

USO Drive For \$550.00 Opens Saturday

The U.S.O. drive to raise \$550.00 from Sherman County residents to aid the national drive to provide wholesome entertainment for men in service will open Saturday, according to Van B. Boston, county chairman.

Service men will tell you that the U.S.O. goes with the men in uniform wherever they go and provides more for their recreation and convenience than any other organization.

John Steel will spearhead the drive in Precinct One. W. T. Crabtree will direct the drive in Precinct Three. E. W. Carter will supervise the drive in Precinct Two. Beta Sigma Phi Sorority members will conduct most of the solicitation in Stratford.

Mr. Boston states that solicitors will not ask for large donations but request the support of the public in giving whatever donations they feel they are financially able to make.

As the traditional home-away-from-home for those in the armed forces, U.S.O. represents a combination of all religious and social agencies whose business is the welfare of the American serviceman, both in the states and overseas.

A national budget of \$20,225,000 has been set for this year's operations in this country and in all world wide theaters. Here in Texas, the United Defense Fund Committee has Ben H. Wooten, Dallas banker, as general chairman, and Dudley K. Woodward, Jr., also of Dallas, as state campaign chairman. The Texas goal this year is \$775,000.

Schools Close For Holidays December 22

Stratford schools will be dismissed Tuesday, December 22, for the Christmas holidays. Classes will be resumed January 4.

Davis Motor Co. To Display New Chevrolets

L. J. Davis, who viewed the '54 Chevrolet at a recent meeting of dealers in Oklahoma City, announces he will have two of the new cars in his showroom on December 18.

According to advance information, more power, an extension of the automatic transmission option to all cars, and design revisions to accentuate the low, flowing beauty of the three body series high spot the 1954 Chevrolets.

Power brakes, adding safety and driving control, become optional for the first time in the low-price field with the introduction. As still another "first" in Chevrolet's market, electric front seat and window lifts are also available. This convenience provides passenger car comfort through push button control.

Again in 1954 Chevrolets will be powered by a choice of two engines, each more powerful and responsive than its 1953 counterpart.

Pvt. R. C. Reed Is Completing Basic Training

FORT LEONARD WOOD, MO. Pvt. Robert C. Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Reed, is nearing completion of a 16-week training cycle here with a unit of the 6th Armored Division.

As a trainee, he received eight weeks basic training in the fundamentals of Army life and the use of infantry weapons. He is now completing an additional eight weeks of engineer training.

Pvt. Reed is being taught the use of pioneer and power tools, construction of fixed and floating bridges and related subjects besides additional combat skills. At the end of the 16-week training cycle with the famed "Super Sixth" the men completing the training here will be sent either to specialist schools or as replacements to other units.

The teddy bear was named for President Theodore Roosevelt.

IFYE Student Presented By Farm Bureau

Miss Mildred Bennett, International Farm Youth Exchange student, who visited Germany this summer sponsored by the Sherman County Farm Bureau and the Stratford Lions Club, gave a report of her experiences at a chili supper sponsored by the Farm Bureau in the school cafeteria Saturday night.

Miss Bennett recalled in her opening remarks that it was on a similar occasion just six months ago that she appeared before almost the same group after it was announced that she would go to Germany as a Foreign Youth Exchange student for a four month's visit in the homes of families in that country.

The International Farm Youth Exchange student program is four years old and at present has 41 participating countries.

Miss Bennett stated that the American students were first briefed on many things about the United States while in Washington before sailing to countries they had selected. Forty-four states participated in this program in 1953 although Texas had only 7 representatives. The program is founded on the belief that in exchanging ideas with different peoples an understanding may be reached which will contribute to world peace.

Miss Bennett said she chose Germany as it is a strategically located country in which she spent her entire four months except for a short visit in Switzerland. Foreign exchange students are allowed only in Western Germany which is under Democratic German government under the supervision of the three great allied powers.

The speaker said many things in the two countries were similar but that while Texas has a population of 29 people per square mile Western Germany has a population of 186 people per square mile. This crowded condition has been brought about by the great numbers of refugees fleeing from behind the iron curtain.

To illustrate her experiences Miss Bennett showed slides of pictures she took while visiting in farm homes. They depicted a country for the most part divided into small acreages from which those living in the agricultural section devote their time to raising enough food for the family and selling the remainder as a cash crop.

R. C. Buckles, president of the Sherman County Farm Bureau, acted as a master of ceremonies and introduced the speaker of the evening. Rev. T. Edgar Neal gave the invocation. Mrs. Lorraine Mehner sang a Vocal solo, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Hose Flores.

Decorations for the evening were provided by 4-H club girls and 4-H club boys arranged the tables. Miss Lucile King, Sherman County Home Demonstration Agent, arranged the program.

Cpl. C. W. Bates On Way Home From Japan

1ST CAV. DIV., JAPAN—Cpl. Clifford W. Bates, 23, son of Mrs. J. R. Clark, Conlen, is enroute to the U.S. after serving in Japan with the 1st Cavalry Division.

Cpl. Bates, a light vehicle driver with the 82nd Field Artillery Battalion's Service Battery before leaving the division, holds the Korean and UN Service Ribbons. He entered the Army in January 1951 and arrived overseas last March.

In civilian life he was a tractor operator for Cooper and Woodruff Construction Co. of Waco, Texas.

Cyde Brooks Gets Corporal Stripes

Cyde Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brooks, has been promoted to the rate of corporal with the U. S. Marine Corps. He has been on duty in Korea for seven months and hopes to return to the states next month.

The pike is the one fresh water fish native in both Europe and America.

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Candles And Carols Program Sunday Evening

The public is invited to a program of candles and carols to be given at the First Christian Church Sunday evening at 5:00 o'clock.

Special music will be featured throughout the vesper service. Rev. John W. Reaves, pastor, will give a 15 minute Christmas meditation. He will also be master of ceremonies at the service of candles. Some 250 candles will be used in this part of the service.

People of all faiths are welcome to share with unusual service. It is the first service of its kind to be held in the Christian Church.

Cpl. Melvin Bachman To Be Home For Christmas

Cpl. Melvin Bachman arrived in Seattle, Washington Wednesday morning and will arrive home in time to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bachman. Cpl. Bachman has been stationed with the U. S. Army in Japan for the last 18 months.

Mrs. Pendleton Entertains Dorcas Class

Mrs. Royal Pendleton entertained the Dorcas Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church at her home Monday. Twenty-three guests were present for the delicious Christmas dinner with turkey and all the trimmings.

A short business session was held and then an exchange of gifts. Last but not least, clothing was packed for the orphanage at Round Rock.

Those present were Mrs. Pendleton, the hostess, Mrs. Joe Bob James, Mrs. Walter Green, Mrs. Ivan Bammes, Mrs. Prueft Adkins, Mrs. O. H. Ingham, Mrs. Wright Davis, Mrs. Lester Plunk, Mrs. Ray McNeal, Mrs. Everett Riggs, Mrs. M. J. Carter, Mrs. Bessie Hodges, Mrs. Kenneth Kendrick, Mrs. Clifford Ellison, Mrs. Howard Haffey, Mrs. Roy Peterson, Mrs. A. C. Pittman, Mrs. Muir, Mrs. Kelleher, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. DeBord, Mrs. M. F. Reeder, and Mrs. Kenneth Pickens.

Barton-Mahoney Nuptial Vows Read Saturday

Mrs. Zela Barton and Joe Mahoney were married in Clayton, New Mexico at 1:00 P. M. Saturday. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Luther Blades and Mrs. Barton's sons, Gale, Dale and Sammy Barton. The bride wore a green dress with brown and white accessories.

Randolph McAdams Receives Honorable Discharge

A/1c Randolph McAdams, son of Mrs. Sallie V. McAdams, returned home Saturday as a civilian. McAdams has completed his enlistment with the U. S. Air Force. He was a medical specialist.

Children Appear In Christmas Program

The parlor of the First Methodist Church was the scene of a lovely Christmas program under the direction of Mrs. Arthur Ross Sunday afternoon. The following children appeared on the program: Peggy Taylor, Debbie Brannan, Cleo Aduddell, Sharon Mullican, Senora Mullican, Linda Taylor, Dolly Mehner, Jean Ann Ross, Daria Taylor, Kay Jacobs, Karl Kirkwood, Jimmy Cameron, Mary Sue Taylor and Barbara Brittain.

Dainty refreshments of cookies, punch and coffee were served to parents and guests.

Tin has a boiling point of 2,270 degrees.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus: I am planning on seeing you Christmas Eve night at my church tree, but I thought I'd better let you know what I would like for Christmas before that.

Mother says I've been a pretty good girl all year and maybe you'd bring what I want. I would like a walking doll, dishes and some doll clothes for my doll, and some candy and nuts. Now don't forget the other boys and girls.

Be seeing you,
Vicki Lynn Jackson.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a football, an Army set and a ranch set. I am six years old.
Love,
Danny Joe Haney.

