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Rural house destroyed by inferno

Flames and smoke, easily visible from a distance, destroyed a brick home on the Sandhill Highway early Friday morning. The home, belonging to Gene Bloys, was totally consumed by the blaze despite the efforts of the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department.

"The fire was reported to the sheriff's department and they notified us at 6 a.m.," said Bobby Welborn of the fire department. "We brought three

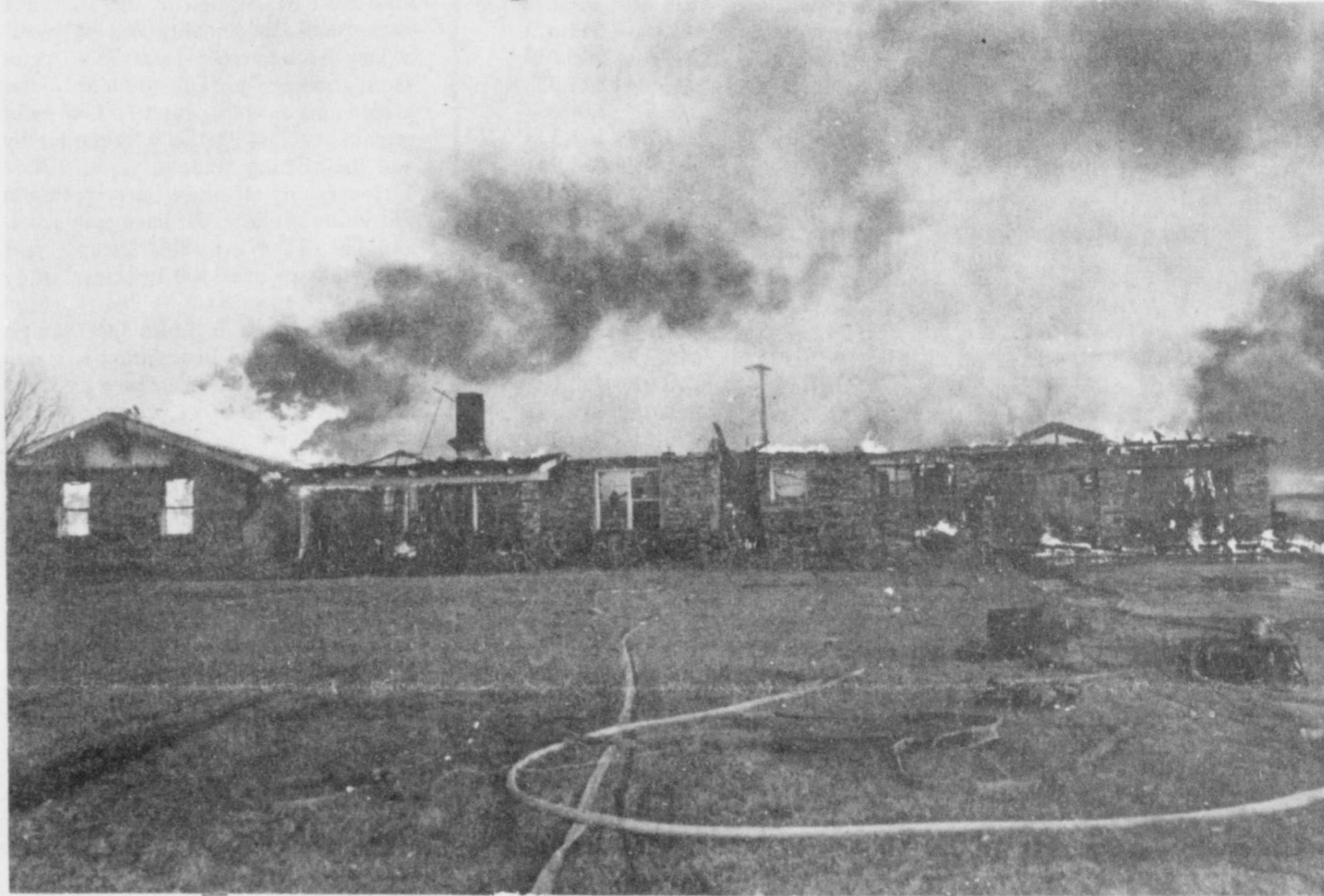
trucks out and found the roof in flames when we arrived. We were able to bring the fire under control and enter the house but ran out of water before we could put the fire out."

According to Welborn, "By the time we got more water to the scene, the fire was out of control and the house could not be saved." Welborn said, "That's usually the case in rural fires. No ready supply of water forces us to just try to

keep a fire from spreading to other structures."

James Kelliehor had been living in the house, but had been gone for several days according to Welborn. No estimate of loss for the house or the contents was available.

Welborn said, "There is no way to be sure, but considering the area the fire appeared to have originated, it could have been caused by the heating unit."



RURAL HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE—This house on the Sandhill highway was destroyed by fire last Friday, December 20. Attempts by volunteer fire fighters were

unsuccessful in halting the catastrophe due to a lack of available water to battle the blazing inferno.

STAFF PHOTO

Grades show mixed results

Mixed results have been reported by Floydada High School concerning failures during the second 6 weeks grading period. The grading period, which ended November 22, produced improvement over figures for the first six weeks period among the junior and sophomore classes. However, more seniors and freshmen are on the failure list.

Seniors not maintaining a 70 or above average in all classes increased to 8 from 6. In percentages, this figure indicates that 12% of the Floydada seniors are not passing at least one class in comparison to 9% during the first six weeks.

21% or 15 juniors were not passing at least one class at the end of the second six weeks period. The figure for the first six weeks was 17 or 24%. The sophomores also showed an improvement with 23 failing in at least one class for a 24% failure rate the second six weeks. The rate for the first six weeks was 28%, or 27 students.

43% of the freshmen are now on the

failing list. The number of students not passing all courses rose from 38 (35%) in the first six weeks to 44 in the second six weeks.

Junior High results are also mixed. Eighth graders failing one or more classes the second six weeks total 24 or 29.6%. The first six weeks totals were 20 failing for 25½%. Seventh grade failures for the second six weeks are down. 41 failed one or more classes the first six weeks and 33 the second. The

percentage dropped from 39.8% to 32%.

Junior High principal Joe Christian said, "We have instituted mandatory 40 minute tutoring sessions twice a week for students. These are held during the school day in addition to the sessions available before or after school."

Christian stated, "Response to before and after school sessions was not good, but the in-school sessions are apparently helping."



METHODIST NATIVITY—The annual nativity display erected by the First United Methodist Church in Floydada is once more on the church lawn for residents to enjoy as they remember the meaning of the Christmas celebration.

People At Work...



SANTA CLAUS is not out and about very often, but the Hesperian was fortunate enough to catch him in the act of stuffing stockings this year. Floydada's own "Jolly Old Saint Nick" visited many homes on his Christmas journey this year and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Everyone wishes Santa the best of everything as he continues to care about us.

STAFF PHOTO

THIS WEEK

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Community Christmas for everyone at the Massie Activity Center. On Christmas day 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Food and entertainment will be provided.

SOCIAL SECURITY

A representative of the Social Security Administration will be working at the Floyd County Courthouse annex on Wednesday, January 8 and January 22, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

MOTHER'S DAY OUT

There will be no Mother's Day Out on December 31. Regular Tuesday sessions will resume on January 7.

COURTHOUSE CLOSING

The Floyd County Courthouse will be closed for New Years on January 1.

QUESTIONNAIRES

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce reminds all Floydada business firms to please fill out your "Clean up, Fix up and Modernize" questionnaire and return it to the Chamber of Commerce office.

BOULDER VISITS FLOYDADA

Congressman Beau Boulter will be in Floydada Thursday, January 16, for a Town Hall meeting at the Massie Activity Center at 2:00 p.m. Everyone from Floydada and surrounding communities is invited and encouraged to attend. Congressman Boulter will make a short talk and then will open the meeting to questions and answers. Prior to the town meeting Congressman Boulter will address a joint meeting of the Lions and Rotary Clubs.



Understanding your local government

Other appointed officials profiled

Floyd County has only two other areas in which an official is appointed. The first is the Veterans Service Officer. The commissioners court appoints a person to fill this position. The current Veterans Service Officer is Margaret Herrera. She performs these duties in addition to her responsibilities as the county judge's secretary.

Herrera assists Floyd County veterans in establishing and processing claims for veterans benefits and services. Families and dependents of veterans are also assisted with claims under the appropriate regulations.

As veterans service officer, Herrera must be knowledgeable in the area of

veterans administration regulations and policies. She must also know the proper forms and documentation needed for the type of claim being filed. Herrera is the source of information for veterans in Floyd County.

The final area in which Floyd County has appointed personnel is the Agricultural Extension Service. Agents for this office in the county are employed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with Texas A&M University. Agents in Floyd County are appointed after approval by the Floyd County Commissioners Court.

Agents serving Floyd County at this time are Richie Crow and Mary True.

An assistant agent, Clay Bloodworth, will be joining the staff in January.

As agents, Crow and True conduct programs dealing with agricultural production and marketing as well as agri-business, family living, and community improvement. They also supervise programs for youth development through participation in 4-H Club work.

The county provides office space and operating money for the county extension office. These expenses include travel money, secretarial help, demonstration equipment and supplies. A portion of the salaries paid to agents is also provided by the county.

NEXT WEEK: DISTRICT COURT



RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS—The house of Connie Galloway at 706 West Lee was chosen first place winner in the Floydada Chamber of Commerce Christmas

lighting contest. The colorful display of lights won for the second year in a row.

STAFF PHOTO

Beware of some charities

The world has been bombarded by disasters of every kind in the past year; stories of earthquakes, famines, floods and hurricanes and the picture of their victims dominate the news. Not far behind the headlines are the charities, both new and established, appealing to a stunned and horrified public for money to help the beleaguered victims. The devastation and suffering are real, and the public's desire to help is genuine, but the organizations crying for your money might not be. When making contributions to charitable causes, heed the advice of the Better Business Bureaus: use your head as well as your heart.

Beware of appeals that bring tears to your eyes, but tell you nothing of the charity or what it's doing about the problems it describes so well. Try to find out as much as you can about the organization's programs and finances before contributing.

Don't succumb to pressure to give money on the spot. Even with disaster appeals, the charity that wants your money today will welcome it just as much tomorrow. Remember, the suffer-

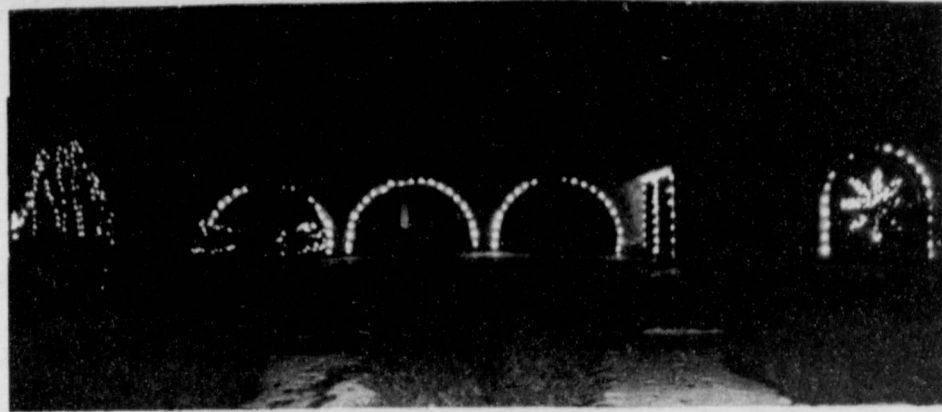
ings of the disaster victims don't disappear when headlines do. So take the extra time to make an informed decision about which charities to support.

Finally, whenever you make a charitable contribution, the Better Business Bureau recommends that you:

1. Make the contribution by check, don't send cash.
2. Ask if your contribution is tax deductible.
3. Ask if the charity is licensed by state and local authorities, and
4. Check out the organization with your Better Business Bureau.

The National Better Business Bureaus' Philanthropic Advisory Service reports on organizations that solicit funds nationally or that conduct national or international program services and the BBB/South Plains has access to all that information.

The Better Business Bureau of the South Plains is developing a new program to gather and disseminate information about local soliciting organizations. The newly proposed Lubbock City ordinance is the first step in that program.



SECOND PLACE WINNER—Don Bean won the second place prize in the Chamber of Commerce residential lighting contest this year. He is a second time winner using the lovely red and green of the season to accentuate his home at 905 West Mississippi.



THIRD PLACE WINNER—Shorty Turner's home at 516 South First was awarded the third place prize in the Chamber lighting contest for 1985. The colorful lights decorating his home and driveway are cheerful reminders of the gaiety of the season.

Host families needed for international teen students

Host families are needed for teenagers from Germany, Spain, Switzerland, the Netherlands and Japan who are arriving in January and early spring to participate in the Academic Year in America program sponsored by the American Institute for Foreign Study Scholarship Foundation of Greenwich, Connecticut.

