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All Around the Town

by Mary Ann Sarchet

What a shame it is that so many children have been deprived of the joys of an old-fashioned Christmas!

When I was a child, we always spent Christmas with my paternal grandmother—the only grandparent I ever really knew. She lived way across the state, and I never looked forward to the long trip—but the closer we came to her house, the more anxious I was to sleep again under the roof that housed so many pleasant memories.

On Christmas Eve, the turkey was delivered on foot by a colored man whose mode of transportation was a wagon and a team of horses. Grandma had a colored woman named Savannah, who helped occasionally, and Savannah helped the turkey out back. We filled the turkey out back. We filled the turkey out back. We filled the turkey out back.

The ceremony of hanging stockings by the fireplace soon followed. There were three that always hung at Grandma's mantle, my cousin's on the left, my brother's in the middle and mine on the right. We used cotton stockings like the women wear—and how they stretch!

Next followed the process of sending our letters to Santa, who was waiting on the roof. The letters were written on small pieces of paper and sent up the chimney in the draft. This was so much fun that a few more scraps had to be sent up before we could go to bed.

Aunts and uncles began dropping in to visit and we were sent off to bed with a reminder that if we didn't go promptly to sleep, Santa would know and wouldn't stop. But it was awfully hard to get to sleep with all the excitement in the air and all the beautiful sounds of talk and laughter which drifted upstairs.

I believed in Santa Claus with all my heart, and I still do, and I like to hear little smart-alecs make fun of Santa, because I know he's real.

And soon, too soon for the adults I'm quite sure, morning came—and just before dawn our eyes popped open and we began calling our parents and begging to get up.

Now at this time Grandma's house was completely heated with wood stoves and fireplaces. And old just doesn't adequately describe how the house felt at first in the mornings. Some poor adult—usually my Dad—had to make a fire. Then there was more waiting while the rooms warmed a little. No one could go downstairs until everyone was ready, but we could hear my aunt and uncle stirring from their downstairs bedroom, and soon the sound of Christmas carols filled the air.

BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1966 SILVERTON, (Briscoe County) TEXAS FUTURE HOME OF MACKENZIE RESERVOIR VOLUME 58 NUMBER 51

Weekend Movies To Start At Seven

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day movies at the Arena Drive Theatre will begin at 7:00 p.m. Saturday night the movie will be "Waco" and Sunday night "Kaleidoscope" will be showing.

Most of the regular employees will have the two nights off and some of the stockholders will be "minding the store."

Lions Selling Fireworks Here

The Silvertown Lions Club is operating a fireworks stand on the west city limits, near the Texas Highway Department building this week.

Proceeds of the project will be used to benefit the community, with a majority of the money going to support the Silvertown Scouts.

TURKEY SHOOT WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Winners of turkeys at the Young Farmers' Christmas Turkey Shoot Saturday were John David Turner, Grover Thomas, Robert Hill, Virgil Kidwell, Wayne Stephens, Fred Minyard, Fred Strange, Calvin Shelton, Don Brown, Guinn Fitzgerald, Billy Settle, Bud House, Dyrle Maples, Sonny Thomas, Charles Wayne Mayfield and J. D. McGavock.

custom was that the one who said it first on Christmas morning was entitled to a gift from the others and Savannah wanted to make sure she got that gift!

Later the cousins popped fire crackers and played. Grandma had flowerbeds on both sides of her front walk, and I shudder to think of the mess we made up and down the walk before we returned to our homes. When night came, our parents sat on the front porch and we put on our own aerial display, and up and down the street, other families were doing the same thing. It being a small town, there were no ordinances against such.

To prevent boredom before time to go home, we entertained ourselves with every sort of mischief imaginable. We played games, read books we hadn't seen since last Christmas and explored "haunted" houses. But two of our favorite pastimes were dropping fuzzy spider toys down threads from the upstairs porch onto unsuspecting aunts, uncles and guests who were visiting on the downstairs porch (we weren't even supposed to be out on the upstairs porch) and fooling people with fake packages. The latter was our absolute favorite and it never failed to provide us with gobs of laughs. We'd get a box left over from Christmas, place a few rocks in it, and wrap it in brown paper and tie it with string. Then we'd put it in the street or in the edge of the street and hide. Soon a car would come by, stop, back up, pick up the package and speed away with an "oh boy, finder's keepers attitude." (Don't know how they tolerated us for the entire Christmas vacation.)

There were always doodle-bug holes in the sand at Grandma's back door. We always had to route them out with straws while we played—and there are some in Mother's yard at Tulia that were "transplanted" from over 500 miles away.

When the time came to leave, Grandma always had a box of turkey sandwiches packed for us to take with us, and we never left her house that she didn't cry. I'll never forget how sad the parting always was.

And now that those days are gone forever, the sadness is inside me. Every Christmas I find myself wishing that my son could be a part of an old-fashioned Christmas celebration. I do hope that the customs that we have made a part of his Christmas will make pleasant



Santa paid an early visit to Silvertown last year during the Christmas parties at school. He was pictured as he chatted with children in the first grade. The Silvertown Fire Department assisted Santa by taking him to the school in the fire truck.

John Baird Remains In Serious Condition

John Baird of the U. S. Navy, who is home on leave for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Baird, accidentally almost took a drink of a very potent poison about 10:00 a.m. Sunday. He thought the colorless liquid was water. He became nauseated and vomited upon smelling the powerful insecticide. Shortly afterward, he rinsed his mouth well with water and drank some. He ate a few bites of food trying to destroy the extremely bad taste in his mouth.

Soon he became seriously ill and was taken by ambulance to Swisher Memorial Hospital, where his stomach was pumped and no evidence of poison was found. When he became more seriously ill, he was transferred to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and was immediately placed in the intensive care ward. His condition was considered critical for 24 hours, but he is showing some improvement since that time.

Little is known about the powerful disinfectant, which was diethylene glycol, which is used for destroying grain weevils at elevators. It is so strong that the fumes can enter the blood stream through the skin and can affect the kidneys, liver, brain or perhaps other organs.

Jimmy Ray Baird was with his brother when the accident happened and is still with him. Mrs. R. A. Baird went to the hospital with her son and stayed there until late Monday, when she returned home to be with her husband who is recuperating from recent major surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baird and Melody Emmett of Huntsville, Arkansas; Bill Baird of Wink; Van Martin of Ralls; Mrs. Jack Johnson of Floydada; Jerry Baird of Jal, New Mexico; Mrs. Jimmy Ray Baird and Rev. Clyde Cain and several other local relatives and friends have been at the hospital with the Baird family.

Snooks Baird suffered broken ankle bones and ribs in an accident involving his quarter horse and a cow he was attempting to doctor while tending cattle six miles north of the San Jacinto school early last week. The ankle was so badly swollen when he reached a Tulia doctor that they were unable to put a cast on it.

Most Business To Close Monday

Most Silvertown businesses will observe a two-day Christmas holiday this year. Business will be conducted as usual on Christmas Eve, with most merchants electing to remain closed Monday.

Mrs. Leo Comer, Buddy and Larry were in Amarillo Saturday.

Mrs. R. E. Stephens returned home from Swisher Memorial Hospital Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney were in Tulia Sunday afternoon to visit Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Duncan. Mrs. Duncan has been in Swisher Memorial Hospital for some time. She and Mr. Duncan are staying at a motel in Tulia for a few days.

Mrs. Larry Jarrett spent Saturday night in Lubbock, where she was a guest at a slumber party in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Walker. The nine guests and hostess formerly attended school at Springlake.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Womack left for Brownsville Friday to visit their son, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Womack and Marsha. All expect to go to Pensacola December 22 for a holiday visit with the Billy Joe Womack's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Frausto and daughters.

Mrs. Rusty Arnold, Mrs. Frankie Folley and Mrs. Willard Merrill, Silvertown, and Mrs. Hallie Johnson of Floydada recently attended a Sunday dinner in the home of Mrs. Lois Martin at Flo-mot. The dinner is an annual affair for the women.

Mrs. G. D. Schmidt, nee Alma Ruth Thompson, of Route 2, Lamesa, underwent surgery early last week. She went home Sunday and is thought to be doing satisfactorily. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson.

Farmers Approve Cotton Questions

Briscoe County farmers approved the 1967 Marketing Quotas and the Cotton Research and Promotion \$1 per bale assessment order in the first farm referendum conducted by mail.

Briscoe County farmers cast 403 votes in the Marketing Quotas question, with 356 cast for and 47 against the issue.

The total vote in the Research and Promotion section of the ballot was 392, with 278 approving and 114 voting "no" on the question.

Returns from the 23-county area served by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., in Lubbock, showed farmers supported the research and promotion plan by 76.80 per cent, with 16,852 voting for and 5,089 voting against.

The mail balloting and interest generated by the research and promotion order were factors credited with the large number of votes cast in the area.

Methodist Church Christmas Services

There will be two special worship services at the Methodist Church here which you are cordially invited to attend.

On Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, there will be a come and go communion of The Lord's Supper, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

On Christmas Day, there will be a Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. There will be no church school or evening worship.

On Sunday, January 1, the observance of Student Recognition. All college students will be special guests on this day, and have an invitation to be in attendance.

RELATIVES GATHER AT FITZGERALD HOME

Relatives of W. H. Fitzgerald met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fitzgerald on December 17. A buffet supper was served to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cobb of Tulia; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Land of Clarendon; Mr. and Mrs. Arby Mulder of South Plains; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. Dale McLaugh, Mr. and Mrs. "Doc" Minyard, Littlefield; Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Breedlove and boys, Tulia; Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Fitzgerald and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Durham and Kirk. A group spent the night and Wayland served breakfast. The brothers and sisters reported that it was the nicest Christmas they had ever experienced.

Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Crass were Mrs. Pearl Howard Strange of Nichols Manor in Lockney; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Strange of Amarillo; Mrs. Bryan Strange and Butch Brannon, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strange and Donald Dee West, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strange, Darla and Ronnie, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sutton, Cynthia, Rhonda and Melinda, and Mr. and Mrs. Theron Crass.

Fred Brannon has been a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital since Friday.

U. D. Brown and Eugene Long are patients in Lockney General Hospital. Mrs. Bood Myeres returned home from the hospital Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Towe, Jay and Greg expect to be dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Eva Bailey, in Plainview Christmas Day.

Greg Towe, Larry McWilliams, Joe Self, Ronnie Drewry, Wayne and Dwight Rampley, students at Southwestern (Oklahoma) University, arrived home for the holiday vacation Friday.

Don Fowler of Nashville, Tennessee, was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Fowler. Don Fowler, who plays with the Grand Ole Opry, was making an appearance in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Baird and Linda left Friday for El Paso, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Mike Baird and Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dean Baird and family.

Mrs. E. J. Duncan was a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia Wednesday morning.

Hallmarks To Play For Dance Here

Royce Hall and the Hallmarks Dance at the Silvertown Fire Hall from 8:00 until 12:00 p.m. Friday, December 23.

The band plays country and rock 'n roll music. Admission will be \$1.50 per person.

Don Fowler, brother of Johnny Fowler, is a member of the group.

F.H.A. Holiday Game Party Planned

On Tuesday, December 27, the F. H. A. Chapter is sponsoring a party in the school cafeteria.

Starting at 7:30 p.m. there will be fun, games and refreshments for all high school and college students.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Fowler went to Lubbock Sunday and returned home Billy and Vanessa who had spent last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Atkin Cook.