Dear Santa: Please bring Charles and I each a football helmet and we will share a football. Dwayne would like a basketball and goal. We have been fairly nice so will see you Christmas.
Love,
Dennis Plunk.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy 3 and a half years old. I live on a farm north of Sunray. Please bring me a dump truck and a Ford tractor. Mama says I must not ask for too much as you have lots of little boys and girls to give to. So I ask my Daddy to get me some cowboy chaps and spurs but if he don't get them by Christmas and you have some you might bring them to me. You don't need to bring me any girl tobacco because Hawpe and James bring me plenty of it. You might bring them something. Don't forget baby sister Nancy. I think she wants a dolly. You might bring her a Jeep too. Then she wouldn't always be wanting mine. Bring Teresa Jean, Robert and Ronnie something too, and all the other little girls and boys.
Your little friend,
Billy Luther Browder

Dear Santa: I'm trying hard to be a good boy, so will you please bring me some boxing gloves and a truck. Please don't forget my two sisters as they are pretty good too. Don't forget any little boys and girls and be sure and look for your pie I'll have for you.
Love,
Donnie Parvin.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a walking doll, an ironing board and a cooking set. I help mother wash dishes.
Your little friend,
Pam

Dear Santa: I have been a good little boy so please bring me a bicycle, a Bible with my name on it, fruits and candy. I will be at granddaddy's.
Larry Norris.
Springfield, Colo.
Route 1, Box 75

Dear Santa Claus: I will be two years old Christmas Eve and I reckon that I have been a pretty good girl this year. Anyway if you can spare it I would like a doll buggy and a negro doll for Christmas. Don't forget Serena Charlene, my little sister, and Richard Dale, my little cousin. Serena wants a teddy bear and Richard wants an airplane and a big ole truck.
Please don't forget all of the little boys and girls that aren't as fortunate as I am.
Thank you,
Linda Burlene Payne

Dear Santa: I am a little girl five years old. My name is Nancy Carol Oquin. I want a Tiny Tears doll for Christmas and a dentist set.
Love,
Nancy Carol Oquin

Dear Santa: I am a little girl four years old. Would you please bring me a play nurse set, a car, and a little doll with hair that can be washed and curled. Please bring lots of candy and nuts and don't forget the other little boys and girls.
With love,
Teresa Brannan

Beware of shiny decoys. They scare waterfowl so you'll never get a shot.

Santa Will Treat Kiddies Saturday

Santa Claus will appear on the streets of Stratford Saturday afternoon at 2:30 with treats of candy, nuts and fruit that he and his assistants will present to every child that is present for the event.

The annual Christmas treat event is sponsored by the Sherman County Farm Bureau and the Stratford Lions Club.

Members of the Sherman County Farm Bureau and Stratford Lions Club will meet Friday, December 18, at 6:30 P. M. in the American Legion hall to sack treats for the annual Christmas treat event.

Manuel Garcia Is Stationed At Fort Bliss

Manuel Garcia has been stationed at Fort Bliss near El Paso, Texas for his basic training in the U. S. Army. Garcia enlisted in the army about three weeks ago. He hopes to be home on his first furlough about the first of next year.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus: I am five years old and have been a pretty good girl this year. I would like to have a pretty doll and skates. My little sister, Debra wants a doll and some puzzles. We would both like some candy and nuts.
Please, don't forget all of the other boys and girls.
Thank you.
Love,
Linda Jean Smith

Dear Santa: I have tried to be a nice boy. It would make me very happy if you would bring me some guns and boots and spurs. I have a little sister, Neta Jo. She would like a doll and a set of table and chairs. Don't forget all the other boys and girls.
Danny Ray Brannan

Dear Santa: Please bring me a football and a big cattle truck. Bring my little sister, Kay, a piano and doll with real hair. We would both like to have a dog if you have any because ours got killed.
Hank McIntosh

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a pretty good girl I think. I want a walking doll, and a doll buggy and a doll house. Please bring all the other little girls and boys something too.
Don't forget Mother and Daddy.
I love you,
Mary Kaye Keener

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a pretty good girl I think like Katy does. I want a meta horse and saddle, doll house, doll buggy, and cowgirl suit. Bring other nice boys and girls something too. Don't forget Mother and Daddy.
I love you,
Karen Ann Keener

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a nice boy as mommy says. I want a choo, choo train, and pick-up like Daddy's so I can go to the field. I love you. Don't forget my brothers and sisters and other bids.
(Little) Grant Keener

Dear Santa: I am a little girl four years old. Would you please bring me a play nurse set, a car, and a little doll with hair that can be washed and curled. Please bring lots of candy and nuts and don't forget the other little boys and girls.
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Commissioners Order Issuance Of Bridge Bonds

County Commissioners ordered issuance of \$55,000.00 bridge bonds bearing 2½% interest for Road District Four at their regular meeting Monday according to County Judge Bob Ferguson. The court plans to let the contract for construction of the three proposed bridges soon after the middle of January.

The county judge also revealed that the State Highway Department had requested the county to provide 6½ miles of right-of-way for Farm to Market Road 1060 extending from Farm to Market Road 1573 in the east part of the county along the county road to the Capps Elevator. A contract for paving this road is expected to be let in February of next year. This road will be improved under the Farm to Market program and the county will not be liable for any of the expense except for the right-of-way.

Plans are also being considered to let a paving contract in February for widening of Farm to Market road 119 from Sunray to FM-1573 to make this a 20 foot road instead of a 16 foot road.

Wright Davis To Display New Pontiacs

Wright Davis Pontiac will have at least two of the new 1954 Pontiacs on display in their showroom Friday. It is possible they may have a third car.

This year Pontiac offers an entirely new line of cars, bigger, longer and more luxurious, with improved and newly styled Chieftans. The new line, to be known as the Star Chief Series, is eleven inches longer over-all, has two-inch longer wheelbase, a more powerful eight-cylinder engine and some of the most luxurious interiors ever offered in a motor car.

In addition to the four models offered in the Star Chief series, Pontiac for '54 offers nine other models in the Custom, DeLuxe and Special series, with eight or six-cylinder engines.

Zimmer-Haynes Vows Exchanged

Miss Catherine Willinell Zimmer, daughter of Anton Zimmer of Amarillo, became the bride of Sam Haynes, son of Mrs. Lula Haynes of Plainview recently in the Polk Street Methodist Church Chapel.

The Zimmer family formerly lived in Stratford. The single-ring service was read by Rev. Hubert Thompson, pastor of San Jacinto Methodist Church. A background of organ music was played by Jon Conder.

The bride wore an aqua velvet street-length dress and carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid. The couple will live in Houston where Mr. Haynes is employed. The bride was graduated from West Texas State College, Canyon, and was employed by the Santa Fe Railroad.

Lions Christmas Party To Be December 21

Next Monday night, December 21, Stratford Lions will celebrate with a Ladies Night and Christmas party. Each person attending will be requested to take an exchange gift.

Rev. John Reaves, pastor of the First Christian Church, who is resigning his position to become pastor of a Fort Worth, Texas church will make a farewell talk on the theme of "Love." Stratford Lions will not meet on December 28.

Corporals Lowe And Ellison In New Jersey

Corporal James Lowe and Corporal Donnie Ellison arrived at Camp Kilmer New Jersey Tuesday morning for processing before receiving their orders for duty in Europe. They were formerly located at Fort Bliss at El Paso, Texas.

Lowe and Ellison were allowed to visit relatives in Stratford during their transfer. Mr. and Mrs. Oma Ellison and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lowe took them to Amarillo Sunday to entrain for New Jersey.

Deputy Grand Matron Makes Visits

Mrs. F. L. Yates made her official visit to the Bonita Chapter in Amarillo Friday night as the Deputy Grand Matron of District 2 of Section 2. Friday morning she attended a coffee honoring the associate grand conductress Mrs. Pauline Smith in Lubbock.

F. L. Yates and his sister, Mrs. H. L. Vincent of Texhoma, joined Mrs. Yates in Amarillo Friday night. Mrs. Yates made her official visit to the Stratford Chapter of the Eastern Star Tuesday night.

30 Turkeys As Prizes In Turkey Shoot

Thirty turkey hens have been secured by the Stratford Gun Club to be awarded in the shoot scheduled to commence at 10:00 A. M. Friday. In event weather conditions will not permit the shoot Friday, another attempt will be made to hold the shoot Saturday morning.

The shoot will be held on the Gun Club grounds just west of Stratford.

Mrs. M. H. Harrison Is Improving In Amarillo Hospital

Mrs. M. H. Harrison was rushed to St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo Monday night for an emergency appendicitis operation. Her condition, first reported to be serious, was said to be improving Thursday evening.

Phillips Makes Two Drilling Locations

Two drilling locations were announced for Sherman County by the Phillips Petroleum Company this week.

The Brady "B" No. 1 is located 2,310 feet from the north and east lines of section 222 in Block 1-C.

The Elliott "B" No. 1 is located 2,310 feet from the north and west lines of section 193 in Block 1-C.

The potential depth of these wells is 2,850 feet.

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Pleyer-Oakly Vows Exchanged

The First Baptist Church in Amarillo was the scene Friday evening for the marriage of Gaynelle Pleyer, 1925 Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pleyer of Stratford, to George Oakly, 415 Prospect, son of Mrs. George C. Oakly of Allenreed.

Dr. Carl E. Bates, pastor, read the double-ring service at 7:00 o'clock.

Attending the bride as maid-of-honor, Miss Jean Reed wore a blue suit with black accessories. Her corsage was of blue carnations.

Jim Hisler was best man. For her wedding, the bride chose a dusty rose suit with black accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations. The couple is to be at home at 1611 Van Buren.

Mrs. Oakly was graduated from Stratford High School and attended West Texas State College, Canyon. She works for Plains Chevrolet Co. Mr. Oakly was graduated from Alanreed High school. He works for Plains Chevrolet Co., and serves in the National Guard.

COURT HOUSE OFFICES TO CLOSE DECEMBER 24

Offices in the Court House at Stratford will close December 24 and remain closed until December 28.

