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### Heart Of Christmas

contributed by  
FRED THOMAS, Pastor  
Rotan First Baptist Church

Christmas is a season of many meanings to many people. Some know its true meaning and message. Other do not. To some people, for example, Christmas is a season of frantic hustle, bustle, crowds and confusion. To others it is a time for merriment and partying. To others Christmas is merely a welcome break in routines, a time for sleeping and lazy days.

Even to Christian people Christmas is a season of many meanings. The message of God's great gift is so comprehensive and so profound that none of us can grasp its full dimensions, so we emphasize portions of the message which merit special consideration. Some like to dwell on the crude setting and the common people who were God's actors in the drama of Christmas. Or we might emphasize the confident faith they displayed. We might prefer the startling appearance of the angelic choir and the wonderful words uttered by the heavenly chorus. Others might note the cruelty of man to man in the decree of Herod and the indifference of the innkeeper to the urgent needs of a woman soon to be delivered of her child.

Yet, all these are merely sidelights. The spotlight is on the fact that God became man. God took on human form. God became one of us, to share fully in the realities of human life. He became man to fulfill his promise of Eden to send a Saviour to redeem man from the bondage of sin. The birthdate in Bethlehem was God's delivery date on promises so often declared in scripture.

However we might look at the meaning behind this special day of each year, we cannot overlook that its real meaning is found in the words of the Bible, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself." Here is the heart of Christmas.

### Christ In Christmas

contributed by  
JERRY BERRY, Minister  
Rotan Church of Christ

Until A. D. 354 people observed the birth of Christ on various dates. Since that time, December 25 has been the selected day of observance. We do not know the exact day of His birth, but, regardless of which day He was born, it was one of the greatest days ever when God the Son entered this world robed in flesh.

Without the love of God having been expressed in this way, man would now live without hope of an eternal life.

Jesus came into the world through a miracle. He fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah 7:14 being born of a virgin. The good news of his coming was known at first by only a few, but since that time this news has spread to all the world. May the joy of His coming spread through your heart this holiday season.

### What Is Christmas ?

contributed by  
ALBERT COOPER, Pastor  
Rotan First Methodist Church

- C - Christmas is CHRIST. The Lord of Life and Light come to banish the darkness and doubt from the souls of men of all races and ages.
- H - Christmas is HEAVENLY. The Heavenly Chorus singing glad songs of deliverance. It is the Harmony of Heart, mind and soul in fellowship with God.
- R - Christmas is REJOICING. The souls of men made glad, released from bondage to self and sin.
- I - Christmas is INTUITION. The inward knowledge of Mary that the stirring life she felt was to bless all mankind for all the ages to come.
- S - Christmas is the SAVIOUR. The ONE called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Everlast Father, The Mighty God, The Prince of Peace.
- T - Christmas is TRUTH. The Truth that men can follow with the assurance that it is Eternal Truth, and that it will lead them safely through the ages to come.
- M - Christmas is MELODY. All the melody of the ages blended into one great song of Majesty, glory and beauty.
- A - Christmas is Assurance. The Assurance that God so Loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.
- S - Christmas is the SAVIOUR. The Anointed Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. Behold! The Saviour comes. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for your names are written in Heaven through the grace of Him who loves us.

### Unexpected Guest

contributed by  
CHARLES WHITLOCK, Pastor  
Roby First Baptist Church

It happened in the home of Mary Gray, but perhaps it might just as easily have occurred in your home or mine. Mary and Sam Gray were above the average Christians. I'm sure you will agree with me when I tell you that they even went to prayer meeting... sometimes. They attended church services regularly. Measured by the way some other members gave, they would have been considered liberal givers. Mary was chairman of one of the circles of the Woman's Missionary Society, and it was A-1. Be it said to her credit that her four children belonged to the junior organizations of the W.M.U. -- and what's more, she saw to it that they attended regularly. (Now you will agree with me that she was above the average Christian.)

Christmas was approaching, Mary's circle and all the others had duly observed the "Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions" and their Christmas offerings, and now that all that was over and out of the way, Mary could make ready for the real thing --- the usual celebration of Christmas.

Probably it would be better to let Mary tell you the story in her own words.

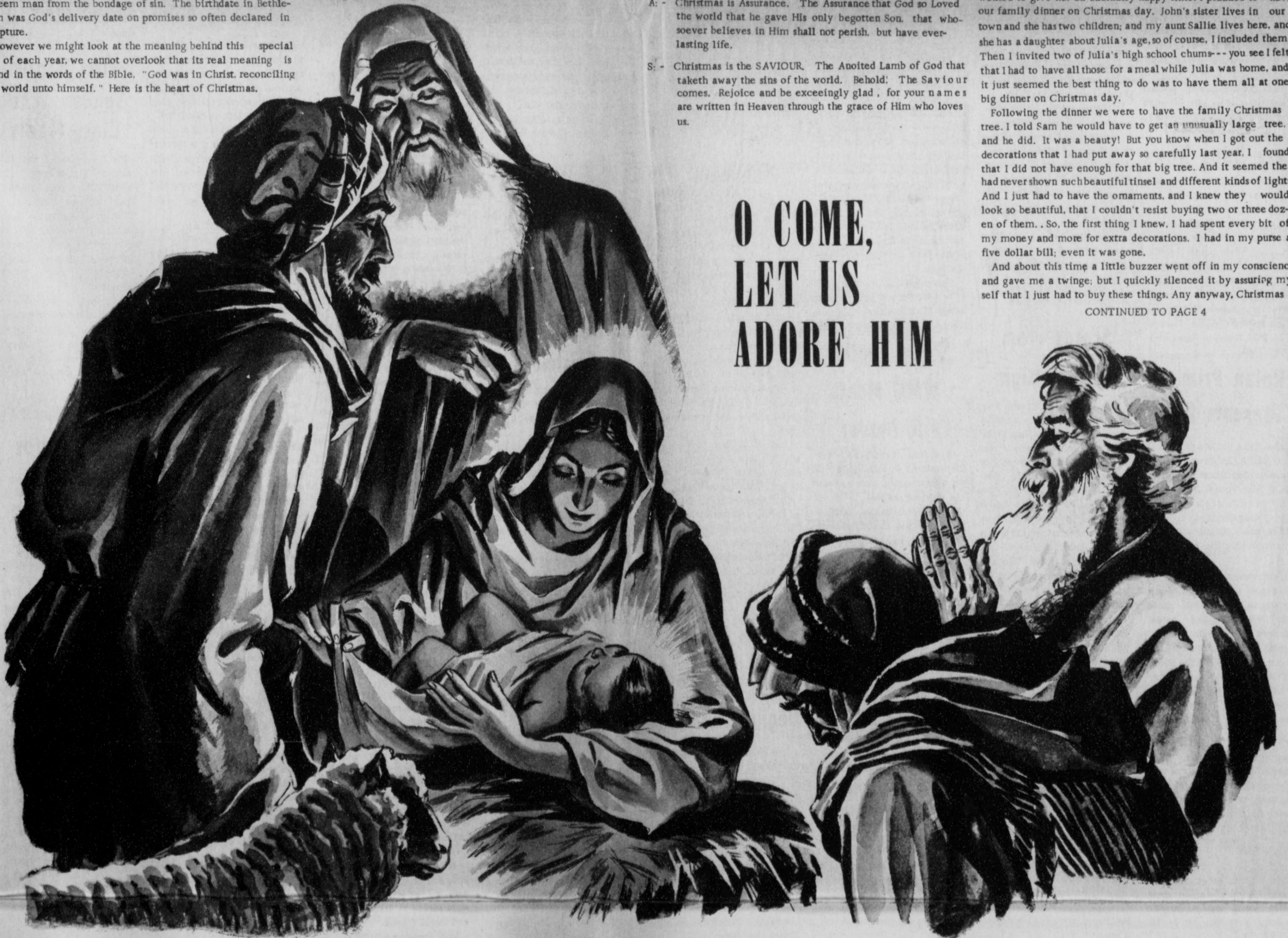
"I am Mary Gray and you see, we were planning to an unusually happy Christmas. Our oldest daughter, Julia, had gone to college that fall and would be home for the holidays, and of course, we wanted to give her an unusually happy time. I planned to have our family dinner on Christmas day. John's sister lives in our town and she has two children, and my aunt Sallie lives here, and she has a daughter about Julia's age, so of course, I included them. Then I invited two of Julia's high school chums --- you see I felt that I had to have all those for a meal while Julia was home, and it just seemed the best thing to do was to have them all at one big dinner on Christmas day.

Following the dinner we were to have the family Christmas tree. I told Sam he would have to get an unusually large tree, and he did. It was a beauty! But you know when I got out the decorations that I had put away so carefully last year, I found that I did not have enough for that big tree. And it seemed they had never shown such beautiful tinsel and different kinds of lights. And I just had to have the ornaments, and I knew they would look so beautiful, that I couldn't resist buying two or three dozen of them. So, the first thing I knew, I had spent every bit of my money and more for extra decorations. I had in my purse a five dollar bill, even it was gone.

And about this time a little buzzer went off in my conscience and gave me a twinge; but I quickly silenced it by assuring myself that I just had to buy these things. Anyway, Christmas

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## O COME, LET US ADORE HIM



# Santa Will Arrive In Roby Christmas Eve

Santa Claus will arrive in Roby at 3 p. m. Friday, Dec. 24, for his annual Christmas Eve visit. He plans to visit with each

## Notice

Firm bids will be taken for gasoline and propane at the regular School Board meeting on January 10, 1972, at Hobbs School. Bid may be turned in to the Superintendent or mailed to Hobbs School, Rt. #2, Rotan, Texas.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any one or all bids.

E. G. Perkins,  
Superintendent  
46-2tc

This is a copy of the policy of the Golden Haven Home pertaining to the Civil Rights Act, Title VI, characterized by an absence of discrimination, separation, or any other distinction on the bases of religion, race, color or national origin.

The Golden Haven Home of Roby, Texas licensed an ICF II Home by the State Department of Health and State Department of Public Welfare, offer as public record.

No resident regardless of religion, race, color or national origin is excluded from participation in the benefits, or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity in the establishment.

All residents are treated and provided services for, by employees and volunteers as well as attending physicians and attendant personnel without regard to race, color, or national origin of either the residents or the employees.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Mitchell,  
Managers  
Vera Lee Mitchell, Adm.  
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# Hobbs School Carols On Air

The Hobbs School Singing Group presented a broadcast of Christmas Carols over station KXOX Sweetwater last Saturday morning at 10 a. m.

The first and second grades were directed by Mrs. Gordon and third through sixth grades by Mrs. Marshall.

## Buzz Bugs News

The Buzz Bugs Club had their Christmas Party December 15 at the Community Center.

The exchange of gifts, games and refreshments were enjoyed by: Mary Posey, Emily Garrett, Edna Welch, Jewell Tankersley, S. R. Congleton, Lena Feagan, Annie Owen, Lella Nash, Mamie Crow, Hub Goolsby, R. J. Rogers, Clara Rogers, Claudie Powers, A. M. Pell, Lou Ada Posey, and Bobbie Pell.

# Rotan Primary Presents Play

The Rotan Primary School presented a Christmas program Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 9:30 a. m. in the High School Auditorium.

All grades of the Primary School sang Christmas carols. Each grade selected a Christmas carol they like to sing.

Kindergarten chose, "Away In A Manger" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town". First grade sang "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and "Jingle Bells". Second grade chose "Frosty the Snowman" and "Upon the House-top". The third grade presented "Deck the Halls" and "Silver Bells"; and fourth grade, "White Christmas" and "Drummer Boy".

Floyd Garcia, Jr. accompanied the groups on the piano. Mrs. Charlie Davis directed the music. Mrs. Edwards told the Christmas Story from the Bible. Following the Story, all the grades sang "Silent Night."

The WMU of Rotan Calvary Baptist Church presented their Lottie Moon Christmas Program Wednesday evening, Dec. 22, at 7:30.

child, finding out what he or she would like for him to bring. Also he will have bags of candy, fruit and nuts to give to each child.

This event is sponsored by the Roby Volunteer Fire Dept. So come on out and visit with Santa.

# Busy Bees 4-H Hold Meeting

The 4-H Busy Bees of Rotan met Tuesday, December 14, at the Community Center. The Club had a Christmas party for the Happy Hearts 4-H Club.

