

County Youth Livestock Show Scheduled Saturday, January 20th

Annual Meeting of Federal Land Bank Stockholders Held Dec. 13th

Goodfellows Packing Baskets; Confident of Additional Gifts

Prattle

By AL HINDS



do you say if someone...

begin with Christmas... in gold and red and...

the beginning... of Christmas is simple...

us shall find Christ... we search our individual...

the outward signs... as well there is one...

it is Christmas once... it is time again for...

thankful for those... for which Christmas...

that ever 'gainst... comes. Wherein our...

Final Rites Are Held For J. W. (Slim) McKinney

J. W. (Slim) McKinney, 63, farm laborer, who resided at 800 South Ave. E., Haskell, passed away at 3:45 a. m. Sunday, December 17, in the Haskell County Hospital, where he had been a patient for five days.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p. m., Tuesday, December 19th, from the First Methodist Church here, with Rev. J. V. Patterson, pastor, officiating. Holden Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements and interment was in Willow Cemetery.

Born May 17, 1904, at McGregor, he was married to Bertha Trimmer, October 30, 1927, at Vera, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. McKinney moved to Haskell in 1943 from Ardmore, Oklahoma. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Billy Gene Rogers of Abilene and Mrs. Nadine Rogers, Haskell; three sons, Eugene McKinney of Brownsville, Bobby McKinney of North Hollywood, Calif., and Kenneth McKinney of Haskell; two brothers, George of Plainview and W. E. of Lebanon, Indiana; six sisters, Mrs. Lorene Jones of Wichita Falls, Mrs. Rosa Lee Myers of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Mrs. Mary Lou Gore of Stinton, Mrs. Ruby Gaither of Fort Worth, Mrs. Bertha Mae Cook of Escandino, Calif., and Mrs. Johnnie M. Burgard of Carlsbad, New Mexico and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Olen King, V. P. Terrell, Slover Bledsoe, Herman Lacey, G. W. Roberts and Jesse Dean.

Three Persons Injured In Wreck Friday Night

Three persons were injured Friday night around 8:30 o'clock when two pick-ups met head-on near Lackey's Auction House, 100 North First.

Scott White of Rule, driving a 1965 pick-up, headed west and a 1959 Dodge pickup traveling east, driven by Narcisse Lucio, of Haskell, were involved in the mishap.

Fire Destroys Farm Home Near Weinert, Friday

The Eddie Sanders five-room frame home and furnishings, plus utility room, about one-and-one-half miles west of Weinert, was completely destroyed by fire between 6:00 and 7:00 Friday morning.

Origin of the blaze was not determined, but was thought to have been caused by faulty wiring.

The Sanders were in Wichita Falls visiting their daughter and family, the Wayne Olfutts', at the time of the fire.

Dr. Montgomery Rotary Speaker Thursday Noon

"Education is the Foundation of our society," Dr. Robert A. Montgomery, director of the Educational Center, Abilene, told members of the Rotary Club at last Thursday's noon-day luncheon meeting at Fekler's Restaurant dining room.

H. T. Wilkinson, school superintendent, was in charge of the program, and introduced the guest speaker.

"The Educational Service Center, in Abilene, was set-up by the legislature, in August of this year, and covers a 13-county area which is Region 14. This area covers 47,000 students," the guest speaker said.

"Main service of the Center this year has been a film library, but in two or three years we hope to have processing network, pupil diagnostic service and instructional increase," Dr. Montgomery said.

Old Man Winter 'Jumps The Gun', Arrives Early

Although winter does not officially arrive until 8:17 a. m., Friday, December 22, it was hard to convince Haskellites last weekend that the frosty-old man had not jumped the gun, so to speak, and made his appearance a bit early.

A conglomeration of weather, consisting of rain, mist, sleet and snow Thursday, Friday and Saturday iced down this area like frosting on mama's coconut cake.

Actually the blizzard moved in Wednesday night of last week, accompanied by showers which totaled 1 1/2 inches of drizzle, snow, mist and sleet Thursday, plus a freezing drizzle Friday and more showers Saturday, brought another 67 of an inch to bring the overall total to .80 of an inch during the "cold spell," according to Sam Herren, "The Weatherman."

62 Wrecks; Four Killed; 28 Injured In Haskell County Past 11 Months

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated eight accidents on rural highways in Haskell County during the month of November, according to Sergeant Frank Jirek, Highway Patrol Supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in five persons injured and an estimated property damage of \$5,575.00.

The rural accident summary for this county during the first 11 months of 1967 shows a total of 62 accidents resulting in four persons killed, 28 persons injured, and an estimated property damage of \$47,324.00.

What does the traffic picture look like for this Christmas—New Year holiday season? Past records have proven December to be the most deadly month of the year. December, 1966, recorded 351 traffic fatalities.

Wiseman And Barnett Make All-Region Band

In the Region II try-outs for All-Region Band that were held recently in Jacksboro, some 400 band members from the region were present for competition.

Randy Wiseman and Lon Barnett competed for placement in the band and victory was their reward. Lon placed eighth chair bass horn, and Randy placed third chair cornet.

By winning the third chair position, Randy will be eligible for All-State Band try-outs January 20, 1968, at a place yet to be decided. He will be in competition with 14 other cornets representing the three northern regions in Texas. Only five of these 15 cornet players will be placed in the All-State Band.

The All-Region Band will be in concert Saturday night, January 6, 1968, after a grueling two day rehearsal at the University of Texas at Arlington. The concert, held at the University Auditorium, will be a varied and delightful program which should offer music that will appeal to all tastes.

County Library Moved To The Commodity Bldg.

The Haskell County Library, which has been located on the second floor of the courthouse, has been moved to its "new home" in the south half of the west end of the Commodity Building across the street east of the Free Press.

In a recent meeting, Commissioners voted in favor of the new location of the library, and the moving process was accomplished last weekend.

The library is open Wednesday and Friday of each week, with Mrs. Elsie McGee, librarian.

Winners Are Named In Home Lighting Contest

Winners have been announced in the Christmas home lighting contest jointly sponsored by the Haskell Business and Professional Women's Club and the West Texas Utilities Company.

Winner of first place in the window lighting division was Lee Anne Frierson, 1101 North Avenue F. She received a toast master heater. Second prize of \$5.00 went to Mrs. C. E. Tidwell, 1401 North Ave. J.

First in the door division was Mrs. Bailey Toliver, 1601 North Ave. F. She received a Teflon griddle. Second place winner of \$5.00 was Mrs. J. E. Walling, Jr., 1503 North First.

Christmas Candlelighting Service To Be Presented At Meth. Church

A Christmas candlelighting service, "The Glorious Light of Christmas," will be presented at the First Methodist Church, Sunday, December 24, at 5:00.

Music will be presented by Mrs. Kenneth Lane, organist; Miss Millie Holden, soloist; the Junior Choir, and the congregation.

The story of the first Christmas as told in Luke 2 will be read by Jim Kemp.

Miss Paula Terrell will bring the Christmas message, "Let's Keep Christmas," by Peter Marshall.

Wreck In Car Wreck

SP/4 Curtis Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hawkins of Haskell and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Vaughn of Weir, is in a Dimmitt Hospital for treatment of injuries received in a car wreck on a rain-slick highway between Hart and Dimmitt early Thursday morning, December 14th.

Hawkins received a severe blow to his chest from the impact of the steering wheel. A heart specialist who was called in said the impact to his chest was "one heart attack."

He was on a 45-day leave, after having spent 18 months in Okinawa and was to report at Sigon at the end of his leave.

C of C To Hold "Open House" Today and Friday

The Chamber of Commerce will hold "open house" today, Thursday, December 21 and Friday, December 22, and the welcome mat is out to all to drop by the C of C office for coffee, cake or cookies and "fellowship."

It was announced at the board of directors meeting Tuesday night that Harry Cowan, of Austin, regional director for the United States Chamber of Commerce, had been obtained for the Chamber banquet slated February 23rd.

Funeral Services 10:00 A. M. Today For Miss Mondy

Miss Ida Mondy, 79, a resident of Haskell County since 1919, passed away Tuesday, December 19, at 11:30 a. m. in the Haskell County Hospital where she had been a patient for the past six days. She resided at 804 South First Street, Haskell, and was a member of the Baptist Church.

Goodfellows Packing Baskets; Confident of Additional Gifts

There is still time for residents to join Goodfellows in providing Christmas cheer for those less fortunate in our community. Hand your contribution today to Royce Adkins, Lions Goodfellow project chairman, or mail it to the Haskell Free Press, earmarked "Goodfellows."

Goodfellows, confident that the money still needed to provide Christmas baskets for unfortunate families in Haskell will be forthcoming, are now packing the baskets.

Although there is not nearly enough money on hand at present to pay for the baskets, Royce Adkins, chairman, is still optimistic about the Lions sponsored project and expressed confidence that additional gifts between now and this weekend would be sufficient to underwrite cost of the Christmas baskets, which will exceed \$1,000.

