

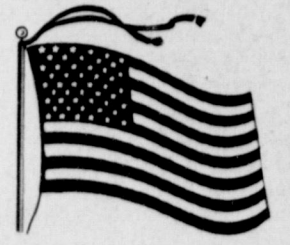
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Weather

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December 11	37	16	
December 10	65	30	
December 9	66	30	
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SERIOUS THOUGHTS OF CHRISTMAS . . . Jackie Williams, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Williams, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Millsap, takes the entire Christmas theory serious, while Angel Holfield, daughter of Larry Holfield of San

Diego and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Andringa, smiles her pleasure thinking of the special day. Both anxiously await that magical day when they can find out just what has been left under their Christmas tree.

Community Development Plans Proposed Tuesday

★★ Mules Take Win In Reese Tourney

Muleshoe's Mules convinced Abernathy that they had 'come to win' during the Reese AFB tournament last weekend, and they did, with a convincing 51-32 win over the Antelopes. Leaping ahead with a 21-17 halftime lead, they widened it to 33-23 at the end of three quarters, before going on to take the consolation win in Saturday action. Thirteen points each were scored by Mike Wisian and Dean Northcutt to lead Mule scoring and Ken Davenport scored 13 for Abernathy. Also scoring

Stores Slate Closing Days For Holidays

Most Muleshoe stores will be closed on Christmas day, Saturday, December 25, and many will close on Christmas Eve Day.

Tom Lobaugh, Muleshoe Postmaster, said the post office will be open for regular hours on Christmas Eve and there will be no mail service except post office boxes on Christmas Day. The same hours will be honored for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Both the Muleshoe City Hall and the Bailey County Courthouse will close all day on Friday and remain closed until Monday. Banks plan to close at noon on Friday, and reopen at regular hours on Monday.

Muleshoe Motor Company, along with many other major businesses, will be closed all day Friday, Christmas Eve. Most retail merchants plan to close around 3 p.m. Friday to allow their employees to have more time with their families.

Early Morning Fire Destroys Area Home

By the time someone saw flames and summoned fire departments from Lazbuddie and Muleshoe, it was too late, and the Owen Broyles home, seven miles north of Muleshoe burned to the ground.

First call on the fire was received in Muleshoe at approximately 6:12 a.m. Sunday, and was reported by Richard Engelking, who lives west of the destroyed Broyles home.

Firemen found the roof gone and walls of the house ready to collapse. Appliance, fire-blackened and twisted by heat fell into the basement of the stricken home. In what had been the garage, sat a fire-blackened hull which had once been an enclosed van, or jeep-type vehicle.

Only the TV tower stood tall and virtually untouched from the flames which totally destroyed the entire house, forcing collapse of the walls.

Six firemen from the Lazbuddie Fire Department considered themselves very fortunate after escaping with only minor bruises and lacerations after overturning a car on the way to fight the fire. A late model car driven by Brad Trieder came upon a dead end road on the way to the fire. As he had no time to stop the car or turn, the car went into the dead end and overturned, coming to a rest on a low embankment on its top. The firemen surveyed the dam-

Christian Resigns Election Scheduled

Three areas in Muleshoe have been targeted for community development activities, pending approval of a federal grant to the tune of \$245,000, according to an announcement during the regular meeting of the Muleshoe City Council Tuesday morning.

Jack Eades, assistant to City Manager Dave Marr, said, "We have targeted three neighborhoods for community development activities."

"The neighborhoods are first, southeast of downtown on American Boulevard on the North to East Avenue G on the south, and East Third on the West to East Sixth on the East; the second section is the "flats" area and third is the northwest part of the city, bordered by Railroad Street on the north to American Boulevard on the south, and Sherman Street on the west to Odessa Street on the east.

"It is believed these neighborhoods contain the highest percentage of low-to-moderate income families and also require the most assistance," he continued.

Eades explained that for the first area, "We would like to propose a combination of activities. These are demolition and clearance, street paving, a housing market survey, housing counseling, provision of sewer service and code enforcement."

"For area two, we propose demolition and clearance, housing market survey, housing counseling, provision of sewer service and code enforcement. "The third area would include street paving, demolition and clearance, housing market survey, housing counseling, provision of sewer service and code enforcement."

The young assistant explained further that providing sewer service is questionable and that Mike Lumsden of the South Plains Association of Governments is checking on eligibility with HUD. He also said it is not known just how HUD will react to activities which are included in neighborhoods lying in the flood plain, but it will be checked.

According to figures released, \$96,948 would be spent in the first area; \$46,787 in the second area and \$101,268 in the third area, making a total grant request of some \$245,000. The city is limited to \$250,000 in grants.

Eades also reported to council members that final date to apply is January 7, and that a revised plan would be presented on January 4 for approval by council members.

Also explained was why no grant request will be made for a fire department sub-station as requested by members of the Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department during a public hearing last month. It was explained that the Community Development regulations do not allow such a use. "Included among ineligible activities are buildings and facilities for the general conduct of government such as city halls and other headquarters of government, of the recipient and which are predominantly used for municipal purposes, courthouses, police stations, and other municipal office buildings," he added. "Fire stations are not specifically listed as ineligible, but would fall under the classification above."

Approved was a city election for Place Four which was vacated with the resignation on December 20 of Councilman Cont. on Page 3, Col. 1

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10 New Members For Chamber During Monday

Tommy Black, executive director of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture reported that 10 new members were secured for the CoC during the first evening of a membership drive Monday.

For the next several days, additional members are being sought for the local Chamber of Commerce. Howard Watson is coordinating the drive, and all businesses and individuals are invited to join the Chamber of commerce and help Muleshoe grow.

Police Report

With Christmas only a couple of days away, very little in the way of theft has been reported to the Bailey County Law Enforcement Center recently.

Since last Friday, no reports have been made for theft or vandalism, but several arrests were recorded.

Texas Highway Patrol Officers reported the arrest of one individual for driving while license suspended and giving false information; one for driving while intoxicated and three illegal aliens, along with one person who was wanted for rape in Parmer County.

Other arrests included one person for drunk and disorderly. Three sleepers were also booked in at the county jail.

around Muleshoe

Gary L. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.V. Wood, will enter medical technician training at Midland Memorial Hospital on January 24.

He is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and Texas Tech University with a degree in microbiology. When he completes his training at Midland, he will have a degree in medical technology.

Members of the Bailey County Volunteer Fire Department at Muleshoe have received many words of praise during the past several days as fires have continued to plague the area.

Persons who have been involved in the fires have praised the firemen's prompt and efficient manner of getting to fires, and their checking with the people following the fires.

Land Bank Reduces Loan Rates

Ernest Kerr, manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of Muleshoe, announced this week that the Federal Land Bank of Houston will reduce the interest billing rate on variable rate loans to eight percent. This reduction will be effective on January 1, 1977, and will affect \$980 million in variable rate loans to 17,100 Texas farmers and ranchers. This billing rate change will be effective on both farm loans and rural residence loans.

The variable rate loan was introduced by the Houston Bank in July, 1969 and allows the rate to fluctuate with variations in the money market. Improvements in the money market have made this billing reduction possible, and Kerr stated, "This action is in keeping with the Land Bank's policy to provide Cont. on Page 3, Col. 4



For centuries, man has sought peace. In Old Testament times, the prophet, Isaiah declared, "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." As we celebrate the birth of Christ, once again hearts are raised in prayer for universal peace.

4-H Leaders Will Attend Sessions

A two-day series of training sessions for 4-H leaders at the Texas 4-H Center at Brownwood will deal with three key areas -- method demonstrations, motivating 4-H teens and a general overview of 4-H. The training sessions are set for January 8-9, with registration beginning at 11 a.m. the first day, announces Mrs. Robin Taylor, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Anyone interested in participating in the training should contact the State 4-H Office at College Station before January 5. Participants may register for only one of the three sessions. The workshop on 4-H method demonstrations will be taught by C.R. Salmon, Extension area 4-H and youth specialist located at Bryan. Planning, preparation and presentation of method demonstrations will be discussed along with training teams and individuals. Participants Cont. on Page 3, Col. 4

Class Of '66 Reunion Is Scheduled

Get ready for a big reunion! The class of 1966 plans a 10 year reunion at Christmas when more people can be home to visit and celebrate. Mrs. Tommy Black said the reunion is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 25, at the 10th and Avenue D Church of Christ.

Some members of the 1966 class who have not been to Muleshoe in the 10 year interim have sent in notice they plan to attend, and some persons plan to attend from long distances. Mrs. Black also said that classmates and former students at the school are more than welcome to visit with their friends during the evening.

Contributions of \$10 for couples and \$5 for single reservations will help defray expenses of the reunion.

County Agent Gives Changes In Income Tax

Spencer Tanksley County Extension Agent Bailey County

If you show an operating loss for your farming operation you have two options to recoup the loss under the new tax law. First you may elect to carry the loss back three years and/or forward seven years, or second you may elect only to carry the loss forward seven years and forego the carryback provisions. These options allow you to obtain a refund on the taxes paid in the year this years operating loss offsets taxable income.

On the other hand, if you are having a better than average year -- your taxable income is higher -- you may want to consider income averaging. This is an alternate method of computing income tax which allows you to spread income over five Cont. on Page 3, Col. 3



FORTUNATE FIREMEN . . . Six firemen from Lazbuddie miraculously escaped injury early Sunday morning while enroute to a fire at the Owen Broyles home south of Lazbuddie. They came upon a deadend and rolled this vehicle approximately a mile from the fire. No one received serious injuries in the accident.

Bank Customer To Be Discussed During Seminar

One of the most important relationships to any banker is that which exists between himself and his customer. Texas bankers will learn more about this relationship at the 25th Texas Farm and Ranch Credit School for Commercial Bankers, February 7-9, at the Rudder Center, Texas A&M University.

A special session of the school will feature Richard O. Harris, president and chief executive officer, American National Bank, Austin, discussing the banker and his customer, points out Richard Trimble, economist with the Texas Agricultural

Extension Service and publicity chairman for the school. Setting the stage for the three-day school will be a session in which dealer methods of financing farm equipment and farmers and outside equity capital are discussed. Other sessions will cover outlook information for various agricultural commodities, loan documentation, correspondent banking and recent developments in the agricultural industry.

An Agricultural Credit Analysis Workshop will follow the school beginning the afternoon of February 9 and ending the morning of February 11. This

workshop will provide an in-depth treatment of financial statement preparation and analysis, reconciling farm records and preparing cash flow projections. Case problems will be solved to provide realistic experience for attending bankers.

New this year is a special two-day Commodity Hedging Session which will be conducted during the same time period as the Credit Workshop. This session will provide an in-depth look at the mechanics of hedging, hedging as a forward pricing tool, hedging decision guides and living with a hedged loan, notes Trimble.

Further information on the bankers' school and special workshop sessions can be obtained by writing to Trimble, 108A Agriculture Building, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, 77843.

Christmas Customs From Other Lands

The celebration of Christmas throughout the world takes many forms, but one thing is constant: the joy that pervades this holiday season.

In Italy, the Christmas tree gives way to the *Presepio*. This is a nativity scene, created with love and devotion by Italians in their homes and in their churches. It is usually constructed from wood, cork, plaster, and papier mache, among other materials. A colorful tableau depicting the Infant Jesus with His mother, Mary, surrounded by Joseph, the Wise Men, shepherds, angels and even animals, is set in a place of honor during the holidays.

To the north, in Norway, a very charming custom remembers some of God's little creatures. The birds' Christmas tree is a specially gleaned sheaf of grain from the fall harvest, bound to the top of a pole in Norwegian front yards. The cattle are also remembered at this time, with extra fodder, in honor of their presence at the birth of Jesus.

In Sweden, another charming custom opens the Christmas season on December 13th. This is the feast day of St. Lucy, who ushers in the holiday spirit. A young girl, dressed in white, with a bright red sash about her waist and a crown of candles upon her head, appears at this time. "St. Lucy," as she is called,

carries a tray with coffee and a small cake (baked in honor of the occasion) for the occupants of the

house. This festive breakfast signals the start of the Christmas season for Norwegians.

Another repast plays an important part in Christmas celebrations for the Polish. They observe December 24th as a fast day until the first star appears in the evening sky. It is then that the *Wilia*, or Christmas Supper, begins. Straw is scattered under the table, the dishes, and tablecloth, probably as a reminder of the birth in a manger. A vacant chair is reserved for the Infant Jesus.

The head of the family takes a tiny wafer that has been blessed, and that features Christmas characters upon it. He prays for the welfare of his family and then distributes pieces of the wafer to each person at the table. A traditional supper is then enjoyed by the family, after which yet another custom is observed: boys and girls go about the streets singing carols and other songs about dressed as strange beasts and other characters.

Christmas in French Canada, as might be expected, is reminiscent of old French customs. The holiday season is commenced with a beautiful midnight mass. After this, French Canadians enjoy a supper at home.

In Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the sizeable Moravian community will celebrate Christmas with this many-pointed star, as well as other old traditions. Among these customs is the making and decorating of beeswax candles, and the community *putz*.

The *putz* is an elaborate presentation of the Christmas story, lovingly decorated and staged by families of the community. Each year thousands of vis-

itors come to Bethlehem to view the tableaux, depicting the birth of Christ.

Families can also have a *putz* at home, and these manger scenes may include some treasured heirlooms.

Whether in the home or in community services, the beautiful, multi-pointed Moravian star is a symbol of Christmas to manv.

Old And New Hang-Ups Brighten Your New Year

As a new year begins, can resolutions be far behind? Perhaps yours read something like this: Must shed a few extra pounds. Will be friendlier to neighbors. Will open savings account for the children. Must do something about neglected, drab kitchen and that dreary bathroom.

Well, we're not going to tell you, in the little space available here, how to completely re-do those rooms. But we do have some interesting and sound tips from the Home Service Center of Scott Paper Company about how to make the kitchen and bath more exciting to look at and easier to live in.

The Hanging Tree. Plants are in today, and there's probably no more inexpensive way of brightening a dull room, even if you just pop a sweet potato in a mason jar. Cluster plants on shelves in a sunny window, or on a wall that gets light. Popular hanging baskets produce pizzazz for a small investment — and a lot of decorating freedom.

The Poster Play. Posters from travel agencies, big circus, movie and art posters; prints or reproductions from museums and bookstores — framed or unframed, they'll do wonders for a kitchen, bath or alcove.

The Glorified Object. Many of the everyday things we take for granted are beautiful examples of modern or antique design — if they're displayed properly. Hang your copper pots on the wall or from an iron rack. Put all your wooden spoons, whisks and stirring gadgets in a bigish crock and display them on the kitchen counter. Or make a wall display of old cookie molds and utensils you find at a flea market.

Manufacturers today package their products with consumer needs in mind. Look for attractive containers for soaps, cosmetics, bathroom

A Christmas Blessing

This poem, by the famed James Whitcomb Riley (1849-1916), of Indiana, starts with the conclusion of "The Christmas Dinner of the Cratchits."

"God bless us every one!" prayed Tiny Tim, Crippled and dwarfed of body, yet so tall Of soul, we, tiptoe earth to look on him, High towering over all.

He loved the loveless world, nor dreamed, indeed, That it at best could give him, the while, But pitying glances, when his only need Was but a cheery smile.

And thus he prayed, "God bless us every one!" Enfolded all the creeds within the span Of his child-heart; and so, despising none, Was nearer saint than man.

I like to fancy God, in Paradise, Lifting a finger o'er the rhythmic swing Of chiming harp and song, with eager eyes Turned earthward, listening —

The Anthem stilled — the angels leaning there Above the golden walls — the morning sun Of Christmas bursting flower-like with the prayer, "God bless us every one!"

necessities, and put them out in the open. Don't overlook the ways paper products can be put to use — not only for their practicality, but for the decorative accents they provide. Scotties facial tissues in good looking, colorful boxes are an inexpensive way to instantly beautify any room.

The Paper Trick. Consider the wall coverings available today — paper, vinyl, big laminated panel boards and pegboard. A bright vinyl between splashboard and cupboard will enliven an all-white kitchen. Or use a patterned paper on one wall. Remember to install a color-coordinated towel holder, strategically placed, to assure you'll have those indispensable ScottTowels at your fingertips. Have you ever tried placing a towel holder and paper towels in the bathroom? They're so practical . . . pretty and colorful, too, especially with the array of colors and designs available. In a child's bath, you can do wonders with paper charts or transfers of animals, birds, horses, etc.

Use these hang-up ideas imaginatively, and you won't have any hang-ups about the look of your bathroom or kitchen in the New Year.

SAFETY SAMPLER

Power lawnmower blades can reach speeds of 200 miles per hour! Last year over 50 thousand persons were injured in lawnmower accidents . . .



Buy a safely designed mower . . . Read your owners manual, and . . . For further information on Lawnmower safety, write the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Washington, D.C. 20207 or call toll-free 800-638-2666.

Keeping Healthy— Avoid Holiday Loneliness

Scrooge was a grouch at Christmas because he was lonely.

There are few things as depressing as being all alone during this or other holidays, according to Paula Kliegman, senior social worker with Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center's Psychosomatic and Psychiatric Institute, Chicago.

A single herself, she advises liberated loners to do what they can to be with people at holiday time.

According to Ms. Kliegman, the younger singles, those in their 20's who live in the city, are most vulnerable to the Scrooge Condition. They are too young and too new in their careers and lives to have made long and lasting friends. Also, they may live in high-rise apartment buildings, where everyone is isolated.

She advises young singles to go home for the holidays, if relationships are basically

happy. "Let momma take care of you for awhile, and see your brothers, sisters, and cousins."

Independents in their 30's and 40's who have no parents' home to go to, nor children of their own, should find a friend's family and be an Auntie Mame or Uncle Patrick. Ms. Kliegman says this applies not only to "straights" but also to "gays"; all adults like to play with children at holiday time. (Even Scrooge, finally.)

Singles can also celebrate the holidays by putting together their own "family" and making dinner. "There is always a cook in the crowd and someone with a big enough apartment and enough dishes. Everyone can bring something. Bring goofy gifts so no one is left out."

Ms. Kliegman advises single parents who have their children for the holidays to join with one or more other single-parent families and celebrate together. "But, if your former mate has the children and you are alone for the holidays, take a trip; get out of town; go find a resort where other singles congregate. Don't stay home and brood."

She says liberated loneliness does have its advantages. "When you come home, it's peaceful and quiet. Those of us who live alone are not used to the tremendous stimulation of a large family and cannot take it for long."

Enochs News

By Mrs. J.D. Bayless

Mrs. Blanche Cash of Muleshoe spent last weekend with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Waltrip, after leaving the hospital in Muleshoe.

E.C. Gilliam was admitted to the Morton Hospital Tuesday and was dismissed Thursday. He has been staying in Morton with some of his children since he was dismissed.

Mrs. Winnie Byars drove to Welch last Saturday and had dinner with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Byars. Sunday she visited her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parr, in Lubbock. She returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Peterson attended the 40th anniversary of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Peterson, at the Muleshoe State Bank in Muleshoe Sunday afternoon, December 19, 1976.

Shonnye and Teresa Autry of Pep, N.M. visited Mrs. Alma Altman Saturday night.

Grandma's House Presents Holiday Hazards For Tots

Warning: your baby may be poisoned at grandma's during your holiday visit.

Not that grandma would do so intentionally. Grandma may be shocked to hear it, but her house presents many such opportunities for a young child — especially a crawler or toddler. You can help remove these opportunities for tragedy.

According to Dr. Ulla Dagert, pediatrician on staff at Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center, Chicago, children usually get in trouble in familiar surroundings, such as grandma's house.

"Children have enormous inventiveness in discovering things to eat," she said. "And the fact that something looks ugly or smells terrible doesn't deter them. They'll dig in with both hands and shove the stuff into their mouths."

The Christmas holiday brings special dangers in the house. Both mistletoe and poinsettia plants are highly poisonous when chewed.

Particularly dangerous at grandmother's house are iron supplements, both alone and in combination with vitamins, which are apt to be left on tables or counters. A child who eats a handful of these can become very sick, even die, as they irritate the intestines and act on the central nervous system.

The under-the-sink containers of bleach, drain cleaner, and detergent, the moth balls in the closet, the rubbing alcohol in the bathroom — all can kill a curious small child.

Such poisoning can be easily prevented, Dr. Dagert said, with a little preparation. First, tell grandma to place all medicine and chemicals out of reach of small children, preferably high up and in a

closed cabinet, as you have done in your own home.

