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All Around the Town

by Mary Ann Sarchet

It is true that most of us never take the time to sit down and consider the true meaning of Christmas, but I cannot remember when I have seen Christmas in as many different lights as this year as we look through the articles the Silvertown High School students have written for our paper. We are firm believers in self expression, but when we first suggested that we would like to have their original articles, we were told that some hesitated to write because of a fear of being ridiculed. I would like to be swamped by a barrage of mail from our readers letting these students know that the true facts are much to the contrary. But, due to the rush of this season and that of the weeks ahead, may I simply ask that as you read, you make a mental note to compliment these young writers the next time you see them. Words of encouragement can often inspire one to greater achievements.

Our personal view is— many thanks, kids, we knew you could do it!

It is now the season of Christmas, 1,959 years since the Prince of Peace was born in the Fulfillment of Prophecy, to reject a crown of gold and life of splendor for 33 dedicated years and wear a crown of thorns.

Because He came as a leader and teacher of men, there were those who devoted unceasing efforts to degrade and destroy Him. Yet, in quiet, God-like manner, He walked in the valley of men, teaching the fundamental principles of life and truth by both parable and example.

Because he lifted the eyes of mankind above the meaningless values of worldly power and earthly riches, He sinned against the plunderers and tyrants, and for this He was crucified.

Because He called out in pain for the forgiveness of those who had tortured Him and nailed Him to a cross between two thieves, He set the highest example of the Golden Rule.

Because He came, with Divine direction, to lead mankind unto salvation, He is with us always.

Because of His example and sacrifice, the tyrants and plunderers who seek to conquer and enslave are eventually set aside into oblivion...while the lessons of His Divine teachings remain forever, showing the way toward peace on earth, good will to men.

Because He is always with us, it is fitting that we observe the Christmas, the anniversary of His birth, in the hope that on this new Christmas the hearts of man everywhere will open up to receive His most wondrous message.

There is something about this time of the year, when Christmas comes, that makes it easy to think of others. Our thoughts are naturally turned toward good will and good cheer. We remember that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," and we find happiness in making others happy. It is the natural thing to do at Christmas.

But what happens the day after Christmas?

Is the spirit of Christmas "spent" in lavish preparation and anticipation, enjoyed but briefly, then thrown aside with the wrapping paper and colored ribbon?

Does one breathe a deep sigh and inwardly say, "I'm glad it's over for another year?"

And how will you feel next July? Will you still have some of that holiday spirit when it's summer instead of winter, and Christmas is six months away? Will you be as thoughtful of others?

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MARRIAGE PLANS ARE REVEALED



OWANA JO WELLMAN

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wellman, of Parnell, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Owana Jo, to Mr. Jay Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Turner, of Silvertown. The wedding vows will be exchanged in the home of the bride's parents on January 23.

Miss Wellman, the niece of Mr. and Mrs. John Imel, of Silvertown, has been employed here for the past few months. The couple plan to make their home in Silvertown.

Mayor Warns Against Use Of Fireworks

Mayor Alvin Redin issued a reminder this week that there is a city ordinance against the use of fireworks inside the city limits of Silvertown.

Those who are interested in shooting fireworks should exercise caution to avoid accidents, as well as locating a spot outside the city limits to do so. Special care should be taken to avoid disturbing residents, especially elderly ones and those who are not well.

COMMUNITY WIDE SALE

A community-wide sale will be held Monday, January 18, at the Tomlin and Fleming Gin Yard in Silvertown.

All who have something to sell, large or small, should call 4371 to make arrangements with the Tomlin and Fleming Gin office before January 1.

Remember, this is a good chance for your New Year's barn and house cleaning, as you may have items which are no longer in use by you that someone else is needing.

Come to the community-wide sale on January 18.

FIRST ANNUAL ROLLING PLAINS BULL SALE HELD IN CLARENDON

Quite a few ranchers and Briscoe County stockmen were present at the First Annual Rolling Plains Bull Sale at Clarendon on Friday. The sale featured Herefords, Angus and Galloway cattle from this area.

Alvin Redin and Clifford Allard of Silvertown, each purchased a Galloway bull to go in their purebred and grade Angus herds. They are polled black animals with heavy coats of wavy black hair. They tend to be some larger than Angus and are somewhat more angular and more rugged in appearance.

Bill Thornberry, who ranches in the Antelope Flat Community consigned to Hereford bulls to the sale.

Others attending from Briscoe County were Roy McMurtry, Wade Welch, Bill Cushing, Don Grady, Pascal Garrison and County Agent Robert Ledbetter.

Owls To Play In Caprock Holiday Cage Tournament

The Silvertown boys basketball team will participate in the Caprock Holiday Basketball Tournament to be held December 28, 29 and 30 in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. The Owls will play their first game of the tournament on Monday, December 28, at 4:00 p.m. against the Dimmitt Bobcats.

Due to a recent ruling by the Silvertown School Board against the use of school buses for basketball trips, a group of local citizens who are anxious for our boys and girls teams to have the same opportunities to participate in area competition as students of other schools, have contributed money for transportation, eats and a possible need for places to stay when out of town. The money collected will be used to finance the basketball team trips for the remainder of the season as well as the trip to the tournament in Lubbock.

Those contributing money to the fund to date are: Joe Oneal, Gene Morris, Joe Mercer, Frank



Above the Silvertown Owls accept the first place trophy after defeating the Happy Cowboys in the Silvertown Invitational Basketball Tournament last Saturday night. Bobby Crass and Larry West were named to the All-Tournament team as result of their display of playing abilities during the three-day journey.



The Claude girls basketball team accepts and admires their first place trophy won by defeating the Silvertown Owlets last Saturday night in the finals of the Silvertown Invitational Basketball Tournament. Betty Ransom and Donna Dye were named to the All-Tournament team and received individual awards for their playing abilities.

Eta Chi Enjoy Christmas Party In McWilliams Home

The beautifully decorated home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen McWilliams was the setting Monday night for the annual Eta Chi Christmas party.

Husbands of the Eta Chi members are invited to enjoy this party each year. Special guests of the evening were the District 10 President and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. David Burgess, of Tullia. Those present enjoyed a sumptuous feast, served buffet style, and afterwards games and the gift exchange. The husbands join the Eta Chi girls at Christmas and all draw names.

Those enjoying the party were Messrs. and Mmes. Glen Lindsey, Olan Chitty, Jack Stafford, James Patton, Eddie Edwards, Bernice May, David Burgess, the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams and Mrs. Lula Bellinger and Mrs. Riley Yates.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Steele, Raymond Lee and Kim, spent the week end in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Cannon.

Mercer, Fred Mercer, Bob London, Jim Brooks, Carver Monroe, Keyth Tiffin, Alvin Redin, Jack Stafford, Maples "66" Service, Dave Stewart, Arnold Brown, Susie Wynn, Johnnie Lanham, J. L. West, Ben Whitfill, Snooks Frizzell, the Silvertown Quarterback Club, Joe McWatters, Bill Long, Earl Cantwell, Shine Stephens, Shorty Bingham, Silvertown Auto Parts, J. D. McGavock, Edwin Crass and the First State Bank.

SILVERTON BOYS; CLAUDE GIRLS CAPTURE TOP HONORS IN LOCAL TOURNAMENT

To Observe Two-Day Christmas Holiday

The following businesses of Silvertown will observe a two-day Christmas holiday, December 25 and 26.

- A & R and Service Supply
- Bellinger's Department Store
- Briscoe County News
- City Tailors
- County Offices
- Crass Motor and Implement Co.
- First State Bank
- Fogerson Lumber and Supply
- House Food
- House of Gifts
- Jennings Supply
- J. E. Minyard Implement Co.
- Nance's Food Store
- Pauline's Beauty Shop
- Salem Dry Goods
- Silvertown Cafe
- Seaney Hardware & Appliance
- Simpson Chevrolet
- Stafford's Grocery & Market
- Ray Thompson Implement Co.
- Tiffin's Department Store
- Willson & Nichols Lumber Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Garrison were in Plainview Friday and visited his brother, C. C. Garrison, who formerly lived here. C. C. Garrison has been quite sick, but was feeling better. He planned to go to the hospital on Saturday for further examination.

The Silvertown boys downed the Happy boys for first place in the Silvertown Invitational Basketball Tournament by a 46-27 score.

The Owls and Cowboys battled through a closely contested first quarter in the championship game with the Owls moving ahead in the second quarter. The halftime score was Owls 16, Cowboys 8. In the third quarter, the Owls further increased their lead, scoring ten points to the Cowboys' four. The fourth quarter found the teams scoring six and eight points, but the Cowboys were unable to overcome the early lead established by the Owls, and went home with the second place championship.

Larry West led the Owls in individual scoring with a total of 14 points, followed by Bobby Crass and James Roy Brown with 12 each. Dave Schott scored 4, Jerry Patton 3, and John Howard Burson scored 1, to round out the score for Silvertown.

Bob Frost scored 12 points for Happy, followed by Bill Frost, M. L. McGehee and Robert Kennedy with 4 points each. Richard Bowe had 2 points to his credit and Darrell Bowe scored 1 point. The girls from Claude took first place in the girls division of the tournament by winning over the Silvertown Owlets by a 48-28 margin.

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THE OWL'S HOOT

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE STUDENTS OF SILVERTON HIGH SCHOOL



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Office News

Santa did not bring this, but Silvertton Schools have been placed on the Warned list.

After a recent visit to our schools, an Evaluation Team made recommendations that Silvertton Schools be placed on the Warned List. This means that there are certain things that are not up to standard and these were enumerated. First the School Plant was not all that it should be and in particular the lighting in the old part of the Grade School. The space for storage of pupils clothing in four of the rooms was not satisfactory.

Second was the Library. We need more books and a better arrangement of materials than we do have. Additional equipment was recommended for the Vocational Agriculture Department.

Third, the Physical Education department was not properly organized. We need to make more formal plans for this program. We are in need of more formal guidance and counseling in the high school in particular.

The 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades were overloaded and this was the most serious of all our shortcomings. The sum of the meaning is that we must correct the things enumerated within the next year. Our Schools will of course remain on the list of accredited schools and if we do make the necessary corrections then we will be removed from the Warned List.

We are working to make the corrections and feel sure that we can make all needed improvements soon. We are getting bids on the additional lighting needed and hope to get this corrected soon. Other things are being worked on also.

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Toni was very pleased to get a ring from Bobby. However, Mom and Dad were a little "shook-up" until they found out it was a "Friendship Ring."

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Bananas they smell
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"Go to — well,
I couldn't say that,
Because, you see,
Bananas are good, for you and me!"

Thank you, Jim Imel

Homemaker's Scrapbook

HELPFUL HINTS

TO KEEP PLATE CLEAN while frosting a cake: Place strips of waxed paper on outer edges of plate, having strips extended beyond edge of plate. When cake is frosted, gently pull strips from under cake.

WHEN MEASURING MOLASSES, honey, or other sticky liquid, first grease measuring cup or spoon very lightly. Measurement will be accurate and liquid will pour easily.

IN BEATING EGG WHITES, when the recipe says: Frothy—the entire mass forms bubbles; Rounded Peaks—peaks turn over slightly when the beater is lifted; Stiff Peaks—peaks remain standing when beater is lifted.

ADD EGGS TO A BATTER one at a time, and open each egg into a separate bowl before adding. It keeps shell out of the batter, and saves waste and disappointment should the last egg be a bad one.

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This picture is living proof that high school students really enjoy a Christmas tree. From left to right the "decorators" are Larry May, Bobby Kitchens, Freddie Edwards, Lajuan Curby, Robert Rhode, Becky Mallow and LaQuetta Chitty's feet.

PEEPIN'



Tom is really enjoying the holidays, but just had to give you this last bit of information.

Did Mr. Rampley really notice the mistletoe above him in civics last Tuesday?

A certain Senior girl was really glad when last Saturday, the 19th, finally came. It seems that a certain boy came home for the Christmas holidays. She couldn't have asked for a better Christmas present.

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S.H.S. TOP TEN

The top ten tunes were selected this week from Christmas tunes.

1. WHITE CHRISTMAS, Bing Crosby
 2. BLUE CHRISTMAS, Elvis Presley
 3. JINGLE BELL ROCK, Bobby Helm
 4. RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER, Gene Autry
 5. JINGLE BELLS, Fabian
 6. SILENT NIGHT, Ernie Ford
 7. DECK THE HALL WITH BOUGHS OF HOLLY, Nutty Squirrels
 8. SANTA BRING MY BABY BACK TO ME, Elvis Presley
 9. WINTER WONDERLAND, Bing Crosby
 10. SILVER BELL
- SHS —

SHS Questions and Answers

by Elaine McDaniel

If you were to write a letter to Santa, what would you ask him to bring you — and why?

MRS. RAMPLEY: A new principal because now I have to admit that O. C. is the boss at least 8 hours a day.

WANDA McDANIEL: I'd ask him to bring me a boyfriend, because I need one terribly.

MR. VERDEN: A little boy to make my family even and so I wouldn't be overuled by girls.

BOBBY CRASS: My two front teeth because these are wearing out.

LARRY ELMS: Enough gum to last a whole year because I'm tired of borrowing it from everyone else.

MIKE MERCER: Galaxy Club Victory Skyliner so I could outdrag Charlie in his hot rod.

JAMES BROWN: Two year's supply of gas so I won't have to buy any, or a Phillips Station would be better.

ANN WINGO: I'd like to ask him to turn me into a rocking angel because I've never been one before.

MARSHA MONROE: I want a red Corvett and gas enough to last me the next five years because it's been too hard on Pa's pocketbook for the past four years.

CARLA MILLER: The same thing Joyce wants, and the same reason Joyce wants it.

MRS. REDIN: I would want him to bring me students that try hard to make A's because it's such a joy to teach that kind of pupils.

GORDON LOWERY: A gold Cadillac or nothing.

JOYCE THORNTON: I want the same thing Carla wants because it means more to me than anything else in the world.