Refreshments of sandwiches, punch and holiday cookies were served to guests. Games were played during the social hour. Next meeting will be Jan. 10.

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl three years old and live in Odessa.

Although I try to be good, I have many people that spoil me. Please bring me a baby tender love, granny boots, granny dress and some toys.

I'll try to be good til Christmas and hope to see you then.

Love,  
Paula Ford, Odessa  
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# Roby Captures First In Hamlin Tournament

The Anson boys and Roby girls carried home the championship trophies in the Hamlin Eighth Grade Basketball Tournament held in Hamlin recently. Anson defeated Rotan 64-38 and Roby defeated Stamford 39-22 in the finals.

Rotan received the 2nd place boys trophy and Stamford received the second place girls trophy.

The Hamlin boys took third place honors by defeating Aspermont 33-31 and the Hamlin girls lost to Anson 17-11 in the consolation finals. Stamford defeated Roby 44-22 to win boys consolation and Haskell defeated Aspermont 23-11 for third place in the girls bracket.

In the boys division the first round results were: Aspermont 60, Sweetwater 12; Anson 43, Roby 11; Rotan 37, Haskell 18; and Hamlin 35, Stamford 27. Second round: Anson 30, Aspermont 26; Rotan 26, Hamlin 20; Roby 26, Sweetwater 20; and Stamford 44, Haskell 18.

In the girls division the first round results were: Aspermont 16, Albany 15; Roby 22, Anson,

# Basketball Scores From Hobbs High

The Hobbs High School Basketball boys and girls teams played at Fluvanna Tues. night, Dec. 14. The boys score was Fluvanna 69, and Hobbs 48. The high point boy for Hobbs was Mike Hull with 28 points. The girls score was Fluvanna 52, and Hobbs 28. High point girl was Margie Martinez with 13 points.

Hobbs junior high boys and girls played at Hobbs Monday night against Fluvanna. The boys lost 6-26, high point man was Charles Wright with 4 points. The girls beat Fluvanna by a score of 33 to 19. High point girl was Hilda Miranda with 24 points.

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Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy and helped my mummy and daddy. Please bring me a gun, holster, football, real chaps and anything else you think I might like.

I live in Odessa but will spend Christmas at Hobbs and Merry. Don't forget George, David, Earl D. and Bob. They have all been pretty good this year.

I'll see you soon.  
Love,  
Steven Ford  
P.S. You might bring Whiteman a bone.



# Kiker Named Swisher Assistant County Agent

Ernest C. Kiker, a December graduate of Texas Tech University, has been named the new assistant county agricultural agent of Swisher County, effective Jan. 1st.

He replaces Kenneth P. Bennett who is resigning to seek his masters degree.

Kiker is a native of Rotan, and

the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Kiker. He graduated from high school in 1967, where he was a member of the National Honor Society and participated in interscholastic sports. He attended Angelo State University for two years before transferring to Texas Tech.

In college, he was on the Deans List and a member of the Future Farmers of America Chapter and the Rodeo Club, while pursuing a degree in agricultural education. He recently completed his student teaching assignment in Hamlin High School.

During his youth, Kiker was both a 4-H and F.F.A. member, and exhibited catted for several years.

In his new position, Kiker will work with County Agricultural Agent Ken Cook and Home Demonstration Agent Mrs. Judy Carlisle.

25; Haskell 36, Rotan 16; and Stamford 25, Hamlin 24. Second round: Roby 27, Aspermont 14; Stamford 37, Haskell 14; Anson 25, Albany 12; Hamlin 22, Rotan 10.

# Tax Assessor Job Open Merry Lou Fuller Will Retire January 31st

Merry Lou Fuller, Tax Assessor-Collector for Roby School will retire from the position, effective Jan. 31, 1972.

Mrs. Fuller has been employed by Roby School for the past 16-1/2 years. It was with regret that the school board accepted her resignation, as she has been a valuable employee during her years of service to the school and community. Her dedication to the school shall be missed, but she is extended the best wishes for a well deserved retirement.

Those desiring to make application for the post of Roby School Tax Assessor-Collector may do so by submitting a writ-

# Roby Baptist WMU Meets For Prayer

Roby First Baptist WMU met December 1 in Fellowship Hall for a luncheon in observance of the week of prayer.

Mrs. Baines Upshaw, prayer chairman and Mrs. Charles Smallwood, assistant, were in charge of the program. Rev. and Mrs. Charles Whitlock were guests.

December 7, the current Missions Program was given by Mrs. J. G. Upshaw, chairman, at 2:30 p. m.

December 14, Mrs. William Hughey finished the mission book, "New Drums over Africa." The WMU met at 2:30 for the discussion of this book.

Mrs. Charles Smallwood presented the call to prayer. The group sang "Joy to the World" and Mrs. Whitlock gave the closing prayer.

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The Merry Measurements held their annual Christmas party in the Fisher County Courthouse. Alice Ballenger, leader, read a Christmas story with the singing of Christmas carols following the group.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served to the group.

ten application to Ray Pruitt, Office of Superintendent, Roby School, Box 487, Roby, Texas, 79543.

The new Tax Assessor-Collector will assume duties on February 1, 1972.

# Hammers Win Last 2 Games

In the last five games played by the Rotan Yellowhammers, they have won two and lost 3. They are, however, currently on a two game winning streak.

The Hammers played Aspermont on December 7th, losing 47-68. Norville Kennedy had 11 points, Earl Pearson, 2; Gary Powell 12; Dave Springer, 2; Mike Cade, 10; Bruce Jones, 7; Neal Hargrove, 2; and Vic Burk 1. Eddie Medrano, Scott McKinney and Clay Helms also saw action in the Aspermont game.

Gary Powell was high man with 32 points against Loraine on December 9, but the Hammers lost the game 60-75.

On December 16th, Rotan played Jayton and lost 40-60, with Earl Pearson high point man with 14 points.

The Hammers were victorious over Patton Springs 66-22 on December 17th. Kennedy and Powell each had 17 points in

# Rotan Holiday Hoop Tournament Begins Dec. 27th

The Rotan High School Basketball teams travelled to Jayton last Thursday night. The score for the girls team was Jayton 60 and Rotan 31. The boys won over Jayton 66-40.

The Rotan Tournament for boys and girls will be December 27, 28, and 30. Games will start Dec. 27 at 9 a. m. Teams entered in the tournament are: Hamlin, Spur, Roby, Aspermont, Stamford, Paducah, Anson, and Slaton, and Rotan.

# Lura Jean Wallace And Gary Lynn Nelson Plan Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace of Rotan, have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lura

# Nursing Home Has Christmas

Members of the staff at Fisher County Nursing Home had their Christmas Party Tuesday night in the dining room at the Home.

Gifts were distributed from under a small silver tree, decorated with blue bells.

A delicious supper of salads, sandwiches, chips, pie and drinks were enjoyed by: Geneva Alaniz, Bettie Hariman, Essie Pearson, Florean Price, Lillian Martin, Marie Cashen, Chris Gaspar, No-rene Kersh, Bertha Carr, Shirley Daniel, Winnie Kingsfield, Winnie Donham, Mildred Parker, Eva Ramirez, Christine Rackley, Toni Garza, Naomi Peek, and Willardene Parker. Special guests were Stella Ferris and Ina Mae Warren.



# Debra Cooper Named Rotan FFA Sweetheart

The Future Farmers of America, Rotan, elected their F. F. A. Sweetheart recently. She is Debra Cooper, a senior at Rotan High School.

Each year the F. F. A. boys elect a Sweetheart to compete in the F. F. A. District Contest. Fourteen towns make up the district and Debra will compete against the 13 other girls in April at Aspermont.

Debra is 18 years old. President of the F. H. A. and a member of the National Honor Society. She plays forward on the Rotan High School girls basketball team, serves on the annual staff as a typist and photographer. She was Class Favorite during her sophomore year.

Debra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Cooper, Rotan.

# Bible Searchers Christmas

The "Bible Searchers Class" of Rotan First Baptist Church had their Christmas party last Friday night.

The group met at the church at six o'clock for a hayride, and sang Christmas Carols for the Nursing Homes and around town.

The group returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Nowlin for refreshments and exchange of gifts.

Adults helping with the party were Nita Yates, D. L. Goodwin, Jim and Jerry Cockburn, Wanda Murphree, and Dorothy Landes.

# Roby FFA & FHA Hold Annual Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec. 18, the Roby high school FFA and FHA chapters held their annual Christmas party.

After an hour of caroling, they returned to the Home Economic Department for refreshments. Gift were exchanged and the party ended with a scavenger hunt.

# COUNTY AGENT NEWS

By Richard Spencer



Before Jan. 1, Fisher County farmers should check with their tax consultants on complex tax problems.

Latest information from Washington indicates that a new 7% Investment Credit Act will likely be passed by Congress. And, it may be retroactive to April 1.

Thus, you should bring your records up to date so you can make some investment decisions if necessary.

First, determine the income from sale of crops, livestock and livestock products to date. Then estimate the income for the rest of the year.

Determine expenses to date and estimate the probable expenses for the remainder of the year. A quick way to estimate depreciation is to use last years figures plus depreciation on new items bought this year.

From these figures you can determine the probable adjusted gross income.

If the preliminary check indicates an unusually high income, you may take steps to reduce the taxable income for 1971. You might buy needed machinery or equipment if the Investment Credit Act is passed. Also, consider buying certain supplies for next year. Income averaging and advance payment of interest on loans will also reduce this year's taxable income. If the indicated taxable income is low, you might delay buying expensive machinery or equipment until next year.

Successful tax management is based largely on complete records kept regularly and carefully throughout the year.

It will cost you about 17 cents for each dollar of expense you fail to record if your taxable income is between \$3,000 and \$4,000 after deductions and exemptions.

The exact amount depends on whether you file a joint or a separate return. The tax rates gradually increase. For example, on a joint return, it reaches the 25 percent bracket at \$12,000.

It is not too early now to do some thinking and planning on 1971 income taxes.

# Area Farmers & Ranchers Time For New Permit

Representatives of the State Comptroller's Department will be in the County Courthouse at the Courthouse in Sweetwater on Thursday and Friday, December 30 and 31, to issue 1972 Special Farm User Permits for butane-powered motor vehicles. Applicants are requested to bring their renewal notice and vehicle when purchasing the permit. Annual cost of the permit is \$60.00.

Applicants unable to meet with Comptroller's Department representatives on the above dates may obtain the permit at the Abilene District Office beginning December 27th. That address is 213 First State Bank Building, 4th and Oak, telephone Area Code 915-673-7849. Hours are 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., Monday through Friday.

# 42 Club News

The 42 Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ogden, Saturday, Dec. 11.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Kidd, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Beene, Mr. and Mrs. Red O'Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Warren, Mrs. M. E. Toland, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Toland, Mrs. J. L. Toland and hostesses, Mr. and Mrs. Ogden.

The Christmas party will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Kidd.

# Roby 4-H Boys

The Roby Boys 4-H Club met December 13 for their Christmas party. The meeting was called to order by Mike Terry. Games highlighted the party under the direction of James Park and Stuart Carey. After the exchange of gifts, refreshments were served by Danny Terry and David Gaona. Next meeting will be Jan. 3.

Foreign markets have a marked impact on the economic stability of Texas agriculture. Exports sales in 1970 equaled 79.5 percent of farm cash receipts; for rice, 50 percent for wheat, 44.5 percent for feed grains and 33.5 percent for cotton.

More than three-fourths of the total U.S. farm exports represent dollar sales and the remainder are under government programs. Most exports under government programs, such as Public Law 480 (Food for Peace), do not return dollars to the U. S.

Texasians should be proud of the fact that their state boasts such a dynamic agricultural industry to provide quality food and fiber for its own populace as well as many of those abroad.

Copies of the 1971 Farmers Tax Guide are now available from the County Agent's office.

# Notice

To Whom It May Concern: Fisher County Commissioners Court will accept bids on a car for the Fisher County Sheriff's Dept. on January 10, 1972, at 10:00 a. m., 1970 Chevrolet trade in. Contact the Sheriff's Dept. for information on trade-in.

Galaxie 500 Ford, or Impala Chev. 4 door sedan. Factory air conditioner. Power steering and brakes, tinted glass, Fresh Air Heater, Automatic Transmission, Radio, 8 cylinder motor, at least 250 H. P.