Second, watch your child. Children are not apt to experiment in a strange house. But they will in a house which is familiar to them. The presence of other curious children compounds the danger, since all children have a way of egging on one another to do mischief.

Dr. Dagert notes that "the more grown-ups in a room, the less the children are supervised. At a party, it usually is a long time before a parent misses a child and starts realizing what has happened."

The Michael Reese pediatrician said that parents should know their children. Tots who have ingested something before are likely to do it again. They need especially close supervision. The most dangerous ages are 1 to 5 years.

In case your child does take poison — at home, at grandma's or anywhere else — do two things:

1. Find out exactly what your child put in his or her mouth, and how much. Brand names are important.
2. Call your nearest poison control center. The Michael Reese Poison Control Center can be reached at (312) 791-2810. DO NOT induce vomiting unless you are told to. Not all poisons should be vomited: drain cleaners and lighter fluid, for instance, should NOT be. In fact, vomiting may worsen the problem. If you are told to induce vomiting, use your finger down the throat, or give an emetic such as ipecac.

There is no real effective antidote for poisons. Giving milk or water won't neutralize the poison but will dilute it so that it will be absorbed more slowly.

May the music of Christmas bring joy to your heart as you have brought joy to us, dear patrons, with your continuing interests.

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Peace . . .

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Bailey County Tax Assessor
Lavayne, Rose Lee, Kathleen & Jean

Serene good wishes and sincere thanks.

Vic Benedict Insurance

Peace be with you during this holy season

Bailey County Memorial Park

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The best of everything to all of our loyal friends and patrons. We hope your holiday season will be happy and prosperous.

Muleshoe Electric

Plans....

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Larence Christian who moved to Plainview. The election to fill the one year unexpired term of Christian will be on the first Saturday in April.

They also approved terminating a contract at Plainview for two storage tanks from American Cyanamid used to store insecticide.

Discussed was the tax assessor/collector's report; the American Association of small ci-

ties; the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973; a notice of route scheduling change for Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma coaches as received from the Texas Railroad Commission; a review of financial statements for the month ending November 30; and the approval of minutes of the council meeting of December 7.

Night makes a weird sound of its own stillness.

-P.B. Shelley.

DPS Troopers To Intensify Holiday Patrol

Captain Billy W. Melton, Texas Highway Patrol District Commander, said today, "In line with Col. Wilson E. Speir's prediction that 94 persons will lose their lives on Texas streets and highways this Christmas and New Years holidays, it is my wish to request the motoring public's help and support in reducing this needless waste of human life by observing all traffic laws especially those regarding speed and alcohol."

All available DPS troopers will be on patrol throughout the holiday period in an effort to reduce, by both their presence and actions, violations that could lead to accidents. But it is only through the help and cooperation of the motoring public through their self-compliance that the needed reduction can be realized.

Captain Melton stated, "Possibly the most prevalent accidents occurring this period will be the one car run-off-the-roadway type accident which is directly attributable to driver inattention."

The Captain suggested that adequate travel time be budgeted in holiday plans, stop frequently and rest, reduce speed for road conditions and above all, don't mix alcohol and driving.

"Feel free to request needed assistance from any DPS trooper during your holiday travels. Let's all do our part to reduce to zero all holiday traffic deaths," Captain Melton added.

Tax...

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years. It can reduce taxes, if you qualify, because it offsets some of the effect of the progressive tax rate. Ask your tax man if this will help you.

If you have not used your \$30,000 lifetime gift exemption you only have until December 31, 1976 to do so. After that date the tax rate on such gifts will be higher. Consult your tax consultant or lawyer if you have any questions.

Federal crop disaster payments received through ASCS now can be reported in year following receipt if you can show that the crop income normally would fall in next year. This change is retroactive for 1974 and 1975; so if you received such a payment in those years a tax refund claim might be worthwhile.

All prepaid interest must be allocated to the tax year in which it occurs -- not in the year paid.

-H.W. Longfellow.

View From The Plain

by J.D. Peer
I & E Field Officer

Trout Released In Panhandle Lake

The trout fisher at Rita Blanca Lake near Dalhart in northwest Texas received a shot in the arm as 6,500 8-inch rainbow trout were released by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department last week.

The catchable size trout were transported from an Arkansas hatchery by tanker truck and Panhandle anglers should be able to catch the hungry fish in the 36 degree water.

This put-and-take trout fishery is one of many P&WD projects aimed at furnishing the Texas angler with a variety of fishing even in the wintertime. P&WD biologists hope that the trout will be caught before next summer when the lake temperature climbs into the 90's and trout survival is questionable.

The daily creel limit for all trout including both the brown and rainbow is five per day and ten in possession. There is no size limit on trout in Texas.

More information about trout fishing including a list of streams such as the Brazos River in Palo Pinto County and the Guadalupe River in Comal County is furnished in the new P&WD bulletin available at department offices.

4-H...

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will have an opportunity to judge and critique video taped demonstrations.

Dan James, Extension area 4-H and youth specialist at Dallas, will conduct the workshop on motivating 4-H teens. Such areas as cross-cultural experiences, International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE), International 4-H Caravan, Citizen Ambassador Program (to Europe and Russia), and intra-inter state exchange programs will be discussed with regard to keeping older youth involved in 4-H.

The general workshop on 4-H will be taught by Carolyn Gilbert, Extension assistant 4-H and youth specialist at the 4-H Center. It is designed to acquaint new 4-H leaders with the 4-H program. Such items as 4-H membership requirements, types of 4-H units, 4-H projects, 4-H contests and activities, types of leaders and their responsibilities will be discussed.

Mrs. Taylor encourages any 4-H leader in Bailey County who is interested in broadening his or her experiences in 4-H to contact the county Extension office of the State 4-H Office before January 5. Information on travel scholarships provided by the Sid Richardson Foundation is available at the county Extension office.

Loans...

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farmers and ranchers credit at the lowest possible cost consistent with sound business practices."

The local association makes and services loans in Bailey and Farmer Counties and officers and directors of the local Association include Gordon Duncan, President; James B. Glaze; Jim Claunch; Morris Douglass and Arlin L. Hartzog.

Kerr concluded that the Federal Land Bank of Houston makes long-term real estate loans on farm and ranch land and rural residents throughout Texas and now has \$1.2 billion in loans outstanding.

Thieves Take Light Bulbs From Tree

Tommy Black, executive director of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture said Monday afternoon that he has replaced approximately 80 light bulbs in the community Christmas tree at the Mule Memorial. Again emphasizing that the Christmas tree is for the enjoyment of everyone, Black said the \$100 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons taking the bulbs and also damaging the Christmas decorations on Main Street still stands. He asks that anyone who has knowledge of such activity to contact him at the Chamber of Commerce office or call any local law enforcement officer.



DESOLATE REMAINS . . . A caved in house and walls, with fire-blackened appliance hulls toppled into the basement are all that remained of the Owen Broyles' home following an early morning fire Sunday. The Broyles were out of state at the time their home burned. By the time anyone saw the flames and reported the fire, it was too late to save anything.

None

No musical instrument yet made by man entrances him like the sound of his own voice.

-Star-Times, St. Louis.

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Country Cobbler



MRS. DAVID MILLER COMMANDER

Miss Pierce Bride Of David Commander

Miss Lynn Alsop Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Pierce, Decatur, Ala., and the late Lloyd Strange Alsop, Muleshoe, was married to David Miller Commander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Miller Commander, Jr., Decatur, Ala.

Saturday, December 11. The Rev. Herb L. Williamson, Decatur, officiated at the double-ring ceremony at the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Decatur.

The church was decorated with greenery and white poinsettias

and candelabrum holding tall ivory tapers. Mrs. Steve Pearson, organist, Mrs. Gene Smith, pianist, and Mrs. Jerry Wright, vocalist, presented traditional wedding music. Before the wedding ceremony, Mrs. Wright sang "More", "Wedding Song" and "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life". At the close of the ceremony, Gary Stephens sang "The Lord's Prayer". Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a full

length gown of ivory silk organza over peau de soie. Sculptured Venise lace trimmed the bodice, jeweled neckline and full bishop sleeves. A full skirt fell from the natural waistline and ended with a daisy lace hemline which swept into a chapel length train. A Venise lace-covered Camelot cap held her tiered, lace-edged veil of illusion. She carried a cascade of white miniature carnations, roses and baby's breath. The bride's only jewel-

ry, pearl earrings, were a gift of the groom.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Miss Amy Commander, sister of the groom, Decatur. She wore a floor-length gown of turquoise knit, accented by a turquoise chiffon cape. Bridesmaids were Miss Linda Brooks, Miss Mary Self, both of Decatur; Mrs. Larry Bradford, Mrs. David Breland, both of Tuscaloosa; Miss Linda Pelham, Monroeville, and Linda McAnally, Birmingham. Bridesmaids wore floor-length turquoise knit gowns, accented by matching floral chiffon capes. The attendants carried baby's breath. Candelighters were Miss Ann Pierce and Miss Carla Pierce, sisters of the bride, Decatur. They wore turquoise floral chiffon floor-length gowns which matched the capes of the bridesmaids.

Best man was the father of the groom. Ushers were Steve Commander, brother of the groom, Mike Long, Johnny Hambrick, Larry Pierce, brother of the bride, all of Decatur; Larry Bradford, Tuscaloosa, Dale Hamilton and Dan McCuiston, both of Athens.

Mrs. Pierce, mother of the bride, wore a floor-length gown of pink knit accented with pearls around the neckline and the long, tapered sleeves. Mrs. Commander, mother of the groom, wore a floor-length gown of green chiffon, accented with rhinestones.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Assisting were Mrs. Mike Long, Miss Donna Peck, Miss Cindy Bolding, Mrs. Russell Bolding, all of Decatur; Mrs. Mike Ford, Germantown, Tenn.; Mrs. Judith Atkins, Sheffield; Miss Carla Burton, Miss Susan Kennedy, both of Tuscaloosa; Miss Julie Gardner, Brewton; and Miss Anna Steinhauer, Athens. Miss Ann Pierce and Miss Carla Pierce registered guests.

Following a wedding trip to Atlanta, Ga., the couple will live in Montgomery, Ala.

Miss Walker Weds J.R. Franks

Vows were read for Miss Keila Vale Walker and Jay Randall Franks Tuesday, December 21, in the Eastridge Baptist Church in Amarillo. Rev. Troy Walker, father of the bride, officiated at the ceremony.

Parents of the Bride are Rev. and Mrs. Troy Walker of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Franks of Amarillo.

Miss Kelly Lynn Hunt of Amarillo, served as maid of honor. Mrs. John Homen, Amarillo; Mrs. Alvin Walker, Acton, sister-in-law of the bride; Miss Robin Kay Franks, sister of the groom, and Mrs. Van Franks, Houston, sister-in-law of the groom, served as bridesmaids.

Best man was Van Franks, Houston, brother of the groom. Groomsman were Joe Hicks, Bobby Stewart, Jim Oldham, all of Amarillo; and Zan Walker, brother of the bride, Plainview. Danny White, Plainview, Danny

Friendship Club Has Christmas Dinner

The Friendship Club had its Annual Christmas dinner Thursday, December 16, in the XII dining room.

Thirty-two attended. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served. President, Mrs. Harold Griffith, gave appreciation to all committees for making the dinner possible.

Mrs. George Johnson, program chairman, gave a reading on the story "Greatest Gift on Earth". Gifts were exchanged by members.

The meeting was adjourned with the song "Joy To The World".

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-London Answers.

Messer, Billy Jones, and Patrick Newman, all of Amarillo, served as ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Caprock High School and is attending Amarillo College as a elementary education major. Franks is an honor graduate of Caprock High School and has attended the University of Houston. He will attend Amarillo College in the spring and major in church related work.

Bailey County Employees Enjoy Christmas Party

Bailey County officials, employees and associates enjoyed a festive Christmas banquet at the XII Steakhouse on Monday, December 20. Approximately 70 people attended.

Each woman present was honored with a long-stemmed red rose presented by Pat Bobo.

Sincere appreciation is extended to the group for their donation to help a needy family have a brighter Christmas.

Try New Yeast Breads For Holidays

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1 cup milk
1 teaspoon salt
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4 cups flour
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1/4 cup melted shortening
Soften yeast in water. Scald milk. Add salt and sugar. Cool to lukewarm. Add two cups flour and beat well. Stir in softened yeast. Let rise in warm place until doubled, about one hour. Stir down. Add eggs, shortening and raisins. Add remaining flour. Beat or stir thoroughly. Drop by spoonful into greased muffin pans. Let rise until doubled. Bake at 375 degrees F. about 20 minutes. Makes about 24 two-inch buns.



MRS. JAY RANDALL FRANKS

Plan Now For Holiday Traveling

COLLEGE STATION -- In planning family travel during the holiday season, some tips may make the trip more enjoyable for both parents and children. Mrs. Ilene Miller, a family life education specialist, says.

"Plan carefully and be ready for the trip. Late, last minute packing, cooking, shopping and gift wrapping can leave you tired and exhausted before you

can help keep them entertained by talking with them about where you are going and what you will be doing. Point out interesting sights during your trip. Older children can keep up with progress on their own road maps as you discuss the trip.

"Use your imagination for other kinds of entertainment. Play guessing games, counting games of sing songs if the children need a diversion.

"On long trips, children will understandably get restless. You



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CHRISTMAS CHOIR . . . Presenting their Christmas program to the Kindergarten class of Richland Hills is the second grade choir of

Richland Hills. They presented their program Tuesday, December 21, in the Richland Hills cafeteria.

From The Journal Files

10 Years Ago

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist Church held a bazaar in the Fellowship Hall, Saturday, December 3.

Recent guests in the home of Anna C. Hill were a daughter and children, Joann Barbour and children, Mrs. Pinky Barbour and son. The Barbours also visited in the home of Mrs. H.O. Barbour.

The Jaycee Region I-C Work Forum was held December 3, at the Muleshoe Country Club.

Members of the Midway Variety Club were hostesses to their

husbands at the club's annual Christmas dinner held in the Oklahoma Lane Community Center.

County Judge and Mrs. Glen Williams were honored with a dinner by county officials and employees as Judge Williams is in his final days as County Judge.

20 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Money Stall and children of Amarillo were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brooke Green.

Selected at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif., as apprentice petty officer second class, was Ray D. Fleming.

Den Two, Cub Pack 127 met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alsop. Awards were given to Cubs Bill Allen and Charles Elrod.

Eighteen FFA members, the chapter sweetheart, Miss Doris Ann Fields, and the Ag teacher attended the district banquet at Littlefield.

30 Years Ago

These are a few letters to Santa Claus in 1946:

Dear Santa: I want a doll and a doll buggy. I want some more girls and boys to have some toys, too. I mind my teacher. My little brother wants a tricycle and a toy car. I am in the third grade. I am 9 years old. Your friend, Wanda Roddam.

Dear Santa: I want a set of knives to carve airplanes. I think it would be nice to have a set like Jimmy Clyde Holt. I am about 12 years old. Your friend, Roger Pool.

Dear Santa: I want a Volley ball, Monopoly Set, a Camera, and a radio. That is all except a bag of fruit. I will be at my grandmother's house Christmas. I am 12 years old. Love Holly Ann Cox.

dez and baby boy, John Adrian and Beverly Hicks.

December 18 - Diana Robinson and Vergie Harding.

December 19 - Elviria Trevino, Zula Woody, Bobby Joan Billey and Mary A. Finley.

December 20 - Matthew Walker, Maria Angela Olivas, R.L. Hughes (transferred to Lubbock) and Clara Weaver (transferred to Lubbock).

Definition
Marriage: A system of producing motors for tricycles.
-Tradewinds, Honolulu.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa, I know I should be happy that Christmas is almost here but in fact I am upset when I think of all the things that have to be done and the money that has to be spent for gifts and cards. Why do we make what should be a wonderful part of the year into one of frustration and worry?
Mother--Md.

Answer:
The Christmas season is what we make it. The family who looks forward to the holidays as a time to get together and enjoy each other, without worrying too much about costly gifts, will find it a time to renew one's faith in the love and the teachings of the one whose birth we celebrate.
If you find sending cards a chore, simply cut down the number of those to friends who are out of town or to sick people. Get together with the family before time and decide on simple gifts. The people who knit or crochet can fashion scarfs or caps which are very much in style this season and are especially welcome to those who live in cold climates.
Men who have workshops can fashion articles for a fraction of the cost of those in shops.
And for the elderly, who find it hard to shop, a small check or bill is always welcome to teenagers.
Many large families divide up the preparation of food for that special day and everyone does his or her part.
We may complain a bit but all of us look forward to Christmas and it seems to bring out the best in us--feelings of love and brotherhood--not so evident throughout the year.
Louisa

Nursing Home News

By Annie Brown

Nona Fay Precure came to visit Mattie Duke and brought her a necklace for her birthday.

Those coming to play "42" were Zeb Robinson, D.B. Head, Red Glasscock, Royce Clay, Clarence Wilhite, Mrs. Opal Tallye, Walter Damron, Mrs. Rosie McMillip, Mrs. Mae Wilterding and Connor Burford.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wimberly are here from Oxnard, Calif., visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brock.

Those visiting Mrs. Duke Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Wilhite and Billie Johnson. Mrs. Sweatman also came and brought her some crocheted shoes and cookies in a Santa's Boot and Blondy and Irma came at noon and fed her.

Mrs. Anita Algood visited her grandmother, Mrs. Onie Mc Daniel, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Stone visited his aunt, Mrs. Wilma Walding, Thursday.

Mrs. R.E. Jackson of Hereford visited her father, Pete Wilemon, Thursday.

Sybil Simpson of Clovis, N.M.



Juan Mauricio
Mr. and Mrs. Eloy Hernandez are the proud parents of a new baby boy born December 15, at 9:10 a.m. at West Plains Medical Center. The baby weighed six pounds and nine ounces and was named Juan Mauricio. He is the couple's third child.



CHRISTMAS STORYHOUR . . . A Christmas Storyhour was held at the Muleshoe Area Public Library Wednesday, December 15. There were 48 present, including the children from the new Methodist Child Center. Young Homemakers, Betty Bush and Debbie Noble, assisted with the program. Games were played and songs were sung, and the children each told what they wanted for Christmas. A film strip, "The Little Engine That Could", was shown.

visited her mother, Annie Brown, Thursday.

Mrs. Lona Embry and her daughter and family, the Harold Pruitts of Hobbs, N.M., visited Miss Dottie Wilterding Saturday.

Those visiting Miss Dottie Wilterding Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Head and Mrs. Marshall Head.

Our Christmas Party was held Thursday afternoon. Mr. and

Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Burrus and Mrs. Kemp came and sang Christmas carols. Santa Claus put in his appearance and after greeting everybody the gifts were passed out. Cup cakes and punch were served.

The singers from the Assembly of God Church came Sunday afternoon and sang for us. We enjoyed it very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Price of Lamesa visited her mother,

Mrs. Carrie Boydston, Sunday. Mrs. Boydston's son-in-law, Clyde Knight, is in Highland Hospital in Lubbock for surgery.

Mrs. Lottie Hall fell out of bed and broke her ankle. We hope she soon feels better.

Mrs. Mary Finley has entered the home to recuperate from two major surgeries. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

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West Plains Medical Center Briefs

ADMISSIONS
December 16 - Maggie Patterson and Zula Woody.
December 17 - Diana Robinson, Matthew Walker, Bobbie Joan Billey and Eula Fyke.
December 18 - Elviria Trevino and Pablo Reyes.
December 20 - Nora Lee Villegas and Jennifer Lucile Yeager.
DISMISSALS
December 17 - Paula Hernan-

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Klyde and Fay Krebbs thank all of those who have done business with them in the past and hope to continue to be of service in their new location. They wish all their friends a Merry Christmas and safe holidays.

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How About Deer For Your Dinner?

A weekend with the boys, the lure of the hunt, or the call of the white-tailed deer often fall short of justifying Dad's hunting expenses to Mom in the family discussions each year.

But, results of a Texas A&M University study may give Dad some new ammunition in his argument in favor of the value of his hunting. He can tell Mom he is off to bring home some quality meat for the dinner table, and if he follows the study results closely, he will not be exaggerating.

Often the quality of the deer meat the hunter brings home is just not up to many family taste

standards, and determining a way to improve this deer meat taste was one of the goals of the study.