VIRGINIA SHELTON: A fur coat, so I could show off to everybody how generous Santa was to us.

DICKIE MAYFIELD: A helicopter so I could go to see Nell when it rains.

Dear Santa: I would like it very much if you would bring me t Teddy Bear. I would like a Teddy Bear so I would not have to sleep by myself. When I go to bed, and the lights are turned out, I get scared and would like to have something big and brave like a Teddy Bear.

My stockings are very large this year, so you had better bring lots of candy and nuts. Don't forget the other boys and girls, for I am sure they have been very good.

Thank you, Jim Imel

JUNIORS AND SENIORS WRITE LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa:

I would like for you to bring me some dolls, doll clothes, and other kinds of toys for little girls. I would also like to have some guns, cowboy suit, train and any other kind of toys that you have for boys. Bring me lots of candy, nuts and fruits.

Santa, please don't think I'm being selfish, because I'm really not. If I could have all the things I have asked for, I would give them to all the little children that won't get to have any Christmas.

Thank you, Santa Claus!

I love you,

Elaine McDaniel

P.S. Please make it snow so we can have a white Christmas.

— SHS —

Dear Santa:

I am a sixteen-year-old boy who would like to have a car for Christmas. I will describe the kind of car I want so you won't get the wrong kind.

Make: Chevrolet, Impala

Model: 1959

Color: White with red interior

Miscellaneous: Biggest motor, 4 speed transmission, radio and heater.

Please don't try to come down the chimney with it.

Yours truly,

John H. Burson

— SHS —

Dear Santa: Would you please bring me some of that green stuff to go in my college fund. I would like for you to bring all the teachers of SHS a lot of patience and understanding so they can put up with me.

Please bring everybody a little more than they deserve; otherwise, some of us might not get anything.

Love,

Celene Lanham

Merry Christmas from all of us!

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Make it a CUSHMAN Christmas!

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Ask us to show you the complete Cushman line. Note the flight-age styling, the sturdy construction, the famous Cushman Husky 4-cycle engine built especially for motor scooter service.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



It is a pleasure to express our heartfelt thanks for the honor of serving you during the past year...



May you have a Christmas of bountiful happiness.

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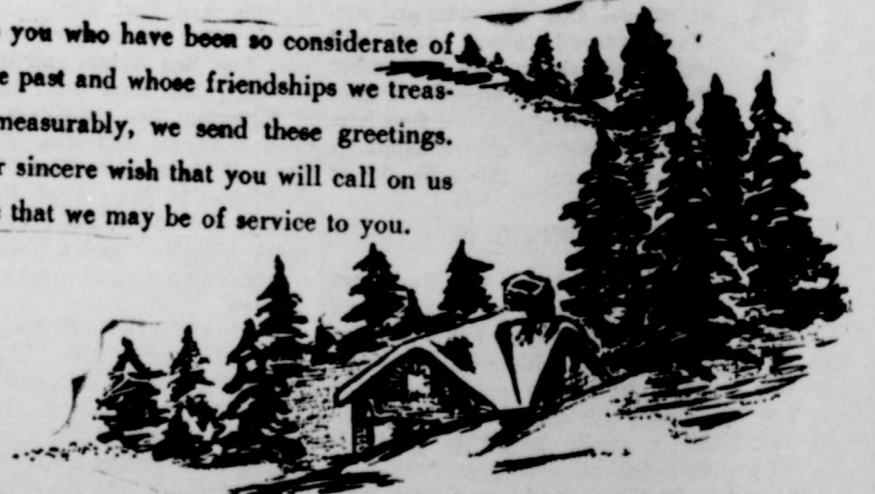
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Greetings and Best Wishes

To you who have been so considerate of us in the past and whose friendships we treasure immeasurably, we send these greetings. It is our sincere wish that you will call on us anytime that we may be of service to you.



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Grade School News

FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Trout

We are sure thankful for the good rain but sorry some of our pupils had to be absent from school.

Our room is all decorated for next Tuesday afternoon. We are hoping that Santa will visit us on that day about 1:45 or at two will do. Our little program will be presented between 1:15 and 1:45.

— SGS —

FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Elms

Our attendance for this week has been very low due to severe colds, coughs and bad roads.

We want to thank these mothers for helping us make our room so cheerful: Mrs. Jasper, Mrs. Crow, Mrs. Dickerson, Mrs. Hildebrand, Mrs. McPherson, and Mrs. McDaniel.

We were treated with some beautiful and good cookies brought by Tommy Burson.

Eudelia Montelongo moved away this week.

— SGS —

SECOND GRADE

Miss Anderson

The boys and girls are all very excited about Christmas. Our tree is up and decorated just waiting for the gifts to go under it.

The children have been writing letters to Santa this week.

— SGS —

SECOND GRADE

Mrs. Bomar

We've been missing some of our "live wires" during this seige of weather. The "Wisconsin Journal of Education" states that one of the teacher's constant tasks is to take a roomful of live wires, and see that they are grounded. We would certainly like to have everyone here everyday, but we know it is quite impossible.

— SGS —

THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Wilmeth

Merry Christmas to all of you from all of us. Nothing is happening around our houses except daily routine and the excitement of Christmas. We have our tree decorated and our stockings hung by the well, we just hung ours in the window since we don't have a chimney. Our mothers in charge of the Christmas party are: Mrs. Marvin Montague, Mrs. Roy Montague, Mrs. Jack Strange, Mrs. C. F. Tate, Mrs. Travis Minyard, Mrs. Truman Loyd, Mrs. Edward Edwards, and Mrs. Richard Hill.

— SGS —

FOURTH GRADE

Mrs. Alexander

We have a Christmas tree. Nancy Long was out of school last Wednesday. Terry Lee was out of school this week. She has been

out of town.

FOURTH GRADE

Mrs. Childress

Not much news this week. We have been busy making decorations for our room. Our mothers came Monday and decorated our tree for us.

Ray Castro withdrew this week which leaves us 26 in our room.

Since Christmas is near, the most of us are trying not to be "naughty but to be nice."

The Fourth Grade enjoyed getting a greeting and letter from Mrs. Bragg. Mrs. Bragg was a third grade teacher here last year.

— SGS —

FIFTH GRADE

Mrs. Rhode

We were happy to have won the prize for contributing the largest amount to the Boys Ranch Christmas Fund.

We were sorry that so many had to be absent Tuesday and Wednesday because of bad weather, but we did have a good time with puzzles, games and contests at recess times.

Kay Strange was absent on Thursday to attend the funeral of her great-grandmother.

— SGS —

SIXTH GRADE

Mrs. Turner

The bad weather has caused a large number of absentees this week in the sixth grade.

We hope the roads improve rapidly so that we can all settle down to work again.

SGS

SEVENTH GRADE

Miss Slavik

Absences have been unusually high this week due to the rains. Tuesday we will have our Christmas party before going home for the holidays. Our tree is ready—our names have been exchanged and WE'RE ready. In the meantime though we still have work to do. We've been intrigued by a telephone, the old crank style, which was brought to school this week, and, among other things, we've been doing quite a bit of work on the U.S. Constitution in order to understand our own state government better.

SGS

EIGHTH GRADE

Mr. Wilmeth

We had quite a few absentees this week. Due to the rain about half of our class was absent Tuesday. But we are very proud of the rain though.

We are all happy that the holidays are next week. The eighth grade are planning on going skating Monday night if the weather permits.

We were dug in on a hill just north of Seol when the Chinese Reds hit us with everything they

SONG OF THE MAGI

It shines again in the evening gloom—
The ever-leading Star,
The haunting spark on the purple night
We've followed so long and far!
We seek no trail in the reaching sand
As under the night we ride,
The lantern-light from another world
Is our unfaltering guide.
Beyond the night with its urging dreams
We'll find the face of God!
And so we sing as our camels swing
As ever we westward plod.
Our faith is strong though the nights are long;
And though we follow far,
Somewhere we'll worship a new-born King
Whose name is Morning Star!
—Lon Woodrum

— SHS —

A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS (borrowed)

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring to me,
A tiny little Christmas tree,
I've never had one yet, you see—
And I just thought if I would write a note to you, an say, "please don't forget me Christmas day"
You wouldn't pass me by.
I wrote you last year—don't you know?
But maybe you were busy though
Or else your reindeers wouldn't go
I don't know what it was.
But anyhow, you never came—
And I'm sure I signed my name—
I'm Jimmy, Santa Claus!
I'm Jimmy Moore —have you forgot?
I think you have—you've never brought
one thing to me —but I just thought
if once more I would write,
A note, and ask you please to bring
Not very much—just anything—
Well I just thought you might,
I'd like some toys, but I suppose
I'd better ask, instead for clothes.
And Santa Claus, my little toes
stick right out in the air,
And gee-ma-nee! On days like these
I tell you what, I nearly freeze!
But no one seems to care.
I guess that's all I'd better say—
But won't you please, come past
our way,
And give me one real Christmas day?
FORGET that we are poor!
Our house is where it always was;
Try HARD to find it, Santa Claus!
That's all,
from
jimmy moore
— SHS —

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BEWARE OF COVETOUSNESS

by Carla Miller

Covetousness is especially evident at the Christmas holiday season. We see it in the magnificent window displays, the numerous newspaper ads, and enticing radio and TV commercials that allure the American public to excessive holiday spending. Even little Susie's or Johnnie's letter to Santa is full of "I wants" for Christmas. A measure of covetousness is often manifested in our own personal Christmas lists, as we mark some unnecessary "wants" which we could easily do without. On Christmas morning in many homes, covetousness shows its ugly head as discontented, ungrateful hearts grieve over gifts they didn't receive.
To many, Christmas is a time for "getting" instead of "giving". In our grasp for gain, we have left the Christ and the true Christ-spirit of sharing out of Christmas. Our chief concern is to please ourselves and gratify our own desires. How unlike the spirit of that first Christmas morn when the Father unselfishly "sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world."
— SHS —

THE TALE OF THE WEARY SANTA CLAUS

by Jerry Williamson

Out of the North comes a hurrying dot,
That grows into a blurring blot.
Which turns out to be Santa and his lot.
Up on the roof in a fast trot,
Down the chimney with a pace red hot.
He lands in the ashes like a sot.
He fills the sacks with he knows not what.
He must hurry and make time to allot
had. At the height of the barrage,
I heard the private next to me mutter, "Oh, if Ma had only been right!"
During a lull in the shooting, I asked him what he meant. He looked at me, shook his head and said sadly, "Before I was born Ma was sure I was going to be a girl."

ENGLISH Department News

The Freshman Class thoroughly enjoyed an English lesson recently on "Spoonerisms." The one they liked best was "It's a pleasant old American kismet to cuss the bride."

A recent edition of the little magazine "Word Study" has a list of incorrect words and expressions used by freshman college students.

The most unusual one was "chester drawers." The teacher had never seen that term before so he asked the girl who wrote it just what she meant. When he discovered that the writer had meant "chest of drawers," he started to explain. The girl was sure her instructor was wrong. She said her family had always said "chester drawers."

OWLS ANL OWLETTS SPLIT

TWO WITH FLOYDADA
The Silverton Owls and Owletts split their games against Floydada Tuesday night, December 15. The Owls lost by a very narrow margin of 44-46. Larry West led the Owls with 13 points, followed by James Brown and Bobby Crass with 11 points each.

The Owletts were victorious with a score of 31-17. High scorer was Jimmie Nell Reynolds with 14 points followed by Celene Lanham with 10.

— SGS —

HI RECORD FANS

One of our Freshman girl's favorite pastime is collecting and playing popular records. She has written a make-believe letter from a boy to his girl friend using 45 song titles. The names of these songs are in bold print. After reading it, why don't you see what you can compose from titles?

HIGH SCHOOL U.S.A.
PRIMROSE LANE,
SEA OF LOVE

OH! CAROL,
WONCHA' COME HOME and see me? BELIEVE ME, I can't PRETEND when I say, YOU MEAN EVERYTHING TO ME! You're my LIVING DOLL and I think THE ANGELS LISTENED IN when they sent you. Boy! Do I THANK THE MOON! Maybe I'm POCO LOCO, and love you JUST A LITTLE TOO MUCH, but I've never found anyone SWEETER THAN YOU. PRETTY BLUE EYES, our's is a TRUE LOVE and WE'RE HALF-WAY TO HEAVEN. YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES, so therefore you're a TEEN ANGEL, or you might be a ROCKIN' LITTLE ANGEL. It doesn't really matter. I can SLEEP WALK and dream that I'm in the ENCHANTED SEA, but I've still got HEARTACHES BY THE NUMBER. You see I'm a LUCKY DEVIL and also a LONELY BOY. COME INTO MY HEART and PUT YOUR HEAD ON MY SHOULDER, and then I'll be content. Now I can truly say, I'M GONNA GET MARRIED!
You can say, DANNY BOY, IT HAPPENED TODAY! However, I've always thought about you. WHY? Because I love you, that's why!
No longer will I be MR. BLUE and I won't be a RUNNING BEAR, either. In THIS FRIENDLY WORLD everyone gets along just fine without falling in love, but I knew YOU WERE MINE from the start. But 'TIL I KISSED YA, I didn't know what true love really was.
I'M GONNA BE A WHEEL SOMEDAY, and then we'll get a ONE-WAY TICKET to KANSAS CITY, then we're on our way.
Until then everyone can JUST LEAVE MY KITTEN ALONE, and that's you, LITTLE DUTCH GIRL! Be waiting for me on LONELY STREET this time.
BYE, BYE LOVE,
WHOO HOO
(alias CHARLIE BROWN)
— SHS —

Birthdays For The Coming Week
December 24 Gary Lee Crow
December 25 Nena McDaniel
December 26 Jerry Stevens
December 27 Terry Lee
Mrs. Wilson
December 28 Kay Rackley
December 29 Van Breedlove
Patsy Hooten
Patricia Grabbe
Birth Flowers
Lynn Edwards
December 30 Alan James
December 31 Aurna Mariscal

For his escape in his reindeer yacht.
From behind the tree runs a malicious tot.
He eyes the toys with a glance that is hot,
And burst out loudly, "Is this all I got!"