The Foundation is seeking local community leaders throughout the U.S. who will welcome these teenagers into their homes. These English speaking young people all wish to learn more about American society by living with a family and attending a local high school.

Host families can select a student by reviewing a "picture profile"—a photo and short description of the student's background, personality and hobbies.

The Foundation's local coordinator then arranges for the student to be placed in a local high school and remains in close contact with the family and the visiting student.

Host family members participating in this intercultural experience earn scholarships of up to \$800 which are applicable to over 100 overseas study and travel programs.

The American Institute for Foreign Study Scholarship Foundation is a non profit educational association which was established in 1967 to promote worldwide understanding through cross cultural exchange.

The Foundation is also seeking host families for international students arriving next August and September to spend the full year or a semester in a local high school.

For details on how you can become a host family and "Share America with the World," write: American Institute for Foreign Study Scholarship Founda-

tion, Dept. PR 10, 100 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830 or call toll free, 800-243-4567 (east of the Mississippi), 800-841-9028 (in California), or 800-458-7100 (west of the Mississippi).



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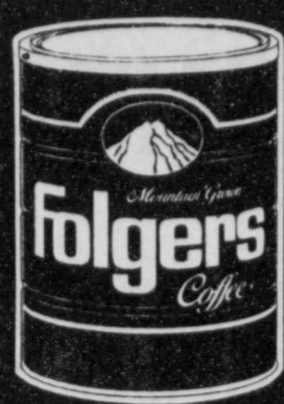
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Dr. Winter answers questions about wheat grazing

How long can I graze winter wheat pasture without hurting grain yield? Dr. Steve Winter, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Associate Professor at the USDA Center near Bushland has an answer to the question after three years of research. Using 'TAM 105', a new semidwarf high yielding wheat capable of producing 100 bushels per acre, he determined that grazing after active spring growth resumes, usually sometime in February, would reduce grain yield. The date when active spring growth resumes will depend on temperature in a given year and location in the Southern Great Plains.

Winter presented his findings at the American Society of Agronomy Meeting in Chicago on December 5 to 4000 fellow scientists from around the world. The researcher says his results will surprise a lot of people because active spring growth usually starts 4 to 6 weeks earlier than presently recommended removal dates for cattle on wheat pasture. The old removal dates were based on research done in the mid 60's with tall wheat varieties like 'Tascosa' that had a yield capability of 60 to 70 bushels per acre.

Winter conducted his studies on furrow irrigated Pullman clay loam soil in 1981, 1983 and 1984. Wheat was grown in two systems, one managed for grain only and the other for both grazing and grain production. Both systems were fertilized and irrigated to assure maximum production. The grazing part of the study was planted in late August to assure early growth of forage, and the grain only part was planted in early October, the best time to plant ungrazed wheat. Grazed wheat land

received 300 pounds per acre of nitrogen from anhydrous ammonia injected in the fall prior to seeding and ungrazed areas received 200 pounds per acre of the fertilizer. Seeding rate was one and two bushels per acre for ungrazed and grazed areas of the study and row spacing of the wheat was 8 inches. Both grazed and ungrazed wheat was irrigated the same and for maximum production, except one dry fall when grazed wheat received two extra irrigations. Depending on rainfall, one to three fall irrigations and two to four spring irrigations were applied.

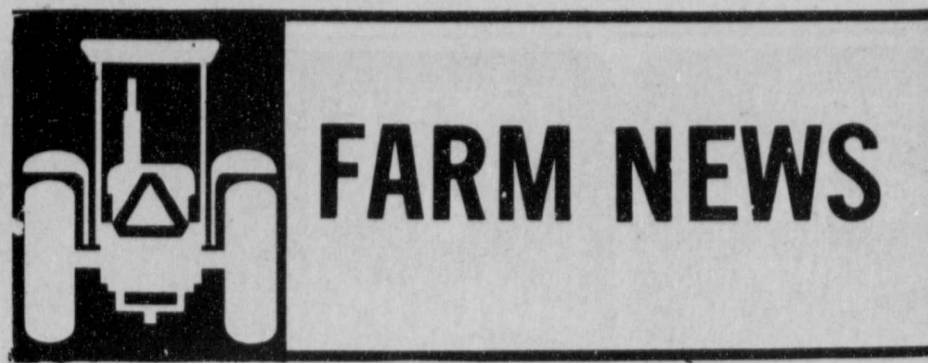
Cattle were put on the wheat in mid November after it was fully tillered and 8 to 12 inches tall. Grazing was terminated on parts of the field at five dates from February 1 through mid April. Severe grazing was achieved by stocking with two 500 pound calves per acre during the grazing periods. Usually wheat was eaten down to two inches tall when grazing stopped. Averaging the three years, grain only and wheat grazed to February 1 yielded 82 bushels per acre. "When grazing continued until March 5, yield dropped to 73 bushels per acre", Winter said. Grazing for two more weeks cut yield to 63 bushels per acre, and letting cattle on the wheat until March 31 dropped yield to 55 bushels per acre. By the final termination date on April 13, yield was down to 42 bushels per acre.

Along with yields, Winter made measurements on leaf growth, tiller development, head initiation and dry weight of the entire wheat plant at heading time. He found that as grazing termination was delayed not only were yields reduced but there was a steady decline in leaf area, plant weight, height, and seed weight. Also, the

number of tillers was reduced and flowering date was delayed. The researcher concluded from this information that if maximum yield of grain was a grower's production goal, no leaves should be removed after spring growth starts in mid February. This occurs when day and night mean temperature averages 40 degrees. Initiation of active spring growth will vary with location. For example, spring growth will start in the Dallas area almost one month sooner than in southern Kansas. Older wheat varieties with less yield potential apparently could get by on less leaf growth in the spring than new high yielding varieties, Winter speculates.

Prior to this research, people thought that wheat yield would not be reduced by grazing if cattle were removed prior to jointing when head started to grow up where they could be eaten. This did not prove to be the case, and yields were reduced by grazing a long time before jointing occurred. About March 1, Winter observed that severe grazing killed many tillers a long time before they started to produce an upright spike. He says that severe defoliation led to carbohydrate starvation and death of the first developing spikes. Lack of early spike development caused the delay in flowering and heading associated with late grazing.

Winter concludes that the most economical termination for grazing will depend on several factors including cattle and wheat prices. However, if maximum grain yield is the goal with a new high yielding wheat variety, cattle must be removed from wheat pastures when active spring growth starts.



Cotton supply holds lid on prices

Record supplies of cotton worldwide combined with weak demand can mean only one thing to farmers—low prices. Carryover from the 1985 crop is projected at a record 52 million bales, almost double the annual world carryover for the past four years, points out Dr. Carl Anderson, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. China is expected to account for about half of the carryover stocks. With 1985 U.S. production estimated at about 13.9 million bales and a weak export demand, stocks in this country may more than double to some nine million bales by next summer, Anderson notes.

"World cotton production is increasing faster than consumption, and there in lies the problem," says Anderson. "U.S. exports are suffering because the continued strong dollar makes foreign cotton a better buy. In fact, exports may fall far short of the 3.5 million bales from this year's crop as estimated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in mid-November."

Where does that leave prices for U.S. farmers?

"Cotton prices should continue near the Commodity Credit Corp. loan level or loan redemption level," notes the economist. "Chances remain good that

eligible producers will receive a maximum deficiency payment (target price minus loan rate) of 23.7 cents for 1985 cotton."

Anderson advises producers to study market price changes, plot futures and cash prices, and learn how to use commodity options to reduce price risk. "Producers cannot control the price level, but they can decide how and when to price," he points out. "The pricing alternatives of cash, forward contracts, hedging with futures, hedging with options and the CCC loan program all have advantages and disadvantages that should be considered."

Area gins report 41,000 bales

Floydada area gins have processed more than 41,000 bales of cotton so far this season. A telephone survey conducted on December 19 revealed a total thus far of 41,156 bales between Brown Gin, Darty Gin, Floydada Co-op Gins, and Scott Gin.

Comments concerning the quality of cotton being processed ranged from "average" at Brown Gin to "real good" at Scott Gin. Brown Gin estimated that processing is running a little ahead of last year while Scott Gin said they appear to be running about 25% behind last year at this time. Floydada Co-op Gins have processed approximately the same number of bales as they had processed last year to date. Darty Gin has processed over 2/3 of the 9000 bales they expect to handle this season.

Ray Gene Ferguson of Floydada Co-op Gins said, "The cotton is pretty good this year, but the market is down and producers probably won't go very well."

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COTTON TALKS

FROM PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.

It will be well into the new year before details of the 1986 farm program become known to farmers. The House passed its version of a farm bill October 8, but bitterly opposed factions in the Senate wrangled until November 23 before that body acted.

The conference committee now has to reconcile differences in the two bills and the final product will have to go back through both houses. Then it's up to the President to sign or not to sign, a decision that can't be expected until late this year.

Even presuming the President's signature, note officials of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. final 1986 farm level planning will have to wait for the announcement of determinations and regulations in those inevitable areas where the Secretary is given discretionary powers.

So, says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson, "Farmers in January and maybe in February still will be unable to complete final plans for 1986 operations."

However, Johnson says, because the conference committee normally can be expected to report the bills' various provisions as now written in either the House or the Senate version or as a compromise between the two, it is possible now to get some idea of what may be ahead.

Speaking to those of the bills' provisions that will weigh most heavily on the planning of cotton producers, he points out what he thinks, "should be and probably are" several safe assumptions for 1986.

For example both bills call for a 1986 and 1987 cotton target price freeze at the current 81-cent level. Agriculture

Secretary John Block has said President Reagan will "demand" that reductions in the support begin in 1987, but will accept the freeze for 1986, so producers should be able to count on 81 cents, at least for 1986.

The Senate bill would set the 1987 base loan at 55 cents, while the House proposes a market price formula with year-to-year reductions restricted to a five percent maximum. Ninety-five percent of the 57.3 cent 1985 loan is 54.4 cents, so a 1986 loan at that minimum or at 55 cents should be a safe bet.

And, since both House and Senate voted to retain the current \$50,000 payment limitation, there's no reason for conference committee debate on that issue, despite the earlier clamor for a lower limit.

Questions reaching PCG also indicate much producer interest in getting some advance idea on set-aside acreage provisions for next year. To these questions Johnson replies that both the House and Senate measures provide authority for a maximum unpaid set-aside or acreage reduction of 25 percent if the carryover is more than one-third of expected offtake, plus authority for an additional paid diversion if needed.

"With this authority and with an estimated carryover this year of at least two-thirds of expected offtake," he continues, "it's logical to assume a combination set-aside and diversion program in 1986 equal to or greater than the 30 percent reduction program in effect this year."

"But," he cautions, "it's well to keep in mind that the use of acreage reduction authority is discretionary, and logic will have to complete with both political and program cost considerations."



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BIRTHDAY HONOREES—Celebrating December birthdays at the nursing home were (Left to Right): Bonnie Howard, Ova McPherson, Mamie Bradshaw, and Clara McNeely. STAFF PHOTO

Residents celebrate birthdays

By Lorilla Bradley
December 19, 1985

'Tis good to have a party
Especially in December...
With Santa Claus and birthdays, too,
And friends we must remember!

To Mrs. Bonnie Howard
...Who always looks so nice...
We wish a Happy Birthday
That's filled with joy and "spice!"

For Mrs. Clara McNeely
...Her years are 85...
We have the best of wishes
That she may ever thrive.

Our Mrs. Mamie Bradshaw
...Whose years are 91...
Is a very lovely lady
And still likes having fun!

We greet our Mrs. McPherson
She counts from '94...
May this year be quite happy
With many, many more!

Lets serenade these ladies
With the good old birthday song...
So everybody ready
And sing out good and strong.

Thursday, December 19, was party
day at the Rest Home with ladies of the
City Park Church of Christ hosting the
occasion. The Hesperian photographer

Senior Citizens Menu

Dec. 30 - Jan. 3

Monday — Chicken fried steak,
cream gravy, mashed potatoes, italian
vegetables, roll, butter, apple crisp,
milk

Tuesday — Sliced barbecue beef,
baked beans, carrot slaw, onions,
pickles, cornbread, butter, canned
plums, milk

Wednesday — Closed
Thursday — Pepper steak strips,
buttered rice, buttered peas and car-
rots, roll, butter, fruit cobbler, milk

Friday — Chicken fried steak, cream
gravy, whipped potatoes, turnips and
greens, roll, butter, yellow cake and
icing, milk

OBITUARIES

BILLY LOUDERMILK

Services for Billy Jack Loudermilk,
35, of Floydada were at 2:00 p.m.
Saturday at the First United Methodist
Church of Floydada with the Rev.
Dennis Flaughner, pastor of the First
United Methodist Church in Quitaque,
officiating, assisted by the Rev. Earl
Blair, pastor.

Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery in
Lubbock under the direction of Moore-
Rose Funeral Home.