Richard Mattheus of Providence and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Mattheus returned Tuesday from Stockton, California, where they attended a Mattheus family reunion in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mattheus.

Mrs. A. G. Stevenson left early this week for a Christmas visit with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cook and Dean in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenton Lanham were in Lubbock Monday and Tuesday visiting their son, Ted Lanham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tension, Mrs. Gertie Douglas and Mrs. H. P. Howard were in Tulia Tuesday.

Ray Thompson, local John Deere dealer, Mrs. Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Younger returned Wednesday of last week from a John Deere tour of the Bahama Islands with Nassau as their headquarters. They left Kansas City by jet airliner on Thursday and returned the following Wednesday.

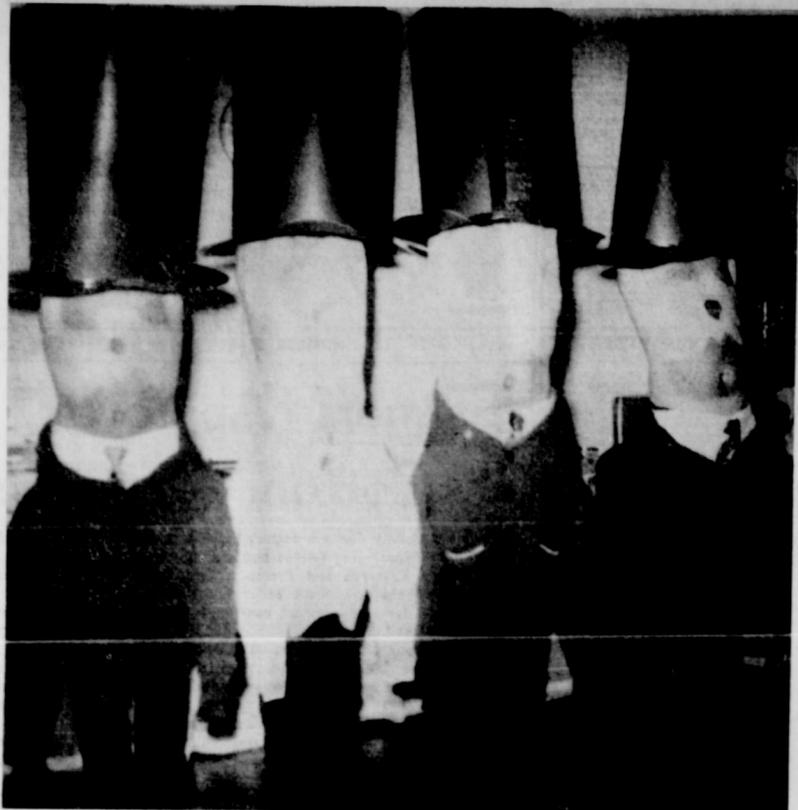
Walter Cobb of Quitaque, who has been a patient in the Lockney Hospital for some time, was moved to Nichols Manor in Lockney on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Cobb is the father of Woodrow Cobb of Hale Center; Orville Cobb of Quitaque, a county commissioner; and Mrs. Raymond Grewe, who has spent much of her time in Lockney with her father.

Mrs. E. C. Newman, Mrs. Jennie Fisher and Mrs. T. G. Olive and Betty were in Plainview one day last week. Mrs. Olive and Betty were dinner guests of Mrs. Julia McCarty and Mrs. Rosie McCarty. Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Fisher visited Mrs. Elma Baker and other patients at the Plainview Rest Home. Returning via Lockney, the ladies visited patients in the hospital and at Nichols Manor.

Mr. and Mrs. Carver Monroe will host a family dinner Christmas Day. Guests are to be their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Strange and Dwain of Kress; Mr. and Mrs. David Miller and Iwana of Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haley Hill and sons.

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The Whistling Midgets entertained at the Silverton Lions Club. They were Buddy and Larry Comer, Paul Ray McWilliams and Danny Vaughan portrayed the midgets.

THE OPEN DOOR

"Behold, I have set before thee an open door..." Rev. 3:8 by Rev. Clyde Cain

The Star In God's Window

One night, a man and his small son were walking slowly down the streets of a large American city. The child was delighted to see the many service stars hanging in the windows of homes—each star proclaiming the fact that a son was in the service of his country. He clapped his hands excitedly as he approached each new star, and was duly impressed by those homes with more than one star in the window. Finally they came to a wide gap

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA, Thank you for all the nice toys you left me last year. My dolls still look okay, but if you can please bring me a Baby Magic. I really need a bicycle. And a bulletin board. I like games too if you have any left. Please don't forget the other boys and girls. Love, Connie Lynn Graham

DEAR SANTA, Please bring me a B-B gun and a walkie-talkie. Kyle wants a walkie-talkie and a trampoline. Casey wants a gun and a wagon with horses. We will be better boys next year. Love, Brent, Kyle and Casey

DEAR SANTA, I am a little boy four years old and I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a doll, a doll house, and a little sewing machine. Remember the other little boys and girls. Love, Julie Maples

and I have been pretty good. I sure would like a cement mixer truck, and a Batman puncher, Poly blocks and a Jumpin Jimney. Hurry, Santa, it has been so long. Bye bye, Michael Graham

DEAR SANTA CLAUS, Everybody says that you know if children are good or bad, so I won't try to kid you. Please bring me a dolly. I hope you are as good to everybody as you are to me. Love, Katy Francis

DEAR SANTA, I am a little girl, who is three years old, and I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a doll, a doll house, and a little sewing machine. Remember the other little boys and girls. Love, Julie Maples

DEAR SANTA, I am a little boy, who is five years old, and I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a Daniel Boone set, a G.I. Joe and some new guns. Don't forget the other little children. Love, Stevie Maples

DEAR SANTA, I am a little boy three, almost four years old. I want a bicycle with training wheels, a Johnny West with Cherokee and Thunderbolt, a new felt hat and new boots for Christmas. I'll leave some hot coffee, Christmas candy and cake for you under my tree on Christmas Eve. Please remember my little cousin, Shonda, who wants a doll for Christmas. I am real, real anxious for you to come to my house and I've tried to be a good boy. Warner Bill Settle

DEAR SANTA, We have tried to be good this

year. We would like for you to bring each of us a surprise. Remember all the other boys and girls. Love, Brent and Paul Brannon

DEAR SANTA CLAUS, My name is Tonya Meason. I am four years of age. I have been

very good this year. I want a with a swinging chair, a sled and a car set. The doll is Snuggie Bun. Also a piano cash register.

I will be at Grandmother's Christmas in Clovis, New Mexico. Please fill my stocking with



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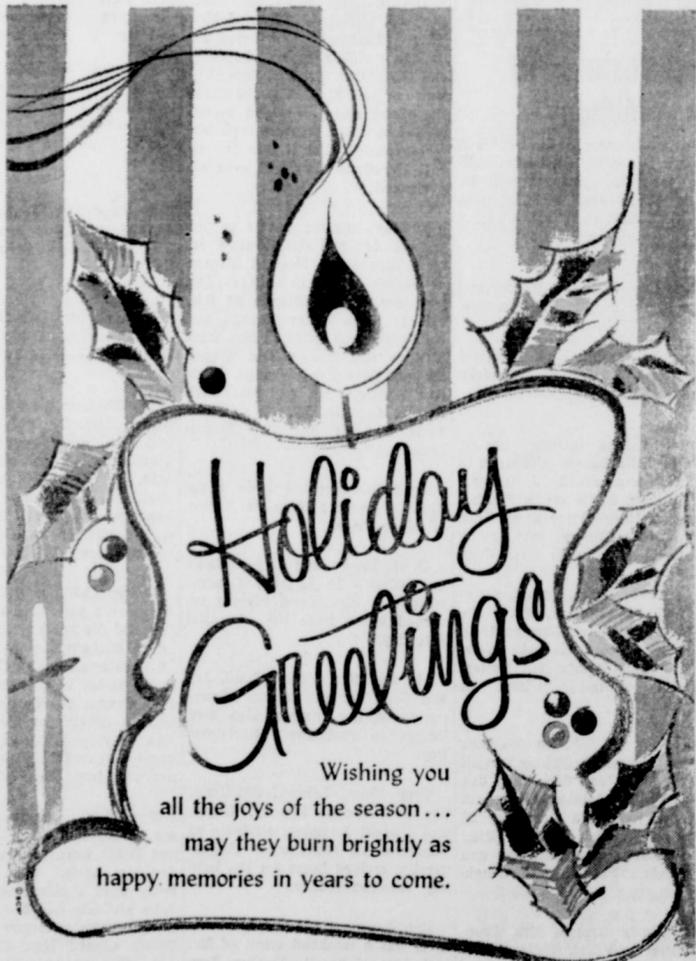


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Neeley - Breedlove Vows Exchanged

The home of the bride's parents was the scene of the marriage of Miss LaJuana Sue Neeley to Van Breedlove on Saturday, December 17, at 5:00 p.m. Earl Cantwell, minister of the Rock Creek Church of Christ, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brannon and Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Breedlove.

Double baskets of giant white mums and pompoms centered with large red and white bridal bells flanked twin candelabra before a bank of Christmas greenery and pompoms tied with red velvet bows, decorated the improvised altar. Candles were lighted by Butch Brannon, brother of the bride.

Miss Sandi House attended the bride as maid of honor. She was attired in a holiday red two-piece street-length dress of double knit styled with scoop neckline. She carried a crescent bouquet of large white mums and red roses. Lynn Edwards was best man.

The bride wore a white two-piece street-length dress of double knit fashioned with portrait neckline. Her shoulder-length veil of imported illusion was secured by a petal point embroidered with pearls. She wore white pearlized lizard shoes and carried a dutchess bouquet of red roses surrounding a white orchid atop a white Bible.

She wore her grandmother's diamond solitaire and had a penny in her shoe.

At the reception which followed the ceremony, the bride's table was laid with a fern green lace cloth. An arrangement of red roses and the tiered wedding cake decorated the bride's table. Misses Jeanne Davis and Martha Mills served refreshments. Each had a corsage of miniature mums.

For traveling, the bride added matching coat and bag to her ensemble and lifted the orchid from her bridal bouquet. After a short wedding trip, the couple is at home in Lubbock, where he is attending Texas Technological College. He is a graduate of Silverton High School. The bride is a graduate of Flomot High School. She attended the Artistic School of



PATRICIA JEAN MCCURRY

The engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Patricia Jean McCurry to John Edward Jowell, Jr., son of Mrs. J. E. Jowell of Silverton, has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren L. McCurry of Littlefield.

Wedding vows will be exchanged at 3:00 p.m. January 22, in the chapel at West Texas State University.

The bride-elect is a 1964 graduate of Sudan High School and attends West Texas State University, majoring in business.

Her fiance is a 1963 graduate of Silverton High School. At semester he will be a senior at West Texas State University, majoring in physical education and biology.

He is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity.

DEAR SANTA,

I am six years old and I am in the first grade.

I would like a Baby First Step for Christmas.

Thank you.
Donna Grabbe

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Loftis of Kress and their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Jarrett, Brandon and Warren plan to spend Christmas Day in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Hooten, parents of Mrs. Loftis.

Hairdressing in Amarillo, and at the time of her marriage was employed by Cecil's Beauty Salon in Tulia.

Club Hosts Christmas Dinner Party Here

L. O. A. Junior Study Club members entertained their husbands with a Christmas dinner at the school cafeteria Saturday night.