Fisher County Commissioners Court  
45-2tc

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The pay raise of \$30.00 per month for all regular county employees and \$2.00 per day increase for day wages have been designated within the wage price guidelines of Economic Stabilization Board. These increases were approved in the July Commissioners Court meeting and will be in effect on Jan. 1, 1972.

An increase of \$432.00 annually for the District Court Reporter was also approved.

by order of,  
Fisher County Commissioners Court  
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# First Baptist Sunday School Class Meets

The Pre-School 2 and Bible Learners Class of Rotan First Baptist Church met Monday at 6 p. m. for a hayride.

The group went to the Nursing Homes and to the homes of some of their shut-in friends and sang Christmas Carols, returning to the church for refreshments.

Those helping with the hay ride and refreshments were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Landes, Mrs. Ronald Landes, Mrs. Louie Hayes, Mrs. Carroll Murphree, Mrs. Annie Weems and Katherine, and Mrs. Mary Stingley.

# Letter To The Editor

So far in my lifetime, I've never expressed any viewpoint of mine to a newspaper, but felt at this time, I should.

Never have I seen people of all faiths and different churches helping the less fortunate, than in the City of Rotan at Christmas. Also, the good Christian neighbors that have been such moral and spiritual help to me.

This is what our Lord Jesus Christ did going about doing good. I am so glad to call Rotan my hometown. It's where we've decided to retire. Also, as it says in Psalms 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God". May He give me that knowledge, as He has given it to so many of your citizens.

May God bless everyone who is putting God and others first this Christmas and throughout each day of the New Year.  
Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. A. L. Neely

P. S. I enjoy your newspaper very much.



## We're coming to VISIT

... and we're bringing loads of good wishes to all our friends at this Christmas Season... Loads of Good Cheer, and appreciation, loads of happiness, and friends and all the good things that make Christmas so wonderful. We count ourselves fortunate to have enjoyed your friendship the past year, and after Christmas, through the many days that lie ahead, we'll look forward to greeting you again and serving you.



Glen & Sandra Holt & Employees -

WE'RE PLAYING CUPID WITH



# EXTRA FOOD SAVINGS FOR YOU!

We Hope You Have  
A Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year

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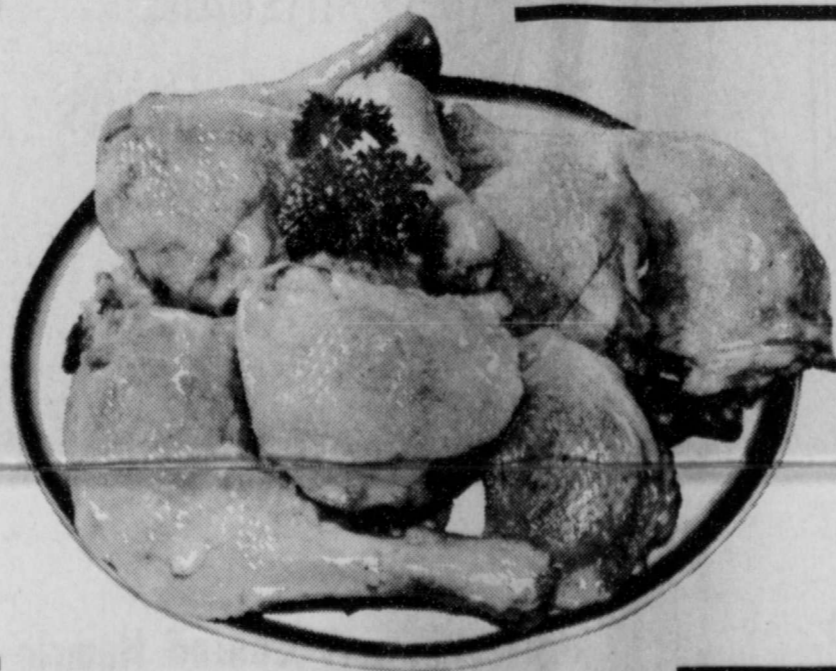
Syrup Bama 32 Oz **49¢**

Shurfine Black Eye Peas **6/\$1**

Ashley's 300 Can Pinto Beans **5/49¢**

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**CHARMIN TISSUE** 4 Roll Package **39¢**

**FOLGER'S Instant Coffee**  
6 Oz  
**98¢**

Buy Tendercrust Bread

**DRUGS**  
Vaseline Intensive Care Lotion 10 Oz **89¢**  
Shurfine Extra Rich Shampoo 16 oz **39¢**  
Shurfine Cream Rinse 16 oz **39¢**  
Burgess Batteries Size D **4/59¢**

12 oz. Armour **TREET** **59¢**

Shurfine **Flour** 5 Lb **45¢**

VAN CAMP **VIENNA SAUSAGE** 4 for **\$1**

Savory 18oz. Preserves  
Peach Plum Apricot  
3 FOR **\$1**

Gebhardt's **Chili with Beans** 24 Oz **49¢**

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comes but once a year, and you just naturally have to have things prettier whether or not.

And then came the buying of the family presents, and it seemed in every instance we had to get unusually nice gifts. There was Julia, we told her when she went off to college that if she made fine grades we would give her a watch that she had wanted for so long. Well, she certainly had sent us fine reports, so of course, the watch had to be ordered. Then there was little John. John is 14 years old and had been begging for a bicycle for two years. Poor little fellow--- I felt so sorry for him last Christmas when he didn't get the bicycle. You see, nearly every boy on this street had a bicycle except our little John, and I told Sam that our boy just have to have one too. So we got it, and it cost \$47.00.

And Fred, our other boy, wanted skates and a football. I really didn't know that good footballs cost \$15.00, but it seemed foolish to buy a cheap one that would soon come to pieces. Then there was my little girl--she's just five years old--and when I took her to town to see Santa Claus, I declare, she wanted everything she saw, and I just could not get the big baby doll out of her arms till I promised her that Santa would bring her one just like it. And then I bought a little table and chairs for her to use to have little parties. I really didn't know it cost \$10.00 until I had it laid away, but it was a good value, for it was substantially built.

Next came the presents for our kinfolks; we've always given John's sister's family and Aunt Sally right nice things, but I did get them a little better than usual this year for they were to be at our Christmas tree, and we didn't want their presents to look too cheap when they were opened alongside our own. But, oh, when I got that list of presents out that friends had sent us last year, (you see, I tried to buy for them gifts that cost about as much as the gifts that they gave me last year, and it was a job.) I thought I would never get around. And so by the time Christmas Eve came, I was pretty well spent--in fact, I was all spent, money, nerves, and everything else.

Christmas morning was bright and beautiful, and we were so happy as we assembled around the breakfast table, with Julia home again. As soon as breakfast was over, Julia started to get the car, she wanted to run around and see some of her friends, but I stopped her and said, "Wait a while dear, you know we always have our Christmas morning devotional the first thing." We went to the living room and little Fred told the Christmas story from Luke, and then we all clasped hands and Sam and I prayed. In closing my prayer, I said, "Oh, Christ of the Christmas tide, come and be our guest this happy day. Then the children were off in the car, and I was busy with the last minute preparation for the dinner. By noon everything was finished and, if I so say so myself, the table was attractive with its miniature Christmas tree center piece, and the red and green decoration. I took a final look at our big Christmas tree. My! I was a beauty! Then I closed the parlor doors, so that no one could see the tree until after dinner, and went upstairs to make ready for my guests. Oh! I forgot to mention that Sam's present to me was a dress. I hadn't had one that cost \$25.00 since the depression. I was dolling up on it, putting on the finishing touches, when the door opened and Sam came in excitedly. His face was white. Oh! I knew something was wrong, for Sam is usually so calm.

"Oh, Sam, what has happened?" I said. Then the mother instinct made me ask, "Have Julia and John gotten back with the car?" "Yes, said John, "the children are all downstairs in the living room, and---" he paused, "a Guest has arrived." "Well, what is there to be excited about a guest arriving?" "I was expecting our guests about noon." There was a queer light in Sam's eyes as he answered, "Yes, but I hardly think that you were expecting this one." "Oh, Sam," and I put my hand on his arm. Please tell me what has happened, who is it that has come?" Then John said in a tense tone, "Mary, the Master Himself is downstairs."

"I could never put into words the emotions that surged through my heart--amazement, awe, and yes, fear. "Oh, Sam, you cannot mean---" "I mean the Lord Jesus," he said. "How did it happen, Sam?" "The children and I were sitting in the living room. Hearing a knock at the door, we all hastened to greet our guests. When we opened the door, there stood the Master Himself! Seeing our great amazement, He seemed to hesitate but quickly He smiled and said, "Oh, you were not expecting me?" But Mary is, for she prayed this morning to come and be her guest today."

Then I remembered that closing sentence in my prayer that morning, and I suddenly realized how little I really meant those words. Well, as soon as I could calm myself, I went down to meet my Guest Divine. One look into His radiant, longing face, and the tumult in my heart began to calm, and it seemed so wondrously blessed to have Him with us in person. Of course, we gave Him the seat of honor at our table. When He lifted His hands in blessing, and we saw, for the first time, those jagged scars in the palms, the quick tears started down every face. As He looked down into our hearts and saw that we continued to be amazed that He would come and be our Guest, He said, "Marvel ye at this? Have I not said, 'Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man will open the door, I will come in and sup with him and he with me?'"

So all would have been well, but for that Christmas tree! From the moment he came, the uppermost question in heart had been "What will He think of my gift to Him when He sees that tree?"

Every minute my embarrassment and pain of heart increased. What could I do? Oh, I would have kept the parlor doors closed and not had any tree that day, but I knew that closed doors did not shut out anything from His all-seeing eyes. One idea came to me; and as soon as dinner was over, I pulled Sam aside and said, "Oh, Sam, that tree, what will the Master think? Sam, you know we have \$100 in our lock box at the bank for an emergency. Do you think you could go and get it and let me put it on the tree for Him?" But Sam said, "We cannot get it, it is a holiday and the bank is closed."

There was nothing to do but proceed with our plans. The doors were opened. The Master was seated; John turned on the lights. The tree with its lights and ornaments all be-sprinkled with Christmas joy and snow gleamed and glistened, but it had lost its charm for me. I noticed the Master's calm, appraising gaze as He looked the tree over. I knew He realized that the decorations on that tree, to say nothing of the gifts, had cost fifty times as much as I had given Him--and I had felt so self-satisfied when I handed in my envelope that day at church.

As the many gifts were handed out, my cheeks burned. I sat with my eyes downcast. Then drawn by an irresistible impulse, I looked at the Master. In His open hand there lay that lonesome \$5.00 bill--my so-called "love gift" to my Saviour. There was such a sad expression on His face and a far away look in His eyes, and He was saying half aloud--"Do you not remember?" Then His eyes met mine. Of if He had only censured me; if only He had said to me the words I deserved to hear, I could've borne it. But, He only looked at me with that hurt look in His eyes, then He said to me slowly and tenderly, "Mary, I see you were not expecting me either today"--- I fell to my knees and extended my hands to beg forgiveness--But when I looked up--He was gone.

### Firemen Jars Need Generous Contributions

The Rotan Volunteer Fire Department needs your help. The list is long this year. Call a fireman or take the toys to the Rotan Police Station. The Christmas Jars that are setting around town need your contribution. Do you know what that money goes for? The firemen buy groceries, toys, and clothes for people who wouldn't have any Christmas at all. They repair those old toys you bring and make them look like new. That takes more money out of those jars. So the next time you pass one of the jars, drop a little money in it. A little will soon add up to a full jar. Don't forget the shows at the Lance Theatre this week, Dec. 21, 22, and 23. All proceeds go to the Christmas Fund. Advance tickets are being sold for \$1.00 and may be purchased from any fireman.

The Merrilee Club held their annual Christmas Party in the home of Mrs. Romie Kersh, Dec. 14. A Christmas dinner was served at noon.

Following lunch, Mrs. Stella Senn read a Christmas story and those present exchanged gifts. Members present were: Stella Senn, Lois McCombs, Polly Helm, Neomie Cauble, Romie Kersh, Avis Aaron, Vera Shows, Ruth Yarbrough, Lala Horton, Hester Clements, Essie Eaton, Minnie Porter, Inez Ray, Alma Cooper, Bertie Thompson and Annie McGrew.

