked up to him and stood there staring. "Oh boy, here's my chance," he thought.  
 "Are you lost, little girl? Ho ho ho!" Santa reached out to pick up the sulking child and plopped her snugly on his lap. "What's your name?"  
 "WAAAAAAHHH!!!" the baby burst out crying. Santa wasted no time in putting her down.  
 A forlorn mother came hurrying up to Santa. "Oh, here's my baby!"  
 "Bawling baby," Santa added only to be drowned out by the baby's noise.  
 "Here you go," the mother cooed, picking the child up. She immediately quieted and resumed her sulking.

Lunch break was over, and it was time for Harold Smith to return to his "Santa station." He had spent dinner with no other than Mrs. Santa, (a dressed up old lady who was in it for the money), and flocks of small pesky  
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 Santa had no time to react to this misfortune when up lumbered a boy of six or seven years old.  
 "My mom said I had to come sit on your lap."  
 "Ho ho ho! Well, little boy, what can I do for you?"  
 "You know," the boy continued,

**Hark Herald Angels**  
**By JoAnn Cavazos**  
 Timothy was a young boy in the 1st grade. Timothy, more than anything else wished to be in a certain play that his school was to make on Christmas eve. Of course his parents knew that Timothy was very sick. Many days past. "Hey Timothy you and I are going to get to be in the play!" said his friend, Grant. "We are to be Hark Herald Angels!" Timothy, from that day on, was very happy. Many days of practice passed. This was the day. The day for the big play. Grant was very anxious, but while he was putting on his costume he wondered why Timothy wasn't there yet. All of a sudden he was awoken from his dream by the phone in the office. He answered it and it was Timothy's mother. "Timothy won't be there for the play, it seems that his doctor told him he was very sick." Timothy's mother sounded very sad, she was crying. Ten minutes later Timothy's mother called again, she said that Timothy had just passed away. Grant was shocked. After the play, Grant stopped everyone to make a speech. "Timothy's mother had just called, and said that Timothy is no more, he was to be one of the angels, but Timothy, if you can hear me, I want to tell you that you are very lucky. Your wish was to be an angel and Jesus made your wish come true."



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**Christmas Love**  
**By Cammy Hancock**  
 Christmas, I think is a very special holiday. There are many traditions at Christmas, but I think the very special thing about Christmas is the love that goes around. Some people don't get to share that special love. I was talking to a boy one year, I asked what he wanted for Christmas. He told me he wanted a Christmas tree with presents under it. That night I could not quit thinking about that little boy. I felt so sorry for him, I felt like I was the one to blame. I told my mother that morning and she said that we could give them the presents and we could give them the tree. The next day we got the presents and tree together. The next day we brought the gifts and the tree. I felt even more sorry for them, their house was very little and they were proud they had a heater. We gave them a Christmas tree and presents, they were so happy. I was happy and satisfied. I just wondered if there were any more families like that, and if there were, I would sure like to help them.

**A Computer Christmas: 2022 A.D.**  
**By Travis Bishop**  
 "Bits, bytes, and k's..."  
 Thomas Covenant was learning how to use a micro-computer made in 2018. "I hate these old fashioned computers. Please Dad get me a Sivart 14," screamed Thomas.  
 "Now son you know we don't have the money and, besides Christmas will be here in a few days," replied his dad calmly.  
 Thomas was a 14 year old boy who was parented by middle class parents. About three months earlier they had promised him a computer for his birthday, but they forgot. Now they're pretending to just maybe buy him a computer for Christmas. Actually they have bought him his Sivart 14 with 2 disc drives, a printer, a Modem a light pen, and "ThinkTank" mind control program.  
 Christmas morning as Thomas wakes up he hears a strange electronic music synthesizer. Automatically he knows that it's the Sivart 14. He jumps up and runs to where the tree is, but he stops short, it's everything he could want in a computer system.  
 "All I can say is Thanks, Mom and Dad!"

**Do You Believe In Santa Claus?**  
**By Rita DeLeon**  
 There was once an old man named Ben and his son named David. David would try to give his best for his father. One day Ben got very sick and David went where Ben was resting. Ben had asked his son, "Son do you believe in Santa Claus?" David said, "Why sure father." Although David did not believe in Santa Claus he would have to lie to make his father happy. One day Ben was very, very sick and said to David, "Go see Santa Claus at the North Pole!" Then suddenly he died in David's arms. So, David had remembered about those words.  
 Then he started to walk from the South Pole to the North Pole in August. The trip took him one year and two weeks to get there. He looked for Santa's shop, and he thought, "There is not such a thing." Suddenly he saw a long shop and went inside, and suddenly an elf jumped out in front of him and said "Can I help you?" David answered "I wish to see Santa!" So, Santa steps out and says Ho, Ho, Ho. "I want a wife and children Santa." Santa replies, "Son, I can't give you a wife and children but, I know how you can have a wife, but not children." David asked "How?" Santa said, "By your Love." David said "Christmas really is about Love." So, he left and on Christmas Day he was walking through the park at the South Pole and he saw a woman sitting in the snow, hungry, and freezing cold. David wished to take her in his warm home. They both fell in love and got married and had children.

**One Magical Christmas Night**  
**By J. DeHoyos**  
 One Christmas Eve morning I woke up and rushed downstairs and didn't see any presents. I looked out the window, the snow had fallen while I was asleep. The snow was like a white blanket covering the soil and the icicles looked like crystals shining in the sun. Soon my parents woke up and as soon as I ate, I put on my warm clothes and got my sled to play out in the snow, sliding

down hills with my sled. I got bored of sledding and decided to make a snowman, I got my dad's old black hat, used two big buttons for eyes and one big carrot for his nose.  
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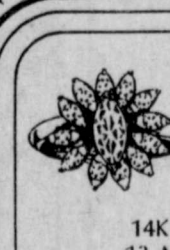
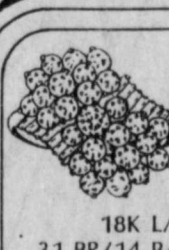
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# What Christmas Means to Me

## What Christmas Means to Me by Melissa Thomas

Christmas means to be joyful, feast, and to have fun with family. I like Christmas because we give and receive gifts from everyone.

But most specially Christ is born, that is the whole meaning of why we celebrate Christmas.

I like Christmas because we get to see Santa Claus with his red cheeks, and little fat plump stomach, and we get to see the little kinds smiles and big round eyes when they see lots of toys.

I get to eat Turkey, pies, cakes, and many other foods.

On Christmas many special things happened to me and my family. We get out of school for two whole weeks that is really great, no teachers, no principals, and most of all no homework. This is why I love Christmas and the white pretty snow. This is what Christmas means to me.

## Tim's Christmas by Mark Thompson

It was the 22 of December and the coldest day of the year. Though the windows were closed, Tim could see the curtains over the windows blowing gently as the cold winds blew.

Tim was 9 years old and didn't have any brothers or sisters. Tim loved his mother and father very much, they both worked very hard every day and Tim wanted so much to give them something nice for Christmas. Even though the family didn't have much money they always seemed to find a way to provide Tim with the things he really needed. Tim had been trying for several days to think of a way to make some money. As Tim sat there thinking about it he began to get an idea. He remembered some of the skills he had learned in school on how to make wooden things such as chairs or make quilts, so he began working on 2 quilts, but there was one problem. He didn't have the money for the materials, so he began to dig up some money, but he only had enough to buy a piece of gum.

Tim knew of a friend who owned a gas station so he went to him for help. Tim asked him if he could borrow some money, the man gladly pulled out his billfold.

On Christmas morning he ran into the living room bright and early, because he had been working all night, and sat the 2 quilts by the tree. His parents were very happy, and they also got a raise on their jobs.

## A Modern-day Christmas By Tami Bertrand

'Twas the day before Christmas  
When all thro' the school  
Every student stirred and each broke a rule

When the final bell rang and report cards were given  
Students poured out the doors with shouts like "Thanks Heaven!"

They ran through the snow and tossed it so high

And each frosty house smelled of fresh apple pie

With mom in the kitchen and dad in the den

The Christmas tree lights flashed on and off again

I heard a putt-putt in the driveway below

And as I looked out on the pure, glistening snow

I saw a little man in a red suit, hat and bow.

He had a white beard, and a sleigh with bright beads

And a new Yamaha to pull what he needs

With jetpack on back, he rose to the roof

Then jumped down the chimney amidst all the soot

He quickly began to unload all the toys

(I guess he thought we'd been good girls and boys)

He filled all the stockings then quick as a wink

Popped back on the lawn before I could blink

Then he hopped on his cycle and rode out of sight

But I heard in the distance,  
"Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!"

## Santa Claus By Chuck Graham

Santa Claus was a clumsy old Joe. He fell down the chimney and broke his toe. He brought me presents and he brought me gifts. He can't do nothing cause he

always trips. He filled my stocking and he gave me goodies. But the only thing he didn't do was eat the cookies. He gave me a ball and he gave me glove. Up the chimney I gave him a shove.

## Christmas By Chris McKay

Christmas is a joyful time to bring the family together.

Christmas is a time to share for everyone to bring happiness.

Christmas to me is understanding how Jesus was born.

So Christmas is beautiful  
Snow everywhere on the ground.

Christmas is fun.  
Not a gloomy year.

## Giving By DeLinda Jackson

Christmas is a special time of year for giving and sharing and thinking of others.

Giving sends a really special feeling To those who show how they feel.

Feelings like this actually come Straight from the bottom of the heart.

Receiving is nice, but giving tops the list.

For any and every occasion—not just Christmas

## Christmas Time By Stephanie Zimmerman

What a fun Christmas this will be I said while looking under the tree

Santa Claus will be here soon So I better pick up my room

As soon as I was finished and sitting down

I heard on the news santa was in town I heard a clunk on the roof

I knew it was the reindeers hoof Down the chimney came a jelly-stomached man

Giggling and laughing with presents in hand

First he stuffed our socks Then put the packages under the tree like goldilocks

He drank the milk and ate the pie Then wiped off his mouth with a big fat smile

Up the chimney he then went He said, "Ho! Ho! Ho!" And there he went To other houses he then flew And left a fun Christmas for everyone he knew!

## What Christmas Means To Me By Zach Nutt

Christmas means a lot to me. Christmas is a time of joy, it is a time of giving, loving and caring about others. It means a Christmas tree, presents, lots of goodies to eat, and other nice treats. Christmas is singing carols, giving presents, and exciting moments. Christmas is families getting together, hugs and kisses and good will toward all. Christmas is little kids, Santa Clause, and shining faces. What Christmas truly means to me is love.

## Christmas Eve By Jamie Bailey

The time came for Christmas Eve, The children were so excited, but that went to bed. The time came for Santa to leave, Off Santa left, in his big red sled.

Through the sky he went, Like a dash and a dart. His back bent, Looking at his chart.

On top of the house his sleigh lay, His bag full of toys. He slid down the chimney, Without the slightest moment of delay, While he poked the stockings full, with joy.

While he drove away, He said to me, I hope to come back this way. His face showing glee.



## Christmas By Olga Martinez

On Christmas day we celebrate because it is the day that Jesus was born. It is the day that some people put their trees up. We put one up and then put up some cards. We go with our family and pass Christmas day together. Oh, it is fun when it's Christmas day. Christmas is the day I like best because if you haven't seen someone from your family since last year, you will see him or her on Christmas. When it's Christmas some kids make snowmen, only when there is a lot of snow. You can feel that it's Christmas, you can smell, and you can see a lot of Christmas trees in some houses. Well I have a lot of fun because I get to go and see my family. I think all the kids are having fun because they still believe in Santa and all the 6th, 7th, 8th and all. The others they don't believe in Santa. Well I hope you have a happy Christmas day.

## "What Christmas Means to Me" by Rhonda Hernandez

What Christmas means to me is remembering the birth of Christ. How hard it must have been for God to give his only son to trod this sinful earth. A death that was not pleasant in any shape or form. A death and struggling that began that early Christmas morn. Well, now it's not a day of sorrow but of happiness, because the birth of Christ means there will always be a tomorrow. This is what Christmas means to me.

## "What Christmas Means To Me" by Crisella Zuniga

Christmas is a very special holiday. Christmas is very special because we celebrate the birth of Jesus (God). Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. So what Christmas really means to me is sharing, living and being with your love ones.



There's no better time than the present to wish all those near and dear to us a very Merry Christmas.

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# Christmas stories, poems and thoughts

## "Teddy's First Christmas" by Shannon Paty

Teddy is a small brown teddy bear with the softest fur and most perfect eyes you have ever seen. He and all the other Christmas Toys sat on the shelves waiting patiently for Christmas to come. It was only two days before Christmas so the toys didn't have long to wait, but they were excited anyway. Since there was so little time until Christmas everyone was very busy. The elves were putting the finishing touches on the toys, and Mrs. Santa was baking hundreds of cookies for Santa and the elves.

Teddy was all ready when Christmas came, his red bow was tied perfectly, his black eyes glowed in the light, and his fur was perfectly combed.

Christmas day was a flurry at the North Pole. The toys were jumpy. Everyone was in such a hurry they didn't even notice the small brown bear that had accidentally been dropped in the cool white snow and was soon forgotten.

As Santa's sleigh and reindeer flew from the earth, Teddy was left lying in the snow crying, "I'll never get to be loved by some little girl or boy." Then Teddy heard a small voice behind him say, "Sorry you got left behind." Teddy turned around and saw a young reindeer standing knee deep in the snow. "My name is Tim and I'll be glad to try and fly to catch up with Santa's sleigh," the reindeer said "Oh could you?" Teddy exclaimed, "I sure could!" Tim replied, "besides I've always wanted to ride on Santa's sleigh." So, Teddy hopped on Tim's back and away they went.

Up into the sky flew Teddy and Tim trying with all their might to catch up with Santa. Finally when the sleigh was in sight, hope filled Teddy's heart. He was so overjoyed that he started singing. Straight from his heart came a song of happiness and joy. When the song hit Santa's ears he quickly turned around and saw the determined little couple riding toward him. He turned the sleigh around to pick them up.

Santa put Tim on Comets back to ride. Then he took Teddy to a small house, where a little girl named Tammy lives. Teddy was placed under a beautiful Christmas tree, along with a china doll and three handfulls of candy (she had been extra good that year.)

The next morning Tammy rushed into the room with her Mom and Dad not far behind. She looked under the tree and spotted Teddy. Her eyes twinkled and she smiled a big joyous smile. Lovingly she picked up Teddy and cuddled him in her arms. From that moment on Teddy knew that he had the greatest Christmas home of all. Tammy loved him and Teddy loved her with all his Teddy bear heart.

## "The Christmas Story" by Misty Warren

It was two days before Christmas and everyone at the Nickelnut house were putting up their Christmas tree. They put red and white bows all around it and decorated it with gold and silver garlands. They put up a lighted Santa Claus and hung up lights all around it.

The Nickelnut family was a medium sized family. There was Amy, who was 12, Angie, who was 10, Andy, who was 8, and Jamie, who was 6. Jamie was the youngest and he was spoiled. One day Jamie asked, "What is Christmas?" "I'll tell you Jamie," said Amy. "It all started about 100 years before Jesus was born, there was a prophet name Isaiah. God had told him about a king that would be born many years after Isaiah's lifetime. Isaiah wrote these things in a book so he could pass them down.