Reindeer with tinsel and red Christmas balls in their antlers decorated the tables, and felt Christmas stockings marked the seating arrangement.

The guests were welcomed by the club president, Mrs. Randall Eddleman, who announced that the guests of honor for the evening would be Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whitfill, who have moved to Plainview, and Mr. and Mrs. John Fowler, who are moving to Aspermont soon.

After dinner, guests played various card games. Gifts were exchanged from under a prairie Christmas tree, and going-away gifts were presented to the honorees.

Arrangements for the party were directed by Mrs. Eddleman, Mrs. J. E. Patton and Mrs. James Ross Alexander.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Alexandere, Mr. and Mrs. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Eddleman, Mr. and Mrs. Whitfill, Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sarchet, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kitchens, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haley Hill and Mr. and Mrs. John Schott.

Wayne Hamilton has recently attended an auctioneering school for two weeks in Mason City, Iowa and received his diploma.



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Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
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Evening	7:00 p.m.

COME TOUR THE GREAT SOUTHWEST

Once again Swisher Electric is planning a tour for our members and friends. We will tour the vast southwest to and from our National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California, February 21-23.

Hop aboard for this 16-day fun-filled tour. All arrangements have been made by Glenn Hackney of Lubbock, and nothing has been spared for your pleasure and enjoyment.

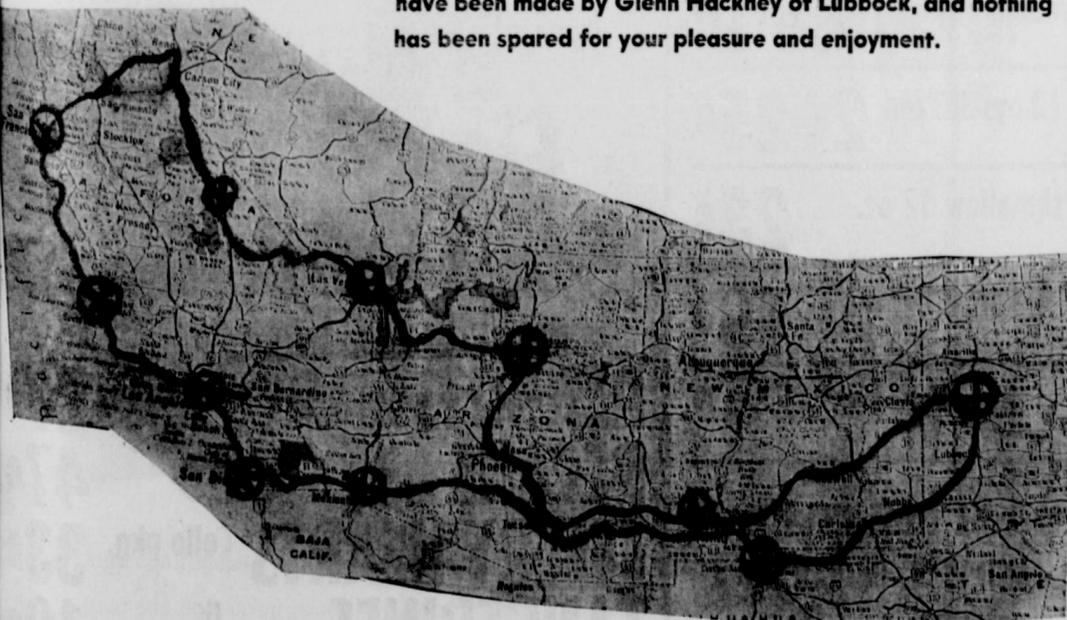
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- Feb. 13 Bus leaves Tulia and pickup passengers along the way of Lubbock, Brownfield and on to El Paso for the night.
- Feb. 14 Travel to Yuma, Arizona for the night.
- Feb. 15 Travel to San Diego for lunch then tour Tijuana, Mexico in the afternoon.
- Feb. 16 Travel to Knott's Berry Farm for noon meal. Disneyland in the afternoon and on to Los Angeles for the night.
- Feb. 17 Tour Catalina Island for the day.
- Feb. 18 Tour Hollywood and the Los Angeles area.
- Feb. 19 Leave by Highway 1 to San Francisco for four nights. NRECA Convention, Boat Tour of the Bay, Tour to Red Woods, China Town, etc.
- Feb. 24 Depart San Francisco for Sacramento, Lake Tahoe, Reno, Carson City and to Bishop, Calif., for the night.
- Feb. 25 Tour Death Valley and onto Las Vegas for the night.
- Feb. 26 Tour Hoover Dam, Grand Canyon IF weather permits, on to Flagstaff, Arizona for the night.
- Feb. 27 Tour Oak Creek Canyon to Phoenix, Tucson and to Denning, New Mexico for the night.
- Feb. 28 Arrive back in TEXAS!

Single reservation	(1 person)	\$325.75
Twin-bed reservation	(2 persons)	\$581.00
Double-bed reservation	(2 persons)	\$524.00

This low price includes everything but your meals, and a few side tours which are optional (Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm and Catalina; all others are included).

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE JANUARY 10 at Swisher Electric Cooperative along with a \$50.00 deposit. First come basis . . . so hurry and make your plans now!!!



For Further Information Call:

Nell Mays, Swisher Electric Cooperative - 995-3567 today!

Dorcas Class Has Christmas Meeting

The Dorcas Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Clyde Lightsey on Friday, December 9, with Mrs. Leavie Creswell as hostess.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. C. G. Harrison led the opening prayer, and Mrs. Opal Hyatt gave the devotional.

After a short business meeting, the vice president had charge of the program. A reading was given by Mrs. Lightsey entitled "Little Willie's Prayer." "Star of the East" was sung by Mrs. Clifford Allard and Mrs. Jennie Fisher.

Mrs. Harrison gave a reading, "Beggars and the Star." A poem, "Little Orphan Joe," was given by Mrs. Allard.

The group exchanged gifts from a beautifully-decorated tree, and the class presented their teacher, Mrs. Harrison, with a gift.

Refreshments were served to 11 members and two visitors. The meeting was closed with the group singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

The next class meeting will be Friday, January 27, in the home of Mrs. A. H. Chappell.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Cavanaugh plan to spend Christmas with his niece, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McFarland and family at Midland.

Mrs. Glen McWatters Honored at Shower

The home of Mrs. John Turner was the scene of a miscellaneous shower given in honor of Mrs. Glen McWatters, the former Annis Dudley, on December 9, from 3:00 until 4:30 p.m.

Alternating hostesses greeted the guests and showed the array of beautiful and useful gifts.

Mrs. Donald Ray Turner and Miss Raneer McKay served punch and white and blue cake squares from a table laid with a lace cloth over blue. The centerpiece was an arrangement of flowers with a little blue car with shoes trailing signifying "Just Married."

The home was gaily decorated for the Christmas season.

Out-of-town guests who signed the bride's book included Mrs. Euel Dudley, mother of the bride. Mrs. Elmore Pointer, Miss Raneer McKay, Quitaque; Mrs. Billie McDaniel of Amherst.

The hostesses presented Mrs. McWatters with a bedspread and electric skillet.

Hostesses were Mmes. W. H. Fitzgerald, F. M. Breedlove, Carroll Garrison, Milton Frizzell, Robert McPherson, J. L. West, J. L. Self, John Turner, D. G. Shelton, Claude Allison, Elbert Stephens, Marvin Reynolds, R. L. O. Riddell, James Patton, Irving McJimsey, Dee Garvin, D. H. Davis, Floyd Wood, D. Oneal, Allen Kellum and Arthur McJimsey.

Sandy Barnes Is Shower Honoree

Sandy Collins Barnes, bride-elect of Riley Harris, was honored with a shower December 3, in the home of Mrs. Alva C. Jasper.

Welcoming guests was Mrs. Jasper, who presented them to Sandy, her mother, Mrs. Jack Collins, the prospective bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Jack Harris, and his grandmother, Mrs. Lenton Lanham.

The table was laid with a white cutwork cloth, accented with an arrangement of pink roses and pink candles. Pink punch, individual white cakes decorated with white wedding bells with a touch of pink, nuts and mints were served.

Hostesses were Mmes. Carroll Garrison, Sam Lewis, Farris Martin, Jack Sutton, Don Garrison, Frank Mercer, Norman Strange, Pascal Garrison, Orville Turner, Joe Lee Bomar, Guinn Fitzgerald, Edwin Crass and Ashel McDaniel.

Sandy and Riley are to be married January 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williams and Annette left from Lubbock by jet airliner Tuesday for a six-day visit with their daughter, Sp4 and Mrs. Ray Mattheus, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

The congregation of the Rock Creek Church of Christ and their guests enjoyed a holiday supper at the school lunchroom last week. Group singing was enjoyed and John Lee Francis showed slides of his Hawaiian tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson, Debra and Pam of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Meeker and family of Denton plan to spend Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gatewood.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlas Cavett and sons of Andrews are expected as guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hardin this week.

Sarah Jane Cline, librarian at Clarendon Junior College, arrived home Friday afternoon for the Christmas holidays.

Beth Joiner visited Joe H. Smith Monday.

Study Club Has Christmas Program

The March of Time Study Club met December 15, in the home of Mrs. Fred Mercer with Mrs. Roy Mayfield and Mrs. H. A. Cagle as co-hostesses. Mrs. Marvin Montague gave the devotional.

Mrs. Rufe Jordan of Pampa gave a review of "Reflections of Christmas."

After the program, the group exchanged Christmas gifts.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Johdan and her daughter, Mrs. Wayne McMurtry, and club members, Miss Anna Lee Anderson, Mrs. Clarence Anderson, Mrs. Tony Burson, Mrs. True Burson, Mrs. J. W. Lyon, jr., Mrs. Marvin Montague, Mrs. Alvin Redin, Mrs. J. V. Self, Mrs. Ben Whitfill and Mrs. Floyd Williams.

Faye Lynn Perkins, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Perkins underwent a tonsillectomy in the Lockney Hospital Saturday morning. She returned home Sunday.

Rhonda Sweek underwent an

appendectomy in the Lockney Hospital on Monday of last week. She came home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Tate and Jackie Carol hosted an early Christmas dinner Sunday. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bomar, and Mrs. A. E. Tate and son, A. E. Tate, jr., of Dozier.

The descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vaughan enjoyed a family reunion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn and Travis McMinn Sunday. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Youngquist and family, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Watkins and daughters of Amarillo; Debbie and Dudley McMinn of Kress; Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Owens and Eddie of Quitaque; Dwain Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Vaughan, Douglas and Delton, and Eural Vaughan. Miss Pat Cowl of Dimmitt was a guest. Mr. and Mrs. George Sealey called in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Todd and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allard of Tulsa were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Northcutt one day last week.



Bill, Mabel and Johnny

Christmas Party Held Thursday

The Helping Hand Club met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. D. Nance as hostess for the annual Christmas Party.

After a short business session, gifts were exchanged and the afternoon was spent visiting.

Last minute plans were made for the Christmas Dinner to be held at the City Cafe Friday honoring the members' husbands.

Refreshments were served to clubmembers, Mmes. Aubrey Rowell, Wade Steele, John Lee Francis, Lowell Callaway, Garland Francis, Lenton Lanham, Jack Sutton, Edwin Crass, Robert McPherson, Mrs. Nance and visitors, Leila Jo McPherson, Rhonda and Melinda Sutton.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 5, at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Aubrey Rowell. At this time officers will be elected for the new year.