Next meeting will be in the home of Annie McGrew, Jan. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Morrow attended the christening of their grandson, Edward Morrow Boyd, Sunday, December 12, at the First Methodist Church in San Angelo, Texas.

Edward Boyd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boyd. Mrs. Boyd is the former Judith Morrow of Rotan. Also attending the christening were Mr. and Mrs. Preston Morrow, Jr. and Angela of Houston. The Christening Dinner was served in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boyd.

Mr. Boyd is employed by Ethicon-Johnson and Johnson Medical Supplies of San Angelo.

Dear and Lillian Ashton and children Dale and Teresa, W.C. and Dorothy Ashton and children Dougie, Dannie and DeAnna from Arizona made a quick trip to Texas Saturday, Dec. 18. They came by way of Lubbock and visited with their brother, Donald Ashton, and came on to Rotan to visit with Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Thompson. Lillian's parents met the group in Rotan to return to Arizona for the Christmas holidays and to spend 3 or 4 weeks.



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### Roby Basketball Results Listed At Christmas Sunday, Dec. 26

The Roby Junior High girls lost to Roscoe for their first loss of the season. The score was 27-25. Cindy King scored 10 points and Penny Anderson scored 15. The boys also lost to Roscoe, 24-31.

The girls are 5-1 for the season and the boys have a 0-4 record for the season.

The Roby Lions fell to the Lorraine Bulldogs recently with a score of 77 to 52. This game marked the beginning of district play for the Lions. High point man for Roby was Mark Kiser with 22 points. David Stephens followed with 12 points.

The "B" team of Roby also lost their game with a score of 47-23. Jimmy Reed was high point man with 6 points.

The Lions won their second district contest by defeating Ira 56-46. Kiser scored 22 points and Dale Evers was second high with 12 points.

Roby Junior High girls basketball team brought home a first place trophy from the Hamlin Tournament held Dec. 9, 10 and 11.

Thursday, Albany lost to Aspermont, 15-16 and Roby and Anson clashed with Roby winning 22-15. Haskell won over Rotan and Stamford beat Hamlin.

Friday, Roby beat Aspermont with a score of 27-14. Albany lost to Anson 12-25; Haskell lost to Stamford 14-37; Rotan lost to Hamlin 10-22.

Saturday Anson won against Hamlin 17-11; Rotan lost to Albany, 35-33 and Haskell beat Aspermont 23-11.

For first place, Roby won over Stamford 39-21.

Tournament standings were: Roby, first; Stamford, second; Haskell, third; Aspermont, fourth; Albany, seventh and Anson consolation.

Against Anson, Ruth Grametbauer scored 9 points; Penny Anderson, 8 points; Cindy King, 5 points. Against Aspermont, Ruth Grametbauer scored eleven points; Penny Anderson, 9 points; Cindy King, 7 points. For first place against Stamford, Penny Anderson scored 23 points; Ruth Grametbauer, 9 points; and Cindy King, 7 points.

The guards did a fine job on bringing the ball down court and on defense.

The Cross Roads Baptist Church "Men and Women's" Sunday School class had their Christmas supper last Thursday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Rains at 7 p. m.

Those attending the supper were Bro. and Mrs. Ross Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Arlon Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Danie Gruben, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ash, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Byrd and Carol Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hayes, Mrs. Frank Kingsfield, Mike Rains, Mrs. Odell McCombs and Mrs. Rosa Horton.

Throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, churches will observe a special night of youth services on December 26th. Known as Student Night at Christmas, the event occurs once a year during the Christmas Holidays. The First Baptist Church, Rotan, will participate in this program using its own young people who are home from colleges and universities, especially for the Christmas Season.

The service Sunday night, December 26, will be lead totally by these college-age youth. For a night of inspiration come take part in the Student Night at Christmas, at 7 p. m. next Sunday night.

### Roby Secrets Pals Luncheon

The Roby Secret Pal Club held their annual Christmas luncheon Thursday, December 16, at the home of Mrs. Joe Morris.

Members present were Mmes. Garland Moore, Rufe Ballinger, Tracy King, John Palmer, Louise Gleason, W. A. Hughey, Ronnie Green and children Rodney and Lance and the hostess Mrs. Morris.

Out of town members present were Mrs. Margaret Nichols of Rotan; and Mrs. Peggy Zachry and son Chris of Sweetwater.

Guests were Mmes. M. T. Wilson, Herschel Green, Fred Stevenson, Bert Killingsworth and Wanda Kiker.

Luncheon was served buffet style. Mrs. A. A. Hughey was asked by the hostess to say the blessing.

Following the luncheon, everyone assembled around the Christmas tree for the exchange of gifts. Christmas decorations were throughout the home and gave an air of festivity.

### Calvary Church Gives Quilt To Floyd Garcia Jr.

Last Sunday morning the Calvary Baptist Church surprised Floyd Garcia, Jr. with a friendship quilt. The quilt was given to him by the Ladies Sunday School Class of the church. Each lady had embroidered her family names on the quilt. It was a combination graduation gift and appreciation gift for a job well done. Floyd is moving to Lorraine where he will teach language in the grades one through five. He has a degree in Elementary Education and will start on his masters degree in January.

Floyd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Garcia of Rotan. He has been employed as a teacher's aid in Rotan Primary for the last several months.

### Invitation

Wedding vows will be exchanged by Miss Kathy Murphree and Roger Graham on Thursday, Dec. 23, at 7:30 p. m. in First Baptist Church, Rotan. The public is invited

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Mrs. R.S. Robinson of Albuquerque, N. M. and Mrs. G. S. Florey of Brownwood, former Trudie Stanford of Roby, was visiting in Roby Wednesday afternoon.

### FLASH BITS

Well this has certainly been a big wonderful week for us. Saturday afternoon Santa came ho-ho-ing through our front door and distributed a box of gifts from under our beautiful tree to each of our patients. Approximately 70 guests, along with patients and staff had a wonderful joyous afternoon. A group of youngsters from Cross Roads Baptist Church, along with Mrs. Betty Carter and Mrs. Janice Copeland, provided Christmas carols for our entertainment. After gifts were opened, all were served punch and cake. All in all, it was a Merry Christmas for our patients.

Besides our Christmas party, this has been a rather busy week for us. Have had so many groups stopping by to sing carols, among them, the elementary grades from Hobbs School, the Junior Dept. at First Baptist Church, Mrs. Edd Harris students and others.

Would like to say thank-you to the Hobbs Home Demonstration Club, the Church of Christ, Junior Dept. at First Baptist, the Anna Jenkins class of First Methodist, Rena Colwell and Calvin Crow for helping us make this such a nice Christmas for our patients. On behalf of the Administrator, I would like to express my appreciation to the staff and to all the families who have helped in so many ways at this holiday time, and especially to "Santa's little helper", Mrs. Joe Little, who's help I could not have done without.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from patients and staff.

### Center HD Club Has Christmas

Center Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Fay Anderson on December 14 for their annual Christmas party. The home was beautifully decorated for Christmas.

A short business session was held by Mrs. Fred Waddell, outgoing president. Secret pals were revealed and exchange gifts were passed out. Refreshments of punch, coffee, cake and dips were served from a lovely table.

Those present were: Mrs. Willard Burk, Mrs. Howard Noles, Mrs. James Cave, Mrs. Lynn Randolph, Mrs. Nina Cave, Mrs. Lowell Thornburg, Mrs. O. O. Hollobaugh, Mrs. Mayne Kemp, Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. J. L. Mash, Mrs. Coy Stuart, Mrs. Ben Neepser, Mrs. Farrest Tefteller, Mrs. Bright Newhouse, Mrs. Lola Stevenson, Mrs. Anora Martinez, and the hostess.

Mrs. Anderson is the incoming president of the Club and will host it again January 11.

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**O.C. Ashtons Host Supper**

A get-together covered dish supper was held Saturday night, Dec. 18, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Ashton of Rotan.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ashton and children of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Dearl Ashton and children of Sahuarita, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Thompson of Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. John Seaton and grand daughter Connie Hyer, Mr. and

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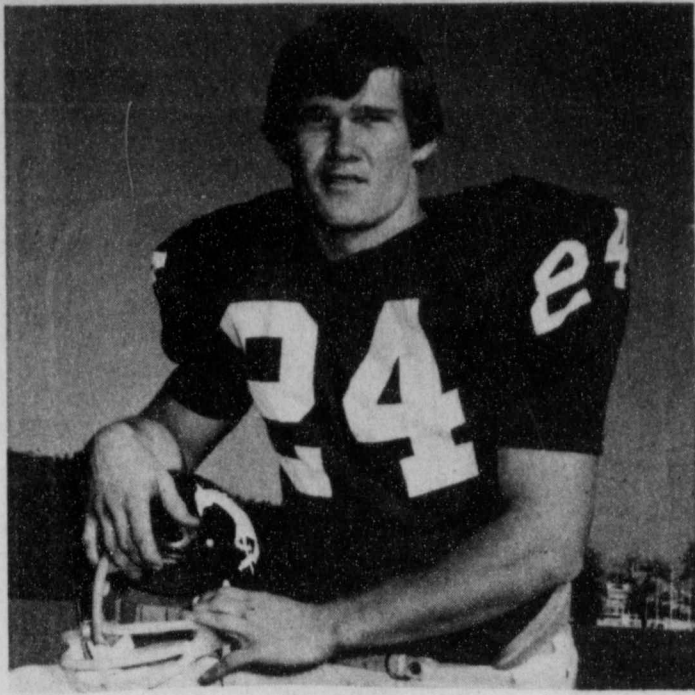
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Mickey Early

### Early Named To Freshmen Second Team S.W.C.

Mickey Early, a 1971 graduate of Rotan High School, was named to the "All Freshman Southwest Conference Team" for his play at Southern Methodist University.

Early is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Early of Rotan.

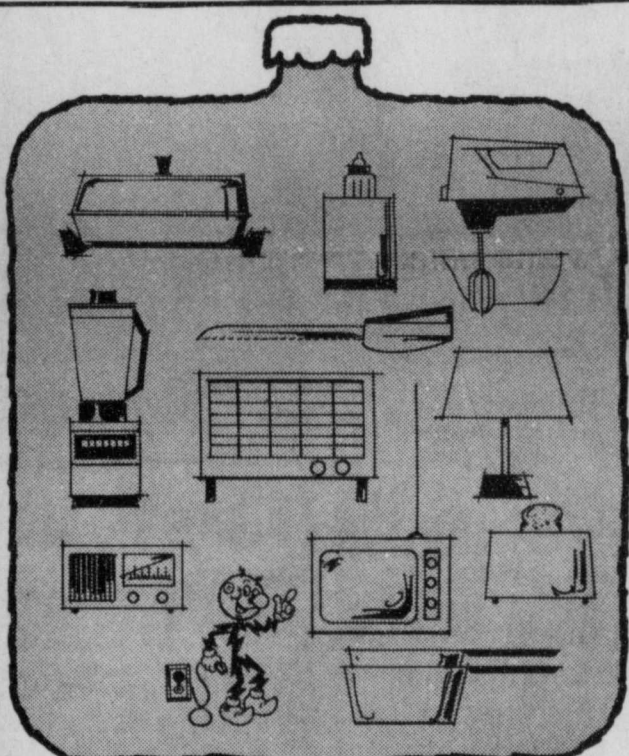
The Rotan speedster was named to the second team defensive squad at the free safety position.

Early has played in all SMU freshman games this past season. He has seen action on defense at free safety and as a punter and kickoff return specialist.

A total of 44 players were named to the Freshman All-Southwest Conference Squads, and SMU was represented with four players.