CHRISTMAS DAY

by Frankie Hunt

During the Christmas season, there are many things that we do not have at any other time of the year. These traditional acts represent an event that happened many years ago.

When I think about families having Christmas Day dinner together, I am reminded of a man and his wife in a lowly barn in Bethlehem. This was indeed a family time for them; their first child was born then.

Probably all of us give gifts and receive some and, naturally enjoy it. We sometimes forget, in our enjoyment, why we give gifts. We celebrate Christmas because of the greatest gift ever given. God gave His only son, Jesus Christ, as a gift to man. Man will never receive another gift as wonderful or great as Jesus.

Christmas is something besides eating dinner with our family, giving and receiving gifts, or any other way we may celebrate it. It is the day we have set aside as a remembrance of Christ's birthday.

— SHS —

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

by Butch Norris

Christmas! That word doesn't mean much to some people. There are some people who think of Christmas only as a time to give and receive. I imagine there are some who don't even remember it is the time to celebrate the birth

of Christ. There may be some people such as these, but I know of one person who thinks of Christmas as a time to give and to receive and a time to celebrate the birth of Christ. Mr. M. G. Moreland is the person I am talking about.

You can tell he thinks as he does, because of the carols he played over the loud-speaker each morning before school. Mr. Moreland, I know that each one of the students and teachers appreciated it very much. I would like to express everyone's feelings of appreciation and gratitude by saying, "Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and may God bless you."

— SHS —

HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

by Doris Estes

On Tuesday afternoon, December 22, the Silverton High School students and teachers enjoyed a Christmas party. The FHA Chapter planned the event and decorated the study hall and Christmas tree. The high school teachers furnished holiday refreshments as their gift to the student body.

The following program was enjoyed:

Marsha Monroe, Gretchen Morris, Linda Brannon, Glenda McWilliams and Joyce Thornton sang "Angels We Have Heard on High."

Ronnie Hester, Jerry Miller, Stanley Fogerson and Kenny Thornton played several songs. This little band is just getting started and we are looking for a Christmas morning.

bright future in them. Darla Peugh played a piano solo entitled "Winter Wonderland." Wanda McDaniel and Carol Williams sang "Jingle Bell Rock." Doris Estes read the story of "The Littlest Angel."

Nora LaRock, Carla and Edna Miller sang "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," and "It came Upon a Midnight Clear."

Evelyn Verden and Leona Miller, accompanied by Dale Francis, sang "Holy Night" and "Star of the East."

A skit was presented by Denny Estes, Carolyn Garrison, Bill Schott, Jay Towe and Ann Wilson. At the close of the program the group exchanged gifts and were served.

The fact that the students were observing "Dress-Up Day" added much to the party for all were featured in their "Sunday Best." This put everyone in the mood for a gay time.

— SHS —
GRADE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS
by Jealeta Eddleman
Secretary

We the Junior High Student Council want to express our sincere thanks for all the money contributed to Boys Ranch by the students of Silverton Grade School. We are happy to announce that Mrs. Rhode's fifth grade students contributed almost eight dollars and received the prize of twenty-five stamps. We know it will make some boys at Boys Ranch very happy on a Christmas morning.



And best wishes for your happiness

J. E. "DOC" MINYARD
SEE THE NEW KRAUSE HARROWS

GREETINGS
and
Best Wishes



May this be a
real Old-fashioned
Christmas full of
genuine old-fashioned happiness

CITY TAILORS

The Authority of The Bible

We think it must be evident to any student of spiritual conditions today that there is a widespread tendency to ignore and set aside the authority of the Bible.

One of the unique characteristics of this Book is that it claims the right to control actions of men. It speaks "as one having authority." It speaks to men not from the standpoint of human wisdom or morality, but from a plane far above the most exalted human standards and with an attitude demanding unqualified submission. This assumption of authority over men rather contradicts the "democratic" spirit of our time that brooks no authority higher than "the people," which is to say man himself.

The greatest mass of men, including most of the leaders of our age are completely absorbed in the activities of the world and are utterly indifferent to the claims of the Bible. But this Bible nevertheless still has a hold on the conscience of the few, and by its influence wields a mighty power. In some quarters the Bible is assailed and its divine origin disputed in the name of "scholarship" and of "science," though there is no known principle of science which the Bible contradicts. Sometimes the attack may come from those who concede the inspiration of the Bible but claim that other writers were equally inspired. There is no practical difference in these two positions; the result is the same. The unique authority of the Bible is set aside.

We believe that it is of the very highest importance to insist unceasingly upon the sufficiency, finality and completeness of this revealed word of God, and with this attitude the Bible is a chart and compass, "a lamp unto our feet," and an anchor of the soul. With any other attitude the Book is bereft of its power to bless and save mankind, leaving humanity lost and groping in darkness and despair.

The Silverton Church of Christ welcomes all who would attend their services.

L. L. Thornton, Minister
CHURCH OF CHRIST
SILVERTON, TEXAS

What About Christmas?

by Rev. Frank Story

We are rapidly approaching Christmas. Have you paused in your haste to have the festive goodies ready to seriously ask yourself "Just what about Christmas?" Too often we lose the beauty of a scene among the commonplace activities getting the scene ready. Too often we cannot see the city for the houses.

Just what about Christmas? An old song says "In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea." That makes poetic sentiment but beauty was lacking when Christ was "Born across the Sea". Politically, economically and spiritually the world was in a sort of doubting maize. Rome was civilization and economy. Spiritually there were many forms but no great depth in any prominent religion of that day. Coldness of Spirit would better describe the character of religions.

Just what about Christmas? We too often think of Christmas as a time of giving and getting gifts, of sending and receiving greetings. Then in this frame of mind we say that Christmas has gone commercial. We think we will be glad when it is past history and we settle back to normal. Do we? Let us look at Christmas for a moment.

Is Christmas a time to think about getting back to normal? Nay, a thousand times. Since Christ came, the world has not returned to normal, as we count it. Normal, to us, is a certain stability that once was our lot.

Is Christmas commercial? No, Christmas is not commercial as we count being commercial. Every gift bought, every card mailed and every greeting exchanged in any form has an inspiring motive or a pleasant memory attached that makes the price seem mediocre by comparison. Every tree decorated is one method of saying to any and all who view the scene that "we believe in Jesus Christ who was born of the Virgin Mary."

Is there a Santa Claus? Yes, there is a giving spirit about Christmas time that can be per-

sonified to the young and old alike by the jolly gentleman in red. He is the spirit of giving which was made hallowed as the Wise Men gave their gifts to the Babe in the manger and Christ gave Himself that you and I together with all who receive Him may have eternal life.

What about Christmas? Christmas is a time of hard work, giving and rededication. Christmas is a time for self examination and evaluation. Christmas is a time when we should not be longing to get back to normal, but when we should be praying and planning to put more into life by living more closely and willingly the life Christ came to help us live. Then, may the gaily decorated homes and yards, may the beautiful and inspiring programs, may the wonderful gifts and cards, may the hearty handclasp of friends all work together to strengthen us for a greater and fuller life in the days ahead.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Perry, of Ronan, Montan., visited Mr. and Mrs. Lem Weaver and family and Mr. and Mrs. Shafe Weaver and family from Saturday until Tuesday. Mrs. Perry is a sister to Messrs. Weaver. The Perrys went on to Dallas, their former home, for a few days visit and will return here for another visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Storie and children came home Saturday after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Storie in Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Weaks and children visited his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Gaede, in Friona Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. A. T. Brooks and children were in Tulia Saturday morning, where they consulted a doctor and attended to other business.

Mrs. R. E. Sweek took her mother, Mrs. J. J. Vardell, to the doctor in Lockney on Friday.

Bonnie Watters, who teaches in Williams, Arizona, arrived here on Saturday for a two-week visit with homefolks. Walter Watters is her father and Mmes. Maxine Morris and Edwin Dickerson are

her sisters. Mr. Warren of Houston and Lt. and Mrs. Travis Holt, of Killeen, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Strange and family. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dickerson were also guests in the Strange home Saturday evening.

Mrs. Wiley Bomar, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Bomar, Jr. and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Comer and family. Baked goose and ham with all the trimmings were enjoyed.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS GIVES BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON
Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Thornton attended the Ladies' Bible Class at the Church of Christ in Stratford on Tuesday of last week.

A covered dish luncheon was served at noon with a special birthday cake for Mrs. Thornton, whose anniversary it was. Mr. Thornton, minister of the local Church of Christ, was minister at the Stratford Church before coming to Silverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Cannon and Ronnie of Amarillo, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Steele, Raymond Lee and Kim. Mrs. Cannon, nee Geraldine Steele, formerly lived here. She is a niece of J. R. Steele.

Richard Wayne Toler, of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Toler and children of Floydada, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watters.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Patterson of Lubbock, visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dickerson on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cooper and Miss Lois Bishop visited his mother, Mrs. C. L. Cooper, in Turkey on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sedgwick Lisa and Gena of Lubbock, spent Sunday with his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Sedgwick.

RETURNS HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL
Mrs. J. H. May returned here from the Tulia Hospital on Fri-

day of last week. She is spending a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer May.

SPEND WEEK END IN DALLAS
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ziegler of Silverton, and Mr. and Mrs. Larnce McCain and family, of Tulia, spent a recent week end with relatives in Dallas. They visited J. C. Ziegler, Mmes. Mary E. Nipp and Jessie Seay and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Seay, Jr. J. C. Ziegler is the father of J. A. Ziegler and Mrs. Nipp. Glenn Seay, Jr. is the nephew of Mrs. Ziegler.

Mr. and Mrs. McCain also visited his father, T. C. Ziegler, at Grapevine.

All the folks have lived in Silverton except J. C. Ziegler, who has visited here many times.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Joe Ziegler and children returned home on Saturday after having visited relatives in El Paso for a few days.

Ret. H. B. Simpson, of Fort Carson, Colorado, came home on Friday to spend two weeks with Mrs. Simpson and other relatives.

Jo Slavik and Ronnie Braddock, of Nazareth, visited Judith Slavik, a teacher in the local school, on Sunday evening.

TO CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

In honor of the Fiftieth Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Yates, their children are celebrating with an open house in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Stephens, of Silverton.

The anniversary will be celebrated on January 3, 1960, from two to five o'clock in the afternoon. All friends of Mr. and Mrs. Yates are cordially invited to visit them at that time.

SPENDING HOLIDAYS HERE
Cleggett Anderson of Philadelphia arrived here Sunday evening for the holidays. He is the guest of his mother, Mrs. T. L. Anderson, Miss Anna Lee Anderson and Mrs. Clarence Anderson, Susan and Joe.

SILVERTON RESIDENTS ENJOY SUNDAY DINNER AT TULIA
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McGavock and sons were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith near Tulia. Others present were Mrs. D. N. McGavock, Mr. and Mrs. John McClendon, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McGavock, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Chisum, Mr. and Mrs. French McGavock and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Smith. Most all of these are former Silverton folks.

Mrs. J. L. West went to Amarillo Saturday to bring home her daughter, Mary Jane, for the holidays. She attends Draughon's Business College there.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bruce, of Alanreed, were recent Sunday guests of Mrs. W. Allard. Mrs. Bruce is the niece of the late W. Allard.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rivers were in Tulia on business Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lewis and children, of Lubbock, are spending a ten-day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lewis, in Quitaque and Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Marshall, parents of Mrs. Lewis.

VISITING IN DENTON
Mr. and Mrs. Will Smithee, Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Montague and sons of Plainview; and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smithee and children of Memphis, left on Saturday for a few days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Strickland and Kay in Denton.

The Will Smithees are parents of W. A. Smithee and Mmes. Strickland and Mintague.

SPENDING HOLIDAYS IN CALIFORNIA
Mrs. Clyde Lightsey and Spencer Long, Silverton, and Mrs. Grace Irion and Weldon Irion of Amarillo, left Monday for a holiday vacation with relatives and friends in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Ware Fogerson were in Abilene on Thursday and Friday. They went down to return home their daughter, Diane, for the holiday vacation. Diane is a student at A.C.C.

ANNOUNCE ARRIVAL OF BABY DAUGHTER
Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hale are parents of a baby girl, Donna Jean, weight 8 pounds, 12 ounces, born

at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, December 17, in the Lockney Hospital. Grandparents are Mrs. Oliver Holbrook, Byers, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sweek. Great grandparents are Mrs. Mattie Wilson, Randolett, Oklahoma; Mrs. J. B. Sweek, Mineral Wells; and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vardell.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Paige, Jr. of Amarillo, spent a long week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Paige, Sr. in Silverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Whitfill and Scott are spending the holiday vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Paige, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Whitfill and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Larson, of Burkburnett, came Sunday for his sister, Mrs. Jay Jones, who is to spend the Christmas holidays as their guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jones, of Amarillo, were supper guests of his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jones, Saturday evening.

Pvt. Denny Welch of El Paso, and Phyllis Furrow, of Tucumcari, were week end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Welch, and Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Salem, of Sudan, have been here for the past several days, helping out at Salem Dry Goods. They plan to spend Christmas in Sudan.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin, of Muscogee, Oklahoma, visited his aunt, Mrs. J. H. Carter, Sunday afternoon. They were enroute home from California.

O. M. Curry, of Goodwell, Oklahoma, will preach at the local Church of Christ Sunday morning. Mr. Curry has formerly conducted a revival at the Silverton church.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Thornton and Lynn left Tuesday for Manhattan, Kansas, to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter and family, 1/Lt. and Mrs. Bill Kennedy and Greg. Mrs. Kennedy and Greg lived here with her parents for a time while Lt. Kennedy was overseas. He is now stationed at Fort Riley.

L. C. Louis, of Paducah, minister of the Negro Church of Christ in Floydada, preached at the Silverton Church of Christ on Wednesday evening of last week.