CARD OF THANKS
I wish to thank my friends for the many "get well" cards and for the visits while I was in the hospital and since I have been home.
Mrs. W. L. Hankey

THE ELK — STRATFORD SCHOOL NEWS

First Grade

Mrs. Gates' Room
Seems like all of us are looking for Santa these days. Just the other day, Eddie said there wasn't a Santa. Guess he knows better now, cause he got a letter from Santa that day. He let us all hear what Santa had to say. Speaking of Santa, we hope he gets to come to our

party next Tuesday. Also Mothers, send our gifts December 21. Let us have them all here that day, so there won't be any forgetting.

We are in need of new crayons and paste again. These should be brought to school the first Monday after the holidays. The box of crayons should be a number 16 size this time, having 16 crayons in a box. Please have

them on time so that I might not have to continue taking them each morning for a week or two. It takes up our time and we need it so badly. Everyone please co-operate with this.

We have new workbooks in our room this Monday. Everyone likes them and we do hope they will help us in many ways. They follow the Tip and Mitten series of books.

Most of us are reading very good now. Every time we read perfectly, we get to put a star or bulb on our Christmas tree. Everyone has a tree and the one that has the most decorations by Christmas, gets an extra gift. Several may get the extra gift for we have many ties.

We get to put up our trees this Thursday. Every child may bring one or two Christmas tree decorations. We do not want electric lights of any kind because of their danger in a classroom.

We have made several Christmas decorations such as bells, Santa Claus, candles, trees, etc. We have also made some tree

trimmings. Everyone is encouraged to help our band by attending the play given this Thursday night in the auditorium.

First Grade

Miss Staten's Room

Dear Santa:
This is to give a small idea of what we want for Christmas. Those wanting dolls are: Barbara McKee, Judy Mitchell, Ellen Dyess, Cheryl Judd, Carolyn Harvey, Sheri Hudson, June Huggins, Teri Wilson, Lee Ann Franklin and Barbara Stubblefield.

Some of us want guns and holsters: Jesse Smith, Richard James, Hank McIntosh, David Newcomb, Larry Norris, Sonny Patterson, and Tommy Hidalgo.

Richard Ross wants skates, Linda Quin wants blocks, Tommy Blake wants a bike, Boyd Spurlock and Lanny Harris wants an electric train, Joe Boren a football, Lorelyn Halle a baking set, Harry Hamilton a football, Larry Huffman an electric train, Judy Standefer wants doll clothes.

Thank you,
Miss Staten's First Grade.

FOUND: One hat—Dobbs (20) bought at Blackburn Bros., Amarillo. Size about 7 1-4, left in school cafeteria. — H. R. Stewart.

FIRST GRADE LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:
This year we are all going to write a letter together for you. Mrs. Gates is going to help us with it. We hope we have all been good boys and girls this year because we have tried so hard, especially up near Christmas time.

Most of us are six years old but some of us are seven. We are in the first grade and have worked so hard in school this year. We have tried to learn our reading, printing, and numbers too.

We hope you didn't hear all of what Eddie said last week. We know he is sorry and he read your letter to us.

Santa, we have decorated our room. We hope you will get to come for our party next Tuesday at 12:30. If you can't come, please send one of your helpers.

Santa, we do hope you will take good care of Rudolph. We don't have any hills out here so Rudolph won't have any trouble about running with directions here. We hope he can go east, west, south or north without getting mixed up.

Oh Santa, before we forget, most of us do not have a chimney. Don't try Huston's, Louis's, and Tanna's because they are stopped up some way. Now please try our front doors and we will leave them open for you. Also, do not eat any supper. I'll bet Mrs. Santa is tired after cooking for all those elves that have been so busy. All of us are going to leave something on the table for you. Also you won't have to worry about toothpicks because Eloise is putting out about 27 for you. If that isn't enough Elaine says she would have some out when you get to her house.

Glenda said she saw you flying by her house about 2 days ago. Wish the rest of us could see you flying with Rudolph in the lead.

Now Santa, we heard something that wasn't very nice about you. We hope it wasn't true. We heard a little boy caught you kissing his mama. We want you to know that it better not happen at our house. Gary, Danny, Jerry, Don, Terry, Jimmy, Karen, Julia, James and Carolyn said their daddy would not like that one bit.

And Santa, Mrs. Gates wants to tell you that the boys have been quieter than the girls in the hall. You can give us more Christmas presents if you want too.

We have been wondering about the weather at the North Pole. Sure has been cold here. Our noses have been almost as red as Rudolph's the last few weeks.

Now Santa, we have just about told you all there is about us. Please don't forget to bring Mr. Stewart a new tie. You could even make him a new candy machine.

Linda, Charlotte, Tommy, Donna, Billy, Connie, Charles, Vivian, and Beth say they have been watching you on TV and sure hope you don't have any

trouble getting over to Stratford. Above all Santa, do take care of Rudolph.

Now Santa kiss Mrs. Claus for us and be good.

Merry Christmas,
Mrs. Gates' Room.

Second Grade

Mrs. Peterson's Room

All the children of our room are keeping well, so that we can enjoy Christmas. We wear our coats and caps when we play outside, and if the day is too cold, or windy we play quiet games indoors. No one has been absent, now for days.

Wednesday we put up the tree, which our nice, room-mothers furnished. Each child brought a few items of decoration and our room is ready for the Christmas party next Tuesday.

We want to thank all our parents for the things they do for us, not only at Christmas, but every day throughout the year. May they all have a very Merry Christmas and a happier New Year.

We hope that Santa Claus will be good to all the little children, and their parents, in the whole world.

SECOND GRADE LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:

We have twelve girls and eight boys in our room. We have all tried to be good this year. We have colored many pretty pictures of you for our school room. Sue Plunk would like to see Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer and she hopes to see you at the church Christmas. Carol Reeder asks that you write her a letter some time. Senora Mulligan wants to know what you would like to eat when you come on Christmas Eve. Connie Garrison says to be sure to fill all our stockings. Linda Reesing said to be sure to save some thing for all the other girls and boys.

We love you very much Santa and we are looking forward to seeing you at Christmas.

Goodbye and Merry Christmas
Mrs. Minkley's Second Grade Room.

Third Grade

Miss Ballinger's Room

We wish to thank Miss Watkins for helping us with our program.

The Mothers really did a lot of work making the costumes and we surely do thank them. Several of the costumes took a lot of work and time. We wish to thank the Mothers who acted as make up artists for us for Thursday evening. We wish to thank everyone else who might have helped in any way.

After our program the Room Mothers had a real treat for us. The table was wonderfully decorated in the Christmas motif and surely did look beautiful. The refreshments were delicious and the favors were grand.

Again we wish to thank everyone who helped us.

Third Grade

Mrs. Hammons' Room

We hope you enjoyed our operetta as much as we enjoyed doing it for you.

Thanks to our chairman and parents for the costumes, Miss Watkins for the music, Mrs. Harrison for the nice posters, the two first grades, Mrs. Peterson's second grade and any other class that gave us their music period for practice. Last we wish to thank our room mothers for the nice treats served on the beautifully decorated tables in the Cafeteria.

We almost forgot two of our mothers who served as make up artists, we do thank them for a job well done.

Fourth Grade Rooms

Miss Riley's And

Mrs. Duggins' Rooms

Dear Santa Claus:

We have been studying and working hard at school. We would like these things for Christmas:

Faye Harris, a sweater and skirt; Bobby Seaman, a space gun; Dale Barton, a cowboy gun; Barbara Patterson, a doll; Cleo Aduddell, a baby Shetland Pony; Bobbie Burgess, a housecoat; Linda Huggins, a skirt; Sue Hudson, a bride doll; Shela Donelson, a Shetland Pony; Joe Elms, pickup sticks; Rayford Rose, a big rubber football; Laurina Riggs, a walking doll; Johnny Steel, a football; Julia Willey, a bride doll that walks; with six changes of clothes;

Jimmy Gore, a football suit and a football; Shirley Thomas, a doll; Claude Fedric, a B. B. gun; Gale Barton, a football suit and a football; Wanda Preston, a paint set; Ronnie Pickens, a train; Dean Roper, a B. B. gun; Grovone DeBord, a doll; Orbie Sue Davis, a record player; Vicki Gillis, a bicycle; Curtis Davis, an air rifle; Romie Feemster, a pair of roller skates; James Johnson, a wood-burning set; Gary Garoutte, a chemistry set; Donna Boner, a play house; and Keith Borth, a football suit.

Please bring all of us some candy and nuts.

Thank you,
The Fourth Grade.

Fifth Grade

Mrs. Warden's Room

Dear Santa Claus:

The boys and girls of the Fifth Grade have tried to be good, so please read their letter and grant their wishes.

Alta Mae Adams would like to have a typewriter. Cecelia Cleavinger and Natacha Morris want to add another doll to their collection. For her cup and saucer collection, Susan Sloan desires an addition. Lela Hampton wants a big doll, Jonna Knight sighs for a Viewmaster. Ginger Brooks wants a birthstone ring. Joanne Roper and Kay Spurlock say that they can tell time and really need a wrist watch. Madelene Reesing likes tennis and wants a set of Table Tennis. Norveta Bammes would like a wood-burning set. Kaye Webb is ambitious to be an artist and wants an artist's set. Joe Ray Brown thinks a few wooden model cars to be put together would keep him busy. Mike Johnson wants a LIFT. (Now S. C. I don't know what that is.) Gary Mathews' wants are many but he'll settle for a .300 calibre rifle. Dennis Phelps has his sights set on a 16 gauge double barrel shot gun. Max Roque's dreams are about a brand new bicycle. Tommy Self wants a pellet gun. Billy Stone would like to have a game. (Cards will do.)