The study on white-tail deer was conducted on two ranches near Hondo in Southwest Texas. Involved were Joyce Hosch, Dr. Ranzell Nickelson II and Dr. Milo Shult, all with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Dr. Zerle Carpenter with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. Researchers specifically sought information on the influence various slaughtering and handling practices have on the quality of deer meat.

In the study, 36 animals were

collected on a special permit from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Five factors involved in the slaughtering and handling of the deer were chosen to determine their effects on the quality of venison," said Hosch. "These included sex, delayed skinning, stress, delayed field dress and cold storage aging."

Six treatments were conducted which contrasted such factors as whether the deer were killed instantly or stressed (gut shot); skinned immediately or delayed; aged or quick frozen; or whether the animals was male or female.

"Various tests were conducted to determine the quality of venison from each group," she said. "These included taste panel tests, equipment quality evaluation and bacteriological analysis of the meat."

Several patterns emerged from the research as to meat quality.

Hosch said the taste panel evaluations in the study indicate that methods of handling or slaughtering can greatly influence venison quality.

"The sex of the animal is an important factor in determining how intensified (gamey) the flavor of the deer meat will taste. Male animals were shown to rate higher in 'gamey' taste."

She said an increase in intensity of flavor was noted in female animals aged for one week in a cooler. "However, the flavor intensity produced by the aging did not appear to be the same as the 'gamey' flavor associated with the male animal. This aging process definitely produced a more desirable flavor," Hosch said. "The taste panel employed in this study preferred the aged female animal over the intensified flavor of the aged male animal."

"Significant differences were also noted between the stressed

or excited animals (gut shot) and the other groups," she said.

The study revealed also the juiciness, a problem with "dry" deer meat, is enhanced by aging the deer before skinning it. It was found that aging of the carcasses significantly increased tenderness. "The aging process in the cooler not only retards and extends rigor (rigor mortis), but tends to increase the water-holding capacity of the meat," Hosch pointed out.

Obviously, the fact that doe meat is superior to that of the buck is not of utmost importance to many hunters because they are after a prize buck trophy.

But, some alterations in attitude might be necessary in the future, hinted Charles Ramsey, an Extension Service wildlife specialist. "The doe populations in some areas need to be thinned," he said, "and our hunters need to take them out."

Doe permits are issued to landowners by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, and does may be hunted in counties where such permits have been issued. The Commission annually publishes a hunting guide with full details on deer hunting.

What Ramsey suggested is that the hunter consider fulfilling two goals. He can get his trophy and make his wife happy also with quality deer meat by bringing home a doe as well.

The issue is not over minuscule amounts of meat either. In 1973 more than 10 million pounds of boneless white-tailed deer were harvested by Texas hunters. This figure translated into the cost of ground chuck beef at that time would place the value of this deer meat at more than \$16 million.

With food costs still on the increase, deer meat is becoming more of a legitimate meat source. And besides, bringing home some quality meat makes the absence from home and cost of hunting equipment more palatable to Mom.

Holly Adds Right Touch

The holiday season would not be complete without a touch of holly. And Texas is the perfect home for new holly plants.

"A touch of Christmas cheer can be had through the year with a holly plant," notes Dr. William Welch, landscape horticulturist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "The female holly with its bright red fruit is especially attractive in landscapes."

The Greenleaf and Savannah varieties are some suggested hollies. These will grow to a height of 20 feet or more and provide food for nearly 20 species of birds, points out Welch.

"Since they holly plant is native to many parts of Texas, it is not surprising that its relatives, the yaupon and possumhaw or deciduous yaupon, are also abundant in the state," points out Welch. Other fine hollies include the Dahoon, Hume and Inkberry varieties.

"These trees also bear the dark red fruit and have been widely used in home landscaping. The holly family shrubs are often chosen because of their durability and compact growth. They make excellent hedges."

Most hollies should be transplanted between November and March when the plant is dormant, explains the horticulturist. However, plants found in a nursery can be planted any time with sufficient care. Welch recommends the halled-and-bur-tapped types rather than bare-rooted plants.

The plants need not be fertilized until their second year of growth. Barnyard manure may be mixed with the soil and a mulch of leaves and pine straw provided.

"Texas grown hollies are adapted to their surroundings and can make an attractive addition to any landscape," contends Welch.



A SURPRISED MOTHER . . . This young nanny looks at a couple of her "kids" who were born Monday morning. The surprised new mother, owned by A.R. Floyd, and kept on the Dale Grissold farm, gave birth to four kids around mid-morning Monday. The three nannies and one Billy are doing fine as Grissold tries to keep up with feeding the quadruplets. A nanny is equipped to handle no more than two babies at a time.

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One Millionth Cotton Sample Is Classed

The United States Department of Agriculture's Cotton Classing Office at Lubbock, Brownfield, Lamesa, and Levelland graded the one millionth sample of this year's crop early this week, according to Paul R. Dickson, in charge of the Lubbock Cotton Classing Office.

About 579,000 of those samples were classed by the Lubbock Classing Office, he said. The USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service reported cotton trading was moderate the week ending December 17. Growers

offered cotton in light to heavy volume.

Growers sold mixed lots of mostly grades 32, 33, and 43; staples 29-31; mikes 3.5 through 4.9 for 58.75 to 59.75 cents per pound, about 300 points lower than the week before.

Cotton prices finished the week in a firming trend, and demand was moderate, Dickson said.

Prices paid growers for cottonseed ranged from \$85 to \$115 per ton, mostly \$95 to \$105. Grades 42, 33, and 43 were predominant in classings at

Lubbock this week. Grade 42 accounted for 15 percent, 33 was 12 percent, and 43 made up 29 percent. Bark reduction was assigned to 50 percent of the samples classed.

Predominant lengths were staples 30, 31, and 32. Staple 30 was 22 percent, 31 accounted for 31 percent, and 32 was 23 percent.

Mike readings in the desirable 3.5 - 4.9 range amounted to 36 percent of the total. Mike 3.3 - 3.4 was 10, 3.0 - 3.2 accounted for 21 percent, 2.7 - 2.9 claimed 20 percent, while 2.6 and below was 12 percent.

Pressley tests indicated 72 percent of samples tested had breaking strengths 80,000 pounds per square inch or better. Average at Lubbock was 81,000 psi.

About 160,000 samples were classed by the Lubbock Cotton Classing Office during the week. Season's total stands at 655,000 compared to 580,000 on this same date a year ago.

The best way to accumulate money is to save some of what you are now making. ****

Our own idea is that the world has too much printing and too little reading.

Caution Urged For Switching

Corn producers who are thinking about taking advantage of possible high cotton prices next season by switching from corn to cotton may have to reconsider if they used a herbicide this season called atrazine.

An agronomy specialist and a weed control scientist both warn that atrazine-treated soils may harbor enough residue next spring to damage young plants such as cotton, soybeans or sunflowers.

Dr. James Supak, area specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Dr. John Abernathy, research scientist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, both at Lubbock, say that only corn or sorghum can be planted on atrazine-treated land the following season, according to the atrazine label.

"If more than one pound per acre of atrazine was used on this year's corn crop, the possibilities of making a crop of cotton, soybeans, or sunflowers on the same land next year are very

slim," they caution.

Conditions favoring breakdown of the herbicide in the soil, they add, involve wet, warm weather. The wetter and warmer this winter is, the more chance there is for chemical breakdown.

"A farmer may wish to take soil residue samples to ease his mind one way or the other," Supak and Abernathy suggest. "If so, the samples should be obtained in the spring to allow as much herbicide to break down as possible. A sample taken in the fall may not give a true picture, because the herbicide residue level in the soil will decrease during the following six-month period."

Abernathy and Supak say a farmer can test the soil himself simply by taking atrazine-treated soil and soil which has not had a herbicide applied this year, and place the samples in cups inside the house by a window. Cotton seed or whatever seed is being considered for planting next season can be

planted in the cups, and observed for three or four weeks. Crop seedlings will usually emerge healthy looking, but begin to turn yellow and die after two to three weeks if too much atrazine is present in the soil.

"Some producers may be concerned about propazine, a herbicide commonly used in sorghum," Abernathy says. "Atrazine and propazine, both members of the triazine family of herbicides, persist for about the same length of time in the soil; however, cotton can tolerate only about one-fourth to one-half as much atrazine as propazine."

"If the amount of these two herbicides left in the soil is borderline," he adds, "consideration might be given to resistant varieties."

Agency suggests bad weather landing changes.

Officials insist flu vaccine is safe.



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Air Bag Question Solved For Now

"The question of air bags is settled for the time being, but the question of the traffic fatality and injury rate is far from being settled," said Hugh L. Scott, President of the Texas Safety Association.

"Texas motorists should utilize the restraint systems currently provided in their automobiles if they do not want to purchase air bags," said Scott following Transportation Secretary Coleman's decision that air bags will not be required equipment.

Coleman's decision, after several months of delay and study of the public comment he invited, was that auto manufacturers would not have to equip autos with air bags. Coleman called instead for a two-year demonstration project by at least two automobile manufacturers for producing 250,000 air bag equipped cars in each of the two years.

Scott said, "There is no question that using restraint systems, whether they be belts or air bags, can reduce injury and fatality."

The National Safety Council and the Highway Users Federation have estimated that be-

tween ten and fifteen thousand lives could be saved annually if auto occupants would use their belts at all times. The estimate is based on current information on the life saving potential of safety belts for preventing ejection from the vehicle and reducing the occupant contact with the interior of the auto and other occupants.

Closer to home, Texas fatality statistics, collected and reported by the Department of Public Safety, indicate a significant difference in the number of auto occupants killed using or not using restraints. In 1975, there were 1,566 drivers killed who were using no restraints, while only 31 using seat belts and 28 using seat and shoulder belts were killed.

"The number of drivers injured also makes a good life saving case for using belts," Scott said. According to DPS records, 59,202 drivers not using restraints were injured, while only 3,508 using belts and shoulder straps were injured.

It takes intelligence to admit that another is smarter than you are, in some respects.

Army Adding To Program For Enlistees

Another "immediate promotion" feature has been added to the Army's Delayed Entry Program (DEP), as announced here today by LTC Charles H. Bell, Commander, Dallas District Recruiting Command.

LTC Bell described the new feature as a "double barreled" approach allowing DEP enlistees to finish high school and to earn a promotion while still in school. The DEP provides up to 365 days delay from the time of enlistment to entry on active duty.

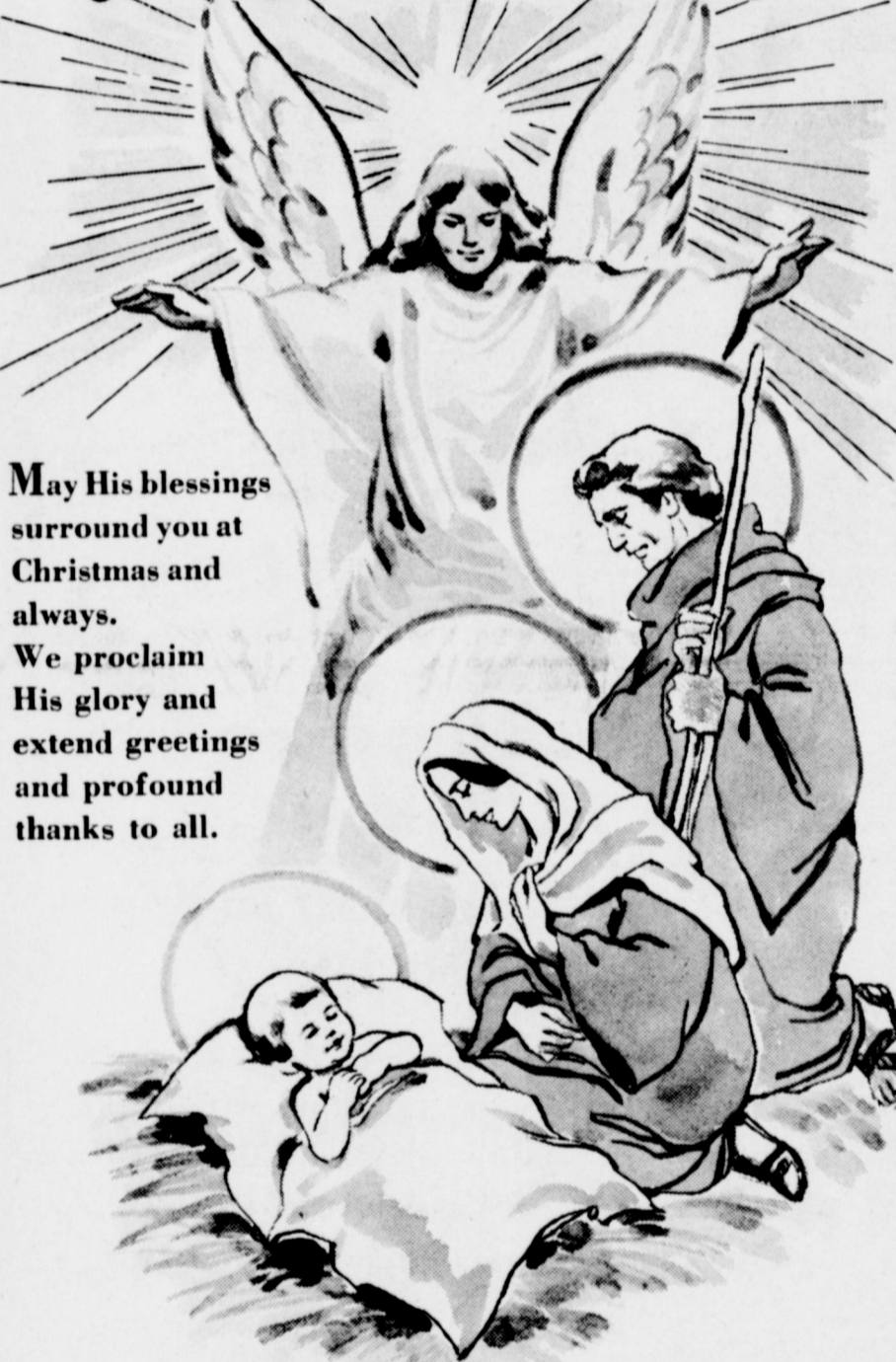
A promotion from Private E-1 to the higher E-2 pay grade is earned if the enlistee refers two high school diploma graduates who enlist in the Army.

This promotion feature, LTC Bell said, is designed to help the Army obtain the best educated soldiers possible.

In this respect, he said, the Army encourages young people to finish high school before they come into the Army.

Further information may be obtained by calling your local Army Recruiter. He is listed in the Yellow Pages under Recruiting.

Our Savior is Born



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

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Season's Greetings

The best of the holiday wishes to you and yours from all of us. We hope that you will enjoy your holidays. We look forward to visiting with you again soon.



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Research Contributions Give 'Shot In Arm'

Medical research and professional education to help Americans breathe easier are getting a "shot in the arm" worth almost \$3,400,000 thanks in part to Christmas Seal contributors in this area.

Beverly Stribling, chairman of the West Texas Area Lung Association announced that close to a million of this amount was allocated during the past

year by local, state and national units of the American Lung Association for research grants and contracts seeking more knowledge about threats to the lungs and lives of infants and grownups. Of this, about \$260,000 was earmarked for a nationwide "seed money" research program administered by the American Lung Association.

The "seed money" is designed to help your investigators begin studies that may later qualify for support from the federal government, foundations, or other resources, Mrs. Stribling explained. The 20 grants in the nationwide program range in amount from \$10,000 to \$16,000. The projects now underway, each of which holds potential for a significant contribution to medical knowledge about lung disease, include the following:

Two studies related to production of surfactant, an essential material, the absence of which is associated with respiratory distress syndrome, also called hyaline membrane disease, an often fatal lung condition of newborns. The most important single cause is considered to be the inability of the lung to produce sufficient surfactant, which normally coats the walls of the alveoli (air sacs) of the lungs and prevents them from collapsing during respiration.

An attempt to broaden understanding of another hazard to young babies known as sudden

infant death syndrome, or "crib death". The possibility is being tested that temporary lack of oxygen in the fetus or premature baby may subsequently disturb breathing regulation systems and contribute to "crib death".

Experiments that may confirm suspicions that colds and allergies are linked by a common mechanism and could open up

The Sandhills Philosopher

Editor's note: The Sandhills Philosopher on her Johnson grass farm on Sandy Creek apparently tries to dodge Christmas this year, but he doesn't succeed.

Dear editor: I started to write a Christmas letter this week but I figure everybody with a television set has been hearing about Christmas every other commercial since way before Thanksgiving, so I don't think I'll get around to it, except to say that I guess you notice it comes on Saturday this year. Not even Congress has the nerve to make Christmas come on Monday every year.

I was watching the news on TV the other evening and I noticed that the heads of the oil producing countries over there in the desert, arriving at a meeting to tell us how much oil is going to cost us in 1977, all rode up in American-built automobiles. Don't know what we charged them for their cars, not to mention their airplanes, tanks, grain, etc., but whatever it was it wasn't enough.

Speaking of oil, I understand that even when we get the Alaskan pipe line completed, we're still going to have to pick up the oil in tankers at ports somewhere up there in the frozen north to finally get it to refineries down here.

It seems to me we weren't thinking far enough ahead. Instead of spending billions of dollars to build the pipe line, then spending more to haul it out by tanker from the end of the line in the rest of the U.S. can ride around in cars -- instead of all that, wouldn't it have been simpler and cheaper to build a refinery up there in Alaska, install a string of filling stations, and send people up there to ride around in their cars?

Oh well, it's just a yuletide thought. As the ancient saying goes, some people can't see the filling station for the smog. Anyway, Merry Christmas. Yours faithfully, J.A.

new possibilities for treating both.

Observations of the makeup and function of the lung's immune system. The findings may be of benefit in the diagnosis and treatment of pneumonia, asthma and other acute and chronic lung diseases caused by airborne toxic dusts such as those from coal and asbestos.

Tests of a potentially important new treatment in patients with adult respiratory distress syndrome, which occurs when fluid from the bloodstream pours into the lung tissues, causing often fatal complications. The new approach creates a vacuum inside a rigid shell, like a turtle shell, placed over the chest so that the lungs can be inflated to open up fluid-filled air sacs.

Other studies in the program are concerned with finding better ways of relieving asthma, greater understanding of compensating respiratory mechanisms involved in patient response to a pulmonary disease such as emphysema and factors involved in the progress of this irreversible disease, acquiring greater knowledge of how the drug isoniazid works to kill TB and related bacteria, and the effects of radiation damage on lung tissue.

In addition to research grants, over \$2,400,000 in Christmas Seal contributions support fellowships, faculty positions, training grants and other programs designed to expand professional knowledge among physicians, nurses and other health workers. Mrs. Stribling said. Giving more to Christmas Seals means more know-how to prevent and control lung disease.

"It's a matter of life and death."

Cattle Grading Due For Change

Future grades of feeder cattle are likely to be evaluated by three characteristics, muscling, frame size and thriftiness, a federal livestock expert said in Lubbock December 9.

"Muscling will refer to the thickness and plumpness of the muscles in relation to the skeletal size and, indirectly, to the ratio of muscle to bone," said Ned Tyler, chief of the Standardization Branch, Livestock Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Explaining the proposed revisions to the U.S. standards for grades of feeder cattle, Tyler said frame size will refer to the animal's height and body length in relation to its age.

Tyler was speaking at the Second Annual Beef Business Conference at Texas Tech University.

The final draft of the proposed revisions, he said, will be prepared after February 15, 1977, giving the cattle industry an opportunity to offer comments before the new standards become final.

Thriftiness, Tyler explained, will depend on the apparent health of the animal and on its ability to grow and fatten normally.

The grades of thrifty animals will include three separate groupings for frame size. The groups will be large frame, medium frame and small frame. Thriftiness will also depend on three separate groupings of muscling, numbered one, two and three.

"So, in effect, there will be nine grades of thrifty animals because of a combination of every frame size with every degree of muscling," the USDA expert said.

Other sessions discussed during the session of the one-day conference were: artificial in-

Foundation Presents Fellowships

Five scientists in Texas are receiving national research fellowship awards from The Arthritis Foundation during fiscal 1976-1977, it was announced by Darold P. Barnam, President, West Texas Chapter of the Foundation.

The Texas scientists are sharing more than \$900,000 awarded this year by The Arthritis Foundation to a total of 70 men and women engaged in trying to solve the mystery of arthritis, the nation's number one crippling disease.

