

GREAT JOY

fills the air at Christmas time. May your fondest dreams come true.

SALEM DRY GOODS

Turkey, Texas



May the true meaning of Christmas dawn once again and bring its blessings to the world and its people. We wish you all the best this holiday season.

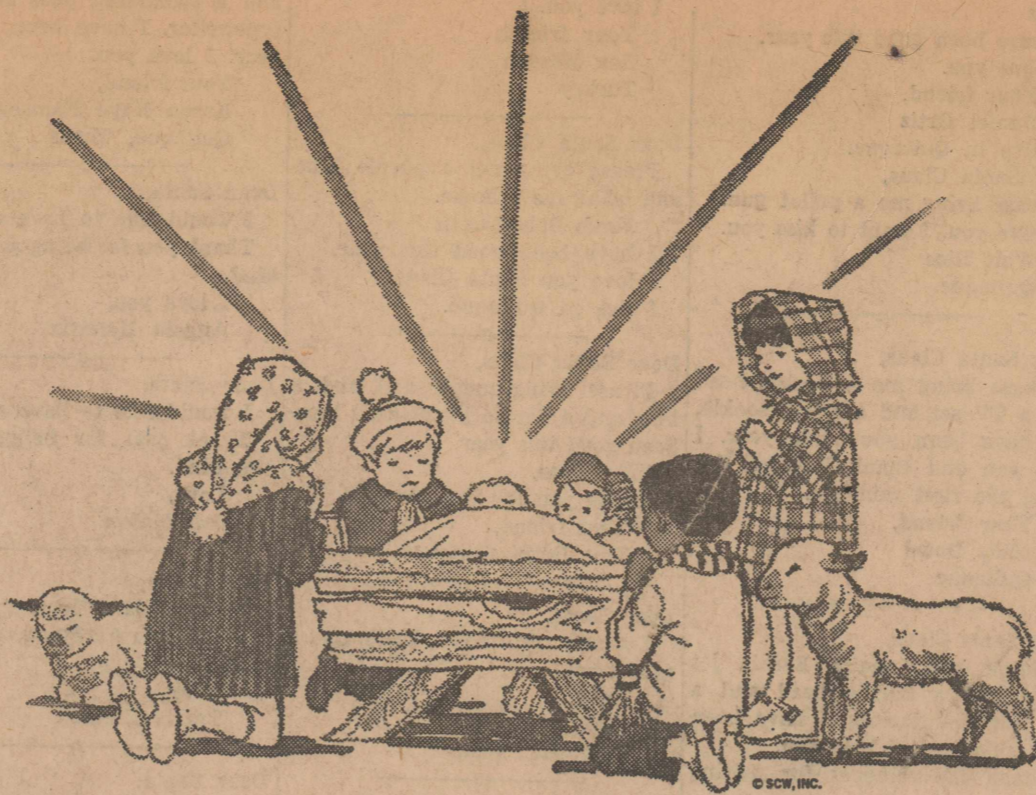
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Dora - W. E. - Shirley and Family



May the peace of Christmas be in all hearts this the most joyous of seasons. Happy holidays to you. 143XG73 Form 10

WILMA'S GROCERY



the animals in the stable talk as cathedral bells peal

Many years ago there existed a custom among the farm people on Christmas Eve to "light the animals to the stable."

The farmer would light two candles... one for himself and one for the shepherd boy assisting him. They held their flickering candles for a moment in the corners of the animals' stalls. Then each stood at one side of the doorway, while the animals were herded in. The candles were snuffed out, and the animals were served double rations, for was it not their Christmas celebration, too? They had shared their shelter with Him that first wonderful night.

One Christmas Eve the farmer's family readied themselves for Mass at the great Cathedral as was their custom.

In the stable the well-fed beasts drowsed contentedly. At midnight they were roused by the joyful pealing of the cathedral bells. As if by signal, the animals stirred themselves.

Flying to a high perch in the stalls the rooster stretched its neck and crowed: "Christ is born!"

"When?" croaked the raven, flapping its wings.

"This night," cawed the rook.

"Where?" asked the ox.



"Bethlehem," bleated the sheep.

"Let us go!" brayed the donkey.



With a buzzing of wings the bees flew out of the stable in swarms, singing a dissonant carol as they went.



And so, while the human beings sang praises to the newborn King of Kings in the Cathedral, the animals in their own simple way performed their acts of reverence. Some knelt in devotion.