Homemakers Have Christmas Party

The Silvertown Young Homemakers recently entertained their husbands at a Christmas Party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee Bomar. A salad supper and homemade candy were served.

Handmade gifts for the family were exchanged. Games were led by Mr. and Mrs. Billy Settle.

Attending were Messrs. and Mmes. John Francis, Roy Francis, Jarus Flowers, Buck Hardin, Guinn Fitzgerald, Wayne Stephens, Gordon Lowrey, Bomar and Settle.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS



Let us pray, we thank thee Lord for this bountiful year and wish all of our friends and patrons a special Christmas blessing. May Christ be with you always.

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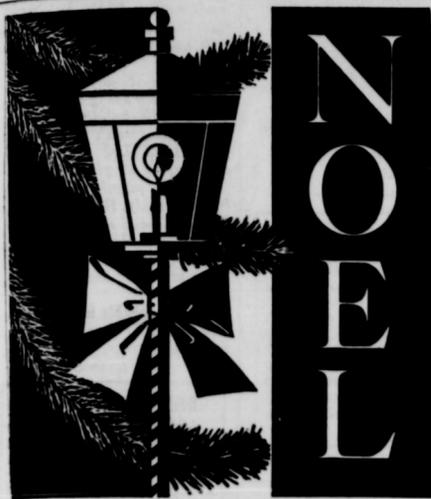
Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a baby doll and some dishes. Bring my brothers a big tractor, too. Bring them a truck. Bring my mother some pans and bring my father a new car.

Cookies and milk will be on the table.
Merry Christmas. I am eight years old.
Your friend,
Melba Ann Perkins

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I have been a good girl this year. My sister has been a good girl, too. Please bring

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll, some nuts, and candy. I also want a pair of boots
Love,
Carolyn



*Have a happy holiday season,
Dear patrons and friends
Have a Yule that's overflowing
with joy that never ends.*

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my sister a Francie. And please bring me a Baby First Step.

Your friend,
Debbie Verden

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I have been a good girl. Remember Todd and Art and Max. Please bring me Francie and a watch and a ring and a black board.

When you come I'll have some cookies and a glass of

milk for you.
A Happy Christmas to you. I live on Pulitzer Street.

Your friend,
Tammie Lee Hamilton

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
For Christmas I would like a Slurp doll. I invite you to our Christmas party, Santa Claus. The party is on the sixteenth at San Jacinto school. I hope you can make it, Santa Claus.

Rebecca Bills

DEAR SANTA,
My name is Lydia and I am six years old. Please bring me a Baby Peaches. I have a sister, Lisa, who is five years old. She wants a doll named Miss Peep. We are both in school and have been good girls. We would like fruit and nuts, too.

Love,
Lydia and Lisa Younger

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I want a steam shovel and a truck, a road grader a toy guitar, a toy bongo, a camper to go on my pickup, a cement mixer, a cash register. My name is Jesse Allen Meason. My age is three. I will be at Grandmother's at Christmas. Please fill my stocking with lots of candy and fruit.

Yours truly,
Jesse Meason

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I am a little girl six years old. I have been a pretty good kid this

year. Would you please bring me a "Francie" doll set. Also, don't forget my brother and sisters, and other children.

Love,
Linda Lea Hardin

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I want a Susie and a Heidi and a Jan doll set, please. I am four years old. Thank you for the candy you gave me Saturday. My big sister is writing this for me. Please don't forget the other children.

Love,
Marilyn Hardin

Mrs. T. W. Devenport of Wellington spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Onar Cornett.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Scott Whitfill and children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Paige, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Whitfill, Gene and Gale and other relatives here.

Gale Whitfill, a student at Wayland College, is spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Whitfill and Gene.

Robert Rhode was met in Lubbock Friday by his mother, Mrs. Carman Rhode. He is a student at Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. Sandi Rhode, a student at H-SU, and Rev. and Mrs. Jim Jenkins of New Orleans are expected here for a Christmas visit in the Rhode home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hahn of Loveland, Colorado, greeted friends here Wednesday morning.

R. A. Baird returned home from the Plainview Hospital Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baird and Melody Emmett of Huntsville, Arkansas, arrived here Wednesday of last week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Baird and other relatives.

Season's Greetings



May the timeless beauty of the holiday season enrich your life and bring peace into your heart. To you and all your loved ones, we extend our very best wishes for a joyous and prosperous Christmas!

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As we listen once again to the ever-old, ever-new Christmas story, our hearts are filled with good will toward all men everywhere. We pray that the desire for peace may encircle the globe . . . that men may learn to live with one another as brothers.

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GLENN McWILLIAMS, Mgr.

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How Do You Rate!

There aren't many things to date, but what there is, is quite important. There are many girls who go places together, that is when boys don't ask them for dates, and when they get to where they were going, boys ask to get in with them. Well, boys, whether you know it or not, most of these girls feel like "pick-ups"! If you can't take a girl places, don't expect to be with her at all.

When a girl turns you down on a date, don't be the boy who repeatedly asks her out again and again. Usually, if you're turned down it's because she feels that you're too good a friend to date.

Girls, don't be the one to lead two or more boys on at one time! Boys have feelings too, and can be hurt just as easily as you. You may think it's great when you're "torn-apart" between two boys, but it won't be half as great when you have neither!

Good reputations aren't hard to gain, but are very hard to regain!

NOTICE

Daily scenic tour through the countryside. Two trips daily, one leaving downtown at 7:30 a.m. and one leaving the school house at 3:40 p.m. See Dan Evans for tickets and further information.

Some are fast,
Some are slow,
Which it will be
You'll NEVER KNOW!



Santa (Gary Crow) and his elves (Max Stevenson, Mitchel McDaniel, and Mike Long) entertained F. B. L. A. members with two vocal selections at the annual Christmas party last week. Aterward, they presented FBLA members to several members and Christmas gifts to everyone in attendance. (Briscoe County News Photo)

The OWL'S HOOT F.B.L.A. Party Held

PAGE SIX THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1966

Juniors Enjoy Christmas Party

Monday night, December 12, the Junior class held their annual Christmas party in the P. C. A. community room. Sandwiches, cookies and punch were served as records played in the background. Afterward, those attending enjoyed games they remembered playing years ago.

Miss Self, the sponsor, was presented with a gift, a small token of their appreciation for having put up with the class this year.

The Juniors wish to express their appreciation to those who allowed them to use the P. C. A. community room this year.

CAROLING

Carol sings are traditional in many great American cities. The custom is so popular in St. Louis that there is a Christmas Carols Association which has thousands of members. Residents welcome the carolers with lighted candles in their windows and offer voluntary contributions which are turned over to 70 institutions for the handicapped and underprivileged. In New Orleans, carol sings are traditionally held across the street from historic St. Louis Cathedral, in the French Quarter. Youthful carolers sing songs in both English and French.

THE WASSAIL BOWL

"Wassail" derives from two Old English words, "wæs" and "hale," meaning "Be well." It was the custom in ancient England for the host to hand a new guest a cup of the beverage (a mixture of beer, spices and fruit juices) and say, "Wæs hael!" In return, the guest bowed, touched his cup to the host's, and replied "Drink hael!" or "Drink in health."

A Christmas Party was held on Tuesday, December 13, in the library. All the F.B.L.A. members, faculty and the honorary members were invited. Mrs. Mary Ann Sarchet was the only honorary member able to attend.

Randy Hughes, master of ceremonies, welcomed the guests. Barbara Davis played Christmas songs for Santa and his elves. Santa, played by Gary Crow, and the elves, played by Mike Long, Max

Student Council Party Held Here Thursday

The Student Council sponsored an all-school Christmas party on Thursday, December 15. Refreshments were served to the student body, faculty and guests.

Buddy Comer, Larry Comer, Paul Ray McWilliams and Danny Vaughan dressed as Whistling Midgets and gave a routine to "Winchester Cathedral."

The Trig-minus-10-plus-one Class consisting of Tina Weaver, Connie Dudley, Margaret Minyard, John Montague, Jimmy Burson, Mike Long, Mitchell McDaniel, Gary Crow, John Cole, Randy Hughes and Mr. Grosdidier, sang three songs.

Buddy Comer, president of the Student Council, presented gifts to Mrs. Francis, Mr. Hinds, Mr. Rampley, Mr. Stone and Herb Stephens, Student Council sponsor.



TOYS CAN TEACH... Toys are for fun, but there's nothing wrong with a little learning. A popular gift for boys is an electrical engineering set.

HAPPINESS IS . . .

Juniors caroling after party on Monday night
Going to all games of the tournament
Making more than 10 on a history test
The DIAHREAS singing at a Christmas party
Riding down the hall in a red wagon with Max pulling you

Stevenson and Mitchell McDaniel, sang White Christmas and Silver Bells.

Christmas cookies, sundaes and hot punch were served by Sharon Martin, Linda Scott, Linda Sisney and Linda Mercer.

Santa and his elves handed out gifts while Randy Hughes closed the party by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

KEEP THE CHRISTMAS

Christmas is essentially a religious holiday, so church activities should be an important part of holiday planning. The homemaker who entertains during the holidays can plan ahead and prepare foods which will require little last minute attention. Buffet serving is recommended for large groups as it can be informal and easily done.

Having "spring-back-for-more" hair do's

Gary Crow as Santa Claus
Christmas holidays
Calling Mr. Grosdidier "President Johnson"
New Year's Eve falling on a Saturday
The Trig. Class' musical talent
Having this paper delivered to your house instead of the mad rush to get a paper every Thursday
Mr. Evans' tests
Faye Gene's punch

the HOLIDAY FIRESIDE

The open fireplace so popular in today's modern homes is helping to renew the popularity of the Yule Log tradition. Few moderns are likely to venture into the woods to select their own Yule Log, yet there will be a glowing fire in thousands of homes this holiday eve.

If you are going to sit by the fireside this holiday, you'll be in keeping with tradition if your Yule Log is oak, ash, olive, apple or pine.

Ash is popular because it burns quickly, throws off ample heat and need not be seasoned. Beech has a pleasant aroma and gives off a steady glow. Oak is often preferred because it burns slowly.

Less favorable woods are the elm, which is slow to get started, and poplar, which sparks badly if it is unseasoned.

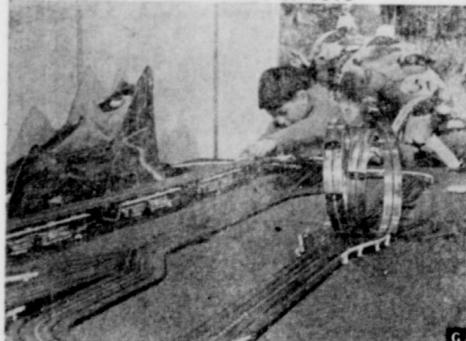
CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Add sparkle to Christmas cookies the easy way. Roll out sugar or ginger cookie dough as directed and then sprinkle evenly with white or colored sugar, pressing it in slightly with a rolling pin. Cut out desired shapes and bake the cookies.

IN FRANCE

Public Christmas trees are not so popular in France as in America, although they are found in many French homes, usually ornamented with candles and lights, tinsel and colored stars. Also popular is the traditional manger scene—small figures arranged in a fashion that characterizes the story of the Nativity.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF TOYS



Research by American psychologists, most of them with sons and daughters of their own, has furnished some interesting facts about the learning-function and the fun-function of toys—two processes which in the mind of the child are one.