Loudermilk was found dead in his
pickup parked alongside his home in
Floydada Wednesday morning a little
after 7:00 a.m. The death was ruled as
due to a self-inflicted gunshot wound
according to Floyd County Justice of the
Peace Lowell Bilbrey. Bilbrey stated
that Loudermilk had been dead for
about five hours when found and that
apparently none of the neighbors or
family had heard the gunshot.

He was born in Silverton. He was
married to Amanda Torrez in 1980 in
Plainview. He moved to Floyd County in
1982 from Flomont. He was a farm
worker. He was a Navy veteran and
served in the Vietnam War. He was a
member of the First United Methodist
Church in Quitaque.

Survivors include his wife; a father,
Jack of Quitaque; a mother, Billy of
Quitaque; a sister, Pam Fields of
Oklahoma; two stepsons, Alex Torrez of
Lubbock and Ernie Torrez of Floydada;
a stepdaughter, Linda Leal of Floydada.

'Twas the Night Before Jesus Came

[Editor's Note: The following poem was submitted by Mr. and Mrs. J.K. West. They received a copy of it from their daughter-in-law, Bobbie West of Pampa.

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed,
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.
And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

When out of the east there arose such a clatter,
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!

The light of His face made me cover my head
It was Jesus! returning just like He had said.
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which he held in His hand,
Was written the name of every save man.
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;
When He said "It's not here" my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love
He gathered to take to His Father above.
With those who were ready He rose without a sound
While all the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
I had waited too long and thus sealed by fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!

Author Unknown



SPECIAL ED. STUDENTS CELEBRATE—The children in Ellen Enriquez's early childhood special education class celebrated Christmas with a trip to the Floydada Nursing Home to sing carols. The children wore "reindeer antlers" to add to their special day on December 20. STAFF PHOTO

Anderson graduates from WTSU

Lisa Diane Anderson received a Bachelor of General Studies degree at West Texas State University in the school's first December commencement ceremony, held on campus December 19. Three hundred ninety-one men and women received degrees. Dr. Ruth

Lowes, retired professor of education of WTSU, addressed the class of '85, the last to graduate in the university's 75th anniversary year.

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came for the "picture taking" after which everyone was ushered into the dining room with the honorees being seated at the "honor" table. Each lady wore a fresh carnation corsage compliments of Williams Flower and Card Shop.

The table was laid with a white cloth and centered with a floral arrangement in shades of pink and rose. Matching cards marked places for the honorees. The poem was read and all joined in singing the Happy Birthday song. A delicious refreshment plate of iced pound cake, angel food cake and a tasty fruit punch was served to the honorees, other residents and employees.

The next party will be Thursday, January 16, 1986. You are invited to join your friends and loved ones for this special celebration of their day.



Christmas is ...

by Students in 2B Duncan Elementary

Christmas is Jesus's birthday and when Jesus's birthday comes that is when Christmas comes. That's the best time of all. MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Kacie Lackey

Christmas is a joyful holiday. You get presents and everything. Christmas is wine Santa Claus comes to town. That's when the fun starts.

Monica Henderson

Christmas is Jesus birthday. Christmas is when families get together. People sing songs. People celebrat too.

Alex Vallejo

Christmas is to give gifts and Jesus' birthday. We pray before we open are presents. We put are Christmas tree up. I like Christmas.

Daniel Cortinas

Christmas is a joyfull time becose it is Jesus birthday. And a secial day. And Santa Claus brenings us presents to. And are family gets together to celebrare Jesus birthday. It is fun.

Francisco Lamas

Christmas is Jesuses birthday. Christmas is a holiday. Christmas is when

Santa is coming. Christmas is when we get presents. You celebrate on Christmas day.

Mindy Evans

Christmas is a time for people to celebrare Jesus birthday and win he was born.

Jeremy Gilbreath

Christmas is special for me because it is Jesus birthday and Christmas is special because there are fun games and we celebrare his birthday and you will be opening presents under the tree and the fierplas will be warm.

Elisavet Navarette



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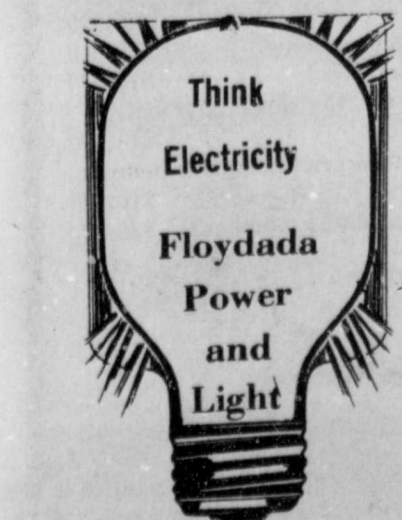
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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is given, that pursuant to Article 1577, V.A.C.S. of Texas, and pursuant to the Order of Floyd County Commissioner's Court dated December 9, 1985, appointing Bobbie Hamilton as commissioner to sell the hereinafter described real property; that Bobbie Hamilton acting on behalf of Floyd County will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder on Tuesday January 28, 1986, at 2 o'clock P.M. at the Court House door in Floyd County, in Floydada, Texas, the hereinafter described real property situated in Floyd County, Texas, SAVE AND EXCEPT the building and improvements located thereon are not owned by Floyd County and are not to be sold. And further, that any sale so made shall become effective only upon confirmation thereof by the Commissioner's Court of Floyd County, Texas. Said real property to be sold is described as follows:

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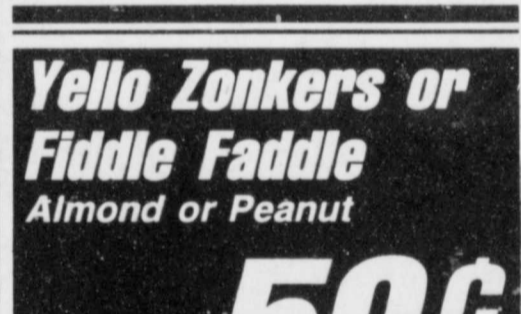
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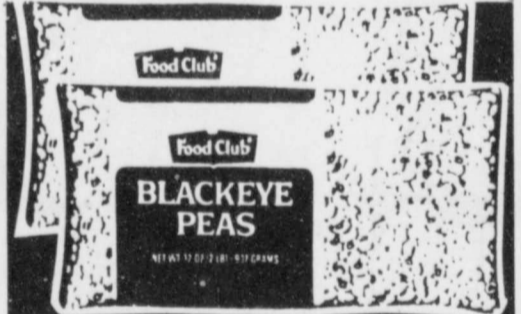
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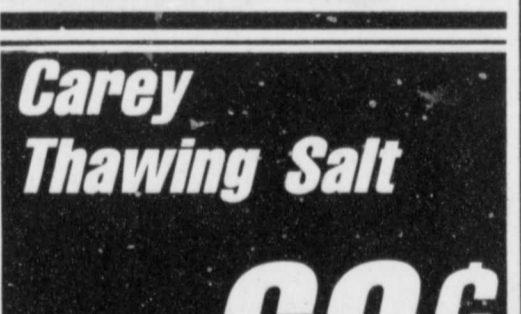
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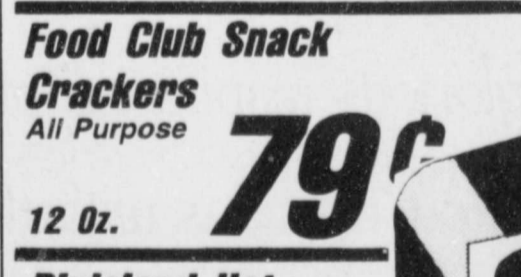
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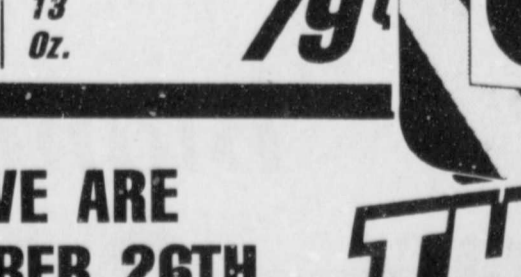
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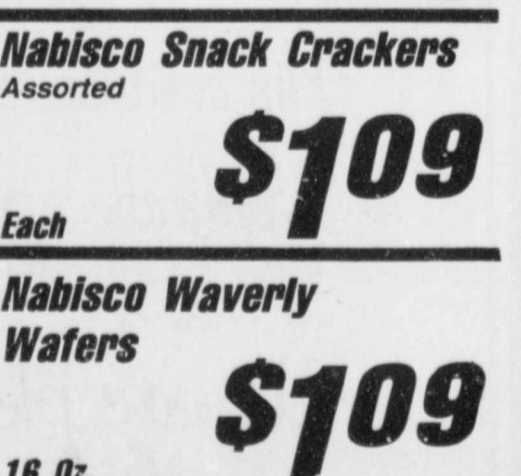
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"The Two Dollars and Seventy-Five Cent Vase"

By Sabrina Stepp

Six-year-old Tommy went into the grocery store thinking about Christmas. He didn't know what he was going to give his mother. He didn't have much time, either, Christmas was in three days.

Tommy and his mother lived alone in a small, shabby apartment. His father had died two years ago.

Little Tommy knew that his mother had gotten him something for Christmas already. That's why he felt so bad, he hadn't gotten her anything yet. Tommy wanted it to be perfect. That was what was so hard. He only had two dollars and seventy-five cents and three days to get the present in.

He went to the far end of the store where the bread was shelved. His mother had sent him after the bread because she was busy washing and mending clothes that she had been hired to wash and mend. That was their only source of income since Tommy's father had died.

As he headed across the store Tommy grinned, remembering how he had gotten the money that he had for his mother's Christmas present. For weeks and weeks, it had seemed, he had saved bits of his lunch money. It would be worth it if he could get her something nice.

While he paid for the bread he spoke to the cashier. She was a cheery, middle-aged lady with a chubby figure. She called it pleasantly plump.

Just as he pushed the door open, he noticed a piece of paper taped to the display window. His mother had once told him, when he had asked, that the papers taped there were advertisements for different things. Tommy put the bag on the floor at his feet and stared up at

the piece of paper. After a while the cashier came over to him and said, "Tommy, why are you staring at the advertisement up there?"

"What's it say?" Tommy asked her. He turned toward her.

She squatted down so that she could look at him eye to eye. "Well, it's about an auction. Do you know what an auction is, Tommy? It is a sale."

Tommy tipped his head to one side and asked, "Could you get a Christmas present there?"

The cashier nodded. Tommy said, "Where's it at? When is it?"

She told him that the auction was later the same day and where it was. It was only a few blocks from his mother's apartment. That's where I'll get her present, Tommy thought to himself. "Thank you." He told the cashier and picked up the bread bag and left the store.

When he got home he went to his room and took the money from a sock in his dresser drawer. He told his mother that he was going out to play for a while.

Tommy got to the auction just as it was about to start. Everyone was starting to sit down in the chairs that were set out. Tommy looked around but he couldn't find a seat for himself. Then he saw a young woman in a mink coat. She was watching him. All of a sudden she started waving for him to sit by her. He went over and sat in the seat on her left.

"What's your name?" She asked.

"Tommy. Thanks for the seat." Then he became quiet as did the rest of the people sitting in the huge room. The auctioneer had stepped up to the podium and asked everyone to be quiet so that the auction could begin.

Tommy sat quietly through the first five or six items that were put up for

bidding. Then he started getting restless.

Just then he saw it. The present he wanted to give his mother. It was a vase. It had just come up for bidding. It was beautiful. Tommy knew his mother would like it. It was Robin's egg blue with pink roses painted on the side.

When the auctioneer finished speaking about the vase and it was held up for bidding Tommy was the first one to say anything. He stood up and said, "Two dollars and seventy-five cents." He knew he had said it loudly enough to be heard. His mother had taught him to speak out clearly and pride.

The auctioneer looked stunned and repeated, "Two seventy-five?"

It was evident by the look on his face that he had expected a higher bid.

Other people started bidding on the vase.

Tommy's bottom lip poked out and he started pouting. He got up and went outside. The woman stared after him and then called out a bid.

She found Tommy outside leaning

against the wall. Tears were rolling over his small cheeks.

She went over to him and said, "Did you really want the vase?"

Tommy nodded and said, "My mother got me something and I don't have anything for her yet." New tears ran from his eyes. He licked the corner of his mouth as a tear rolled by it.

The woman thought for a minute. She didn't really need the vase. Already she had too many knick-knacks in her house. She had always had money to spare, more than enough for her to go through with what was forming in her mind right now. Besides, it was Christmastime.

She squatted down in front of him and said, "I'll tell you what. I'll let you have this vase for two dollars and seventy-five cents."

Tommy's tears stopped and his eyes brightened as he tipped his head and asked, "Really, Lady?"

"Yes. Really, Tommy." She told him.

"Thank you, Lady," Tommy said as he pulled the money from his pocket.

"Merry Christmas, Tommy." The lady in the mink coat said as she handed him the brown-wrapped vase.

"Thank you, Lady, and Merry Christmas!" Tommy yelled as she turned and walked away.



Sweet Season

Warm thanks for your goodwill and support. Happy Christmas to all!