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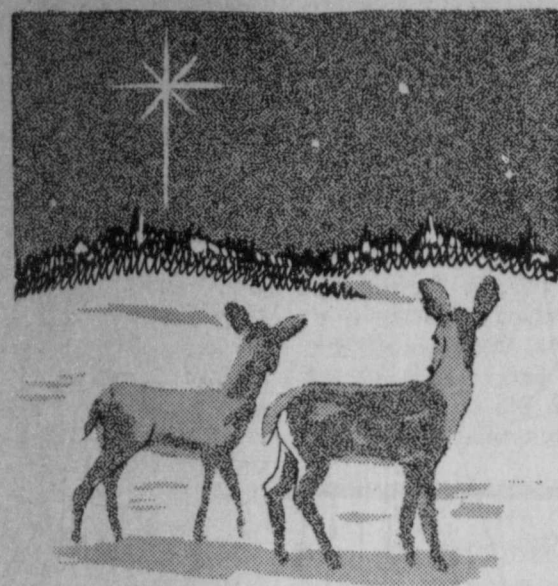
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Roby, Texas

<b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Rotan, Texas Jerry Berry - Minister Bible Study - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 10:30	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rotan, Texas Rev. Fred Thomas Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 10:55 a.m.	<b>METHODIST CHURCH</b> Longworth, Texas Newton Daniel, Pastor Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 11:00 a.m.	<b>CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rotan, Texas Rev. Jack DeWitt, Pastor Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 11:00 a.m.	<b>ROBY CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Roby, Texas Wardell Halliburton, Minister Bible Class - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 11:00 a.m.	<b>PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Roby, Texas Elder J. R. Knight Bible Service - 10 a.m. - 4th Sun. Worship - 11:00 a.m. - 4th Sun.
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST**  
Rotan, Texas  
Albert W. Cooper, Pastor  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 10:30 a.m.

**CHURCH OF NAZARENE**  
Rotan, Texas  
H. D. Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship - 10:40 a.m.

**HIGHLAND HOME BAPTIST**  
Rotan, Texas  
John Barnes, Pastor  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Worship - 11:00 a.m.

**SYLVESTER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sylvester, Texas  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night - 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST**  
Sylvester, Texas  
Morning Worship - 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.  
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**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC**  
Rotan, Texas  
John Hootman  
Mass Saturday Evening - 7:30  
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**EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Art Flores, Pastor  
Rotan, Texas  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Worship - 11:00 a.m.

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Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
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**ROTAN FORESQUARE CHURCH**  
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John Waldren, Pastor  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Worship - 11:00 a.m.

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Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Worship - 11:00 a.m.

# CELEBRATION

A fragrant pine wreath festooned with a big red bow encircles the door knocker, a symbol of hospitality. Inside, the tree blazes with rainbow lights, and there is a tiny creche on the mantel. You light the red candles on the table and serve coffee and sandwiches and cake. The atmosphere is rich with warmth and friendliness.

This is Christ's birthday and we are celebrating, and, in a magical way, it seems to instill in all of us a special feeling of friendship and love for our fellowman. What a wonderful thing it would be if we could keep this Christmas spirit in our hearts all year long!

To do so would be perfection — and that is something none of us can quite attain. But through the Church we CAN keep faith and truth within us from one Christmas to the next. Try it, and see.



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Sunday Romans 2, 10-16	Monday Mark 8, 34-38	Tuesday Luke 2, 8-20	Wednesday Luke 2, 8-20	Thursday Matthew 1, 18-25	Friday Matthew 2, 1-12	Saturday Hebrews 10, 19-25
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## Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a watch and a turf ball, two boxes of 410 shells, a new pair of spurs. By the way are you having trouble with the abominable. Make sure Rudolph's nose doesn't balkout. Merry Christmas.

Your friend,  
Shelby Thompson  
Roby

Dear Santa,

It has been cold here for the last few days. Has it been cold at the North Pole? I hope that you will let Rudolph guide your sleigh.

I have been good this year. So will you bring me a Living Baby Tender Love and some clothes for it. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,  
Linda Hoodenpyle  
Roby

Dear Santa,

I'm doing fine. I like school and I have a girl friend. I'm 8 years old and I'm staying at Aunt Mary and Uncle Carnie to you can bring my toys there. I want a bike, a bee-bee gun and a Dallas Cowboy suit. Jersey number 12.

Love,  
Ron Harris, Rotan

Dear Santa,

We will see you in Rotan this Christmas. We would like mittens, a musical teddy bear, boots, and anything you care to leave for us.

We love you,  
Sean and Tonya Hammit  
San Antonio, Texas  
P. S. Our cousin, Chad Collins, would enjoy a teddy bear and a snoopy dog.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bicycle and I would like to have a hot wheels car and don't forget the rest of the kids. Don't forget the presents and I would like a B. B. gun and a drum and a toy bear and a bat, a baseball and the bases and a toy kitten.

Your friend,  
Felix Carrillo, Rotan

Dear Santa,

I want an airplane and a car and I won't a hot wheel and a game and a drum and I won't a policecar and a Jackinthebox

Your friend,  
Raymondo Reyes,  
Rotan, Texas

Dear Santa,

I want a crane and a truck for Christmas. I want some books.

Thank you,  
Lance Greenway, Rotan

Dear Santa,

I am 4 years old and have been a very good boy this year.

Would you please bring me a gun, a future phone, and a record player? I don't have a chimney so I'll leave the door open for you.

Thank you,  
John Wayne Helms,  
Rotan

Dear Santa,

I want a Rock'em-Sock'em Robots and a racing set.

Yours truly,  
Todd McCright,  
Roby



Dear Santa,

I want a watch for Christmas and a doll house and a pepeye game.

Your friend,  
Anaiz Miramontez,  
Rotan, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll and toy and Buffle hair and a purse. I am a good girl.

Your friend,  
Graciela Ortega,  
Rotan, Texas

## BEST WISHES



### Rotan Postal Employees

Mr & Mrs Robert Phillips  
Hattie Belle Howard  
Mr & Mrs Charles Thornton  
Mr & Mrs James Mann  
Mr & Mrs Willis Ogden  
Mr & Mrs E. T. Warren  
Mr & Mrs Billy Sparks

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through our town not a creature was stirring - no not a sound. The Fireboys had finished their visits of joy and were settled in bed thinking of the happiness of each girl and boy. When out on our housetop the happiness of each girl and boy. When out on our housetop there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. As I opened the window I heard Santa say - MERRY CHRISTMAS to all from,

Morris & Mae

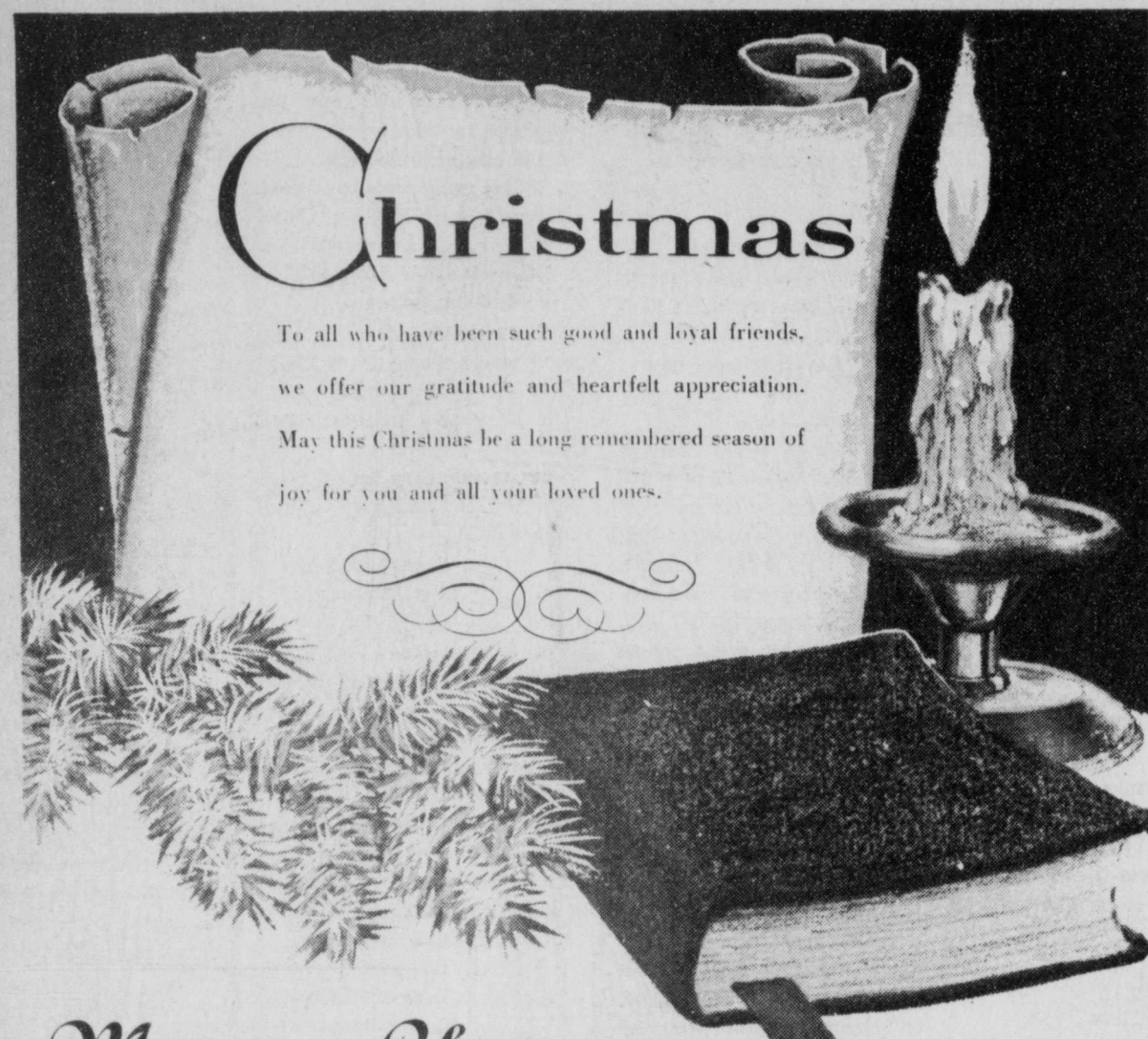


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Joe and Karen Helms  
Darren and David Stevens

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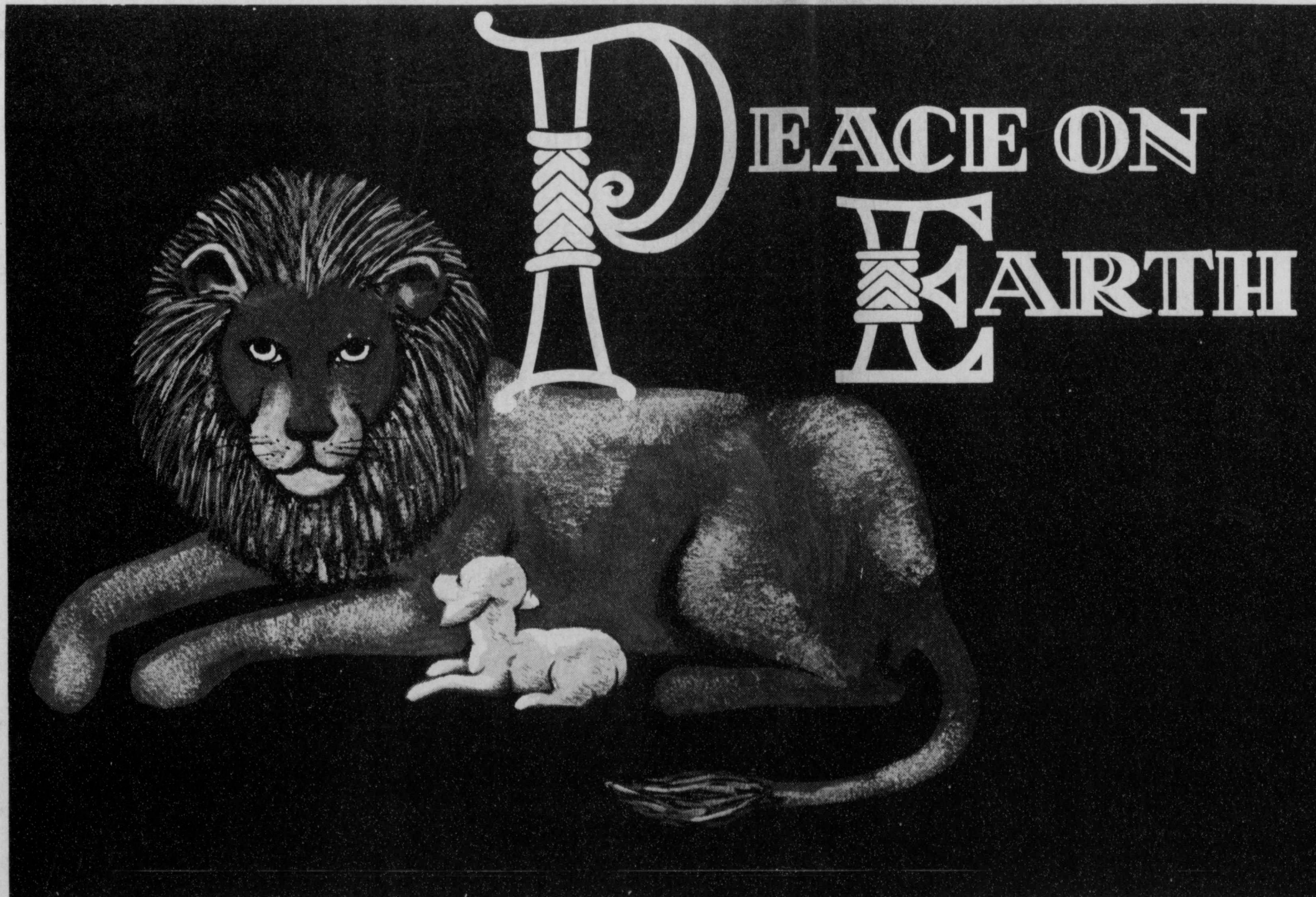
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Merry Christmas

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The Regan's  
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Jackie, Darian, Lance

The Browning's  
Doug, Bobbie,  
Pamela Elaine, Layne Deryle

AND  
All The Employees

# HATAHOE DRIVE INNS

Dear Santa Claus. I enjoy Christmas last year and so did my brother. We have been good. How are your reindeer? I hope all right. are you fine? Is your wife fine too. I would like a doll that has long hair and talks and that has lots of clothes. That's all. Merry Christmas!