Cheryl McCain, Carol June and Charlotte George, of Tulia, spent Friday night with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ziegler.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Story, Kathy and Douglas, Jr. have moved to Odessa where Mr. Story will work with the Sid Richardson Carbon Black. They are at home at 1115 North Milburn in that city.

A most beautiful and inspiring Christmas program was given in the Sanctuary of the First Methodist Church on Sunday evening followed by a visit from Santa Claus and refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

The Youth Division of the First Methodist Church enjoyed refreshments and a gift exchange at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McWilliams after Church Sunday night.

Rev. and Mrs. Don Ledbetter and Donna Lynn, of Mill Valley, California, were expected to arrive here on Tuesday morning for an overnight visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ledbetter and Ronald. They planned to go to Brownwood Wednesday to visit Mrs. Ledbetter's relatives and return here after Christmas for a visit. Rev. Ledbetter attends the

Baptist Golden Gate Seminary Mill Valley.

Twins Honored With Birthday Dinner

Mrs. W. A. McJimsey honored her son, Harvey McJimsey, and daughter, Helen McJimsey, with a birthday dinner on Saturday, December 19, their 22nd anniversary.

Helen and Harvey received many nice gifts.

Guests included Glenn Crowder of Memphis; Mrs. Harvey McJimsey, Mr. and Mrs. Irving McJimsey, and George, Mr. and Mrs. A. McJimsey, Mr. and Mrs. Bert McJimsey, and Todd, Mr. Mrs. C. A. Tipton, David Weldon.

Mrs. Lynn Rhoderick and Scott of Aiken, spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rhoderick, Sr. Mrs. J. W. Lyon, Sr. Quitaque, was also a visitor at the Rhoderick home.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Traditionally, the preparations for Christmas are quite feverish. Preparing the decorations for the home and the tree, the extra hours that go into selecting and preparing good things to eat, the sometimes-perplexing problem of choosing the right gifts, and remembering everyone that we should—all of this has become "traditional." And still an afterglow to all the merry men, Christmas Day usually ushers in comparative peace and quiet, a time when in silent reflection, the majority of us come face to face with the true meanings of Christmas and the spiritual blessings that attend the season.



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."
St. Luke 2-11-14

We extend to you our greetings and good wishes for a happy holiday season! May you hear the wonder of Christmas in each carol . . . see the magic in each gaily bedecked tree . . . feel its joy in your heart. And, as you hear the words of the sacred story, may the blessings of His message surround you and those you hold dear at Christmas and through all the days to come.

BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

Charles, Mary Ann and Kenney

Production Rolling

Out of this world Styling

OUR ASSEMBLY PLANTS ARE NOW BACK IN PRODUCTION OF NEW CARS AND TRUCKS.

We sincerely appreciate your patience and waiting, since we have been out of new cars.

SOON WE WILL HAVE A SELECTION OF MODELS AND COLORS.

Thank you very much for the fine business this year and we wish all a

Merry Christmas

SIMPSON CHEVROLET CO.
SILVERTON, TEXAS

ALL NEW FOR 1960

AROUND THE TOWN
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When the weather is hot? Well, the mere season of the year should not make any difference.

Christmas is not superficial. Christmas is REAL. And so must be the holiday be observed. The matter of observing customs and practices is a matter of conformity. The glitter is gone from the greens and holly wreaths on the wall after Christmas. The tree needles upon the carpet. No one does the bright figure of an adorn the mantle or door—it simply hangs there, with the glamour and stirring no longer.

As we have "kept the Christmas in preparations for, and the Christmas Day, we have observed a meaningful holiday.

This year, let us keep the Christmas in a spirit that will give the profound meaning of the holiday deep in our hearts the remainder of the days a

fter Christmas. Let us resolve right now not to let the Christmas spirit die on the 28th of December. Let us carry it right on through the spring, summer, and fall, and have it still with us when the holidays come again next year.

It ain't the gift a feller gets, it ain't the shape ner size, that sets the heart to beatin' an' puts sunshine in yer eyes.

It ain't the value of the thing, ner how it's wrapped ner tied; it's something else aside from this that makes you glad inside.

It's knowin' that it represents a love both deep an' true, that someone carries in his heart an' wants to slip to you. It's knowin' that some folks love you, an' tell you in this way...jes' sorter actin' out the things they really long to say.

So 'tain't the gift a feller gets, ner how it's wrapped ner tied; it's knowin' that yer folks like you, that makes you glad inside.

—CHEER

A man is at his finest towards the finish of the year;

He is almost what he should be when Christmas season's here; Then he's thinking more of others than he's thought the months before,

And the laughter of his children is a joy worth toiling for. He is less a selfish creature than at any other time;

When the Christmas spirit rules him he comes close to the sublime.

When it's Christmas man is bigger and is better in his part;

He is keener for the service that is prompted by the heart.

All the petty thoughts and narrow seem to vanish for awhile. And the true reward he's seeking is the glory of a smile.

Then for others he is toiling and somehow it seems to me

That at Christmas he is almost what God wanted him to be. If I had to paint a picture of a man I think I'd wait Till he'd fought his selfish battles and had put aside his hate. I'd not take him when he's sneering when his thoughts are all of self,

On the long days and the dreary when he's striving for himself. I'd not take him when he's sneering, when he's scornful or depressed,

But I'd look for him at Christmas when he's shining at his best. Man is ever in a struggle and he's oft misunderstood; There are days the worst that's in him is the master of the good.

But at Christmas kindness rules him and he puts himself aside. And his petty hates are vanquished and his heart is opened wide.

Oh! I don't know how to say it, but somehow it seems to me That at Christmas man is almost what God sent him here to be.

—Edgar A. Guest

Merry Christmas to all!

SILVERTON BOYS; CLAUDE GIRLS CAPTURE TOP HONORS IN SILVERTON TOURNAMENT.
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halftime score stood at 26-14 in Claude's favor. Each team scored approximately the same in the second half.

For Claude, Betty Ransom led in personal scoring with 24 points, Shirley Olas scored 10, Dona Hundley made 8 and Jo Carol Cobb made 2.

Jimmie Nell Reynolds led the Owlett attack with 11 points, while Celene Lanham piled up 10, and Carolyn Frizzell 7. Marsha Monroe made 3 and Joy McCutcheon scored 1 point in the championship game in which the Owletts added a second place trophy to those already collected.

Selected to the all-tournament team were: Jimmie Nell Reynolds, Silverton; Betty Ransom, Claude; Orlean Humphreys, Sudan; Donna Dye, Claude; Wanda Powell, Sudan; and Jane Dorris, Happy.

Placed on the all-tournament boys team were: Bobby Crass, Silverton; Larry West, Silverton; Richard Bove, Happy; Raymond Lewis, Quitaque; and Bob Smith, Sudan.

In the consolation bracket of play, the Quitaque boys and girls each took the third place honors. The girls won over Sudan by a 50-45 margin and the boys beat Turkey 45-33.

Earlier in tournament play, the Silverton girls beat the Quitaque girls 42-33. In this game Celene Lanham scored 23 points, followed by Jimmie Nell Reynolds with 18 and LaJuan Curby with 1 point. The Owletts beat the Turkey girls 49-34 to get into the championship playoffs. In this game Celene Lanham scored 24 points, Jimmie Nell Reynolds made 20 and Carolyn Frizzell was credited with 5 points.

The Silverton Owls beat Quitaque 34-33 with Bobby Crass scoring 11 points, followed by James Roy Brown with 7, Larry West with 6, Jerry Patton with 4, and Dave Schott and John Howard Burson made 3 each. The Owls won over Sudan 42-37 to get into the championship play, with Larry West leading the scoring with 17 points, James Roy Brown making 10, Bobby Crass with 8, Dave Schott 4, and Jerry Patton 2 points.

The Silverton "B" boys lost their first game to Flomot by a 43-16 score, and their second to Turkey by a 47-17 margin. It should be noted that the Silverton "B" was playing "A" teams in the tournament. Against Flomot, Jimmy Imel scored 6 points, Larry May made 4 and Champ McGavock, Kenny Thornton and Louie Strange made 2 points each.

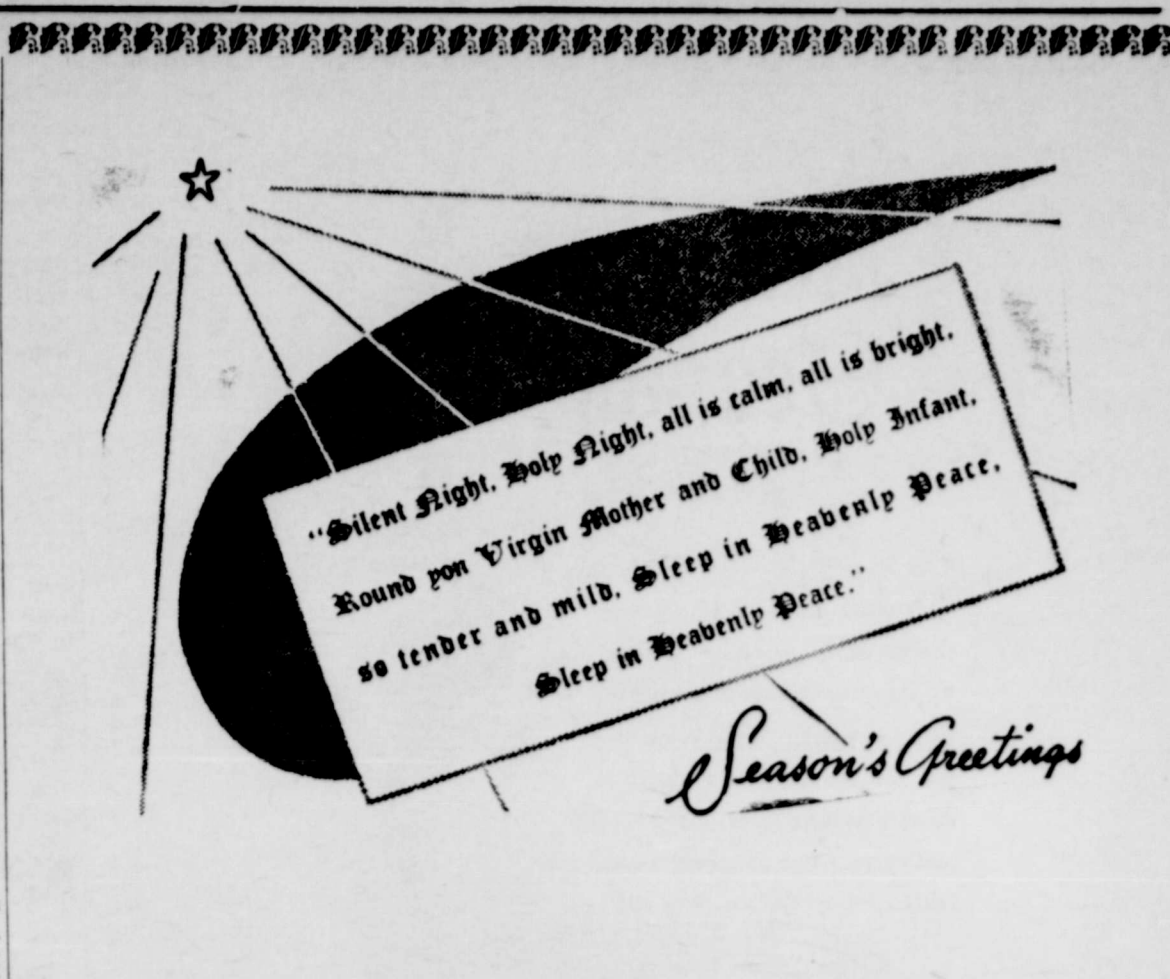
In the game against Turkey, Silverton "B" scores were made by Larry May, 7; Jim Imel, 6; Kenny Thornton, 2; and Jerry Brannon, 1.

The trophies which were given to the champion teams were donated by the First State Bank of Silverton, Texas.

MADONNA AND CHILD SCENE WINS CONTEST

Entitled the "Snowflake Madonna," a window scene fashioned by the Stanley Sedgwick family, 4515 42nd Street, in Lubbock, won first place in the Window Division of the annual Avalanche-Journal home Christmas Lighting Contest.

The figures, robe and snowflakes were cut from tissue paper. The daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Sedgwick, Lisa Marie, 5, and Gena Ellen, 3, helped to color the faces and folds of the robe. Stanley Sedgwick is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Sedgwick of Silverton.



ANHYDROUS AMMONIA

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AT STORAGE TANK OR ON CONTRACT FOR FUTURE DELIVERY

ALL KINDS OF DRY FERTILIZER AT COMPETITIVE PRICES

T. F. & REDIN

SILVERTON, TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Womack left Tuesday morning for Brownsville where they will visit their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jo Womack, Jo Lynn and Marsha Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brannon and Truitt of Panhandle, visited relatives here from Saturday until Monday. They were houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill and sons.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

to Our Friends

As the New Year approaches we receive our humble share of satisfaction by giving our service to this community. Our cordial and heartfelt wishes for your happiness and prosperity.

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JOE'S GULF STATION

Dear Santa:

My big sister wants a can can. I want a road grader and a Paladin gun and a dump truck.

My Daddy needs a pair of house shoes.

I want three darts and a dart board.

Love,
Jimmy McWilliams

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brookshier returned home Monday after a month's visit with Mrs. M. Dan Thompson and children in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Griffin and Johnny, of Quitaque, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sarchet of Silverton, were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Roberts, Sharon and Marian in Tulia this week.

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Memo:

TO OUR FRIENDS AT CHRISTMAS

As we glance backward over the path we have followed the past year, there is a warm pleasure in the memory of the favors you have shown us. We extend a hearty hand-clasp of good fellowship.

Merry Christmas

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Christmas Season

WITH GLADNESS

It is an opportunity to look back with warm thoughts of appreciation for the deep and lasting friendships that have been formed in the year just closing. We acknowledge your friendships with a pledge to do all possible to merit a continuation of your fine patronage in the future. Merry Christmas to all!