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Silent Night

May the lamb of God bring peace to all.

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Happy Holidays

Festive greetings are coming your way, along with our heartfelt thanks.

AZTECA

113 W. California

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Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,

- | | | |
|--|---|------------|
| Dear Santa,
I want a real baby, pound puppy, a Barbie workout center, and Carebear, Skates, with laces. I have been very nice and good. I drew you a picture. It is in my stocking.
Love Kelli Bertrand (1A) | Dear Santa,
I hope you fine. I want a bike
Love Fernando (1A) | Love Jerry |
| Dear Santa,
I want a toy car I Love you Santa
Love Joey | Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Cresmasec
Love, Randy | |
| Dear Santa,
I hope you are fine. I wit bike I wot and dol and zo and pet
Stephanie | Dear Santa,
I hope you and love you Rudolph Santa bring me a bike
Love Brenda (1A) | |
| Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing fine please bring me a bike
Love Fina (1A) | Dear Santa, I what a bike I want a deer I want a car
Love, Gabriel (1A) | |
| Dear Santa,
I hope you bring Rudolphoph please bring me a bike I hope Rudolphoph is doing fine and you
Love, Jacob. | Dear Santa,
I hope you bring Rudolph I wot a doll and yo-yo
Love, Donnetra (1A) | |
| Dear Sant,
I hop you bring me a bike?
Love, Chad (1A) | Dear Santa,
I hope you ard fine. Dear Santa I want you to bring Rudolph. I Love you Dear Santa I want a present a ball
love Angel | |
| Dear Santa,
I hope you are fine. I hop you bring Rudolph I want a doll
Love, Shirley (1A) | Dear Santa,
I hope for a kitten. And a television of my own. And my front tooth.
Love Stacey | |
| Dear Santa,
I hope you are fine. would you bring Rudolph. I want a chair for my desk | Dear Santa,
I hope you bring Rudolph bike and a ball and a bat and a boat
Love Jon Deae (1A) | |
| | Dear Santa,
I whant a BMX bike how is Rudolph
Love Erk | |

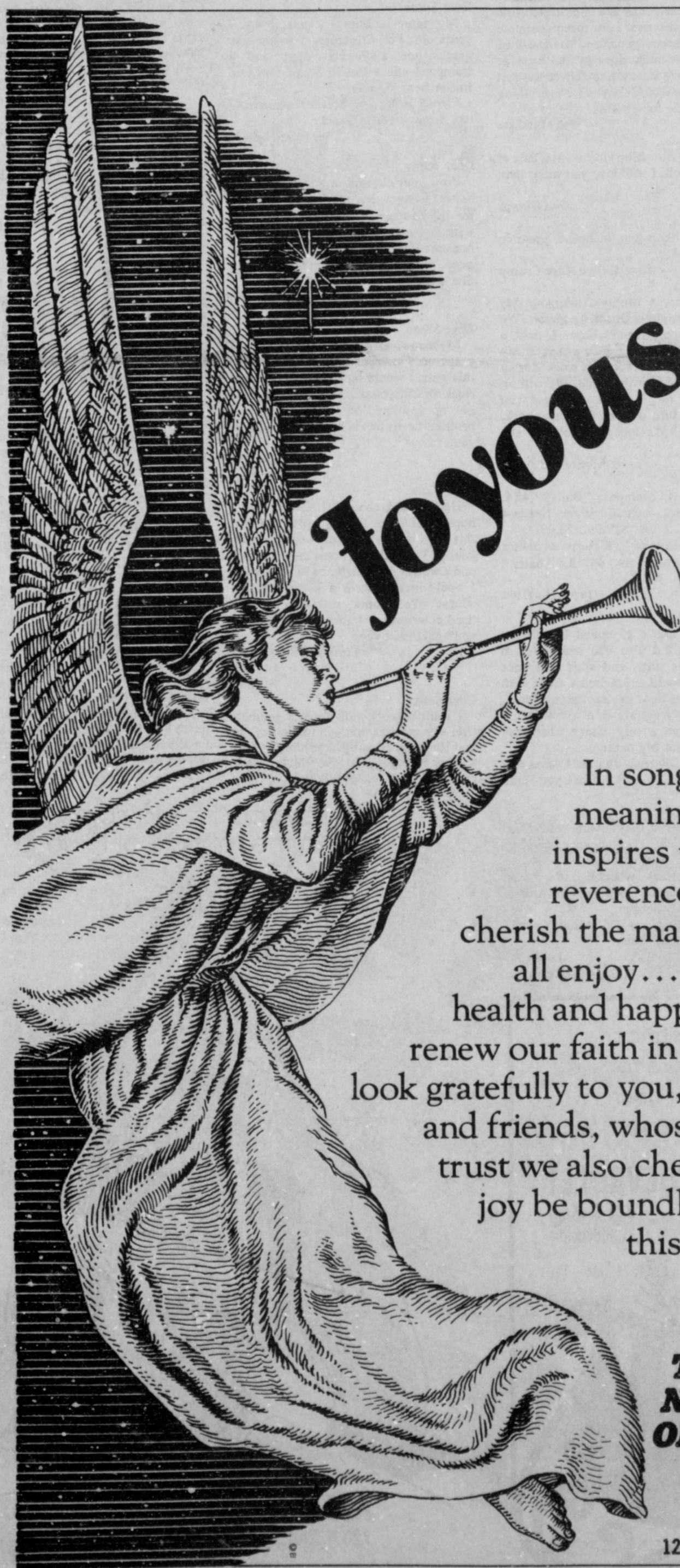


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Joyous Noel

In song and story, the meaning of Christmas inspires us with joy and reverence. It is a time to cherish the many blessings we all enjoy... friends, family, health and happiness... and to renew our faith in His words. We look gratefully to you, our customers and friends, whose kindness and trust we also cherish. May your joy be boundless throughout this special season.

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Dear Santa, Would you please bring me...

Dear Santa,
For christmas I want a barbie scooter. And a barbie doll love-a-lot. And a exercise center and dream kitchen and cabbage patch kid and play pen for it. And Baby Brite and A She-ra doll. I want a soft pony and get in shape girl. And coffee maker and stuff with it. I want a stain glass maker. And lite brite.
Shonda Smith

Dear Santa,
How have you been this year? I know it has been more longer than a year. But now let's get to the important stuff. I want a Lank-shark, and I also want blaster he is a transformer. And I also want a Go-bot named Sykil. And I also want a Red-alert, dart, star-screen, and also I want a racing track the defies gravity. And a dyno-bot named Swoop. A stereo, walkman, and a dynobot named Gremlock. Radio, I hope you can bring all of these things for me. Tell Mrs. Claus to have a happy new year and not to over do it. Okay. Well so long.
Edward Silguero

Dear Santa,
How are you? I everything good in the North Ple? Is it too cold? How are you doing? Is it fun when you deliver toys? Are there any lazy deers? These are the things I would like to have for x-mas: Soundwavy, layerbeak, Megatron, Hound and Seales, a stereo, Leader One, Cy-Kill. If you can try to make a Santa Claus so I can keep and a walkman like my sister Cindy has. And a nice warm coat in my size. Plus a gigantic turkey for x-mas dinner. If you want you can come eat it with us Okay? Well I gotta go eat supper. Blaster
Prospero Perz Jr.

Dear Santa,
My name is Veronica Marie Garza but everyone calls me Ronnie I am 3 years old. You probably remember me I'm the little girl that got all scared when I got near you, I started to scream, yell and cry all at the same time. I saw you at the Sears the night you were there, but I didn't get no where near you, so I didn't ask you for anything. Now I'm going to ask you in this letter, I hope you can get me what I want, because I've been asking for the same thing for the last year and a half and I haven't gotten anything. I want a tricycle and a cabbage patch doll or a transformer toy. Anyone of this toys will be okay and will make me very happy to get one.
Ronnie Garza

Dear Santa,
Well what I want for Christmas is some new pants and some small boots I use a 4T in pants and a 6 small in Boots I would really had lots of use for my cloths especially in winter time and maybe a littly toy like the Care Bears and a rocking chair well I guess that's all and I am a baby and I am only 1 year a 3 months.
Love Always Juan Jose Garza Jr.

Dear Santa,
I like you. Hope you and Mrs. Santa are doing fine. I would like you to bring me a barbie exercise workout and a cabbage patch pony and a bald headed cabbage boy. If you can pleas bring me and Cary and Cory a trampoline. We will be either at home or Popo and Grans. I will leave you some cookies.
Cora Franks

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabbage Patch Kid, A sunshine kid, A Rainbow Brite Doll, A Real baby, A baby bed, And baby comb. I have been a good girl All year long. I Love you Santa Claus. I will see you at Christmas. bye!
Susy Maldonado

Dear Santa,
I want a cabbage - Patch kid, a Sunshine Kid, a bicycle, a Rainbow Brite, and a lot of candies. I have been a good girl all year. I am passing 4th grade. I am ten years old and I am slim and tall. I hope that you will get these things for me. I will love you a lot for ever and ever. Get me two Cabbage Patch kids so I can give one two my best

friend Jessica Garcia.

Your friend, Angie
I forgot I want a carebear, Secret bear.
Dear Santa,

I want a lot of transformers and a pony. I will be good forever I Love you a lot.
Johny Maldonado

Dear Santa,
I want a Bike, Cabbage Patch Kid, Sunshine Kid, Barby Doll. I Been good all year I love you Santa Claus. I also want rainbo Brite, and a Baby Crib, And a box for baby cloths I want a coat, a big back pack.
Your fried loves you. Jessica Maldonado (K-2)

Dear Santa,
I want the sunshine carebear, some truck and cars, a bell, a transformer that is a atobot, He-Man, Batle Cat, air-plane, horse, game, 7 woyers, That is what I wan't for Christmas. I have been a good boy all year long. I am seven years old and I am skiny and short. Santa I like you allot because you bring us presents every Cristmas
Your Friend, Fernando Maldonado (1A)

Dear Santa,
I would like a 10 speed Bike for Christmas. I'd also like some get in shape girls suits, and stuff that goes with it. I would appreciate a clock with flowers that light on for my mom. Last but not least My Dad would love a V.C.R. Have a very Merry Christmas. P.S. I love you santa
Patricia Ann Juarez

Dear Santa,
Just heard you were here from the North Pole. I am writing to say that all I want for christmas is a motorcycle, the one with batteries. I am three years old and have been a good boy. There will be cookies and milk close by the tree, so you can have strength to deliver the rest of the toys. God bless you for everything that you do for us kids.
Pat Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I want a Sunshine kid I want a pair of shoes, a doll. I well love you more than ever. size 3M.
Rosa Guerra

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll for house, preemie boy and bike.
Love Kellye Kaye Crump

Dear Santa,
My name is Monty Anderson. My brother's name is Dusty Anderson. We have both been good boys. I want a bike, a truck and a gun from Santa. My brother wants a bike, a truck and a watch. I also want a watch. We will be good boys for you. We will leave you some milk and cookies for your snack. Thank you! We love you and will see you soon.
Love: Monty and Dusty

Dear Santa,
I want a Stomper "Bully" 4X4. 5-speed truck. Includes driver. Needs 4 "C" batts. 2 lbs. \$19.96...\$24.95. "Monster Demon". Waterproof motor com-Partment. W sut. 44 "AA" batts 3 lbs. \$19.98...\$24.95.
Jason Harrison

Dear Santa,
I would like a 10 speed Bicycle for Christmas. I'd also like some Get in Shape Girls suits, and stuff that goes with it. I would appreciate a clock with flowers that light on top for my Mom. Last by not least My Dad would love a V.C.R. Have a very Merry Christmas from Me and My parents.
Patricia Juarez (8 years old)
P.S. I love you Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Clay Evans and I am three years old. I have been a good boy this year my mommy said.
For Christmas I would like to a Pound Puppy, 4 wheeler, G.I. Joe, an Animal truck, and a shotgun.
Please bring my Sis (Mindy) something too, she's nice.
Love Clay
P.S. I'll leave you a snack.