Fifth Grade

Mrs. Elliott's Room

(By News Committee)

Several of our pupils have been absent because of the common cold and sore throat the past week.

Our Arithmetic Captains, Sharon Mullican and Linda Brewster, gave a very interesting report on the work accomplished so far in the third six weeks period. Our most accurate mathematicians for the week are: Linda Brewster, Elaine Spurlock, and Billy Steinberger. In the ability to share with others our mathematical knowledge, Shirley Sanders ranked highest.

In Science we have been studying the three W's of our climate conditions and about various instruments that will help us to understand better what kind of weather may be forecast and our so-to speak weather surprise days.

In Our Oral English Good Manners Unit the highlight of the week was a table-setting demonstration carried on by Gary Dettle and Billy Steinberger.

We are looking forward to putting up our Christmas tree Wednesday morning. Each of us will have a part in decorating the tree. Our room has already taken on a Christmas atmosphere and every one is busy with Christmas plans either for the school group or individual plans.

Dear Santa:
Would you please make a special delivery to Room 10? We have done some deep thinking, and each asking will help us to do our part in building our country and keeping it safe for democracy.

Shirley Sanders needs a Junior Electric sewing machine to become a real good homemaker. Gary Dettle asks for a remote control Caterpillar to do experiments as an engineer.

Glendon wants an erector set to experience the erection of buildings.

Dennis Walker feels the need for a microscope to learn more about the secrets of nature.

Bobbie Burkhams wants plants to learn more about plant life and be able to develop more blooming varieties.

Ida Nell Hemphill wants skates to help her do work at a recreation center.

Sharon Quin needs a type-

writer for experience as a secretary.

Sharon Mullican wants a shell craft set so that she may go into the jewelry business.

Linda Brewster needs an oil painting set so that we may find her among the famous artists some day.

Elaine Spurlock wants a record player to help her in her music and dancing. Also for listening appreciation.

Carol Smith wants a bead craft set to make belts and
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Want Ads

PIANO FOR SALE: We have a piano in this vicinity out on demonstration which we will sell at considerable savings rather than return to Garden City. Piano was placed in home pending delivery of new organ. Instrument is of excellent quality, will carry full guarantee, and is like new. Write Clark-Shaw Music Store, 317 North 8th, Garden City, Kansas, for additional information. 10-3tc

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FOR SALE: Cushman 4-horse power motor scooter, will sell at a loss, Phone 3981, Mrs. Granvil Preston. 8-1tc

CALL Margaret Harrington, 3676, for orders on home-made pies, cakes, cookies, hot rolls or Christmas cakes and cookies. 9-1tc

FOR RENT: Three Room furnished House, Frigidaire.—R. E. Minnis, Phone 2181. 8-1tc

TWO unfurnished 4 room houses, and two furnished 4 room apartments for rent.—J. B. Willey, Phone 2491. 9-1tc

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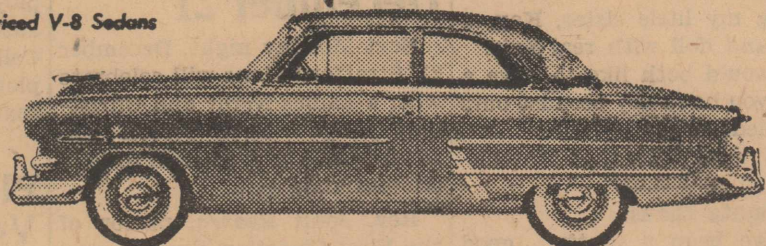


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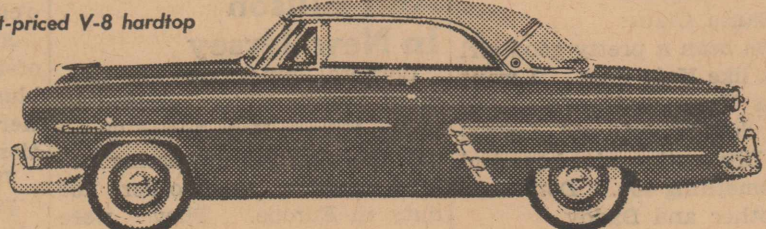


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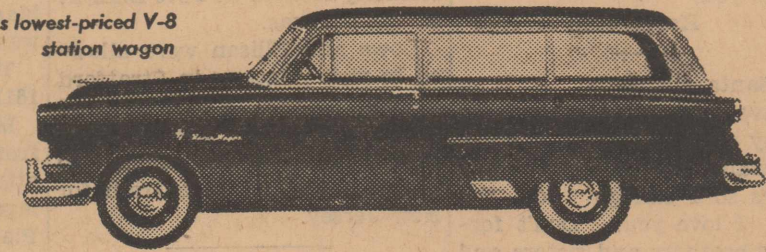
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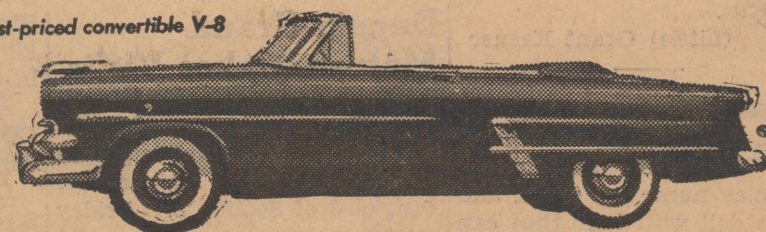
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Henry Purnell wants a leather craft set.

Billy Steinberger needs a plastic brick laying set to gain experience in brick laying.

Robert Phelps wants a gun for game hunting.

John Sears wants a camping outfit for outdoor life enjoyment.

Mrs. Elliott wants 19 smiling faces back in school January 4, 1953.

Sixth Grade

Mrs. Cameron's Room
Dear Santa:

We know you will be extremely loaded if you bring all these things but if you think it best you may leave the following items at our individual homes.

Jimmie Muir, Elaine Crabtree, Linda Taylor, Karl Kirkwood, Wayne Lavake, Sammie Beall, Dwane Lavake, Edward Oquin, Kay Pickens, and Bill Casey would like to have watches so they can help time pass.

The artists Barbara Brittain, Doris Dortch, Norma Bachman, and Margie Parrish would like an oil painting set.

The scientists, Hal Bennett, Leon Eden, Homer Casey, and Dixie Lee Knight would like to have a chemistry set.

Linda Coffman and Mary Gay Judd are wishing for riding horses.

Jimmy Cameron and Ernest Dyess need new bridles for their horses, they seem to be a little wild these days, (the horses).

Patty Emerson wants a bracelet, Jessie Riggs wants a new sweater set, the color you would like her to wear.

Molly Davis and Patsy Branman would like a basketball.

Patsy Herald wants a Tom Thumb purse, filled please.

Raymond Keener wants a tent, he's tried of sleeping in a house.

Neil Harris is wishing for a four passenger plane, his jeep is out of style.

J. D. Plunk wants a football, his sister is about to wear out his basketball.

Charles Clements will appreciate a new caddle and .22, also Rex Palmer wants a .22.

Ray Palmer wants a pair of cowboy boots.

Jimmie Smith wants a new robe.

La Ruth Kendrick needs some new knee-guards, the floor is awful hard.

Last but not least the following girls want "New Clothes," Carolee Baskin, Sharon Gamble, Darla Taylor and Gay Plunk.

Speaking of new clothes our teacher said to please remember her, too.

Hit-Parade

Tacy Emerson to Bill Malone
— Take Me Back And Try Me One More Time.

Cynthia Gamble to Carrol Reed

— I'll Have a Blue Christmas Without You.

Bob Newman to Sherry Goole
— Walking In a Winter Wonderland.

James Crawford to Helen Finch — Santa Claus is Coming To Town.

Pat Taylor to Bob Garoutte — That's My Boy.

Jo Wayne Harding to Johnny Summerour — He's My Baby.

B. A. Donelson to Le Rayne Donelson — Stranger In Paradise.

Barbara Cates to John Harrison — Snow Flakes.

Marjory Mathews to — Lonesome.

Francis Norris to Don Young — I'm Waiting Just For You.

Cynthia Reed to Perry Coffman — I'll See You In My Dreams.

Joy Keener to Billy Keener — Santa Baby.

Jean Cummings to Frankie Hamilton — Wedding Bells.

Colleen Palmer to Pecos Clayton — Till I Waltz Again With You.

Joyce Haney to Buzz Wakefield — Waiting.

Shirley Plunk to Delton Engle — That's My Trademark.

Dan Gillis to Carolyn Folsom — You, You, You.

Donald Stone to Girls — P. S. I Love You.

Arlene Doerfler to Mickey Houston — Forty Cups of Coffee.

The advertisements have a message of importance for you.

Girls In Basketball Tourney At Happy

Our first game of the Happy tournament was with Canyon. We were able to hold the Eagles to 27 points, but were unable to take the rebound from their guards and could seldom get a second shot at the basket. The final score was: Canyon 27, Stratford 20. High scorer for Stratford was Ernestine Palmer with 9 points, Ealon Davis with 7, and Jean Seaman with 4 points.

Our second game of the finals of the consolation bracket was against Dumas with Sarah Lavake, Lynne Reeder, Gaynelle Parker, and Yvonne Mitts holding Dumas forwards to a total score of 19 points. Ernestine Palmer, Jean Seaman and Ealon Davis scored 9, 5, and 10 points respectively for Stratford.