One of the first tasks of the late Dr. K. Groos, in his psychological study of play and toys, was to examine parents' inklings and intuitions about children, toys and games in order to test the truths they contain. The next step was to put the test results into straightforward language to help both parents and toy-makers do what's best for the child.

Parents have long sensed something special happening when a youngster picks up a toy and weaves his own imaginary world around it—a "toy world" that is often so entrancing that the parent is drawn into it—like the old story about the father taking over his son's electric train, funny because it's so humanly true. Most fathers admit this, and according to a classic manufacturer of auto racers, Lionel, whose first model motor car came out in 1913.

fathers have always been attracted to racing toys.

These expertly engineered, excitingly designed tabletop toys satisfy parents' concern for quality toys that are fun and educational. At the same time they help develop a child's sense of responsibility in caring for his playthings. He learns that for long-lasting fun with intricate mechanical toys, he must do certain maintenance chores periodically.

Raceway sets, such as the Lionel Matterhorn with its precision-built cars, Alpine climb mechanism and loops, can last indefinitely if a child remembers these basics:

Clean all rails with ink eraser, and vacuum the track. Remove lint and dust around car axles, gears and motor. Clean pick-up contacts on car with alcohol or ink eraser. Apply grease to gears, oil to axles and gear shafts sparingly—and run car for a full minute at various speeds while keeping wheels off roadway. Clean loops of raceway with soft, lint-free cloth and check power cord for cracks.

These steps take only about 15 minutes, but can keep a set in shape for years.



The special joy of Christmas blesses the world once more, bringing its message of hope and love to all men. May we wish you much happiness!

THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AT S.H.S.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



ISN'T ELECTRICITY WONDERFUL!

Rural people think so—especially at Christmas-time! They remember when the Christmas glow faded away at the city limits. At least it seemed so. Dim lanterns bobbing across barn lots and kerosene lamps blinking through kitchen windows hardly whispered "Merry Christmas." But that's all changed. Farms now gleam with light. Front lawn decorations vie with Christmas displays in town. Now, thanks to rural electrification, neighbors are happy to share this brighter, more joyous Christmas with you.

SEASONS GREETINGS

SWISHER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Home Notes

by Becky Hall
Home Demonstration Agent

Congratulations are in order for Mrs. Elton (LaNita) Cantwell for the outstanding leadership she is giving the Happy 4-H Club as well as the Child Care Unit I project group. The Happy 4-H Club had a real fine Christmas party last week. The boys and girls planned their games, led songs, and served refreshments. Through Mrs. Cantwell's leadership, the 4-H Club members are developing leadership qualities by carrying out responsible committee assignments.

The Child Care project group had their last meeting Thursday and had a program on how to fill out and organize their records. If any of this group need further assistance they should call Mrs. Cantwell, Bean 4429, or call me, 4271. These records are due Monday, January 9. Debbie Cantwell will receive them at school and take them to her mother. A certificate of completion will be given to those completing the project and turning in their records. Also, a group picture will be made of the ones finishing the total project and this picture will appear in the paper. You will be notified of the time and place for these arrangements.

The Town and Country Home Demonstration Club had a holiday party with their husbands as guests. Christmas cookies, coffee and spiced tea were served to twelve. Three tables of "42" comprised the recreation for the evening. This group works and plays well together. Winston and I surely enjoyed the fine fellowship of the evening.

Welcome home, Eva Lou. It's good to have Mr. and Mrs. Roy

Younger back from their travels abroad. It was a pleasure to work with she and Mrs. Walter (Bobby) bean in preparing surprise Christmas bags for the kindergarten children last Friday.

From the kitchen of Mrs. Raymond (Syble) Teeple of the Southwestern Home Demonstration Club comes this tasty holiday treat.

Cherry Nut Bread

½ cup finely cut candied cherries
¼ cup finely cut candied pineapple

1 cup of chopped walnuts
¾ cup milk
3 eggs, separated
¼ cup sugar
2¼ cup sifted all-purpose flour
3 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon mace
½ cup sugar
½ cup butter

Sift flour with baking powder, salt, mace. ½ cup sugar, cut in butter with pastry blender. Stir in fruit and nuts. Add milk to well beaten egg yolks and combine with flour mixture. Beat egg whites until soft peak forms. Gradually add ¼ cup sugar and beat until stiff. Fold into batter. Pour into greased 9x5x3 inch loaf pan. Bake in moderate (350 degree) oven for 60 to 65 minutes. Cool on rack. Makes one loaf. Wait several hours before slicing.

A wonderful make-ahead loaf that slices beautifully, is beautiful when sliced, so says Clara Pratt, former Home Demonstration Agent of Lubbock County.

Some of you know Calvin Holcomb, who once served as County Agricultural Extension Agent in Swisher County, and is now the Agent in Seminole. His son, Billy, had an operation Monday, December 19, for a kidney transplant. Billy's mother was to provide the

kidney. Their address will be Colorado General Hospital, Colorado Boulevard, Denver, Colorado. You may want to send a card.

Our office will be closed December 24 through January 2. Part of the week following Christmas we will be at home. Drop by and visit us or call if there is any way to be of help to you. May you and your loved ones have a very special holiday and a full and rewarding 1967.

SANTA'S VILLAGE

Santa Claus, Indiana and Christmas, Florida pop into the news each Christmas season, and throughout the year are visited by thousands of tourists. Away out West, in the San Bernardino mountains not too far from Los Angeles, California, the star of popularity is fast rising for Santa's Village, a replica of the North Pole home of Santa Claus, complete with plenty of snow during the winter months . . . and including, of course, Santa himself, his elves, animals, toys, candy, and a 20-passenger sleigh.

LARGEST CHURCH

St. Peter's, in Rome, is the largest church in Christendom and is built over the tomb of the Apostle Peter. At Christmas, in the year 1950, Pope Pius XII announced that excavators had found Peter's tomb, a simple grave buried beneath the debris of altars and other shrines placed over it since his martyrdom about A.D. 67.

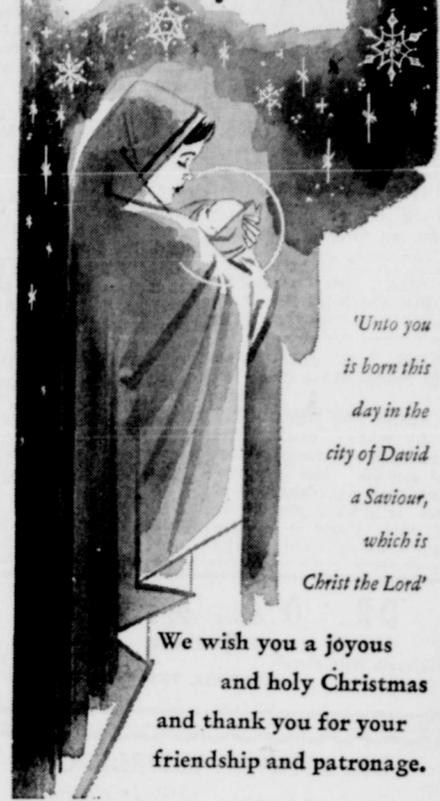
EVERGREEN LEGENDS

Long before the Christian era, Egyptians celebrated the winter solstice (shortest day of the year) by bringing green date palms into their homes as a symbol of the triumph of life over death. Raising of an evergreen bough was a traditional part of the Roman observance of the Feast of Saturn.

FOR THE BIRDS

You don't need an elaborate feeder to share Christmas with the birds. You can trim an outdoor tree and decorate it with such things as pine cones dipped in suet, popcorn, bits of apple and grated carrot, even pie crust. Blue jays, woodpeckers, nuthatches, chickadees, warblers and brown creepers are "meat" eaters. Cardinals, juncos, sparrows and finches like vegetable seeds.

may
Joy be
yours



*'Unto you
is born this
day in the
city of David
a Saviour,
which is
Christ the Lord'*

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PEACE

Through the years, man has sought peace. Let us seek it where it must begin . . . within our hearts. May Christmas bring that peace that passes understanding.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? BUY her a Touch and Sew Singer, Stereo, Typewriter, Vacuum Cleaner, Radio, Floor Polisher. For details call 3381. 49-3tc

TO PARTY WITH GOOD CREDIT: Repossessed 1966 Singer sewing machine in walnut console. Automatic zig-zagger, blind hems, fancy stitches, etc. Total balance \$23.76, terms. Write Credit Department, 1114 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas. 47-tfc

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? BUY her a Touch and Sew Singer, Stereo, Typewriter, Vacuum Cleaner, Radio, Floor Polisher. For details call 3381. 49-3tc

FOR SALE: CLEAN QUILTS, some wool tops; bargain priced. Mrs. Carl Crow. 47-tfc

FIREWORKS FOR SALE: See Mitchell McDaniel or Bill Bingham. Package of fireworks free with each tank of gas. 50-2tp

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? BUY her a Touch and Sew Singer, Stereo, Typewriter, Vacuum Cleaner, Radio, Floor Polisher. For details call 3381. 49-3tc

FOR SALE: REAL GOOD DRY land cane bundles. C. A. Tipton. 51-4tp

FOR SALE: 1959 FORD PICKUP. Good Condition. Gary Hunt 51-tf

NOTICE: MY PHONE HAS BEEN changed to 5391. John Schott. 51-2tp

WANTED

I WILL DO IRONING, MENDING alterations. Phone 3656, Mrs. Bud McMinn. 31-tfc

WANTED: ANYONE DESIRING a wig or wiglet at cost. I will close my books December 27. Sarah Campsey, Phone 3686. 51-1tc

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MY HOME IS FOR SALE. PRICED reasonable. Riley Ziegler, Phone 5141. 51-tfc

LOST AND FOUND

LOST: ONE BLACK ANGUS Steer. Weight about 550 pounds. Branded X over — on right hip. Has swallow fork ear mark in both ears. Dale L. Smith, Phone 3841. 47-3tc

FOUND: TWO G.M.C. KEYS AND another key. Can be had at News office. 48-tfc

LOST: TWO LARGE BLACK steers, 7 over bar, left hip. Right ear underbit. Beryl Long. 50-2tp

THREE GOATS STRAYED TO MY House. One mile west and 1/4 north of Rock Creek store. Ashel McDaniel. 50-2tc

CARDS OF THANKS

Dear friends and neighbors,
I regret that I am unable to send Christmas cards this year. I want to wish each of you a Happy Christmas, and much happiness and good health in the New Year.
Sincerely,
Mrs. S. R. Turner

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hinds plan to visit Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hinds and other relatives in Abilene and their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Richie and Shelle in Hereford during the holidays.

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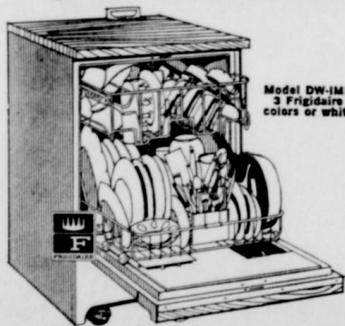


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HOLIDAY CLEAN-UP

Don't discard those holiday shopping bags. Keep at least two of them for Christmas morning—one to hold the paper and ribbon you want to keep, one to hold the scraps to be thrown away.

HOLIDAY HOLLY

Most of the holly cuttings used in American homes today are of the English variety, grown for the most part in the northwest where climatic conditions are most favorable. Research has produced several strains of American holly said to be much hardier and superior in color, foliage and fruit. These bear such beguiling names as Merry Christmas, Santa Claus, Old Heavy Berry and Cronberry.