Fellows from Texas are Dr. Phillip Cohen, who is investigating Cellular Studies in Rheumatic Disease; Dr. Fred D. Finkelman, investigating Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, Lymphocyte; Dr. Eric R. Hurd conducting studies in Felty's Syndrome, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Systemic Lupus Erythematosus and NZB Mice; and, Dr. Peter E. Lipsky, investigating Immune Mechanisms in Rheumatic Disease. All four scientists are conducting their research at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas.

Dr. Donald A. Person is investigating the possible Viral Etiology of Rheumatoid Arthritis at the Department of Medicine, Baylor College, Houston.

"The Foundation's Fellowship program celebrates its 25th anniversary this year," Barnam said, "and its dividends are impressive." Thirty of the nation's medical school rheumatology departments are headed by Arthritis Foundation fellows,

and one alumnus, Dr. Baruch S. Blumberg has been awarded the 1976 Nobel Prize in Medicine and Physiology.

"Three years ago the fellowship program was extended to the allied health profession, whose contributions as a part of the medical team are vital to the total care of the arthritis sufferer," Barnam said.

The Arthritis Foundation is the voluntary, non-governmental agency seeking the cause, prevention and cure to the many forms of arthritis. More than 125,000 arthritis live in the area served by the West Texas Chapter.

Saints themselves will sometimes be, Of gifts that cost them nothing, free. -Samuel Butler.

Do you try to get all the facts before criticizing someone or something?

Peace

 Our wish is that you be blessed with the sweet peace of the Christmas Story.
 Warm thanks.
County Clerk's Office
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Spirit of Christmas
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Texas Feels Decline In Oil And Gas Production

By Billings D. Barnard, Economist
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Early this year, business was picking up so well there was concern about a return to shortages with new pressure on prices. But this summer, the pace of recovery slowed. And by fall, concern had shifted to emerging signs of weakness. Now, all signs point to a further slowing in the growth in real GNP this quarter. That will make the third consecutive quarter of slowing. Adjusted for prices, the nation's total output increased at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.5 percent in the second quarter, compared with a booming 9.2 percent in the first. By the third quarter, expansion had slowed to four percent. This quarter, it may be only a little

over three percent. On the industrial front, output has actually declined, falling an estimated 0.5 percent in October to 130.4 percent on the 1967 base. And that was after a 0.2 percent decline in September. September was the first month in a year and a half that industrial production failed to increase. The last time there was no increase was March 1975. That was the low point of the recession. As against the decline nationwide this fall, industrial production in Texas held virtually unchanged. After trending generally upward since the recession, the seasonally adjusted Texas industrial production index prepared by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas slipped slightly in October but held at 131.1 percent of the 1967 base. Though industrial production

was still essentially at the four-year high reached in September, the lack of growth in October amounted to a come-down for the state. Nowhere have conditions seemed better than in Texas, in recession or recovery. But as the recovery slowed, weakness in the state's industrial economy became clear. Manufacturing in Texas was still on the rise. Boosted another 1.1 percent in October to 137.4 percent of the base, manufacturing output was 5.6 percent higher than a year earlier and 10.2 percent higher than at the trough. Nationwide, manufacturing slipped one percent, dropping to 131 percent of the base. After the decline in September, that brought the nation's manufacturing to the lowest level of output in six months. With manufacturing output increasing in Texas, failure of the state's industry to reach new production heights cannot be laid to weakness in the general economy.

It was due entirely to a sharp three percent drop in mining output. In Texas, that means oil and gas production. Once a main source of industrial strength, petroleum production in Texas has fallen to the lowest level in years. Crude production dropped 4.9 percent in October to a level 6.5 percent less than a year before. Production of natural gas was unchanged, as it had been for several months. But gas production was down four percent from a year earlier and production of natural gas liquids was down 1.7 percent.

The only signs of strength in Texas mining for several months has been in drilling. Drilling was on the increase all fall. And by October, 15 percent more drilling was being done in Texas than just last summer. In terms of petroleum production, however, the payoff is getting less all the time. Over 700 rigs were in operation in Texas in October, compared with about 650 a year before. Drilling operations have nearly doubled since early 1973. But over those four years, crude production has declined 13 percent and gas production has declined 18 percent.

With this loss in the output of oil and gas, some weakening in Texas industrial production has to be expected. Close to 30 percent of the state's industrial output usually comes as oil and gas. That is compared with a little over four percent of the nation's industrial production. For all the increase in drilling, the once prolific oil and gas field Texas are clearly playing out. In October, the state's crude production was only 1.2 percent higher than in 1967. And gas production was down 2.5 percent.

Welfare Department To Collect Support

The State Department of Public Welfare (DPW) hopes to collect \$291,600 in child support payments for welfare mothers in the 40-county Panhandle and South Plains regions, during fiscal 1976-77, according to Natalyn Collins, DPW regional attorney.

The department has established special child support collection units in a move to shift responsibility for support of children receiving public assistance back to the parents who are legally responsible for their support, she said.

Under an amendment to the Social Security Act that became effective last year, applicants for Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC) must cooperate by identifying the parent who is not supporting the child, and assisting in locating that parent, if the child support payments are not being received. DPW uses state and federal parents locator services to find the parents in order to require payment.

Only 2,230 of the state's 95,600 AFDC cases are in the 40-county area, according to October statistics. Most AFDC cases are mothers with children whose father has deserted them, or who fail to pay court-ordered child support after a divorce, or mothers of illegitimate children.

When child support payments are received for three months equaling or exceeding the amount of the welfare grant, the situation is considered sufficiently stable to remove the family from the welfare rolls. Average AFDC grants for a mother with three children is

\$140.00 per month in Texas.

Paternity suits maybe filed in instances when the father refuses to voluntarily legitimate a child and when the evidence supports the mother's claim. Two paternity suits have been filed to date in the 40-county area, both in Lubbock. Ms. Collins said more are expected to be filed in the near future. Fourteen instances of voluntary legitimation has been filed in the area, some involving more than one child, she said.

Three Way News

By Mrs. H.W. Garvin

Mrs. Bulah Toombs was honored Saturday with open house to celebrate her 80th birthday. Hosting the event were her daughters and son.

Mrs. Dutch Powell of Clovis, N.M. spent the weekend with Mrs. Beadie Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Gilentine from Lubbock visited their grandparents, the H.W. Garvins, Sunday afternoon.

Debby Furgeson, a student at West Texas University at Canyon, is home for the holidays.

December is a good month in which to drive carefully. If you've managed to live this long, why not try to last out the year, at least?

The parent who looks into the bright eyes of a delighted youngster on Christmas morning ought to be able to take what 1977 may offer.



We're wishing you a wonderful holiday season loaded with sincere thanks for your patronage.

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Christmas Blessings



May the feeling of peace be with you throughout this holiday season and for all of the years to come. We give you our thanks and the best wishes for a great holiday!

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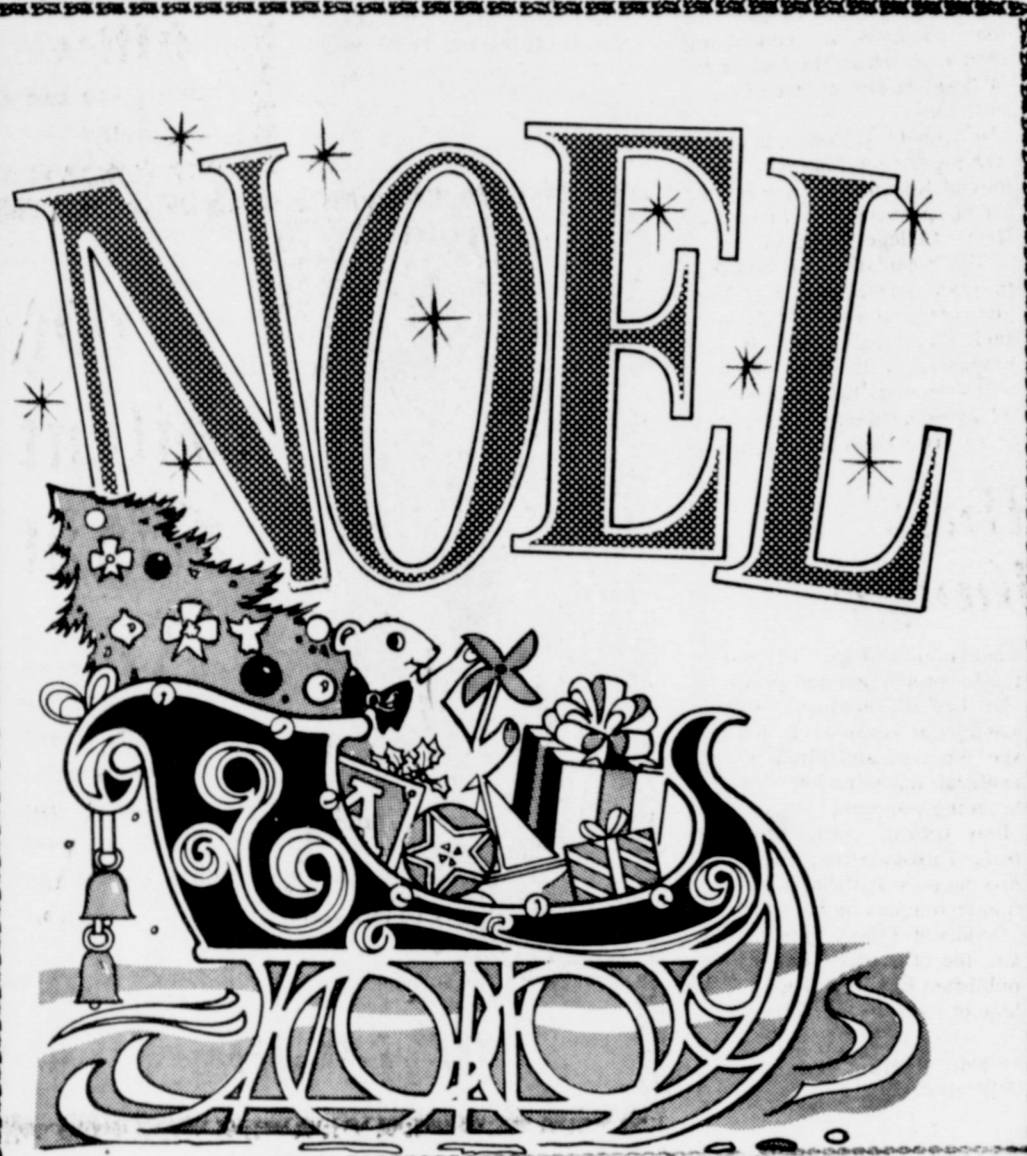


A wish for all mankind... may the light of His love shine for you all through the Yuletide.

In this reverent spirit, we extend thanks to our warm, wonderful friends.



Barry & Young Imp.



Santa's coming, he's on his way. With a sleigh-full of toys, so they say. He lightens hearts of children on Christmas Day and brings the love of family, home to stay.

Whites CASHWAY Grocery & Market



Dear Santa, This is Justin Williams talkin' at ya, again this year. You might remember last year's letter? But boy, have I learned alot since then. You see, last year I was just a littl guy, only three weeks old and just weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. Well -- this year, I've had a birthday and everything and -- would you believe, I weigh 23 lbs. now!! Last year, I couldn't think of a thing I wanted; well, that's all changed, too! My mom is still saying I need clothes, how boring! I want toys! Lots of them! I tell what I want most of all is -- a white convertible! I know I don't have a license yet; so, you can leave the motor at the North Pole! I just use footsie power. There are lots more things I want, but I'll let "you" pick it out. Oh, by the way, could you please wrap all my presents real pretty, I just LOVE TO TEAR PAPER!

Love,
Billy Justin Williams
Age 1
P.S. Why don't you bring me a few clothes, just a few, to keep my mother happy. Oh, my daddy wants me to have a baby brother or sister, but would you put a note in his stocking? Tell him to wait 'till next year. I don't think I could handle other kids around here right now!

Rejoice!



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Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a motor bike for Christmas and thats all.
Love Scotty Long *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Bionic Woman and the Baby-That-Away and a Tree House and a Baby Alive. Sergio would like the Six Million Dollar Man, silly putty and some cars that go around the race track. My mother wants some glasses and a plate.
Love Selina Gonzales *****

Dear Santa Claus,
A little house and a little truck and a little car.

Love, Maime Reyes *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I want that doll that crawls. I love the doll and I love you.
Love, Nora Ramos *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an Evil Knivel van and a Six Million Dollar Man, also a truck and some animals. I already have a barn. I want a play rifle and tractor. I want a race track and cars.
Love, Chad Garlington *****

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Stretch Armstrong. Sometimes I have been a good boy. Bring my little brother Mark some baby horses and some cars. My sister Debbie would like a Baby-That-Away. Santa Claus, I love you. I won't be naughty.
Love, Jeff Hicks *****

Dear Santa Claus,
Christ Young wants a Stretch Armstrong. Merry Christmas Santa Claus. Please give me a Stretch Armstrong for a Merry Christmas. Have a good ride in

your sleigh. Give me anything you want me to have. Mrs. Prather wrote the letter while I told her what to say. I don't know what you are bringing. I love you Santa Claus.
Chris Young *****

Dear Santa,
I hope you like Christmas I want a B.B. gun and puzzles.
Thank you:
Edward Reyna *****

Dear Samta, I like a doll. I like a ball to play. I like a bike for my brother. I like a bear for my brother. I like a dog and the cat.
Evelia Toscano *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a play gun and a soft football and two walkie talkies for my brother and one for me. Thank you for the toys you brought the last year.
from Peter Ybarra *****

Dear Santa,
I like a doll a bike a baby alive.
Marx - Martinez *****

Dear Santa,
Can you bring my brother a

motorbike and me a motorcycle and to my sister an ice cream machin and to my baby a giraffe and a elepant?
Thanks Santa for the toys.
Jose Sanchez *****

Dear Santa,
I want some GI Joe and cars and Evil Knivel and toys and Walkie-talkie to play on Christmas.
Love,
Benny Martinez *****

Dear Santa,
I wish you'd bring me a doll, and I hope you'll come to my house on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Norma Perez *****

Dear Santa,
I have a new baby sister this year. Her name is Katy. She has been a very good baby. I would like to ask for some baby things for her. Do you remember my brother, Jace? You brought him a horse on rollers last year. I accidentally got run over, so would you please bring him some kind of horse for Christmas this year. He also likes cars, trucks, tractors, and horse

trailers. Most of all, I would like to have a Barbie doll and some clothes for her. I like stuffed toys and all kinds of things for little girls. We know that you can't bring us everything that we would like to have, so we'll be happy with those things you can bring to Katy, Jace, and I. Our whole family would like to wish you, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph and the other reindeer, and all of the elves a very Merry Bicentennial Christmas. We are hoping that you can remember every child on this earth with a part of what they are wishing for.
Lots of Love,
Gina Copeland *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm a nice boy. My sister wants a doll with a bottle and my big sister wants something. I want an Evel Knevel.
Love,
Michael Castro *****

Dear Santa,
I want an electric train and a racing car and some little cars on a track. My brother said he wants a crane.

Love, Shaun Hill *****

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby-Alive and something else. Please bring my baby a doll.
Love,
Amanda Perales *****

Dear Santa Claus,
Hello. I want three toys. I want clay, children's calculator and a little green train.
Love,
Andrew Espinoza *****

Dear Santa,
I want a table and chairs and thats all. My mom and dad would like a TV.
I love you and that all.
Brenna Roberson *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a watch for Christmas and a doll and some shoes.
Thats all.
Love, Elsa Mendoza *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll that eats and doll that cries when you take its

bottle away and a stove and furniture and a sink and a Cher doll a dancing doll. Thats all.
Love, Bibi Mendoza *****

Dear Santa,
I want a Jaws shark for Christmas that bites. My sister wants a wind up tractor. I want to get a race track and some Konnecto Blocks and motorcycle and thats all.
Love, Jody Mills *****

Hi Santa Claus,
A skate board with a stick that has a square.
Thank you Santa. I love you Santa.
Jaime Olivarez *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you. I want a green machine and a Stretch Armstrong and some play Indians, Cowboys, and Horses and a Marching Mickey. My littles brother wants a Humpty-Dumpty and my other brother wants Dear Santa Claus - he always wanted a Stretch Armstrong and I want the Playschool house and a play jail house.
Love, Davy Pierce *****

chair and a watch. That's all.
Love,
Josie Villarreal *****

Dear Santa Claus,
Hello, my name is Steven Garcia, and I'm three years old. I have been a good boy. Would you please bring me a toy C.B., a fire truck, and a toy trombone. Would you bring my sisters, Nancy, and Patty, another style blow dryer.
Say hello to Mrs. Santa Clause and all of your raindeers.
Love,
Steven Garcia *****

Dear Santa,
I would like a Cher doll, the game of Life, the Jaws game and roller skates.
My brother would like a trike-bike, a truck and a See and Say. Santa, please bring the other boys and girls what they want.
Kelly and Jeff Lynn *****

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a Lone Ranger with Silver. I will put a glass of milk and some cookies out for you. Thank you very much. God bless all the children in the world.
Guy Dale
Age 6
First grade *****

Christmas Greetings



Have a happy Christmas Season. During this wonderful time of year, it is our greatest pleasure to thank all of our fine friends and patrons for their time. We enjoy doing business with you and we hope that you will visit us often. Meanwhile, we sincerely hope that enjoy Christmas in the company of your family and friends.

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And the earth abounds with the spirit of Joy and Love, Warm greetings of the season to all.

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all of your Christmas wishes...
and wishing you the happiest
of holiday seasons.

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Dear Santa.

This year I would like a Thundershift 500, a 20 gauge shotgun, and a toy aircraft carrier. There will be some milk and cookies for you in the kitchen. Dan Boucaek
414 W. 20th St.

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a 10 speed bike, a game called who's it, and a game called Don't spill the beans and a microscope, a horse, a tape recorder, and I will leave you some cookies and milk

and your reindeer some hay.
Karen Kelton

Dear Santa,
Please bring a 8 track tape puler and a tape and a new pellet gun with pellets and barbells, and a tent.
Your customer
Bradley Bickel

P.S. I hope you now where I live. I'll give you a hint my house is white with the crab grass

Dear Santa.

I want a AFX 500 racing set and a electric football game and I will leve cookies and milk under the tree and thank you for last year and be shure to eat the milk, and cookies and have a Merry chistmas.
Signed
Randy Gatewood

Dear Santa,
I want a motercikle and a 12 gaj and a moter cross bike and a go cart and a leather jackit and a par of boots and a toundershift 500 hundred and a train and hot

wheels aircraft carer and a calculator and a evel cnevl.
singned
Jay Gleason

Dear Mr. Sata Clause
I have some questions to ask you? How did you learn to Ho, ho, ho0 And How did your rein deer learn to fly? And How did you become Santa Cause? And Where you red headed when you where yong? And thank you for bringing me that alarm clock. And I'll be sure to leave some milk and cookies or some

cake and coffy wich ever you like the best. And this year I want a corner aquarium
Your Friend
Mark Bell
P.S. Pleas have a safe trip to my house

Dear Santa,
I want you to know that I want you to bring me a Big Red skateboard, or some skates with rubber wheels or an alarm clock. Thank you for the racetract that you brought me last year. And I'll be sure and leave you some

milk and cookies.
P.S. Merry Christmas
Your friend,
Ronald Briggs

Dear Santa,
I want a lot of things this year. I want a Micky Mouse watch a dimond ring, walkie-talkie, a a great bog doll with a blue dress and blond hair but mainly I want a york serterrier, and a watch.
I leave you some candy with a glass of milk.
Love
Melissa Wagnon

Dear Santa
Will you bring me a shot gun and a 1977 Ford pickup and car. And I will live some hay for your rein deers. Thank you for what you brought me last year.
Reynaldo Martinez Jr.

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want an electric football game, a b b gun, two walkie talkies, and a speedometer. Thank you for the gifts you brought me last year. I have been good this year so please bring me everything I want.
Yours truly,
Randall Stevens

Dear Santa,
This year I don't won't much. But here is what I won't this year:
cassette
diary
am fm radio
alarm clock
new pajamas and slippers
Glen wants everything in the catalog Perry wants a 12 gauge or a go cart, thank you for the things last year. I'll leave you something to eat and drink
Love Brenda

Dear Santa
I have been a good littl girl. And all the other children have been good to. I am in 5th grade. This is what I want I would like a cassett and a tape deck with a am, and fm. And I will live you some milk and cookies. And that is what I want.
Love Lisa

Dear Santa,
I am 11 years old I have been pretty good this year. Here are some things I want. Blow dryer, Curling Iron, I.D. bracelet, and clothes. T.F. Tennis, Jaws game. And anything else you want to bring.
Love,
Kacy Henry
P.S. I'll try to remember to leave cookies and milk for you.