Sarah Lavake was chosen as the most outstanding pivot guard of the tournament.

Stratford Upset Gruver Girls 39-28

Stratford upset the Gruver girls with a score of 39 to 28 Tuesday night at Stratford. Scores at each quarter were: Stratford 9, Gruver 7; Stratford 16, Gruver 19; Stratford 26, Gruver 23; Stratford 39, Gruver 28.

Outstanding forwards for Stratford were: Ernestine Pal-

mer with 12 points, Jean Seaman with 13 points, and Ealon Davis with 14 points.

Outstanding guards were: Sarah Lavake, Lynne Reeder, and Gaynelle Parker.

The outstanding forwards for Gruver were Janette Thorson with 17 points. Ten of these points were for the second quarter.

Home Game With Gruver

Before a huge crowd the Stratford Elks met the Gruver Greyhounds on the home court Tuesday night. This was one of the games of the year that thrilled the spectators. This was the annual battle of the year with Gruver leading until the last 4 seconds of the fourth quarter, when Jimmie Ingham made a spectacular shot which made the score 34 to 36. Benny Biddy was high point man with 18 points followed by Bob Garoutte with 14 points. The final score with the spectators on their feet was 46 to 48.

Boys Basketball In Tournament At Happy

The following teams were entered as AA teams: Happy, Perryton, Hereford, and Canyon. Stratford is classed as a B team. Stratford 1st by a margin of 7 points. The scores were 40 to 47. Benny Biddy was high

point with 19 points and Glen Wakefield and Donald Stone followed with 6 points each. At 6:30 we went to the Consolation Bracket to play Canyon, which had been beaten out that afternoon by Dumas. Although Canyon is an AA team it was nip and tuck all the way through

with Stratford in the lead at the last 2 seconds of the game when Canyon scored with a final score of 37 to 38. As a result of the tournament we had one player, Benny Biddy, selected as the outstanding center of the tournament.

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GIFTS for Christmas

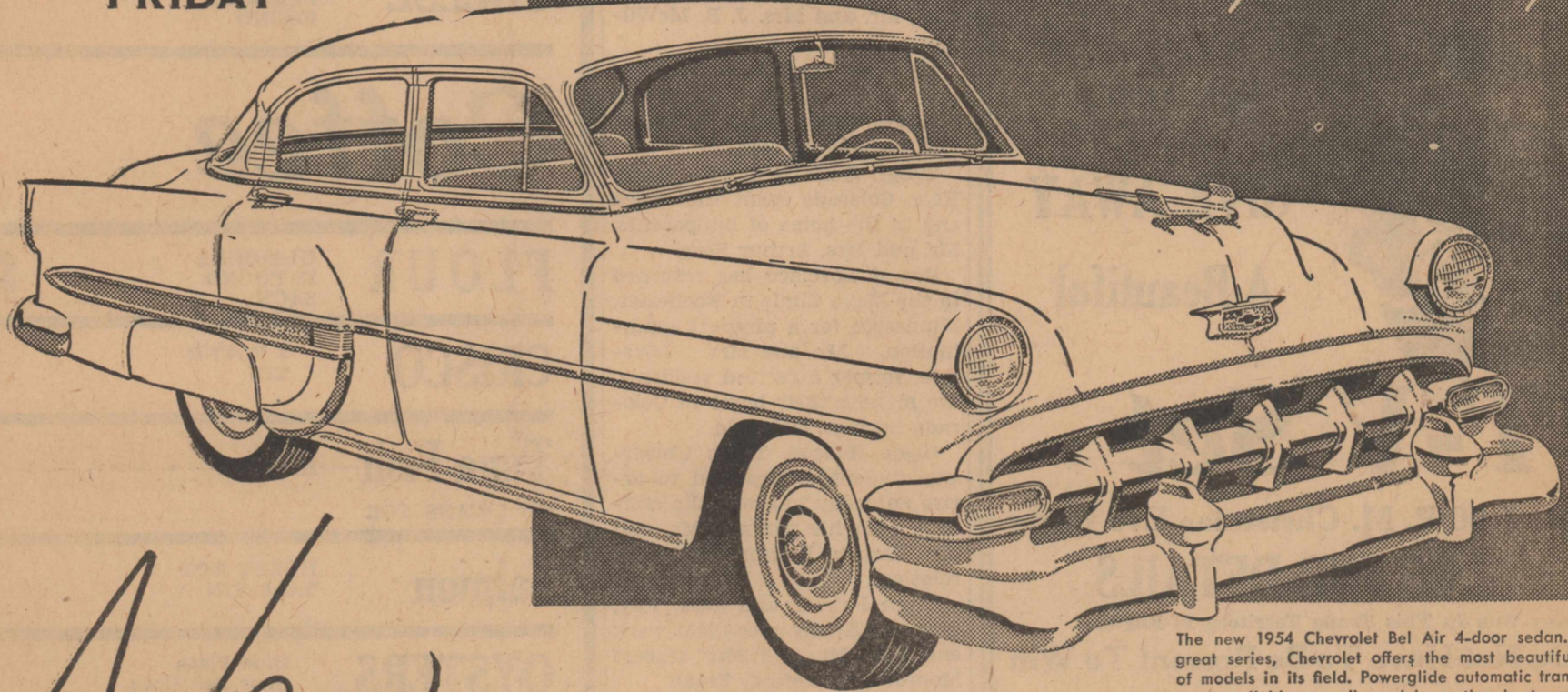
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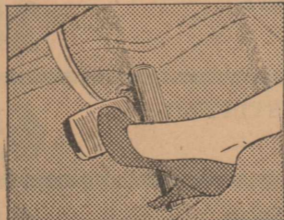
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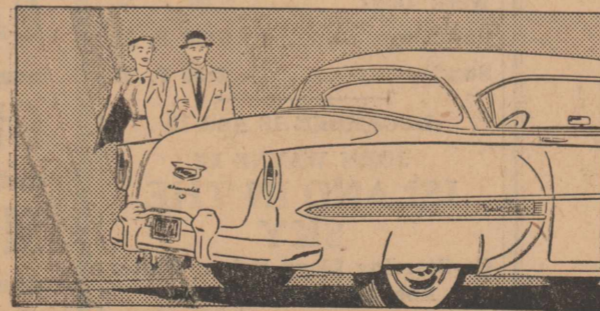
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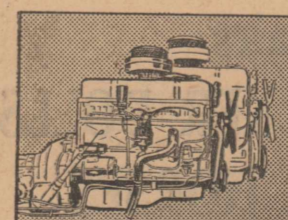


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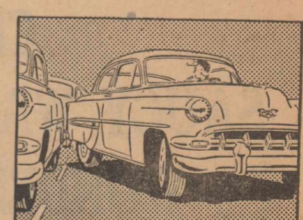
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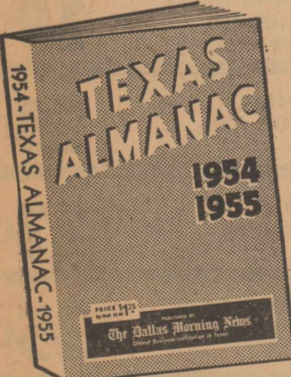
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Local News

Mrs. E. F. Hamilton, Texhoma, visited her mother, Mrs. W. D.

Ellis, Sunday evening. Homer Blake made a business trip to Dallas, Texas the middle of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lavake have been visiting the past week with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Woodard at Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dow Brewer and sons of Lindsay, Oklahoma were guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brooks, Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pendleton visited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pendleton and children in La Veta, Colorado over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Turner and son, Charles, of Boaz, Alabama have returned home after a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Foster. Mrs. Turner is a sister of Mr. Foster.

W. A. Armstrong of Amarillo is visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wisdom and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Keener. He is recovering from a six months illness.

Frank Ross, Dan Smith and Gardner Ross were visitors in Dalhart Monday.

Miss Leah Price, Fourth Form student at Hockaday Preparatory School, whose holidays will begin Friday, plans to spend the holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Price, in New Orleans, Louisiana, and with her parents in Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wiginton and son, San Francisco, California, arrived Tuesday for a visit with his father, W. F. Wiginton, and brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wiginton.

A3/c Donald McWilliams of Bergstrom A. F. B. at Austin, Texas is here on a 15-day furlough for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McWilliams.

Mr. and Mrs. James Coble plan to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Dallas and Commerce, Texas.

T/Sgt. Gene Ross of Camp Hale, Colorado spent the week end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ross.

Ernest Lovelace has returned to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota for a physical examination. Mr. and Mrs. Lovelace, former Stratford residents, are making their home in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Clyde Hudson, Texas University student, is expected to arrive Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hudson and other relatives.

Owen Palmer and sons, Ray, Rex and Kenny spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Monroe in Hereford, Texas.

Mrs. Arthur Ross and son, T/Sgt. Gene Ross, and granddaughters, Ann Frances Mehner and Jean Anne Ross were visitors in Dumas Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harper of Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilson, Dumas, were guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Chisum.

first half of the book, Let Us Look, by H. C. Gosner, with Mrs. Wright Davis giving the last half of the book.

After the business meeting, a social hour was enjoyed. Refreshments of pudding, mints and coffee were served to Mrs.

W. D. Green, Mrs. W. W. Steel, Mrs. Lee Grimes, Mrs. W. W. Davis, and Mrs. W. D. Ellis, by the hostess, Mrs. Pendleton.

Supplementary feeding of puppies should begin at three weeks to start them towards the weaning period.