Dear Santa,
My name is Mindy Evans. I am 7 years old. For Christmas I would like games and a Pound Puppy and a trampoline and a Get in Shape Girl and Butter bear Wuzzle.
Please bring my brother something too. I leave you a snack.
Your friend Mindy

Dear Santa,
I'm 1 year old and my name is Lewis Robert Fawver. My mom is writing this for me because I'm not big enough. I want a tractor for Christmas like the ones my Daddy works on. I've been real good. My sister, Amanda wrote you too. She's been pretty good. I Love you.
Lewis Robert

Dear Santa,
My name is Amanda Jo Fawver. I'm 6 years old. I've tried real hard to be good this year. I would like to have an alarm clock for Christmas. I need it to help me get up in time for school. My little brother, Lewis has been good too. I love you.
Amanda Jo

Dear Santa,
How have you and Mrs. Claus been? I hope Rudolph is feeling up to the trip this year. My list is short because I am young. I would like some new clothes and a walker so I can learn how to walk. I would love to have a jacket for this winter. Well Santa, mama is getting tired of writing so I guess I will write to you again next year.
Love, Derrick Griggs
3 1/2 months old 1985

Dear Santa,
I want a truck called truck animal. One of those cats that you roll bakwards and the hood pops up, and the big foot that is orange, and He man caslett grayskull and snackmountain a play

Dear Santa,
I want a waterbed and a trampoline and I want a twin cabbage patch kids and I want a ring with by birthstone in it my birthstone is a diamond. And my kids sleeping bag. I love you. I want a twin cabbage patch kid stroller.
Shayla Turner

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline and a water bed. And I want twin cabbage patch kids. I want a birthstone ring. My birthstone is a diamond. Remember the kids in the world too. I want a musical swing and a sleeping bag for the cabbag pach kids. I Love you. I want a twin cabbage patch kid stroller.
Kayla Turner

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I wod like a monkey.
Gloria, Love (2A)

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a real Baby. (it is a doll.) I will leave you some chocolate pie and milk.
Love, Cyan (2A)

Dear Santa,
This year I have been a good girl. This Christmas I want new tires for my bike. Because it has flat's. I will leave cookies and mike. Have a Merry Christmas Santa Claus.
Love, Kimber Williams (2-A)

Dear Santa,
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Love, Beth (2-A)

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Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a bike and a go cart with a orange flag on top of it.
Love, Chad (2-A)

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like you come and gime presens don for got you gime presens
Love, Lucy (2-A)

Dear Sata,
This Christmas I would like a four-wheeler and a threewheeler. I also want a gocart and a new bike and a horse. I would also like a gun. I also want some B Bs for my gun. I also will leave you some milk and cookies too eat and drink. The end
by Justin Cole Bailey (2-A)

Dear Santa,
Christmas is fun. I would like a bike and a doll.
Love, Stephanie (2-A)

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I like a big foot and a Heman and car.
Love, Santa Audiel (2-A)

Dear Sante,
This Christmas I would like a big bike.
Love, Melissa (2-A)

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a Grem-lins.
Love, Wanda (2-A)

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a casol gray selo you love, Santa,
Love, LeeRoy (2A)

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a bike.
Love, Demencio (2-A)

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a He man, a bike, and a car.
Love, David (2-A)

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a Trasfrr But it is a radeo
Love, Cipy (2-A)

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a bike. I will give you milk and cookies.
Love Wyatt (2-A)

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and a ball wibe a glove.
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Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a real Baby. (it is a doll.) I will leave you some chocolate pie and milk.
Love, Cyan (2A)

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Love, Kimber Williams (2-A)

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a Cabbage patch kids for Christmas I want a bear for Christmas I will leave some milk on the table.
Love, Beth (2-A)

Love, Martin (2-A)

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a bike.
Love, Frank (2-A)

Dear Sante,
This Christmas I would like a peyeno and a bike, and a doll and abletbeton.
Love, Angelica (2-A)

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. I want a bear claw. I want money 10000. I want a Four weeler. I want a three weeler.
Chad

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Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a...

Dear Santa,
I want a new barbie I like you. And you are nice to me.
Your friend Leticia Martinez

Dear Santa,
I like way you give the prents to the Boys and Girls. I like way you give the world toy.
Your friend, Aaron

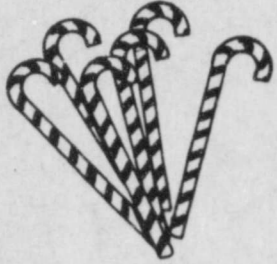
Dear Santa
I want a wasch and a coat and meny presets. And I want evrybody a Mary Christmas.
Your friend, Arnulfe Cervera

Dear Santa,
I want to be nice to others. I want a lot of toys. And A new bik.
Your friend Mary Ellen Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a flower Kid of Christmas.
Your friend, Sandra Coleman

Dear Santa,
I want megesspreme it is a transfmr. I want cloces. I Like my mom and dad. I Like the peole and will of the peole in are state.
Your friend, Michael

Dear Santa
I want the Autobot leader Optimus Prime. And a few G.I. Joe guys.
Your friend, Mike Mercado



Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll.
Your friend Maricell Lucio

Dear Santa,
I want a pesent from you. I want toys and gold.
Your friend Shane

Dear Santa,
I wish you could give me a present. Are you going to give me a toy. What are you going to give me. I want pound puppy!
Your friend Marty

Dear Santa,
I wish you could give me a present. Are you going to give me a toy. What are you going to give me. I want a pound puppy!
your friend, Nicole

Dear Santa,
I want a pond puppy, baton, stampen cabbage patch, cloth for doll.
Your friend, Christie

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is a back-pack to carry my books and a watch so I could have on me and a doll.
Your friend, Blanca

Dear Santa,
Do you know what I want for Christmas, well here are some things ok, a skate board, a Rosepetel car, a doll house, a new pair of skates, a pair of socks with a unicorn on them, a pair of purple pink and blue shoes.
Your friend, Talea



Dear Santa
I want a doll. and a makeup doll and I want a barby doll and I want dressess.
Love Robbin

Dear Santa,
Do you know what I want for christmas. Here are some of them a bike and somebooks and a watch.
Your friend David Watson

Dear Santa,
I think that your the Best and wine you cowme, to my Home I hop that I get a lot of presents.
your friend, Candi

Dear Santa,
Please try to get me a dacepedacon if you can. Or a Obot.
Your friend, Bobby

Dear Santa
I wood like a football and a ball and a

crayola and a book.
Your friend, Joe

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I wod like a monkey.
Gloria, (2A) Love

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a real Baby. (it is a doll.) I will leave you some
Love Talea Owens

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike, gocart, poltable, and horse. I would like to have a play pickup, fourweeler and a theeweeler.
Justin

Dear Santa,
I want a car and a truck and a custlegray slule.
Lee Roy

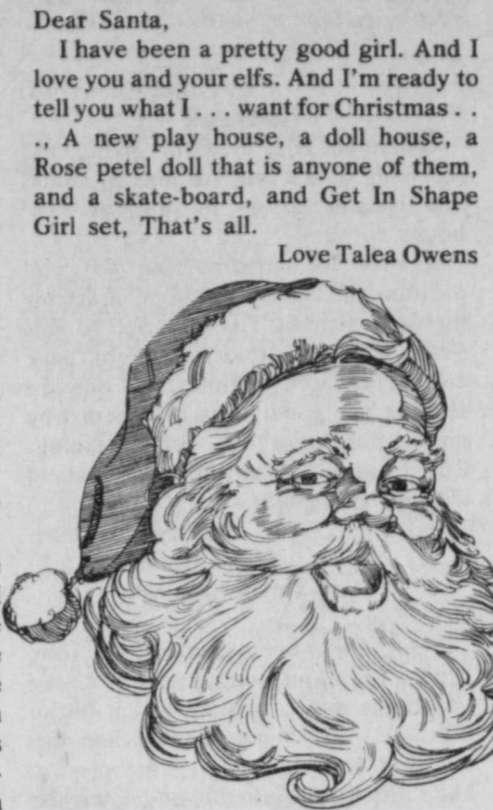
Dear Santa,
I want a real baby. I realy love Christmas. It's my favorite holiday. I have been very nice all this year. We will leave you choclate pie and milk. I've realy been looking forward to this time of year. I Love the snow because I can make a snowman. I Love the presents especaly the ones you bring on Christmas eve. But what I Love more than anything on Christmas is that it selabrates Jesus. I get up as early as I can when its Christmas morning to get what you have brought.
Sencerly Cyan Reeves

Dear Santa,
I want a real baby and I want a bike and Barbie doll I want a jam box and I want a Care Bears RainbowBrite and a Speaking spell and a lettle monkey
My friend Santa, Stephanie

Dear Santa,
I want a Go bot, and a new bed, and a bakpake, a big bakpake, and a He man, and some shets and some He man shets and I want some money I Love you sante I hope you well come next year Merry Cistmas I hope you come to my houes and one more thing a new lunchbox
Wyatt Wally

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a present because I love you I am so glad it is almost christmas. I hope you have a happy christmas. I would like you to bring my brother something. I will have my stocking. I will have a chistmas tree up well do you know what I want I want a cabbage patch kid do you know what cloths I want on it I want a cheerleader cabbabe patch kid. Have a happy christmas
Love Lacy

Dear Santa,
I want a transformer any kind. His name is Optimus Prime. And I also want a Go-bot and a Dynobot named Grem-boc a Robotic. I want a G.I. Joe. I want clothes, a stereo, records, walkman and a super-fly. Could you throw in a wuzzle or two. And a X-mas turkey. So we can eat. yum-yum. Leader one, A million dollars. I hope you bring me these things. I hope you are fine on Christmas so you can deliver all of those toys. You are my favorite hero. I hope I can grow up to be like you so a lot of kids can like me to. I hope you and your wife have a happy christmas. I will always love you.
Kimber Williams



Dear Santa,
I want a ball, car, doll, a cat, and a beby. I love you Santa. I want a box of toys. I want a Barbie, horn, dallor, new car, christmas thee, and cabbage Patch.
Wanda (2A)

Dear Santa,
I want a catch patch, doll for crismas, baby doll, toy bear and carebear for crismas. Santa, bring a tell phone for crismas. I want a bike for crimas. I love you Santa clas.
Beth Watts

Dear Santa,
I want a doll a play house and some shoes. I would also want a puppy, cabbage Patch Kid, a raidbow bright and a few game. Santa please If you can a telephone I will have some milk and cookies waiting for you when you come
Thank you Lucy Hernandez (2A)

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a fast mark and car and at lis five transformros and a go bots and a basball gluv and bat
Martin

Dear Santa,
Robot, a pouid pupie, a miny bike, a TV a tape reycoder, a playraukun, a vcr, and a play dag
Chase Carr

Dear Santa,
I want a real baby and a pound puppy. Also some clothes for him. a barbie work out center. some carebear skates get in shape girl, feet beat.
Keill

Dear Santa,
I would like all the Care Bear Cousins, and the care Bear Babys, and baby Bright, and a pretty ring, and a live! horse!!!! Please! and a Cabbage-patch! Please!!!! I love you Santa!!!
Kimber Williams

Dear Santa,
I have been very, very, good this year. Please bring me a cabbage patch girl doll or if you don't have one of those, I would like a new car. I will leave cookies and milk again this year! I love you.
Mrs. Smith

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I help my mommy when she wants me to help her. For Christmas I want a My Little Pony with a Merry-go-round. I also want the Barbie with the exercise equipment. Can I also have some boots for the snow? I would like it very much if I could have one or two Get-Along Gang dolls and the red caboose. I hope you and Mrs. Santa have a nice Christmas.
Valerie

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Tonka Mighty Loader a Gobot and some things for my stocking. I would like for you to bring my brother and sister what they would like to have for Christmas. We all have been good this year.
Blake Barton

Dear Santa,
I want a bikese. And a litter car. and Hemen. A truck. Litter. and A big box

vo cars. I Love you Santa.
Audiel Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I would like a Drive-n-play, a toy road grader, and a Transformer Dynobot.
Shane Lloyd

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie house, a pink Barbie car, and a Cabbage Patch Show Pony.
Stacey Lloyd

Dear Santa,
I'm two 1/2 years old and I want a truck and a "Get in Shape Girls" Baby Dolls, Blue Bubble bee, Bubble Eyes Wuzzle.
Shawnda

Dear Santa,
I Love you. I would love your elf's too. I will talk to you when I come to visit you. I want a Rose Petal Doll. Rose Petal house.
Lindsey

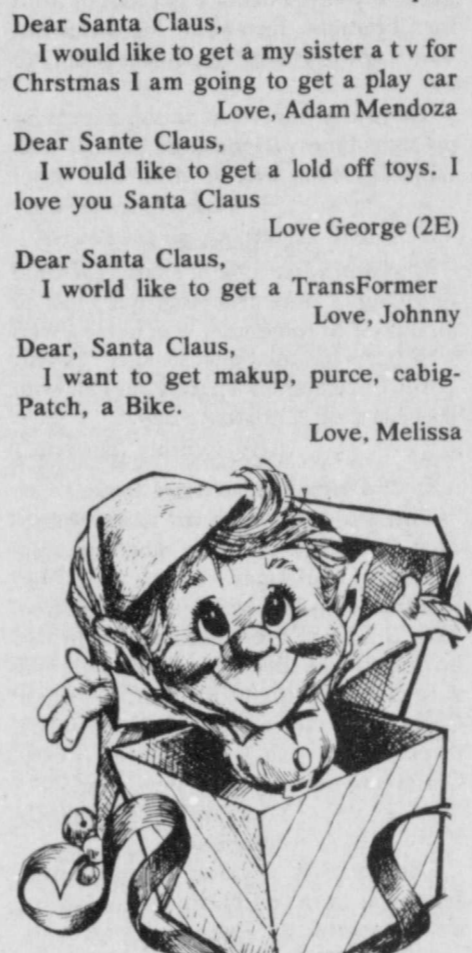
Dear Santa,
I want a pink bike and a barbe doll. And I want a harn and carebear and a playhouse and a club house. And I want a bag fool of candies and play penny-bank? I want a back pack. And a game. I want a wagon. And beryng my mom a present and my dad a present.
Melissa Enriquez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to get a my sister a t v for Christmas I am going to get a play car
Love, Adam Mendoza