- Lions have been busily engaged the past few days assorting and packing baskets which will be delivered on Saturday morning, December 23. Prev. acknowledged: \$250.26 Latest contributions follow: In memory of Lon Pate...\$15.00 Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pitman...\$10.00 Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Frierson...\$ 5.00 In honor of Mrs. Maurice Gannaway, Gary Frierson...\$ 1.00 Mrs. Lynn Pace, Sr...\$15.00 Michael Medley, in honor of Mrs. Toliver...\$ 1.00 Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Terrell and Paula...\$10.00 Janice and Pace O'Neal...\$10.00 Opal Rose...\$ 5.00 Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Colbert...\$15.00 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dick...\$ 5.00 Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Diggs...\$ 5.00 Mr. and Mrs. H. Russell and Cynthia...\$ 5.00 Anonymous...\$ 1.00 Lyles Jewelry...\$ 5.00 Mr. and Mrs. Hill Oates...\$10.00 Bus. Men's Bible Class...\$50.00 Haskell I.O.O.F. Lodge...\$25.00 Mr. and Mrs. Royce Adkins...\$10.00 Haskell Free Press...\$15.00 Anonymous...\$ 1.00 Connie Turnbow, in honor of Mrs. Foote...\$ 1.00 Mr. and Mrs. H. Withers...\$ 1.00 Mrs. J. R. McMillen...\$10.00 Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hester...\$ 5.00 Lane-Felker...\$10.00 West Texas Power Plant Employees Fund...\$50.00 Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Middlebrook, in memory of Gena Lynn...\$25.00 Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Montgomery and Suzie...\$ 5.00 Mayfield's Bible Class of First Christian Church...\$ 8.00 First Christian Church...\$25.00 Total (to press time)...\$614.26

Lions View Safety Film Tuesday Noon

"No Accident" was the title of a very timely film produced by the Ford Motor Company and shown at the Tuesday noon-day luncheon session of the Haskell Lions Club. Wallace Cox, Jr., was program chairman for the day.

Objective of the film is accident prevention. The research program underway by Ford Motor Company is to build greater automobile safety in the future. The film not only pointed out the need of vehicle safety, but also the need for safety design in roads.

Royce Adkins, chairman of the Lions Goodfellow project, stated that assorting and packing of the boxes for less fortunate families at Christmastime, was underway and the boxes would be delivered Saturday morning, December 23.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



FOXHOLE HOLIDAY

By Sam Smith
In the shallow depth of a jungle foxhole, the Christmas spirit is a hard thing to come by. In fact, if it wasn't for some wise guy, like the "preacher" over there, you wouldn't even know what day it was, as if it made any difference.

Lost. Cut off from your company. Burrowed down in a muddy hole that the enemy may any moment come to reclaim for his own, you can but gaze up at an empty night sky and try to close your ears against monotonous sound of his voice.

... And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, into the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David).

Nuts. It must be near daylight. We've been in this hole for hours. Seems more like months, though, what with "the kid" over there calling for his mama when he's asleep and crying out loud when he's awake. And Preacher, him reciting just like he was reading it out of a book. How does a guy get like that, anyhow?

... With Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

Boy! Fat chance we got being delivered from here. Five will get you ten we've been marked off already. Operation mess-up, that's us. What starts off as a simple patrol winds up a one-way ticket out of the war — out of the whole picture. Why should they take us prisoners? The way they move around, we'd be too much excess baggage.

Look at Sarge. Is he worried? How can you tell? That lump of tobacco in his left jaw hasn't moved in an hour or two. Neither has his eyes. If I couldn't hear him breathing I'd think he was dead. Well, come tomorrow morning...

... And she brought forth her first born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

No room in this cottonpickin' foxhole either. Reb, there, snoring like he was safe at home in a feather bed. That guy could sleep on a rock pile. First in line for chow and pay, first of all to hit the hay. Nice guy, though. Maybe he has the right attitude. Why worry? Not much you can do about things. Just rock along, get your share of everything you can, speak only when spoken to, don't volunteer for nothin'.

... And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And keeping watch is what they're doing out there. Wonder how close they are? Surely they know we're here. They broke off the search at twilight, but you can bet they're not far. Come daylight, they'll zero in on us, for sure. We haven't got a prayer.

... And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them...

There she comes. That first break in the sky. Can't be long now. The trees are beginning to take shape. I know I can see movement. There's no breeze. Too big to be a bird. It is; it must be; it is them.

"Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

"That cooks us. It's broad daylight now. This is it. Wake up, you heavy-eyed sky-jumpers, you're about to be pounced on."

"Hey, hey, you guys, heads down. There's mail coming in. It's ours. Listen to them mortars bang. Hey, Sarge! Reb! Kid! Hey, Preach! Look up! Look up! Choppers, man, choppers. Come on here, you whirlybirds! Merry Christmas, you egg-beaters, Merry Christmas to one and all!"

BASIL CAKES

On New Year's the Swedes serve a meal that is much like the Christmas feast. It begins with many appetizers, followed by lutefisk, served with cream sauce, boiled potatoes, ham, and their special rice pudding. In Switzerland housewives pride themselves on a distinctive bread, containing milk, butter, eggs, raisins, as well as other ingredients.

For years it was the habit of an Austrian family to serve a big noon-time dinner. The Hungarians, at their New Year's feast, served a roasted pig, with four-leaf clover or an apple in its mouth, as the chief article of food.

Greek women bake "basil cakes" (the Feast of St. Basil falls on January 1), while dressed in their best attire. Even wealthy ladies, when baking such cakes, don their finest jewelry.

WATCH NIGHT

At the Watch Night service in New York's noted Riverside church, there is an "hour of significance"; then the carillon in the tower announces the arrival of the New Year. This is a great contrast to the noisy observance in Times Square, but both are typical of the way the United States heralds the coming year. No doubt how one celebrates, he will wish with William Cullen Bryant: "The good old year is past, oh be the new as kind!"



CAVE SCENE . . . Television crews are shown shooting night scenes for the Christmas special "Christ Is Born" in one of the many caves in the Holy Land representative of the ones in which Christ was born. Many of the caves were and are still used as stables.



FUN FOR KIDS . . . Make-and-play toys are high on the youngsters' gift lists this holiday season. One such unit enables kids to make all sorts of creepy people and things, using a plastic liquid that is heated and poured into a mold. The heating unit is UL-approved.



Since Christmas is traditionally a season of joy and happiness, special consideration should be given to the "do" and "don't" safety rules we should observe year-round. Don't get carefree and increase the possibility of an unhappy accident.

First, decorate wisely. Do not use cotton, paper or any flammable material when you trim the family tree. Do not place electric trains or other electric powered devices around the tree. Metallic tinsel falling across the track could create a short circuit and cause the train transformer to burn.

Be sure that all toys are of nonflammable materials. Some imported toys are made of nitrocellulose (which looks like celluloid or plastic) and this material burns with surprising ferocity.

Choose only electrical toys and tree lighting sets which are laboratory approved.

Do not use lighted candles near the tree, or in windows. Keep curtains or any other flammable material at windows pulled back at least 6 inches from any electric candles or wreaths.

On Christmas day, keep a carton handy and dispose of all gift wrappings promptly. Don't let them pile up around the tree, near the fireplace, or any heating device.

Have yourself a happy, accident-free holiday.

BANNOCKS IN IRELAND

Bannocks, with holes in them, like our doughnuts, are made especially for New Years in County Antrim, Ireland. The Scots prepared "hot pot," spice, sweetened ale, sometimes with spirits added; when the clock struck midnight, the family drank together.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

St. Francis of Assisi is credited with making popular the Christmas Nativity scene. He is also author of a prayer inspired by the Christmas spirit:

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born in Eternal Life."

Twelfth Night End Of Season

There are many ancient and modern rituals surrounding the observance of the Twelfth Night or Epiphany, January 6, which marks the end of the Christmas holiday season.

Epiphany was first observed in memory of the baptism of Christ. It was first mentioned in A.D. 194 and by the 4th Century was a widely accepted holiday. Today, Epiphany has a three-fold meaning; the visit of the Wise men to Jesus; the baptism of Jesus; and the miracle at Cana when Jesus changed water to wine at the wedding feast.

In 9th century England, King Alfred decreed that the Christmas season would include Christmas day and the 12 days following.

The Twelfth Night cake, along with the tradition of burning Christmas greenery on January 6, was in vogue when Charles II ascended the throne.

Latin peoples regard Epiphany as not only a solemn religious festival but also the beginning of the pre-Lenten carnival season. Mexican observance of Epiphany includes a march of the devout to the shrine of the miraculous Lord of Chalma in a valley southwest of Mexico City.

A January 6 ritual at Tarpon Springs, Florida, involves blessing of the Greek sponge divers and casting of a gold crucifix into the waters to signify the baptism of Christ.