The Right GIFT



You can make holiday shopping much less of a chore with a bit of planning, and the obvious starting point is a complete list of the individuals for whom presents are to be purchased.

Once the list is completed, jot down beside each name the categories from which a gift for this individual may be selected. For example, if Uncle Fred is a stamp collector, likes to fish and is interested in Civil War history, note these facts beside his name and then do the same for others on the list. With such a list, you'll find you can complete your shopping much faster than you would if you marked only a single type of present beside each name. You save a lot of time looking and hunting for some particular item. And, if you are certain of the hobbies or interests of the intended recipient, your gift is certain to be appreciated.

TREE CARE

Many efforts have been made to chemically fire-proof the Christmas tree. Such substances as pirin, sugar and fruit acids in water have been tried—yet nothing has proved as effective as plain water, which keeps the tree naturally moist and thus resistant to flame.

A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY

To the very young, Christmas is a time of bright little lights on a tree, of shiny glass ornaments and decorations, of filmy spun glass filaments, and of toys that have sharp, rough edges, and lots of candy, nuts and other rich edibles. All of this is part of Christmas . . . and this is fine—but a few precautions should be taken to insure a safe holiday.

Old strings of lights for the Christmas tree should be examined carefully. If worn-out bulbs are discarded, they should be put where youngsters can't get to them.

Glass ornaments and glass "angel hair" should be kept out of baby's reach. The ornaments crumble readily into sharp slivers.

Most manufacturers now avoid lead-based paint, but be sure the toys that come into your home do not bring the threat of lead poisoning when a child chews on the toy.

Select toys with a minimum of sharp edges and avoid toys constructed of materials which are quick to burn—and see that the toys are large enough so that baby can't swallow them.



IN DISGUISE . . . Cecil, the Seaside Sea Serpent, a TV favorite is featured in a quick-change disguise kit which includes eye-glasses, mustaches, false teeth, lion's mane, hula skirt and other similar items.

THE PERSONAL TOUCH

In gift-giving, as in all other things, the "personal touch" is important.

Often, the most appreciated gifts are "home-made" and their value is measured by the recipient not in terms of dollars and cents but in recognition of the time and effort that went into preparation of the gift.

Few of us, however, have either the time or the talent necessary to "make something" for everyone on our holiday list. And, with the wonderful selection of gifts available in local stores, it just isn't necessary. But we can still add the personal touch by putting a little extra effort into gift wrapping.

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA,
 Please bring me a bike with four tires, a wagon for my little brother, and some fruit and candy for all of us.
 Love,
 Ralph Bermea

DEAR SANTA,
 My name is Robbi and I am four years old. My mother says I can't tell you that I have been a good girl because you will know when I did things I should not have done. But I try to be good and I love my brothers and sister. And

because I especially like dolls would you bring me a "Baby Magic" and maybe a sewing machine?
 Have a good Christmas, Santa, and please get around to all the children in town.
 Love,
 Robbi McDaniel

DEAR SANTA,
 Please bring me and my brother a bicycle.
 Love,
 Billy

DEAR SANTA,
 I am a boy six years old. I've been a pretty good boy this

past year. I would like for you to bring me a gun and holster set, a wagon and a blackboard and some chalk.
 My little sister is two years old. She would like a tricycle, a doll that you think she might like and some dishes. We would also like some candy and nuts.
 We will be looking for you Christmas Eve night.

Your friends,
 Douglas and Vicki
 McJimsey

DEAR SANTA,
 I am a little girl four years old and my little brother is

two years old. We have been pretty good kids this past year.
 I would like for you to bring me a dolly that walks, a cradle and a high chair for my dolly.
 My little brother would like for you to bring him a tractor that he can ride, some trucks and a Saw and Hammer Bench.
 Please don't forget our little cousins, Steve and Julie, and all the other little boys and girls.
 We love you.
 Susie and Dwa'n Tipton

DEAR SANTA,
 Please bring me a . . .
 Bring one to my little brother . . .
 We also want some fruit . . .
 Love,
 Art Mata

DEAR SANTA,
 Please bring me a . . .
 track and an electric train . . .
 Love,
 Donell Polley

DEAR SANTA,
 Please bring me a . . .
 table, crane and some . . .
 Love,
 Clayton Fowler



Greetings

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DEAR SANTA, I want a frezzy doll and an Bake oven. Love, Kimberly Hutsell

DEAR SANTA, please bring me some can-cookies and a doll. Love, Yolanda Olivarez

DEAR SANTA, Please bring me a doll, a ball and an electric blanket. I would also like some play clothes. Love, Paula Arnold

DEAR SANTA, Please bring me some candy, and an apple, an orange and a doll, a color book and a crayola and a ball. Love, Lillie Maciel

DEAR SANTA, I have tried to be good this year. I go to school now. I am in the first grade and I really

do like to go. Will you please bring me a Filly Mustang bike and a shoulder bag. Thank you for the toys I got last year. Your friend, Becky Perkins

DEAR SANTA, Please bring me a B-B gun, a football and football shoes and helmet. Also a football suit. Love, Kelly Satterfield

DEAR SANTA, Please bring me some candy and cookies, a buggy, a

doll, a box of crayolas and a cook book. Love, Brenda Cantwell

DEAR SANTA, Please bring me a bike, a Barbie doll, a walking doll. Love, Diana Reagan

DEAR SANTA, Please bring me a Susie Home Maker, a Baby First-step, an electric blanket. Love, Donna Hale

DEAR SANTA, Please bring me a bike and

an electric doll. Love, Lupe Garza

DEAR SANTA, I want you to bring me some candy and a ball and a bat and some toys and some books. Love, Rudy

DEAR SANTA, Please bring me a baby doll, some dishes and some fruit. Love, Hellen Odom

BIG TREES

Annually, the most famous and most photographed Christmas trees in the United States are those erected on the White House lawn and at Rockefeller Center in New York. The 1958 White House tree, an Engelmann spruce selected from the Kootenai National Forest in Montana, was so large it had to be loaded on two flat cars for the trip to Washington. It was trimmed to 78 feet before being raised and decorated, yet was still the tallest ever used on the White House lawn. The Rockefeller Center tree that same year was 65 feet high and 35 feet in diameter at the base. It came from Maine and was selected only after an intensive nine-month search to find the most perfectly shaped tree possible.

What Indeed Is Christmas?

What, indeed, is Christmas? Why is Christmas, of all holidays, the most eagerly awaited, the best-remembered? The answer must be that Christmas is the one holiday that has a special meaning for all mankind. The spirit of Christmas was first reflected in the eyes of wise kings and humble shepherds who had journeyed from far and near to witness a special miracle—the birth of a promised Redeemer. Christmas customs change with the modes and mannerisms of new generations. Yet the real story of Christmas remains forever the same. Christmas is the birthday of Jesus Christ.

However we choose to celebrate this great holiday, we must find it difficult to ignore that there is in the world about us a spirit of love and goodness, of close communion with God and with mankind. It lives within the heart of all who have recognized the true meaning of Christmas.



ANIMAL YACKERS... Larry, the Lion and Crackers, the talking parrot add a new dimension to talking dolls and cuddly animals. Each has a vocabulary of 11 phrases and talks freely at the mere pull of a string.

"THE CRICKET"
Charles Dickens is best remembered for "The Christmas Carol"—but this was not the most popular of his Christmas stories during his lifetime. An instant hit with the public was "The Cricket on the Hearth," a touching story of a father's attempts to shield his blind daughter from the realities of life. Shortly after it appeared in 1845, some 12 different theatres in London were presenting dramatic versions of "The Cricket."

GONE TO WORK
Each Christmas week the Georgia Power Company of Valdosta, Georgia, decorates its glass-walled lobby with a beautiful Christmas tree and a Santa who sits by the tree and waves and smiles to all who go by. On Christmas Eve, Santa has disappeared. On the chair is a sign bearing this message, "Sorry—this is my busy night. Santa Claus."

Holiday Greenery Brightens Home

Home decorations are not complete without holiday greenery about the house. The best choices include spruce, pine, hemlock, yew and aborvitae. Of these, yew seems to hold up best. If you use broadleaf evergreens—laurel, andromeda, boxwood, or Japanese holly—for table decorations, keep them in water or the leaves will shrivel and die within a short time. Even though short lasting, broadleaf evergreens are ideal for making wreaths. For this purpose, they may be mixed with holly, balsam or yew.

THE PINATA
Pinatas are a necessary part of any holiday party in Mexico. Traditionally, the pinata is a clay jug, with no particular shape, which is filled with fruit, candy, pesos, and a variety of small gifts. It is suspended from the ceiling. Children are blindfolded and given a stick, the pinata is swung back and forth and the fun is on as the merry-makers try to smash the jug and send the goodies tumbling down.



Just want to say, folks, it's that time of year
For greeting good friends and wishing them cheer.
May your holiday season be merry and bright
May your fondest plans turn out just right!
Yes, here's to the season of carols and holly
Here's to a Yuletide that's prosperous and jolly!



Our Christmas wish to our friends:
may the good cheer of this season
bring joy to your hearts and much
real happiness to your families.

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SEASONAL CHANGE

The small town of Hartford, Kentucky is well-remembered by tourists because of a large sign on the outskirts of town. It reads: "Welcome to Hartford, Ky., Home of 2000 Happy People and a Few Soreheads." Visitors during the Christmas season last year were even more impressed. Above the large sign was an additional sign: "Even the Few Soreheads Wish You a Merry Christmas!"



MASTERPIECE . . . The above painting, "The Nativity," by Gerard David, from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Jules S. Bache Collection, is one of 300 masterpieces of painting featured in the widely-acclaimed color TV presentation "The Coming of Christ." First shown in 1960, this program was repeated last year. It tells the story of Christ and his ministry, bringing to life in a striking realistic still-pictures-in-action technique masterpieces of painting of the late Middle Ages and the Renaissance.

JERUSALEM CHERRY

Flowering plants are ideal for Christmas and one of the more brilliant and less expensive pot plants is the Jerusalem cherry. Its round, red fruit is especially appropriate for the holiday season. It needs bright light and likes a cool temperature, no higher than 55 degrees at night for best results—although it does admirably even with a 65 degree night temperature. If the plant is allowed to wilt, or if cooking gas fumes fill the air, the fruit will drop.

TREE IDEA

An idea that appears to be gaining in popularity is that of decorating a live tree with its roots wrapped in burlap. The tree can be kept fresh throughout the holidays, then planted outdoors.

CHRISTKIND

Dear to the heart of Swiss children is Christkind, personified by a girl in white, her face veiled and her head crowned in gold. Accompanied by other children dressed in white, Christkind carries her basket of gifts from house to house, her coming announced by a silvery bell. When she enters a house, the Christmas tree is lit and delighted children receive their presents.

RING THE BELLS

In Switzerland, bell ringing is a Christmas tradition and each community prides itself on the harmony of its bells. The church bells of Zurich have rung in harmony for hundreds of years, each Christmas calling the faithful to church services.

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA,
This is my first letter to you and I am so anxious for your visit.
I would like to have a horse and a baby doll. I want a horse that will bounce and go real fast. I like horses better than anything.
Please leave my sisters and me some candy because I like candy second best.
Love,
Amy Perkins
P. S. I am real good for an "almost" two year old.