Years later, Caesar Augustus, a roman ruler, declared that all people be taxed. The people were to go back to their hometowns to pay. Joseph and Mary, the parents of baby Jesus, had to travel about 80 miles from Nazereth to Bethlehem. Mary was also expecting a baby. This baby was the promised savior. When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, the inns were full. Joseph found a stable for them to stay in. Mary gave birth to a baby boy. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and lay him in a manger."

Out in a field shepherds were keeping their flocks, and an angel of the Lord appeared to them saying: 'Fear not, for I am the angel of the Lord for I bring you, good tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people. For unto you a child is born in the city of David, who is Christ the Lord, and then angels appeared and sang praises to God.'

"The Shepherds hurried to find baby Jesus. After they saw him, they returned to their flocks praising God."

"In the east, there were three wise men. When they heard of Jesus, they traveled north, following the north star, which was guiding them to Bethlehem. The wise men also brought gold, frankensence, and myrr."

"And when all the world heard of Jesus, they rejoiced."

"Jamie," said Amy, "That's what Christmas is. It is to celebrate Jesus' birth."

"(Christmas night) 'Jamie, this is a gift from everyone," said Angie.

"(Jamie opens it and it was a bible.) 'Oh Boy, a bible,' yelled Jamie. (he opens it to a picture of Jesus.) Suddenly, an image of Jesus ran through Jamie's mind. "Wow, Christmas is great!"

## "When Arthur Learned about Christmas" by Kim Perry

Arthur was a small little mouse who lived with his mother, dad, and his sister. Arthur was a curious little mouse, he was always getting into things he didn't belong in. One day he decided to ask his mother about Christmas. He asked her "Mommy what is Christmas?" His mother replied "Arthur, would you please leave me alone, I've got to get my knitting done before I have to cook supper. Now go on and play with your sister." Arthur was really upset. He wanted so much to know about Christmas and no one would tell him. He was so discouraged. He went outside and his sister was playing with her friends, so he went down the street. He went to the park there he saw a squirrel and asked him "Mr. Squirrel what is Christmas?" "I don't know, now go on about your business and leave me alone," replied the squirrel. By this time Arthur was on the brink of tears. No one would tell him what Christmas was. Arthur crawled up on a bench and started to cry. A young boy came by about the time of Arthur started to cry and asked him what was wrong. Arthur replied "No one will tell me what Christmas is." The boy said "I'll tell you." He said "Christmas is a time when families join together to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ." he said "It is also a time to receive gifts from families and friends. That's what Christmas is all about." The boy took Arthur home with him to stay for Christmas and told his parents all about Christmas and lived happily ever after.



The Boys First Christmas  
by Libby Anderson

There was once a boy named Joey. He was nine years old, his parents had left him all on his own, see they had no money to support Joey so they just left. This poor child never had a real Christmas. He was so alone but there was one lady who really wanted to take care of Joey, her name was Mrs. White she had known Joey for about three years she was like a mom to Joey. She finally kept custody of Joey after trying for months. It was almost Christmas time and Joey walked into Mrs. Whites house looking so surprised, he saw a big Christmas tree and many decorations. He didn't know what to do or say so he just stood there and said "My first real Christmas. And turned to Mrs. White and said Thank you and have a Merry Christmas.

## "My Favorite Christmas" by Robby Green

It was Christmas night and all was quiet, everyone was asleep. I heard a little noise and jumped up to see what it was. I ran to the living room where the Christmas tree was and there laid all of the presents I wanted. But then I heard a bang on the roof, I ran to the door to see what it was. I ran out into the street and I saw a big bright sparkling light moving swiftly off the roof and off into the night. I ran back into the house and to my room. I sat there and thought for a long time, could it have been him!" Old Saint Nick'.

The next morning before I opened my presents I asked my parents if it could have been him. They just said, "it probably was". It just depended on whether I believed it or not.

The End

## by Kelly Ward

John, Mary, and Steven all stayed up to talk to Santa. They all fell asleep but Steven woke up in enough time to stop him. He said, "Santa why do you come each Christmas?" Santa replied, "Well, when I was a young man I decided to spend my life making people happy on Christmas. "Well I have more people to make happy." John and Mary didn't believe him but that didn't matter.

## "The Best Christmas Ever" By Shayla Barbee

"It was almost time for Christmas," said Harry a little mouse with a red and white hat that stood over on the side of his head. He also wore red and white socks and a red scarf. Harry knew all about Christmas, the coming of Christ and all the joys and wonders of Christmas. He just couldn't wait until he could go out into the lobby to see all the pretty lights and presents under the Christmas tree. Harry lived in a big fancy Hotel in the big city of Houston.

That night Harry got up and walked down the hall to the big entrance to the lobby and saw a little girl who was crying. Kristi the little girl saw Harry running across the floor. She picked him up and patted him on the head. "You are a cute little fellow aren't you!" Kristi said. "I'm going to take you home with me," said Kristie. And she took him to a big two-story house.

That night at Kristies house Harry learned things he hadn't known. He couldn't believe how big the house was. Harry and Kristi set by the fire and opened packages and told each other some Christmas stories and ate cookies and popcorn. Harry had the most wonderful Christmas. He will never forget that Christmas night with Kristi.

## What Christmas Means to Me by Sharlene Hill

Christmas means to me that everyone should be happy regardless if theres gifts or not. Gifts aren't christmas love is, more or so when the family is all together. Christmas to me is a day of rest mostly a day to enjoy to cherish for the rest of your life and to be grateful to others for what they do for you and the things that should be done for them. Sure Christmas is for giving and receiving, but thats not everything sometimes a good meat will do, it but me myself don't want anything. Well yes I do want my mother to be happy and not down all the time and that rest of my family can live in peace and stop fighting all the time.

Besides the Lord will provide.

## A Christmas to Remember by Christie Anderson

On a crisp December afternoon my sister and I saddled up our horses to give them their daily exercise.

The sky looked promising for a white Christmas. As we rode along the trail we came to the country road. Suddenly whimpering sounds caught our attention. We followed the frightened cries until we saw movements in a papersack in the ditch. Curiously we jumped off our horses and cautiously opened the bag where we found two helpless, shivering puppies.

I couldn't believe anyone to do such a heartless thing as to abandon these puppies. As fast as we could we took the little dogs home and tried to persuade Mother to add the puppies to our Christmas presents. The satisfaction of knowing that we saved two tiny lives gave Christmas a special meaning.

## "Emma Jane's Favorite Person" by Sue Hong

Ya know that there is only ONE person I can count on every year who makes me feel EXTRA special. He brings me gifts year after year without fail, for as long as I can remember.

I bet you can't guess what I got for Christmas last year go ahead guess, what'd ya think I got? Hope, your wrong! I got a purple polka dotted teddy bear, that had a "5" on his belly, colored in orange. Nobody else remembered my birthday, but he did! I bet 'cuz with Christmas and everything I wasn't important enough to remember. I wasn't mad just sad, but that changed cuz I did get one special present.

I think he's super-duper special and swell guy-mega swell! I hope he thinks I'm special and as a matter a fact I know he thinks I am. Don't ya reckon I'm right???? But that doesn't matter cuz where ever you are, I want you to know that I LOVE YOU! I always have and I ALWAYS WILL!

## A Christmas Reminder by Christy Benjamin

Christmas is a holiday that comes just once a year. It is a time for both merriment and cheer. Everybody is entitled to have a wonderful Christmas. We all should remember to be grateful for all the gifts we receive. Say special words like: "Merry Christmas" and "It's just what I wanted!" These thoughtful words can be very important to those special people. It will make them feel a warmth in their heart, a joyful moment to treasure forever. Yes, if you would like to have a real Christmas you should give to others as you want them to give to you.

## What Christmas Means to Me by Jennifer Paty

Christmas means giving love to the poor and needy. It is a time to go the grandmother's house and eat a great meal. We also share our gifts with relatives. But the best part of Christmas is going to church on Christmas Day and worshipping Jesus.

## What Christmas Means to Me by Brad Wilson

Christmas means sharing with others. God gave us this day because that was when Jesus was born. The three kings came with gifts and the shepherds did, too. There was a big star that night, when Jesus was born. We still remember that day long ago. We shall never forget that day.

This is Mrs. Claus. Christmas is almost here so you kids out there had better behave because Santa Claus dosen't come see kids who are mean. You had better watch out and you had better not cry because Santa Claus only likes them kids who act like good little boys and girls, and don't do thing just make other people mad. You had better mind and help your mom and dad and any other person that needs it because if you don't Santa Claus wont come see you this year.

Now for mom, don't you forget to put the tree up and get them good kids some presents. You can get the girl, a doll, a stuffed animal, a hulla hoop, or anything little girls enjoy having. Now for them big girls you can get them some make up, a bunch of clothes, a neckles, a curling iron, or any other kind of jewelry. You can get the boys a racetrack, some cars, a bike or anything tpe of they might wont for Christmas this year.

## Dear Santa,

Dear Santa  
I made an angel for you at school I hope you like it. I has blue eyes and brown hair and the boys have green eyes But I didn't makaboy

Love  
Lori  
2C

Dear Santa C'ause,  
I want to you come to school. I want to you bring me a letter. I want to you bring me a doll.

Love,  
Sonia  
2C

Dear Santa,  
I want a Cabbage patch kid. I want a Jambox. I want some tapes. I want some clothes for my Cabbage patch kid.

Love,  
Charla  
2C

Dear Santa,  
I want a record player. I want a tape player. I want Rainbow Brite. I want a horse.

Your friend,  
Lee  
2C

Dear Santa,  
I want some clothes. I like Santa. I want some toys. I want a monkey. I want three bikes. I want every thing.

Love,  
Mechelle  
2C

Dear Santa,  
I would like a go-bot. And a big Foot, And Santa did I be good.

Love  
Gabriel  
2C

Dear Santa,  
Christmas is fun. Do you like it Santa? You know who's birthday it is. It is Michelle's birthday. I want a jambox. Give me a tape of thriller.

Love,  
Laura  
2C

Dear Santa,  
I want a Cabbage Patch Kid from you. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I hope I get what I want

Love,  
Melisa  
2C



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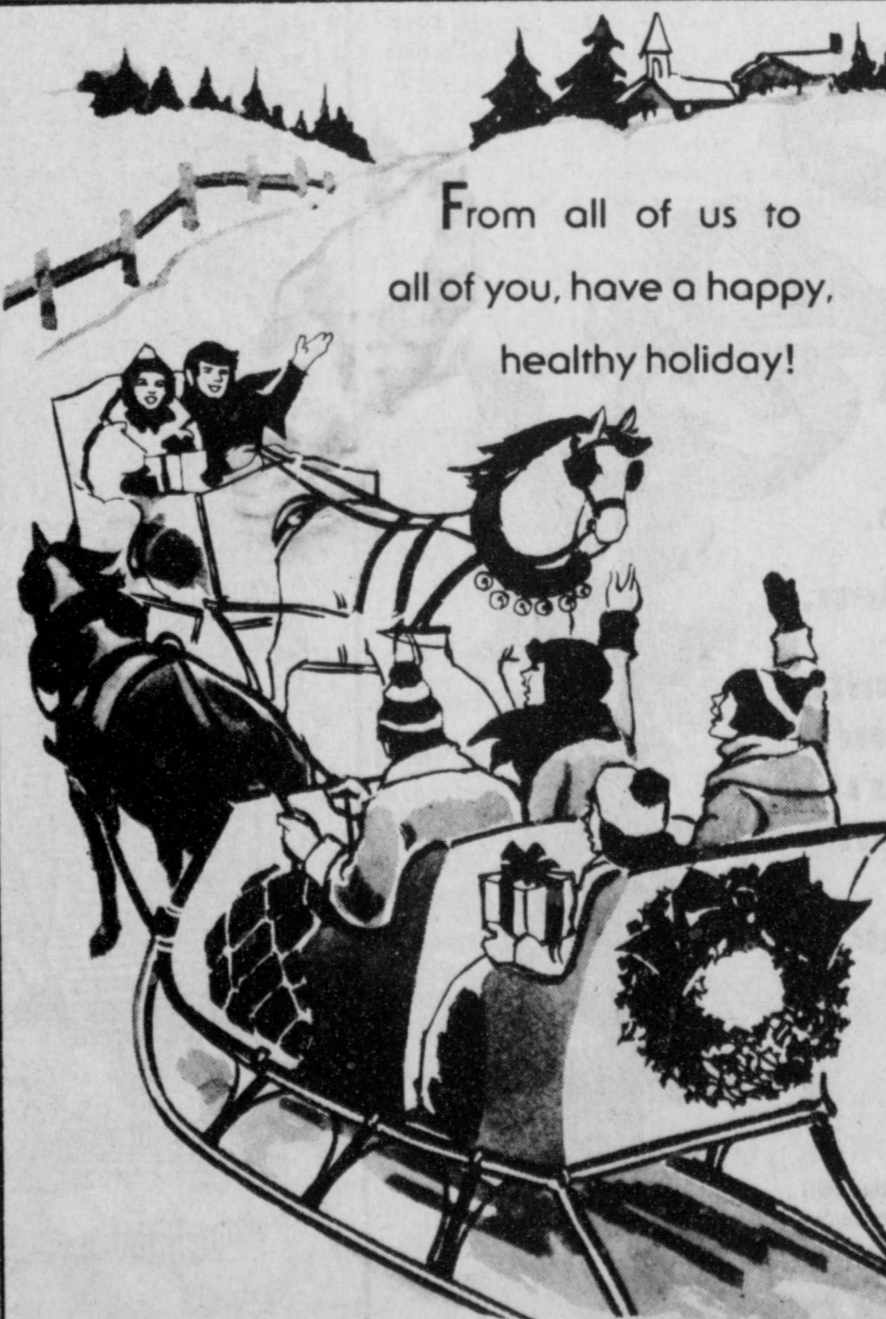
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# Dear Santa



Dear Santa,  
My name is Shonda Guthrie and I have a brother, Chad. Please bring me a 4 wheeler motorbike, a radar rat race cartridge for the commodore 64 computer, and some pants. Chad wants a bigfoot, black pants, 4 wheeler, and new markers. Thank you.

Shonda

Dear Santa,  
My name is Mindy Evans I have tried to be good this year.

I would like a Cabbage Patch doll, purse, some games and a Care Bear.

Remember my little brother, Clay, too, please.

I'll leave you a snack.

Love,  
Mindy Evans  
6 years old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Laron "Clay" Evans. I have been a good boy and tried to do what Daddy and Mommy wanted me to do.

For Christmas I would like a John Deere combine, tent, a gun, and He-Man.

I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,  
Clay Evans  
2 years old

P.S. My sister, Mindy, needs some toys too.

Santy Santy  
He is so dear. He always comes by here bringing toys and other game. Up the chimney, there he goes. Down down down to the floor and after a while he is at the door.

He knocks and knocks, I said come in, and there he stands with a grin. I am going away if I be alive I will see you again in 85.

By Mrs. James Jenkins  
619 E. Grover  
Floydada

Dear Santa,  
I want a Go bot, and a trans Former, and racing cars.

your Friend  
Jose Carisales J.R.

Dear Santa,  
How have you been doing? I am a good boy. I want a punk-rock doll.