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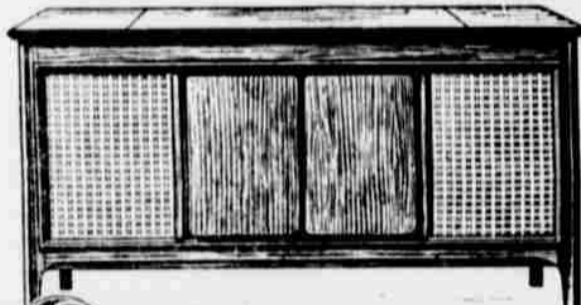


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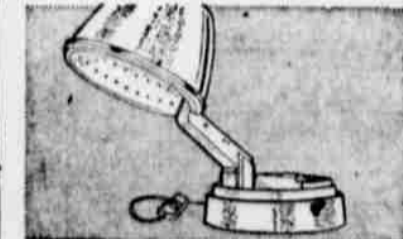
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FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER PREC. 3
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 FOR SALE: 1957 Chevrolet. See Cliff Dunnam, 8 miles north of Haskell, phone 864-2003. 50-52p

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE
 2 bedroom in northwest section, nothing down. \$120.00 closing.

Extra nice 2-bedroom with 18x20 ft. den, carpeted. This has to be seen to appreciate. Nice yard.

Large 2 bedroom on 5 acres, utility room, carpet on living room. Water for irrigation.

2 Bedroom on North Ave. M. Close to Hospital, rest homes. Present loan at 4 1/2 %.

3-bedroom brick on 20 acres, irrigated, also 20 acres adjoining with 10-year lease, central air and heat.

Large 2-bedroom stucco brick near high school. Large den, pannelled walls.

3-bedroom brick, large living room, kitchen-den combination, 1 1/2 bath, large lot with fenced yard, central heat and air.

House and three acres.
Coggins and Hartsfield
 Haskell, Tex. 46-48c

BY OWNER: 164 1/2 acres, all terraced, on gravel road, RFD, REA, school bus, one mile off pavement, near southwest corner of Haskell County. One-half mile south and 1 1/2 mile northeast of oil production. Some minerals. \$200.00 per acre. R. H. Astin, Stamford, Texas. 51-1p

FOR SALE: Foreclosed property, no down payment, small monthly payment. In good neighborhood, call 888-5266, Seymour, Collect. Olney Federal Savings and Loan. 51-4c

FOR RENT
 FOR RENT: 2 bedroom house on 807 N. Ave. D. Call Otis Henshaw, 888-2601, Seymour, Texas. 50-51p

FEMALE HOLLY
 Most everyone knows that among bird families the most brilliantly colored is generally the male. But, did you know there is both a male holly tree and a female holly tree — and that only female hollies bear berries? You can distinguish between the two at blossom time in late May or early June. The female flower has a green protuberance in the center surrounded by four white pistils. The male flower has four yellow stamens and does not have a center core of green.

NOT A MUST
 Prepare a special gift for a "stranger!" With so many people to remember, we have a list of relatives and friends we "must" give presents to. This year let's select an "extra" gift and contribute it to an organization which takes on the task of helping less fortunate have something of Christmas.

TAX MAN SAM SEZ:
 During the next week Jolly Old Santa Claus will come down the chimney, football players will "bowl out" the season, and the Internal Revenue Service will send you the 1967 income tax forms. There are actually people who file their tax returns on January 1 or January 2 — so the tax folks can't keep the tax forms until April 10 to accommodate most of us taxpayers. In the "EC" years (Before Computer) it did not make too much difference if you happened to lose the tax forms that you got in the mail between Christmas and New Years — since you could go down to IRS or the Post Office and pick up some more. However, in the "WC" age (With Computer) you should use the forms that have your name, address and taxpayer identification number punched in or printed on the return. Keep these tax returns in a good safe place so your tax return will say "Hello computer, remember me!" instead of the computer saying "Bud, I never heard of you."

Rule Romps Over O'Brien 70-20
 The Rule Babests blasted O'Brien 70-20 in the District 12-B opener at O'Brien Tuesday night.
 Johnny Westbrook hit 29 points for the winners and Lanny Covey led O'Brien with seven.
 Rule's girls won 49-37 as Susan May hit 35 points, Susie Del Hierro had 19 for O'Brien.



BOY'S DELIGHT . . . We may call it the Space Age, yet it would be difficult to find a boy anywhere who would not be tickled pink to find that Santa had left him an electric train set beneath the family tree.

Season's Best Foods

AT LOW HOLIDAY PRICES!

Cut Down on Dishwashing! Compartment PAPER PLATES 8 count pkg. 29¢	BISCUITS Can 5¢	CRANBERRY SAUCE Can 19¢
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Gandy's ICE CREAM
1/2 gal. **59¢**

Betty Crocker Layer
CAKE MIX Box **29¢**

Baker's Angel Flake
COCONUT 4-oz. can 2 for **35¢**

CHOICE MEATS

Fresh or Frozen Chicken
HENS LB. **39¢**

Gladiola
MEAL 5 lb. bag **35¢**

GARDEN FRESH VEGETABLES

Stalk
CELERY 9¢

Armour's or Gooch
HAMS 2 lb. can **\$2.59**

Decker's Quality
BACON LB. **59¢**

None-Such
MINCE MEAT 9 oz. pkg. **29¢**

Del Monte
PUMPKIN 303 Can 2 for **35¢**

Del Monte
Cut Green **BEANS . . 25¢**

Decker's Pure Pork
SAUSAGE 2 lb. sack **79¢**

Kraft's Philadelphia Cream
CHEESE 8-oz. pkg. **29¢**

Gandy's
SOUR CREAM DIP . 29¢

Del Monte 20-oz. bottle
CATSUP 33¢

Schilling's 2-oz. bottle
VANILLA 39¢

Prell Large
SHAMPOO 61¢

Welch Chocolate Covered
CHERRIES 10 - oz. box **37¢**

Del Monte Crushed
PINE-APPLE No. 2 can **29¢**

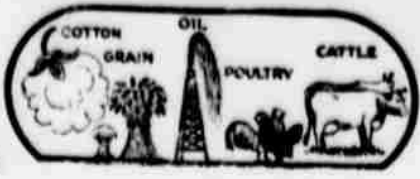
Maryland Club Pound can
COFFEE 73¢

Gholson Grocery

Phone 864-2929— 25c charge on deliveries under \$2.50 —North Side Square

SECTION TWO

THE HASKELL FREE PRESS



HASKELL, TEXAS 79521, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1967

NUMBER FIFTY-ONE

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa, I am in the first grade. Please bring me a tractor with trailer, the Mustang Horse and a big big red wagon.
Thank you
Timmy Leek, 105 N. 4th
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa, Please bring me these things:
1. Book satchel
2. Snow cone maker
3. Heidi's swimming pool
I love you,
Peggy Harris, Age 7

Dear Santa, I am looking for you Christmas Eve. I will leave some cake for you and I hope you leave some things for me. Here are some things I want: I want a football, a football helmet, a b. b. gun, a motorific, and a pair of cleats.
With love,
Eddie Medford

Dear Santa Claus, This year I'm five years old and for Christmas I would like to have a racing car set, Incredible Edibles, and a game. I'll be in Texas at my Aunt Joey's for Christmas. Please remember my cousins, Mike, Kippie, Cliff and Shane and especially my friend, Dougie, in Fairmont.
Love, Brett Gibson
Fairmont, Minn.

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good boy. Please bring me a Signal light for my Bike and a Banana Seat and tall handle Bars.
Daniel Phea
P. S. and Bring other girls and boys some thing.

Dear Santa, I have tried to be a good girl this year. Please bring me a Giggles doll, a record player and records and a makeup kit with real lipstick.
Don't forget my baby brother, Lex. Please bring him some baby toys.
Love,
Lynn Weatherly

Dear Santa, I am 6 years old and I am in the first grade. I would like to have a drum set, pool table, racing car set, boxing gloves and a transistor radio.
I have been a pretty good boy this year.
Thank you
Mark Greenroy

Dear Santa, Please come and visit me. I have been a pretty good boy and



CHRISTMAS TREATS

Festive desserts and traditional drinks are a familiar part of the Christmas observance.
Turkey on Christmas Day is an American specialty. Yet no treats are more associated with the holiday than plum pudding and mince pie.