In Palestine the church is gay with flags and decorations on Christmas Eve. A procession is heralded by a streaming banner held aloft by a flying horseman. Police mounted upon Arabian horses are followed by a single horseman standing

upon a coal-black steed, carrying the Cross. At the end of the procession are church men and members of the government, in two-wheeled carriages bearing the effigy of the Holy Child.

The procession enters a church, and winds its way down to a grotto where, marked by a silver star, is the site of the birth of Jesus. Here, too, is the site of the manger.

Merry Christmas Wonderful Time

With the simple but sincere greeting, "Merry Christmas", all the warmth and excitement of Christmas reaches its peak. Days and weeks of list-making, gift-shopping, home-decorating, party-planning are reaching a happy culmination when we start exchanging the greeting "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

Every year, Christmas seems to generate more eager anticipation, here and everywhere, with earlier and more enthusiastic planning- approximately, for part of the spirit and joy of Christmas is in the planning.

The spirit of Christmas starts with thoughtfulness. It begins in the hearts of each of us it grows with a hope, a wish, a prayer.

Christmas is for rejoicing, Christmas is for giving, Christmas is for sharing.

Christmas is a spirit abounding in legend and lore, in customs and traditions honored through the years. And most of all, it is the spirit of reverence and joy that shepherds and wise men knew.

To capture that spirit is to keep Christmas truly well, for it enriches all the things this wonderful season stands for.



FIXING... "Toys Not Tears" is Christmas theme of Air Force Security Policemen at Hanscom Field, Massachusetts. Staff Sergeants Frank Cartaglia and Douglas Keller, along with Sgt. Henry Litwin collectively repair a child's toy tricycle during their spare time. Toys made to look like new annually are distributed to needy children in the greater Boston area.

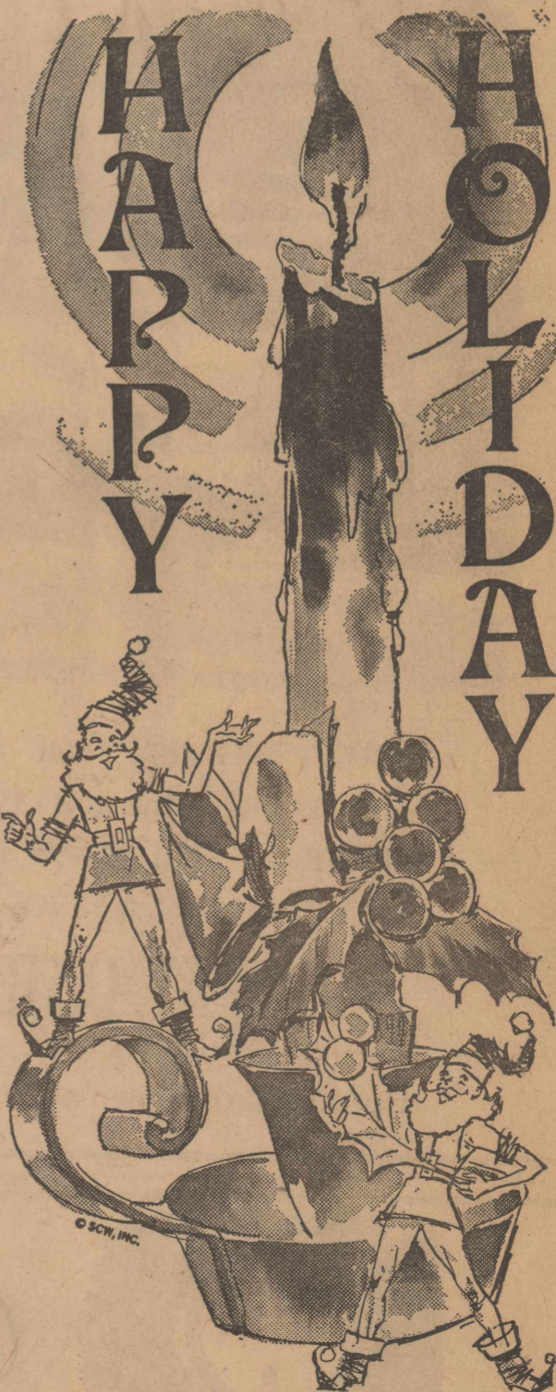


May this holiday season be joyful for each of our good friends! Thank you for your patronage throughout the past year.

LOLLA BELLE'S BEAUTY SHOP

Lolla Belle

Elaine



We'd like to take time out of our busy schedule to wish you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons and thank you for your patronage!

MERRELL FOOD

Quitague, Texas



May this holiday season bring to you and yours the old fashioned spirit of Christmas. A warm hearth, warm friends and a season bright with warm holiday cheer. We would like to join in by wishing you the warmest of holiday greetings!