Dear Santa,
I want a Remington 22 automatic rifle and some shells, and clothes and a etch scetch I will trie to leave your reindeers some hay and water - Thanks for everything I got last year.
Sincerely
Deidre Lea McGee.

Dear Santa,
I am in the fourth grade and have a very nice teacher. I enjoy going to school. My P.E. teacher had a little boy December 1. Christmas is coming up and I think I would like Mr. Postman record, The Fonz record, and some cowboy boots. Hope you have a Merry Merry Christmas.
Love,
Rebecca Barber

Dear Santa
Cristmas will be here soon. My mother won't nothing. My father wants a pair of boots. My brother wants a train. And I want a big doll.
Love,
Gloria

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like to have a pair of skates, and a trampulean. And I would live to have a doll and a race track
Love
Dally

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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike for Christmas, and I want a barbie doll. We are going to California in Christmas. And most of all I want a little sewing machine for me, and I want some clothes to keep me warm.
Love
Carolyn Sue Hodges

Dear Santa Claus,
I want jaw, and a shot gun, a b.b. gun and a trampoline, and a Coodle Art.
Your Friend
Gino Gauna

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been good this year. I want a bike one that looks like a motorcycle, and a Thunder shift 500. That's all I want.
Love,
Santos Cuevas
P.S. My baby brother wants a doggie. bye

Dear Santa Claus
I would like to have a spin welder, and a drumset, and a jet powered airplane.
Love
Mike Holt

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a poster and a note book.
Love,
Eloy

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a watch and a doll to sit on my bed.
Love,
Laurey

Dear Santa,
I would like to have two sizzler cars, and a football.

Love,
Wade King

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Easy-Bake Oven. Bring my sister Elizabeth a Baby-that-a-way.
Love,
Sylvia Posados

Dear Santa Claus
I would like a Maskatron man and a sleep walking sam game and some new games and some new clothes we will leave you some cookies and milk
I love you
Sean Shipman

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have some snap-tite models. A Truntula model and a tank model. And this is what I want very badly to get Isedor out of cub scout
Sincerely
Shawn Gist

Dear Santa,
I am writing you these few lines to say (Hi so Hi) and also to tell you what I want for Christmas. For Christmas I want a trampoline and that's what I always wanted for Christmas. And I want a watch to tell what time it is. And I want a alarm clock with a mickey mouse on it. I like it because I want to wake up early especially on Saturdays. I'll watch cartoons. I hope you like what I want and I hope you have it.
Love always,
Carolina Pacheco

Dear Santa,
I would like a trampoline and a

Jaws game, skates and a Mr. Mouth game there is still a lot more things I want. Thankyou for the things you brought me last christmas.
Keisha Johnson

Dear Santa
I've been a good girl I am in the fifth grade and 11 years old I want a wrist watch and a ten speed bike thank you for the doll last year travel safely have a merry christmas.
Maria Nunerz

Dear Santa Claus
I would like a cassette and Jaws game. Thank you for my watch from last year. Santa most of all what I really want is a brand new piano and some new skates and alot more things I got one question how di you get the frist name Santa.
Virginia Garcia

Dear Santa I want a evel Knievel and a rearly cycle to ride and a bike and a car and thank you and drive camel and I will give you some cookie good by.
Arnold Ontiveros

Dear Santa,
This year I would like to say what I want Thundershift 500 and aircraft carrier. The thing I want most is a 410. But I also want a motorcycle. That all but a also want to say by. But Santa are you going to take a holiday.
Jesse Navajar

Dear Santa, I would like a cassette recorder, and an alarm clock. I have some questions for you!

1. Why do come down the chimney?
2. Why is your name Santa Clause?
3. Why do you come at night when I am asleep?
4. Why do you were a red and white sute?
Your friend,
Teresa Shuemaker

Dear Santa, I would like to have a watch, a tuesday doll, a tuesday doll house, a body that a way. I am 9 years old.
Love,
Fatima Lorene Leck

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old. I want a typewriter, a skateboard, a doll, a robe, and some perfume.
Love,
Jessie Holmes

Dear Santa Claus,
I am nine years old. What I would like for christmas is a time watch a size for little kids. I would also like an electric dog that moves with electricity. My little brother, Leroy wants a toy train with tracks, and theres another thing I want it is nerf rockets, and a monopoly game. I hope you come to our house with present for everyone.
Sihned Danny Cazarez

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope your not sick on Christmas eve. How is Mrs. Santa and how are the elfs? I hope you have enough toys for the children. For Christmas I want a rickiecha racers racers and a racing car set and a skateboard I am eight and I have a sister that is four. Bring her lots of presents. Be careful on Christmas Eve. Have a Happy Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Loy Triana

Dear Santa Claus,
I cant wait until Christmas. And if you have all of the stuff I want well I hope you can give it to me.
I want most of all a BB gun! And a pair of Boxing Gloves, one Walky Walky, a Bike and a pony. And let me see an Eletic race trac, a motel air plain, big wheel, and I really really wan a Kick 'n Go pleas!
Love,
Tim Gilley

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Bionic Woman a fm radio and tapeplayer and wings tape earrings tape recorder dont cry baby tonight the night recorder that's all
Sincerely
Bettie Anne Lobaugh

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a am wrist radeo, tow walkie talkies, tape recorder, and a bike, and Sleep walker.
Gregry Steven Moton

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a watch for Christmas. I would like a typewriter. And a stuffed Pooh bear. A tape recorder.
Love,
Susan Lunsford
8 year old

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a Barbie and a watch and a baby alive and a Hush littel baby and a Baby thataway and a Bionic Women
Love,
Diana Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a pogo stick, drums, guitar (real one), and a baby with a blanket.
I have been a good girl this year -- is it really true that you have a crystal ball?
Love,
Joey Jay Heathington

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a pretty good girl

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a motorcycle.
From Michael
to Santa Claus.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Bionic Man and a tapeplayer and a truck and a moto-cross and a Walkie-Talkie and a car.
From Adrian Perez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a part so I can play with

Dear Santa,
I would like a Moto-cross and a Star Trek Walkie-Talkie and a Race Track and Some records and a camera
The Red on Rudolphs Nose make joy to me when you see it to you will like it to but wath I like about it it glows in the dark.
Love, Jay

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Shane Carter I would like a telescope and a train track for christmas. And I would also like a paint set ore a drum set or a outside tint. ore a tape recorder. How old are you? I am nine years old. I hope you give me a bunch of toys this year.
Love, Shane

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a watchradio if I cant get that a litle radio that's bettery operated thank you Merry Christmas.
Sincerely,
your friend David

Dear Santa
I am eight years old And I wish I had a horse And I wish I had a kitten and I wish I had a television set and most of all im glad I now you
Sind Brenda Ellis

Dear Santa
I want a jewelry box and some earrings and a bracelet and a sleeping bag and a wallets.
Yours Truly,
Rebecca Lopez

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Dear Santa
I would like a bb gun and some gams and a bicke.
Love,
Lee Copley

Dear Santa Claus,
I want 4 dolls and 1 barbie and hush babies. and a dishwasher for my mother and 3 walkie talkies for my brothes.
Love, Irma Herrera

Dear Santa Claus
I want a racing tack we two car and a steve Ausg and a ten speed and a football game and pussis.
Draw paper a 500 thund and mouse trace.
Love,
Lupe Rejino

Dear Santa,
I would like to have electric train and a hotwheels set a this is all I would like for Christmas.
Your friend,
Ricky Rasco

Season's Greetings

Have a happy and safe holiday season

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greetings

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Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a bionic woman doll, a taperecorder.
Love,
Mandy

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a bionic woman, and a sleeping bag, a Barbie suit case, and a clock.
Love,
Becky Castorena

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a penball machine and a racetrack any thing else you would lick to give me.
Love,
Brandon

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have Jewels, and some western clothes, a horse a ballerina doll, a t.v., a stove, a typewriter, I want you to have a merry christmas and call me. My phone number is 4689.
Love,
Rosie Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a horse, and jewels, typewriter, stove, ballerina doll, and a tv I want you to have a happy christmas.
My phone number is 3442.
Love,
Bernadette Hurtado

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a small doll, and a bionic woman, and a baby that way, and a Barbie with clothes, and a house with dolls, and a tv, and a flime strip, and a camera, and a puppet.
Love,
Amanda

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a mascatron, gun set,
Love,
Curtis

and a super man.
Love,
Larry Martin

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a shot gun walkie talkie T.V. tennis spin welder clay pigons electric cars.
Love,
Dwain Hutton

Dear Santa Claus,
Please get me a hand control airplane. And a 22 shot gun. Please give me a crane.
Love,
Prentice Hill

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike, and a trampoline, so I can play with them and also I want my friends to play with them to.
Juanita Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike for Christmas and a hotrod for Christmas.
Love,
Pepo

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a trampoline.
Love,
Curtis

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a back up cab, and a rabbit hunt, a push and go, attack carrier.
Love,
Donney Burris

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Six million dollar man, and a Six million dollar man repair Station, Battle ship, Airplane, Six millan dollar man game.
Sincerely,
Rueben Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Ballerina Barbie, The mouse trap game, A Happy Birthday Tender Love, Rolor skates, and a taperecorder.
Love,
Teena Sisemore

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some hotwheels and a Jet powered set and a Six million dollar man and a B.B. gun.
Love,
Rudy Pena

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a basketball goal, bionic woman, and barbie's plaza, and a breaking point game.
Love,
Courtney Brown

Dear Santa Claus,
Can i have a bike, and a jawsgame.
Theresa Green

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a BB gun and a six-million dollar man.
Love, Jose Lopez

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. I am 5 years old and I would like for you to bring me a play-dough Ice Cream truck and Mr. and Mrs. Potatoe Head.
Holly

Dear Santa,
I am 4 years old and I have been a very good boy. I would like a motorcycle like Amy's for Christmas.

My sister, DeeDee, is 2 years old and she would like a motorcycle like Amy's, too. She has been a good girl.

My baby brother, is 8 months old. His name is Brian. Please bring him a snuggle bug.
Love,
Jason Box

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a game of Life and Headache and a game of Operation and Easy Bake Oven, And a baby That, Away, a Hush Littel baby, A sunshin faimly and there Van, A Pottery Set, And a game of Trouble. Please.
Love,
Debbie Hicks

P.S. Please bring my brother's Mark and Jeff some toys too.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a real camera and some stuffed animals and some candy. I might nit have a stocking and I most of all would like an arabiian family and a collection of horses Stallions and Mares and colts. I am 10 years old. I love you Santa.
Good night,
From: Tammie L. Campbell
Muleshoe, Texas 79347

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like real camera might Dear Santa Claus.

I love you very much! I am nine years old. I would like a Guitar if you have one. If you would you could bring it to Klamath California if you would please. And anything else you want to give me I will take. But there is something else I really want a Hugh-I-Baby and a infant seat. Thank you! and some clothes
Love,
Tonya Denise Campbell

Dear Santa,
I am 2 years old. I will be 3 years old, 2 days before Christmas. I have been good to my sister and my daddy and mother. If you can please bring me a play cash register, a walking doll, a set of dishes and some clothes.
I love you, Santa.
Love,
Melissa Ann

Dear Santa,
I have been a little good this year. So do you think you could bring me a betty crocker stove; baby Tender Doll and some clothes.
I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table.
Love,
Gina Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Jacki Jeane and I will soon be 3 years old. I always tell my daddy and mommy that I am a Sugar Plum. So they agree that I have been a very good girl. I have asked for a stove, sink, refrigerator and some dishes to go with it. I also think it'll be fun to see what you put in my stocking. Ever since I saw Rudolph the Red nosed Reighndeer on T.V. I've been looking forward to seeing both of you christmas Eve, if I can stay awake.
Tell all of your reighndeer hello for me and I will see you soon.
Love, Jacki Jeane Williams

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine. Please bring me a Hoolihan game. That's all. Bye!
Love,
Becky Mardis

P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus hello for me.

Dear Santa,
I like you and I think you are nice. I hope Mrs. Claus is doing O.K. What I want for Christmas is a real horse, some clothes, a watch, and a doll with a trunk. Santa you don't have to bring me all of these presents. You can bring me some more that are not listed.
Love,
Janna Wuerflein

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. We will not be here this year we will be in Mexico at my grandmothers. I hope you will be able to make a stop at our house even if we are not going to be here. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Yours truly,
Charlie Mata

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you will bring me a gas airplane and lots of other toys. And I hope you are well and make the trip alright. Oh and I hope Mrs. Claus is well to. I hone all of your raindeer are fine

to and your elves also.
Your Pal
Preston Scoggin

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good all year. My favorite hobby is drawing and reading. My favorite subject is Social studies. I am ten years old.
Yours truly,
John Foster

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me something for Christmas Santa Claus and put it on my Christmas tree. I want a baby-that-a-way and a bike for Christmas. Merry Christmas Santa Claus.
Thank you Santa Claus.
Love Santa,
Yolanda Garcia

Dear Santa, I like a doll. I like a bike. Merry Christmas Santa. I like a ball and I will sleep when you go to the house Santa.
Delia Toscano

Dear Santa,
Thank you for being Santa Claus. You make Christmas more fun for children. Barbara wants a doll that sucks a bottle and cries.
Arcadio would like a walkie talkie and a gun. Thurman wants a model airplane. Diana's little sister has a baby that cries. Could you bring Diana one like it? please go find Matilda. And take her something. Bring Lorenzo something good. Bring something to all our friends. We love you, Santa.
Diana Toscano
Thurman Coleman
Lorenzo Kirven
Barbara Lewis
Arcadio Quintanilla

Dear Santa Claus
I want a train set, and a big truck and whit a trailer and a tractor.
Your friend,
Joe Carrion

Dear Santa Claus,
I want to tell you that I want a Baby That-A-Way and a Jaws game. I hope I get one for Christmas. I do want a Teddy Bear. In my stocking I want some coloring books and a play Santa Claus.
Your friend,
Beatriz Garcia

Dear Santa,
Please think about all the things you are going to get all the children. I dont know how you get down the chimney. But you get down the chimney some how.
Your friend,
Marvin Ward

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Evel Konevel. Thats all. Love,
Phillip Espinoza

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a bike and a doll for Christmas. I want a doll-house for me and my baby sister. I would like some clothes and earrings. A puzzle to and a play bear. I would like a Barbie and I would like rings, too. Mys

and I would like rings, too. My sisters and I want a game called Pay Day.
Your friend,
Rosemary Castorena

Dear Santa Claus,
This is a Christmas letter. I will want a doll for Christmas the doll name is Baby Tha-A-Way. And tha is not all, I want a rocking-chair, to, for Christmas. Pleasa will you give me that?
Love your friend,
Becky Acosta

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a kicken go and a RudaDud dolly.
Love,
Tracy Lynn Stovall

Dear Santa,
I wish you could come sooner but I know you have work to do.

I hope your raindeer are OK. With out them you could not come and see the good boys and girls. I am glad you come and see me each year. I hope you bring me a sizzler II and a football for Christmas this year.
Your friend,
Sammy Wilson

Querido Santa,
Me a portado bien. Me puede traer fundas y pistolas.
Miguel Sanchez

Querido Santa,
Yo quiero un carrito elettrico que corre solo.
Ramon Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Hush little Baby and a Bicycle with training wheels.
Tanya Nowell

Happy Holidays

Singing out with greetings for all of our fine patrons. Have a happy Christmas.

Dots Shop

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79347

PEACE

It is the season to kindle the fires of love and brotherhood in our hearts and to greet one another in peace!

Our deep gratitude to all.

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Bailey County Electric Cooperative Association

Noel

May the radiance of the Christmas spirit shine upon all men.

Dolly Cup Drive In

YULE TIDE WISHES

"How the glow of Christmas is in the air, dismissing every care. May your holiday season be bright, always lit with candlelight."

Cobb's



Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a motocross bike, an am-fm-radio, a J.J. arnes, a shizbee, and a train set, a pool table for our family, and a typewriter, a chemistry set, and a car and track set, and a horse.
Ray Vinson

Dear Santa Claus,
I like christmas time that's whin we get toys and games. This is what I what for christmas.

a dog and a train and a chenistry set and a modlie ship Titanic
Bob Donaldson

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll and a dress for christmas, for my baby sister a pear of boots, and my othor sister a ring, my biggest brother would like a wallet, My othore brother would like a play gun, my mom would like a paer of

dishes, my dad would like a new baby boy but we have one but a grill but he wants a boy.
yours trully
Connie Gomez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Flying Aces and a car set and one more thing a Richet Racer Spider Man Set. I hope you don't get too fat with all goodies you'll have.
Yours Truly
Chad Robberson

Dear Santa, Thank you for the train that you gave me.
Alex Jaramillo

Dear Santa,
On this Christmas I would like for you to bring me a baby alive doll a table with chairs for me and my sister and a little stove.
Thank you, Santa,
Beatriz Olivas

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like an aquarium and a magic kit and the game of junk yard and a soccer ball. Don't forget my sister Chana and let everybody have a marry Chistmas.
Steven Eubanks

Dear Santa,
I would like a Kathy Quick Curl, and a Piece Canning Set, I am ten years old. And I will have some cookies and milk on the table for you.
Love,
Kayla Bayless

Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun and a electric

football game a motor bike and a skateboard.
Love,
Smiley Orozco

Dear Santa,
Here I am writing these few lines. I jsut wanted you to know to bring me a bike skateboard and a minibike.
Israel Reyna

Dear Santa,
I have ben a good Boy and I like a taprecorder and Grandmother wants a ice cream maker.
Thank you,
Matt Lee

Dear Santa,
I want a bike some boats and some clothes and toys and thats all. I am ten.
Love,
Donna McDonald

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish a play farm with trucks and a mianals for christmas. And I wish your famly a Merry Christmas.
Leroy Flores

Dear Santa
I am looking forward to your arival on Christmas Eve. I hope you will bring me lots of presents. I watch Rudolph and all of the Christmas shows and I really enjoy them. When you come I will have some cookies and milk out on the table for you, and I wish you a joyous Christmas!
With love,
Melanie Roedler

Dear Santa,
I am nine years old and I have tried to be a good little girl this year. For Christmas I would like a Baby Cry and a Barbie for Christmas. And please don't forget the other childrens. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Irma Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a Rub-A-Dub Dolly and a bath Set, I am ten years old. I will have some cookies and milk waiting for you.
Louise Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
Hello, my name is Sonya. Will you bring me a pair of skates, and a Blow Drier?
Love,
Sonya Edwards

Dear Santa,
I want a walkytalky for Christmas and a big Jim Pack to. I hope you get this letter and read it.
Danny Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Did you get me a toy, I looks like this, and I want a six million dollar man.
Love,

Your friend,
Jeremy

Dear Santa,
Please get me a bicycle that looks like a motorcycle. Also I wan't a Radio Flyer Go-Cart. And a tractor loader with a back hoe. And if you want to you can get me some more toys. And I want the Hot Wheel racing set. Also remember all the other boys and girl.
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Mavin Ward

Dear Santa,
I would like a light-bright, a six-million-dollar woman house that is white. I love you Santa. I also want a green machine. I kissing doll and toast erand I a coffee maker.
Love, Staci

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Ronald McDonald person and a Grim-mace, elevator that lifts cars, a clown punching bag and a mobil action command. My name is Allan and I am 5 years old. Bring my brother Jeff a auto transport truck, a six million dollar man and a Bionic Repair Station, and a Spider Man Rocochet Race, my Brother Ray has been pretty good bring him some things also.
I love you Santa,
Allan Vinson

Dear Santa,
I want a guns.
Yours truly,
Javier Gonzolez

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine. Are you tired from going from chimney to chimney? I wish I could be Santa But I can't. See you on Christmas day. Don't forget my watch-radio. OK!
Goodbye

Your Friend,
Israel Iafnte

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish you will bring me a present at Christmas. I wish you will bring me a game. I wish you will bring me Mouse Trap game. Please, Santa Claus.
Your friend,
Leonor Daniel

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you this year?
I would like to have a gitare for Christmas. And I want a set of dishes. I hope you come to see me this year. Have I been good?
Love,
Missy Gabbert

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a trampalean and a table and chairs. The chairs hook to the table.
Yours truly,
Heather Lynn Merritt