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**Ealon Norvell Circle
Met Wednesday**

Ladies of the Ealon Norvell Circle of the Baptist Church met Wednesday at 3:00 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Royal Pendleton for mission study.

Mrs. W. D. Green gave the devotional on the "Christmas Message" and led in prayer. Mrs. Lee Grimes reviewed the

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CRISCO	3 POUND TIN	89c	CREAM	MARSHMALLOW WHITE SWAN 8 OZ. JAR	22c
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PICKLES	Diamond Sour or Dill Quart Jar	26c	Pineapple	Del Monte Crushed No. 2 Tin	27c
CATSUP	DEL MONTE 14 OZ. BOTTLE	18c	Fruit Cocktail	Hearts Delight No. 2 1/2 Tin	35c
OLIVES	HAASES STUFFED PINT ICE BOX JAR	65c	PEACHES	LIBBY'S NO. 2 1/2 TIN	30c
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W.S.C.S. Circles Complete Study

Circles of the W.S.C.S. met for the last study of the book, Alcohol and Christian Responsibility, Wednesday morning.

For the devotional Mrs. A. L. King read the hymn, Fight The Good Fight, and led in prayer.

Mrs. F. B. Mullins held a short business session in which gifts for the needy were discussed.

Mrs. A. L. King had charge of

the lesson. The group discussed the lesson chapter. Mrs. Chester Plunk had the topic, How the Indians Fought Fire Water. Other subjects included: The Great Delusion by Mrs. J. B. McWilliams, Moderation As An Ethical Principle by Mrs. James Cameron, and the Local Church Committee, by Mrs. J. K. Richardson.

This has been a great enlightening study that all have enjoyed. Eleven members were present for this last meeting.

Mrs. A. L. King dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. W. J. Lowe sang "Silent Night."

An offering of \$20.33 was presented.

The group was dismissed with the missionary benediction.

Mollie Davis Circle Entertained In Muir Home

The Mollie Davis Circle of the Baptist W. M. U. met in the home of Mrs. Clifton Muir for Mission Study.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. H. B. Norris, circle chairman. The opening prayer was led by Mrs. M. J. Carter.

The devotional, Christmas Recipe, was read by Mrs. Norris.

The last chapter of the mission book, Let's Listen, was taught by Mrs. W. O. Cook.

The circle was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Cook.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mrs. W. O. Cook, Mrs. A. H. Ellison, Mrs. L. S. DeBord, Mrs. M. J. Carter, Mrs. Pruett Adkins and Mrs. H. B. Norris, by the hostess, Mrs. Clifton Muir.

senior deacon; Grady Mullican, junior deacon; Jim Taylor, tiler; H. L. McMahan, senior steward; O. H. Oquin, junior steward.

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saltwater species, such as sailfish and swordfish.

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Happy Hour Club Entertains With Christmas Party

The Happy Hour Home Demonstration Club met Saturday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Crabtree for a luncheon and Christmas party which was enjoyed by the entire families of the members of the club. The luncheon was served in covered dish buffet style with a generous variety of foods.

After the luncheon, games of dominos and canasta were played until a late hour.

Those present for the party were: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Billington, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dovel, Mrs. Everett Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. Oma Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ellison, Mrs. Retah Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pickens, and the host and hostess and their children.

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Mildred Crabtree Circle Has Mission Study Program

The Mildred Crabtree Circle of the Baptist W. M. U. met in the Fellowship Room of the First Baptist Church Wednesday for a Mission study. A big lighted Christmas tree decorated the room.

Mildred Ingham conducted a short business session. The circle decided to buy a Sunday dress for Sandra Johnson. Members will send cards to Mrs. Roy Strother and serve refreshments tonight to the Y. W. A. girls after they go caroling.

Mrs. Johnson led the mission study on the book, "Let's Listen." Questions for review were given out and discussed. Speakers and their topics were: Mrs. E. E. Riggs on Where And How Information Was Obtained for the Book, Mrs. O. H. Ingham on A Corner Is Turned, Mrs. V. M. King on National Leaders, and the last chapter of One Baptist World was presented by Mrs. J. S. Johnson.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer.

Those present were Mrs. O. H. Ingham, Mrs. C. W. Wells, Mrs. V. M. King, Mrs. Leon Guthrie, Mrs. J. S. Johnson and Mrs. Everett Riggs.

There will be no W. M. U. meeting next Wednesday. The next meeting will be December 30 at the church for a Royal Service program.

Wesleyan Service Met Monday

The Wesleyan Service Guild met Monday evening in regular meeting and for a Christmas party with Mrs. Evelyn Harding, co-ordinator, and Mrs. Wanda Woolsey as hostesses.

After the usual business session conducted by the President, an Emblem program, represented by the flag, the torch and the cross, was presented by Mrs. Lois Holmes, Mrs. Ann Elliott and Mrs. Lelah Boney. Christmas carols were sung by the group.

Presents were exchanged. Members were served with delicious refreshments by the hostesses.

The next meeting of the Guild will be on Monday evening the 11th of January.

C.W.F. Ladies Have Christmas Luncheon

The C.W.F. ladies of the First Christian Church met in the Fellowship Hall for their Christmas luncheon with 23 members present.

Following the executive meeting members held a business meeting in the church parlor.

The regular C.W.F. met in Fellowship Hall at 1:15 with the group singing "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," followed by prayer led by Mrs. Ora Bomer.

A box was dedicated to be sent to Migrant Workers.

Scriptures used were 2 Cor. 9:6-9 and Matt. 7:12. Mrs. John Knight offered prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was made by Mrs. Elmer Hudson.

The Vice-President, Mrs. Bernard Dovel, read a letter from the living link, Mrs. June Smedley, who will sail for Paraguay January 28.

The group gathered in the chapel for the devotional program which was led by Mrs. John Reaves.

Those taking part on the program of "Portrayal of Madonnas" were Mrs. John Reaves, narrator; Mrs. Joe Billington, reader; Mrs. Harold Oquin, African Madonna; Mrs. Roy Mitchell, Indian Madonna; Mrs. Ross Wells, Chinese Madonna; Mrs. Beryl Brewster, Latin Country Madonna; Mrs. Dickie Buckles, Mary, Mother of Jesus.

Stratford Lodge Observes 50th Anniversary

Friday evening the Masonic Lodge observed its fiftieth birthday with special guests and dignitaries from the entire area attending.

Feeling the need of a fraternal organization, a Master Masons Lodge was convened by District deputy grand master George F. Morgan on June 26, 1903, for the purpose of instituting an AF&AM Lodge in Stratford. Ten master masons, affiliated with the Rock Island Lodge of Daltart wished to form a lodge. The group met under a dispensation until December 21, 1903, when the district deputy convened the lodge for the purpose of presenting the charter to Stratford Lodge No. 874 which consisted of 26 charter members. A. Y. Ingham, who resides at Texhoma is the only living charter member, and is also the oldest living past master of the lodge.

The lodge invested heavily in World War I Liberty Bonds and Stamps which were donated to the Masonic Children's Home in Waco in 1922. Members conducted the first Masonic funeral in 1912.

After World War II ended the American Legion began a drive for building funds. In cooperation with the veteran's group, the lodge also began a building campaign, and with the help of public contributions, erected a two-story building, valued at \$100,000.

The lodge held its first meeting in the new hall in February 1949. At present the organization has a membership of over 100.

Officers are Leslie H. Parker, worshipful master; Cone Donelson, senior warden; J. D. McDaniel, treasurer; O. H. Ingham, secretary; Vern W. Foreman,

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Wine From Ye Ol' Grapevine

Kenneth Andrews came into Blades Cafe last Friday night with red marks smeared all over him. Glennis Webb! I didn't know that strawberries were still in season.

Bruce Biddy, I hear you were flirting with Frances somebody at the Happy tournament. Keeping it a secret huh!

Well, well we hear Buzz Summerour was with Virginia Plunk Sunday. A new couple?

We hear Arlene had a date with Mickey Friday night! He's from Goodwell in case you are wondering. Man is he cute!

Jimmy Ingham! Who's this girl from Goodwell we've been hearing about? Her name couldn't be Kay could it?

Spanky asked Cynthia and Tex asked Yvonne to the North Hall Christmas at Goodwell. Have fun girls! No need telling you you will!

Benny, could that story told at the assembly by any chance be true? Might ask Glennis somebody!

Who's that cute boy you met at the Happy tourney, Rogene?

I hear Bob Garoutte had a lot of competition at the tournament!

Whats this we hear about Anna Mae not saying goodby to Bobby B. in the most enjoyable way when he left.

Seems that Shirley Finch and Tacy Emerson got a little mixed up with their boy friends last week. Right girls?

Seems like Gaynelle and Ealon had quite an argument about who was to sit in the seat next to a certain boy coming from Happy Saturday night. Did you know that D. S.?

I wonder why Sherry Goule was unhappy about going to Happy. Couldn't be because a certain boy wasn't going, could it? I know you can guess who this certain boy is, so I will give you a small hint. His initials are B. N.

I just wonder why Rita Joyce was late getting back on the bus at Amarillo Friday. The reason could be because of a boy named Eddie.

I don't blame you one bit for not wanting to give that boy from Perryton his hat Patricia. After all the consequences were not so bad, were they?

Flash! I just heard some news, now I don't know whether this has anything to do with Mr. Duggins and Mr. Billbrey being late to meet the team but I just heard the Perryton girls team was staying at the Hotel. My, my Rita Joyce gets around. She's going to the dance at Goodwell with Kenneth Wilson.