DEAR SANTA,
I wish I could visit you at the North Pole. How is Rudolph? How is Mrs. Whiskers, your cat?
I have tried to be a pretty good boy this year.
I would like a racing car set, a rifle to play cowboy with, and a punching bag.
Please bring toys to all the good little boys and girls.
Your friend,
Kyle Inglis

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I am a little girl six years old. I would like a soft baby and a baby bed, a doctor and nurse kit. I have been a good girl and I help my mother. We'll leave some cookies and milk.
Please don't forget all of the other children.
Love,
Annette

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I am a boy seven years old. I have been a fairly good boy and help my mother sometimes.
I would like a Zero M pocket knife and a Zero M radio shot. I would also like a Tricky Disguise Kit.
I have a little brother named Cary. He is two years old. He would like to have some trucks and a Playskool. We will leave you some cookies and milk.
Don't forget all the other boys and girls.
Love,
Wes

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I want a gun and a car for Christmas. I want a football. I have been a good boy.
Your friend,
Darrell Crosslin



There's more to mistletoe than just its reputation as "the kissing plant." Everyone knows, of course, that, for some reason no one is quite sure about, it's permissible for a boy to kiss the young lady so unlucky (?) as to be caught standing beneath one of these sprigs of green with white berries (a plant, someone has placed on a chandelier—for some young girl to stand under, to be kissed by some young lad . . . unexpectedly, of course).

All this notwithstanding, it is supposedly an all-healing plant that will ward off poisons and keep animals healthy. At least, this is what the superstitious believed, in earlier days. Some considered it a present from the sun, others a gift from Jupiter. In voodoo rituals, it's the accepted antidote for palsy, apoplexy, epilepsy, and what-have-you.

Druid priests sought mistletoe, preferably growing on an oak tree, "on the sixth night of the moon", so that it might be cut with a golden scythe and caught in the flowing robes of the priests. Thus gathered, and following the sacrifice of two white bulls to show gratitude for the gift, mistletoe was supposed to possess all sorts of magical powers.

The Greeks are generally credited with associating mistletoe with love, as it was used in their marriage rites and the ceremonies of Hymen are reputed to be the forerunners of present usage as a kissing plant.



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OLD-TIME GREETINGS

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Don Brown

Wayne McMurry



May all your roads lead you to Christmas: to cherished hearts, to cheerful hearth, to spirit's strength, with the blessing of the joyous Season.



Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA CLAUS, I have been a good girl this year. I would like a baby rattle-Bun and Toody and Todd for Christmas from you. My sister would like a tape recorder and my brother would like a pellet gun. Thank you for the bike you gave me last year.
Your friend,
Robin Drewry

DEAR SANTA CLAUS, I have been a good boy. I want an army set and some games. My brother wants a farm set and gear. My sister wants a doll and a stove, please.
Your friend,
Matt Grosdidier

DEAR SANTA CLAUS, I have been a good girl this year. I like your present, Santa Claus. I love you, Santa Claus, for giving me a present.

I will have cookies for you on the table, Santa Claus. I would like a doll for Christmas. Please bring my mother a present, too.
Thank you, Santa Claus.
Your friend,
Becky Rodriguez

DEAR SANTA CLAUS, I would like to see you in school on Christmas day. I have been a good boy this year.

I have some brothers and sisters. Bring me a football and my brother a gun. My sister wants a big doll and my little sister wants a little doll. The milk and cake will be waiting for you when you visit us.

Good night and bye, Santa Claus.

Your friend,
Richard Garza

DEAR SANTA CLAUS, I have been a good girl this year. I want a baby doll. Tawanna Kay wants a comb and I want some dishes. I will

have some cookies on the table.

Thank you, Santa Claus.
Your friend,
Redia Crosby

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I have been a good boy this year. Christmas is coming,



You don't have to spend all your money to have a beautifully-decorated home at Christmas. Use ingenuity. Make most of your own decorations. In addition to the savings, you'll find that it's fun—and highly satisfying.

For example, stir up your own tree ornaments in a mixing bowl. Combine plastic starch and laundry detergent to make a stiff mixture. Then make frosty icicles by dipping bobby pins into the mixture. A loop of string tied through the closed end of the bobby pin serves as a handle for the dipping and as a hangar to put it on the tree.

Burned out flash or light bulbs make lovely tree balls if painted in gay colors. Stick on colorful seals, sequins, or ribbons for a finishing touch.

Popcorn strings, an old favorite, are colorful Christmas-tree ropes if you pop the corn two or three days before stringing, and dip it in a thin sugar syrup colored with vegetable coloring.

Save lids from paper ice cream cups, then trim by pasting on colored designs cut from old Christmas greeting cards. To hang, slip a paper clip or wire through a hole punched in the tab of the lid.

Santa. I want a Jonny Speed and a long on. Thank you, Santa Claus, and bring my little brother a Batmobile and bring my other brother a six-gun shooter.

Your friend,
Augustin Fabela
P. O. Box 404
Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I have been a good girl this year. I want a baby doll. Don't forget my sisters and brothers. Get my mother

Time To Reflect

In the midst of it all, with once-ornate decorations reduced to floor litter, with toys scattered all about the house, in the tumult and the din of it all, there should be one moment for quiet meditation, for reflection, and for thanksgiving; not for the gifts, nor the well-wishes of the givers; but instead for another Christmas—lest we forget the real purpose of it all.

Golden Bough

The "golden bough" which the legendary Aeneas is fabled to have plucked to insure his safe journey to the nether-world most likely was the green mistletoe with its white berries. The ancients credited mistletoe with many strange powers. In reality, mistletoe does have medicinal properties. Its active ingredient is ginsipone, which relieves hypertension, a common ailment of old age.



BUSY BUYERS . . . Scenes like the one above are repeated all over the land at this time of the year as holiday gift shoppers throng in and out of department stores, toy shops, and gift centers. This is part of the fun of getting ready for Christmas — and the crowded streets and stores only seem to add to the enthusiasm.

some pans and pots. My sisters have been good and my brothers have been good, too.

Thank you.
Your friend,
Margaret Ann Crosslin

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a doll that cries for Christmas.

Please bring a football to my brother. And to my little brother, bring a truck. And to my two sisters, bring two baby dolls that cry. Be sure to come to the right house. There will be some cookies and milk on the table.

Your friend,
Elizabeth Diaz

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I have been a good boy.

Please bring me a GI Joe and spaceman.

Your friend,
Donald Lynn Thomas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I have been a good girl this year. May I have a walking doll and a work set and a bake set and a watch. I live in the country.

My sister would like a Crying Doll.
I love you.
Your friend,
Janie Cobb

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

Please bring me a record player. And bring something to my sister and brother. Be sure to go to the right house and a Merry Christmas to all.

Your friend,
David Flores

DEAR SANTA,

I am a little girl of ten. I would like for you to bring me a coat with fur on it. Also a pair of go-go boots and a doll of any kind. I have three brothers and a sister. Please bring all of us some candy, fruit and nuts. Don't forget to bring all the other boys and girls some toys, too.

I love you,
Roma Clayton
P. S. We will be at our Pop's as always, so don't forget him.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

Would you please bring me a walking doll for Christmas? I'll have some cookies and milk for you. Thank you, Santa Claus.

Your friend,
Linda Ray



THE BOMARS
Arubs, Betty, Laquita, Debbie & Wiley III



wishing you
all the best at Christmas!

DURHAM'S WELDING SHOP
Bill, Shirley and Kirk

NOEL

As the Wise Men sought the Star of Bethlehem over 1900 years ago, let us seek for a lasting peace on earth. Let us pray for that day when men will live together in harmony.



Blessings to you!
May every good thing be yours!

CITY CAFE

Agnes Bingham

DANNY IALONE MID-PLAINS
RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.



Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA,
I am 4½ years old. Thank you for the things you brought me last year. This year I would like you to bring me a guitar, an etch-a-sketch and a choo-choo train. Please don't forget all the other children.
Your friend,
Bobby Scott McPherson

DEAR SANTA,
Thank you for last year's presents. I've grown a lot this year and I would like a power shop by Mattel. My G. I. Joe needs some new equipment and a jeep. Santa, if you have a little Shetland pony that needs a family, I'll take care of it. Please remember Cathy and Terry, too!
Love,
Jeff

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I, too, have tried to be a

good little boy this year. I would love to have a mystery train, toy rifle and a Mr. Sound Saps. Also, please don't forget to fill our stockings.
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love,
Michael Hill

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I have tried to be a good little boy this year—as good as any active four year old can be.
Please bring me a Batman suit, toy rifle and a mechanical robot.
Our little brother, Monroe, would like to have a toy to ride in the house.
You have a very Merry Christmas, too, Santa!
Love,
Greg Hill

DEAR SANTA,
I have been a pretty good kid this last year and I will be even better this next year if you will bring me some of the toys I want.

I would like to have a gun and a truck. My little sister wants a doll and buggy. My little brother wants a gun and holster set.
Thank you, Santa, I know we will like whatever you bring us.
Calvin, Kim and Casey Robinson

DEAR SANTA,
I am trying to be good, especially now, with your visit so close.
Will you please bring me a bike and a Baby First Step that roller skates?
We have moved into our new home but Mommy says she's sure you can find us.
I'll be waiting for you.
Love,
Patti Perkins

Doctoring Dolls Rewarding Task

Tears filled the eyes of a little girl as she handed her doll to the "doctor."
"My Nancy is hurt. Can you help her?"
"Don't worry," the doctor told her, "Nancy will be all right."
And one hour later Nancy was all right.
The "doctor" who worked this non-medical miracle is one of the nation's foremost experts in the forgotten art of repairing dolls—Irving Chase.
"Doctor Chase" handles "patients" from all over the globe, but most of them come from New York, his home base.

Handed Down
Doll repair has been the Chase family's vocation for at least three generations. Irving Chase learned from his father and grandfather, the latter of whom repaired dolls in Germany.

Chase is referred to by his customers as "Doctor Irving." He refers to the dolls as "patients" and calls his assistants "nurses."
During a typical day Chase does everything from repairing a damaged head to complete refinishing a doll's surface (skin).

His busiest season is from December through February. In December, dolls are brought in to be repaired so they can be used as Christmas gifts. Following Christmas, his "hospital" is literally swamped with newly broken dolls.

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a gun, a ball, a truck and some fruit and candy.
Love,
Gaby Aquilor



What species of evergreen is best for use as a Christmas tree? Forestry experts and U.S. Department of Agriculture experts say that there is no "all-round" best species.

Here are some facts about the most common species which may be helpful in selecting the right tree for your home:

Balsam fir—once the most commonly used, is now relatively scarce. It has short, flat, dark green needles attached to opposite sides of the limbs in a feather-like arrangement.

Top Tree
Douglas fir—the top commercial tree. It has blue-green or dark yellow-green needles, soft and pliable, attached all the way around the limbs, giving it a bushy, full appearance.

Scotch pine—long needled variety. It has needles which are arranged in clusters on the branches. It holds its needles exceptionally well.

Black spruce—a hardy tree, but has a dark, un-Christmasy color. It is widely used for dyed and treated trees.

White spruce—another hardy, attractive tree, but unfortunately it gives off an unpleasant odor.

Some things to look for in selecting a tree: retention of needles; full symmetrical shape; limbs without sagging; fragrant odor, springy branches.