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing?
I would like to fave a tonka loader. And a spen welder set, and a Am Fm N.F.L. football helmet radyo. And that is all. Bye Santa Claus.
Your friend,
Joe Bob Newman

Dear Santa Claus,
I am talking about you. For Cristmas I want a huffy, cars, doctor kit, a pickup with a trailer. Have I been nice?
Your friend,
Rodney Knowlton

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a bike. But I know you have work to do. But I also want Baby dad away and Baby alive. I wish you could come sooner. I wish you a merry Christmas.
Your truly,
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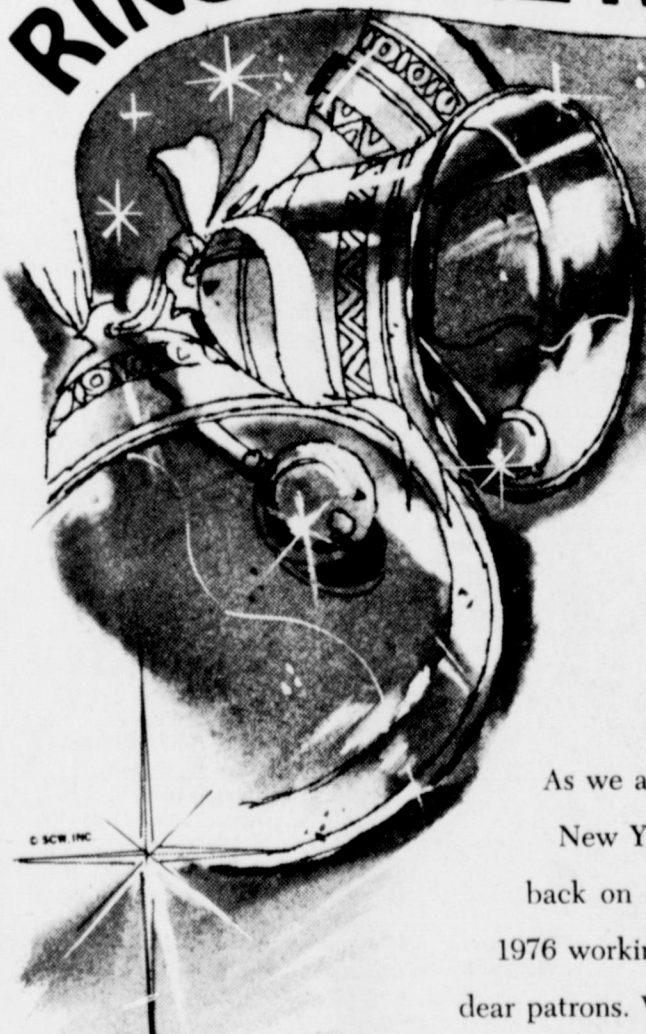


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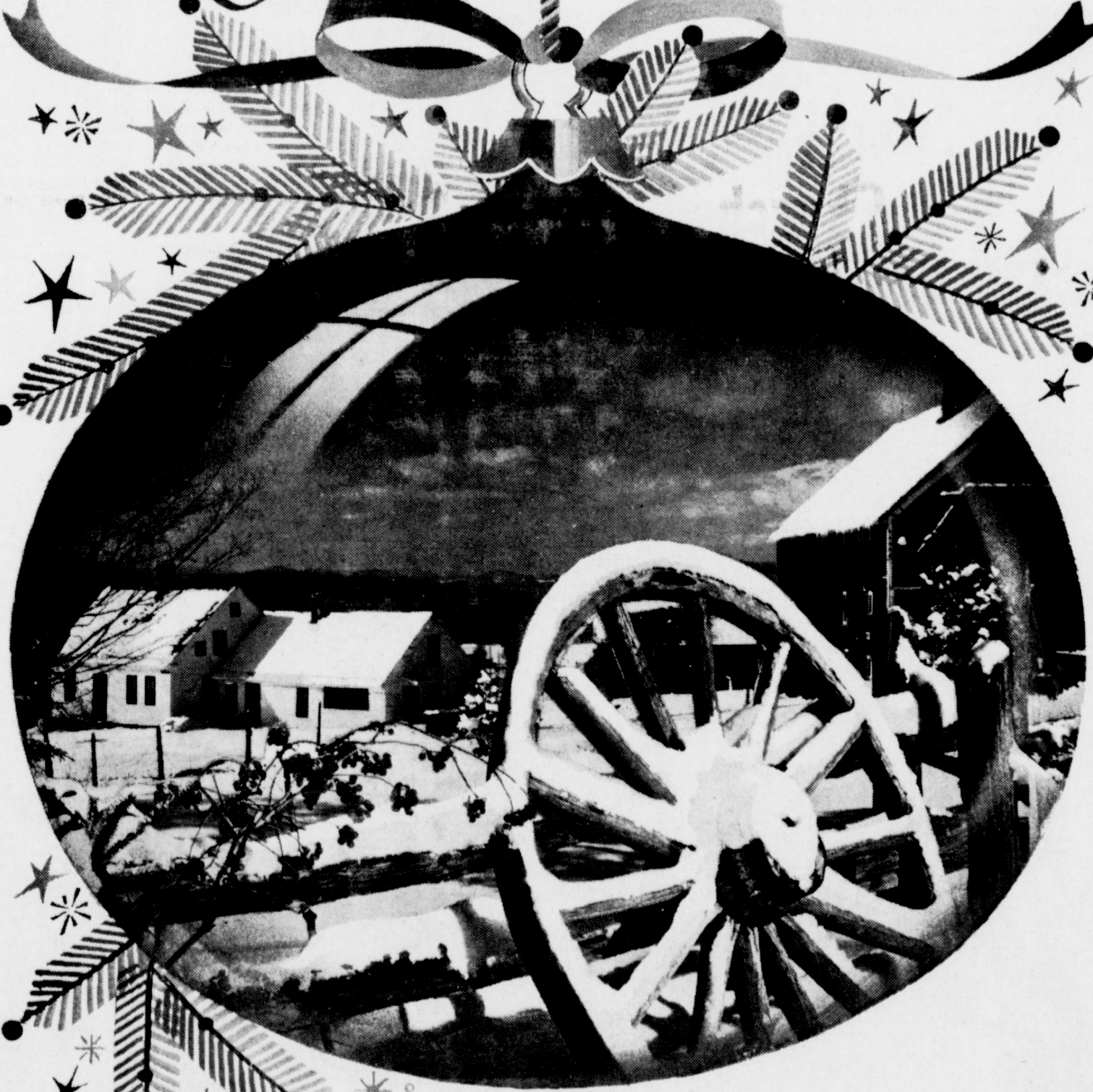
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Dear Santa Claus,
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Love,
Krystal
P.S. If you have room to bring me a pogo stick I would like that too.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Baby Tender Love of my own and a Big Wheel so I can ride like Michael. I've been as good as I can.
Remember my new baby brother too.
Love,
Tiffany

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pellet gun with a scope, and an Evel Knievel bike, an Emergency Game, a space 1999 Game, and Jaws, and a Super Bowl, and Money Magic, and Winnie the Pooh theater, and a train.
My big brother, Brian, wants an engine for his train and a dockside crane and a calculator for math.
Please be good to all my friends.
Love,
Steven Powell
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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a calculator, green machine, a new record player, little draw poker, a pair of walkie talkies, connect four, a little pinball machine, and a typewriter. I've been a good girl. I hope you can bring me these things. I am nine years old. My sister is four years old. She was pretty good. We have been waiting for you many days. We hope you come by our house. My sister wants thumbelina, the riverboat set, putt putt railroad set, clubhouse set, a beauty bath, grocery set, snow-cone machine, and marching mickey mouse.
We have our Christmas tree up. We hope you put fruit, gum and stuff like that in our stocking. We really want you to come O.K.
Love,
Chandra and Britt

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a BB gun, a football and a bike.
Your friend,
Lupe Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a six million dollar man and a bike
Your friend,
Oscar Gonzalez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a BB gun, minibike and a Jaws game.
Your friend,
Hector Reyes

Dear Santa Claus,
I like toys. I want a green machine and T.V. tennis a big wheels, and a train track.
Your friend,
Walter Leck

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a game of Life and Headache and a game of Operation and Easy Bake Oven, and a Baby That Away, a Hugh Hefner baby, a Sunshin family and there Van, and a Pottery Set, and a game of Trouble. Please.
Love,
Debbie

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Baby A Live a dollhouse, a game of sorry a Jaws game, a walkie talkies esey bake oven and a bike. Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Laura Ibarra

Dear Santa,
I wrote this letter to tell you what I want. I don't want to be greedy, so I'm just going to ask for one thing a Tape Recorder.
Yours truly,
Casey Wilson

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like the six Million Dollar Man and a car.
I love you Santa Claus.
From Luis

Dear Santa Claus,
I wana Wake-up Thunblina and some clothes for her a Tape-recorder and some blank cassettes and a micky mouse talking Phone. I guess that all have a happy Xmas.
Love,
Twila Downing

Dear Santa,
My name is monica Martinez all I want for christmas are a few

jumpers and dresses, pants, and shoes and a very merry christmas.
My god Bless you and a happy new year.
Monica Martinez

Dear Santa Clause
My name is Suzette
I want one pair of shoes blouses and pants Say hi to Rudolf and Mrs. Santa Clause
Love Suzette Rojas

Dear Santa Claus,
My Name is Angie and I want a typewriter and pants and shirts and a pair of shoes that will be all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year See you next Christmas
Angie Salas

Dear Sant, I want a bike and a T.V. Tennis for Christmas.
Your truly
David Castorena

Dear Santa
I want a G-I Joe and a stretch men and trucks also cars. I got cookies and milk waiting for you. My name is Michael Lopez.

Dear Santa Claus,
You know Christmas is just around the corner. I would like to have a Jaws Game, an Operation Game, a Popcorn Game, a lighting ssp, a Hot-wheels flying colors, some Matchbox Cars, and a Six Million Dollar man, and the Bionic Transportation.
Love,
Mike Harris

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a jaws game, I want a Thunder chip 500, a bike, and a match box set.
Your friend,
Roger Pena

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a walky talky for my Christmas present. Also a train with tracks and some games.
Your friend,
Rene Valle

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football, basketball, operation game, and walkey talkies.
Love,
Steven Ethridge

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an Easy Bake oven, and a Sunshine Family craft store.
Love,
Joanna Massingill

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Cher doll, a pair of shoeskates, the game of Jaws and the game of Life. Get the other kids what they want please.
Love,
Kelly Lynn

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a football, a kickstand. And a backpack very

much. A pear at cowboy boots to. I would like a watch very much.
I am nine years old.
Your friend,
Andy Copley

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Bionic Woman and I want a Hush little baby.
Love,
Mary Helen

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old. I would like a guick curl Barbie, and the Bionic Woman and her Bionic beauty salon, and her clothes. Also I would like a sports car for barbie, and a paint set.
Love,
Sherrri

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll and some dishes to I will be nice to my Mom and to my Grandmother too So gand father to so my father to and you to Santa Claus and I love you Santa Claus.
Pilar Toscano

Dear Santa Claus,
I been wanting a rasing car set for Christmas and some more things for my father and mother and brothers and sisters. I want that to be there in Christmas day. Thats all Santa Claus.
Your friend,

George Reynero
Dear Santa Claws,
This is what I want for Christmas. I would like some gloves and a Baby That-A-W please, and a basket ball please. And Tv magic O.K. And a bionic woman. And one more thing Tennis Shoes.
Your truly
Meischelle Logsdon

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a toy. My baby sister wants a rag doll and bring a toy for my brother.
Love,
Deigo Belez

Dear Santa,
I want a typewriter, a stretch man and a bike.
Love,
Esther Acosta

Dear Santa Claus,
I want roller skates, and Baby-That-A-Way.
Love,
Heather Baker

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a motorcycle, a gun and a rifle.
Love,
Efrain Herrera

Dear Santa,
I want you to come to my house and give me some presents.

want Evel Knevel and a 6 Million Dollar Man and a whole lot of other toys. And some clothes for the party.
Love,
Toby Carpenter

Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun, and Fonzie, some B-Bs, Evel Knevel.
Love,
Javier Reyna

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Baby-That-A-Way. Also a sewing machine for my sister Angelica and a Cry Baby for my baby sister, Elizabeth.
Love,
Mary Jane Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. I will go to school next year. I would like a Stretch Armstrong, a bike, and Steve Austin. I really want the bike, so maybe another boy or girl could have the other toys. I have 2 brothers. We love you.
Thank you Santa Claus,
Gyle Dale

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie doll and a Tuesday Taylor. I want a Ken doll and his clothes.
I Love Santa Claus,
Mandy Collins,
Rt. 4, Muleshoe

Dear Santa Claus,
I want the bumping cars and some little cars and GI Joe and Six Million Dollar Man and a Big Wheel and a Dump Truck and the film about Batman and Robin and a car and thats all. I'm going to be a good boy and I love you.
Joe Luis Orozco

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Baby-That-Away and thats all. Santa Claus - I love you.
Lisa Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Baby Alive.
Love, Becky Sandoval

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a racing track and a Evil Kneivel. Blake would like a little car and some keys - he likes to play with keys. I would also like a machine gun and play bullets - and please give Blake a Ice Cream Truck and Cap.
Love, Drew Douglass

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Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
Please send me a baby Saiso and a Ballerina Barbie. Also

bring me and my little brother Skipper a T.V. We love you Santa and have a very safe trip from the North Pole.
Kimberly and Skip Carnes

Dear Santa Clause.

Santa I would like a Stretch Armstrong, and a Steve Austin, and a Mastatron, and some Leggos. And a Oujia board.
You best friend,
Scotty Spies

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a pretty good boy this year. Thank you for my presents last year. I would like a 6 million dollar man and his station also some pla doh a rabbit game and maybe some new clothes. Don't forget the other boys and girls in the world. Merry Christmas.
I love you,
Timmy Shipman
Age 5

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a big wheel, a combine and a truck. I am 5 years old.
Love,
Ruben Ortega

Dear Santa,

I want a truck and a little car and a stocking I want a racing car and a T.V. for my room and a watch.
Matthew

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 5 years old. For Christmas, I want a bike and some toys.
Love,
Roque Flores

Dear Santa,

I am 5 years old and in Mrs. Pugh's room at school. I have been a pretty good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a street bike, a screamer and a SWAT truck.

My little brother is 3 years old and he has been a good little boy this year too. Please bring Chad an Evil Kenivel bike with training wheels, a screamer and a SWAT truck.

I will leave you cake and milk on the table.

I love you Santa!

Love,
Chris Black

Dear Santa,

I am six year old and I have been a very good girl most of the time. Please bring me a play table and chairs, a record player a ballerina barbie and clothes. Bring some toy for my sisters too. I will have some goodies for you.
Love,
JoAnn Gutierrez

Dear Santa,

I am 5 years old and try to be a good girl. Please bring me a saddle, a pair of spurs, and a doll. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Bobbi Kaye McCray

Dear Santa,

I'm being nice. I want some drums and a play double barrel gun. I want a back up cab truck. Thats all.
Floyd Shane Burris

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is connie and I would like to have a Rub-dub doll and a Mickey Mouse watch.
Connie Garza

Dear Santa Clause

I am six years old and I have tried to be a good girl all year. I would like Lite Brite, trampoline, stuffed animal, walking doll, Big Wheel, and clothes. I will leave milk and cookies for you.

I love you Santa,
Laurel Dillard

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Julie and I want a bicycle for Christmas. I think I've been a pretty good girl. Please bring Katy a big baby doll. I love you.
Julie Crittenden

Dear Santa,

I am 5 years old this year and have started to school since I saw you last year. My teacher is Mrs. Peugh and I would like for you to bring her something this year.

Santa I am going to give you my whole list and you all can pick out the things I can have cause the elves may not have some of 'em made. I would like to have some more Super Buds, some legos like I play with at school, a Wizard of Oz, a Castle, a camping set, a Hospital, a Putt Putt speedway. That's all I can think of right now, but if you see something else you think I would like, just go ahead and leave it.

Please remember all my friends and sisters and brother.

Rick Howard

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a typewriter and a operation game that's all I can think of. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Zanna Huckaby

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a trapken, and a tycrotian set and a opracion game, and a race track and a dart bord.
Love,
Donnie

Dear Santa,

I want a bike, a Steve Austin, and that's all. I have been a good boy.
Love,
J.B. Duncan

Dear Santa,

I want a train, a race car, and a G.I. Joe. I love you.
Joe Young

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a putt-putt speed-way and a bike.
I will leave you some milk to drink.
Love,
Jerd Vinson

Dear Santa,

I want to play rifle, a putt-putt speedway, and a crash car.
Love,
Brad Long

Dear Santa,

I want a baby that a way, a stuffed rabbit, and a boat for my rub a dub doll. I will leave you some milk and a sandwich.
Love,
DeAnn Bizzell

Dear Santa,

I want a play rifle and a lite bright, also a play family garage.
Love,
Dusty Rhodes

Dear Santa,

I want a sit and spin, a weebles

house, a Ballerena Barbie, and some crayons. Please remember my sister, Jill.
Love,
Lisa Noble

Dear Santa,

I want a tree-house and a weebles haunted house. Thank you.
Shelly Berry

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a Baby that a-way and a puppy.
Love,
Christy Mata

Dear Santa,

I want a six million dollar man, a race car, and a doctor set. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Jeremy Carpenter

Dear Santa,

I would like some puzzles, and a baby alive. Thank you.
Love,
Barbara McGrath

Dear Santa,

I want a race car, a record player, and a real horse trailer.
Love,
B.J. Hughes

Dear Santa,

I want a hush little baby and the Evil Kenivel girl.
Love,
Susan Rejino

Dear Santa,

I would like an ants pants and a Holly Hobby. Also I want some cake mixes.
Love,
Betsy Seales

Dear Santa,

I want a bride doll and a Jamie Summers doll. Also I would like a play grocery cart with grocer-

ies in it.

Love,
Sharon Ellison

Dear Santa,

I want a big Jim and a Billy Jack. Also I want an Evil Kenivel with a cycle. Thank you.
Love,
Lorenzo Fuentes

Dear Santa,

I would like a big Jeff with a horse. I have been good.
Love,
Steven Guzman

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a baby alive and a bunny. Thank you.
Love,
Jody Turpen

Dear Santa,

I want a baby that a way, a nush away baby. Thanks!
Love,
Carrol Copley

Dear Santa,

I want a doll that cries, and some clothes. Thank you.
Theresa Padilla

Dear Santa,

I would like a necklace, a dog, and a surprise present.
Love,
Louisa Recio

Dear Santa Claus

I want a Doll that cries. And I want a race track set. And give my dog a bone. I dont know if I've been good or not, but please bring me something. I like you a bunch.
Love
Trisha Burgess

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We would like to thank the doctors and nurses at the West Plains Medical Center, the men who sat up and the ones who sent flowers and food during the illness and loss of our husband and father, Forrest Greene. The Forrest Greene family

Public Notice

Notice To All Persons Having Claims Against The Estate of Arthur W. Crow, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Arthur W. Crow were issued on the 20th day of December, A.D. 1976, in Cause No. 1194, pending in the County Court of Bailey County, Texas, to John Thomas Crow. The residence of such Executor is 314 West Avenue "J", Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 20th day of December, 1976.

John Thomas Crow, Independent Executor of the Estate of Arthur W. Crow, deceased, No. 1194, in the County Court of Bailey County, Texas. 52t-1tp

Blackeyed Peas New Year Tradition

Texans traditionally eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day to insure prosperity and good luck for the coming year. This tradition will be observed once again in 1977 when we get out the kettle or new crock pot to cook the blackeyes peas, Marilyn Haggard, a foods and nutrition specialist, says.

She is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. "The peas should be soaked before cooking to reduce required cooking time. This can be accomplished quickly by boiling them in water for two minutes, removing from the heat and soaking for one hour. They are then ready to cook. If you prefer to soak the peas overnight, it is still a good idea to start with the two minute boil, because you will have fewer hard skins and the brief boil will keep them from souring," she explained.

Season with one teaspoon salt for each cup of dry peas. Salt pork and bacon are old standbys for seasoning, but chopped ham or smoked turkey left over from the Christmas celebration are great also. Pepper, garlic and oregano can be added in small amounts, one-fourth teaspoon per pound of dry peas, to enhance the flavor.