Your friend, Irene Martinez Rotan

Dear Santa Claus. How have you been this year? Do you feel ok? Well, I do. How about bringing me a camera set pellet gun and a football? Santa Claus have a happy Christmas and a happy New Year.

Your friend, Dennis Stevens Rotan

Dear Santa Claus. I want a football suit, football and a 22 shot gun we hope you come to town and three some candy.

Your friend, Neal Flores, Rotan

Dear Santa. I am writing this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. A P. J. doll and typewriter and I guess that is all.

Your friend, Diane Soliz, Rotan

Dear Santa Claus: I would like a Honda mini trail. I know I won't get it though. Anyway a horse, and a twister game.

Your friend, Allan Houston, Rotan

Dear Santa Claus I want a watch, pencil lead, papper, notebook, boots, jeans, choker, beads, birthstone ring, belt and a G. A notebook. I guess I will have to say good-bye for now. Have a Happy New Year.

Rebecca LeBlou, Rotan

Dear Santa Claus I want a bee bee gun and a mini bike and some bee bees for Christmas. I want some boots and some nice clothes. Well that is all I want this year.

David Young, Rotan

Dear Santa. For Christmas I would like a pair of cleats, a bicycle, pellet gun, bar bells, more books, a western shirt, a new notbook, a clipboard, a new pencil sharpener, a cowboy hat size med., a minibike, a rock tumbler, my sister wants a baby tender love, my brother wants a tape recorder and some papper and my mother wants a fur coat.

Your truly, Terry Bredemeyer, Rotan

Dear Santa Claus. I want some go-go boots for Christmas and a bike for Christmas too and I would like a coat and some fruit. I can't think of any more so don't forget that's all for now. good by. Have a Happy New Year.

Tanya Ferrington, Rotan

Dear Santa Claus. I would like a housecoat and some househoes. And that is all I can think of write now so I have to say good-by now.

Julie Posey, Rotan

Dear Santa Claus. I am writing you a letter to tell you what I would like to have for Christmas. I would like a gun set, a dump truck, a fire truck and a pair of boots.

Thank you, Gary Scheller, Rotan

Dear Santa. Thank you for being good to me. I would really like to have a brown buttercup doll, and a house coat and a zoo. Thank you.

Love, Jill Posey, Rotan

Dear Santa. Please bring me a doll and lots of toys.

Elvira Carrillo, Rotan

Dear Santa Claus. I want a B-B gun and a bike and a hot wheels and a truck, and a big blue truck.

Your friend, David Gauna, Rotan

Dear Santa, Claus How are you doing. How is Mrs. Santa? I hope yall are doing fine. I would like for you to bring me a pogo stick, a chemistry set, a CPO jacket, a Dallas cowboy jersey and helmet, some boxing gloves, electric football set, and a microscope. Don't forget my cousins and Mother and Daddy. And I hope you and Mrs. Santa have a Merry, Merry Christmas.

Love, Jamie Strickland, Rotan

Dear Santa. I would like to have a motor cycle but that's to big, I want a bow and arrow, and the hot wheels fat track. And a chemistry set for Christmas. Most of all a B. B. and pellet and dart pistol in one. Well by Santa. Have a nice Christmas.

Your friend, Mark Nowlin, Rotan

Dear Santa Claus. I want a homemaker and a baby go by and a foot ball game for my brother.

Love, Sylvia Macias, Rotan, Texas

Dear Santa. My name is Lupe and I am 8 years old. Santa for Christmas I want a talking doll and a set of play dishes. Santa if you can't bring that then bring me a play big bear and a very big doll.

Your friend, Lupe Reyes, Rotan

Dear Santa Claus. I want some tools and toys and a alarm clock and a type writer to. I want a carpenter book.

Thanks, Brian Greenway, Rotan

Dear Santa Claus. I want a doll you can talk to.

\*\*\*\*\* from, Veronica Carrillo

Dear Santa Claus. I have tried to be a good girl and for Christmas I would like a Do Bee Dough Machine and a Etch a Sketch. That's all. I am 8 years.

\*\*\*\*\* from, Marguerite Zambrano

Dear Santa Claus. I'm 9 years old and in the third grade. I have been a good girl by helping mother around the house.

Boyl! I sure has been cold this year, hasn't it? I hope you won't be too cold when you come on Christmas night.

Please bring me a toy record player. I saw it at Winn's. Sore also bring me some candy. Bring mon, dad, Elsa and Gloria whatever you want. Sayhello to Mrs. Santa Clause and have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Sulema, Rotan

Dear Santa I have been a good girl and for Christmas I would like a doll.

Thank you, Santa, Love, Becky Luna

Dear Santa Claus. I have watched all of your Christmas story's and I have watched you on T. V. with the school children. Do you take pictures of the children. Like you did when I was a child in Fort Worth? Now lets get to the things I want for Christmas. I have been wanting a tape recorder and some slacks.

Your truly, Carrie Sue Robinson

Dear Santa Claus. I have been good this year. I want a baby tender love and a bicycle for Christmas. That's all I want for Christmas.

Your friend, Margie Lopez, Rotan, Texas

Dear Santa. I want a doll name timetall for Christmas and a bicycle. I want a pair of boots to. I wood like to have a buge to.

Merry Christmas Vickie, Rotan, Texas

Dear Santa. I wood like a B. B. gin and a Hot Wheels bridge. And a Time Bomb and a Microscope if you can.

Your friend, Michael Cadenhead, Rotan, Texas

Dear Santa. At Christmas I would like a go cart and a wild whelly sit and a electric football set.

Your friend, Tommy Wright, Rotan, Texas

Dear Santa Claus. I would like to ask you for something I would like to ask for a doll and go-go boots.

\*\*\*\*\* from, Tammy Miller, Rotan, Texas

Dear Santa. I have been good and I maid my Mother so much and I want a tiny sewing machine.

\*\*\*\*\* from, Marguerite Zambrano, Rotan, Texas

Dear Santa. I would like a roadgrader and a tricycle. Thank you for the things you gave me last year.

Your friend, Todd Gruben, Rotan, Texas

Dear Santa Claus. I want a thumbalena doll and I want some dishes and some clothes. I want a bike for Christmas.

Love, Lisa Gibson, Rotan, Texas

Dear Santa Claus. Merry Christmas! I want a bat and ball. I would like a blue wagon. How are your reindeer? Thank you, Santa Claus. Could I have some Indians. I would also like a truck and watch Oh! yes, the truck I want isone that mixes cement. I also want a road grader. That is all I want Santa. I hope you don't catch a cold on your sleighride

Thank you Santa, Jimmy Jennings

P. S. Santa please bring Mr. Miers a pretty blue tie.

Your friend, Jeff Posey, Roby

Dear Santa. I want a doll name timetall for Christmas and a bicycle. I want a pair of boots to. I wood like to have a buge to.

Merry Christmas Vickie, Rotan, Texas

Dear Santa. I am in the 2nd grade and I have tried to be a good boy this year. Please bring me anything you have. I like surprises. My little sister, Desirre wants a smarteer pants. Kim, my big brother would like a black light and posters. My mother would like a umbrella and daddy wants some money.

Love, Robert Gray, Rotan, Texas

Dear Santa. I have been good all year. Please bring me a football suit and I want a B-B gun and some hot wheels. I Love You.

Your friend, Gary Reed, Roby

Dear Santa. Please bring me a B-B gun and some hot wheels and a foot ball suit. Bring my little sister a new Living Baby Tender Love We live in Roby. I love you.

Your friend, Blas Lujan, Roby

Dear Santa. I have been good at school. Would you please bring me a bicycle and a Bobo Punching toy. My sister wants a Chatty Kathy doll. Thank you.

Your friend, Mark Mauldin, Roby

Dear Santa. I have been making Es in school. I want a Dallas Cowboy football suit number 19. I love you.

Your friend, Jeff Posey, Roby

Dear Santa. I want a doll name timetall for Christmas and a bicycle. I want a pair of boots to. I wood like to have a buge to.

Merry Christmas Vickie, Rotan, Texas

MERRY CHRISTMAS Mr. and Mrs. Joe Driver

Season's Greetings Dub, Lucille, Mac, and Barbara Eades

FOR WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR IN THE EAST and have come to worship him GOOD WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS THE RUARK FAMILY Donald, Frances, Susie, Pat & Julia

THE HAPPY SEASON BEST WISHES Porter Locker Plant

Christmas Blessings for all the Year Oral & Lois Sparks

May THE JOY AND PEACE OF Christmas BE WITH YOU TODAY Bill, Lewana, Fairy and Roger Graham

It's Christmas so we'll just add our good wishes, One and All Greetings F & M Chevrolet & Buick Co.

A Bountiful Christmas It would be wonderful, at this Holiday Season, if we could meet, and personally greet, you and all our many friends and customers. ROTAN FLOWER SHOP The Bill Hardy's

Merry Christmas Wayne, Pat, John Wayne, and Mark Helms

MERRY CHRISTMAS ROBY POSTAL EMPLOYEES Lynn Randolph Nettie Etheredge Violet Upshaw Delmar Burk Stella Mash Patsy Neeper

Happy Wishes for Christmas! May Peace and the Inspiration of the Bethlehem Star be with you Christmas Day Justin and Jessie Morrow



# Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a Buffle hair styling kit. I have been good. Don't forget the other little children. I hope the other little children have a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Rosemary Ford, Rotan  
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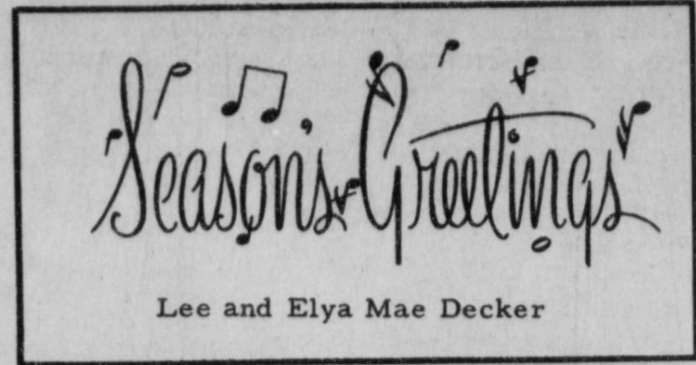
Dear Santa,  
I am a girl I am nine years old. I would like to have a Sof-tina for Christmas. That is all I want because I know you have lots of boys and girls to make toys for.  
Thank you,  
Melinda Hicks, Rotan  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Tammy. I have been a nice little girl this year. I would like you to bring me a Talking Baby Tender Love doll, a walkie talkie and a stocking. Please bring my brother and sister something too. Don't forget all other children.  
When you come there will be something for you, Rudolph and the reindeers. Thank you. Merry Christmas.  
Tammy Stuart,  
Roby  
P. S. Is it cold at the North Pole?  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Tina. I have been very good this year. Has it been cold down there? I can't wait till Christmas. Here is what I would like to have. A Velvet, Easy Care Manicure Set, Cotton Candy Maker, Bongo Set, Stuffed Kitten. Please bring me these things if you can. Merry Christmas.  
Love you,  
Tina Hataway, Roby  
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Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a football suit a pair of cleats and a Dallas Cowboy no. 14, football helmet, a ball and tee. I sure would like a bicycle too. I have been kinda a good boy. I like hot wheel cars too. My brothers Jimmy and Ron have been good too. I am 10 years old.  
Love,  
Greg Harris, Rotan  
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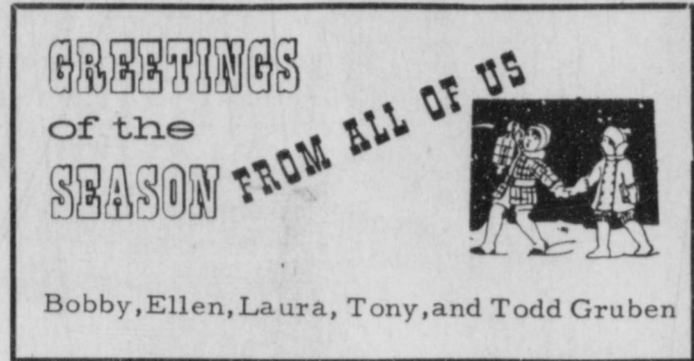
Dear Santa,  
I am 12 years old and I am in Rotan Junior High School and I think I'm getting a football and a bike for Christmas and lots of stuff you know about.  
Jimmy, Rotan



Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like you to bring me a Leather Set. Bring my sister Judy a record player. Bring my sister Jill a sewing machine and bring my sister Jennifer a Living Baby Tender Love. We all have been good girls. Thank you.  
Your friend,  
Jan Wright, Roby  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a pellet gun and some games to. I am nine years old. I know you have a lot of boys and girls to give some toys to.  
Love,  
Dale Wayne Eaton,  
Rotan, Texas  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kevin. Santa are you going to come in a sled this year? Is Rudolph going to come. For Christmas I want a Hondo 70 and a trampoline for Christmas and a Rockem sockem robot.  
Merry Christmas,  
Kevin Rivers, Roby  
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SEASON'S GREETINGS  
The warm wishes we send today are but a mild expression of our feeling toward you at this Holiday Season.  
**Rotan**  
**Tractor Service**

"Good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."  
Luke 2:10

May the Peace and Joy of Christmas be with you to-day and always

**Bartlett Strayhorn**

May  
THE PEACE AND JOY  
of  
CHRISTMAS  
BE WITH YOU TODAY  
AND ALWAYS  
Harold, Carol,  
Robin, Risa  
and Rocky Roberts

Seasons Greetings  
Henderson Gro. Hobbs

**We Thank Thee...**

For family, of course, and friends, and love and plenty;  
But for other, rarer things also:  
For freedom,  
For hope,  
For courage,  
For the gift of life,  
And for Thy Son we thank Thee and for the promise of Life everlasting which has sustained the faith of men for two thousand years.  
For all these things, and many more, Our Father, we Thank Thee."

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Dear Santa Claus,

I want a race track, some more tracks, some records for my T.V. record player, Sesame Street records, and some things for Tracy, my baby sister.

I am very happy. I like the toys that you brought last year. Please bring something for all the other boys and girls. I try to help mother and daddy and be good. I am learning songs to sing for Christmas. I will come to your party at the mess hall. Please help it to snow for Christmas so I can go sledding.

Love,  
Donald Lawler  
1025 Vogelweh  
Kaiserslautern, Germany  
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Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I am eight years old. I would like an electric football game, for my sister dishes, a plate, and for my brother an electric football, two, one for me and brother.

Your friend,  
Ruben Cabrera, Rotan  
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Dear Santa,

I am a boy. I want a game for bad days, checkers to play. Yesterday it was bad. It was not good weather. I wish it was Dec. 25.

Love,  
Ron, Rotan  
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Dear Santa,

I want a ball and a bicycle and a play santa doll and remember the other children. Remember me. Is it cold up at North Pole?

Your friend,  
Patricia Presley, Roby  
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Dear Santa,

I would like to have a walker doll and a Crissey Doll. Dear Santa it is very cold at North Pole. Well I hope not but I'm writing for my little brother that can't write. My little brother would like to have a race track and my other brother would like to have a Rock'em Sock'em Robot and Johnny Lightening set. Merry Christmas. Ho, ho, ho.

Your friend,  
Rose Mary Wallace  
Roby  
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Dear Santa,

My name is Tony. Is Rudolph going to lead the reindeers? I would like a Hondo and some Rock'em Sock'em robots. That is all for now.

Your friend,  
Tony Guerra, Roby  
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Dear Santa,

I want a Softina doll for Christmas. That is all I want because I know you have lots of little girls and boys to make toys for.

Thank you,  
Melinda Gay Hicks  
Rotan, Texas  
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Dear Santa Clause,

I would like to have a Mean Mountain set for Christmas. I've been good this year. And don't bring any switches this time.

Darian wants a truck and Lance would like a rubber ducky. They been good too. Merry Christmas and thank you very much.

Jackie Ragan  
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Dear Santa,

I want a pretty doll, a magic marker, and a teddy bear. I love you.

Dianna Alaniz  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I want a guita and a toy Filling Station. A horse, and Indians and cowboys. I love you.

Matthew Martinez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I want a doll and a play cake oven to and a bike so I can share with my sisters and brother. I want a Christie and a doll that can talk to. I live in Rotan, Texas.

Rosemary Conancio  
504 Harrison St.  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy but I did one thing wrong. I made an out on baseball. I want to know is that is OK. If it is I want a football suit and a BB gun and give the other boys and girls a merry Christmas. Say Hi to Mrs. Santa Claus and I want a watch.

Your friend,  
Charles Underhill  
Rotan, Texas  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Sant,

I have been good. Will you bring me a cricket doll that has long hair and a trampoline please.

Love,  
LaRhea W/Ann Smith  
Rotan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I am a girl. I am eight year old. I want a Christie and a Miss Beasley and a bicycle and a toy monkey and a toy bear and a doll.

Love,  
Antonia, Rotan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

Why do you wear a red suit and cap all the time?

Please send me a pair of shoes and a game. My sister wants a doll. My father wants a pair of boots. My mother and my big sister want a purse. I hope Rudolph goes to lead your team. Merry Christmas.

Your friend,  
Carol Barrington,  
Roby  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I am willing to have some boots and a bike and for my little sister I want a baby tender love and for my brother he wants some hot wheels, and don't forget the other boys and girls.

Thank you,  
Genera Lujan, Roby  
P. S. There will be a surprise on the Chimney on Christmas night. Don't forget that.

Dear Santa,

I want some boots and a watch.


Dear Santa,

I want some boots and a watch. And my brother wants abeebee gun, and an electric football. My sister an electric oven to bake a cake. Thank you Santa.

Your love,  
Irene Alvarado, Roby  
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*Season's Best!*  May this be truly a most enjoyable Christmas season for


W. B. and Billie Ruth Hardin



*to wish you abundant happiness and abiding peace*

**ROTAN**

**Department Store**



*Peace on Earth*



*Good Will Toward Men*

Dwight, Irene,  
Steve, Stuart  
and Kathy Nowlin

Dear Santa,  
I am 2 years old and have been a very good boy this year. Would you please bring me a gun, a choo-choo train, and an airplane? I will leave some peanut butter crackers and milk for you on the table.  
Thank you,  
Mark Helms, Rotan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl. I have done all the work my mother has told me. I want a record player and some records. My little sister wants a baby tender love. My middle size brother wants some guns. My little brother wants a music play because he's only 5 months old. My mother wants an apple too.  
Your friend,  
Jackie Shipp, Roby  
\*\*\*\*\*

THANK YOU AND ...

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

May choicest blessings be yours this Holy Christmas day and graces in abundance fill the days to come


Fred, Eleanor,  
and René Martinez

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**



It's fun... this habit we have of wishing our patrons a Merry Christmas. Each year, by way of thanking them for their loyalty, we enjoy the fun of extending best wishes. So, to all of you, "We hope this Christmas is the best ever for you and yours!"

**ATWELL CLEANERS**




*We weave our wreaths Of pine and fir, And hang them For each heart to stir.*  
Anonymous

**NOEL**

May your house be aglow with all the joys of Christmas. May your heart be warm with happiness and success throughout all the days to come.

*Signature*

**LANDES FURNITURE**



# Joyous Noel

*"And she brought forth her first-born Son... and laid Him in a manger."*  
LUKE 2:7

**Ernie Rodgers**  
**ENCO**

Dear Santa,  
I want some rock'em sockem robots and shooting gallery, a Mickey Mouse watch and want

Mickey Mouse watch and I want a sleeping bag and that is all. How is the weather in the North Pole. Is it cold? Its cold here. Have a happy Christmas.  
Love,  
Denny Cox, Roby \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you at the North Pole I hope you can come to my house this year and you can bring me a Honda 70SL and I would like to have a new cover for my trampoline and a Rock'em Sock'em Robot. My mother want some furniture and have a wonderful Christmas.  
Your helper,  
Tony Terry, Roby \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I understand you can not come to our school because you have many children. Please bring me a talking doll and a stocking.  
Thank you.  
Merry Christmas,  
Sylvia Ramon, Roby \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a bicycle with a horn and a pair of cowboy guns.  
Love,  
Darrin Leverton, Age 6  
Rotan

P. S. I'll leave you some milk and cookies on the table.  
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Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good boy this year. I would like to have a set of walkie-talkies and a game called skittle-pool. Please do not forget my brother and sister or all my friends.  
Love,  
Dale Cox, Rotan \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a b. B. gun, saddle, reins, and blanket and what ever else you should have for a horse. And some bbs for my gun. I would also like a mustang horse to ride when it is cold to ride my real horse. I have been a good boy.  
Billy W. Polk  
Age 6  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good this year. I want a trampoline and a football set.  
From,  
Russell Smith, Rotan

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me two pistols, caps and a shotgun for Christmas. I will see you at Christmas.  
David Black, Rotan \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Raggedy Ann doll and a sleeping bag. I would also like a record player and a record. Thank you very much.  
Your truly,  
Leigh Ann Field  
Rotan, Texas \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How have you been? I have been very good this year.

There are a few things I would like this year for Christmas. First of all I'd like a real horse. I'd also like a Bizzie Lizzie Doll. There are a few other things such as a Cotton Candy maker and a See-It-Pop Corn popper.  
Have a Merry Christmas!  
Love always,  
Pam Weatherbee  
Rotan, Texas \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Scream N'Deamon set and a shot gun with caps and pistols and please don't forget my brothers and sisters. I love you.  
Your friend,  
Roger Hooper,  
Rotan \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,  
I hope you can bring me a Timey Tell and voice of the mummy and toot-a-tune and juke box.  
Deborah Renee Mann  
Rotan, Texas \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I hope you can bring me a pro-ball football game and a Daniel Boone gun. I have been pretty good.  
Your friend,  
David Williams  
Rotan \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Timey Tell doll and I want a walking doll and I want a Teenie Bopper doll and I want some dishes, too.  
Virginia Nmanza  
Rotan, Texas \*\*\*\*\*


Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy, 3 years old, and have been real good this year. I am really looking forward to seeing you this Christmas.

First, I hope you will visit all the little needy children and the ones who are sick. Then, if you have one left, I would like a hay trailer for my John Deere tractor you brought me last year. Also I sure would like a red guitar like my big brother Robin has.

Also, if you have some Robin want a pair of leather working shaps or a rifle scabbard to go on his saddle.