WE'D LIKE TO DASH RIGHT ON IN TO WISH YOU, OUR FAVORITE CUSTOMERS, THE BEST OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

Salem's of Silverton



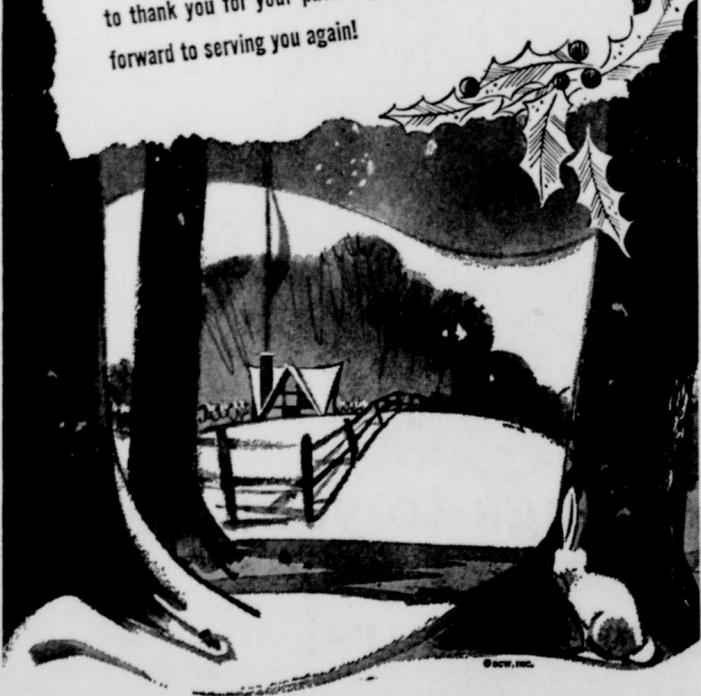
Merry Christmas

IT'S TIME TO GREET OUR MANY FRIENDS AND WISH THEM THE BEST! to all of you from all of us at

HILL VARIETY

Greetings of the Season

We welcome the opportunity to wish you, our friends and neighbors, the best of everything at Christmas and to thank you for your patronage in the past. We look forward to serving you again!



Brown Furniture Hardware and Appliance Company

JOY to the WORLD

'...the glory of the Lord shone 'round about...'

The trees stand like mute sentries, shouldering their burden of snow. No creature stirs, no wind whispers, no twig snaps, no bird calls. Silently, heart to heart, may Man experience like communion this Christmastime.

RAY THOMPSON IMPLEMENT
John Deere Service & Parts



MAY THE GIFT OF PEACE BE YOURS

At this holy Christmas season may we offer Him the gifts of our selves, rededicated to His service, for all mankind.

May the wondrous Star of peace and joy brighten your life and way, today and always!



First State Bank



Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I am waiting for you very impatiently! I am three years old and this is my very biggest Christmas yet. Since I love you and am so proud of you, I will leave some cookies and a Coke by the tree. I bought the Cokes last week.
Now, down to business. For Christmas I want a Baby First Step for me and my Mommy to play with. I would like to have a little kitchen and some Play Doh. For Daddy and me I would just love to have a little saddle like the one Daddy used to ride when he was a small lad. My cats would appreciate a bowl of freshly ground hamburger meat. My little neighbor dog, Teddy Mack Weaver, could use a little electric mattress. My cousins and their dog love you too, so don't forget them, my grandparents, and all the other little boys and girls and their animals and my horse, Red.
I'll try to be asleep early so you can come to my house. Tell Mrs. Santa hello for me. With my love,
Cynthia Ann Edwards

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a Baby First Step and some school clothes. My sister, Connie, wants a Susie Homemaker.
Don't forget all the other children and all the poor people.
Love,
Donna Rowell

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a stove or a doll.
This year my brother and sister want a typewriter.
Your friend,
Jacquita Sue McIntyre

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I have been a good boy. You will find some cookies and milk on the table. Please bring me a B-B rifle and a B-B pistol. Thank you for giving me the toys.
I will be at my Grandmother's house in Holiday, Texas.
Your friend,
Gary Lynn Turner

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I'm writing these few lines. Well, Santa Claus, the fun is coming. Would you please bring me a record player, too? Please remember my brothers and sisters. My sister wants some dishes. My brother wants a tractor.
Thank you, Santa.
I live on a ranch.
Your friend,
Anita Bermea

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I like to see you at school and on Christmas Day, and I want a cat and football. Michael wants a football, too. I want a bicycle. Candy wants a doll and Butter wants a doll. Martha wants a doll, too.
Your friend,
Sammy Bryant

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I have been a good boy this year. Bring my brother a gun. I want a football and a story book. My sister wants a bicycle.
Thank you, Santa Claus,

for the toys you brought us last year.
Your friend,
Luis Cavazos

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I am a little girl four years old. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Cheerful Tearful and a doll bed.
Don't forget all of the other boys and girls.
Scotti

DEAR SANTA,
I want a baseball, a baseball bat and a baseball uniform.
My brother, Tommy, wants a football and a football stand.
My sister, Suzie, wants a refrigerator and stove, and a baby doll with dishes.
My brother, Walter, wants a far mset and some trucks.
We have all been good.
Love,
Danny Perkins

DEAR SANTA,
We saw you in Amarillo. My brother told you he wanted a pipe in a pipe holder. He forgot to tell you he wanted a Popular Western Auto Flyer Wagon. It is called a Stake Wagon.
I would like a Mattel Fighting Man set with plasti-goop. We have been pretty good boys.
Love you,
Joel and Timbow

DEAR SANTA,
Would you please bring me an army tent, army suit, GI Joe Jeep and Trailer and the pair of football shoes that you forgot to bring with my football suit last year.
Please don't forget all my little friends.
Lots of love,
Kirk

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I am a big boy four years old.

Here are a few things I'd like to have for Christmas this year: a punching bag, a big dump truck, a doll, a baseball pitch back, a jeep to ride in with a gun in front.
Don't forget Buddy, he wants a new car. My brother, Larry, wants an electric watch.
Please remember Coach and all the football boys. My big sister will be here for Christmas, too, so leave her something, too.
Thank you.
Love,
Kelly Comer

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I have been a good girl. I wish you would bring me a Baby Magic. Please, Sir.
Yours truly,
Lee Ann

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I have been a good boy. I wish you would bring me a rifle. Please, Sir.
Kelly

DEAR SANTA,
I have tried to be good this year. If you can, please bring me a rod and reel. If you would, I would like a football.
Yours truly,
Ty W. McMurtry

DEAR SANTA,
I want a Cheerful Tearful and a Bizzy Buzz-Buzz. Don't forget Max little brother and sister and don't forget all the other girls and boys.
Love,
Robbie

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
My name is Roy Lyn Brooks and I am eight years old. I have been a very good boy. I would like a Lost-in-Space Robot. O.K.?
I would like t Superman suit. O.K.?
I would like a Zorro suit. O.K.?
Santa Claus, write me a

letter, O.K.?
Love,
Roy Lyn Brooks



CUTE CUTOUT . . . A novel Santa cutout can easily be made by the children in the home and will lend a cheerful spirit to home surroundings.



Turkey dominates the American holiday dinner menu but back in the days of Medieval England it was the boar's head which occupied the spot of honor at the Yuletide feasting table.
During late September or October, bands of hunters using trained boar-hounds pursued the ferocious boar. Once cornered by the hounds, the wild animal was surrounded and killed by spears or driven into a net and captured.
Chasing the boar was a dangerous sport for the animal was possessed of a nasty temper and very sharp teeth with which he could easily wound and sometimes kill the hunter and his dogs.
But the fruits of the chase were worth the effort and the bolder the boar, the louder were his praises sung as his steaming head was borne to the Christmas table.

Attractive Package Brightens Your Gift

Half of the gift is the wrapping, so make the outside covering of your gift as gay and attractive as the gift inside.
For the girl who knows how to sew, material for a dress in a fabric-wrapped box, rick-rack for the ribbon and spools of thread with big buttons for the decoration create an unusual package.
A flat box of letter paper can be disguised as a desk pad by using a real blotter on top with corners of metallic paper.
Be Different
Everybody gets and gives neckties at Christmas, so why not make yours distinctive by using a necktie knot in decorating the box containing the tie? Fasten the ends of the ribbon under the lid about 1/4 way down, bring to center, tie the knot and shape the ends tie fashion. Use dark blue, wine or green ribbon about one and one-half inches wide. These are attractive used on a striped or plaid paper.
Or the package might resemble a tiny suitcase wrapped in paper with the ends bound in decorative tape. Add a handle and identification tag.

Safe, Durable Toys Best for Youngsters

Carefully selected toys will give children many happy hours of safer, constructive play. Poorly chosen toys, on the other hand, will collect dust on the shelf or need repairing a few days after Christmas.
Many winding and friction-drive toys are limited in their use and are not recommended for children. On the other hand, blocks, logs and other such toys will help develop a child's creativity.
If you choose a doll as a gift, be sure it is durable. Check the arms to see that they will bend easily. Also see that the fingers are not spread out so that it is difficult to dress the doll.
Make Clothes Simple
Doll clothes should be attractive, yet made so the child can manage them herself. They should open down either the front or the back and fasten with snaps, large buttons or ties.
The construction and material used in toys is also important. Since hard plastics break easily, soft plastics, metal and wood are better for toys. Inspect metal toys carefully to be sure there are no sharp edges.



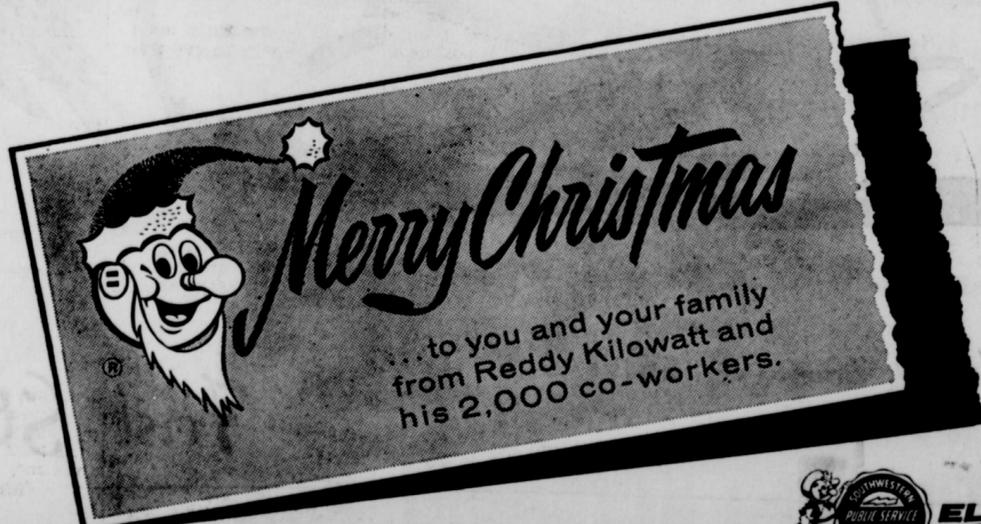
May the Holy Babe shower your home with every blessing at Christmastime. May you know peace and plenty throughout the days to come.

- M. G. Moreland, County Judge
- Vinson Smith, Sheriff, Tax-Collector
- J. W. Lyon, Jr., County Attorney
- Mildred J. Reid, County Treasurer
- Bertha Pavlicek, County and District Clerk



May every heart warm to the radiance of the Star... and feel His glory today and always.

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