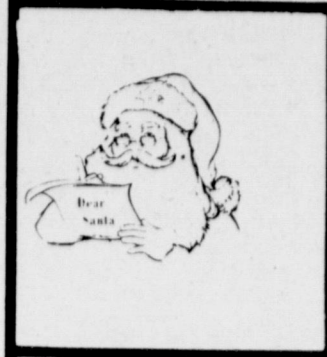
In the slow cooker, soak the peas overnight, then cook them in water on high for two to two and one-half hours. Reduce control setting to low, add seasonings and meat and cook on low for eight to ten hours. If you prefer less water peas, use less water.

Serve your peas with hot cornbread, butter and lots of fresh, crisp onions, the specialist suggested.

Joy to the World

Warm Christmas greetings from all of us to all of you.

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Dear Santa Claus,
I have learned to write my name.

I have been good and I want a car that the trunk opens and the hood opens and the weeble Mickey Mouse Club House and the weeble Ghost.

Bring Lori a telephone cause I love her.

Love,
Casey Wayne and Lori D'Ann Bradshaw

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me an Easy tracer, a Skyscraper Building Set with working elevator, and a Bridge and Highway set, and an Airport Playace with cars, helicopters, and Airplanes.

Please remember all the boys and girls.

I love you,
Lance King, 7 years old

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Stretch Armstrong and a Jet Plane set. Also, I would like a Green Machine to ride, and a Snoopy Soaper, and a Big Bird Bank.

Don't forget my little sister, Angie. She's almost two years.

I have been a good boy this year. I am 5 years old.

I love you, Santa
Kevin King

Dear Santa,
I would like a Sizzler Race Track and 3 cars. Also a watch. Speedometer for my Bicycle, a safe Bank to keep my money in and a football game.

Have a Merry Christmas
I Love You,
Brett King

Dear Santa Claus,
Bring me anything you have. Don't forget my little sister and the rest of the family.

Love,
Joy Gabbert

Dear Santa Claus
I am nine years old and I'm in the forth grade. For Christmas I would like a record player a sleeping bag a Baby Alive and some Oliva Newton John records about 3 or 4 records Please don't forget my mom dad brother and three sisters.

Love,
Shelley Sain

Dear Santa,
My name is Jeff McVay. I would like a four ten and a box of shells for Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus,
I how are you and Mrs. Claus, I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing just fine. I'm in fourth grade. And I'm in Mrs. Grogan's room and she is very nice, sweet and kind. And I would like a Rub-a-Dub Dolly, a Baby Alive, a baby high chair, and a rocken chair for Christmas. So don't caght a cold. God Bless You.

Love,
Dianna Fincher

Dear Santa
I would like a
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2. sky battle
3. cb radio
4. saddle
Tell all elfs up there I love then and you santa,
with love
Joey

Dear Santa,
I want Baby-That-A-Way and an Easy-Bake Oven.

Love,
DeAun Crozier

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, and a table and some dishes and 2 chairs.

Love,
Carrie Perkins

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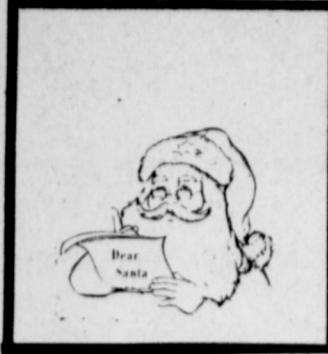
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Love,
Brandon Wilson *****

Dear Santa,
I would like a Mask-a-tron, a bicycle, and a crash car. I love you very much Santa.

Love,
Marty Gant *****

Dear Santa,
I want a two wheel bicycle. Also, some sweaters of different colors and hats, and some paper and pencil. I would also like a Ballerina Barbie.

Love,
Dondi Nursick *****

Dear Santa,
I would like a tape recorder and a surprise. Bring me some clothes.

I will have you some cookies and juice.

Love,
Chantel Kay Robison *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a rub-a-dub

doll and a pair of shoe skates and a sewing machine.

Love,
Lisa Hamilton *****

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an airplane for Christmas. I also want the Tree Tots Amusement Park. Bring me a surprise. I will leave you a snack.

Love,
Clim Robison *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a telescope and TV magic myonye set and taper carder and tapes and a television, Walk Talkie and a trampoline.

Love,
To Chris Cringl
From Ronnie *****

Dear Santa,
How old are you, my name is Micheal Precure and I am nine years old. And I would like tow gi Joe sets Please.

Love Michael *****

Dear Santa,
I wood like a bike and a body-that a-way and a puzzle and a barbie thats all.

Love, Santa
from Angie *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like six million dolar man mission control center tv magic set match box cars fling aces atatek carrier

Love,
Kenneth *****

Dear Santa,
I want a six million dollar man, a real chawawa dog, walkie talkies, a little pool table, a cowboy suit, silly puddy, a

racing car, record player, a racing car track.

I am 7 years old.
I will leave you a coke and some cookies. I have been good.

Love,
Todd
P.S. Come Sunday, because we are going to grandmas's house Wed.

Dear Santa,
My name is Lisa and I want a taperecorder and story cassetts and a Miss America Costume and bring Kevin a dartgun and a telephone, Amy wants a Rub a Dub dolly and a Ballerina Costume

Love,
Lisa, Amy, Kevin
McGehee *****

P.S. We leave you some ding-a-lings and Milk.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kasey. I want a B-B Gun, Six million dollar man, a real watch, and a T.V. for my room. I love you and I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table. Be good to all my friends.

Love,
Kasey *****

Dear Santa,
My name is James Ray. I want the six million Dolla man, and stretch Armstrong for Christmas.

Love,
James Ray *****

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Dusty Barbb'ie, a Rub doll and bike. Please bring my little brother a truck, rocking hourse, and a CB radio. Thank you,
Shannon Massengale *****

Dear Santa,
I am six years old I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like to get these things Mascatron, Putt Putt Racing set, Tyco train set, Bionic man, and a pair of Binoculars. Santa I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours Truly
Ruben Leal Jr. *****

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. I would like a doll that crawls.

Love,
Tonya Copley *****

Dear Santa Claus
I am six years old. I want a baby alive and a jumping rope.

Love,
Carmen Espinoza *****

Dear Santa,
I want a book. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade.

Love,
Brandon *****

Dear Santa,
Please, send me a Hush Li'l Baby - Jaws game a play house and stove.

Thank you,
Misti Ott *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I am six. I am in 1st grade. I want a Barbie and a Ken doll. I would like a thumblina.

Love,
Jamie *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a tricycle. Also I would like a little swing for my little sister.

Love,
Issac Garcia *****



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TEXAS

Christmas On The Trail

On the night before Christmas, way up in the draw, Us cowpokes sat talkin' of an early spring thaw. Our stockings were hung by the campfire to dry, While we hunkered in blankets to watch the snow fly.

Back at the ranch, guess the folks were in bed, All wrapped up and cozy and a mite too well fed. The kids try to sleep, but they waller and kick, They knew if they try, they can hear old St. Nick. Sure, the cows needed tendin' to after the storm, But I'd give a week's pay just to get my feet warm. It's always lonesome, this bein' out here, Seems a little bit worse when Christmas is near.

I'd got bedded down and as warm as I'd get. When my pony got restless and started to fret. The sky had cleared up now, I figured I'd see, A coyote stalkin' my dogies and me. All was dead silence, even the wind, Nothin' in sight, when he snorted again. A voice sayin', "Whoa, boy," -- it wasn't my own -- Came out of yon thicket. I froze hard as stone. "Take it easy, young fellow. You'd best pet your horse." He smiled and he said in a voice deep and course, "The smell of my reindeer's a little bit frightening. If you'll lend us a hand, we'll be gone quick as lightning." "It really is you," I said in a whisper. "Hi there, parnder ... er Santa ... er mister."

He let out a laugh at my fright and confusion, "I really am here, it's not an illusion. The storm slowed me down, I lost all my feed. My reindeer are tired and we really do need. Some food and some rest. I'll be glad to repay, I must soon be going, I cannot delay."

"No payment needed, I'm glad to oblige," (I'd never seen reindeer that really could fly.) "I'll give 'em some grain and a big load of hay, And quick as a gunshot you'll be on your way."

"Thanks, young fellow, I'm glad it was you. Don't know if I'd asked it of those other two. I know they're good wranglers, but it didn't seem right To ask such a favor on a cold winter's night."

"I hear Rudolph stomping, they're ready to go. I'll just drop these things right here in the snow. Thanks once again for the help I got here. Merry Christmas to you, may you be of good cheer! "On Prancer! On Dancer!" rang out through the night. With eight tiny reindeer the sleigh took its flight. Those bells spooked my pony near out of his mind. And then they were gone -- just quiet left behind.

Once more than night I bedded me down, Somehow, it wasn't so cold on the ground. I shut my eyes, but I could still see That man in the red suit grinnin' at me. Along about daybreak the boys came back in. Did I have a story! Now, where to begin ...

About the same time, the boys saw the sack That Santa had pulled from the one on his back. They opened it up with looks of surprise. "A new pair of boots! They're just my size!" "You think that's something. Hey, look at that! Here is my size in a new Stetson hat!" I said, "Don't stop now. Is there anything more?" When out fell the jacket I'd seen in Jim's store.

"You shouldn't have done it," they said, sorta kiddin'. "Don't worry," I said, "Don't worry, I didn't." How would I tell 'em? What could I say? "You know that fat man who comes in a sleigh?"

Fatalities Climb As Speed Increases

The 55 mph speed limit may have decreased deaths due to auto accidents but fatality rates are climbing again. Many factors are involved but carelessness, especially on country roads, unsafe cars, bad weather and motorists who don't wear seat belts all contribute to accidents that could be prevented, the Texas Medical Association (TMA) says.

In 1975 there were 4.1 people killed for every 100 million miles traveled -- compared to 3.9 in 1974. The trend seems to be increasing, the Governor's Office for Traffic Safety says.

A National Safety Council study shows country roads produce nine times as many deaths and 14 times as many property damage accidents as do controlled-access superhighways. Blind intersections and reduced vision on curves and hills contribute to many crashes. Being alert and prepared to stop in these situations can save many lives.

A quick check of the car also can help avoid trouble. Check tire tread and pressure, wind-

shield wipers, accessibility of seat belts, de-fogger or rags to wipe off fogged windows, and hoses, belts and fluids under the hood. Problems with many of these could mean being stranded on the highway in winter weather -- which can be very dangerous. Even for a short trip, it's wise to toss in a coat and adequate shoes in case there is car trouble.


CB radios not only help spot smokies but they also are useful for passing on weather and road condition information. Even AM or FM radio weather forecasts can give valuable information about what's coming. Sometimes postponing a trip for a few hours or a day will avoid bad weather that can threaten even experienced drivers. Arriving late is better than not arriving at all, TMA says.

People increase their chances of arriving alive if they wear seat belts. Even if people refuse to use seat belts on short errands, buckling up on a trip is not too much trouble. Hospital beds or caskets are much more confining than seat belts.

Now every year I start in to thinkin' About that good laugh, those bright eyes a-winkin' And how I know he never will fail: Since that long ago Christmas out on the trail.

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As the bells ring in another Yuletide, we extend our greetings, best wishes to you with our note of thanks.

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May the night before Christmas And all the year through Be happy and bright And enchanted for you!

Warm wishes and thanks to you and your dear ones.

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'Expected' Services Cause Crisis

One of the major reasons for a financial crisis in major U.S. cities is that people are expecting too much in the way of services.

That's according to Dr. Walter B. Rogers, head of the Lubbock Christian College Agriculture Division.

Rogers, who describes himself as a socio-economist, has conducted numerous studies on the financial plight of the big city. Last month he presented a comparative study of three major U.S. cities -- Houston, Atlanta, Ga.; and Nashville, Tenn. -- to 2,000 members of the Southern Economic Association at the group's annual meeting in Atlanta. In the spring he talked about the economic crunch in large urban areas before the Mid-South Academy for Economists.

"All elements of government are getting too costly," says Rogers, "and it's going to be up to them to put a stop to it."

Rogers points out that many taxpayers blame politicians for today's financial woes, but he says, they get elected because they promise the electorate what they want. He does suggest, however, that persons responsible for running govern-

ment at all levels "avail themselves to more economic advice to help streamline governmental expenditures."

Rogers continues: "To make government more efficient, people are going to have to learn to live without many of the 'frills' to which they have grown accustomed." As an example, he cited trash pick up.

"Homeowners are used to having their trash picked up several times a week at the curb in front of their home or in an alley. It would be much more efficient, but a little less convenient to have trash picked up once a week at a centralized location in the neighborhood."

"Ultimately it has got to come to a decision," Rogers continued. "Either the taxpayers will have to demand less from their government or can expect their taxes to skyrocket out of control."

As an example, of how services cost the public, Rogers cited a 1973 study which showed that financially-hard-pressed New York City employs 12.2 workers for every 1,000 residents, while cities which enjoy a much sounder fiscal outlook, Houston and Indianapolis, employ seven workers per 1,000 residents.

Besides "spoiling" the taxpayer, Rogers cites many other reasons for the economic plight facing many large cities. One of these is the so-called "flight to suburbia."

"Although many people earn their money by being employed in large cities, they choose to live and thus pay taxes to outlying municipalities." This creates a drain on the economy of the larger city. To recoup some of this money, big cities must levy an income or user's tax on these commuters," Rogers observes.

Another problem created by the "suburban flight" is that the tax bases in the larger city begin to dwindle, according to Rogers.

Finally, ghettos develop which have little tax base and, in fact, are a deficit because of the high incidence of welfare in those areas.

The Lubbock Christian College professor also blames inflation for the economic woes of the big cities. He points out that it is impractical for tax assessors to make yearly visits to homes and businesses for reassessment purposes.

"This short-changes the municipality," says Rogers, "because this means that many individuals and businesses are paying taxes on what their property was worth two, three or five years ago."

He points out that an "escalator clause" which would automatically increase property assessments at the same rate as inflation would help solve some financial problems.

A final reason for the financial pinch is what Rogers calls "incompetent management." He urges that voters carefully evaluate candidates before going to the polls to select officials "who will exercise strong fiscal management."

Concerning his comparative study of the three cities, Rogers termed the financial picture as strong in Houston and stable in Nashville and Atlanta. He attempted to include several other cities in the comparative studies but found officials in cities with bleak financial pictures hesitant and uncooperative when they were asked to supply data.

A native of Lubbock, Rogers earned his bachelors degree at Texas Tech University. He then went on to the University of Arizona for his masters and Oklahoma State University for his Ph.D.

All three degrees were in agricultural economics.

Dr. Rogers was a professor of economics for seven years at David Lipscomb College, Nashville, Tenn. before assuming duties as head of the Agriculture Division at Lubbock Christian College last fall. He has also taught sociology and economics at Texas Tech, New Mexico State University, Western Illinois University and the University of Alberta, Canada.

Congressman Gets Award

The James Forrestal Memorial Award Committee of the National Security Industrial Association announces that the Award for 1976 will be conferred upon the Honorable George H. Mahon, Senior U.S. Congressman from Texas and long-time Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

The James Forrestal Memorial Award has been given annually since 1954 to twenty-three outstanding Americans whose leadership has promoted significant understanding and cooperation between industry and government in the interest of national security. Among the distinguished past recipients have been Dwight David Eisenhower, President of the United States, 1954; Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense, 1963; Richard B. Russell, United States Senator from Georgia, 1968; L. Mendel Rivers, Chairman, Armed Services Committee, U.S. House of Representatives (posthumously), 1970; James D. McDonnell, Chairman of the Board, McDonnell Douglas Corporation, 1972; Admiral

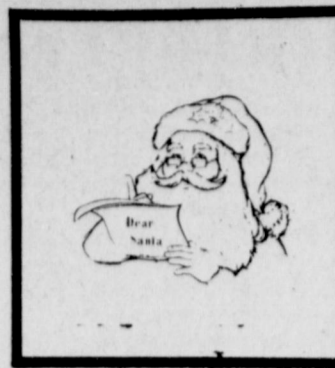
Thomas H. Moorer, recent Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in 1973; the Honorable John C. Stennis, U.S. Senator from Mississippi, in 1974; and T.A. Wilson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Boeing Company in 1975.

Throughout his forty-two years in Congress (since 1934) and most notably in the past 12 years as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Congressman Mahon has rendered outstanding service to the Nation. His character and integrity, his steadfast leadership and wise counsel in the maintenance of adequate U.S. military strength as an essential element of national security, and his recognition of the importance of an effective partnership between government and industry in support of national defense, eminently qualify him to take his place among the honored recipients of the Award.

The Award will be presented by the Association at a dinner to be held in the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. on March 24, 1977. A reception honoring Congressman Mahon will be held preceding the dinner.

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BURSINGER FASHIONS



Hilda Trevizo *****
Dear Santa,
I want a Baby-Alive and my sister wants a Baby-Alive, too. My little brother wants a toy gun. My big brother wants another B-B gun. I want to give my mother a new coffee pot and my father some new shoes. That's all.
Love,
Estella Orozco *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a Hush little Baby doll and a Elvis Presley record, and some jewelry. That's all.
Love,
Renee Ellen Copley
I love you. *****

Dear Santa Claus,
What I want for Christmas is a baby alive and a Mickey Mouse watch and T.V. set and a new dress and a new pair of shoes. And I want my mother to get well. I love you Santa Claus. Merry Christmas.
Sign, Margarita Torres *****

Dear Santa,
Christmas is coming soon. I want a skateboard and a bebe gun my sister wants clothes and my other sister wants clothes to and my father wants a lighter and my mother don't want nothing.
Love Tony *****

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like to have a Stereo record player. Some cowboy boots and a Holy Bible. I'll be in Amarillo, Texas.
Love,
Melanie *****

Dear Santa,
How are you and your reighdeer? I'm just fine. I've been pretty good this year. I would like a baton, a Nerf football, some Barbie clothes, and a Ouj board. My hobbies are reading, riding horses, and sewing.
See ya,
Kristi *****

Dear Santa
My name is Kandi. I am 10, and I am in 4th grade, and I want a baby thataway for Christmas. I cant wait till Christmas. I have been good. See you Christmas.
by Love Kandi *****

Dear Santa,
I hope you will give me a doll and i hope you will get me a good doll and i love doll get me a doll but give me a baby live.
Rose Martinez *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a big gym set and a car and traler with a motorcycle.
Love,
Dennis Snell *****

Dear Santa,
I hope you will give me a doll and i hope you will get me a good doll and i love doll get me a doll but give me a baby lives.
Becky Toscano *****

Dear Santa,
I hope you will give me some sunglasses.
Hector Reyna
Love Santa *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some racing cars and Stretch Armstrong, and a Teddy Bear and a color book. I've been good.
Love,
Michael Kiggins *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a little doll that eats and drinks her bottle and a purse and a watch. My little brother wants a dump truck and a little guitar. My little sister needs a baby rattle.
We have been very good all year.
Love,

Dear Santa,
I want a dolly. My brother Tony wants toys. My sister Mary Alice wants a doll. Jessie wants a play gun. My daddy wants a real gun and my mother wants to live in town in a new house. My dog wants some dog food and mother wants a big bowl for cheerios.
Love, Bebie Gaura *****

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a dolly that makes a party and a little television. And a baby-that-away. That's all.
Love,
Socorro Guzman *****

Dear Santa,
I want a truck, and a gun and that's all.
Love,
Jeffrey Daniel *****

Dear Santa,
I want some dishes and a doll. My little sister wants a doll and she likes purses. My little brother wants a truck and my other brother likes pencils. My mama wants a watch. My grandmama wants a housecoat, my auntie wants something, too.
Love,
Collene Lewis *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an Evel Knevel, G.I. Joe. That's all. Bring something for my sisters, too.
Love,
Charlie Reyna *****

Dear Santa Claus,
A Baby That-A-Way and a Baby Alive - yes that what I want.
Love, Norma Agundis *****

Dear Santa,
I want a crash up derby and a elevator that lifts hot wheels. I'll be good.



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Courthouse News

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WARRANTY DEEDS
Homer Redwine and wife to Derrel Embry and wife all of Lot No. Five, Block Two, Crawford Addition, Town of Muleshoe.
Clem Peden and wife to Opal G. Newsom a rectangular tract of land, 75' x 140' and being more particularly described as the E 1/4 45', Lot 98, and W 1/4

30', Lot 99, Richland Hills Addition.
Poynor Brothers Investments, composed of Haney Poynor and Paul Poynor to Wilson Appliance a rectangular tract of land 25'6" x 140', Lot 11, and the NE 1/4 16'6" of Lot 12, Block Four, Original Town of Muleshoe.