From,  
Donald  
2C

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am going to write about how I feel about Christmas. I feel like you are a real Santa Claus. I am going to get lots of presents this Christmas because it is Christmas. My favorite holiday is Christmas because we get to get lots of presents. We also get to go to my cousins and my grandmothers. I also want to tell you that I really think Christmas is a good holiday and I also want to tell you that I like you because you always give us presents every Christmas.

from Aracely Martinez

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want to tell you that you are a good Santa Clause, and that you are almost like God. You give lots of presents to everybody. Everybody enjoys the presents that you give them for Christmas. I want to say that Christmas is a time to remember Jesus Christ and when he was bound know that everybody will like Christmas this year.

Have a merry, merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Eddy Joe Machado

Dear Santa,  
I think Christmas is a good holiday because we get to have presents and they are very pretty toys. There are Christmas songs and there are plays. Some people think Santa is real. I hope it will be a good Christmas. Merry Christmas to all of you.

Leroy Martinez

### What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is a time to remember Jesus Christ and when he was born in the town of Bethlehem. It is a time to remember when he died for our sins. Christmas is a time to give presents, and at Christmas, Santa comes.

Christmas is a time to put up a Christmas tree, and is a time to receive presents. Christmas is a time to see relatives. At Christmas we have a big feast and we play with the new toys. Christmas is a fun time.

Todd Cage

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am just writing to say hi, so hi. I am just going to tell you something. All the children think that you are real. I think that you are real too. Is it true that reindeers are still alive? Is Rudolph the Reindeer alive too? Well bye, see you later.

Maria Huerta

### What Christmas Is By Sonya Campbell

Christmas is a time to enjoy, have fun, and share presents. Christmas is a time to eat cake, pie and lots of other stuff. Christmas is a time to sing songs, and see aunts, and uncles. You get to go shopping too. That is what Christmas is all about.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Justin McHam. I am five years old. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a carebear, a big truck, and Skeletor and Snake Mountain. Please don't forget my big sister and big brother. and mom and dad.

Love always  
Justin McHam

Dear Santa  
My name is Stacy McHam. I am 7 years old. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a care bear, an adopted monkey and a Cabbage Patch doll. Don't forget my two little brothers.

Love always  
Stacy McHam

Dear Santa  
My name is James McHam. I am 6 years old. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a big fire truck, a carebear and He man and masters of the Universe. Please don't forget my big sister and little brother and mom and dad.

Love always  
James McHam

Dear Santa Claus,  
We hope you are fine. We are all fine and excited about Christmas.

Brandi, Casey and I have all been pretty good this year. We have a long list for you.

Please bring Brandi a Shuffle Town Farm, Bring Along a Song, and a pretty dress. Casey wants a Big Teddy Bear and a toy for his baby bed. Please bring me a tape recorder, a microwave and a school bus.

We all would like a Ford tractor tricycle and a red wagon that we can all share and ride together on.

Don't forget all the other boys and girls and we all love you.

Love  
Krissy and Brandi Patterson  
and Casey Elliott

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I hope you come to put my gifts under the tree. But this time don't lose control and come crashing through the living room. And Just leave one part of the house like you did last-year.

Love,  
Derrick  
2C

Dear Santa,  
I want a premie cabech patch and stereo and a water bed.

Love,  
Misty Bertrand  
2C

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a nice Crstmas and a Happy New Year. I hope Rudolph is doing fine. I want a go-bot and a transformer too.

Love,  
Frankie  
2C

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a Panda Bear archery set for Christmas I have been good this year I keep my room clean and keep my toys picked up. I water my dog and feed him everyday. I go to preschool and learn to color and sing. I am four years old I want to go to see you when you visit my town so I can see if you get this letter. I will save some cookies and milk for you at Christmas.

Sincerely,  
Steve Alan Covington Jr.  
Floydada, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I am 9 months Old and I have been a very good little boy, even though I drive my mommy crazy, sometimes! Please bring me a Glo-Worm and a car seat toy. Maybe that will keep my buso so I won't bother Mommy. I love you very much and have a safe trip!

Love,  
Justin

Dear Santa,  
All I ask for is patience, understanding and something to hold my temper!

Sincerely,  
Stacy Reeves  
(Justin's mother)

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a nice day With your elves and your nic Reindeer. I hope you have a nice day, and a good night. I Like you Santa.

Your freind,  
Louis  
2C

Dear Santa,  
I Love you. I want some Go-bots a Corn planter a Big Foot, transformrs, a Zobat and a tandum.

Love  
Cole  
2C

Dear Santa Closs,  
I want a jampxbox, I want a barbes. I want two monks.

Love,  
Michelle  
2C

Dear Santa:  
I Hope I will get a pair of Skates from you or what ever Momie And Daddie can get me is Fine

Love Taela  
Owens, age 7.

Dear Santa Clause,  
I Love you and you know what I won't for Christmas I won't three go bots and a candy sack full of candy.

Love,  
Micheal  
2C

Dear Santa,  
how have you been and how are your deer? For Christmas I want a snuggle, jam box, memory game. Guess what I'm going to move to Green Ville, Tx. I Love you Santo you are Lots of joy!

Love Jamie Schneider  
\*Qubert, tape carebear Please

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Traditions of Christmas  
By Jesse Vela

Some of the traditions of Christmas are putting Christmas presents under the Christmas tree and putting wreaths at the door. Also another one is decorating the Christmas tree with all kinds of ornaments and pictures, also Christmas cards. Another tradition of Christmas is waiting for Santa Claus to come down the chimney to fill up your stockings with candy and other things. Anyway who ever thought of putting presents under the tree.

What Christmas Means To Me  
By Roxene Brown

Christ (birth)  
Holy Bible (read)  
Relatives  
Ice  
Santa Claus  
Together  
Mary (mother of Jesus)  
Angels  
Sharing

I think about Santa Claus coming down the chimney and filling our stockings. He leaves toys under or besides the lighted Christmas Tree. The Christmas Tree is decorated with all sorts of ornaments and all different colors of light.

But what the real meaning of Christmas is the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior. We try reading about his birthday in Luke 2.  
Merry Christmas!

A Christmas Story  
By Shelly Sumpter

One upon a time a few years ago Santa caught a cold. He did not know what he was going to do. His wife suggested if she could go, but he said she did not know the route. Then he remembered a child who never got to play games with other children, but he was very very intelligent.

So he sent a letter to him to come to the North Pole so he could show him the route, but he already knew it. Santa was amazed. He asked how he knew but he said he'd never tell and he was sent out to take presents all over the world.

By Melissa Strickland

On Christmas my mother cooks cakes, pies and all different things. There's always one special thing that's for Santa to eat. On Christmas night I put that special thing on a table with a note that says:

Dear Santa,  
Some people think that Santa is their parents, and others believe that you're just a fairy tale. I believe you're real and if people don't believe me, I'll show them the trail of crumbs you leave that lead to the chimney. I've also always believed there's more to Christmas than presents and things, that's Jesus and the story of him. Everyone should think of Jesus on Christmas day. Well, I hope you like the yummy stuff in your tummy.

Your friend,

Melissa  
I think Santa likes it when I write him a letter. This is what I do on Christmas every year.

Christmas Means  
By Trina Ogden

Christmas means loving, caring and taking the time to really share your love, Christmas is a learning time for everyone, Christmas is a time for praying and just saying you really care. So I guess Christmas just means to say and show to other people you really care.

Mary's Christmas  
By Cynthia DeHoyos

It was that time of year again everyone was happy. There were only 2 days left for Christmas. People were going home with presents.

Lots of Santa's were on the street corner. Mary was outside playing in the snow. Mary loved her parents and loved Christmas especially when it snowed. During that night it snowed some more. The next day she went out to build a snowman. Lots of people were in a hurry to get to the stores and get presents for the family.

Mary's parents had bought lots of big presents. Mary thought "I day till Christmas," she was so happy. On Christmas Eve day she woke and found out it had snowed some more. She knew that tonight Santa would come and give her some presents. That night before they went to sleep, they went out and sang carols around the block. As Mary slept she thought she saw Santa on his sled riding away.

When she woke up in the morning, she found that the tree had more presents, and it had snowed some more. On that day everyone was happy to be together, and they ate turkey and dressing, and opened their presents too.



The Best Christmas Ever

By Dina Livingston

This year was going to be the best Christmas ever, or so I thought. Little did I know it was to be the greatest.

It all started when my family won a \$2,000 shopping spree. I took my share and started shopping. I had received \$500, which was more than enough to buy what I wanted. I bought a model, for my brother, and a robe and gown set for mom. For Dad some computer software. I even bought my dog one of those stockings full of dog treats.

The next day my family spent putting up the Christmas decorations and the Christmas tree. We hung up the outside lights on the house and oak trees in our front yard.

One more day till Christmas eve. We decided to go do some last minute shopping. Mom stayed home to finish baking. Our relatives were to be here this evening.

By the time we got back the rest of the family was there. We helped them unload and get into the house. My brother and I were sent out to get firewood to put in the fireplace, we ate supper. We started the fire after supper. Then sat around and sang Christmas carols. Before bedtime my uncle looked out the window. It was snowing! The weatherman had forecasted 1 to 2 foot of snow.

That morning there was snow on the ground. All day we played out in the snow. Then that night we all went to bed early. We were excited at what we would find in the morning.

That morning my younger cousins and brother found toys from Santa. I didn't, I found a big beautiful dollhouse. Later we exchanged gifts. I got everything I wanted and more. Of course the \$2,000 we had won helped. But I wasn't the only one who had gotten what they wanted, everyone did.

I guess I was wrong it wasn't the best Christmas ever. It wasn't the worst either. It was the greatest Christmas ever!  
Merry Christmas.



mall. So I turned on the lights. The whole store was filled with stuffed animals and toys. The other animals had noticed me. A funny looking rabbit asked me who I was? "My name is Ricky and I'm looking for Christmas. Well, we can't help you but you're welcome to stay here for the night." I said, "thanks" and climbed up on the shelf and went to sleep. The next morning when I awoke I didn't know where I was. It was dark but there was a little hole just big enough for me to see out of. I could see that I was under a beautifully decorated tree, wrapped as a present. It was a beautiful two-story house. The house looked very familiar but I couldn't place it. All day I could hear people chattering.

The next day was when it all happened. Someone was opening the package which held me. As the box top came off I recognized the face immediately. It was Tommy. Tommy grabbed me out of the box and hugged me. The first words that came out of his mouth were, "How did you get in the box." I told him the long story. I'm sorry now that I didn't stay and explain Christmas to you. So Tommy and I sat back in a lazy chair and Tommy told me all about Christmas.

Christmas

By Jay Mendoza

Harry is a flea who lived in a town, and was going to experience his first Christmas. Here is the story of Harry, and his first Christmas.

Harry had heard people talking about that it was going to snow this Christmas. Harry said what's snow! What's Christmas! The children were saying how good they have been this year, and Santa Claus was going to bring them presents. Harry then said Who's Santa Claus! Harry lives in a trash can. That night Harry noticed that it was colder than any other night. Harry soon woke up in the morning, and got out of his trash can. Harry saw white stuff on the ground. Harry then knew what snow was. Harry felt the snow, and soon found out it was cold. Harry saw lights blinking over and over on a green tree. Harry found a little hole in the house and jumped in. By the green tree Harry saw boxes. Harry found out what Christmas was. He said it must be time for family, presents, time for joy, and to celebrate Jesus Christ. Harry moved in the house. On Christmas Eve, at midnight Harry saw a man in red and white suit. In the morning the kids said Santa Claus. Harry then knew who Santa Claus was.

Christmas Day

By Julian Rocha

The day before Christmas is when everybody gets very excited when everyone wonders and wonders what gift will they get. That night you just can't wait until the day after. When it gets dark and everyone is asleep then it is time for Santa Claus. He comes through the window and into the house. While he is in the house putting the gifts in the stockings his reindeer wait for him on top of the house. When he gets finished putting the gifts he goes out through the chimney once again. As soon as he gets out he gets into his sled and moves on. Finally morning comes, everyone gets up and rushes to the Christmas Tree to get their gift. Now the real surprise comes when you find out what you got for Christmas.

Bobby's mom comes into the room and says you've been a bad boy this Christmas and that's why Santa Claus didn't come. You see my dear, Christmas means more than toys. I don't understand mom! Christmas is a time to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ. Jesus was born on this day years ago. Who was the mother and father? Bobby their names were Mary and Joseph. What hospital was he born in? He wasn't born in a hospital he was born in a barn in Bethlehem. Bobby finally learned what Christmas meant and Santa Claus came the next year.

Your truly, Santa Claus  
I send this story to you because you've been slipping. Remember you better not pout you better not cry because I'm coming soon!!!

Christmas

By Chris McKay

The bell just rang. Mrs. Cola said "Don't forget your promise." Everyone had such a frantic exit that noone heard her. The group said "let's eat before mom gets home." They did eat then mom came in and said "Let's get the tree up." They did. Then they put presents under it. then it came. The Christmas story. It told the true meaning of Christmas thru children. The family enjoyed it. Then Craig said "Man, I wish we got out of school earlier, get away from the teachers." Jack said "Not me, I wanted to stay longer." Everybody ganged up on him just as their dad walked in. "I forgot to beat my kids today." They said "Beat us now" "O.K." Dad said. So they group started their daily pillow fight. As usual the dad won again. The children said, "Why are you always beating us at our pillowfight?" he replied "Well I'll tell ya, its fun to do and relaxes me." then came Sunday, the family went to church as usual, this week the Reverend told about the first Christmas. After church, the family went home for christmas meal, then their dad told about his first experience with Christmas. The family enjoyed it. Well all this story goes to say is that when Christmas comes be thankful for the family you have and not the family other people have.

Ricky Raccoon Searches for Christmas

By Amy McCormick

It all started with the hustle and bustle of people hurriedly running from store to store. I was very curious why people were in such a big hurry. As I walked in the cold winter wind, it was hard not to notice how the whole street lit up like a shopping mall. I couldn't take it any longer. I had to find out what was going on. I decided to ask Tommy, a boy I often played with. As I approached the house I noticed that his house was also brightly decorated. Tommy was in his room, so I went on up. "Hey Rick what's going on." He said. "Why is everyone in such a hurry, and why is everything lit up like a shopping mall?" I said. "It's Christmas, Rick. It's always like this!" "Look Rick, I'm really in a hurry. There are only two more days of shopping left and I haven't bought my family anything." He put on his coat and gloves and walked out the door singing about a deer named that had a shiny nose. I went downstairs and out the door. I've just got to find this thing they call Christmas and by Tommy's description I only have two days. I went home and packed my clothes. The next day I got on an early bus. The bus dropped me off at the shopping mall. I searched all day but I never found Christmas. I even asked some people who were weaving in and out of every store but they just ignored me. I walked into a store hoping I would find Christmas. The manager was fixing to lock the door, so I quietly ran into the dark store and hid in a corner. The manager was finally gone, there was not anyone in the shopping

But letters keep coming from boys and girls wanted talking dolls and cowboy boots, rocking horses and fireman suits.

"I'm just too busy! Santa Claus sometimes says, 'I never have time to play with the toys.'" Most of these children have been so good, Santa has to do his best to please them.

So the days whiz by in Santa's toy shop. Soon is Christmas Eve again. Santa Clause has still not played with a single toy! "Oh jumping jack!" Said Santa Claus last Christmas Eve, as Mrs. Claus buttoned up his red warm coat. "Now I have to give all these toys away, and I never will get to try any out!" He almost scowled.