GERALD & ANNA MAE SMITH



with friendly thoughts and wishes too, that Christmas brings the best to you.

Panhandle Oil Co.

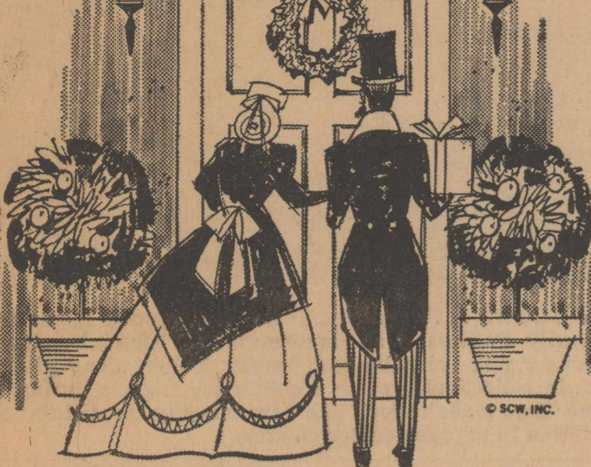
Turkey

Dear Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a gun, police suit and some handcuffs.
Your friend,

Shon
P. S. I want a train set, too.
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a tape recorder and a B-B gun. Please Santa

GREETINGS



Here's hoping you have a holiday season filled with old-fashioned cheer. Best wishes from all of us at

FARMERS CO-OP GIN.

Stubby and Crew

Claus.
I have been good this year.
I love you.
Your friend,
Daniel Ortiz
I live in Quitaque.
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a pellet gun.
I love you. I want to kiss you.
Wait Rice
Quitaque

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Barbie head and a TV set and a sweet cookie.
I have been good this year. I love you and thank Rudolph for being the first reindeer.
Your friend,
Mary Dowd
Quitaque

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Barbie jet plane and a Barbie head and a tent for the Barbies. I have been good this year. I love you.
Thank the reindeer for pulling the sled.
Your friend,
Terri Ramsey
Quitaque

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a curly doll with a pretty dress. And bring me a typewriter. I have been a good girl this year.
Your friend,
Cindy Lou Llanos
Quitaque, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a saddle.

I love you.
Your friend,
Rex Morgan
Turkey
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a purple bike and bring me a horse.
From Bobby Ortiz
I have been good this year.
I love you Santa Claus.
I live in Quitaque.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll and a bike and a Barbie jet plane. I have been good this year.
I love you.
Thank you for the presents.
Your friend,
Tina Ortiz, Quitaque

Dear Santa,
I want a train and a bride and a race track.
Love,
Kraig
Quitaque, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a piano. I have been god this year. I love you, Santa Claus.
Your friend,
Josephine Aguirre
Quitaque

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bicycle and piano and a doll.
I have been god this year.
I love you.
Your friend,
Edelmira Campos
Quitaque

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a trampoline

and a swimming pool and a real typewriter. I have been good this year. I love you.
Your friend,
Karen Kaye Ramsey
Quitaque, Texas

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a ring.
Thank you for being so good and kind.
I love you,
Angela Hendrix

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a B-B gun.
Thank you for being so good and kind.
Love,
Jeff Mason

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a pellet gun.
Thank you for being so good and kind.
Love,
Travis Kimbell

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a GI Joe.
Thank you for being so nice.
I love you,
Felix Rodriguez

Lights In Window Comes from Ireland

The placing of lights in windows has become very popular in our holiday festivities. It originated from an Irish custom. The Irish place lighted candles in their windows on Christmas Eve as a guide and an invitation to all who, like Mary and Joseph on their first Christmas Eve, may be wandering about unable to find quarters for the night. In Ireland poor wanderers and tramps are welcomed everywhere. They are given a good meal, a place to sleep, and are sent on their way in the morning with a bit of money in their pockets.

Pomander Balls Easy-to-Make Gift

Pomander balls are easy-to-make gifts - and inexpensive too. Stick whole cloves into large, firm oranges until completely covered. Cloves may be inserted more easily if holes have been made with tines of a fork. Roll in a mixture of equal parts orris root (purchase in pharmacy) and ground cinnamon. Use about 1 1/2 tablespoons total for each orange. Wrap in tissue. As pomander dries and shrinks, it develops its spicy fragrance. Remove tissue, shake off loose powder and pomander is ready for use. These are wonderful for closets and dresser drawers.

Legend of the Magical Cherry Tree

In the days of the Christ Child's birth much of the known world was under the dominion of Rome. The people paid taxes to the Roman Empire.