Praise for the living sounds very good to the individual praised, and silly to everyone else.

So many people talk about what is wrong with the country that careless listeners are apt to overlook the many things that are right.

Gifts from the Past

A Christmas made richer by the legends and customs, both religious and secular, of all the peoples of the world, has become a beautiful heritage from the past.

The tree as a symbol of Christmas comes to us from Germany where it is said that Martin Luther first cut a fir tree to bring into his home. But the association of trees at Christmas began in the tenth century. A legend recounts the night that Christ was born wherein all the trees in all the forests, even those in frozen countries, blossomed and bore fruit.

From lands separated by water from the Holy Land, such as Holland and England, ships are revered in song and legend for it was on Christmas morn that a ship arrived bearing Jesus, Mary and Joseph and a car-

go of gifts.

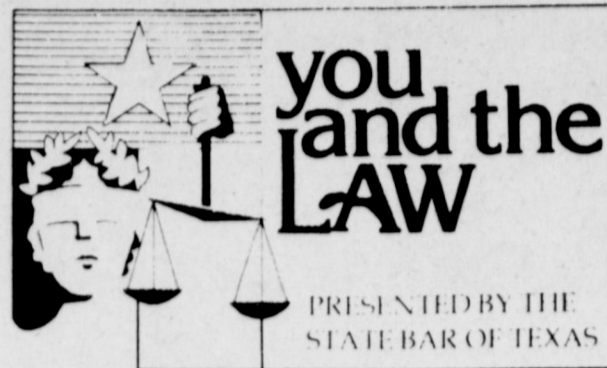
In Northern and Middle Europe, cattle are given special attention on Christmas Eve, because it is thought that the cow in the stable breathed on the Baby Jesus to keep him warm.

Music in honor of the birth of Jesus has been part of church festivals from the beginning of the Christmas era. Some of our most beloved carols were written so long ago that their origins are lost in history. Caroling has been enjoyed by so many people in so many lands that it has become a universally loved tradition.

There is no other celebration on earth like Christmas and the meaning and joy and beauty of it survives today through these treasured rituals and customs and legends.

Christmas is reaching the stage where it's an ordeal to practically everyone but the children, yet we enjoy the ordeal.

This Christmas you might try to find the spirit of the holiday, and if you do, it will be a better Christmas.



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Q: I'm a widower in my 70's. I want to spare my children the cost of probate if I will them my modest home, yet I've seen cases where an aged parent deeded their property to their children and then was placed in a nursing home and ignored by the children. Can I deed the home to my three children now, but not have the deed recorded until it's delivered to my heirs after my death?

A: To be effective, a deed must be delivered during the lifetime of the person giving away the property. There is an inexpensive form of probate which would allow property to be passed

to heirs and also facilitate the winding up of affairs after death.

Q: Two years ago, my friend and her husband signed a legal separation agreement dividing their community property equally. Now, he wants a divorce and half of their community property, since he had spent the half he received under the separation agreement. She had filed for divorce in Texas at his request; he lives in Colorado. Would he be entitled now to half of her property?

A: The trial judge who hears a divorce case has full discretion in deciding how to divide the couple's property, including the option to consider a "legal separation" agreement executed by the couple. The judge would not be bound by any such separation agreement by the husband and wife, and therefore would be free to award any or all of the couple's community property to either spouse.

Q: I owe money on several charge accounts, and I want to know what effect my divorce will have when it becomes final. Can these charge accounts be closed and the balance be requested immediately?

A: Your divorce cannot affect your charge accounts unless there is some evidence to indicate you will not be able to pay your bills. The new Equal Credit Opportunity Act prohibits a merchant, or any other lender, from closing an account or requiring people to reapply for new accounts just because there is a change in their marital status.

Q: Why does the law require that a will be witnessed by two persons who sign the will in the presence of the person making the will? Why shouldn't a notary public be able to provide a valid witness to the making of a will?

A: Parental patience, tolerance and understanding are essential elements in managing the child," the article says. Giving the child a lot to drink during the day to increase bladder capacity gradually is a tactic used sometime. Another attempt involves restricting fluids before bedtime if it does not cause too much hostility between parent and child.

After age six, or if the child has daytime wetting problems, a doctor may recommend treatment ranging from drugs to the responsibility - reinforcement method.

Under this method the child keeps a record of each dry night. Parents encourage the child and give a simple reward, like a star on a calendar, for each dry night.

Another treatment method involves putting a device on the bed that rings bells, flashes lights or gives electrical shock when a child wets the bed. The article said that these devices may be effective sometimes but that parents should do all they can to keep the child from being frightened the first few nights the system is used. Parents also should be familiar with any potential electrical hazards from the devices.

Most bed-wetting cases are caused by delayed development of bladder control. Infections, emotional problems, allergies and other things also get some blame. One study cited in the article said about 45 percent of bed-wetters had one parent that had the problem as a child. When both parents had the problem, 77 percent of the children were bed-wetters also.

A: Although a notary is required to validate a self-proving certificate, if such an addition is made to a will, no state in the nation imposes the burden of finding not only a disinterested person, but also one who is a notary public, to sign a will as a witness. The Texas Law's requirements are: that the witnesses be over 14 years old, that neither witness is a beneficiary or otherwise interested in the will and that each witness sign the will in the presence of the person making the will.

Send your questions to "You and the Law," State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12187, Austin, 78711. Answers may appear in columns in hypothetical terms; personal answers not possible.

Three Way News

By Mrs. H.W. Garvin

Guests in the H.W. Garvin home Friday night were Rev. and Mrs. James Gillentine and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Gillentine from Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gillentine and baby from Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Tyson and children from Levelland visited in the George Tyson home Sunday.

The home of Sally Robinson was the scene of a Stanley party Tuesday afternoon.

H.C. Toombs underwent eye surgery in Methodist Hospital Tuesday.

Mrs. Rayford Masten visited her daughter, the Lamar Polards, in Whitherrell Friday and her father, who is a patient in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fox and children from Clovis, N.M. spent the weekend visiting her parents, the H.W. Garvins.

The Three Way Basketball teams played in the Whiteherrell tournament this weekend. The girls won first place and the boys won consolation. Tammy Davis was voted most valuable player in the Tournament. Prizes

Clark Parkman, Etta Warren and Sammy DeLarosa won all tournament players.

Mr. and Mrs. S.G. Long visited in the D.S. Fowler home Friday evening.

The Three Way Baptist Church will have a community Christmas Puppet Show Sunday evening with a fellowship following the evening services. Everyone is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reeves and children visited his parents, the R.L. Reeves in Post Sunday.

A national court of appeals draws mixed reaction.

Carelessness Can Lead To Blindness

There's so much to see at this holiday time -- don't spoil the view by carelessness, warns the Texas Society for the Prevention of Blindness. Keep the holiday spirit visible throughout the year by making sure the family adopts good eye safety habits during this season and all of 1977.

The Society warns that each year an estimated 167,000 school-age children suffer eye injuries, many of them caused by inappropriately-selected toys or poor safety precautions.

A toy chemistry set can blow up, but if a potential Nobel prize winner is given safety goggles, not only will his eyes be protected from possible explosions, but he will get into the

habit of practicing eye safety. Most of all, parents can set a good safety example by giving gifts of eye safety goggles for use in the workshop, working on cars, mowing the lawn and in any situation where the danger of flying particles may occur.

Proper supervision should be given to all children with potentially dangerous toys. The major responsibility for toy related eye accidents and eye loss rests with parents. The Texas Society for the Prevention of Blindness, devoted completely to sight conservation, wants all members of your family to see the flowers of spring. Provide them with safe eye habits and eye safety gear.

Back-To-Work Activities . . . For Fun And Funds

In the fall, activities resume in communities nationwide. Youngsters return to school, officers of clubs begin their new terms . . . and the coming year's calendars of activities are planned, with fund-raising an important priority. Many organizations might have severe budget problems, if it weren't for the time so generously donated by community members.

A successful fund-raising project must have widespread appeal to the public and the participants, advises the Scott Paper Company Home Service Center. A bike-a-thon, for instance, can attract the attention of the community while providing a memorable experience -- and valuable exercise! -- for those who enter it. What a sight it is to see the bicycles lined up for the start -- colorful banners flying on each bike. Each sponsor agrees to contribute money to the specified charity for each mile a participant rides! There are variations too -- like walk-a-thons.

Fund-raising activities can be as imaginative and interesting as the people who plan and organize them. Talented people in your own groups can produce or teach needlepoint, ceramics, painting and other craftwork which can be sold for charity.

Since garage sales have become an American phenomenon, why not have the group pool their resources for a giant-sized garage sale? As a thoughtful gesture, you might set up a refreshment table -- serve coffee or soft drinks in paper cups, and have a supply of paper napkins handy.

On the subject of refreshments, let's not forget the all-time favorite fund-raising project -- bake sales featuring tempting, mouth-watering goodies! Select a busy corner of a shopping center or business area -- after clearing all



arrangements with the management! Check with your police department and board of health to be certain that your sale will conform to local rules and regulations.

Remember a few basic rules for bake sale success. Avoid high-priced items, since people instinctively look for bargains. Small items sell fastest. People buy them to snack on while shopping, and just can't seem to resist tempting brownies with rich chocolate icing . . . crisp chocolate chip cookies . . . or cupcakes. And what parent could refuse a child who's tempted by a plate of gingerbread men? However, items with cream fillings should not be offered, since this type of pastry must be refrigerated.

Keep a box of Cut-Rite wax paper under the table to wrap up baked goods in the quantities purchased. That way, they'll keep fresh and moist. Wax paper bags will come in handy too -- so will a stack of paper napkins on the baked goods table.

It's easy to add visual appeal to the items you offer for sale, by using colorful icing or decorations of cherries, nuts, coconut, or sprinkles. It takes only a few minutes, but you'd be amazed at the selling effect! And isn't that the purpose of your fund-raising event?

Children's Holiday Project

Children can make an attractive wreath from tissue paper for a holiday project that is fun and easy. Tissue paper is available at most variety stores in many colors during the holiday season.

Cut strips of tissue paper that measure one inch wide by 7 1/2 inches long. Fold each strip in half. Wrap the center of each strip around a wire coat hanger that has been shaped into a circle, giving the center part of the paper strip an easy twist. The major part of each strip is left open. Keep strips close to each other on the wire frame for a full

pom-pom effect.

The wreath can be decorated with gold or silver spray paint, glitter, ornaments, pine cones or anything else that strikes your fancy. The wreath can be made in any color of tissue paper -- or try using two or more colors such as purple, lavender and white for an interesting effect. The hanger part of the wreath can be wrapped in ribbon, colorful tape or left plain.

Making the wreath is a fun project for children and adults and a great way to decorate your home during the holiday season.

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-Tribune, Chicago.

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Gay Montgomery
Georgia Patterson
Donna Guinn

Holiday Cheer

Thanks so much for your support and patronage. We hope to continue serving you in the future. The best wishes of the season to all of our friends.

Farm Bureau Insurance
Ray Davis, Mgr.

Joy at Christmas

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

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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — An estimated \$3 billion general revenue windfall quickly shrank to \$1.189 billion as the Legislative Budget Board put finishing touches to the 1978-79 state budget.

The legislative leaders recommended general fund appropriations for the next biennium of more than \$4.8 billion.

While the budget-writers sharply pruned spending requests of all agencies, the total outlays inevitably soared. They held Gov. Dolph Briscoe's proposals for highway assistance to about a third of the \$825 million he asked. From the \$1.189 billion left must come funds for additional public school aid, teacher salary hikes and other demands for more spending certain to be heard.

About \$291.3 million of the increases directed would go to state employee pay raises of 6.8 per cent and 5.1 per cent (for each year of the coming fiscal period).

Other general revenue fund spending increases include \$121.1 million to the foundation school program; \$160 million to the Department of Highways and Public Transportation; \$67.6 million to Department of Public Safety; \$137.5 million to public junior colleges; \$128.8 million to health science units of higher education; \$235.2 million for the colleges and universities; \$209.5 million for medical assistance; \$76 million for teachers retirement and \$150.8 million for the Department of Corrections.

Education would take \$2.5 billion of the general revenue outlay, health, mental health, rehabilitation and welfare \$1 billion, executive and administrative agencies \$1.14 billion, the legislature \$51.6 million and the judiciary \$37.5 million.

Electors Meet

Texas presidential electors met here last week, cast the state's 26 votes for Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale and recommended that the electoral college system be abolished.

Electors split 18-8 on the proposal to seek a constitutional change and allow the voters to elect presidents directly in the future. The vote for Carter and Mondale, as expected, was 26-0. Several other state electors also agreed that the president should be elected by direct popular vote rather than through the electoral college system provided in the constitution.

Allowable Set

The statewide oil production allowable for January was trimmed a percentage point and set at 98 per cent by the Railroad Commission.

A commissioner predicted it will range from 90 to 100 per cent for the next six months.

Meanwhile, a commission study will seek to determine if any oil is being wasted. Crude oil imports of 5.9 million barrels a day into the U.S. are up 1.2 million barrels over the January 2 average.

The December 16 allowable hearing was the last for Railroad Commissioner Ben Ramsey who did not seek re-election and is stepping down January 1.

Swine Flu Shots End

On request of federal authorities, Texas Department of Health Resources declared a moratorium on the swine flu campaign.

Action was taken on the national level pending a thorough investigation of polio-like symptoms in some who had taken the vaccine.

About 4,000 persons a year develop the symptoms, according to Dr. Fratis L. Duff, director of the Texas Department of Health Resources.

sources. Duff said about 90 per cent recover from the temporary paralysis. Actual number of cases of the syndrome which occur normally (having no connection with the vaccine) is not known.

Court Speaks

Workers locked out by their bosses in labor disputes should be allowed to draw unemployment compensation, the State Supreme Court held in affirming a Waco Court of Civil Appeals decision.

The Court of Criminal Appeals overturned three decisions:

One reversed the conviction of an El Paso County man for assault in the death of another man he struck.

Another sent back to Dallas for retrial the case of a man convicted for assault to murder after introduction of evidence of an earlier conviction.

The third reversed the five-year probated sentence given a Jefferson County night club manager for assault with a prohibited weapon.

AG Opinions

Atty. Gen. John Hill has been called on by the Senate Jurisprudence Committee chairman to write an opinion on whether the State Bar's \$4 million mortgage on its new building is proper.

In recent opinions, Hill held:

A fee for attorneys appointed to represent indigents for time spent on legal research and investigation out of court is not inherently unreasonable. But legal research and investigation done by an attorney and billed to himself in such cases is not compensable.

County court records can be transferred to regional historical resource depositories. The depositories have no legal obligation to return the records to court for use of private attorneys without a court order if microfilm records are available from the court clerk.

Salaries for assistants and investigators fixed by a district or county attorney must be approved by the commissioners court to be come effective.

Appointments Announced

Fred Akers, head football coach at the University of Wyoming, will succeed Darrell Royal as head coach at The University of Texas at Austin.

Mack Wallace, formerly of Athens, is new Railroad Commission chairman.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe named Jack H. Stallings of El Paso to the Commission for Indian Affairs.

Rep. Emmett Whitehead of Rusk will serve on a commission studying possible reductions in welfare health programs.

Windfall Time

Texas cities levying the sales tax received \$302.8 million in tax rebates during calendar year 1976 — a 14.4 per cent increase over 1975. The 864 cities got \$50.6 million for December — \$9.8 million more than in December 1975.

Another 49 cities and 34 counties will be getting a "Christmas bonus" totaling \$1.5 million as the result of a State Supreme Court ruling which upheld the Texas mixed drink tax. Another \$3.8 million will be deposited in the general revenue fund of the state government. Cities are due to get \$774,788 and counties \$895,923 from the drink tax backlog.

Short Short


About a fourth of school districts have filed appeals from the estimates of their taxable property made by the Governor's Office of Educational Resources as the basis of Gov. Briscoe's school finance plan.

Arthur Burns, Federal Reserve Board Chairman:

"I am opposed to a tax cut but my mind on this subject is by no means closed."

Ronald Reagan, former California Governor:

"I want to enlist support among the growing number of independents and disappointed Democrats for a new Republican party."



The Speaker Reports

by Bill Clayton

AUSTIN—It is a blessing for Texas that instead of looking at red ink smeared across our financial ledgers we can expect to have available more than \$3 billion in unencumbered funds for the next two year funding period.

The state budget today is \$12.8 billion for the two year period and it will go even higher for the 1978-79 biennium. Because there will be surplus available we won't be looking down the throat of a tax bill when the Legislature convenes in January.

The demands that will be placed on that \$3 billion, however, will be unequalled in our history. Never before has there been so much available and never before has the demand for additional funding been so great.

If we are not cautious, the surplus will be quickly used, just as an average of \$1.5 billion was spent in 1975.

Because of the importance to the state of the projected \$3 billion balance, and because of the great problem with letting it slip away from us, I hold it to be the number one priority item of the session.

If we do give it over to our agencies and commissions, it would mean that we were increasing the size of state spending by 31 per cent over the current level. That would be right in line with what we have done over the past 10 years. Spending has increased every two years by 21 to 34 per cent.

Joy & Tears In Mistletoe Myth

From Scandinavian mythology comes a sad tale of a god's envy of the beloved son of the goddess of love. Although seeking the promises of earth, air, fire and water to protect her son, he was slain by the jealous god from a dart of mistletoe, a parasitic plant which attaches itself to trees and does not grow from any of the four elements. The tears of sorrow from the god's mother be-

The transfusion of more and more taxpayer money into building a bigger and bigger government has got to be halted. We don't need bigger government, just more efficiency in the government we have now.

To provide a measure of efficiency, we have spent untold hours during the 18 month interim working through the Hobby-Clayton Commission for places to trim government and make it work better.

The recommendations of this commission and the scrutiny with which the Legislative Budget Board is approaching agency budgets will provide the Legislature with the message that there are savings to be made in government and that our government can work just as well or in many cases better without the huge increases that have become associated with state expenditures in the last few years.

I believe that unless we put the brakes on government and stabilize its growth, then we are only a short time away from the day when many Texans will spend more of their time working for the government than for themselves.

There are many worthy ways in which we can use the surplus without giving it over to ongoing programs and bigger government. I trust the Legislature will find the optimum ways to make use of the treasure and at the same time put the budget on a diet.

came the white berries of the plant and she decreed that mistletoe would never again be used as a weapon, but as a symbol of love, and that she would place a kiss on anyone who passed under it!

The legend of kissing under the mistletoe during the Christmas season came from an ancient custom which deemed that the girl who received no kisses under the mistletoe by the end of the year would not marry in the new year!



Dear Santa

Dear Santa Claus, I want an Evil Knivel and cowboy things, the pants and the guns and a puzzle and a Walkie-Talkie. That's all the things. Santa Claus I love you. Eduardo Soto *****

Dear Santa, I want an Evil Knivel and some cars and a ball. Thank you Santa. Isodoro Trevino. *****

Dear Santa Claus, I want a watch and a necklace and a ring and a bracelet. Merry Christmas Santa Claus. Thank you for the other things Santa Claus. I love you Santa Claus. From Elvira Soto *****

Dear Santa Claus, I want a train, a play horse, and a cowboy, and baby goat, and a little dog. Love, Eliberto *****

Dear Santa, I want a tree house, and a roll-over Baby doll, and a Baby doll that goes in the bathtub. And a doll that has diapers. Love, Michelle Cox *****

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Ballerina Barbie for Christmas and the Jaws game, and that's all. Love, Tonya Sisemore *****

Dear Santa, Please get me a Tender-Love and that's all. Please get my little brother a Teddy Bear and a John Deere tractor. That's all. Love, Channia Pierce *****

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a Jodi doll house case, some skate shoes, a don't cry baby, coloring book, and some colors, a good book, some new moccasins, some jewelry, a new pencil. Your friend, Lisa Estelle Bennett *****

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Baby Alive and a Baby That-A-Way and some dishes. I want a little doll that turns over and a B.B. gun for my brother and some cars. And for my mom a new car and a toaster. And for my dad a new truck. And that is all. Good luck and Merry Christmas to all of your friends. Yours truly, Sylvia Ibarra *****

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a racing bike and a gun. Love Ramon Sanchez *****

Dear Santa Claus, I want a gun, and a car, and a toy rabbit. Love, Ricardo Alarcon *****

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