But Mrs. Claus whispered something into Santa's ear, and he left the house chuckling to himself. "Wonderful idea!" the reindeers heard him say as he closed the door, to the heaped-up sleigh. Then all night long around the world they flew. Santa dropped down chimneys with his load of toys, or slipped in doors or windows where he didn't fit down the chimney. The load grew lighter in the sleigh as they went. At last Santa Claus was slipping down the chimney into the very last house on his list. There he found a Christmas tree all set up. He put the final touches on it, and lit all the lights. He found a plate of cookies and a glass of milk, with a note that said, "for Dear Santa." So he sat himself down and had a bit of lunch. Then he unpacked the toys, as he always does. But he did not hustle right away. Not this time, NO! He set up the new electric train and sent it speeding around the track and through the tunnel. He sent the model airplane spinning around the Christmas tree. And he built a whole village with Christmas blocks. When Santa had tried every Christmas toy and back home he flew in his magical sleigh to Mrs. Santa Clause. Never have I had such fun." Santa told Mrs. Clause. "I did as you suggested and played with all the toys at the last house he whispered the children's names in her ear.

Do you think he might pick your house to stop at this year?

by Jennifer Thrasher

Dear John,

Bobby and Timothy were two average boys. That really didn't understand Christmas. Well let's talk about Bobby and Timothy. These boys would tell little white lies that weren't cute at all. They would say things like you know Santa Claus isn't coming cause you've been bad boys.

So the night before Christmas Bobby and Timothy's Mom and Dad had a meeting. Our boys have been bad so Santa Claus won't come this year. Bobby and Timothy are going to be surprised when Santa Claus doesn't come.

It's Christmas and Bobby jumps out of bed and runs to the Christmas tree-but he stops-he found not a toy-especially not his gun and crane he wanted from Santa Claus. He runs to the telephone and called Timothy. Hello, Timothy have you gone to see if Santa Claus came last night. Yes, and there's not a thing there, not even a gift. Click. Click.

# Christmas is a Time of Joy

What Christmas Means to Me  
By Shane Orman

Christmas to me means giving presents and sharing love for one another. It means waiting for Santa Claus to come on Christmas morning. Christmas means gathering family around and showing love for them. Christmas also means decorating your house with ornaments and a christmas tree.

The falling snow builds up excitement in our minds with the spirit of Christmas. The busy streets are crowded with people scurrying around buying presents. The ice falling down makes me think of how quickly the Christmas season move on.

Giving presents and gifts makes me feel good. But receiving also makes me feel thankful for such a joyful season.

A Santa's Christmas

by Christy Lopez and Twyla Lemmons

Once long ago on Christmas Eve in a little cottage just outside of town. John and Beth hurriedly put their stockings upon the so called chimney as they waited excitedly for their pa. Pa had said he was going deer hunting for a wonderful Christmas feast but, both John and Beth knew he'd be slidding down that chimney as soon as he went to town and picked up their presents.

It had been 2 hours since pa had left. John was starting to get worried as he looked out the window he noticed that the blizzard had gotten worse. There might a chance their pa was stranded at town. John decided to wake Beth up and send her to bed. As he did he heard a jingling noise on the roof. He knew he hadn't imagined it for it woke Beth up. As they hide behind the chair Santa Claus came down the chimney with a thump. John and Beth couldn't believe their eyes Santa had brought all they needed. He brought food and presents but above all he brought them the prettiest Christmas tree! As John got up to thank Santa he had already glided up the chimney. As he rode out of sight Pa came in with a Santa suit yelling "MERRY CHRISTMAS".

Pa was astonished with what he saw. He fainted. After John, Beth woke him up they ate. Never-the-less they bowed their heads and thanked Santa for everything.

Santa has Fun

by Isabell Wasquez and Martha Garcia

Why up North in the land of ice and snow stands a cozy little house. Beside the front door hangs a neat little sign. S. Clause, says the sign. Because that is who lives there-Santa Claus.

Mrs. Santa Claus lives there, too of course. She keeps house for Santa Clause, and for all the elves who work in Santa's toy shop. What a busy place that toys shop is!

In the doll department... and the train department... and the game and building set department... In dozens of departments up and down the halls, happy little Christmas elves are busy all year long, making and trying out the toys. Oh, everyone is busy in Santa's toy shop. But Santa Claus is busiest of all. He shows the doll makers how to paint on smiles.

"I'll take a day off soon," says Santa Claus, "and play!"



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# What Christmas Is All About

## Christmas By Leslie

Back in the days of Mary there was a temple where Mary had lived since her early childhood. Mary was 15 years old now and she was at marriageable age so she must leave the Temple.

So after she arrived home she met Joseph the carpenter and eventually they were married, and one day as Mary sat weaving she was thinking about what had happened to her awhile back, an angel appeared to her and said that God had chosen her to be the mother of the Messiah, at that moment Joseph entered the room with bad news he would have to travel to Bethlehem and he did not want to leave Mary by herself especially in her conditions, so Mary said "I shall go with you and God shall take care of us and the baby." So Jesus was born in the city of David, the royal ancestors of Mary and Joseph.

## Christmas By Wayne Sweeney

What is Christmas? Is it candy kisses, and candy canes? No it's the most joyful time of the year. Or for some it's the most painful time of the year. Waiting for the day you open your presents. Second best is when the whole family gathers around the Christmas tree. You get a chance to meet your cousins, grandparents, uncles and aunts.

## What Christmas Is All About By Tisha Daniel

Once there was three children who were very very small and really did not know what Christmas was all about. Their parents had died and they did not have the money to buy any presents. So they decided to find out for themselves what Christmas was all about. So Jhon the oldest, and Jill the next to oldest and Billy the youngest went to pack for their long journey to the North Pole. They were on the street walking and they saw a man, the man looked very nice and asked him how to get to Santa's house. The man said well you have to go north a long way till you reach a sign that say's Santa's road. You follow the road till you reach Santa's house but I do not think you are ready for that long trip, you need heavy coats. Let me buy them for you ok. So Jhon said ok. When they got their coats they told the man thank you and they were off. As they walked it got colder and colder. The children were tired and

they finally found a cave to go to sleep for the night. When they woke up the next morning they found themselves in a bed with a lady over them. Jhon yelled it is Santa's wife. Jhon asked what they were doing at Santa's house and they had been in a cave. Santa's wife said, my Santa found you asleep in the cave and very cold. He brought you to me to get you warm and find out what you are doing here. We came here to see Santa and to talk to him about some of our problems. So Santa's wife went to the kitchen and Santa walked in the room where the kids were staying and asked the kids what they were here for. Jhon the oldest said, that their parents had died and they had no money to buy any presents. So Santa told them just to tell him what they wanted and to not worry about it. So they told him and they all got out of bed and got dressed. Santa took them home on his sleigh. When Christmas came Jhon, Jill, and Billy all got what they wanted and they lived happily ever after. And they all learned what Christmas is about, it's about loving, caring, and sharing.

## The Excitement of Night Before Christmas By Bryon Henderson

It's one night a kid favors the most. It's the night St. Nicholas will soon be there. You rush into the kitchen and get five or six cookies and a glass of milk for St. Nicholas. You hurry to bed in excitement as you think of toys and gifts.

## What Christmas Means To Me By Wesley Campbell

To me Christmas means a time for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a time for getting together and having fun. At Christmas you give and except gifts with your family, above all you should remember the birth of Christ. Christmas is a time for joy, happiness and thankfulness.

At Christmas we always have a good time with my family. We eat a lot of good food. On Christmas morning we open our gifts here at my house, then go down to my grandmothers house and open gifts there. Although we are lucky to have the opportunity to do this, some people cannot afford to do this. We always have alot of fun, some people do not.

Every Christmas I am always looking forward to it at least a month before it ever gets here, because I know it will always be a great and wonderful

Christmas. I just wish everyone would look forward to Christmas like I do, and enjoy it as much.

The most important thing to remember about the meaning of Christmas, is family and friends, and the birth of our Saviour.



## Christmas By Kenneth Collins

Two years ago a friend of mine asked me to say this Christmas rhyme, so I said this rhyme I am about to say. The rhyme was there and it went like this. Took a test to become an elf and the other elves went somewhere else. And I was left on the shelf by the other elves. I like to see Christmas come around for the people on the wacky part of town. So when it comes just have some fun. Because later you just may have to run. A cold chill-out part on the keyboard stand when we're rocking at Christmas makes the girls want to dance. Sometimes Rudolph flies like a dove that goes way above, so I am talking for myself and it makes everyone want to love.

## Christmas By Joe Cisneros

Christmas is a very special holiday. Christmas is a time for giving and sharing. Christmas is a very busy holiday because people are running in and out of the store, buying Cabbage Patch Kids, fire trucks and other stuff for Christmas. Christmas is a time for love and for thinking about the people who don't have any Christmas at all and have no place to stay. Christmas is also a time to think about surprises and Jesus Christ.

## Christmas Eve Night By Jeremy Moses

I was going to sleep  
When I heard something beat.  
I jumped from my bed  
And who did I see  
Old Saint Nick with toys for me.  
I went back to bed  
And waited till morning,  
When I heard Santa cry,  
"Go Prancer and Dancer  
And all more."  
Off went Santa  
With the elves aboard.  
Santa cried out with a loud call,  
"Merry Christmas to all  
And have a good night."

## A Unforgettable Christmas By Ray Garcia

One lazy Christmas might ole jolly St. Nick was driving his sleigh around as usual. While he was riding around he heard screaming and yelling from a house and went to investigate, but to only find out that it was a stereo full blast he was getting confused because only a little while ago the people that usually left snacks didn't leave any and there wasn't much spirit.

Also some kids were getting greed and left giant stockings that read in big letters "This is my stocking and nobody elses!"

Santa Clause was relieved to be awoken by Mrs. Clause and to know it was only a dream!

## "The Night Santa Did Not Arrive" By Jesse Suarez

The night Santa did not arrive for CHRISTMAS in the town of joyful Floydada no christmas presents for all the little children and this year all of the little kids were very good all year long. Well it was getting boring all christmas night no one was happy nobody cared about what they got no one was happy children were crying parents were very angry. Well it was getting late so everyone decided to go to bed. Since Santa wasn't going to come. Only one little mouse came out of his hole and started to wander around in the kitchen and came along to the christmas cake but it was all burned up cause Moma didn't cared about it any more. Any way Santa wasn't going to come, but all of a sudden We heard a noise on the roof and hoping it was Santa. All the little kinds hopped out of their beds and ran to the window. They heard a little rustel so they ran back to their beds cause they knew. Santa did not give presents to kids who stood up late. So once again the town of Floydada was a happy and joyful, town that all the lights in town came on.

And it was once more a town of happiness and joy.

## Christmas Is Something To Remember By Noelia Huerta

Christmas is a time for joy and happiness. It is a time for the family to get together and have dinner. Christmas is also a time when Jesus was born. Christmas is a special day for all of us. We give presents or gifts to the people we love and care. Christmas is also a fun year 'cause that is when it will snow and you will receive a gift from a special person, it's from your mother, father, friends, or relatives.

## Christmas By Dianah Coronado

Christmas is a time of cheer  
Happiness throughout the day  
Resting around a warm fireplace  
Icicles hanging from the windows  
Snow on the ground  
Thankful for what we have  
Merry as we can be  
Among family and friends  
Spending Christmas together

## Santa Coming To Town By Victor Chavarria

It was a time for Christmas and all the town was quiet when Santa arrived to the town and as all the people were asleep, Santa sneaked from the chimney and he took a bad step. He stepped on a rubber duck, as he stepped on the duck all of the children woke up. They all got up from their beds as Santa put the presents under the tree. As the children were coming into the living room Santa rushed up the chimney and went out into his sled. As they watched Santa go away they saw that he had left presents for all of them. They rushed to the Christmas tree and opened their presents, and played and lived happily every after Christmas.

## What Christmas Means To Me By Mary Guerra

Christmas is a day to celebrate Jesus' birthday. It is a time to enjoy, sharing, loving and singing for joy. It is to give presents to your family and to friends. We put up a Christmas tree with lights and Christmas ornaments and a star that shines on the top of the tree with an angel. It is a time to shop and buy things to wrap up and put under the tree. Sometimes you might wonder what is in the present, so you might get it and shake it, so you can try and find out what it is. And sometimes there ain't no presents to people around the world because there ain't no money.

## On Christmas Day By Shelvia Hearon

There is time for praying  
it's the key to your prayer.  
There is time for playing  
it's the key to happiness.  
There is time for joy  
It's the key to peace.  
There is time to love  
it's the key to Christmas Day.

## What Christmas Means To Me By Teresa Garza

What Christmas means to me is the new born Jesus. And if Jesus was never born, right now we would not have a Christmas to celebrate or any other day. Jesus means so much to me at Christmas. Then comes the presents when we get them from under the Christmas tree and from Santa Claus. Christmas is a very special holiday for me. It's a time of joy and happiness. Also when we get to see our old friends, relatives, and most of all the people we love. Christmas is a special thing. That's what Christmas means to me.

## Why I Like Christmas By Prisca Rocha

I like Christmas because I like to spend the night with my parents. I like Christmas too, because we can open presents. I like Christmas because all the people put Christmas trees up and the lights on the tree in the houses are beautiful in the night. I like Christmas because sometimes it snows and I can play with my friends in the snow. We make snowmen and throw snowballs at each other. We can ride snowmobiles and have a good time at Christmas. I like Christmas because all the kids are happy and have a good time with their parents and I also like Christmas too because it's time to go to the church and give "Thanks to God" for all the beautiful things and all the things he has done for us. I wish for all people a Merry Christmas.



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# Christmas Stories

## What Christmas Means To Me By John Robledo

I believe Christmas is a very special holiday. It is Christ's birthday and we all celebrate it on Christmas. On Christmas we all give presents and receive some too. Also on Christmas we put up Christmas trees and decorations. Sometimes on Christmas it snows and sometimes it doesn't. I am glad we have Christmas. Christmas is my favorite holiday. I never get lots of presents, but as long as I have my family that will be all I ever need.

## What Christmas Means To Me By Billy Zane

Christmas is a time to remember Jesus Christ. Christmas is a time to give presents. Christmas is a time to have fun, and visit your relatives. I like Christmas because we get to go hunting and we get to play in the snow and sit around the fireplace. Christmas is a time to sit around the Christmas tree opening presents.

## Christmas By Rance Pernel

I think Christmas is about the time when Jesus Christ was born, grew up, and died for our sins. Christmas is a time of year when all our relatives get together and receive gifts. It is a time of year when Santa Claus comes and gives gifts to all the nice boys and girls. Some people do not believe in Santa Claus, but there really was a Santa Claus. His name was Nicholas. Somehow he would find out what people needed. That night he would go to the people's houses and would give gifts to them by throwing them through the window. The people never knew it was him that is the story of Santa Claus.

## What Christmas Means To Me By Alice Machado

I like Christmas because Christmas is a time that we all have to stop and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The reason we celebrate the birth of Jesus is because Jesus helped all of the people back then, and He made the blind see and He did heal the people. He made them get up again and He made them walk. The reason we celebrate the birth of Jesus is because we all love Him and He loves us too. He will come again, and we shall wait for Him.

We also celebrate Christmas because Christmas is a time to give presents and receive presents too. Christmas is also a time to visit our relatives and our friends that we don't get to see for a while. That's what Christmas is all about.