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Hark, the Herald Angels sing... Glory to the New Born King... what an inspiring thought at Christmas... for this is the time when we lay aside our cares and think once more of the birth of Him who died to make men free. Yes, a Good, Great Man was born for us in Bethlehem long ago, and we pray we may all share his goodness and brotherly love. To you, whom we call friend, may we send this message in all reverence and sincerity. As Herald Angels sing, let us give thanks.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WAS ONCE FORBIDDEN

Christmas has not always been a "legal" holiday in this country. In 1659, the general court of Massachusetts Bay Colony passed this resolution:

"Whosoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas or the like, either by forbearing labor, feasting, or any other way, as a festival, shall be fined five shillings."

The first "legal" observance in this country is believed to have taken place in Boston in 1686 when Governor Andros conducted services in the town hall. And it was still many years later, in 1856, that the State of Massachusetts officially passed laws which permitted the observance of Christmas.

HOLIDAY STOCKINGS

We cannot be definitely sure how the custom of hanging stockings at Christmas began, but almost certainly it is associated with St. Nicholas.

According to one story, St. Nicholas dropped some money down the chimney of a poor but proud nobleman and the money fell into stockings that had been hung by the fire to dry.

Other writers credit the custom of hanging stockings to the fact that the Hollanders believed St. Nicholas rode a horse on his gift giving trips and accordingly they would put out their wooden shoes filled with carrots or other treats for the horse.

BORDER BATTLE

(Editor's Note: This is the fifth in a series of articles outlining the numerous boundary conflicts dating back to 1716, pointing up little known facts which shaped the Texas of today.)

Greer County lies at the base of the East side of the Texas Panhandle between the forks of Red River.

For many years people in that county did not know whether they were part of Texas or Oklahoma.

The trouble goes back to the treaty between the United States and Spain fixing Red River as boundary at a time when the Tex-

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as Panhandle area was unexplored wild Indian territory. They did not even know Red River had two forks.

In 1852, Captain R. B. Marcy discovered two forks of the river and attempted to locate on the ground the 100 meridian fixed in the old treaty as the northern boundary of Spanish territory.

And his location caused the trouble.

Attorney General Will Wilson, currently fighting another boundary battle, that of the tidelands suit before the U.S. Supreme Court, pin-points the controversy.

"If the 100th meridian crossed below or downstream from the river's forking then the land belonged to Texas unquestionably.

In 1855 a treaty with the U.S. and the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians called for the ground location of the 100th meridian.

A. H. Jones and H.M.C. Brown, contract government surveyors, located their first boundary monument on the north bank of the south fork of Red River. They were convinced that the meridian crossed Red River 50 miles west of the junction of the forks.

The land in between seemed irrevocably headed for dispute.

The Texas legislature jumped into the middle of the issue and created a county out of the entire disputed area, Indians and all. That was in 1860.

The same year saw the beginning of the war between the states. The boundary dispute took a back seat until 1885 when Congress officially recognized the controversy and appointed officers to join with Texas representatives in ascertaining the point.

Any chance of this commission's accomplishing anything seemed doomed from the word go. Representing the U.S. were four army officers whose luggage consisted primarily of foregone conclusions, misconceptions of their function and a bag full of court martial tricks.

"They came to Texas with nothing to offer in the way of an agreement and they left the same way," Wilson observed.

In the next article will be related how the federal government took another bite out of Texas and Texas lost Greer County.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chappell were in Amarillo on Monday. She went for a checkup on recent surgery.

J. R. Minyard has been a patient in the Tullia hospital for several days.

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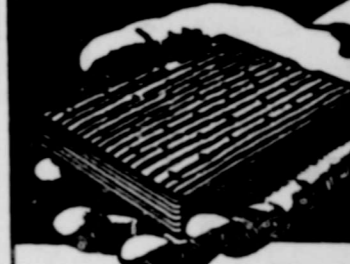
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Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kindrick, David and Sherry, of Leuty, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vardell and other relatives. Mrs. Kindrick is a daughter to the Vardells. The Kendrick family formerly lived here.

Janet Turner, who teaches school in Pampa, came home Friday for the Christmas holidays. She is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Turner, Jay and Joan.

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Dear Santa:
 Mike would like a stick horse.
 John would like a train. I would like a witch band.
 Mama would like a coffee table.
 Daddy would like a gun to go hunting with.
 Carol Ann Montague

We would both like a toy chest to put all our toys in.
 Love,
 Christi Northcutt

Dear Santa:
 I have been a nice little girl and helped my grandmother and Pop and have been nice to mother and daddy.

Would you please bring me a doll and buggy, a refrigerator, and ironing board. Bring little Beth a doll and buggy and washing machine. Bring James and Frankie cowboy toys and clothes.

I forgot to give you my letter in Plainview, but hope you will come to Silverton.
 Yours very truly,
 Ann Welch

Dear Santa:
 Rodney wants a watch and a Paladin gun set with real bullets.
 Randy wants a "Li'l Smokey" gun set and a "Texas Ranger" wagon.

Pamela wants a baby doll and a doll buggy.
 Vicky wants a record player and an overnight bag.
 Love,
 Vicky, Rodney, Pam and Randy

Dear Santa:
 My name is Todd McJimsey and I am 3 years old, nearly. I've been a pretty good boy, so will you send me a John Deere Tractor, a little wagon and a Texaco truck.

Bring something real nice for all my little friends and my dog, "Peanut."
 I love you Santa Claus,
 Todd McJimsey

Dear Santa:
 I am a little girl 3 years old. I go to Sunday School. I need abig doll, piano, some nuts, candy and bubble gum.

Come to see MaMa and Granddaddy and all the trick or treat boys and girls and Quinn and Lynda and Miss Force. I play with them and Shep needs a bone. Don't forget Ravenell and Auntie. She will give you some cheese and toast.

I will grow some sugar for you,
 Julia Jane Dickerson

Dear Santa:
 My name is Kay Fleming. My sister's name is Pam. We have been good girls.

Please bring us a teenage doll, jewelry box with jewelry in it, a cinderella watch and also clothes for my doll.

Kay and Pam Fleming

Dear Santa:
 I am a little boy five years old. I have tried to be a good boy all year long. I would like for you to bring me a bicycle, a gun and some tinker toys.

Don't forget all the other girls and boys.
 Love,
 David Kellum

Dear Santa:
 I am five years old.
 I have been a good boy.
 Please bring me a toy Gulf filling station.
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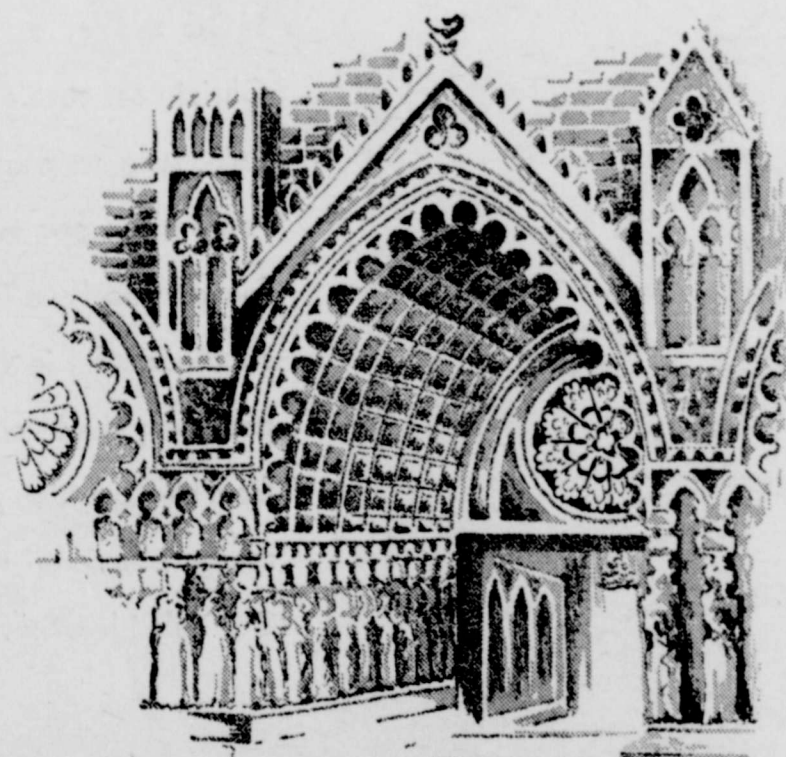
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Season's Greetings

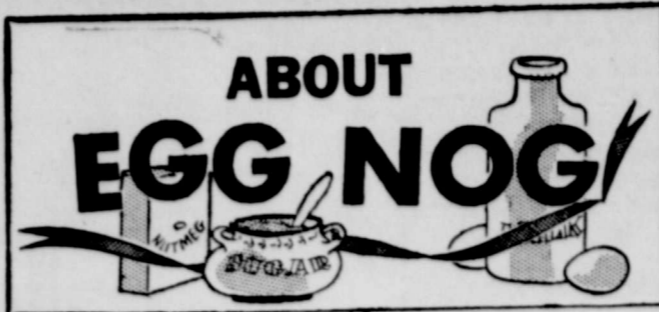
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Increasing Happiness

May every hour of Christmastide bring increasing happiness to your fireside. Good wishes to all and a sincere thanks for all past courtesies.



HOUSE FOOD



ABOUT EGG NOG

Eggnog's popularity is such that at Christmas and New Year's, the drink can be found in nearly every average American home. It is generally believed that Eggnog came to us from the Old English sack-posset, a hot drink which contains the same ingredients—milk, eggs, sugar and nutmeg. No one really knows who invented Eggnog. Researchers just say that it goes 'way, way back and like Topsy it "grewed and growed."

The flavorful taste of Eggnog is not the only reason for the drink's popularity. Eggnog is easy to make, it goes a long way, and it allows the hostess to have as much fun as anybody else without having to worry about the guests. Eggnog is a serve-yourself drink, and most folks seem to prefer to fill their cup themselves.

Eggnog is flexible. That is, you can make a lot of it in one batch if you've got a large enough punch bowl and your refrigerator is particularly spacious. On the other hand, Eggnog can be made in smaller quantities—which are equally delightful and flavorful.

And, of course, in these modern times, you can buy it at the super market or from the milkman—packaged in containers of various sizes.

Spicy

Original Injun' Pudding New England Treat

Early Favorite

England isn't the only country that has traditional holiday dishes. An old New England favorite and one handed down from mother to daughter since early colonial days, is old Injun' Puddin'.

Original Injun' Puddin'

5 cups milk
 1/2 cup dark molasses
 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
 1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
 1 teaspoon salt
 4 tablespoons butter

Heat 4 cups of milk and add molasses, sugar, cornmeal, salt, spice and butter to it. Cook 20 minutes or until mixture thickens. Pour into baking dish, add remaining cold milk. Do not stir. Put into slow oven (325° F.) and bake for 1 1/2-2 hours without stirring. Serve warm with Cognac or Hard Sauce. Serves 8.



BURN A BAYBERRY

According to tradition, one who burned a bayberry candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day would have a long life and a happy one.

An old verse reads:
 "To learn your luck for the year they say
 Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas Day.
 If the flame burns bright and the light shines clear,
 Good Luck will be yours throughout the year."

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy and I have one sister. I am seven years old. My sister is ten years old.

For Christmas I want an electric train and a plane. If you don't mind I would like some candy too. I would like one more thing. I would like a bat and ball please, Shane Conrad Alexander

Gift-Giving 'Must' For Big Business

Christmas business gifts amounts to really big business when it comes to executives of large companies, a survey reveals. It has been estimated that about \$2 billion a year is spent on Christmas presents alone by industries for customers, suppliers and others on whose good will businessmen depend.

And fifty per cent of the executives don't like the idea although they continue the practice because they feel they must. Typical comments concerning the practice: "Anyone who doesn't give is out in left field." And, "It's a shakedown, and we know it. But we're helpless. We're suckers if we do and saps if we don't."

Many companies believe that a no-receiving policy isn't wise or won't work and permit employees to accept gifts of limited value. They offer the rule of thumb attributed to former President Truman: "If you can eat it up, smoke it up, or drink it up in one day, it's all right."

Six out of every 10 executives in big business "flatly disapprove" of giving business Christmas gifts.



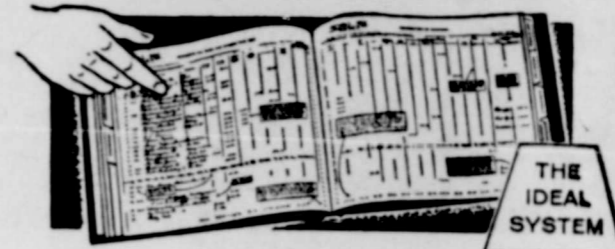
THERE HE IS . . . Many a youngster would like nothing better than to catch Santa Claus coming down the chimney.

About Mistletoe

One cannot help but wonder how mistletoe came to be the "kissing plant." The mistletoe is a parasite, or "thief" which attaches to a host tree and under certain circumstances will sap the life out of a healthy, sturdy tree.

Mistletoe usually grows on oaks, mostly in the top branches. The seeds are probably scattered by birds.

How to keep books without bookkeeping experience!