I have a sister, Risa, all she wants is a telephone for her room.  
I love you Santa, and hope you have a very Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Rocky Roberts, Rotan \*\*\*\*\*

*Merry Christmas*  
May you have a Joyful Holiday  
Mr and Mrs L. R. Weems



May the spirit of the Christmas Season bring joy to you and yours  
A. W. & Vera Thomas

**MAY YOU ENJOY A FINE CHRISTMAS**



**Gray Butane & Chemical Mobil Products**  
Rotan, Texas



WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH ONE AND ALL  
**Merry Christmas**  
**Garcia's Conoco Service Station**

*merry christmas*  
to our Friends  
Frank and Gladys Kingsfield



**Christmas Greetings**  
Best Wishes to All!  
THE HENDERSONS  
Billy, Annie Laurie, Mark and Lynda



**Peace**  
FOR WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR IN THE EAST  
**Frazier Drug**

the **NEW KING**



ACCORDING to legend, even the beasts of the field bowed their heads in praise and worship of the new King on that first Christmas.

The ageless story of Christmas is once again being told throughout the world, and as in years past, the words are as wonderful to hear as when they were first told.

We are happy to take this opportunity to wish you well. Christmas is the best season of the year, and it recalls the best things to mind. Because your friendship is priceless to us, we take much pleasure in saying:

BEST WISHES AT CHRISTMAS

**HOME Lumber Company**  
H. & Doris Thompson & Employees

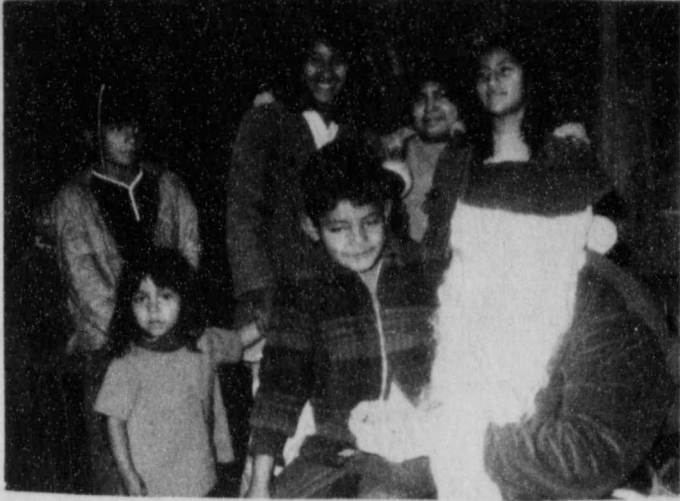


**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**Young's Market**

... and wise men still seek HIM



**MIDWEST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**



Dear Santa,

I have been good. I want a General Custer and a race suit and a football set and a Army set and a G. I. Joe set for me. Please bring my little sister a Buffy Doll.

Love,  
Robert Allen, Roby  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade. I love you Santa. I would like B-B gun and some B-B's, a gun and a holster, clock, scooter, bike.

Love,  
Luis Hernandez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a b-b gun and some B-B's and 2 pairs of boots and a cowboy suit and a rope and some clothes size 10 and a bike, and a kite and some paints.

Thank you,  
Jay Anderle  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I want to learn to shoot real good so please bring me a b-b gun.

Thank you,  
Benny Medrano  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I would like a zig-zag sewing machine with a sewing basket and also talking baby tender love. I wish my mothers wish would come true, it is her stove she sent it to get it fixed and it will not come back so please help her. I would like you to give my father a big strong wish for every thing he has done for us. I would like you to get Jan an alarm clock. And Judy a taperecorder. And Jennifer a Fisher price School house.

Yours always,  
Jill Wright, Roby  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I would like a BIBI gun, a radio a model and a mini bike. And I hope all my friends get a gift.

Your friend,  
Kolin Nazworth, Roby  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a telephone, and my sister wants a bike. I want a piano with a chair. I have been good. I love you very much.

Rosa Flores, 2nd grade  
Roby  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bulldozer and a jump rope and rudoff the Red Nose Reindeer. I have been waiting for you. I love you. Good by.

Your friend,  
Darrel Doty, Roby  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a colored baby doll and a set of dishes. That is all. Merry Christmas.

Gale Malone  
208 W. 8th, Rotan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

My name is Greg and I would like for you to bring me a record player, a pitch back and a rock'em sock'em. Evette wants a trampoline and a baby tender love. Please remember all the other girls and boys and have a Merry Christmas.

Greg Gruben, Rotan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

My name is Rodney and I have been a good boy all the year. I have been nice to my classmates and my teacher. I would like to have a bicycle for Christmas. See you pretty soon.

Sincerely,  
Rodney Pearson, Rotan  
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Dear Santa,

I want to wish you a Merry Christmas. I hope everyone has a nice Christmas. I want a doll and doll dishes. My little brother wants a truck and horses.

Thank you,  
Dixie Smith, Rotan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I want a moovin-groovin velvet, a doll house and a buffy make up kit. Thank you. I love you Santa.

Kellie Pease,  
Rotan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I am doing pretty good in school. I hope you have a good time. I like the snow. How are your raindeer doing. I don't like school too much. How are your elfs. My little brother wants a gun. I hope the other children have fun to. Good by.

from,  
Richard, Roby  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade. I love you Santa. I would like a b-b gun, and some B-B's, watch scooter.

Love,  
Francisco Hernandez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade. I love you Santa. I would like a tape recorder, watch.

Love,  
Steve Solis  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade. I love you Santa. I would like a B-B gun and some B-B's. Scooter.

Love,  
Martin Alaniz  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade. I love you Santa. I would like a Barbie doll, watch.

Love,  
Martha Nell Garcia  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade. I love you Santa. I would like little ball and two big balls, tape recorder.

Love,  
Lisa Martinez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade. I love you Santa. I would like B-B gun and some B-B's.

Love,  
Rickey Gordon  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I would like a doll and a teddy bear. I love you.

Teresa Cantu  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good boy. I want a S, S, P, and a hot wheel car. please.

Love,  
Kevin Holt, Rotan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I want a B B. gun and a new pair of boots and pants.

Your friend,  
Terry Kidd, Rotan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I want two shot guns and a pair of gloves. How is Rudolph?

from,  
Jimmy, Rotan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How is the North Pole? I have been a good girl. Will you please bring me an organ and a baby tender love. Please bring my brother a suzuki. Have a Happy, Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Dana Nowlin, Rotan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bike and a play car. I want some boxing gloves. I want a play pickup and I want some clothes for Christmas.

Love,  
Ricky Dale Gibson,  
Rotan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? Fine I hope. Santa, I would like for you to bring me a football game, electric car, a basketball and some clothes. Thank you, Santa.

Love,  
Curtis York, Rotan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I want a fisher phone. I want a tiny tell doll, I want a little toy Santa.

Linda, Rotan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

Here I am writing you this letter to let you know what I want for Christmas this year. a 3 speed bike also I have been a good boy.

Larry Ramirez, Rotan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Cris Greingle,

I am writing to tell you that I want a doll that grows hair and a play puppy.

Love, your friend,  
Janis Aguilar  
P. S. I love you Santa Claus  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good girl. Please bring me a talking Barbie. I am 8 years old.

Jehice, Rotan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,

What I want for Christmas is a bicycle. But What I really want most of all is a doll that talk. And a set of doll dishes. So will you please remember me on Christmas day. I'm not only think of myself. I'm also think of my 3 little brother to. They would like to have toys to. So will you remember to bring them something to. They would like to have cars and guns.

Thankful yours,  
Vear Louise Ruddy  
Rotan, Texas  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

Please, I want two electric football games. I have been so nice all long year. I also want a scooter for myself. One of the football games is for my brother. A table and chairs for my sister. And Santa I would love a football helmet. I love you Santa.

Love,  
Joseph Cabrera,  
Rotan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I would like a baby go by and a wiglet wig for Christmas. I have been a real good girl to.

Love,  
Beverley Currie, Rotan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I would like a timey tell doll. My mother would like a canister set. My daddy wants a gun. My brother want some shot gun shells. My hole family would like fruit, nuts and candy.

Merry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Tammy Stephens  
Roby  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

Is it still the same ol blizzard up there at the North Pole that you had the day Rudolph got to guide your sleigh? I hope not. I think it's bad up here already. Well, Santa I believe I have been good this year. I want a watch, a western belt and some western boots and that's all I want. Don't forget to drop by all my cousins' homes. By-by, and Merry Christmas.

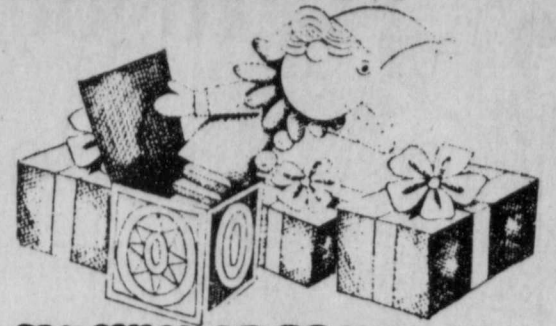
Your little helper,  
Sue Hall, Roby  
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Dear Santa,

My name is Debbie. Is is ever hot in North Pole? Last year you brought me vlevet but you forgot the clothes for her. This year I would like Velvet's clothes. Kerry and clothes. Easy Curl and clothes. Bye. Merry Christmas. Don't forget the other children around the world

Love,  
Debbie Stuart, Roby  
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**CHEERIO!**



**YULETIDE GREETINGS**

John's Hamburges

John & Mozell Mercer



Perry & Rheta Thomson



John Seaton Water Service

WITH BEST WISHES FOR A

*Happy*  
**HOLIDAY SEASON**

Laurence Wayne,  
Janet & Joe Mike Sparks

**Season's Greetings**

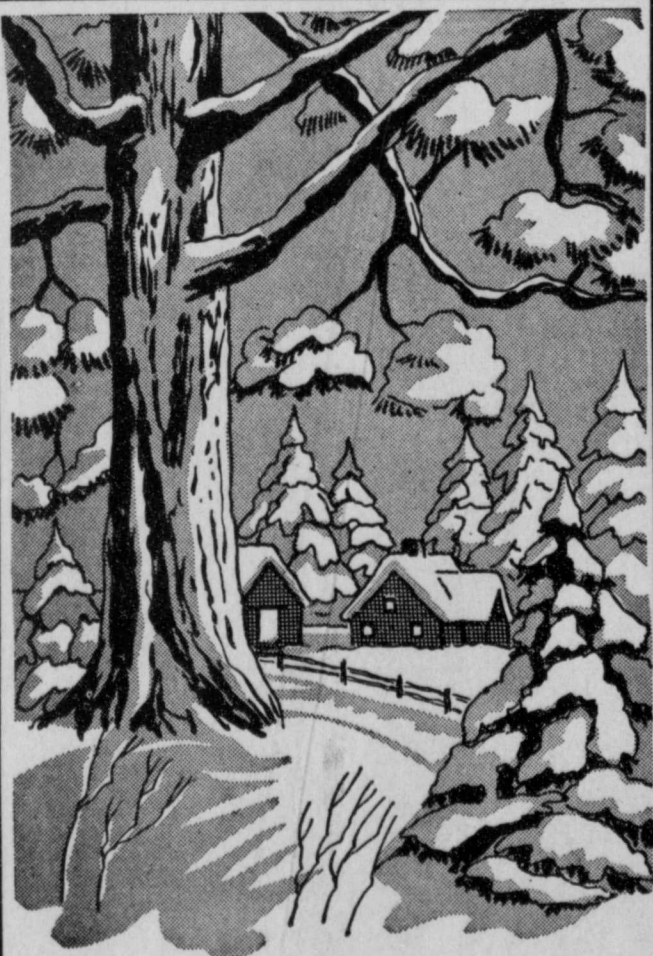


James, Darlene, Darrell, David, and Jerry Carter



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Bob and Bertha Allen



**Greetings**

We hope each day of the New Year brings you great rewards.

**City Auto Supply**

Jackie Green, Manager



To each of our many good friends we send our heartiest greetings and best wishes for a happy holiday season endowed with great times and good fellowship.

**Senn Grain**

And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us...

ST. JOHN 1:14

**Holiday Greetings**

Walter, Shirley, Connie and Carol Ann Byrd

*May you enjoy the many blessings that are so much a part of Christmas*

**Callan Hospital & Clinic**

Dr. C.U. Callan

Dr. C.M. Callan

Dr. J.F. Johnson

Dr. Bennie Le Bleu

Geo. McDonald, Adm

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