Dear Santa,

I wish I could see you at Christmas. I like you very much. You are just like God. All the children in Texas like you very, very much. I have seen you on television and I like your programs. At Christmas all the people get together and give presents to each other. Santa I am not giving you this letter for you to bring me presents. I am very proud of you because you brought fun to us, and we are glad. My two best parts of Christmas are when I can go to peoples' houses to give them presents, and when you come down the chimney and give your laugh to the children in the houses. Some of the people do not believe in you but I do. That is why I am writing you this letter.

Ramiro Rodriguez

...and best wishes for a  
New Year of happiness  
in a world of peace.



## Loving and Caring At Christmas By Quetha Roberson

Christmas is a time for us to show how much we love and care for one another, to me more than any other time of the year. For after all Christmas is the time God first shared his beloved son with us.

So many of us forget this and think that Christmas is a time of receiving gifts. This seems to be what really matters.

To me it is not what I receive, but what I can give. Some people really get upset when they give someone a gift and that person doesn't give them one in return. The wise men did not expect anything in return when they gave their gifts. So neither should we.

It doesn't even have to be a gift. It could be what we could do for someone. Sharing our love for someone really shouldn't be that hard. Little things we do can mean a lot. It doesn't take much effort to visit or phone a sick friend or a shut-in. It doesn't take much time to help a friend in need.

This Christmas let's not forget the old saying, "It's better to give than to receive." Let's show some love and care.

## Christmas Story By Andy McDowell

Once upon a time, it was three days till Christmas. The snowstorm had settled in right before the rest of my family got to the house.

Now it is two days till Christmas, the storm had gotten worse. We got about 1 foot of snow in two days. We all sat around the fire and sang Christmas carols.

It is one day till Christmas the storm had let up just enough to go hunting. When we got back to the house, mom put the ducks on to cook. We soon left to go on a sleigh ride in the country. When we got back from the sleigh ride we got ready for supper. After supper we got ready for bed and were soon asleep.

The next mornings was Christmas day, we woke up early that morning. We played and ate all day long. We made snowmen and snow ice cream.

## The Night I Rescued Santa's Sleigh And Reindeers By Frank Suarez

It was that night before Christmas. Everyone was asleep except me. I had heard a noise on top of the house. So I sneaked to the kitchen and then to the living room, but as I walked in the living room, I saw somebody there. I was going to get the gun, but I saw it was Santa Claus. He was putting presents under the tree. As I walked back to my room, I heard something outside. So I ran out and Santa's sleigh and reindeer were just at the edge of the roof, it was falling to the right side of the house. So I ran and got a rope. I climbed up the house and tied Santa's sleigh to the tree, up in front. I saw him coming out of the chimney, so I hid. He looked at the rope and then he looked around. I think he saw me, but he just turned around and untied the rope from the sleigh. As he took off a box fell. So I ran and picked it up. I said, "You dropped a box." He turned around and said, "Merry Christmas." I looked in the box. It was a twelve gauge shotgun. By the time I looked up to thank him, he was gone. I got off the house and went inside. Everybody was awake and opening their presents.

## What Christmas Means To Me By Samantha Salazar

Christmas means alot to me because we celebrate Jesus' birthday and give out presents to our family and friends, but we're forgetting someone. We're forgetting people who don't have any presents to give or receive. Even if they don't have anything and you have more we should go and tell them we want to share what we have and give them presents and joy. I hope Christmas means alot to you as it does to me and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Christmas By Craig Forbes

Christmas is a joyful and happy day. Sitting around the fireplace given and receiving gifts or just visiting with your cousin, aunts, uncles, grandmothers, and grandfathers. Just watching the lights on the Christmas tree go on and off.

The snow falls for children to make snowmen, to have snowball fights, or just to make snow ice cream to eat. Snowmobiles going everywhere.

The ponds and lakes freeze so people go ice skating.

As you can see Christmas is a happy and busy day, so have a Merry Christmas.

## Christmas Story By Junior Galvan

Christmas is a holiday for all people but it is so much fun for children at Christmas. Once upon a time lived a little boy named Bill that didn't get any presents for Christmas. He was so unhappy that he ran away and his mother was sad. The police were looking for him but they didn't find him for three days. They had not found him but he got a present from Santa Claus and he went home.

## Christmas By Cynthia Garcia

Christmas is a holiday. It's the day the Lord was born. At Christmas you make food and everybody gets together and opens the presents. You give presents to each other because of love. That's what Christmas is about.

## Christmas Night On The Farm By Ray Lopez

The cows were all locked up in their stalls. The horses were already in their corrals. The goat in the hay was eating away. The hens were on the floor eating the grain. And the whole family waiting till twelve to open their presents and sing Christmas carols. Eating ham, turkey, dressing and drinking punch, egg nog and coke. And when we're all finished having fun, we go to bed and dream about next Christmas.

## Christmas Time With The Robin's By Mary Garcia

One one weekend on Dec. 22 the Robins had left for their Christmas vacation for two whole weeks. They were going to spend their time in El Paso. They finished packing and loading the car. Soon they were on the road singing Christmas carols. They were singing so loud that they couldn't hear the weather news when it came on the radio. A few miles up the road it started to snow, and it snowed more and more. Mr. Robin could hardly see the road. Finally Mrs. Robin sees a light off the road and they decide to stop. They find that there are two stranded cowboys. The two cowboys invited the Robins to spend Christmas vacation in their range shack. So the Robins had a nice old fashioned Christmas vacation.

## Christmas Poem By Libby Martinez

Christmas is sweet.  
Christmas is fun.  
Open up the presents  
And enjoy the fun.  
Go outside and play  
In the snow with your friends  
And have a snow-ball fight.  
Go inside and eat all the food.  
Stay up at night and wait  
Until Santa Claus brings  
Your presents and open up  
The present he gave you and enjoy  
The wonderful, wonderful present.  
Christmas is the best holiday  
You can enjoy. Get your ice skates  
And go ice skating in the hard sparkling  
ice.  
Christmas is sweet. Christmas is fun.  
Christmas is the loveliest day of my life.  
Have a nice Christmas and  
Enjoy the poem I wrote.

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a holiday  
message to  
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# Christmas Is A Time Of Joy

**Christmas Is A Time of Joy**  
By Laurie Garcia

Christmas is a time of joy  
It doesn't mean just toys, toys, toys.  
It's the precious time we love to share,  
It's the time for everyone to care.  
Christmas is happiness, and sadness too.  
It's the time to get together, me and you.  
It's time to forget about your problems,  
but don't forget next year to resolute  
that you'll solve 'em!  
Forget about the past and have fun with  
the present.  
Hope your Christmas is exciting and  
pleasant!

**Xmas-Beat**  
By Nohemi DeOchoa

Rockin-n-Rollin through the pearl white  
snow  
Breakin-n-Shakin is the only way to go  
For we are the hits of the latest  
teenage show  
Dancing to the rythmn on our feet  
Many others decorate the tree oh how  
neat  
While listening to the beat  
That's the only way you'll find, the  
teens, on the street.  
Rockin-n-Rollin around the Christmas  
tree  
It's the only way to be  
For you and me  
For we are the teens of today,  
like the teens of tomorrow and of  
yesterday  
We'll be dancing to the X-mas beat.  
From the first day of December to the  
last.  
While moving to the beat  
Santa Claus will always arrive fast at  
our loving homes.  
in a sleigh lead by eight tiny reindeer  
on snow-covered roofs they roam.  
In a dark night so queer  
He'll drop us the top-ten  
Which will do us all in.  
Fans we will be forever,  
of this man who'll live on and die  
never!!!

**Santy**  
By Tim Julian

One night Santy came to our house,  
As he was coming he ran over a mouse.  
He was gonna bring me a present,  
But instead he brought me a pheasant.  
It looked good so I killed it,  
And cooked it in our skillet.  
So I sat down and ate my dinner,  
And looked down and I twrent any  
thinner.  
I invited him to eat  
But he was a sneaky little creep,  
I couldn't find him anywhere,  
I even looked under the rocking chair,  
So I thought to myself, "Oh well"  
At least he left a Duracell,  
So I listened to my headphones all  
night,  
That Santy, he's all right.

**Santa**  
By Trish Hanna

There he was dressed all in red,  
Standing there with his high held head.  
Bringing cheer and joy  
To all the little gals and boys.

He filled the stockings  
Without any talking.  
Then quiet as a peep  
He said "I hope those kids are fast  
asleep."

Then he laid his finger aside his nose,  
Then up the chimney he rose,  
He hopped on his sleigh  
Then he flew quite away.

That's when I knew  
He had gone away  
Until the next Christmas day.



**My Kind Of Santa**  
By Danny Caballero

Snow in the evening, it's cold as can be  
Waiting for the boss to come down the  
chimney  
I hope that fat dude don't get stuck  
halfway down  
For the last time he did his britches  
were all brown.

It's a big deal being one of his elfs  
Stacking up toys upon his shelves,  
Getting all those letters from them  
young kids  
Whom claim they were nice, when they  
know they did.

They think they can get away when the  
boss isn't looking  
Let me tell them this, he's a real smooth  
cookie  
This cat's real smooth he knows what's  
going down  
All over the world, and even in your  
small town.

He never loses his wits, he's always cool  
Unless some little brat tries to take him  
for a fool  
Some advice from the bosses, master  
men  
Just play it cool, and let him do what he  
intends.

**Christmas Is...**  
By Isabell Vasquez

Christmas is special,  
Christmas is fun.  
Christmas is when  
Christ was born.  
Christmas is giving,  
and sharing.

Christmas is when,  
Santa comes,

With presents for everyone.  
Christmas is more than  
words express but mostly,  
it is Happiness!!!

By Isabell Vasquez

**My Christmas Eve**  
By Stephanie Carr

Every Christmas Eve  
We go to the Christmas tree  
always have plenty  
of fun before we want to leave.  
We either sing a song  
or tell a story oh so long.  
Then soon we all get quiet  
and hear something coming through  
the night.  
And out pops Santa Claus  
with all the little drums and dolls.  
Then home we go fast asleep  
But we should never happen to peep.  
'Cause when you look the next day  
under the tree you have your clay!

**Christmas**  
By Elsa Perez

Christmas is full of joys,  
To all girls and boys.  
Running down the stairs  
To the tree to get what's theirs.  
Loving and having fun,  
Each and everyone.  
Seeing bright faces  
In all places.  
Opening all presents  
Underneath the tree.  
Oh I wonder, oh I wonder,  
Which one's for me!

Dear Santa Clause,  
I love you, I will make a pie for you  
on Christmas. I hope you Like it.

Love,  
Donnie



**Childhood Friend**  
By Anissa Crabtree

On the cold, frozen lawn,  
Behind the Santa and little spotted  
fawns,  
Behind the baby Jesus and the big,  
bright star,  
Way out back behind the old car;  
He stands alone  
Justing waiting for you,  
It doesn't matter if it's Mary or Sue,  
He looks for you with his eyes made of  
lids  
Just waiting to be played with by the  
neighborhood kids.  
He longs to be danced around,  
For the children to pretend he's their  
own circus clown.  
But now they've all gone away,  
It's much too cold to stay outside and  
play  
But he waits and waits anyway;  
His smile of coal has turned to a frown,  
His carrot nose has fallen to the ground;  
He stares into the empty distance,  
And frantically searches with those  
eyes made of lids  
For all the precious neighborhood kids,  
Tears slowly fall from those eyes,  
And he cries out a final goodbye,  
As he, the snowman,  
Slowly dies.

**A Nice Sled Ride**  
By Monica Wickware

When it snowed a coat of white  
It was very bright of glow.  
I jumped right out of my bed.



I got my sled.  
I put on my shoes,  
They are blue  
I got on my cap  
Because I did not want to nap.  
I ate my breakfast and went outside  
With my sled to go and glide.  
I got on a hill to sled.  
And I played and played all day.  
And at noon of the day  
I saw a sunshine ray  
Just a little while of the day.

**What Christmas Means To Me**  
By Tian Younger

Christmas is a time for fun  
Even though there is no sun.  
We even open presents  
Especially with grandparents.  
Christmas is a time to share  
With a cute teddy bear.  
Christmas is a time to love  
A very little hopeless dove.  
It was Jesus' birthday  
On this very Christmas Day.

**What Christmas Means To Me**  
By Brandon Baxter

Christmas means a lot to me.  
Christmas means a joyful time of the  
year, especially because we celebrate  
Jesus' birth. Christmas means a lot to  
me because I get to get together with  
my grandparents and my aunt. Christ-  
mas is fun.

Christmas means a lot to me,  
Not because of the Christmas trees.  
Christmas means a lot to me,  
Because we get to celebrate,  
The birth of Jesus.

**Christmas**  
By Chantel Patterson

Christmas is special  
Because Christmas is a time to be  
joyful.  
Christmas was when Jesus  
In heaven was born.

Christmas is when kids have fun,  
Opening presents and going to parties.  
Christmas is a little quiet,  
Because you think of God.

Christmas was when Jesus  
Was born in heaven.  
Christmas is a special  
Time of the year. Merry Christmas!

**Christmas At Uncle Alfredo's**  
By Harvey Soliz

Each year at Christmas we have fun  
with our uncles, cousins, and our  
families. Each year we open our  
presents late, about one o'clock in the  
morning. Then we open our presents.  
And then we take pictures of our  
families and our presents. Then we stay  
for a little bit and then we go home. And  
that's all about Christmas.

**Beautiful Snow**  
By Adrian Pleasant

Beautiful snow why do you glow  
in the sparkling night, you shine so  
bright  
Like a light during the night.

**Christmas**  
By Bob Hernandez

At Christmas I like to open my  
presents and thank the people who gave  
them to me. Especially when I give my  
presents to them.  
I give thanks to the Lord that we are  
all together having each other to love.  
We are all fortunate to families and  
joy. If we did not have Christmas we  
would not get along.

**Christmas Is...**  
By Tammy Duran

Christmas is a holiday. It's time to  
share love and other things. Christmas  
is an exciting holiday. We put up a  
Christmas tree, and we put our gifts to  
each other under it.  
Sometimes it snows. But sometimes it  
doesn't snow. People go away for the  
holiday and visit their parents or

grandparents. Christmas is a happy  
sharing time to be with your family.

**Happiness At Christmas**  
By Maria Martinez

On Christmas I feel very happy  
because on that very special day Jesus  
was born. Every Christmas after church  
we open our gifts, and I like to see my  
sisters and brothers faces because they  
feel so happy. On this Christmas Eve I  
am not going to be so happy because we  
are not going to have no gifts, but I am  
also going to be happy because my little  
sister is going to have a gift to open. I do  
not care about having gifts, but I hope  
that everybody else does.

**Christmas**  
By Grant Stovall

Christmas means alot to me, so full of

**Christmas**  
By Grant Stovall

Christmas means alot to me  
So full of happiness, it's fit to be joy  
Christmas is a time for fun and joy  
Kids opening packages, exclaiming  
"Oh Boy"  
I like Christmas because it's swell  
Walking to church and hearing the  
church bells  
Christmas dinner is what I like best  
It always seems to put me to rest.

**What Christmas Means To Me**  
By Criselda Hernandez

Christmas is when we celebrate  
Jesus' birthday. Christmas is when we  
light up the Christmas tree, gather  
around it, and sing Christmas carols.  
Christmas is when you turn on the  
fireplace and stay cozy and warm.  
Christmas is when you open your  
presents and can't wait to see what is in  
it. Christmas is when we show our love  
to others. Christmas is the beautiful  
snow, from which we make snowmen  
and snow tunnels. This is what Christ-  
mas means to me.