The original plum pudding, tradition says, was cooked up by an English hunting party lost in the woods on Christmas Eve. It consisted of deer meat and a mixed variety of game animals, birds' eggs, dried plums, ale, brandy, sugar and flour.
Mince pie, we are told, was created by the Puritans and served with a tiny figure of the Christ child in its center. The earliest known recipe dates to the reign of James I in the 17th Century — and called for beef tongue, chopped chick-

en, eggs, raisins, orange and lemon peelings, sugar and an assortment of spices.
Hot punches have always been popular in England and are regaining some favor in America.
A mild drink is spiced tea with cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg added before brewing. A bit more glowing is mulled cider, simmered with spices and served with floating orange slices. And finally, the traditional Tom and Jerry, spiced brandy, frothy with egg.

age, and a table with chairs. Please be good to my sister, Bonnie, and all the other little children.
Love, Jill Ann Adkins
Munday, Texas

us whatever you think we'd enjoy. Be sure to stop and see my little cousins and all the other good children. Also stop and see my Grandma and Grandpa, too. See you Christmas.
Love,
Connie and Earl Scheets

Dear Santa, I have been a pretty good boy. I want a bicycle and a big truck with lots of cars. I have a little brother, name Mark. He wants a Texaco truck, and a bicycle with wheel on the back.
Thank you
Mike and Mark Stewart
Del Rio, Texas 78840
Box 1549

Dear Santa Claus, Would you please bring me a Giggles and a watch. And a Bobby Gentry album. Also a pair of house shoes and some kind of game. Don't forget the girls and boys.
Love,
Carol Sue Lehde

Dear Santa, I'm a little girl, four years old, and I have a little brother almost 2 years old. We've been pretty good kids this year and we're looking forward to your visit.
We want so much I don't know what to name but I'd especially like to have a talking telephone, a punching bag and a slinky toy.
My little brother likes trucks, guns and big blocks. Just bring

Fielding Apts. II
Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus, I am writing for you on Christmas Eve. I have been a nice girl all year. I want some toys for Christmas. I want a doll called Cheerful Tearful and an iron and an ironing board.
With love,
Dorothy Kaye Brooks

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Route 1, Box 89
Weinert, Texas 76388

Dear Santa, Please bring me a woodburning set, a watch and a Hands-Up Harry. I have tried to be a good boy. I am 8 years old and in the third grade. I will leave you something to eat under the tree. Don't forget all the other boys and girls.
With love,
Jack Rueffer

Route 1
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa, I will be looking for you on Christmas Eve. I would like you to bring me a bow and arrow and a pogo stick and some candy and cookies. Don't forget the other children please.
With love,
James Wittenborn
601 North Ave. F
Haskell, Texas 79521

Dear Santa, I am a boy 8 years old. I am in the third grade. Will you please bring me a race car set and a stick shift? Remember the other boys and girls.
With love,
David Tidwell

1404 N. Ave. L
Haskell, Texas 79521

Dear Santa, Please bring me some nuts, apples, oranges and cookies and toys. Here are the toys I want, an Easy Bake Oven, a bracelet, a watch, some roller skates, Incredible Edibles, a game called Queen of the Prom, and a chalk

GREETINGS

We wish you every joy and blessing of this happy Christmas Season!

QUEEN ROOFING COMPANY



Our Sincere Wish is that you and your family may know all the old-fashioned, yet ever new, joys of the Season . . .
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

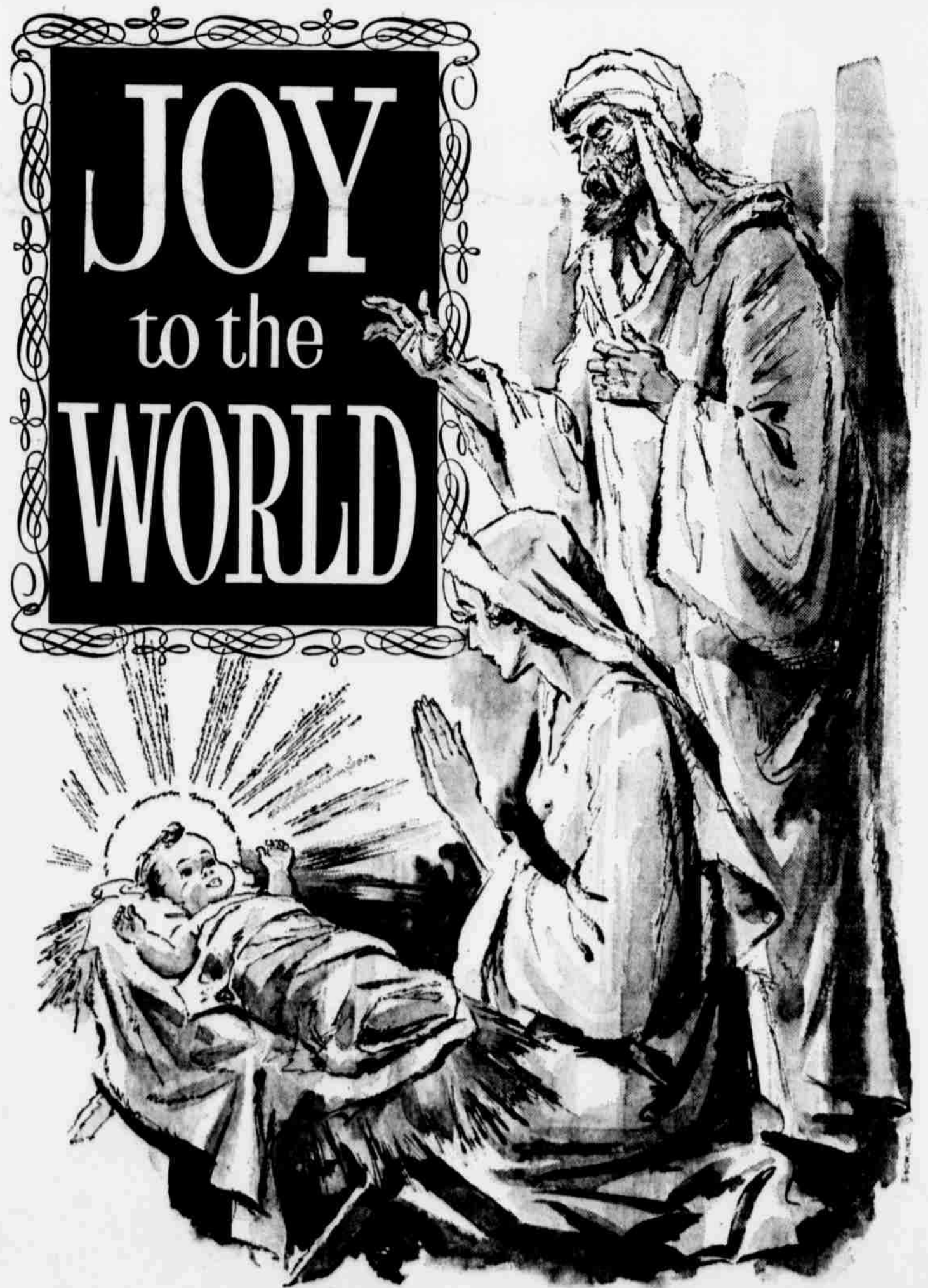
BROOKS MIDDLETON
Gulf Distributor



Christmas Greetings

A cheery hello to each of you from the staff and management of

KENNEDY LUMBER CO.



The Lord is come! Let us go and worship the Babe Who brings His message of peace and love to all nations once again! May He bless you and yours at this holy season!

Haskell National Bank

May this holy season be filled with blessings for all
GHOLSON GROCERY CO.



★GOOD FRIENDS
★GOOD HEALTH
★GOOD CHEER
★GOOD FORTUNE

Haskell Tortilla Factory & Bakery

Mgrs. Gonzales & Guajardo

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,
Sure do thank you for the things you brought me last Christmas. I am five years old now and I try to help mother and be a good girl. I'd like for you to bring me a Baby First-Step and a new baton. I have a little brother, Shawn, who is one year old. He is really the sweetest one at our house. He'd probably like "The Farmer Says."
Love,
Kim Lane

a football suit, a helmet and a football. Thank you.
And please bring my 4 sisters a nice gift. They are good some times. I will leave you a cookie and a glass of milk. Please be careful when you ride in your sleigh.
Nathan
105 N. Ave. A

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Nathan Blair. I live in Haskell, Texas. I am 6 years old. I have been a good boy. Would you please bring me

Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl two years old and I've been pretty good this year. I would like a baby doll that can take a bath, some blocks and a red wagon. Thank you.
Love,
Cristi Ann Guess
Box 8, Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa,
I certainly hope you have lots of money this year because I want quite a few things. I want a Bibby First-Step, a Mattel-O-Phone, table and chairs, dishes and a teddy bear.
I don't know if I've been good enough for all of these things, but I've tried to be. Don't forget I'll be at Daddy Jack's house. Please remember all the other little girls and boys.
I love you,
Karen Kay Campbell

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm four years old and have tried to be a good girl. Sometimes it's pretty hard with two sisters and a brother. Please bring me a Baby's Hungry doll and a new baton.
My little sister, Shannon, is 2 years old. She wants a rocking horse and a baton for Christmas.
We'll leave you a treat on the table Christmas Eve.
Love,
Kiersta Lane

Dear Santa,
My Name is TAMMY
I am nine years old
I have been a good girl
I wish I had a bicycle with training wheels.
I live in HASKELL, TEXAS.
Tammy Blair
105 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
Please may I have some dolls, a ring, and a Star Book. I want a pretty yellow dress.
With love,
Silver