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to get a lold off toys. I love you Santa Claus
Love George (2E)

Dear Santa Claus,
I world like to get a Transformer
Love, Johnny

Dear Santa Claus,
I want to get makeup, purce, cabig-Patch, a Bike.
Love, Melissa



Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to get a bike and a cabbage patch and a go car and baby bright. Do you know why I want these things. It's because we don't have money thats why.
Love, Lori

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to get a Cabbage patch kidd, barby, bolls, clothes, barby clothes, baby brother, rill baby,
Love, Esmeralda

Dear Santa Claus,
I wout like to get a bike and a barbie.
Love, Brandy

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to get a Barbie doll for Christmas And monaey
Love, Becky

Dear Santa Claus,
Wold you please please will you Bring me a new pars I need it on Chistmas
Love Tiffany

Dear Santa Claus
I would like to get shockwave and

soud wave and starsceam and Bluster and Omega Supreme and Jelfire
Love, Adam

Dear Santa Claus
I would like to get a Jamem Box and a transformrs magusuve prem and oktion-us prim and Heman and nice sute
Love Victr

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to get a TV, Stereo and a pup and I would lik to get a bunch of Presents for Christmas and I would like to see Santa Claus and I would Like a new bike and a trapulen
Love Richard

Dear Santa,
I would like to get a New Bike and I hope it will be a 10 spide and a New silid and my room fix up for Christmas I what a New Home.
Love, Priscilla

Dear Santa Claus
I would like to get a singsit for me and my sester. My sester will like to get a doll. I am big and so are you.
Love, Brandi Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to get a Bike and a dall and anegles And a per of eryrengs I Love you Santa Claus.
Love, Melissa C.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to get a dall and a Jambax and a little haues that is all
Love, Veronica

Dear Santa Claus
I would like to get a GI Joe becoses they come wit wepen
Love Lupe

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and I want tow cars dad a bag pag and a wash and a go bots and I want a Book to color.
Demencio

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. Then I want a Bear claw and I want a gobot Then I want a transformros and I want 99 dallors. Then I want a big-foot and a candy cane. and I want a new pair of colers and a pair of teney shoe The na pair of black boot's and a foot-ball.
Frank Jasso J.R.

Kikky, cresising doll, baby Bed, ranbow brite doll, and pet, wazzles, My Littel pony, stuffed miss piggy and big bird, and kermmit, My Littel pony castel, Get in shape girl, Rianbow brite stove, Frosty snow man makes, Make it Bake it, Record Player and the T.V. set.
Robin

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Cabbage Patch Doll a Madonna tape, roller skates clothes for a Cabbage Patch doll and things for my stocking. Please bring my brothers what they want for Christmas.
Shonda Barton

Dear Santa,
I want a big foot and a big jambox Voltron and a big Go Bot.
Bobby Barton



Christ is Born

Hark; the harold angels sing, glory to the newborn king!



ANDERSON'S
and employees
120 W. California Floydada

A child WAS BORN...

Let every heart rejoice in the hope and promise born on that holy night.

MARTIN & COMPANY
216 S. Main Floydada

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Joyous tidings, one and all.
Thanks Friends!!

BROWN'S IMPLEMENT
Ralls Highway Floydada

Blessed Be He
May this holiday season hold a special meaning for you.
NORRELL TRACTOR PARTS
215 S. Main Floydada

Noel!
Warm thoughts for a bright and happy holiday season!
PRODUCER'S
301 E. Missouri
Cedar Hill Boothe Spur Dougherty

Sixth graders express Christmas meanings

Christmas
Christmas is fun for him but they like them.
The mice look out of their hole but the mice kind of look nice.
Who ever opens their present they will have to cook the pheasant.
They mention something to me but I do not pay attention.
I hope you have a happy Christmas day because it is neat getting presents that day.

Steve Morales (6D)

Christmas
Christmas is a time when you need a dime.
The store is where you buy food but we hope you are in a mood.
While people open presents we are shooting a pheasant.
Christmas is near but you're not here.

Tina Covington (6A)

Christ is born
horse riding on Christmas eve
reindeer
Ice
Shoe making
Merry Christmas
Antlers from reindeer
Santa Claus

Christmas
Snowflakes white and candlelight mean Christmas time is near.
Church bells ring and children sing to spread the season's cheer.
May Christmas Day in every way bring all that you hold dear.
May joy a new abide with you throughout the come year.

Merry Christmas,
Nita Patel (6A)

Christmas
Christ is born.
Happiness is everywhere
Remember Christ
I am happy at Christmas.
Sing joyful songs.
Time of love and giving.
Mary, mother of Jesus.
Angles fly at night.
Sins are forgiven

Brad Wilson (6B)

There comes a times when you hear a bell. It will call you to the window so you would see C-h-r-i-s-t-m-a-s and it says Christmas. You will see a red nose an his face and then you will yell his name and say - Santa Clause is coming to town. Ho ho ho open up your door I'm Santa Clausa and guess what yall I got something to show I came to break a

little spirit. I got big bag and guess whats in it. Some for the and some for the poor now merry Christmas and Ho ho ho.

By Tasha Portee

Christmas
Christmas is a time for love, joy, and happiness. Some people think it is a time for gifts but not me. I think that it is a great day because it was the day that Christ was born. I can just look at a nativity set and just urge Christmas to get here. It also reminds me to be thankful that I have a home and a bed to be born in. This is the reasons that I love Christmas.

By, Becky Turner (6D)

Presents
Oh, I love presents. I can just see my Cabbage Patch dolls, cloths, boots, and three wheeler. Oh, how I love presents.
By, Guess Who?

What Christmas Means To Me
Christmas means sharing and giving. It means getting together with family. I think Christmas means having fun shopping with your mom. I have trouble selecting a present for teachers because I'm afraid they already have that but I get it anyway. I usually get alot of stuff for Christmas. Last year, I got alot but that's not the most important thing, to me.

The most important thing is getting presents for my friends and family. And thinking Jesus was born on that day.
By Charity Arwine (6D)

Christmas
Christmas is a time of sharing, a time of giving, a time of loving, but most of all a time to remember one person who was born on this day to save us all. Jesus Christ is this special person, who was born on Christmas day.

By, Cynthia Jones (6C)

Christmas Love and Joy
Christmas is a time for love. Christmas is not just eating and opening present. Christmas is a time for remembering our wonderful Jesus and God. If it wasn't for Jesus we might not be here. Jesus died for me and you. We sure can be thankful for that. So when Christmas time comes remember Jesus loves you. I wish you a Merry Merry Christmas and a happy new year.
Yours truly, Tiffany (6C)

Christmas
Christmas is a time of happiness. Jesus was born on Christmas that's why we celebrate it. Everybody receives presents and everybody gives presents. Christmas is a time to give thanks to God for saving us. Christmas is a time to spend with the family. Christmas is a holiday nobody could forget because we would not of been here if it wasn't for Jesus. Christmas is when people tell others "We love you". Christmas is a time when people get together and have a good time. So enjoy your Christmas because it's one day a year. Have a very very Merry Christmas and I mean that.
by Julio Cervera (6B)

Christmas Is . . .
Christmas is a time when family gets together and has a big feast. And Santa Claus comes and brings little kids toys and clothes and all kinds of things. Santa Claus fills stockings with good things to eat and sometimes money. It is a time of Jesus Christ's birthday. When a baby was born and they wrapped him in swaddling clothes and lay him in a manger. Three wisemen brought gifts to Jesus Christ our Savior. The bright star lead the three wisemen to the manger. The angel came and told Mary and Joseph there would be a baby born and his name would be Jesus. He is our Savior. The three gifts that the wisemen brought were frankincense, myrrh, and gold. And that is what Christmas means

to me.
By Candy Emert (6B)

Christmas
Christmas is a time for giving and receiving. It is a time for uncles, aunts, and cousins to go to grandparents' house.

A time for remembering the real meaning of Christmas; a time of sorrow for God, sending His only Son to this sinful earth, so that we might have eternal life through Him. And a time for sharing the good news to others who might not know the real meaning. Christmas is a beautiful season along with its meanings.

Merry Christmas,
Rhoda Hernandez (6B)

Have You Been Good?
Dear Santa,

Yes, I have been good all the time except when I pushed my sister into the Christmas tree at church, and it hit an old lady in the head and knocked her out, and my sister and I were playing and I pushed her into the mud when she had her best Sunday dress on, my sister and I were playing cowboys and indians, I shot her in the leg with my B B gun because she stole my totam pole. We were playing in the tree house when I shot up from behind her and scared her so bad she went out the back end.

I told you I've been good.
Merry Christmas,
Kalli Hicks (6B)

What Christmas Is About
Christmas is a time of sharing and loving those nearby to you. Christmas to some people: Christmas is just a time to receive not to give and to have fun, play, and get presents. Really we all know what Christmas is all about. It's all about baby Jesus. When Mary and Joseph were on the dusty road while going to Bethlehem going to pay their taxes the place was closed. So they wanted to stay in the inn but, it was full. So, they went to the stable. Suddenly Mary went into labor and she had the baby named Jesus. No one knew he would be Jesus except Mary and Joseph. The wisemen came and brought gifts. What a wonderful night. He grew and grew to be our Savior the Lord. I am thankful for my mom and I'm alive. This is what Christmas is really about.
by Brandie Coleman (6A)

What Christmas Means To Me
To me Christmas is a time of sharing. It is also a time of giving presents to one another. My family always celebrates at my grandparents house on my mother's side. My grandparents names are Alfred and Maria Martinez. We also eat supper there. We get lots of presents because I have a lot of kinfolks. I have an aunt that works at Hale's Department Store. Her name is Alamar Mercado she has a husband named Ray. She always gets all of us expensive presents. Anyway, I think I get enough presents for Christmas. My dad and mom got me a jumbo for Christmas. I think they are very nice. Everybody get your shopping done. Thats what Christmas means to me.
Bertha Hernandez (6A)

Christmas Mouse
It was the day before Christmas and all through the house everyone was singing Christmas carols. For Santa should appear that very night to bring good cheer.
There was a little mouse decorating

his tree for he knew Sants would bring him some cheese and toys. Sants always brought him something, but this Christmas was different, he knew Santa thought the cat ate him. So he would have to try to catch Santa and tell him he was okay.

Well, it was Christmas Eve night and everyone was sleeping, but the little mouse was wide awake ready to meet Santa. He had his costume on and ready to go. Suddenly he heard a thump. Santa was here. He came down the chimney and saw the little mouse dressed in red. The mouse said, "Hello

Santa." Santa said, "Your alive." So Santa put his gifts around the tree and took the mouse and said "You shall be my Christmas mouse."

Christie Rowan (6C)

Ho Ho Ho
Christmas is a season of snow. Walking up and down through winter streets. You should wear snow shoes. Running down the streets falling on the streets. I wonder how your shoe could be when your running in the snow. Ho ho ho. Christmas is the season of snow.
Love, Norma (6D)



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Peace
From us to you, have a very merry Noel!

PIZZA GOLD
601 S. 2nd
Floydada

O Come All Ye Faithful
May this Holy time hold many good things for all.

LAWSON'S
503 E. Missouri

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa Clause
I wat a toy for Christmas I a my letter
Pony
Love Pat

Dear Santa,
I want a new pump and a bike and a BB gun.
Love Jesse (2C)

Dear Santa,
I will like a Sudmrine are a Bigfoot Monster Vehicle are a Hemen are a car
Your Eric (2C)

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike for christmas. And a cabchich pach kid. And a doll for christmas. The end
Love, Margarita (2C)

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas and I want a bunch of toys to play with. I want a doll house too.
Love, Adelina (2C)

Dear Santa,
I wish i had a cabgpach kide doll and because you are very nice to me and I Love you a lot.
Love, Gabriela (2C)

Dear Santa,
I wish i had a doll, Shoes, dresses, and pants, Cabgpach kide for christmas. I wat something als for christmas it is a Ken barbie doll. What also can i get. A night gain because it's getting to cold.
Love Sheri, (2C)

Dear Santa,
I want a Rabow briet and a belt and a bike and a bunch of money.
Love, Connie (2C)

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabich pach Kid a premie and some close for it a rain coat, 3 dresses red, blue, pink pents.
Love, Dana (2C)

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a cabbage Patch kid. I want it to be a cheerleader. Can

you bring me that for Christmas. Do you know what Santa I like Christmas very much. because you get lots of things. When you come to my house I will be asleep.
Love, Lacy (2C)

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a doll and a doll Santa for my Sister she want a doll for Christmas they was my brother open he preste for his birthday.
Your friend Hilda (2C)

Dear Santa,
I want a racing track. And a big foot. I hope you bring me the toy I want.
Your friend Elias (2C)

Dear Santa Clause
I want a Stomer Bully and a Water Demon for Christmas.
Love Jason Harrison (2C)

Dear Santa,
I want a Optomasprime. It has a front and the front is red it has a back and the back is gray.
Your's truly, Bryan Baxter (2C)

Dear Santa,
I want a bigfoot.
Your truly, John Arrendondo (2C)

Dear Santa,
I want a Rabow briet and a belt and a bike and a bunch of money.
Love, Connie (2C)

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Love, Lacy (2C)

Dear Santa,
I like a bike and a gun and a trans formrs and a three weir and a vcr and sum bouks and a ball and a bat to and a clan of the trans formrs and a clan of He-Mam and caslgrask
Your frend Eric Luna (2C)

Dear Santa, Clause
I Love you very very much. I hope I get a racetrack and some cars and a vcr and tape to go in it too
Love Brandon W (2C)

Dear Santa,
I Wold like a bike and a transfarmer and a bigfoot truck and the animal and GJoe.
Love Franky (2C)



Peace On Earth
What better time to say to you, may the miracle of the season stay ever new.