**Christmas**  
By Gracie Mercado

Christmas is the time when Jack  
Frost rules the season. The time when  
he colors the ground with a white  
glistened sheet of snow. The time when  
he calls the intimacy winds to come and  
blow his tingling breezy words to the  
people.

Christmas is like a painting of great  
joyful colors to Jack Frost. For when he  
paints it is the happy feeling for  
children to watch.

Christmas is when Santa Claus flies  
his sleigh around bringing bits of love  
and toys which do not invalid friendship  
with the gossip words of Christmas is in  
town.

**Christmas**  
By Randell Sims

Cold winter mornings  
Holiday greetings  
Rays of sun reflecting off the snow  
Icicles hanging on the houses  
Snow that's clean and white  
Trees we decorate to celebrate the  
holiday  
Merry time of the year  
A time of giving  
Sleigh rides through the snow

**One Forgettable Christmas**  
By Roy Garcia

One Christmas night when Santa  
went on his sleigh to deliver his  
presents he saw this little house tht  
wasn't decorated and didn't have a  
good tree or many presents under it. So  
when Santa went to reload his sleigh he  
told his elves to get him a tree and to  
make some presents. So when he went  
back to the house he put up the tree  
with presents. He left a note that said,  
"Merry Christmas, From Santa Claus."  
When the family woke up they saw the  
card and read it. Santa Claus felt good  
inside for what he did.



**A Christmas Surrounding**  
By Ronnie Benjamin

A Christmas surrounding is what  
makes a Christmas Christmas. A house  
stands alone with its surroundings  
covered in a deep, warm, cloud white,  
blanket of snow. A background so quiet  
and yet who would think it is so full of  
life? With all of the trees deep in their  
sleep, and the creek in the meadow iced  
over with sleet. The snow is like a  
mirror outside reflecting the sun rays  
from the sky. The stars at night are  
shining like diamonds and crystals on a  
black wall. All of these objects, many  
and few, make Christmas, a joy in their  
own special way.

**SANTA CLAUS**  
(and what he means to me)  
By Misty Avila

Sweet and kind man  
Ability to do great things  
Nationwide figure  
Travels all over the world  
Abundant belly

Christmas symbol  
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Active  
Unidentified flying object  
Stupendous

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# Dear Santa,



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Please bring me a new lunch box with Gizmo on it and some toys for my sisters and me.

Orlando, K-1

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll, some dishes, and candy.

I love you,  
Criselda, K-1

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a three-wheeler. Santa Claus, I love you so much.

Your friends,  
Richard, K-1

Dear Santa,  
I want an Alphonse II for Christmas. I want a BB gun and a King Kong Big Foot. Santa, my Mama wants a microwave and my brother, Cody, wants a jam-box.

I love you,  
Brynn, K-1

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bike and a Return of the Jedi robot.

I love you,  
Dewayne, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a tape recorder and a doll. I'd like a stuffed dog, too. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

I love you,  
Krissy, K-1

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me He-Man and Castle Grayskull. I would like to have Big Foot too.

Love,  
James, K-1

Dear Santa,  
Bring me a dolly, please. I would like Strawberry Shortcake. Please bring me some red skates, too.

Vickie  
K-1

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Cabbage Patch Kid and Rainbow Brite. I'd like a play stove, sink, and refrigerator, too. I love you, Santa Claus.

Tori, K-1

Dear Santa,  
I want a He-Man and Castle Grayskull. Thank you, Santa.

Your friend,  
Daniel, K-1

Dear Santa,  
I want a Cabbage Patch Kid and a Care Bear and a ball.

I love you,  
Lisa F., K-1

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a dolly with a bottle. I want a play puppy with a doghouse. Please bring toys for all the children.

I love you,  
Francisca  
K-1

Dear Santa,  
It is cold here today. Are you cold where you live? Please give me He-Man for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Leo, K-1

Dear Santa,  
I want a Cabbage Patch Kid. Please bring something for my Mama and my sister.

I love you,  
Mary, K-1

Dear Santa,  
I want He-Man for Christmas and a bike. Thank you, Santa.

Alex, K-1

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are not getting cold. I hope you have enough money to buy the toys for all the boys and girls. Please come to my house.

Your friend,  
Chad, K-1

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll and some toys for my brothers.

I love you,  
Marisela, K-1

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll, books, colors and candy.

I love you,  
Alma, K-1

Dear Santa,  
I want Baby Skates for Christmas. Please bring my little brother some toys, too. Take care of Rudolph and your other reindeer.

I love you,  
Liz, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,  
I think that Rudolph's nose is so cute. I like you and want you to be careful on Christmas night. Please bring me a toy Santa Claus and a jack-in-the-box and a play Christmas tree. Please bring my Daddy a red combine and my Mommy some new clothes.

I love you,  
Kelli, K-1

### Christmas

By Eric Stringer

Christmas is a joyful time, even if you don't have a dime.

Christmas is a time to cheer, for it only happens once a year.

Christmas is a wonderful day, because you feel great in a special way.

Christmas is a very special way of celebrating our Lord's birthday.

Christmas is a time for sharing by giving, loving, and caring.



### "The Year Santa Claus Became Ill"

by Anita McCormick

One day Bobby was sitting in a chair thinking about Christmas Day. He reached for the December 18th newspaper. He read the first paragraph. It read: Santa is very ill. Christmas will be late this year. We need help! Signed, the Elves. Bobby decided if he didn't help he might not get anything for Christmas. There was an application to sign to help them. Bobby filled it out and sent it in.

Bobby received a letter on December 23rd that he was the person that would help the Elves. Bobby headed for the North Pole to help the Elves with the Christmas gifts. He rode a plane to get there. He reached the North Pole on Christmas Eve morning. Bobby and the Elves had to make thousands of toys by midnight. They started right away making houses, trains, trucks and etc. Everything was finished by midnight. Next they had to deliver the toys and gifts. Up and down chimneys all night long. On Christmas Day the children woke up to presents and toys from Santa brought by Bobby. Santa told Bobby he was so nice and helpful to the Elves that he was given a reward for saving Christmas.

Santa was up and around two days after Christmas. Bobby was glad he helped the Elves and Santa because he got a lot of neat gifts from Santa, and he helped them through the difficult Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

### "Christmas from a Mouses Point of View"

by Miki Schneider

I don't quite understand the human's way of celebrating Christmas. And things are done differently from our celebration. The tree is an important part. It is decorated with ornaments, tinsel, popcorn, lights, candy, and on top, a star. Gifts are placed beneath it, and for some reason, they wrap their gifts in paper of many colors. Unusually enough, socks, or stockings as they call them are hung on the mantle. As the days grow closer to Christmas, delicious smells fill the house. Peanut brittle, cakes, pies, turkey, and other foods are all eaten during this special holiday. What they call Christmas Eve is the weirdest of all, and I've never been able to figure out why this happens. When everyone is asleep, a large, jolly man dressed in red comes through the chimney. He and his little helpers set many gifts around the tree. These aren't wrapped in paper! Before I know it, he is gone and all is quiet.

The next morning, the children happily opened their presents and most important, the family spends the day together!

### Christmas Is

By Antonia Delgado

Christmas is the day all the children are excited just to open the presents. After they open their presents everything is over. Sometimes families go out. The first thing they say is, you better not fight and that's the first thing you do is fight. But you really don't mean to fight but they make you fight because you want to but they want to use your things but they don't want to lend yours or they get better things than you do and they make fun of you. Then you go to church and there you meet some of your friends waiting for it to be over. But Christmas is a time to celebrate Jesus' birthday. There are Christmas trees up and lights going on and off. I like a white Christmas.

### The Biggest Present Ever Gotten

By Jimmy Cavazos

One day on a cold, windy night when it was Christmas, three boys and two girls were asleep in their own beds. When all of a sudden they heard a noise. They all got up and went to the kitchen but there was nobody there except for a rat nibbling on some cheese. They all went to the bathroom and saw nothing but the toilet and bath tub. After they saw that nothing was going on in there, they went to the living room and saw a fat man stuck in the chimney.

They knew it was Santa Claus and pulled him in. Santa and the children sat down and talked for a while. Santa learned that the children did not have parents. Well the conversation was over and Santa left. The children were wondering why he didn't live any gifts. Later on they heard a knock on the door and it was Santa with a man and a lady.

He said children these people are your parents from now on. They all were happy and they had the biggest Christmas ever and lived happily ever after.

### A Christmas To Remember

By Eddie Icerely

One Christmas Eve night a child named John was waiting by a fireplace for Santa to come. So he stayed up all night waiting for him, but whenever he didn't show up, John stopped writing letters to him and stopped thinking of Christmas. The next day came and it was Christmas but he really didn't care. When night came he heard some noise coming from downstairs, so he went to see what it was and it was Santa putting lots of things under the tree and under all of that was a card. It said Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And for John it was a Christmas to remember.



### "The Christmas Joy"

By Pat Vallejo

Christmas is a time for sharing and caring. It's a time to celebrate the joy of Christmas. Christmas is a very special time especially the birth of Jesus. It's a time to be together with the people you love. To care for those who need the love and attention that everybody needs. Just to say I love you and a very Merry Christmas.

### What Christmas Means To Me

By David Mercado

What Christmas means to me is love and happiness to all the world and to all the people. Christmas means having a Christmas tree with presents under it and a lot of food on Christmas day, 25th of December.

### What Christmas Means To Me

By Johnny DeOchoa

Christmas reminds me when Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem and three wise men came to Bethlehem. They followed a big bright star. The three wise men gave gifts to baby Jesus. His mother is Mary. We worship Him and we love Him.

### What Christmas Means To Me

By David Castillo

Christmas means giving presents to people that are nice and do not fight. Christmas is a time when people come from one place to another. Christmas is when you put your tree up and put presents under the tree. Christmas is when Jesus was born.

### What Christmas Means To Me

By Bertha Hernandez

Christmas to me means love and care. It's to laugh and to have fun with your family. It's a time full of love and joy. You can give something to your family and say, "I care for you and I love you." You should be thankful for your parents. They have done alot to help you in this life. Everybody wishes to go to Bethlehem.

### What Christmas Means To Me

By Shonda Guthrie

This is what Christmas means to me: Christmas day is when Jesus was born. Christmas is a time to put up a Christmas tree. It's also a time to give and receive gifts. It's a time to be with friends and family. That's what Christmas means to me.

### What Christmas Means To Me

By Joe Garcia

What Christmas means to me is to have fun in the snow and slide on your sled. Then we can have a Christmas dinner, sit by the fireplace and get warm. Then my family and I can build a snowman all dressed up. When we finish, we play games, and have snowball fights. That's what Christmas means to me.

### What Christmas Means To Me

By Richard Contreras

Christmas means to me the night Jesus was born in a little town called Bethlehem. I wish I could go back in time to the day Jesus was born and give him a gift.

### Christmas Is

By Brent Gibbs, 6-D

Christmas is fun and cheer. But it only comes once a year. Little children laugh and play. Opening gifts all through the day.

When Santa brings us lots of toys. Our hearts are filled with love and joy. Clothes, cars, trucks and games, Dolls, books and even toy trains.

Christmas isn't only gifts. It's time to think way back when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. And that's what Christmas is really about.

Christmas is cookies and bread. And receiving things you've never had. Giving gifts that people like. Caring, and loving and doing what's right.

Dear Santa,  
Could you please bring me a Cabbage Patch Kid? I want one very badly. I'd like for her to have a pacifier if you could give me one. My brother, Scott, wants Castle Grayskull.

I'll leave you some cookies beside the Christmas tree. Santa, I love you.

Your friend,  
Lisa Crader



### What Christmas Means To Me

By Melissa Garza

What Christmas means to me is to be with my family on Christmas night. It also means my family will celebrate the night Jesus Christ was born. Christmas means to give a nice present to my best friend, Roxann Cavazos. I don't really mind if I don't receive a present, because the most important thing is to give, just like the three wise men. I think Christmas is a real holiday to celebrate.

### When I Had To Be Santa Claus

By Brittany Gregory

Once upon a time a long, long time ago on a very cold winter I ran outside to get the mail. There was letter for me. I was so excited because I never got any mail. I opened the letter and it said, "Dear Brittany, I'm very ill. I need someone to take by place. I've got all the materials out on a table. If you need any help Mrs. Claus will help you. Be sure to dress warmly. Your Friend, Santa." So, I decided to go. I went away that night. When I got there it was very cold. I started to work. It was fun. I got to be Santa Claus. Finally it was Christmas Eve. I got the reindeer and packed the gifts. I went to every house in the world and delivered all the presents. When I got back Santa gave me the biggest gift. It was a huge stuffed reindeer. Then I had to leave.

The End

### What Christmas Means To Me

By Lupe Trevino

Christmas means to me that we celebrate the day God was born. God was the person who made the world, people, and the things around you. I think that you should be thankful that you are born. I think you should be thankful for the world.

### Santa Saves Our Christmas

By Lanny McMurrilan

Once on a hill in the middle of nowhere lived a family of 4, two boys and their mother and father. One little boy's name was Donnie and the other was Johnny. They both were 6, they were twins. They were born a week before Christmas. This year they turned 7. This Christmas they wanted a bike. The last 5 years they got what they wanted. Well this year their folks could not get it so they would be heartbroken. The folks didn't think there was a Santa. Well Christmas was almost here and the family did not have a penny to their name. They did not think they would get any money the next 2 days to get the boys a present. They had the tree up but it was very bare. When Christmas Eve came the boys went to bed after they hung their stockings. The mother and father stayed up and talked about how sorry they felt about not getting the boys anything. All of a sudden they heard a big boom. The mother looked up and ran to the chimney and there she saw Santa with a sack of toys. They went to bed. Santa did his business and left. The next morning the boys were disappointed because they did not get their bikes they wanted. Then their father opened the door and brought in two tricycles. The boys were happy and the mother and father always believed in Santa Claus from that day on.



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# Children express Christmas feelings and thoughts

## The Mice And I

by Annett Garcia

Once upon a time I was at my house on Christmas. It was snowing very hard, like a blizzard. I was sitting close to the fireplace and I saw little mice. I screamed and they screamed to. I said, "Boy you scared the wits out of me!" I got closer to the little mice. I rubbed my eyes it was true, they were real. They had little nightgowns on and little caps. There were five of the little mice. They told me their names. The first one was Hiney, the second one was Liffy, the third one was Tiney, the fourth one was Norny, and the last one was Weiry. They were freezing like ice. Hiney had glasses on. I adored him. I loved the other mice too but they had to leave. I said to myself, "Did I say something wrong?" Hiney told me, "We have to leave." I said, "Why?" Hiney told me, "We have to leave because we have no food." I told them, "I have food." Let's share." O.K. The mice and I were sharing.....the true meaning of Christmas.

The End

## The Best Christmas Ever

by Jason Barley

It was the night before Christmas the house was dark and very quiet. Then I heard something land on the house. I heard someone climbing down the chimney. Someone was walking around. It seemed they were heading for the Christmas tree. I peeked out of my bedroom. There was old Saint Nick. He put down a lot of presents. I saw him eat the cookies and milk I left for him. Then I went back to my room and went to sleep. That is how I got to see old Saint Nick.