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle for Christmas Eve, and a big cake, also a car.
Your friend,
Alvin

Dear Santa,
I want a Bike with long handle bars and a Johnny Astro. I did not get to ride your sleigh. I am sorry I have to rite you letters. By for now and merry Christmas.
Love,
Johnny Yeary

Dear Santa,
I've tried to be good and be sick to so I'll not ask for much just would like to have my two front teeth and a paper doll I can call my own.
I love you
One of your admirer

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 3 years old. My name is Steven Turnbow. I guess you might say I have been a pretty good little boy this year, so please don't forget me. I would like you to bring me a little road-grader, and a truck, a little bicycle with training wheels, a little combine, some candy and nuts for my stocking and anything else you want to bring me. Santa, don't forget my sister Connie. I think she wants a speedometer for her bicycle and a Twister game and some records. I wish I could come to see you at the North Pole, but I can't, so I sure hope you come to see me.
I love you Santa,
Steve Turnbow,
1101 N. Ave. K

Dear Santa!
I am a little boy 3 years old and would like very much for you to stop by my house on Christmas. I would like almost anything, but most of all I want a riding tractor, doctor kit and an animal truck.
Love,
Monty Moeller

Dear Santa:
I like to talk with you on the phone and I am trying to be very good. Please think about bringing me a walking doll, tractor, skates, a billfold, dump truck, boots, gun, and a stand for my record player. Remember my friends, Laurie, Mark, Walter, Holly, Kendale Joe and my cousins, Bobby, Wade, David, Chris and Jim.
Camille Klose, age 3
197 N. Ave. M



Christmas is much more than a one-day observance. With few exceptions, the magic merriment of the Christmas spirit captures every heart long before the holiday arrives. It begins with a gradual quickening of heart and step, a readier smile, an alertness to the smiles and laughter that we meet along the way. It brings an awareness that children, for the most part, are not really little monsters. They are suddenly happy and cheerful, helpful and polite, and we wonder how we considered them otherwise. We are suddenly aware that the earth is filled with the beautiful sounds of music — from the churches, from the schools, from the stores and shops. And, we find ourselves in step with the world, happy to be alive, filled with a certain anticipation. Christmas is not a day, it is a season. It is a season of "Peace on earth; good will to men." It is the time we remember that Christ was born in Bethlehem — and the Christmas season will be joy-filled and merry so long as we remember this one great event in the history of mankind.

Hi, Santa,
For my second Christmas, I would like a truck, tractor, wagon and a Farmer See & Say toy. Don't forget my best buddy, Camille Klose and all my other cousins.
Jim Alexander
Wichita Falls

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 4 years old. I want you to bring me a walking doll, clothes and a bunch of other stuff.
Don't forget the other kids.
Your Friend,
Kimberly Sue Daniels

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 6 years old. I want a Baby Hungry, clothes and other toys. Also don't forget Dora and Barry Brown, I have been a good girl.
Love,
Vicki Mae Daniels

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 2 years old. I want a football suit, gun, hat and clothes. My sisters and I will leave you something to eat. I will keep on being a good boy.
Love,
Johnny Carlton Daniels



To all our customers a world of happiness at this glorious time!
Elma Guest Ready-to-Wear



Here's a melody of good wishes for all our friends that sings out MERRY CHRISTMAS, everyone!

CAHILL & DUNCAN
J. BELTON DUNCAN, DBA



Christmas Joy

CARRIE McANULTY
DISTRICT CLERK



Season's Greetings AND BEST WISHES TO ALL

TOM ROBERSON AND EMPLOYEES

S & R BUTANE CO.
MOBIL OIL CO.



A Merry Christmas to You and Yours!

May your home be filled with every holiday joy!

BASSING JEWELRY

Season's Greetings



It's been a pleasure serving you ... we hope to serve you again!

GARTH GARRETT
SHERIFF

Happy Holiday



May the season ring with gaiety & good cheer for all!

The DAD 'N LAD Sh
411 South First Street—Haskell, Tex



Merry Christmas TO ALL!

May this message convey to you our best wishes for a Christmas that will long be remembered by you and yours.

FARMERS CO-OP SOCIETY NO. 1
MELVIN NORMAN—MANAGER

IN APPRECIATION

As we come to the close of another year, we at Sherman's want to pause and express our sincere thanks to the residents and customers of this area for the fine patronage we have received and which has enabled us to remain in business and to enjoy a steady growth.

Whether or not you are one of our many satisfied customers, we still want to say a hearty "thanks" to all and cherish the friendship of everyone and humbly say "thanks" to each of you.

MR. AND MRS. ALVIN SHERMAN
—Owners—

Mrs. Estebelle Turnbow, Clerk
Mrs. Doris Reeves, Accountant
Mrs. Lavern Barnett, Clerk
Mrs. Novella Rastetter, Clerk

Sherman's
FLOORS & INTERIORS
NORTHWEST CORNER of the SQUARE
HASKELL, TEXAS
DIAL 864-2191

Peace on Earth Good Will Toward men...

Each year we appreciate more fully the loyalty of friends. A Merry Christmas to all!

L. Cook Humble Station
107 N. 1st St.—Haskell, Texas

Season's Greetings



For your enjoyment of the days be young in spirit and gay. And may you have a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

JASON W. SMITH

ABSTRACTER
Haskell, Texas



Wuletide Greetings

Here's wishing to our many friends in an old-fashioned way... that the many blessings of Christmas time, linger long past Christmas day...

SMITTY'S AUTO SUPPLY

in the LOW RENT DISTRICT



NEW YORK SKYLINE... Visible in photo above is the rectangular United Nations Secretariat Building, flanked by the spires of the Empire State Building, left, and Chrysler Building, right. More often than not, New York has snow for the Christmas season. Always, in this great American city, there are interesting things to do and see at Christmastime.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa, I am a little boy five years old. I have tried to be a good boy. Will you please bring me a Walkie-Talkie, a shot gun, and a secret agent get-away car. Please remember all other little boys and girls.
Love,
Ronnie Bailey

Dear Santa, I am a little boy 3 years old. I have tried my best to be good. I would sure like to have a walkie-talkie, a shot gun and a cement mixer. Please don't forget my friends Robert, Brad and Brad.
I love you,
Mark Bailey

902 South Second Street
Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus, I want a Giggles doll, Tommy Turtle, Bride Suit and a Major-ette Suit, Spirograph, Incredible Edible, Mickey Mouse and his talking pals, Doll House. I am 7 years old and in the first grade. I have been a good girl this year.
Tamara Sorrells

704 North 13th
Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus, I want a Stingray bicycle with a wheel that does not get flat. I want a lock on it. Please bring my little brother, Robert, and me two stockings.
With love,
Cynthia Ivey

Dear Santa, My name is Lee Roberts and I am 2 years old. I have been a good boy almost every day since you last came to see me. Please bring me a tricycle, guns and trucks.
Thank you, Lee

Dear Santa Clause, I want a football, a basketball and a goal, a little Joe Bonanza set, a pair of binoculars, a Kodak Trainer Rifle. Most of all, I would like to have a Sting Ray bicycle, if I can have it.
Love,
Jimmy Browning, age 7 1/2

Dear Santa, I am a boy 9 years old. I would like a bike, a BB gun, also some fruit, nuts and candy.
Love, Johnny Munoz
Dear Santa, I am 4 years old and have tried to be a good boy. I would like a road grader and dump truck for Christmas. Also a record player and some records. Please be good to all the other boys and girls.
Love, Wade Matthews

704 N. 13th
Haskell, Tex.
Dear Santa, I am a little boy 1 year old, and I am too small to write so my big sister, Cindy, is writing for me. Please bring me a little wagon and a big car.
Lots of love,
Robert Alan Ivey

Dear Santa, My name is Tonya Roberts. I am 4 years old. I have been a good girl this year so please don't forget me on Christmas. I would like to have a Baby Doll, High Chair, Table and Chairs and a set of dishes. Please remember all the other boys and girls, too.
Thank you, Tonya

1105 N. Ave. K
Haskell, Texas
Dearest Santa Claus, My name is Jeffery Medford. I am 3 years old. I have been a good little boy and I would like to have a BB gun. Please remember all the other little boys and girls.
Thank you, Jeffery
P. S. I love you, Santa

Candles, Goblets Upside Down

Goblets become candleholders when they are turned upside down. Stand them in a row on a window sill. Let them light the living room. March them down the middle of the smorgasbord table. They are bright and effective and very quick and easy to arrange.

Inside each goblet, place a large Christmas ball, each one a different color. Secure 10-inch red candles to the bottoms of the goblets (which are now the tops) with candle wax or floral clay, hide it with sprigs of evergreen. If you use candlewax, decorate or not as you wish—the wax matches the candle and does not show.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa: I am 7 years old. I would like to have a Smoke rifle, a Tip-It, a Hands-Down, a (Banana) bike.
I love you,
Rex Pittman

1105 N. Ave. K
Haskell, Texas

Dearest Santa Claus, My name is Edgwyna Medford. I am six years old. Santa, I want a baby doll that cries and a little kiddie.