We expect to see these couples together next week:

Roy Lee and Gaynelle, Buzz W. and Joyce, Douglas and Beth?, Johnny S. and Jo Wayne, Bobby L. and?, Elwood and Jeanette, Carol R. and Cynthia G., Eddie C. and Rita Joyce, Glen M. and Ealon D.

Well thats all for this week folks, see you next week. Meanwhile please don't gossip too much. It's not nice you know.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa: We, the band students are few, and we all have been pretty good. If at all possible we would like to have some more kids.

We would like for you to bring Sarah a cornet that doesn't blow sour notes.

We have the song "Dragnet" and we drag it enough, but now we need the net.

Do you by any chance have any blue paint? We had rather have blue floors than green because we all get blue thinking of the many bands who have organization. If at all possible bring us some organization.

We would like a slide trombone for Shirley that works automatically so she can play and sleep at the same time.

You might bring Rex Burgess a foot stool also or maybe a day bed so it will be easier for him to lie down while he plays.

Please bring M. B. Green a beautiful girl to sit by him to take the place of his loved one in Clovis.

Santa I hope this isn't too much to ask of you but do your best to fulfill this list.

Thank you,

The Elk Horns. P.S. Please send Mr. Stevens a pair of ear muffs and a pair of dark glasses so he cannot hear our mistakes and see us wasting time, also a sweet temper so that we can come in late and be greeted by a charming smile.

Dear Santa:

Since I am an old hand at asking for Christmas presents

I'll be right to the point. Please, send me a full carton of reducing pills, the kind that I can force my class to take for me and yet get the results that all such medicine promises on the container. Please send the teachers that live with me, Mrs. Gates, Miss Grady and Miss Statten, dresses quite a bit too large for them, the kind that fit me.

Also while I am asking I see no harm in asking the pupils of my classes to take it week about to replenish my kitchen with food. If you have any presents left over from last year such as old mink coats, Cadillacs, TV sets and such small objects please send one or all to our Superintendent and sign my name to it as I think that I am in bad repute with the administration. I don't see why anyone should object to a teacher taking time off between classes to raid the ice box in the homemaking room, do you? Please equip Mr. McGaughey with steel taps on his heels so that we can hear him coming. This request is for the last hour study hall girls.

For the boys I am asking for a rubber paddle, well padded, and the kind that shocks the one that applies it and not the receiver. This is also for Mr. McGaughey. Since we have started fire drills I am asking for our fire escape slide to be equipped with padded seats and can openers in case some of the

teachers get stuck. If you can't furnish all the things that I have asked for then just grant me this one wish, A Merry Christmas To All. Lucille Belvin.

Dearest Santa: We are writing for the library. Here are a few things we would

like. Poe Keener and Bob Euper not think you could arrange a little thing like that? (Continued on Page 7)

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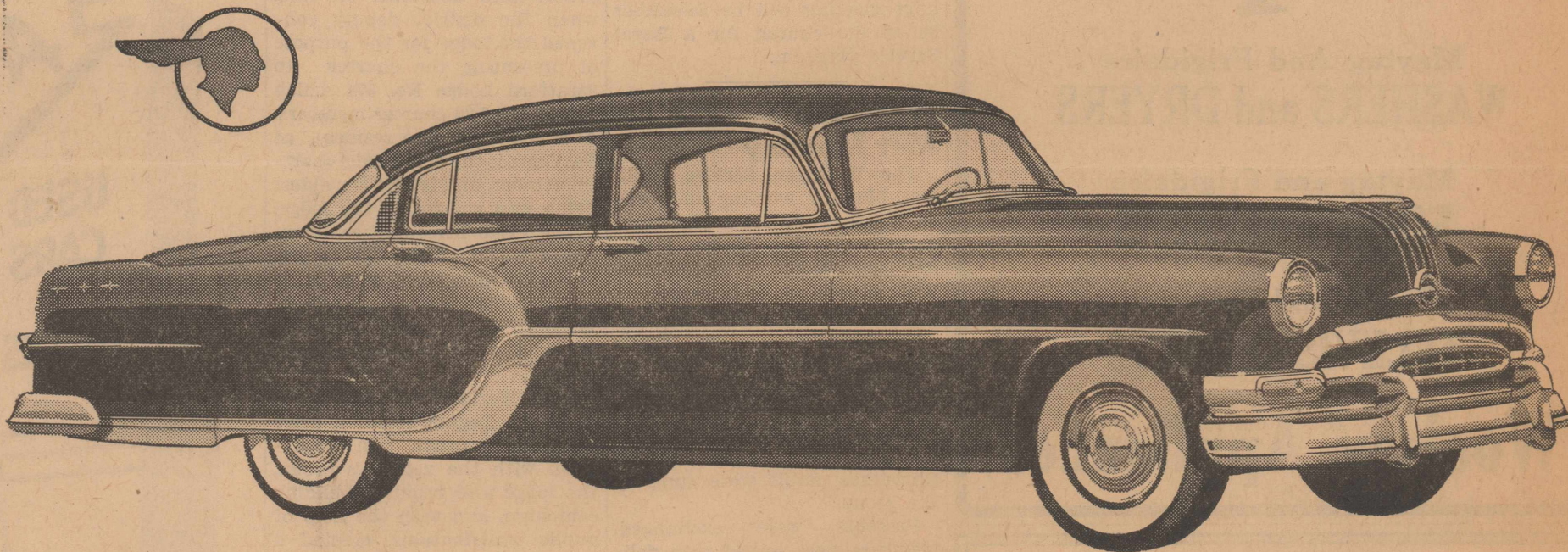
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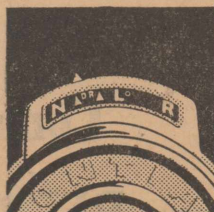
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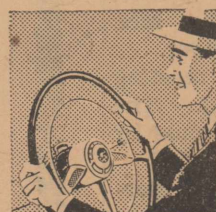
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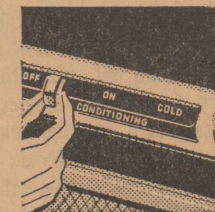
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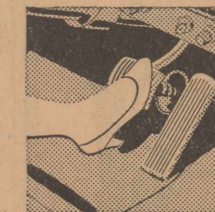
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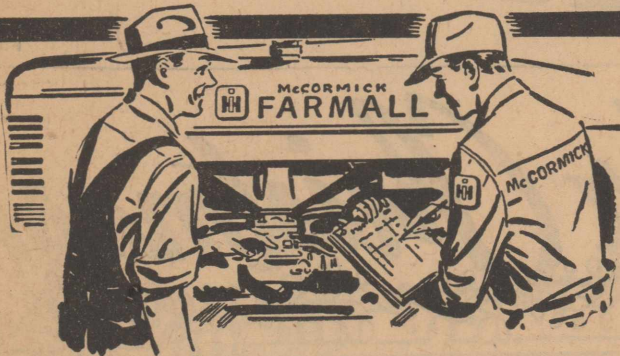
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Oh, yes, Santa, will you get your elves to hunt up all our lost books, they seem to be the ones who carried them off.

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Now, we won't be mad if we don't get these things, but we sure will be disappointed.

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Dear Santa:

The boys of the basketball teams want to add to our trophy case the district, regional, and the state championship trophies. Also, Santa, we want to have five of our boys to make the All-State Team. Santa, please send us our football jackets. We want them of the best quality (and if possible put a beautiful girl with each jacket.)

Santa please send Coach Bilbrey a carton of Tums for those days that we do not do so good. Also, Santa, send him a large carton of Beech Nut Chewing tobacco to sweeten him on the

days his temper runs low.

James Davis, Reporter.

Dear Santa:

The Girls Team wants to go to State and wants to win all the games played from this day forth. We want a large Continental Bus with Hydromatic Transmission, seats that lean back and individual lights and radio so that we can read or listen to the program we desire. Santa please send us 24 new basketballs to practice with. Please, Santa, send Mr. Duggins the ability to teach his forwards self-confidence and teach the team to be all-state players.

Helen Finch, Reporter
P. S. Santa, if you happen to have an extra carton of Tums I think you had better send them to Mr. Duggins. I have a feeling he will need them.

Dear Santa:

The math department at Stratford High School would like to have a few things for Christmas.

The most important items are: a few more brains (students and teachers) to help solve the problems, and better discipline in the class rooms.

A few items that would aid the brains that we have are: some thirty-six inch rulers (yard sticks), or some item that would make a long straight line on the board; either a new compass or the broken one returned repaired, and some illustrations for the bulletin board.

We haven't been very bad this year, and we are showing improvement every day.

Yours,
The Math Department

Dear Santa:

I am a teacher in S. H. S., and I would like very much if you would send me a mink coat, of course, if that is too expensive, a rabbit coat will do. Yes! Please direct me to a filling station where gas is only 3 cents. The high cost of living makes me plumb broke. Please hear this request and send Mrs. Belvin a record for losing weight, because these exercises at night are killing me. Some how, she seems to be losing and I am gaining.

Love,
Lou Anne Grady.

Dear Santa:

This year we have more than ever tried to back up our school with a pep squad. Since we have yelled so much at the past football games, will you please give every one brand new vocal cords, big mouths, strong lungs, peppy spirits and loads of loud cow bells. We want more kids so we can go to the basketball tournaments. Please give us some who will root until we have won.

We have been very good, this being the first year we have had a pep club.