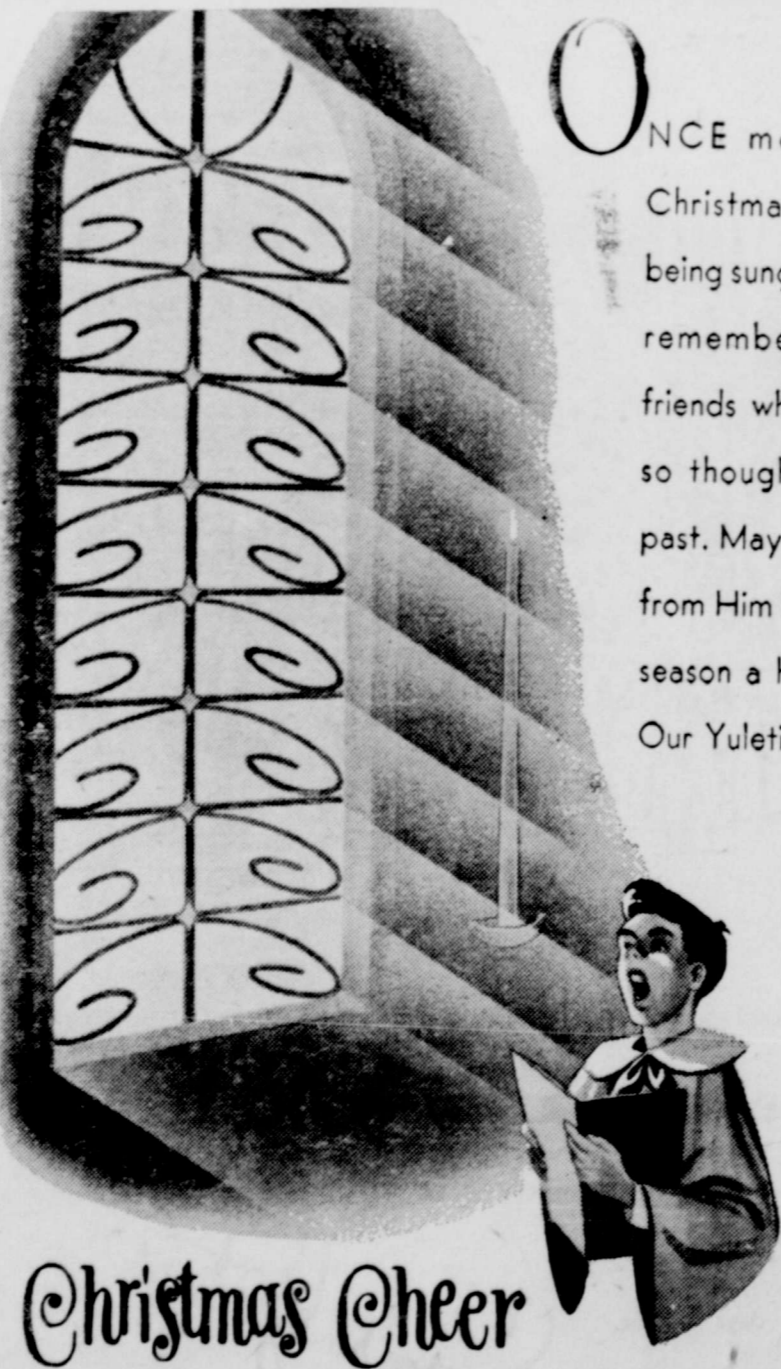


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May the deep meanings of the first Christmas bless your home.

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THE POINSETTA

Here are some fingertip recommendations for proper care of the poinsetta, that popular house plant of the Christmas season.

1. Keep the plant in a sunny window, avoiding both drafts and heat. A temperature of 70 degrees is best.
2. Examine the soil frequently (at least twice a day) and keep it

moist. When the soil begins to dry out, apply enough water to wet it to the bottom.

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THE HOUSE OF GIFTS

Charlsye Bomar Arnold Zollie Brown



NOEL, NOEL . . . There is plenty of expression in the singing of these youngsters, members of the choir at a Washington, D. C., infant home.

Mistletoe Facts
Mistletoe traditions are said to have begun with the ancient Druids, who attributed great powers to the plant. It was supposed to keep away witches and prevent diseases, to encourage fertility and good luck. Mistletoe means "all heal."

Animals and Christmas
Possibly because animals have always been associated with the scene of the birth of the Child Jesus, children in some parts of France believe that animals are given the power to speak at midnight on Christmas Eve.

Holiday Cards Are Tradition

The volume of Christmas cards Americans will send this year will reach an all time high of over two-and-a-half billion, or an average of 14 or 15 for every person in the country.

To meet the deluge, the Post Office has hired an extra quarter million workers, the senders will pay a quarter billion dollars for the cards, and the postal service will collect about 90 million dollars in postage.

This staggering Christmas card trade has really become big business and is firmly rooted in the American Christmas scheme. Card sending, however, is a recent innovation when compared with all the other traditions of the Yuletide.

First in England

As it is known today, the Christmas card first made its appearance in the 1840's in England. Authorities differ on which of several persons designed the earliest card.

One claimant is a vicar of Newcastle, the Rev. Edward Bradley, who is reputed to have sent lithographed holiday greetings to his friends in 1844.

Another claimant is William Egley, whose card was produced in 1842 or 1849, according to the way one reads the date. Another candidate is John C. Horsely.

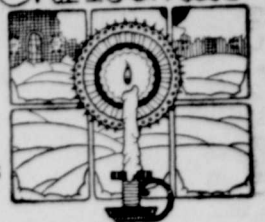
Regardless of who sent the first, Christmas cards were on sale in London shops by the end of the 1850's and became popular in the next decade. In 1882, a British company paid \$35,000 for original paintings to reproduce on cards. The custom meanwhile had spread to America, where it was growing steadily in popularity.

Some of the Victorian cards would now bring laughs. One wished its receiver "A Most Consummate Xmas & an Utterly Utter New Year."

Today, selecting and addressing Christmas cards has become an annual ritual in American homes. Numerous businesses also mail messages to their customers. And one politician is reported to have sent no less than 40,000 Christmas cards last year.

The problem of what to do with cards when the season is over has never been completely solved. Some hospital patients make new ones from the old and sell them to raise funds. But the supply of used cards appears far greater than the demand.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas



We are indeed thankful for the friendships of those about us and the happiness that has come to us as a result of these associations. May this Christmas favor you with a season of genuine happiness and content.

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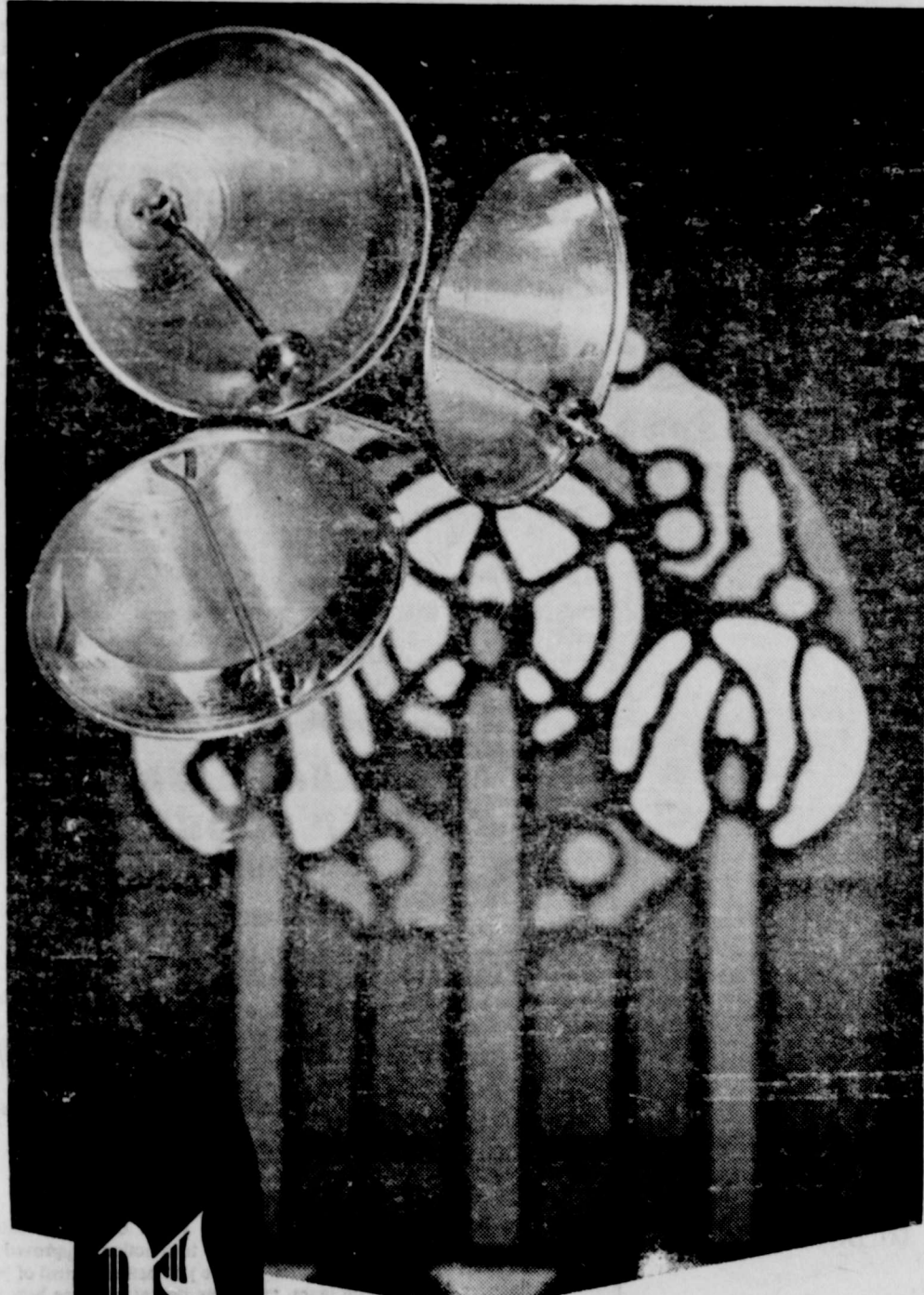
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CHRISTMAS 1959



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Let all the Earth be Silent

It is the time of the year that we all share a common feeling of waiting, watching, and hushed expectations. It is the time of anticipation and merry making and, more important than all, It is the remembrance of the miraculous Peace of God that descended into all the Earth two thousand years ago to prepare it for the birth of a Savior.

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Season's Greetings

It is with profound pleasure and appreciation that we take this means of expressing our sentiments of Season's Good Cheer to the friends and customers of this firm.

Your liberal support is valued most highly by the employees and management. Your cooperation is best manifest has been our pleasure, and we are glad to express our thanks.

May we continue to serve you in the future? We have set our goal to even more efficient service, and we desire the privilege of showing you how sincere we really are. Again we say, "Thank you."



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LETTERS TO SANTA 1955

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a tiny tears doll. Bring my little niece, Glenda, a doll, too. Please bring Doris, my sister, something. Please think of all the other boys and girls all over the world.
Love you,
Rita Word

Dear Santa:
I would like for you to bring me a doll, a bicycle and some dishes and a cook set.
Love,
Tina Irene Weaver
P.S. My little brother, Max, wants a big cattle truck, a farm set and a station doll. Thank you.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 5 years old. Please bring me a doll like a real baby with baby clothes for it. Donna wants a bride doll with lots of clothes. We both would like to have wardrobe trunks for them. Please bring all the other boys and

girls something. We want anything you want to bring to us.
Love,
Judy and Donna Stephens

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a ballerina doll and a pastry set. I am in the second grade. Please think of all the other girls and boys.
Love,
Janice Sue Hester

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 3 years old. Please bring me a tricycle and a truck. Please think of all the other boys and girls.
Your little friend,
Ricky Don Hester

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy over thirty-five years old and have tried to be a very good boy. I want you to bring me some candy and nuts for Christmas and also a good book on salesmanship. And Santa, if you can, won't you please bring all the good farmers a brand new John

Deere 70 LP for Xmas.
With love,
Ray Thompson

Dear Santa:
I try to be a good girl. I would like a big tiny tears doll, a pair of skates and a baton. Please remember the other boys and girls. I wish you would bring Bill a pair of skates too.
Lots of love,
Mary Lynn Schott

1949

Dear Santa:
Please bring me some football britches, a toy police car, a toy electric car, a toy machine gun, a punching bag and a stop signal for my train. I am going to leave you something to eat and some money on the table.
Love,
Joe Anderson

Dear Santa:
I love you. Please bring me a plastic lassie doll and a new baton, a dresser set, a little doll and a bride dress for Terri Lee.
Love,
Susie Anderson

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl nine years old and I am in the 4th grade. I have tried to be a good girl. Will you please bring me a set of books, a birthstone ring. My birthday is February 25. And please bring me a bride doll and some fruits, nuts and candy.
With love,
Waynelle McCutchen

Dear Santa:
I am nine years old. Will you please bring me a football suit and airplane and a surprise.
Love,
John Schott

Dear Santa:
I am 4 years old. Please bring me an airplane, a tricycle and a jack-in-the-box. We all want nuts and candy and a surprise. Mary Lynn is a sweet girl, so please bring her something good.
I love you,
Bill Schott

Dear Santa:
Will you please bring me a doll a cash register, a basketball and a pair of skates. If you don't have these just send me anything.
Love,
Rebecca Mallow

Dear Santa:
I am in the first grade and studying hard. Would you please bring me a touzle-hair Dydee doll.

sewing machine, billfold and candy. Don't forget the other little girls and boys.
I love you,
Celene Lanham

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl five years old. I wish you would bring me a touzle hair Dydee doll, doll house, building log set and some fruit.
I love you,
Sue Lanham

1948

Dear Santa:
I am a boy 11 years old. I would like to have a basketball for Christmas, a zipper billfold, and some fruit, nuts and candy. Do not forget the other boys and girls.
Merry Christmas,
Tommy Lyn Autry

Dear Santa:
I don't want much. All I want is a new chemistry set. That's all I want. I can't think of anymore.
Yours truly,
Charles Mayfield

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a pair of chaps, a holster set and a big guitar. Also a BB gun. Remember the other girls and boys too.
Dickie Mayfield

Dear Santa:
I would like a 12 gauge shot gun. A box of shells and a shell belt, too.
Your good boy,
Stephen Jarnagin

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 6 years old. Will you please bring me some boots, gun and scabbard and a frontier suit and a truck.
Your friend,
Lou Brannon

Dear Santa:
I want a bride doll and modeling clay set and a set of dishes.
Love,
Diane Fogerson