Please remember all the other little kids.
Thank you, Edgwyna
P. S. I love you, Santa.

Santa Claus, Ind.

Two explanations have arisen for naming this small town near Evansville, Indiana, after the modified name of Saint Nicholas. About 75 years ago this town applied for a post office and suggested the name Santa Po. When it was learned that this name already applied to a post office in the state, the people decided to name it Santaclaus, changing it in 1928 to the customary words.

A second version says that in 1882, on Christmas Eve, while some residents were discussing in the general store the naming of their town, Santa Claus walked in. Unanimously they called out, "Let's name it Santa Claus."

Whichever explanation is correct, the town has been busy both summer and winter in recent years. In summer, tourists stop in to see the museum, the original post office with its fine collection of toys of the past decades, A Santa Claus park, life size Mother Goose figures, Kriss Kringle Street, and a colored statue of the white bearded saint, 23 feet high, weighing 42 tons—all these make it a rare attraction during the ten months when Christmas mail is of secondary interest.

JOY TO THE WORLD

Ellen's Hair Fashion
610 S. Fifth
Ellen Collins



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

At this Holiday Season, we would like to set aside the problems of the business world and turn again to our age-old customs. May we greet you, our friends and patrons, and wish all of you a Wonderful Christmas!

COFIELD'S DEPARTMENT STORE

Greetings

Once more, with the approach of Christmas, we take time out to express to all our friends and patrons our deep appreciation for the confidence placed in us and for the loyalty shown us throughout the past year. It is our sincerest wish that your Holiday be filled with a glad spirit and good health.

"M" SYSTEM SUPER MARKETS
—Your Friendly Food Store—

GREETINGS TO ALL

To our friends and patrons... we wish you the best during the coming Christmas and New Year

BIARD'S CLEANERS



May A Very Merry Christmas Season Flourish At Your House This Year!

MODERN NEWS STAND



Christmas WISHES

A wealth of health, happiness and contentment are our wishes for all our friends and neighbors on this most joyous holiday.

BYNUM'S

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bynum
Mrs. J. H. Franklin

THERE'S NO CHRISTMAS LIKE CHRISTMAS IN MEXICO



Christmas in Mexico is like Christmas anywhere else in the world. For one thing, it lasts almost a month, starting on December 8 with the Day of the Immaculate Conception and ending on January 6 with the Day of the Three Kings, when the children get their gifts. A thousand electric spectaculars light up the cities, and almost everybody in town joins in at least one *posada*, the re-enactment of the search for lodgings in Bethlehem by John and Mary which ends up in a big pinata-smashing party. (Pinatas are papier-mache animals stuffed with Christmas goodies.)

In cities and towns throughout Mexico, there are parades and fiestas all through the season. It's so colorful and so different from Christmas anywhere else that there is a heavy yearly influx of U.S. tourists in December, not only from the border states but from Los Angeles, Chicago and New York—to say "Felice Navidad" and join in the fun.



Christmas

In the Christmas, we hope you may always find the peace, happiness and cheer that we wish for this Yuletide.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year!

Ben Charlie Chapman
District Judge

Royce Adkins
District Attorney



O, come all ye faithful...

May the peace and happiness symbolized by the Star of Christmas remain with you throughout the Holiday Season.

COBB LUMBER COMPANY

Haskell, Texas

MERRY CHRISTMAS



... and may this Holiday Season bring each of you... JOY, PEACE, LOVE AND GOOD WILL!

MEDFORD BUICK-PONTIAC COMPANY

200 North Avenue E—Haskell, Texas

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Clause,
For Christmas, I want a Batman set, a Kadet Trainer Rifle, Mr. Potatoe Head and his friends, a Puncho Bag, an Outer Space ray gun, and Martian Robot. We will have a treat waiting for you.

Love,
Joseph Browning, age 4 1/2

Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me a Kadet Trainer Rifle, three slinkys, Big Bertha Tank, Little Joe Bonanza set, and a Lone Ranger set, and a stocking of candy and fruit.

Love,
Robert Browning, age 6

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Chris Colbert. I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. I know your elves are working hard making toys for the girls and boys. I hope your elves are finished the night before Christmas. I want a Mighty Mike, GI Joe tank, Rock 'em Sock 'em Robots, GI Joe frogman suit, GI Joe frogman sled, Kaboom, GI Joe Motorcycle, GI Joe Marine suit, GI Joe Air Cadet suit, GI Joe foot locker, GI Joe jeep and trailer and rifle that really shoots and GI Joe searchlight, football and record player.

Love, Chris

Christmas Time In Costa Rica

In this island country there is a variation of the presepio known as the portal. Instead of a manger scene under the tree or in a corner of a room, a whole room is filled with a replica of the Nativity, and people go from house to house admiring them.

The Christ Child has for centuries been accepted as the giver of gifts, but recently Santa Claus has also made his influence felt here. It is not uncommon to see a mannequin in a department store window, equipped with a beard and the rest of the Santa Claus regalia.

INFORM FRIENDS

It is foolish to be bashful about writing information letters—information concerning children's ages and interests is helpful and welcome to persons you know will be sending gifts. Children's interests change from year to year. If only the child's age is known, it is possible for the giver to receive helpful advice from clerks.

YULE PLANT

The most popular pot plant for the holiday season is the poinsettia. It normally blooms when days are short and is therefore ideally suited to the Yule season. Red poinsettia is the favorite, but white and pink are also used. This warm-climate plant was introduced into the U. S. from Mexico in 1834 by Joel Roberts Poinsett, U. S. minister to that country.

Chosen City Once Decided

We recognize Nazareth as "the chosen city" and consider it one of the holiest places in Christendom. Such was not always the case.

Nazareth was considered so insignificant that the term "Nazarene" was applied to Jesus Christ in derision.

When Jesus called his first disciples, among them was Philip of Bethsaida. Philip went to Nathanael and said, "We have discovered the one about whom our scriptures speak. He is Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

And Nathanael replied, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

After Jesus had spoken to him, Nathanael exclaimed, "Thou art the Son of God; Thou art the King of Israel."

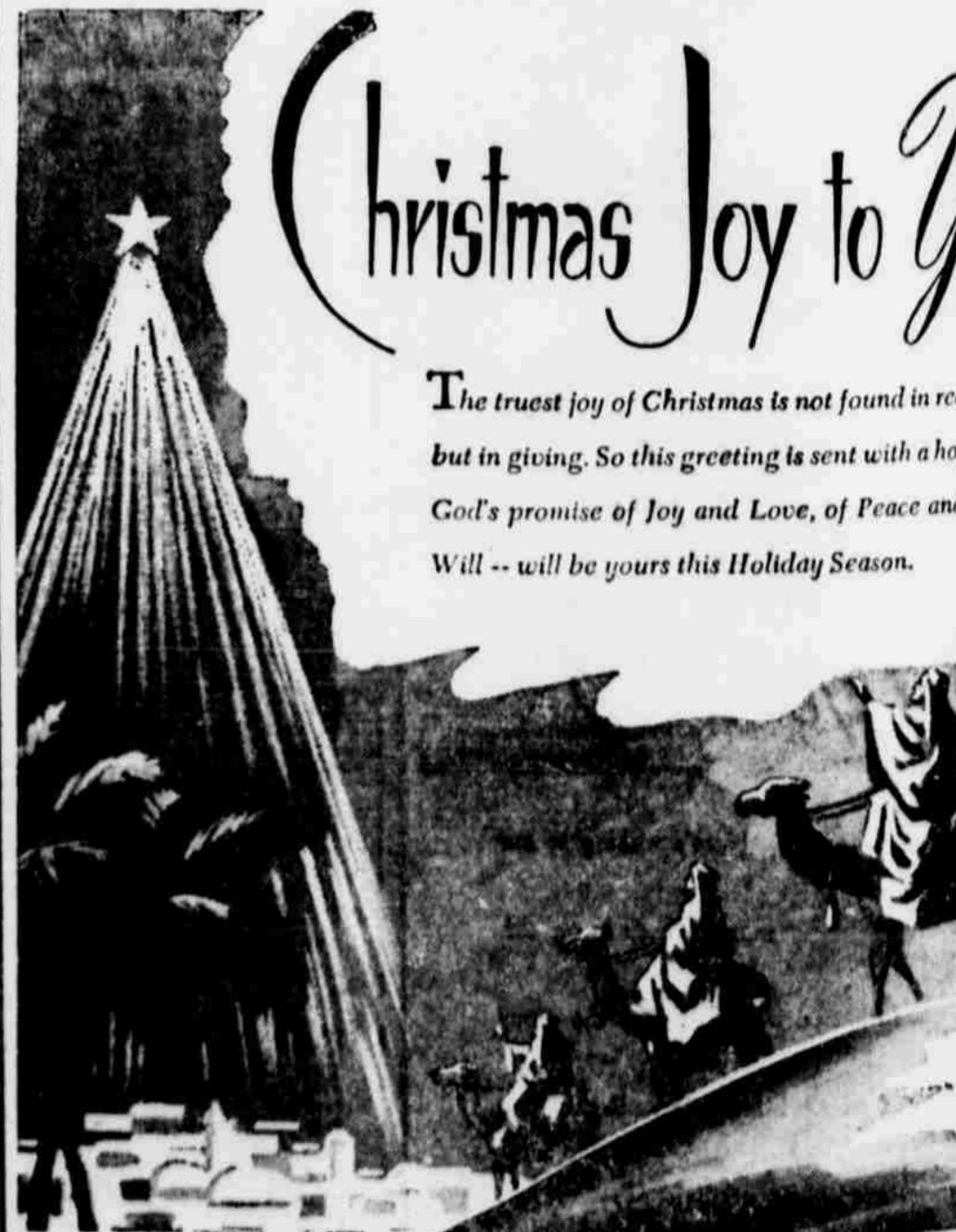
And Nathanael returned to Nazareth with a few chosen disciples as Jesus began his ministry in the chosen city.