But please Santa, most of all we want to win the games.

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Dear Santa:

We don't want very much this year. Just a few new brooms,

mops and a lot of sawdust because there isn't any here in Stratford. We would like the brooms and mops to be mechanical so that they will operate by remote control.

We would also like some new students who eat the paper rather than throw it on the floor. You might throw in a wind that blows dirt out of the school house rather than in. Thanks very much.

The Janitors.
P.S. If it isn't too much trouble you can install a button to our house, preferable to the bedroom, so that we may turn on the heat at the school without getting out of bed.

Dear Mr. Santa:

As a member of Stratford High School, I can assure you that there has never been a more studious, serious minded, knowledge seeking, cooperative and well behaved group in the History of Education. (In other words) we have been good! Now our wants are few and practical. We would like to have an elevator instead of stairs, lockers equipped with mirrors, candy, and a dryer for our bathing suits, we are very proud of our swimming pool, you understand, but it has created the need for a beauty parlor in our school, we enjoy studying, but due to weak eyes, we need a machine of some sort that would read our lessons to us. We realize that this may be rather difficult, but could you possibly create an outside interest to attract Mr. Chancey, perhaps then he wouldn't be so intense on assigning such difficult lessons. I have saved our last request for last, as it needs the most attention, to accommodate the girls of Stratford High, please send a carload of masculine students. The boys request the same shipment of beautiful bolndes. The only thing is, they must have a garage full of Cadillacs, a pocket full of money and a heart full of love.

Sincerely,
Stratford High School

Dear Santa:
Would you please present our president with a nice new gavel so that when he raps on the table it won't wake us.

Also we would like to have some very comfortable rocking chairs.

We think it would be nice and we would really appreciate some refreshments when we meet. Champaign and Cavier would do nicely.

Since we don't want very much this year. I am sure we will get all we ask for.

Love,
The Student Council.

P.S. Please send our advisor, Mr. McGaughy, longer week ends so that he can help more with the babies. By the way, if you have a few extra one's would you give them to the Stratford High School and especially to the Senior girls.

Dear Santa:

Since we have had a wheat crop shortage I'll not ask for as much as usual, just the bare necessities.

First: Please, send our school sound proof offices so that the over worked Superintendent and Principals can relax (even snore while relaxing) without the students knowing it.

Second: A complete set of new clocks, the kind that run slowly each morning and gain time, especially about 4 o'clock in the evening.

Third: Students that do not whisper, study continuously, make all A's, tip-toe to and from each class room, and are always punctual.

Fourth: Please, send the Math Department, all the equipment that can make A students out of the D and F group. If you have a mechanical brain, especially a simple one that can handle theorems, postulates, axioms, hypotenuses, polygons, loci, hyperbole, and other little Geome-

tric things, please send Miss Grady a few. Possibly 12 as they may come cheaper by the dozen.

Fifth: The Science Department needs, more materials, please, send acids and materials that have sweet odors (Blue Warts) not the same kinds that has been permeating our halls lately. Also send Glen Wake-

field materials that can't blow up! It is rapidly making old men and women out of our teachers as it keeps them on edge when Glen goes near the Science Department. If you are out of this material this year just substitute rubber windows in our Science Department.

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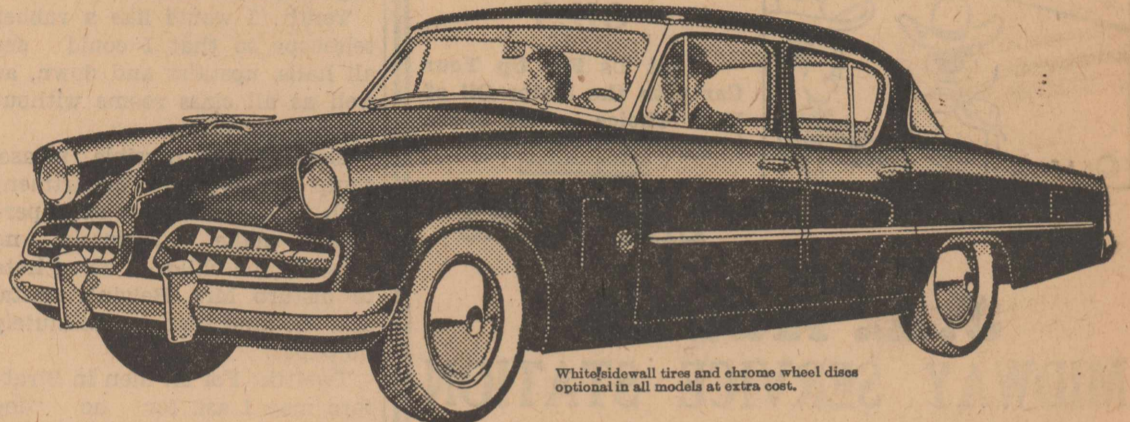
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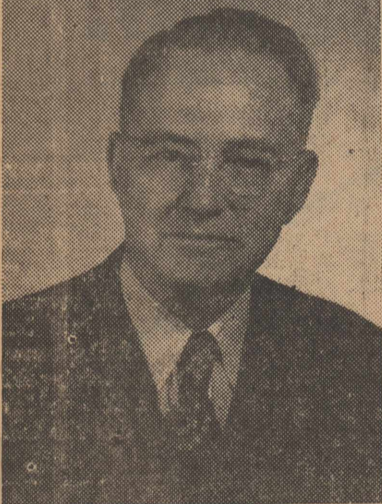
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Sixth: 2 cases of Miles Nerve is needed for our over-wrought Principals. I think this will put them through the Christmas season.

Seventh: Please send new alarm clocks to all teachers, the kind that rings and promises to get all teachers to school on time during the cold months but doesn't ring until 10:00 A. M. each Saturday.

Eight: We want our buses all equipped with batteries that always start in bad weather, tires that never have flats, and the new kind that run on air rather than gas.

Ninth: Please, see that we are equipped with Elk Fans, especially the kind that enjoy the games so much that they follow the teams every place they play. We could also use ones that think we have our admission prices so low that they would beg to donate more.

Tenth: I would like a rubber telescope so that I could see all halls, upstairs and down, as well as all class rooms without leaving my office.

Eleventh: If possible, please, equip our typing department with typewriters that spell perfectly, make absolutely no noise as the children do so hate to disturb Mrs. Belvin's siesta, and the kind that use absolutely no paper.

Twelfth: For all men in Stratford may I ask for no "dog houses". If absolutely necessary then we plead for bigger and better than we have been accustomed to.

To our patrons, school board members, and friends may we say a Merry Christmas and may all your wishes come true, mine too!

R. W. Standefer, Jr.
Superintendent.

Dear Santa Claus:
We would like some faster typewriters. Absolutely, Santa, the typewriters we have are dreadfully slow, and goodness gracious, they just make errors like mad! We are sure you will realize that we are in a truly deplorable situation.

Of course, we don't want you to feel that we are greedy but we would deeply appreciate some typing books with easier lessons. Oh, yes! Santa, darling, would you please take those speed tests entitled "The Mechanical Chirographer" to the North Pole with you. We do not appreciate them and some of the Eskimos might be intrigued by them.

We love you dearly,
Typing Classes.
P.S. Please give us some good grades on our semester tests.

Dear Santa:
Please bring my Freshman cooking class some one new to sample their food. If its at all possible please bring me some thing to keep my Home Economics III girls quiet. On top of all of this you might send me a round trip ticket home for Christmas, a new pink Cadillac, some new clothes, some new ideas for decorating the Home Economics room, a new set of nerves, and anything else you might like to throw in.

Love,
Miss Smith.

Dear Saint Nick:
Lots of things have been happening around my house this last year, for one thing there has been a new addition to the family. For this, reason I would like four dozen diapers, and six new baby bottles. For my wife, some new clothes, for my little boy a Roy Rogers gun set. For me bring some sleeping pills, our baby insists on staying awake at night.

Yours truly
Mr. McGaughey

Dear Santa Claus:
There is only one thing that I want. I will leave my front door open so you can get it in without marring it. I want a girl friend. I don't care about the size (fat, short, or tall) not the color of hair (red, black, or

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Dear Santa:
Please send me a '54 Ford to go to Texhoma to get my girl. Thanks,
Raymond Self.
P.S. Hurry!

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a pair of red cowboy boots with white tassels, a pair of levis with red plaid cuffs, a red bandana, a real cowboy hat and two six shooters that shoot real bullets. I want many more things but it takes me so long to print and I can't spell either so I guess this will be enough.

Mr. Lamb.

Dear Santa:
I am a Junior in high school. I have been a very good little girl. All I want is a letter from a certain boy who drives a blue 1947 Chevrolet. I would like also for you to bring all the other girls and boys what they want. I'm sure they have been good also. Thank you very much and a Merry Christmas to you.

Love,
Anna Mae Weller

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Raymond Self.
P.S. Hurry!

Dear Saint Nick:
I have been a nice little boy this year and only threw erasers and chalk. And only broke out 6 windows. I would like to have 6 Betty Grables and 3 Elizabeth Taylors, 2 Cadillacs, 4 Fords, and a few million dollars. I don't want much.

George Hayden Harding
P.S. Don't forget my friends and my big sister, she wants 4 Farley Grangers and 2 Van Johnsons. Thanks again.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a tall, dark, and handsome boy, with plenty of cars and money. Please remember my little sister, Martha P. Bring her a date for the Christmas dance and her friend, Feliz.

Your friend,
Virginia Plunk
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