A few weeks before her child was due, Mary and her husband, Joseph, plied their weary way to Bethlehem to pay their taxes.

On the way, Mary asked Joseph to pluck some cherries from a tree which, as if by magic, bloomed and bore fruit before their eyes.

Weary from miles of walking along the dusty road, and anxious to reach the city before dark, Joseph refused.

Patiently Mary again asked him to pluck the cherries. When he again refused, the tree bent down its branches so that Mary could reach them.

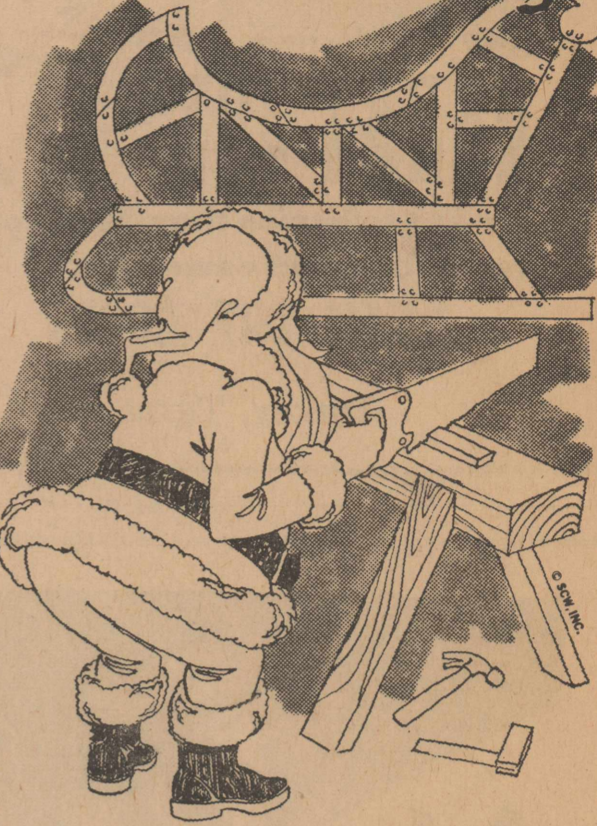
Awed and struck by this miracle, Joseph reverently sank to his knees and asked forgiveness of his Lord, and of Mary. Now he realized that the baby soon to be born must indeed be the Son of God.



Holly, Traditional To Christmas

Holly has long been considered the most sacred of Christmas greens; and the red berries are said to represent the blood of Jesus. "Of all the trees that are in the wood, only the holly bears the crown!"

Holiday Greetings



Just putting together the best of wishes for all our good friends. May this Yule season be a happy one for you and your loved ones. Thanks for your patronage.

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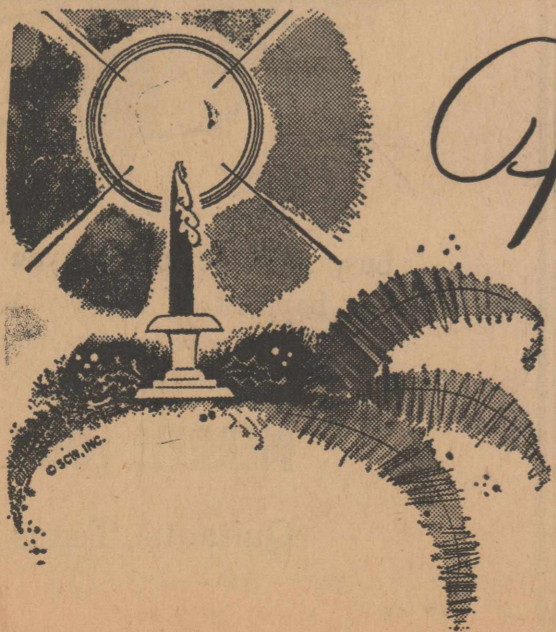
Quitaque, Texas



WHAT BETTER TIME TO WISH ALL OUR GOOD FRIENDS AND PATRONS THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS AND THE BEST OF EVERYTHING! A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

PAYMASTER GIN

Ronnie Carpenter and Family and Crew



Happy Holidays

Best wishes for a joyous Noel to all our wonderful friends. May the best of the holiday season be yours!

MORRISON DRUG & GIFTS

Murry - Johnnie - Neva - Joe

Merry Christmas



We're drumming up lots of good wishes for our wonderful friends this holiday season. We'd like to thank you for your loyal patronage through the year. Greetings from

HERRINGTON EQUIPMENT CO.

Ross and Tommy