NOEL



SINCERE BEST WISHES FROM

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Christmas Joy to You

The truest joy of Christmas is not found in receiving but in giving. So this greeting is sent with a hope that God's promise of Joy and Love, of Peace and Will -- will be yours this Holiday Season.

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Haskell Livestock Auction

South on Stamford Highway—Phone 864-2624 — Haskell



May your Yuletide be bright and shining as the gleam of Christmas candles!

W. W. (Bill) Reeves
COUNTY CLERK

Joy Stuart, Deputy
Minnie Lee McKelvain, Deputy

NOEL

May the Star of Bethlehem shine on you during this holy season and bring you peace and happiness...

DUNCAN GIN



LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Merry Christmas, Santa. Bring me a Giggles. See you Christmas on a slay. DeAnn

Dear Santa, I like you - you are so good. How about a spider bike, I want a tool set. Bring the other people something. I want some boxing gloves and punching bag, too. Thank you. Love, Mike King, 1506 N. Ave. F, Haskell, Tex.

Dear Santa, We are two little boys who live in Irving, Texas, but we will be in Haskell for Christmas. Our names are Kevin and Kendall Strickland, and we are 3 and 4 years old. We would like a big tractor to plow with, a football helmet and some guns. Please don't forget our little sister, Kimla Ann, who is one year old. She wants a doll buggy and a doll. Please remember all the other little boys and girls, too. Kevin and Kendall Strickland, 4002 Rainier, Irving, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy two years old. I think I have been a pretty good little boy this year. I would like a red tricycle, a choo-choo train, and a tractor with some equipment for Christmas. Please remember my cousins from Midland and my little cousin, Kevin, who lives in Rule. They have been good, too. Thank you, Santa Claus. Ricky Dunnam, age 2, Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa, Please bring me a VRROOM X15. Beth Ann Pumphrey

Dear Santa, I am 7 years old. I want a bike for Christmas and maybe some cars and boats. I have three sisters, Kathie, Sandy and Karen. Please bring them something. Thank you. David Bartley, 918 N. Sixth St. Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a football suit, radio, mouse trap game, and a speedometer for my bike. We will leave some milk and cookies for you. With love, Randy Darden

Dear Santa Claus, We have been pretty good children this year and hope that you agree. Here is our Christmas list. Vanessa wants a soft doll that talks, a few clothes and a doll buggy. She also wants a "Mr.



PECAN PIE

This time of year, when you are entertaining a lot, serve that all-time favorite, Pecan Pie. This one has a smooth maply flavor, is simple to make and simply delicious.

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup Griffin's Waffle Syrup
- 2 Tbsps. melted butter
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups pecans
- 1 unbaked 8" pie shell

Beat eggs slightly and mix with sugar, waffle syrup, butter and vanilla. Stir in pecans. Pour into unbaked pie shell and bake 45 minutes or until lightly browned, at 375°.

Serve warm or cold with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream . . . or plain.

Peanut-Maker: Bubba wants an airplane, a toy that talks, some guns and a sno-cone man. Darice wants a Katrina, with some doll clothes, a doll buggy, a Sno-white telephone. We will leave you a snack close by the Christmas tree. We hope you enjoy it. We love you, Vanessa, Bubba and Darice Russell

(P. S. Oh yes, We will be visiting with our grandparents in Haskell. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Burl Darnell at 1201 N. Ave. L and Mr. and Mrs. H. Russell, Route No. 3. Our cousins, Becky, Linda and John Kyle will be in Haskell, too.

North Third St. Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa, I want a ring and a doll for Christmas. I want you to remember the other girls and boys. With love, Hilda Gonzales

Rt. 1, Box 88 Haskell, Texas 79521

Dear Santa Claus, I want a set of dishes, some books and a doll, that is all. And please don't forget the other children. With love, Debra Casillas

504 S. E. First Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa, I have been looking for you. Santa, here is what I want for Christmas. I want a car and a truck and a big bus and a boy's watch. That is all. With love, David Longoria

Route No. 1 Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa, Please think about the other people. Please save me some Christmas candy. I want a bike, popgun for Christmas. With love, Arthur Granado



WE HOPE THAT THIS CHRISTMAS WILL BE A JOYOUS ONE FOR ALL OUR FRIENDS

Trussell & Darden Garage COMPLETE AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE CARS - TRUCKS - TRACTORS

103 North Avenue E Haskell, Texas

to give me, a doll, dishes, a watch and some books to read. But please do not forget the other children. With love, Lupe Cazares

1004 North Ave. J Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa, I hope you come to see me on Christmas Eve and I hope you go to see other little girls and boys. I have a list of toys I want but I do not want to get so many so other girls and boys can have some too. I would like Jeopardy, Giggles, Twist 'n Turn Barbie, Incredible Edibles. With love, Debora Sears

607 South Ave. G Haskell, Texas 79521

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl 8 years old. I have tried to be a nice girl. Would you please bring me a Suzy homemaker oven and a Tressy doll. I will leave you some cake on the table and the milk will be in the refrigerator. I love you, Cynthia Jones

GREETINGS TO OUR FRIENDS
Gwen's Arts and Crafts
402 N. Ave. E—Phone 864-3588

NOEL

... MAY THE TRUE SPIRIT OF THE CHRIST CHILD BE REBORN IN ALL OF US THIS HOLY SEASON ...

May the guiding star of Christmas light your way.

Lane-Felker

Wishing All Our Friends and Customers ... A

happy holiday



May this coming Holiday Season give you many reasons for much gratitude and happiness. This is the sincere wish from all of us at the—
OATES DRUG STORE
—"ON THE SAME OLD CORNER"—



A PRAYER for Christmas

As the curtain begins to draw across the old year, we pray that the spirit of Christmas be kept in the hearts of men not only this one day... but every day. For with Christmas in our hearts nothing in life could ever quench the joy or dim the light of our peace.

COGGINS & HARTSFIELD

INSURANCE AGENCY

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a cash register for Christmas. I live at 1733 Sherman Street in Abilene, Texas.
Please bring Twyllie and Jay something, too.
Love,
Bobby Dean Druessedow, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy seven years old and am in the second grade. And I sure do like to go to school. Please bring me some bookends, books and coloring books. And anything you think I would like. I will leave you some cake and Coke for you on the snack bar. Lot of love.
Tim Griffin
Seymour, Texas
Oh, don't forget my big brother, Scotty.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy four years old and have been a good boy. Please bring me a Tommy Turtle, a Kool Aid dispenser, a snow cone maker and a game. Thank you.
Love,
Bryan Middlebrook

Mr. Santa Clause
North Pole
Dear Santa:
I would like a cowboy gun, hat and boots. I would like a pickup truck, a dump truck and a cement mixer.
My cousin, Alton, is writing this for me.
Your Very Very Good Friend,
Christopher Dean Stocks
429 Lorna Dr.
Burlinson, Texas

Mr. Santa Clause
North Pole
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and buggy and some dishes. I would like a Teddy bear and a ball.
My cousin, Alton, is writing this for me.
Your Very Very Good Friend,
Amy Carol Stocks
429 Lorna Dr.
Burlinson, Texas

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a football, and a bb gun, and a tether ball, and a thing-maker set. I am 7 years old. My name is Darnell Jenkins. I live in Santo.
Love, Darnell

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a water truck, a road grader, creepy crawler set, mouse trap and a tip-it game. I am 5 years old and my name is Glenn Jenkins. I live in Santo.
Love, Glenn