## Once Upon A Christmas

by Amber Poole

Once upon a Christmas in France, where they called Christmas Joyeux Noel, there lived a little girl named Nan. Her village was located in the snow-capped Alps. Her little cottage was cold in the winter and so hot in the summer, but she was happy. By her window was a small flower box with beautiful Christmas Begonias. She hoped to sell them to buy Christmas presents for her family and she would save one for Santa for that was the tradition. This was going to be the best Christmas of all. Nan remember that Christmas and told her children that very same story.

## by Rance Gollightly

If I could be Santa Claus and give the world won gift, it would be peace. Why I think that is because by the time I get forty, the whole world might be in War. I sure don't want that because I don't want to die and nobody else want's to die probably. Besides Jesus said in the ten commandments, "Ye shall not kill others. I plan to follow that rule. I hope you will too.

## If I Could Be Santa Claus

by Ramero Rios

If I could be Santa Claus and give the world one gift it would be peace. I would like to give the world peace because there has been a lot of wars like the Independence War when we fought for freedom. It was a bad war because the soldiers that fought in that war risked and even some gave their lives for our country. So if I were Santa I would give the world peace. I want the world to have peace.

## by Jeremy Rubio

If I could be Santa Claus and give the world one gift, it would be a lot of Christmas trees and the Christmas spirit to go along with the trees. How I would it is I would get a lot of trees and spread the Christmas spirit on each of them. Then I would get my reindeer ready for the trip. Before we would go I would test my laugh. Then we would be on our way. We would go around the world to different countries and land on their houses and go down the chimneys. The I would set all the trees up. Like I said, I would go all around the lots of countries like Japan and lots of other countries too.

The End

## by Landon Schaffner

If I could be Santa Claus and give the world two gifts, one would love because the world has too much hatred in it. And I wish it would change and more people would have love in their hearts.

The second gift would be peace because the world has too many wars and I wish it would stop I wish the presidents of the world would sign a paper and promise that they would not start wars.

## by Michael Brown

If I could be Santa Claus and give the world one gift it would be love. I would give the world love because some people have no families and people will not love them. They could feel they are special and loved too like other people are loved.

## by Vickie Luna

If I could be Santa Claus and give the world two gifts, they would be a world of peace and love. Peace is friendship and not to have crimes in the world.

Now love means to love each other and to be friendly and kind to your friends and neighbors around you.

## The Gift

by Dhealene Watson

If I could be Santa Claus and give the world one gift, it would be a gigantic computer. I would give the world a computer because I want one. I would give it to the world to get stuff organized too. I would get the most expensive one because it should be the best one. I would drop it down in the middle of the world from helicopter. Anybody in the world could go talk to it and get advise from it. I would name it George. We could solve all the problems in the world with George. It would be fun to give the world a computer.

## The Gift

by Dhealene Brown

If I could be Santa Claus and give the world one gift it would be a bunch of money. Why I want the world to have money is because I want every person to go out shopping and buy something for each one in their family. I want them to go buy a little Christmas tree.

I want all my friends to have something to give to some other people that do not know what Christmas means and tell them of the Christ child that was born on Christmas Eve. His name was Jesus.

## What Christmas Means To Me

by Jennifer Poffnberger

Christmas means a day of sharing. Christmas means a day of giving thanks that Jesus died for our sins. Christmas means a day to be thankful for the clothes that we wear and the food we eat and a loving mother an father. Christmas means everything in the world to me!

## by Jason Owens

What Christmas Means to Me is laughter, playing in the snow, and building snow men in the snow, and meeting Santa as he come down the chimney. It also means going to Chirtmas parties, seeing cousins, getting a Chirtmas tree and getting a star to put on top of the Chirtmas tree, have a Merry Chirtmas.

The End

## The Best Christmas Ever

by Norma Garcia

Once upon a time I saw a very pretty Christmas tree. It was setting by a very big window and it looked nice. So I kept walking and suddenly I came upon a bridge and I looked down to the city. It was so pretty. So I went to my house and just looked out the window. The next day was Christmas so we opened our presents and I got me a coat from Santa Claus. It was very pretty and I got some watches and t-shirts.

## What Christmas Means To Me

by Cory Peel

To me Christmas means giving. It is a very happy time. People and their families get together and have a good time. It is a time that shows love in a special way. People also have a big special family supper. People give presents and receive them. Whatever they get they are very happy with it. It also means sometimes sadness because some love ones can't be with them, and that makes them sad. That is what Christmas means to me.

## What Christmas Means To Me

by Elisa Suarez

Christmas means to me to love everyone and to be friendly and nice. Christmas means to gather around with your family. It means it's a holiday. You can put a Christmas tree up. Sometimes you give some presents or Christmas cards. If you didn't have a chance to go to the store you can make your very own card. Then on Christmas Day you and your family can sing Christmas carols. Your family and you can go outside in the snow and play. You can build snowmen or throw snowballs at each other. Have a little fun because that's what Christmas is for and remember Christmas only comes once every year.

## "What Christmas Means To Me"

by Blanca Medrano

Christmas is a time for sharing, giving and caring its also a time for celebrating Jesus birthday.

Its a time for people to come together and be happy.

Christmas is a time to put up Christmas trees and other different decorations to show the Christmas spirit.

Christmas means to me alot because it's one of my favorite holidays of the year.

Christmas is a time for making new friends and helping each other if they need help, its a time to give presents away and to give presents to those who do not have money to buy their children what they want.

This is what Christmas really means to me.

## The Christmas Mouse

by Micheal Gilliland

Once upon a time a little girl got a little mouse. She did not know the mouse was a very special mouse. He knew what Christmas is really about. The girl did not know about baby Jesus. So this little mouse got the little girl's attention. He said to the girl, "I am going to tell you what Christmas is about". So the girl sat down beside his cage. Then the mouse said, "This is about baby Jesus. Once upon a time a

long time ago God sent an angel named Gabriel to tell Mary that she was going to have a son named Jesus. But Mary said, I do not have a husband? Gabriel said 'Your husband will be Joseph.' So when Mary and Joseph met they went to Bethlehem. There they had Jesus. Jesus died on a cross for all our sins." Then the girl felt something flow through her body. She said, "Now I know what Christmas really is about. Now I am a very special child to have a mouse like you!"

The End

## The Mouse Who Was Always Busy Playing

by Laura Hearon

Once there was this pretty little mouse. He was never at home. He was to busy playing. People always told him to get ready for Christmas, and if he didn't he would not have any presents to give anybody. But the pretty little mouse didn't listen. all he said was, 'I'll have some presents on Christmas and you'll see. Finally Christmas came the little mouse didn't have any presents to give away. All the people said, "Told you wouldn't have any presents to give anybody. And the poor mouse said, "Your right. I should have bought my presents when you told me. I shouldn't have spent my time playing. I should have gone to work and then after I got through I could have played."

Merry Christmas

## The Man Who Didn't Know What Christmas Was

by Francisco Rodriguez

There was a man who didn't know what Christmas was. Every day he wished someone would come and tell him what it was. One Christmas Day he went for a walk in the town. He saw some houses with Christmas trees. He said to himself, "What is that?" And he laughed. A little boy came running and said, "Why are you laughing?" The man just stared at the boy. Then the man said, "Look at all of those people with those trees?" The boy said, "Those trees are Christmas trees?" "What did you say?" Did you say Christmas tree? What is Christmas? Christmas is when Jesus was born and the three wise men brought him gifts. That's why we give gifts at Christmas. Christmas trees stand for the beauty of Christmas Now do you know what Christmas is. "Now I will go and put up a Christmas tree." Do you like Christmas?"

## What Christmas Means To Me

by Lisa Hernandez

To me Christmas means a lot. Christmas is a time of sharing, caring, and loving. It is also a time of giving and receiving presents. It was the time people chose that Jesus was born, we should always keep in mind that Jesus is everywhere.

At Christmas time it snows and the ground is white, with snowflakes. On top of the roof there are icicles, that taste like water. Which it is! At Christmas it is a time to go where your relatives live and spend that Christmas day with them. At night people go out and sing Christmas carols to others. That makes people who can't do that happy. That's what makes Christmas so special!

Merry Christmas!

## What Christmas Means To Me

By Rose Marie Martinez

Christmas means alot to me cause of Lord Jesus. At times I think of just having fun and at times I just think of stuffing myself and thinking about what Jesus did for us. Sometimes we have a family party all together at my grandparents house. It's fun, we sing carols and have a big meal. We give out our presents.

It's fun on Christmas Day.

I thank Jesus for everything.

## Christmas

By Oscar Silvas

Christmas is a joy. Christmas is a holiday. I would like to have this every month but it's just once a year. I like Christmas because it is a good time. I have fun. I will go to visit my grandmother. We will get together, all my family, and have a good meal. I love this time of year because we laugh and all my brothers go to our cousins house and have fun. I just love Christmas.

## Presents

By Angie Briones

Christmas presents are very nice to give away. They come in beautiful wrapping paper. Some are red, some are gree, some come in blue. They all have beautiful pictures on them. Some have Snoopy or Garfield, some have candles on them. Some of them have trees. The best thing about presents is what's inside them. Christmas is a very beautiful holiday! Merry Christmas!

## My Christmas Story

The way I feel about Christmas is fun for me. Here's my story on how I feel about Christmas. Christmas is special to me because that's when Jesus was born. And Jesus gave us light so we could write about Christmas. But the funnest thing about Christmas is when families and friends get together and have a joyful and happy day on Christmas Eve. Beside the fireplace you would sit and open all the presents and greetings all over the house. Your Christmas tree blipping with lights all

over the trees, houses, windows. That's why Christmas is so special to me. One more thing is forgotten about Christmas that is Christmas carols. You should sing Christmas carols and celebrate the whole Christmas. And you should make a meal and thank God. That's why Christmas is so special.

## The Night Before Christmas

By Stacey Staples

It was the night before Christmas, nothing was stirring not even a mouse. I was asleep and so was my spouse. "Henry" I said "what is that awful noise?"

"I'm not sure darling, I'll tell you what, I'll go to the window and check." "Well, I can't see what it is."

"Oh, now you must go outside and see what you can see."

"I'm sure it's really nothing at all."

"But you go outside and check for -- for the children's sake." Well, he went out and in a split second he came back in.

"Put the children to bed, turned off the light, hop in bed!" "Hurry, fast, now!" "It's Santa Claus and he's going to come down the chimney!"

"Oh, no! Children get to bed now! If you want Santa to come!" So after all that mess, we went to bed and Santa came!

As we went away I heard him say "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!"

## What Christmas Means To Me

By Tonia Marley

Christmas means a great deal to me. It's the time of year when a long time ago Christ was born. It's when you give to people and people give to you. It's the time of year when you make a lot of food for relatives and neighbors. It's when relatives from far off come to see you. It's when Santa Claus comes and brings you good things and toys. It's when you sing Christmas carols on every street. It's when you are nice to people and people are nice to you. It's when you put up a Christmas tree and make pretty designs for it. It's when snow comes and brightens up the streets and lawns. It's when you go Christmas shopping to buy for your kids. It's the happiest time of year. It's when you put up mistletoe and stand under it to kiss. It's the happiest and prettiest time of the year.

## What Christmas Means To Me

By Billy Villarreal

Christmas means when Jesus was born and didn't have a home like other kings. He had a manger for his castle. He had hay for his blanket.

Christmas also means to be thankful for what we have. We should also thank God for letting us be alive. Christmas means a lot to me.



## Santa's Story

by Scott Crader

Once upon a time, in a far away land, Santa Claus and his elves were busy making toys, when all of a sudden it hit, the storm of storms! Great fog and snow coming down ninety miles an hour! Santa got the report from his weather elf. His weather elf said that the storm wouldn't clear up until around the first of January. So Santa called a meeting to order and said that Christmas was going to have to be called off. Everyone went away sadly, but as Rudolph went away, even though the thick as peanut butter fog, Santa could see Rudolph's nose! Santa ran to Rudolph as fast as he could and said, "Rudolph, with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?" Rudolph said, "Yes". Santa got his toys delivered and that Christmas went on happily ever after.

## The King Is Coming

by Josh Thayer

One starry night a man named Joseph and a woman named Mary set out for Bethlehem. Mary was going to have a baby! When they reached Bethlehem there was no place to stay! They tried an Inn but it was full. Finally they found a stable. Later an Angel came from heaven. She told Mary that the baby was God's king. Mary was to name him Jesus. When Mary had her baby a bright star shone. Shepherds saw the star and went to it. There they saw their new king. Twelve days later Wise Men were there with gifts for the Lord. Now 2,000 plus years later we still celebrate Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, Holy One's birthday.

## The Christmas Mouse and Santa

by Stacy Ferguson

Once there was a mouse who did not know what Christmas was about, and he wished he did but all the other mice were too busy with their jobs to talk to the little mouse. The mouse's friends were too occupied with something they thought he was to young for. So the mouse went home sad and got packed and left to the North Pole. After Santa thought him about Christmas then he went home.

## Away in a Manger

by Tess Barrett

One Christmas day Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem. Mary was pregnant. Mary and Joseph rode a donkey. Mary rode the donkey and Joseph walked. When it was night Mary and Joseph went to a hotel. When they got there and asked for a room the man said, "We have no rooms." "I need a room because my wife is going to have a baby!" said Joseph. The man said, "All we have is a stable where we keep the cows and horses and other animals. Joseph said that would be fine. So they went out to the stable and a little while Mary had baby Jesus. They laid him in the hay where the cows and horses eat. Shepherds were watching their sheep and angels appeared to the shepherds and sang that a child was born. A star appeared and a while later the wise man followed a star to where baby Jesus was. They brought him gifts and said "A new child has been born a king." This is the story of Jesus.

## My Story

by Phyllis Robledo

Once upon a time there were three bears. It was mother bear and daughter bear and son bear. The bears did not know anything of Christmas. One day daughter and son bear went out to play and they saw a light on a house. When they went to the house there they saw a light. They looked through the window. Then they saw a tree with different designs on it. They shouted, "Yippee yi, yippee ya!" Then an old man came to the door and he saw a girl and a girl bear. He told them to come in his house. When the two bears came in they ran to the tree. The bears asked, "What is that for?" Then the old man said you do not know what a Christmas tree is. "No no," the two bears said. "We never had a tree like that and Christmas like you are going to have." The two bears said, "Will you tell us about Christmas?" "Sure I will. Let me get my book of Christmas and tell you a story of Santa Claus." "Santa Claus, Who is that?" said the two bears! "He is the man who brings toys to the children and mommys and daddys." Then the old man told them about Christmas.

## What Christmas Means To Me

By Nita Patel

What does Christmas mean to you? Well I am going to tell what Christmas means to me. Christmas means to me so much because that is when little baby Jesus was born. Little baby Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Mary put baby Jesus in a manger. Do you remember the angels that sang to the shepherds. Do you remember the bright yellow star? The three kings followed the bright star and others too. The three kings gave gifts to little baby Jesus. Now you can write to me what Christmas means to you. Please write to: Nita Patel, 500 W. Kentucky, Floydada, TX 79235.

## What Christmas Means To Me

By Robin Galloway

Christmas has always been my favorite time of the year. The snow on the ground looks like fluffy clouds. My dog Trudi, a chow dog, loves the snow, too. She runs around and around in it. We chase her around in it sometimes too. I love to bundle up, go out and play in it. I also love to cuddle up in a warm blanket with some popcorn and hot chocolate. That's what Christmas means to me.