REED FORD
Ralls Hwy.
Floydada

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A VERY MERRY NOEL GOES OUT TO OUR VALUED PATRONS. HAPPY HOLIDAY GREETINGS.

DON GREEN AUTO PARTS
117 W. Calif. Floydada

Candle, Candle Burning Bright like the Shining Christmas Star Tonight

It's a nice Christmas feeling that's all aglow, with wishes of cheer to the people we know.

From the Mayor, City Councilmen, & City Employees
FLOYDADA POWER & LIGHT
114 E. Virginia Floydada

A farmer's wife writes "A Letter To Santa"

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was submitted by Benney and Elfa Turner and family.

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you have had a good work year and have had plenty of snow at the North Pole! Well, another year is drawing to a glittering close here in West Texas and, well, just between you and me, Santa, we could have done without this one! I mean this one truly fall's short of being my favorite! Nothing like the ones we had when I was a kid, remember? Well, I guess the only way to handle a year like this is with a smile and a lot of love from my friends so friend let me tell you how it's been!

To begin with farming was not what we should have been doing this year! **Or last year! Or the year before either,** but, we did!

First, last winter we got lots of snow and you know that lots of snow just makes a farmer want to get to spring so he can plant cotton! Mother Nature doesn't like to be fooled, but she sure gets her jollies by fooling us, making us think we would make a good crop! Well after all we are hardy people, we are the stuff America is made of, we are the American Farmer and we never give up! Right? Right!

Well we planted cotton all over the place, even planted a few more seed than usual because we had a good underground moisture base. We even went ahead and zig zagged the rows so more cotton would come up (it does, you know) so, what happens! It didn't rain another drop all summer. I mean the careless weeds never even made an appearance! Now Santa you know that is dry! Well of course with all those seed out there we had to water it didn't we? Of course we did but, that was good because it was hot and dry and that makes cotton grow like crazy if you water and fertilize it and you can make big yields and good grades and long staple like they do in California and South Texas! (The Valley!) and knock the socks off those statisticians in Austin! Well of course our electric and gas bill were outrageous all summer, but we were happy back then! Well almost. You see, we had a slight problem the first part of September. A killing Frost! Yes! That's what I said. A killing frost in September! Half of our crop was dead by a door nail. But! We are hardy people, we are the stuff America is made of, we are the **American Farmer!** and we never give up! Right? Right!

Well, as soon as we dried our eyes we went out and started getting our strippers mounted so we could get right in the field as soon as that stuff popped open and we could rake in our years work!

Well, you'll probably laugh when I tell you that the very day we started gathering that cotton we were hit by a hundred mile an hour wind and a huge hail storm! Well maybe you better not laugh. A hail storm in October is not funny when your years work is beaten into the ground and your barn is laying on top of five of the best calves you've ever raised! But, we are hardy people, we are the stuff America is made of, we are the American Farmer and we never give up. Right? Right!

So, Santa we dried our eyes again and started planting wheat! After all we are fortunate people in West Texas we can have a winter crop too! Well, we planted wheat the rest of October and all of November, that is, in between the twenty three inches of rain that fell. And we went out and bought cattle! We trucked in more cattle than we had ever seen because we had this chance to recoup our losses. Well, Santa the first load we opened the gate for popped out of that truck bright eyed and bushy tailed and just as sleek a looking bunch of cattle you have ever seen and you had to look fast because they just made one lap around the fence and plowed right through the only weak spot in it, and just kept going! We caught up with them in the next county! I wish we had planes in our defense arsenal that could travel as fast as those cattle. Of course these were the best behaved bunch we brought in here. But, we are hardy people, we are the stuff America is made of, we are the **American Farmer!** and we never give up! Right? Right!

But, Santa we do have lots of meat now what with the cattle the trucks hit and the chickens that were killed in the hail storm we have been eating pretty good, so good as a matter of fact that I have been dieting lately and I quit smoking right after the hail storm too! You know, just as a precaution in case this is the end of the world! Well, now I have a nicer body and all the exercise I get chasing cows helped my lungs clear up and I can breathe deep now but when you take away a woman's cigarettes and her food there is only one thing left for her to crave! Santa, you guessed it. My husband is hunting a night job! I sure hope this doesn't blow my diet! Well it probably won't after all we are hardy people, we are the stuff America is made of, we are the **American Farmer and We Never Give Up.** Right? Right!

Santa, I have been working all year making my Christmas presents and I'm glad I did now that money is so tight! It seems Reaganomics never made it to West Texas and we never saw that trickle down economy. I guess it dried up before it got here! Well, last week I laid all my work out on my bed and started tagging it and one of my neighbors came by for coffee. When she saw my bed covered with so much she

said "I see you have rounded up all your junk for the rummage sale! I could see a years work pan before my eyes like a vision but I am a hardy person, I am made of the stuff America is made of and I never give up. I am an American Farm Wife!"

Well, my daughter came home from college last weekend and said, "Mother, I think I'll just chalk this semester of college up to experience." You know what that means don't you Santa? Three

thousand dollars for fourteen fun filled weeks!

But Santa, we do have a fine family and many things to be thankful for after all our fourteen old is almost out of quarantine and his hair has almost grown back in and my son-in-law has a job now so my daughter and grandson can move back home and we'll have the bed to ourselves again. And Christmas is almost here. I always enjoy your time of year so much and I feel myself filling up with love for my family and my

fellow man! So, today I went into town and bought a Christmas Tree! I looked and looked for just the right one because after all, all of the worst year of our lives was over and we had survived. We had a lot to be thankful for so the right tree was important I finally found just the perfect tree. It was even on sale! I even had to load it myself after all what salesman wants to load a ten foot tree when there are all those three foot ones to be loaded! The tree laid so well in the pickup truck of course it dipped over the windshield a little but I was very careful not to hit dips, and make it dip down and block my vision! I

stopped at the store to get a few more ornaments because we had never had this large of a Christmas tree before! Well while I was picking just the right ornaments someone stole by Christmas tree!

Santa, I am a hardy person! I am the stuff that America is made of I am an American Farm Wife and I have had it! Do you hear me? I have had it! I cannot take another crisis this year and I think you should find who ever stole my tree and let your reindeer just Censor! Censor!

Merry Christmas!
Benney and Elfa Turner and family

Angels bring good tidings

The good news of Christ's birth was first given to mankind through an angel, according to St. Luke: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

"And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid."

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Angels have played an important role throughout the story of the Nativity. It was the angel Gabriel who first announced to Mary that she would be the mother of the Messiah.

And, when Joseph learned that Mary was pregnant, an angel appeared to him in a dream, assuring him that "that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

When Herod the King sought the life of the Infant Jesus, it was an angel who warned Joseph to "take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt..."

After Herod's death, an angel informed Joseph when it was safe to return to Israel.

Throughout the Old Testament times, God used angelic messengers to help His people in their various encounters. Indeed, He promised them through Moses that his angel would guide them: "Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared."

Angels have even won battles for the Israelites in Old Testament times. Isaiah wrote of one such victory: "Then the angel of the Lord went forth, and smote in the camp of Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand..."

And, it was an angel that shut the mouths of the lions in the den where Daniel was held captive by King Darius! King David praised such angelic helpers in his 34th Psalm: "The angel of

the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

Jacob's vision of a ladder reaching from earth to heaven, with the angels of God ascending and descending upon it, has an important message for mankind, especially at Christmastime.

As the poet Francis Thompson wrote: The angels keep their ancient places; Turn but a stone, and start a wing! 'Tis ye, 'tis your estranged faces, That miss the many splendored thing.

The Real Christmas Story

He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. He then became an itinerant preacher. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when the public turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.

While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. He was laid in a borrowed grave. Almost twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race.

All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that One Solitary Life.


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The drama of the Nativity can never be overworked. Artists in every century have marveled at the accounts of shepherds, wise men and a manger—and then expressed their own interpretation of the first Christmas. Great drama is truth in action and the inn and stable at Bethlehem is center stage every December.

Scholars note that the presence of the Wise Men (with their earlier visit to Herod) gave the Nativity its universal acclaim. Without them, the birth of Jesus would have seemed more local, barely regional, with a few breathless shepherds and a dozen bar flies next door. These dignitaries, perhaps from Persia or Babylonia, were of great influence and learning.

They certainly were skilled in celestial studies, tradition holding that their journey to Palestine took more than two years. Diplomacy was their greater skill, when you consider how they handled Herod and his mad intentions. (Instead of reporting on the birth of Jesus to this monarch they avoided the confrontation of kings by taking a back road home.)

And they brought presents for the Child and his family, "opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh."

And they brought questions to us and other Christmas watchers, such as whatever happened to the presents? There is no further mention in scripture. And why these gifts? Was there a special significance or was this the random offering of traveling royalty? As scholars and teachers, why did they not leave some scrap of writing, a saying or teaching that had motivated their enormous search, clues to their own thought and theology?

These gifts then:

Gold had an obvious purpose. Money always helps and for Mary and Joseph it meant not luxury but life. They were soon warned of the murderous intent of King Herod. The sudden journey to Egypt and extended stay would be costly for these displaced people. Without income or resources, they would be in real danger. The gold was probably spent on traveling and supporting the young family in exile.

Frankincense was a very expensive fragrance, something that a peasant girl like Mary could never afford and rarely experience. This possession of royalty went to royalty and most especially for the child's mother. It was a gracious, touching present, lavished on a teen-mother who gave birth to the Son of God.

Myrrh was used primarily for embalming. Again, belonging to the wealthy. Some say a sign of Good Friday. Yet, in this instance, perhaps a warning to Joseph (without using words) that danger and death brewed in Herod's heart and he'd better be off for Egypt.

All these gifts for a King from those who worshiped from afar.
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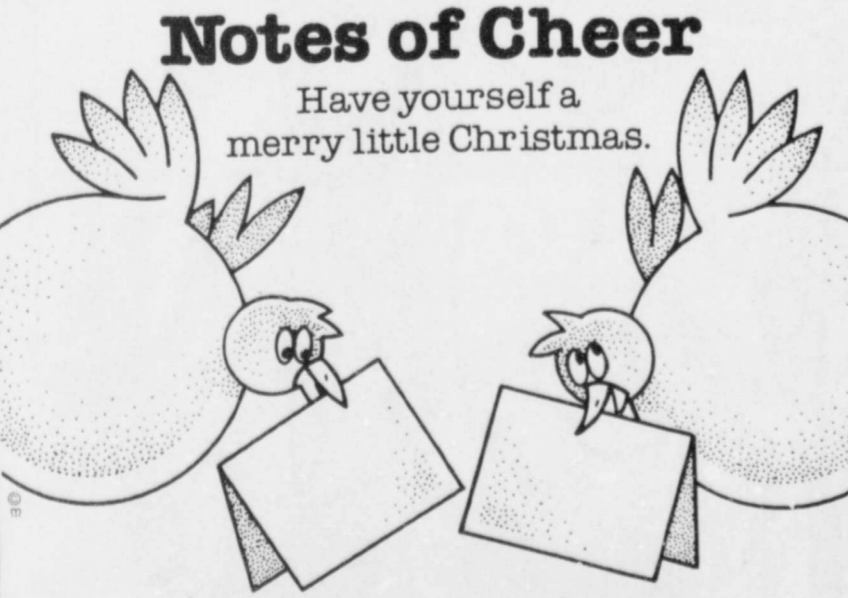
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The Birth of Jesus: A Momentous Event

The birth of Jesus: this momentous event in history is so important to us that we measure all other events in time in relation to that date.

God could have come to us in any way He chose. Why did He choose to be born to a humble Judean couple in a lowly stable?

The Gospel according to St. Matthew tells us, "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Ghost."

"Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily."

"But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee that Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."

"Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

The prophet referred to by Matthew is Isaiah, who prophesied around 700 years before the birth of Christ, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel."

St. Luke tells us, "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed... And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city."

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house of lineage of David."

"To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."

It was part of God's plan that His Son should be born to the wife of Joseph, a son of Abraham.