Dear Santa:
I am seven years old and in the second grade. I have been a very good little girl. I want a little electric stove, doctor set, doll, set of dishes and lots of candy and nuts.
Elaine Stephens

Dear Santa:
I want a doll for Christmas. Also some fruit, nuts and candy.
Love,
Norma Sue Gamble

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Jimmy Smith

Dear Santa: I want parts to my bicycle. My little brother wants a set of guns. I want fruit and nuts. Don't forget the other boys and girls. I am nine years old. I am in the third grade. Billy Van Baird

Dear Santa: I want a Betsy-Wetsy doll and a basketball. Don't forget the other boys and girls. I'm 8 years old and in the third grade. Merry Christmas, Vaughnell Rowell

Dear Santa: Bring me a little black Pontiac coming it seems the other one quit coming. I'd like all of your candy and cokes, cause it won't hurt me but it will make the others short-winded. Love, Little Bonnie Watters

Dear Santa: Would you please bring me an "Answer to Chemistry Notebooks" for I have been a very good boy. By the way, please bring Mr. Goodwin a kinder heart. Just a plain boy. Flute Hutsell

Dear Santa: I am a little boy just sixteen years old. I have decided that I am old enough for a little girl-friend now. Please bring me a little red headed goil. I've tried two kinds and I didn't like those, so now I'm begging for another chance. Worthless Burson

Dear Santa: I'm not asking for a single thing this year because you were so good to me last year and besides, daddy's broke. Thanks for the chance. Waynie McMurtry P.S. You could bring me a new pickup, convertible Chevrolet preferred, sell my old motorcycle for a profit and bring my little sister, Dorothy, a doll.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy 5 years old. I have tried to be a good little boy. I want you to bring me a train and a Roy Rogers suit. Bring all the little boys and girls some toys. I hope you have a merry Christmas. Your friend, Bobby Crass

Dear Santa: Please bring me a set of dishes, stove, sink, magic skin doll and trunk, some nuts and candy. I have been a good girl. With love, Mary Jane West

Dear Santa: I want a watch. I have been a good boy. I hope that everybody is well. Be sure to bring me lots of candy and nuts. Love, Don Thomas

Dear Santa: I want a pair of cowboy boots, a little rubber farm, a football and also lots of candy, fruit and nuts. Please do not forget Brenda. Your friend, Don Cornett

Dear Santa: I am a little boy four years old. I've been a good little boy. Please send me a football, scooter, gun and scabbard and a rope. Also some pops and bullets. Also a cowboy suit. Also send my pany a little colt. Jimmy Smith

Dear Santa: I have tried to be a nice boy. I would like for you to bring me a tricycle. I would also like for you to bring me some fruit, nuts and candy. Your little friend, James Tennison

Dear Santa: This year I am nine years old, and for Christmas I would like a birthstone ring, a pair of tennis shoes, a pair of boots and plenty of fruit and candy. Your friend, Joni Douglas

Dear Santa: I want a bridle, a bicycle and lots of candy, nuts and fruit. And if you can, please bring me a saddle too. Your pal, Joe Wayne Brooks

Dear Santa: Please bring me a gun, a holster and an army suit. Bring my mother a pair of shoes and a dress. Fill my sack full of candy and fruit. Yours truly, Tommie Lee Strange

Dear Santa: I am a girl 8 years old and in the second grade. I want a doll, a set of dishes, and candy, nuts and fruit. Your little pal, Ernestine Strange

Dear Santa: I want a doll, a pair of boots, and a bow and arrow for Christmas. Don't forget to bring me some fruit, candy and nuts. I forgot, I also want a scooter. Love, Sharon Gilkeyson

Dear Santa: Please bring me an airplane. I would like you to bring me some fruit, candy and nuts. Your friend, Jack Graham

Dear Santa: Please bring me a pen and pencil set. I want a football. Please bring me a war puzzle. Please bring me two boxing gloves. I want a football suit. Bring me a pair of boots. Love, Jay Turner

Dear Santa: I want two guns, two scabbards, a football and some fruit and candy. Your friend, Carlyle Satterfield

Dear Santa: Please bring me a monopoly game a tene and some boats. I would like you to bring me some fruit, candy and nuts. Your friend, Teddy Jack Mayfield

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a doll, doll buggy, a doll bed, some dishes, a micky mouse and a scooter. Bring Marsha some things too. We have been good little girls. Love, Carlye Monroe

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll and a pair of skates. I want a bicycle and a blackboard. I would like a pony, too. Love, Lucille Clemmer

Dear Santa:

How are you? I am just fine. I am 9 years old and I want a football, a football suit and a cowboy suit. A box of nuts and candy. Your friend, Carol Dean Welch

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 3 years old. I want a doll, a buggy, piano, doll, truck, dishes and cap and muff. Love to Santa from, Joy Ann Gatewood

Dear Santa: Please bring me a tricycle, a little blue truck and tractor. I sure like candy, fruits and nuts. Remember all the little girls and boys. Loubel McMurtry

Dear Santa: I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll and a doll suitcase. Plenty of apples, oranges and candy. Your friend, Anne Brown

Dear Santa: I have been a good boy. Please bring me a football. I need a pair of school pants and a hat. John Arthur Arnold

Dear Santa: I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a knife and a finger paint set. I want some nuts and candy. With love, Jim Crow

Dear Santa: I will be so glad to see you. Please bring me a pair of skates and a machine gun. Joe Lynn Allard

Dear Santa: I hope you can bring me a little doll, a little doll buggy and a little rubber doll. I also want candy and nuts. Dorothy Campbell

Dear Santa: Please bring me a pair of skates, a BB gun and a tool set. Bring everybody lots of things. Clifton Stodghill

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll, a little guitar, also some candy, fruit and nuts. I have been a good little girl. Mary Lou Fitzgerald

Dear Santa: Please bring me a football, a BB gun and a cowboy suit. Bring me some nuts and candy, too. Your friend, Alvie Francis

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll, a machine and some other toys. Your little friend, Shirley Haynes

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll and a suitcase. Bring me some dishes and some fruit and candy. Your friend, Frances May

CHRISTMAS IS TIME FOR REMEMBERING

While it is not true, of course, that "Christmas is for children," no other season or holiday brings to both young and old such vivid memories of earlier, happier times. Christmas is certainly a happy time for the young. There is a sparkle and sweetness to the Christmas season that time cannot dim within our hearts. When the snow falls and the winter winds blow cold against the frosted panes, there is warmth and contentment in the glow of a hearth fire, and it is a luxury for children of all ages to close the eyes and call back joyful, happy scenes that are so deeply treasured they can never be forgotten.

Dear Santa: Please give me a baby in a car bed. Please give me a basketball and goal. My sister wants a newborn infant. Wanda Buckley

Dear Santa: I want a bicycle and a basket to go with it. I want two toy guns and two holsters for them to go in. I want an airplane too. Crockett Grabbe

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Please bring my little niece, Becky, a little teddy bear.

Lynn Smith

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy who isn't always as good as I could be, but I have tried to be nice since Mama and Daddy have been telling me about you.

On February 10 I will be two, but please do not make me wait till my birthday for a little red wagon, a helicopter and a John Deere tractor.

With love,
Kenneth Allen Sarchet

Dear Santa:
I would like a Jill doll and jewel box with jewelry. Janet would like

a 24 inch doll. Mama wants some furniture. Paula wants some house-shoes and Jewel box. Roland wants a chemistry set.

Carron Montague

Dear Santa:
My Christmas tree is in the living room and I would like to find a John Deere tractor and a dump truck under it on Christmas morning.

Thank you for leaving my John Deere combine with Col. and Ray early.

Please remember my cousins and friends. I will leave some treats for you on my little table.

Mickel D. Griffin

Dear Santa:
I'm a little boy 7 years old and in the First Grade. Please bring me a red 20' bike for Christmas. And please bring my big brother and sister something too.

We have all been pretty nice. Don't forget the other boys and girls and my Daddy and Mother.

Ricky Don Hester



Hawaiian Treat

Fruits, nuts, cookies and sweets delight the hearts of children everywhere at Christmas. Here, with a bow to our 50th state, is the recipe for a hot bread which should be of interest to the family cook:

Hawaiian Nut Bread
(Makes 1 loaf)

2 eggs
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup melted shortening
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup crushed canned pineapple (do not drain)

Beat eggs and sugar together; add shortening. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Add dry ingredients to first mixture and blend. Add nuts and pineapple. Stir just enough to combine. Pour batter into a greased 4x8-inch loaf pan. Bake in a moderate (350°F.) oven for one hour. Let loaf cool thoroughly before slicing.

TIME FOR PEACE

As fits the holy Christmas birth,
Be this, good friends our carol still—
Be peace on earth, be peace on earth,
To men of gentle will.
—Thackeray.

Mince Pie

The first mince pies were patterned in oblong shape, after the manger in which Christ was born. The crust of the pie represents the gold brought by the three wise men, the many spices represent the frankincense and myrrh.

First Lighted Tree

The first electrically lighted Christmas tree in this country is believed to have been the one placed in the lobby of San Francisco's Palace Hotel in 1896. It had 500 lights and attracted widespread attention.

YULE CUSTOMS

In Scandinavian families, all shoes are placed together on Christmas day—in the belief that this will cause harmonious living through the coming year. In Ireland, it is traditional that only a woman named Mary snuff the candles on Christmas Eve. In some countries, such as Nova Scotia, it is believed that bad luck will come if the Christmas tree is taken down before the end of New Year's Day.

Trimming the Tree

The manner in which it is decorated can take away or add to the appearance of the most beautiful Christmas tree. Too often, the number of lights used to trim a tree is arrived at by guesswork and the results are disappointingly "spotty" or "lopsided." Professionals achieve good lighting effects by using this formula: Height of tree (in feet) x width of tree at base (in feet) x 3. If your tree is 6 feet high and 4 1/2 feet wide at the base, the formula goes like this: 6 x 4 1/2 x 3 = 81 lights for a good lighting effect.



A jolly old gent, with a "little huge pair of Flemish trunk hose, and rode over the rooftops dropping his gifts down chimneys. He ... who but Santa Claus?"

The description, of course, is from Clement Clark Moore's famous poem which begins "Twas the Night Before Christmas." It was Moore who took Santa from the horse-drawn wagon and put him in the sleigh, exchanging the horses for eight tiny reindeer. Thomas Nast, who enjoyed a great reputation as a political cartoonist, started drawing caricatures of Santa about 1863. He retained Santa's pipe, as given him by both Irving and Moore, as well as the beard and furs. But he enlarged considerably Santa's "little round belly," making it the big round one Santa has sported a "low, broad-brimmed hat," a



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Universal Christmas Has But One Meaning

Probably, if all the words that have been used to describe the meaning of Christmas were laid end to end, side by side, they would form a gigantic bridge from here to Bethlehem.

Throughout the world, in every corner of Christianity, Christmas is THE holiday, universally celebrated, universally recognized.

Because of the fact that so many have written so much about Christmas and its meaning, it is remarkable that the story of the Nativity has remained such a simple and unaffected narrative . . . "For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son."

In this modern world that we live in, and the space age to which we have directed our best minds and greatest talents, it should be a welcome change for every man, woman and child to seek the serene solitude of the Master's House and there meditate, with reverence, unashamed, upon the true meaning of this holiday that we celebrate as Christmas.

Away from the laughter and festivities, the caroling and the presents, one can still stand in the shadow of the momentous event which took place nearly 2,000 years ago. Because God so loved the world, He sent forth a Redeemer, His only begotten Son, bringing the promise of eternal salvation.

The true meaning of Christmas is neither hidden, nor is it obscure. It is obvious. And it cannot be ignored. This is why Christmas is universal; why it belongs to men of all races, in every corner of the world. And this is why each and every one must carry the meaning of Christmas within his heart—and build his own bridge to life eternal.



NATIVITY SCENE . . . This gigantic Nativity Scene was erected in front of a Chicago plant, which manufactures the displays for department stores and display companies. You can get an idea of the size of the figures in this display by comparing them with the children.

Holiday Custom

In Czechoslovakia, the Christmas tree is the center of much attention during the holiday season. The tree is decorated with many candles, assorted candies, nuts and fruits and is surrounded with singing and dancing until the New Year at which time the children eat the goodies before the head of the household discards the tree.

Greek Tradition

A traditional preparation in Greece is "Christpsomo" or "Bread of Christ." Before baking this holiday treat, the housewife makes a hand print on the surface of the dough and it is said that the hand print is proof of the birth of Christ.

IT'S STILL CHRISTMAS

In Spain they say, "El Natal."
In Italy, it is "Il Natal."
Hollanders say "Krest-Misse!"
In Germany, they refer to "Weisnachten."
In the English-speaking nations, it is called, "Christmas."