## What Christmas Means To Me

By Jennifer Crows

This is what Christmas means to me: When Jesus was born, he was wrapped in swaddling clothes and they laid him in a manger. Angels were singing "Glory to God in the Highest" and Wise Men brought gifts of rare perfumes and gold. I think Christmas is a lot more than getting presents. It's sharing what we have with others. That's what Christmas means to me.

"...and lo, there appeared a star in the east..."

The Yuletide season is a time to reaffirm love and bask in the warmth of friends. May you enjoy every happy moment, along with our thanks.

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## Carr's Chapel to see 89th Christmas celebration

**By Mrs. Horace Carr**  
On April 25, 1904 the Rev. W.H. Carr, a local Methodist preacher, organized a church in a recently built school house. As was a custom of the times, a congregation could use a school house for church purposes, with the approval of the local trustees. On this Sunday, seven members were listed. They were the Rev. Carr, his wife Martha Jane, their daughter, Miss Anna Carr, their son, Mather Carr, his wife, Annie and Mr. P.B. Merrell and his wife, Jennie. It was called Harmony Society. The church was in the Harmony community, near the Southwestern corner of Floyd County, Texas. Floydada is the county seat. When the church was organized it was in the Clarendon district with the Rev. J.M. Sherman serving as our first presiding elder, and W.W. Duncan as bishop.

Two months after church started, a Sunday school was organized. Mather Carr was our first superintendent and held this office for the next twenty years.

At one time the Rev. Carr was called a Circuit Rider. He went from place to place to preach. Sometimes he went where cowboys camped. His pay in cash was meager, but he was well paid in chickens, eggs and vegetables the people could spare. He traveled by horse and buggy.

Carr's Chapel was built in the summer of 1914. Five acres were selected for the site of the church. The date of the deed is August 31, 1914. The deed states that the land was bought from A.H. Seawright and wife and J.H. Rogers and wife of Limestone County, Texas. It was conveyed to trustees of Carrs Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church south of Floyd County, Texas, and to their successors in office. The consideration was sixty dollars in hand paid.

The first sermon was preached in the new church by the Rev. S.J. Upton. The building was dedicated by the presiding elder, the Rev. O.P. Kiker. The cemetery adjoins the church yard and is well kept.

Last Christmas, December 24, 1983 saw the eighty-eighth Christmas celebration held on Christmas eve, the tradition dates back to 1904. Carrs Chapel has annually hosted the community Christmas celebration. They only missed one Christmas Eve in 1918 when public gatherings were closed due to the devastating flu epidemic. Since the inception of the Christmas services in 1904 the children of the community have been responsible for the program. At the end of the program the entire group of worshipers join in a lusty

rendition of "Jingle Bells" to officially usher in Santa Claus, who distributes the gifts and sacks of fruit and candy. An offering for the Methodist Home in Waco is taken each year during the program on Christmas Eve. The offering is always generous.

The church building is in its original state and is well kept. It received a new coat of paint 3 years ago.

On June 23, 1963, a Sunday afternoon, a ceremony of dedication, a Historical Medallion to Carrs Chapel was held. The honor was bestowed upon the church because it is the oldest church building still standing in the county. This is the first such dedication held in the county by the local Historical Survey Committee.

At the time of the dedication Mrs. Mather Carr was the sole survivor of the charter members. She died August 5, 1979.

Also attending was Wesley Carr and Zant Scott. They were the first babies baptized in the Harmony church in 1905. The Rev. J.T. Griswold baptized Wesley and the Rev. Carr baptized Zant.

Ollie and Mollie Reed also attended the dedication. The Rev. Carr married this couple July 24, 1904. They were the first couple married in the Harmony school house church.

Jerry Kunkel is the present pastor. He is the pastor at Carrs Chapel and Petersburg. Carrs Chapel's services start at nine o'clock and Sunday school at ten o'clock. The services at Petersburg are the regular time.

Jerry and his wife, Kathy, have three girls, Christa, Wendy, and Lindsay. Kathy plays the piano for the hymns and Jerry leads the singing. This is a very dedicated, talented family.

There are sixteen members on the church roll. The average attendance is ten to twelve. Some members live elsewhere and some are unable to attend due to health reasons.

Last year Carrs Chapel was one of two churches in the Plainview district who met all of the apportionments. The church has started a pension fund for the retired pastors.

On Sunday, January 2, 1983, a great-great granddaughter of the Rev. W.H. Carr was married in Carr's Chapel.

This year, May 27, Randolph Zant Scott was baptized in Carr's Chapel. He is the son of Larry Zant and Patricia T. Scott and the grandson of Zant and Ruth Scott. He was baptized 79 years after his grandfather was baptized.

Thank you for letting the members of Carr's Chapel share the history of the church.



Carr's Chapel - 1919

## First Christmas with children

Pauline Preston, a new resident of Floydada, remembers one particular Christmas with a special fondness. "My best Christmas was a long time ago: 1946 to be exact. That was my husband's first Christmas with his children."

Residents of Dalhart at the time, Adrian and Pauline Preston, had a nine month old son when Adrian was sent to the South Pacific during World War II. Adrian left for his tour of duty in early October. Pauline gave birth to a daughter in December of the same year, 1943.

The war years were hard on everyone, but Pauline worried a great deal about her husband being injured or killed as she worked at a local dairy to support her children and maintain her home. Adrian was never seriously injured, although he returned home with a recurring case of malaria that continued to affect his health.

"Adrian was home in time to shop for Christmas in 1946. I had the greatest time watching him and helping him to buy the Christmas presents for the two children," says Pauline. "He got a lot more out of Christmas than they did, and it was so good to have him home with us."

"He had so much fun with them and felt like he had missed so much of their baby years that he wanted another baby to play with. We soon added Paula and then along came Jerry and finally Billy," continued Mrs. Preston. "Adrian died two years ago, but Christmas was always special, and he never lost the special feelings for his children that he showed at Christmas of 1946."

Taken from the December 22, 1910, issue of The Groesbeck Journal.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a pretty doll, that will open and shut her eyes and a set of dishes and just anything else that you think would suit a little girl. I am a smart little girl, so mama and papa say. Please don't forget to bring little brother something.

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## Kids' Christmas bought with eggs and butter

**By Vaughan West Murff**  
The first Christmas I can really recall must have been about 1912. My parents, John L. and Marcella West had three children: I, Vaughan, was 7 years of age; Hester was 4 and John Key, 1. We lived on the farm about 1 1/2 miles out on the Silverton road - then not a highway.

My mother sold butter to regular customers twice a week in town. We churned using the old upright style churn with a dasher which we made go up and down, up and down until the butter was separated from the milk and had gathered into a large lump. (How I hated to churn!) The lump of butter was taken from the churn and cooled, clear

water added and worked through the butter, then drained off and the butter salted. It was then pressed into molds, either circular or rectangular, which held one pound each. When the butter was released from the mold, it fell onto white oiled-treated ("butter") paper, and was neatly wrapped.

It had snowed this Christmas. Mama placed a white cloth in the bottom of the dishpan, carefully tucked another cloth around the butter. Dad went to town in the buggy to deliver the butter. It was near dark when he returned. He unharnessed the horse and fed it and came to the house, I recall Mama saying "Where is my dishpan and cloths?" He replied, "I'll get them for you later."

Once I had asked Dad about Santa Claus and he had said, "He is someone who loves you very much." That seemed to satisfy my childish mind. But his reply to Mama somehow whetted my curiosity, so after I went to bed I tried to listen to them. Dad went outside and brought in the dishpans and cloths. The conversation was so low I could not understand.

The next morning on a chair by my side of the bed was the most beautiful

Later years we attended Christmas trees at the Methodist church and saw Santa Claus who handed out our gifts, but none were more beloved than those China dolls.

doll with a china head and black hair. On Hester's side was one of the same only hers had golden hair. Baby brother had a brightly colored ball. We had an apple and a stick of candy. Such a treat - all from Mama's butter money!

### Slow me down, Lord

Slow me down, Lord  
Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.  
Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time.  
Give me, amid the confusion of the day the calmness of the everlasting hills.  
Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the singing streams that live in my memory. Help me to know the magical, restoring power of sleep.  
Teach me the art of taking minute vacations—of slowing down to look at flowers, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to read a few lines from a good book.  
Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my root deep into the soil of life's enduring values that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny.

## Birthday celebrated

Christmas has changed a lot during the 80 years of Bill Beedy's life. He fondly recalls the first Christmas that he can truly remember as a child. "We lived in Donley County and I was about five years old. The whole family bundled into a two seated surrey and we made the trip to Hedley to a Christmas party with a real big tree. I can remember how cold and windy it was, and the trip was very slow in the horse drawn vehicle. I got to see my first Santa Claus that day."

Beedy, a resident of Floyd County since 1914, farmed and ranched on both the Palo Duro and at South Plains where he still works regularly. His memories of his early years include the pears the family carefully wrapped and stored in the cellar each year to be brought out and eaten on his birthday, December 24.

"Christmas is just Christmas, but I see more commercialization and more toys and Santas everywhere these days. There weren't any toys for sale when I was a boy. Now my grandchildren cover the floor with them on Christmas morning," stated Beedy. "I can re-

member getting an apple and an orange and a little candy in a paper bag at church."

"Christmas has changed as much as farming did with the changes in transportation," says Beedy. "Our families never went far for a holiday. It was just too long and hard a trip with horses and buggies or wagons in the cold. Nowadays, 1500 miles is nearly as easy as 15 miles was then."

Some things haven't changed for Beedy. "We always had turkey, cranberries, and dressing as well as a tree. We were fortunate because we always had a cedar tree. Some of our neighbors sometimes used a tumbledweed," Beedy said.

"I have lived from a time when horses and walking were the only transportation to a time when we saw a man walk on the moon," commented Beedy. "If anyone had told me when I was a boy of ten that I would see a man on the moon, I would not have believed them, but at ten I no longer believed in Santa Claus. Now, man has been to the moon, so maybe there is really a Santa."

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## Sarah

**By Sharon Smith**  
'Twas a cold, cold night on Christmas Eve when a young child lay down by a street light. All alone with hardly enough clothes on her back to keep her alive with the freezing temperature. The last time she's eaten was a couple of days ago she was small, frail and frightened. As she lay there grasping for breaths she wept remembering the Christmas a year before. In a one room shack with a bush for a Christmas tree with small ornaments she had made at school and under it lay a small rag doll labeled For: My dear little Baby Doll Love: Mama. No more gifts lay under the tree but the gift of love was in their hearts. Soon after Christmas Mama died and poor Sarah was left all alone. She wished Mama was here to hold her when she cried, now. She heard the clock strike 12, and then she felt the warmth of a hand on hers. She opened her nearly frozen eyes and through all the fog she saw a man dressed in red and white. He picked her up gently and she went to sleep or something like that, she couldn't quite remember. But she woke up again as

the man layed her in a fluffy bed. He brought her food and drink and she went to sleep. Then Christmas morning she woke up in a beautiful house. "Where could I be" she asked herself. She got out of bed and put on a robe laying in the chair. She walked down a hall and then came down a winding staircase to a large dining room where 3 places were set. At one sat a man reading a newspaper, he looked at her and beamed. "Hello, Baby Doll!" he said. This could be only one person, her father who had died a couple of years back. Then her mom came in and kissed and hugged her. "Could it be?" she asked herself "Could I be in Heaven?"

The paper in the town where she lived read:

Small girl found frozen by a street lamp on Christmas morning. Known as Sarah, her mother and father are both deceased.

But this was all it said because no one knew that much about her, but now she's gone. With only a smile left on her face and a tear in her eye. Where she is now no one knows.

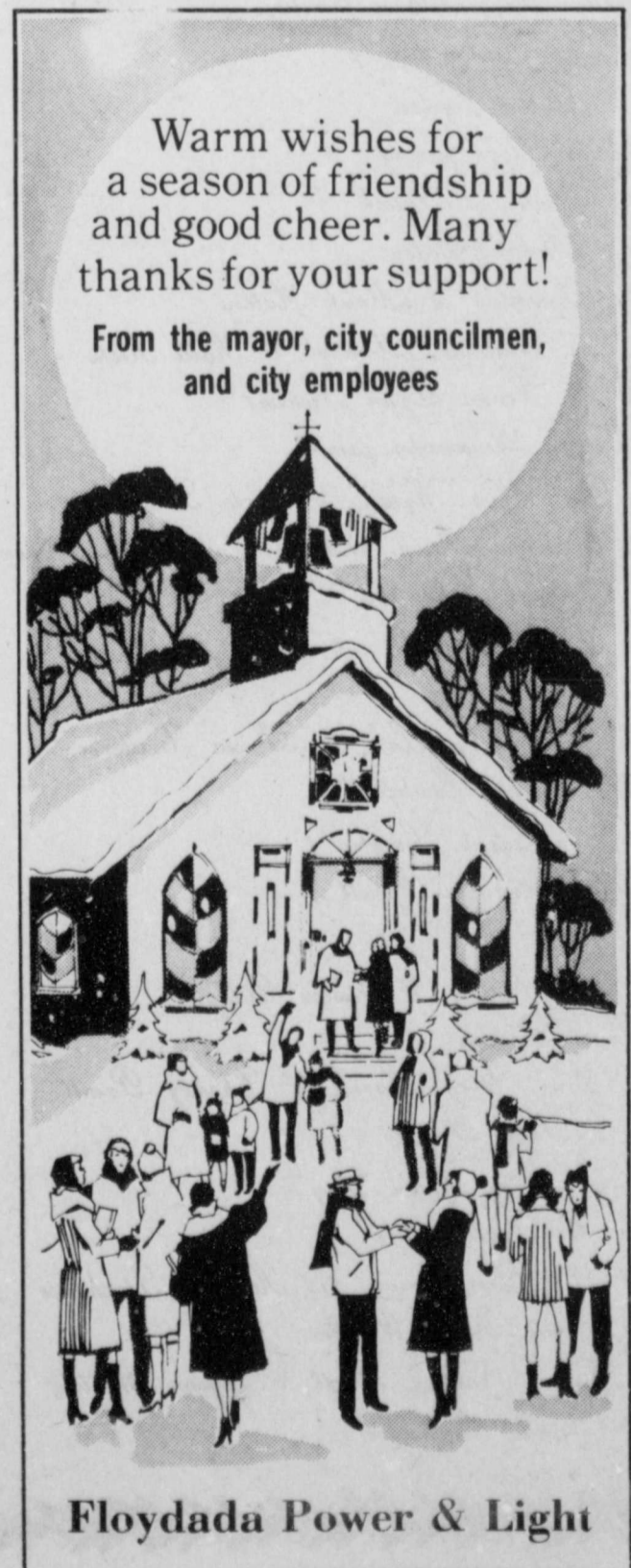
May the joy of Christmas beam through your hearts and lives, and all your days be blessed with happiness. Thanks to all!



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Warm wishes for a season of friendship and good cheer. Many thanks for your support!

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**As we bask in the light of His love, let us remember the ever-inspiring message of that first Christmas. May the warmth of the holiday bring you joy.**

**Dear Friends,**  
 In the spirit of this season, we are taking this means to wish friends and relatives a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Each contribution helps the 1950 Study Club promote many worthwhile community projects.

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**Let peace reign within your hearts and love overflow to reach your fellowman.**