For the birth of Jesus fulfilled a promise by God to Abraham, who was called to be the father of many nations.

It was to Abraham that the One God

first revealed himself. It was Abraham who was willing to leave his home and family to journey to a strange land in obedience to the Lord.

Because of Abraham's great faith, God rewarded him with a promise: "...I will bless thee, and in multiplying thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore..."

God also included other nations in his promise to Abraham: "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice."

God kept his promise to Abraham; despite his old age, the patriarch begat a son, Isaac, who in turn begat Jacob. Jacob in turn begat twelve sons, the ancestors of the twelve tribes of Israel. One of these twelve, Judah, was destined to be the ancestor of David, the King. David in turn, became the ancestor of Joseph, the husband of Mary, who was to be the mother of Jesus.

The prophet Isaiah foretold that the Messiah was to come from the line of David, the son of Jesse: "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of

Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots:

"And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord..."

"And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious."

It was because he was of the house of David that Joseph had to journey to

Bethlehem while Mary was with child. In journeying to Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph were fulfilling the prophecy of Micah: "But thou Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

Studying the history of salvation shows us that the birth of Jesus to the young spouse of a descendant of Abraham recalls God's promise to one man who was faithful in answering God's call.

Tree of life is tradition

Today's Christmas tree, all decorated and ablaze with lights, actually had a deeply religious significance at one time.

In Medieval Europe, it was the practice of the local churches to present mystery or miracle plays, usually based on Biblical stories and intended to edify the people of the time.

One of the most popular of such plays

was the Paradise play, based upon the story of Adam and Eve as related in Genesis. In this play, a fir tree hung with apples was used to represent the Garden of Eden.

As the mystery plays fell into disfavor, people began to place Paradise trees in their homes on the feast day of Adam and Eve, December 24th. At first, only apples, cookies and treats were used to trim the tree, symbolizing the sweet fruit of redemption. In time, candles were borrowed from the pyramid tree that was popular during the early 17th century in Germany. The latter was actually a structure of graduated wooden shelves, adorned with candles and glittering ornaments.

Gradually, the pyramid tree was forgotten as the Paradise tree took on its glitter and lights.

Today's typical Christmas tree, hung with many ornaments and twinkling lights, is a far cry from the simple, apple-strewn fir tree that was once associated with sin.

But, with the addition of candles, the Paradise tree became more symbolic of the light of Christ and so it is that the modern Christmas tree is a symbol of joy to Christians today.

Christmas at my house? Maybe!

Christmas, at my house? Maybe!
You have to Get through Christmas Eve First.

Time to Do the Tree.
Who's making Popcorn? Not me!
First we string The popped corn On thread
Next we throw it On the tree.
We have to be sure It's spread on The tree evenly.

Get the ornaments Out of the closet. Which closet? That closet.
Found 'em!
"I get to put The pretty ones On the tree. You put the other ones on it."
"No, I put the Pretty ones on. You put the other ones on it."
"No, I put the Pretty ones on. You put the others On the tree."
"Stop fighting!"
Mommy and Daddy will put them all on the tree.
"What do we get To do?"
Get the presents. That's a good idea! Secrets! Secrets! Hush! Hush!
Don't run in the house. We won't.

Time for bed. Already?
Do we have to? I'm not sleepy! Go to bed anyway. Okay.

Snacks to eat. Presents to open. Isn't Christmas exciting?
"Get up, Mommy."
"Get up, Daddy."
It's Christmas. Let's open the presents. Yes, let's do.
"Wait until after we eat."
Mommy and Daddy

Act, calm, Cool, and Collected. But they're excited, too. After all, It's Christmas!
"Can we open The presents now?"
"After we wash the Dishes."

"Now we can Open the Presents."
Mommy says. Run to the living room. Don't run in the house. Okay.
Slow down. Everybody gather 'round. Sitting on the floor, Waiting for the presents. It takes forever. It seems. Daddy reaches under the tree and picks A pretty package. It's for... Sister. Next one is for... Me!
Then comes one for... Mommy. Daddy picks one up. It says "Daddy"

Now we can open them.

Exclamations! Noise!
There are toys, New clothes and More Christmas candy And other goodies.

Time for Christmas Dinner There are all kinds Of good things to eat. Ham, green beans, Hot rolls, too. There's a covered dish.

What's in the dish? Mommy lifts the lid. Slowly, slowly. Inside there is Mound of mashed potatoes. On top is a pool of gravy. The home-made kind. Everyone's favorite. Careful, Don't eat too much.

More playtime. Finally it's time For the Evening meal.

We'll have leftovers from Christmas Dinner It's as good now As it was then. (Maybe even better.)

Soon it's time for bed. Everyone is wide Awake. Do you know something? Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas without The excitement. Well, I'd better be Quiet or my Mommy and Daddy Will get mad. Goodnight.

By Sabrina Stepp



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Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was submitted courtesy of the Floyd County Library. It is a reprint of a letter that was sent to the Editor of The Sun, a New York newspaper. Virginia O'Hanlon wrote the original letter in the fall of 1897. The letter and reply were printed Tuesday, September 21, 1897. The editorial reply was by Francis Pharcelus Church.

The Editorial read:

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in The Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be that is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, VIRGINIA, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an act, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa

Santa Claus:

A Symbol of Good Cheer

Santa Claus is such an important element of Christmas today that we sometimes forget that he is fairly recently arrived on the holiday scene, as we know him today.

Santa's beginnings go back as far as ancient times it is thought, when pagan gods such as Saturn presided over feasts such as the Saturnalia, a mid-winter festival celebrated by the Romans.

These pagan influences can be seen in the Father Christmas figure that was popular during the 1800s in England. He was a tall, bearded figure, pictured with a wreath of holly reminiscent of the Druids.

But, the most obvious ancestor to Santa Claus was St. Nicholas, of course. St. Nicholas was a real-life bishop who lived in Asia Minor during the 4th century. A legend grew up around him, crediting him with saving three maidens from a life of disgrace. It seems that their father was too poor to provide dowries for them, a requirement for marrying in those days.

St. Nicholas is supposed to have thrown bags of money through the father's window, thus enabling the daughters to marry. He was also said to have miraculously restored three boys to life, thereby becoming associated with both children and gifts.

In Germany, the figure of St. Nicholas gave way during the reformation to the Christ Child, actually a messenger for the Infant Jesus and thought of as a girl.

In time the Christ Child, of Christ-kind, became known as Kriss Kringle in the United States, taking on the old Father Christmas aspect that came to us from England.

The Dutch also had a great deal to do

Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We would have no enjoyment, except in the sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

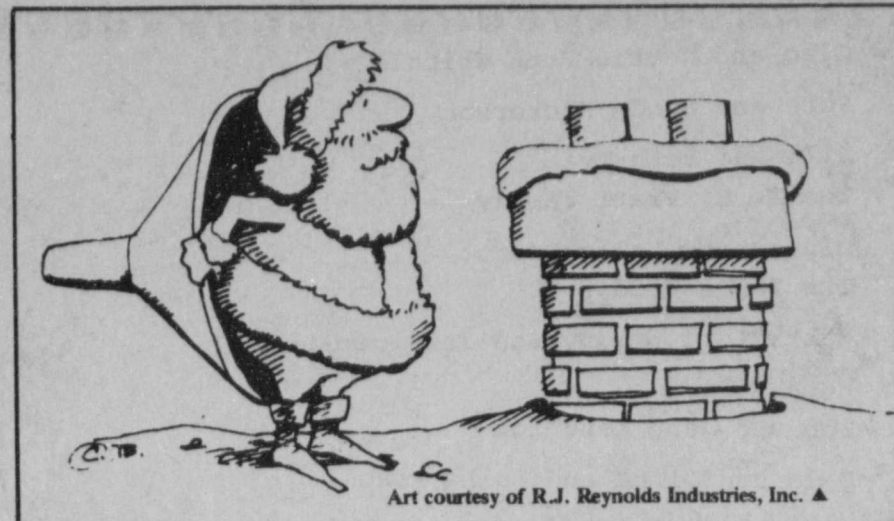
Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You

might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimnies to catch Santa Claus on Christmas Eve, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn. Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world. The most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside,

but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, VIRGINIA, nay ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Joy

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Christmas Greetings.....from Denmark

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The following letter was submitted by Jan and Jerry Thompson to share a Christmas greeting from Lars Alkemade, the foreign exchange student from Denmark, who stayed with them last year.

Dear Floydada Friends,

I send this letter as a copy to be sure that a lot of people get my wishes for a Very Happy Christmas!

Having been home for nearly half a year everything is back to normal. I can't help looking forward to the Danish Christmas, since I haven't experienced one in nearly two years. Basically, we do the same things as you all; we eat a lot of food, give each other presents, set up a (wooden) Christmas tree and decorate it,

listen to Christmas music (by the way, I remember mom playing Christmas songs on Marks stereo every morning, as loud as she could get us out of bed), and we decorate the house also. Just like in the U.S. we do all these things all through December, because we can't wait. Never the less, there is something very special about our Christmas - even my dad, who is born in Holland, wouldn't celebrate Christmas in any other way, not even the Dutch Christmas brings him more pleasure.

At school everybody is going crazy about Christmas also. We have even made kind of a cheer, that you might translate to: "We're gonna make it the most Christmaslike Christmas that Santa Claus can remember." And we really are!!! In exactly one week (see the above date) school stops at 12 and the whole school gathers to eat and drink a lot of traditional Danish Christmas food and with it we drink tea or coffee - and then we're going to do something, that I

don't remember doing in the States: making Christmas decorations in paper. We're going to set them up in the classroom. The whole thing is going to be so much fun. It might be hard for you all to understand our excitement about all this, but try to compare it to the preparations for a football game in Texas - the cheerleaders make posters, the principal talks over the intercom, everybody might even dress up in the school colors, and not to forget the pep rally, the last thing was hard to see the meaning of in the beginning of my year. I would compare our excitement with about ten football games!!!

So try to be just as happy as (?) I don't know, and make it very special for yourself and even more for the people around you, because that's the spirit and the message of Christmas: "Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."
Happy Christmas,
Lars Alkemade

Christmas in colonial times

Although the earliest American Christmas was rather grim due to the fact that the Pilgrims disapproved of celebrating the holiday, Christmas in the colonies time was generally pretty festive.

There were no Christmas trees, as the German custom was not introduced into this country until the 1880s, but in other ways, Americans made merry.

In Williamsburg, Virginia, for instance, the celebrating began a week before Christmas and lasted until Twelfth Night, or January 5. Festivities included caroling, dancing and much feasting.

The holiday season was ushered in with a huge bonfire and candles were lit in every window, while fiddlers and singers filled the air with music.

Balls, fox-hunts, and visits between neighbors and family set the tone for the social season in colonial Virginia during the holidays.

The Dutch who settled on Manhattan

Island brought over their Christmas customs from Holland, including the legend of Sante Klaas. So intent were the Dutch on celebrating Christmas that all Council meetings were called off from December 14 to three weeks after Christmas!

In Maryland, the many Catholic settlers brought holiday customs from their native England to keep a merry Christmas, too.

Food, of course, was an important element in all colonial celebrations, although it varied in ethnicity. The Dutch, for instance, favored doughnuts, sweet cakes, short cakes and ginger cakes, fruit pies, preserves, fried shad, roasted chicken and bowls of milk and cream.

Virginians feasted on roast turkey with grapes, kumquats, roast beef, cranberry mold, spiced crab apples and glazed sweet potato slices.

Christmas Day itself always centered around church services, ranging from morning worship to midnight mass, with churches festively decorated and voices raised in praise of the season.

Because colonial settlers were often widely scattered, greetings at Christmas time were likely to be sent by way of musket fire. This custom of firing muskets, as a matter of fact, has evolved into setting off firecrackers in some parts of the south today.

Although the colonial Christmas did not have Santa as we know him, or the tree, or gift-giving to the extent of modern times, it was a time of joy. A poem published in the Virginia Almanack during Colonial times expressed it best:

"Christmas is come, hang on the pot,
Let spits turn round, and ovens be hot;
Beef, pork, and poultry, now provide
To feast thy neighbours at this tide;
Then wash all down with good wine
and beer
And so with mirth conclude the
year."

with our present concept of Santa Claus. Their version of the St. Nicholas figure was Sante Klaas, and it was this version that was brought by the Dutch settlers to the New World. Like St. Nicholas, Sante Klaas was both benevolent and saintly.

The realistic saint figure became merged with elf figures from old European lore in the mind of a professor sometime during 1822 and the delightful concept of today's Santa Claus was born in a poem entitled The Visit of St. Nicholas. Dr. Clement Clarke Moore's lively description of St. Nicholas as "a right jolly old elf" inspired the famed artist, Thomas Nast, to create a small, elfish character with whiskers and beard; and name him Santa Claus.

Time has subtly changed the original Santa Claus from a gnome-like figure to the plump, jolly fellow more recognizable to modern children, but the sleigh and reindeer have remained intact, and we can directly trace our contemporary Santa to those first drawings by Nast.



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