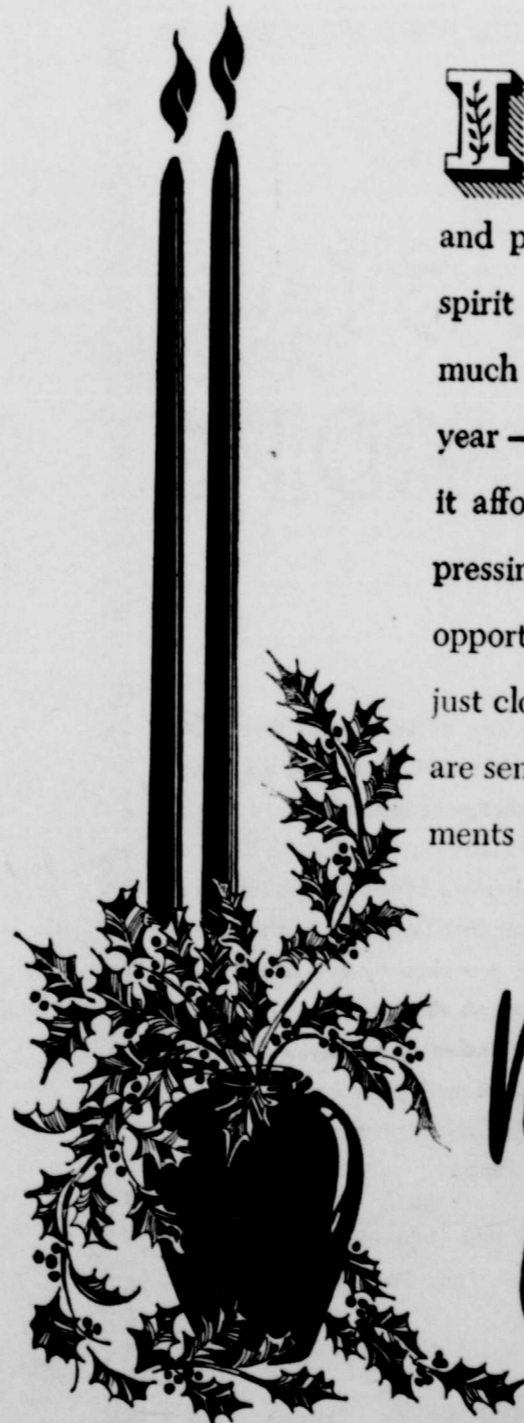


FOR PEACE . . . A prayer for peace is the theme often repeated at Christmas. This is the time of year when we are all most aware of the need for "Peace on Earth" and good-will to men.

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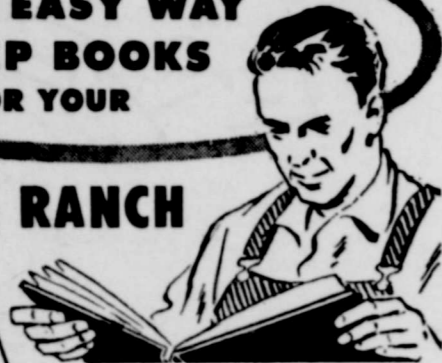
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Thank you,
Bril Parker

Dear Santa:
I am 3 years old and I think I have been good a good girl. Please bring me a baby doll with clothes and some dishes.
Thank you,
Susie Parker

Dear Santa:
Kaydean Bomar would like a record player and records, viewmaster and a real pretty doll, some clothes and a baby bed.
Please bring Kelly Bomar a truck and tractor and something to haul in his truck and a gun.
Kaydean is four and Kelly is two. They live about two miles west of Silverton.
We love you Santa,
Kaydean and Kelly Bomar

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl five years old. My name is Sue Lyn Allard. I have been a good little girl all year. I would like for you to bring me a Tootles doll and some clothes and bottles for her.
Don't forget my little sister, Robbie, would like a little tricycle and a doll.
Be sure to go to see all the other little boys and girls this Christmas.
I love you,
Sue Lynn Allard

Dear Santa:
I want a little buggy and a big doll, too. I watched you on TV. And I want a watch. I want a stuffed lamb. I want a trunk for my doll. I want an old fashioned telephone and a little car that runs.
I want some shoes.
Shirley Beames

Dear Santa:
We think we have been pretty good boys this year. We are 7 and 8 years old. For Christmas please bring us two red and white bicycles, one each. We'd like something to play with in the house. Bricks, tinker toys, or a game of some kind.
Christmas calls for fruits, nuts and candy. We'd like some of that

if you have plenty.
Thank you and God bless you. Please don't forget the other boys and girls.
Love ya,
Jackie and Gene Davis

Dear Santa:
I want a ballerina doll, a trunk, a tea set, a watch, a table and an old fashioned telephone.
Brenda Kaye Beames

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl five years old. I have tried to be a good girl this year. I would like you to bring me some new doll clothes, a play pen, cabinet for my dishes, an electric iron and a new teddy bear. Don't forget my two brothers, Roy Len and Darrell.
Please remember the other boys and girls.
I love you,
Diane Long

Dear Santa:
I want a dump truck with a smoother, a new teddy bear, a new road grader and some surprises and sweets.
My sister, Marilyn, wants some new leotards and surprises and sweets, and some pajamas.
Love,
John Minyard

Dear Santa:
We can't hardly wait till Christmas night, but I know you are a busy man. Would you please bring me a football and a football suit? I guess I could use a new pair of guns, too. My little sister would love a new doll I know cause this is the first Christmas she's even been here. We will enjoy anything you bring, I'm sure.
Thanks a lot for all the nice things last year. See you soon.
Lots of love,
Ty Wayne McMurtry

Dear Santa:
I want a doll and a petticoat and some dishes. I am 6 years old.
Thank you,
Janell McDaniel

Dear Santa:
I want a monopoly game, a record player and records. My sister wants a Trampoline (Reg. U.S. Pat. Off.) and doctor kit and sleigh. My mother wants a dishwasher.
My daddy wants a pickup.
Linda McWilliams

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All Around the Town

by Mary Ann Sarchet

It is true that most of us never take the time to sit down and consider the true meaning of Christmas, but I cannot remember when I have seen Christmas in as many different lights as this year as we look through the articles the Silvertown High School students have written for our paper. We are firm believers in self expression, but when we first suggested that we would like to have their original articles, we were told that some hesitated to write because of a fear of being ridiculed. I would like to be swamped by a barrage of mail from our readers letting these students know that the true facts are much to the contrary. But, due to the rush of this season and that of the weeks ahead, may I simply ask that as you read, you make a mental note to compliment these young writers the next time you see them. Words of encouragement can often inspire one to greater achievements.

Our personal view is—many thanks, kids, we knew you could do it!

It is now the season of Christmas, 1959 years since the Prince of Peace was born in the Fulfillment of Prophecy, to reject a crown of gold and life of splendor for 33 dedicated years and wear a crown of thorns.

Because He came as a leader and teacher of men, there were those who devoted unceasing efforts to degrade and destroy Him. Yet, in quiet, God-like manner, He walked in the valley of men, teaching the fundamental principles of life and truth by both parable and example.

Because he lifted the eyes of mankind above the meaningless values of worldly power and earthly riches, He sinned against the plunderers and tyrants, and for this He was crucified.

Because He called out in pain for the forgiveness of those who had tortured Him and nailed Him to a cross between two thieves, He set the highest example of the Golden Rule.

Because He came, with Divine direction, to lead mankind unto salvation, He is with us always.

Because of His example and sacrifice, the tyrants and plunderers who seek to conquer and enslave are eventually set aside into oblivion...while the lessons of His Divine teachings remain forever, showing the way toward peace on earth, good will to men.

Because He is always with us, it is fitting that we observe the Christmas, the anniversary of His birth, in the hope that on this new Christmas the hearts of man everywhere will open up to receive His most wondrous message.

There is something about this time of the year, when Christmas comes, that makes it easy to think of others. Our thoughts are naturally turned toward good will and good cheer. We remember that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," and we find happiness in making others happy. It is the natural thing to do at Christmas.

But what happens the day after Christmas?

Is the spirit of Christmas "spent" in lavish preparation and anticipation, enjoyed but briefly, then thrown aside with the wrapping paper and colored ribbon? Does one breathe a deep sigh and inwardly say, "I'm glad it's over for another year?"

And how will you feel next July? Will you still have some of that holiday spirit when it's summer instead of winter, and Christmas is six months away? Will you be as thoughtful of others...

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MARRIAGE PLANS ARE REVEALED



OWANA JO WELLMAN

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wellman, of Parnell, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Owana Jo, to Mr. Jay Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Turner, of Silvertown. The wedding vows will be exchanged in the home of the bride's parents on January 23.

Miss Wellman, the niece of Mr. and Mrs. John Imel, of Silvertown, has been employed here for the past few months. The couple plan to make their home in Silvertown.

Mayor Warns Against Use Of Fireworks

Mayor Alvin Redin issued a reminder this week that there is a city ordinance against the use of fireworks inside the city limits of Silvertown.

Those who are interested in shooting fireworks should exercise caution to avoid accidents, as well as locating a spot outside the city limits to do so. Special care should be taken to avoid disturbing residents, especially elderly ones and those who are not well.

COMMUNITY WIDE SALE

A community-wide sale will be held Monday, January 18, at the Tomlin and Fleming Gin Yard in Silvertown.

All who have something to sell, large or small, should call 4371 to make arrangements with the Tomlin and Fleming Gin office before January 1.

Remember, this is a good chance for your New Year's barn and house cleaning, as you may have items which are no longer in use by you that someone else is needing.

Come to the community-wide sale on January 18.



Above the Silvertown Owls accept the first place trophy after defeating the Happy Cowboys in the Silvertown Invitational Basketball Tournament last Saturday night. Bobby Crass and Larry West were named to the All-Tournament team as result of their display of playing abilities during the three-day journey.



The Clarendon girls basketball team accepts and admires their first place trophy won by defeating the Silvertown Owlets last Saturday night in the finals of the Silvertown Invitational Basketball Tournament. Betty Ransom and Donna Dye were named to the All-Tournament team and received individual awards for their playing abilities.

FIRST ANNUAL ROLLING PLAINS BULL SALE HELD IN CLARENDON

Quite a few ranchers and Briscoe County stockmen were present at the First Annual Rolling Plains Bull Sale at Clarendon on Friday. The sale featured Herefords, Angus and Galloway cattle from this area.

Alvin Redin and Clifford Allard of Silvertown, each purchased a Galloway bull to go in their purebred and grade Angus herds. They are polled black animals with heavy coats of wavy black hair. They tend to be some larger than Angus and are somewhat more angular and more rugged in appearance.

Bill Thornberry, who ranches in the Antelope Flat Community consigned to Hereford bulls to the sale.

Others attending from Briscoe County were Roy McMurtry, Wade Welch, Bill Cushing, Don Grady, Pascal Garrison and County Agent Robert Ledbetter.

Owls To Play In Caprock Holiday Cage Tournament

The Silvertown boys basketball team will participate in the Caprock Holiday Basketball Tournament to be held December 28, 29 and 30 in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. The Owls will play their first game of the tournament on Monday, December 28, at 4:00 p.m. against the Dimmitt Bobcats.

Due to a recent ruling by the Silvertown School Board against the use of school buses for basketball trips, a group of local citizens who are anxious for our boys and girls teams to have the same opportunities to participate in area competition as students of other schools, have contributed money for transportation, eats and a possible need for places to stay when out of town. The money collected will be used to finance the basketball team trips for the remainder of the season as well as the trip to the tournament in Lubbock.

Those contributing money to the fund to date are: Joe Oneal, Gene Morris, Joe Mercer, Frank

Eta Chi Enjoy Christmas Party In McWilliams Home

The beautifully decorated home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen McWilliams was the setting Monday night for the annual Eta Chi Christmas party.

Husbands of the Eta Chi members are invited to enjoy this party each year. Special guests of the evening were the District 10 President and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. David Burgess, of Tulia.

Those present enjoyed a sumptuous feast, served buffet style, and afterwards games and the gift exchange. The husbands join the Eta Chi girls at Christmas and all draw names.

Those enjoying the party were Messrs. and Mrs. Glen Lindsey, Olan Chitty, Jack Stafford, James Patton, Eddie Edwards, Bernice May, David Burgess, the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams and Mrs. Lula Bellinger and Mrs. Riley Yates.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Steele, Raymond Lee and Kim, spent the week end in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Cannon.

Mercer, Fred Mercer, Bob London, Jim Brooks, Carver Monroe, Keith Tiffin, Alvin Redin, Jack Stafford, Maples "66" Service, Dave Stewart, Arnold Brown, Susie Wynn, Johnnie Lanham, J. L. West, Ben Whitfill, Snooks Frizzell, the Silvertown Quarterback Club, Joe McWatters, Bill Long, Earl Cantwell, Shine Stephens, Shorty Ringham, Silvertown Auto Parts, J. D. McGavock, Edwin Crass and the First State Bank.

SILVERTON BOYS; CLAUDE GIRLS CAPTURE TOP HONORS IN LOCAL TOURNAMENT

To Observe Two-Day Christmas Holiday

The following businesses of Silvertown will observe a two-day Christmas holiday, December 25 and 26.

- A & R and Service Supply
- Bellinger's Department Store
- Briscoe County News
- County Offices
- Crass Motor and Implement Co.
- First State Bank
- Fogerson Lumber and Supply
- House Food
- House of Gifts
- Jennings Supply
- J. E. Minyard Implement Co.
- Nance's Food Store
- Pauline's Beauty Shop
- Salem Dry Goods
- Silvertown Cafe
- Seaney Hardware & Appliance
- Simpson Chevrolet
- Stafford's Grocery & Market
- Ray Thompson Implement Co.
- Tiffin's Department Store
- Willson & Nichols Lumber Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Garrison were in Plainview Friday and visited his brother, C. C. Garrison, who formerly lived here. C. C. Garrison has been quite sick, but was feeling better. He planned to go to the hospital on Saturday for further examination.

The Silvertown boys downed the Happy boys for first place in the Silvertown Invitational Basketball Tournament by a 46-27 score.

The Owls and Cowboys battled through a closely contested first quarter in the championship game with the Owls moving ahead in the second quarter. The halftime score was Owls 16, Cowboys 8. In the third quarter, the Owls further increased their lead, scoring ten points to the Cowboys' four. The fourth quarter found the teams scoring six and eight points, but the Cowboys were unable to overcome the early lead established by the Owls, and went home with the second place championship.

Larry West led the Owls in individual scoring with a total of 14 points, followed by Bobby Crass and James Roy Brown with 12 each. Dave Schott scored 4, Jerry Patton 3, and John Howard Burson scored 1, to round out the score for Silvertown.

Bob Frost scored 12 points for Happy, followed by Bill Frost, M. L. McGehee and Robert Kennedy with 4 points each. Richard Bowe had 2 points to his credit and Darrell Bowe scored 1 point.

The girls from Claude took first place in the girls division of the tournament by winning over the Silvertown Owlets by a 48-28 margin.

Claude grabbed an early lead, scoring fourteen points in the first quarter as compared to the four scored by Silvertown. The

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