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me Incredible Edible and a twist and turn Barbie.
Your friend,
Alex Garcia
Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a ring for crumies.
Your friend,
Neil Smith
Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Bring me a box of candy and Incredible Edible, creepy crawler, fright factory, crepel pepel, snakes a live, bebe gun, make your explosives science kit, Stappe dabble bailers gun.
Your friend,
James A. Davis,
Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a twist 'n turn Barbie, and I want baby buttercup.
Love, Reda Campbell
Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a viewmaster and a nurse kit and a tea set. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Love, Debra Robertson
Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Incredible Edible and a twist and turn Barbie.
Your friend,
Lisa, Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Incredible Edibles and the Crow Shoot game.
Your friend,
Walter Patton
Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Baby's Hungry, a Vacu-form and a Snakes Alive or Tang Bang or anything else you want to. My birthday is Christmas Day. I will be 9 years old.
Your friend,
Linda Yates
Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a tractor, a B.B. gun, a little car and some nuts, candy and fruit. Please bring Frank a tricycle.
Your friend,
Joe Castillo
Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a big train, a ball, a fire truck, a car and some fruit, nuts and candy.
Your friend,
Benito Perez
Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a basketball and goal, a wagon, a B.B. gun, and some candy, nuts and fruit.
Your friend,
Geronimo Reyes
Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa,
Hello! I wonder if its as cold at the North Pole today as it is here in Rule? My name is Karla Denise Brothers and I'd like to tell you that I really liked that sleigh ride with you in Haskell.
Santa, I am almost 4 years old and I've been a fairly good girl sometimes. Would you please bring me a Little Miss Fussy doll, a pair of beginners skates, a guitar, some bracelets and a sewing set. I also love candy, Cokes and fruit.
See you soon. Lots of love,
Karla Denise Brothers
Box 532, Rule, Texas

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you this very cold day? My name is Sandra Lynette Brothers and I have been a fairly good little 5 year old girl. This year, Santa, I would like very much for you to bring me a "Baby's Hungry" doll, a pair of skates, a guitar, some bracelets and a sewing set. Maybe you could leave me some Cokes, candy and fruit, too.
Santa, please remember all the less fortunate boys and girls, too.
Thank you, I love you!
Sandra Lynette Brothers
Box 532, Rule, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 3 years old. I have tried to be a nice girl. Would you please bring me a Miss Tubby doll, a guitar and a cash register. Also some fruit and nuts. I will leave you some cake on the table. There will be milk in the ice box.
I love you,
Flora Mynea Jones

Dear Santa,
I am a boy, 10 years old. I would like a BB gun and a ZORRO suit, also some fruit, nuts and candy.
Love, Moses Munoz

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 7 years old. Please bring me a locket and 3 Kiddies, a record player and jacks, also some fruit, nuts and candy.
Love, Gloria Munoz

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy five years old. I have been a pretty good boy this year. Please bring me a rifle, guns, Johny West and his horse and a football game, also a truck with a horse van. I will leave cake and milk on the table for you.
Thank you,
Ricky Drinnon



If you were to travel through the rural areas of Austria, you would no doubt wonder about an unusual inscription written in chalk above the doorway of many homes. It goes like this: C + M + B = 1967.

These letters are renewed every year at Epiphany, the only change being replacement of the date of the new year. On January 6, 1968, the letters will be renewed, with the sole addition of the new year's numeral.
The letters stand for the names of the Three Kings, or the Three Wise Men, or Magi. In case you have forgotten, they are Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The Three Wise Men are the focal point of the celebration of Epiphany in the Western church, as they are considered the first called upon to worship Christ as God and King.
Tradition holds that January 6 was the date upon which the Wise Men completed their journey to Bethlehem. Yet Epiphany, from the Greek "revelation"

of the Lord" actually celebrates three manifestations of Christ: to the Wise Men, at his baptism 30 years later, and in the wedding feast at Cana.

The Austrian custom of painting the initials of the Wise Men and the year above doorways replaced the pagan "Drudenfuss" or pentagram and other hex symbols inscribed thereon to guard the house from evil spirits.

During the Austrian Epiphany season, three boys dressed as the Three Wise Men, and called Sternsinger, or "Star Singers", carry the message of the Magi from house to house. They are rewarded with cakes, candy and fruit; in recent years have taken up collections for charitable groups around the world.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Pamela Leigh Davis and I have tried to be good most of the time this year. I would like to have a red tricycle and wagon and something for my dog, Trixie. I will be visiting my Granddaddy and Grammy Davis at Haskell and I'll leave an apple for you.
Love, Pam

Cranberries Are American Treat

Cranberries are as traditional as apple pie. Known to the Indians as I-bimi, or "bitter berry", cranberries were pounded into a paste called pemmican, which was used as poultices on wounds.

Noting the berries to be the favorite food of cranes, the Pilgrims called them cranberries. In true American tradition, this was eventually changed to cranberries.

Cranes, of course, are unwelcome in cranberry bogs — but other birds are encouraged. Bogs are often lined with birdhouses — homes for swallows, which eat destructive insects.

Along with the birds, the bees play a welcome role in cranberry production. The pollen is too heavy to be carried by the wind so bees are necessary to pollinate the flowers.

New Zealanders spend their Christmas Day in much the same way as it is in the United States and Europe.



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Season's Greetings

May this Holiday Season bless your heart with love, your mind with peace, and your life with happiness.

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Season's Greetings

To all our loyal friends and customers. May this joyous season be filled with contentment and happiness.

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Construction Company

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas brings thoughts of old friends, good times and all that's best in life. May this Christmas add richly to your store of happy memories.

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We wish you a sparkling, joyful and Happy Holiday Season!

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—Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Sawyer—

GREETINGS

Here's hoping your Christmas Day arrives just filled with all the happiness the season can bring.

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Star Route,
Haskell, Texas 79521

Dear Santa,
I am looking for you Christmas Eve. I will leave some cookies for you to eat. I have about four gifts I would like to have. They are, a swing camera, an organ, a chair for my bracelet and a watch. Santa Claus, please do not forget the other children. Be sure and fill the stockings with goodies.

With love,
Nona Bledsoe

205 S. Avenue J
Haskell, Texas 79521

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking for you on Christmas Eve. I can't wait until Christmas comes. These are some things I want you to bring me, a watch, a playhouse, a play stove. And remember the other children, to give them some presents.

With love,
Eva Ochoa

905A South Seventh
Haskell, Texas 79521

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl and I am 8 years old. Please bring me a transistor radio. I would also like to have a watch for Christmas. Thank you very much for being so nice to me the last few years. Please, Santa, remember all the other boys and girls around the world.

With love,
Kala Pannell

1201 North Ave. F
Haskell, Texas 79521

Dear Santa,
I will be looking for you this year. I will leave something for you to eat on Christmas Eve. For Christmas I would like a watch and some Christmas candy. Do not forget the other children.

With love,
Duane Roberson

1101 North Ave. D
Haskell, Texas 79521

Dear Santa,
I will be looking for you. I will leave a snack for you. Now here are some things I would like you to leave me, a bicycle and Action City. And don't forget the other children.

With love,
Johnny Lancaster

700 North Ave. A
Haskell, Texas 79521

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a bike, a pair of boots, a cowboy hat, and I want a be be gun. Dear Santa please think of the people. I wish all my friends a happy Christmas, and also my teacher. I wish Santa Claus the merriest Christmas of all.

With love,
Kelvin Marshall

East North First
Haskell, Texas 79521

Dear Santa,
I want a watch, and some building bricks set 6C, and a guitar and please don't forget the other children. We are going to have cookies for you to eat.

With love,
Derrel Schmidt

401 North Ave. G
Haskell, Texas 79521

Dear Santa,
I am going to leave you a cup of coffee and some cake. I will leave you some other things, too.

I would want you to leave me football suit. Please do not forget the other children.

With love,
Stephen Drinnon

Dear Santa Claus,
How have you been in the spring? I have been good. I would like this for Christmas: A doll that says Mommy and Papa and a buffet and the dishes and a Suz' home make dresser and the accessory. I will be at my grandmother's and grand father's house.

I love you,
Tammy Hale

Dear Santa Claus:
Electric football game
Major Matt Mason
And a Monopoly
Gil Richardson
1007 Ave. G, Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa,
My name is Lisa McBroom. For Christmas I would like a Kodak Instamatic 104 Flash-Cube Camera, a football and the 4th album of the Monkees. I would also like the game Twister. Bring my little sister, Holly, some cuddly toys. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love, Lisa McBroom
105 N. Ave. M, Haskell, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Walter and I am 3 years old. I would like a Super Sonda, a rifle gun, a new hat and a gun and holster set. Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. Please stay warm and don't take a cold so you can make your rounds to all of the girls' and boys' houses.

Walter McBroom
105 N. Ave. M, Haskell, Tex.

Dear Santa,
This is my first Christmas and I am very excited about it. My name is Holly and I am 1 1/2 months old. For Christmas I would like a doll, some blocks and a toy telephone. Please do not forget all of the other boys and girls.

Holly McBroom
105 N. Ave. M, Haskell, Tex.

Dear Santa,
I want a doll named Giggles and Mr. Pierre's Glamour School. I want a Home beauty Shop. I love you.

From Renae McBroom
105 N. Ave. M

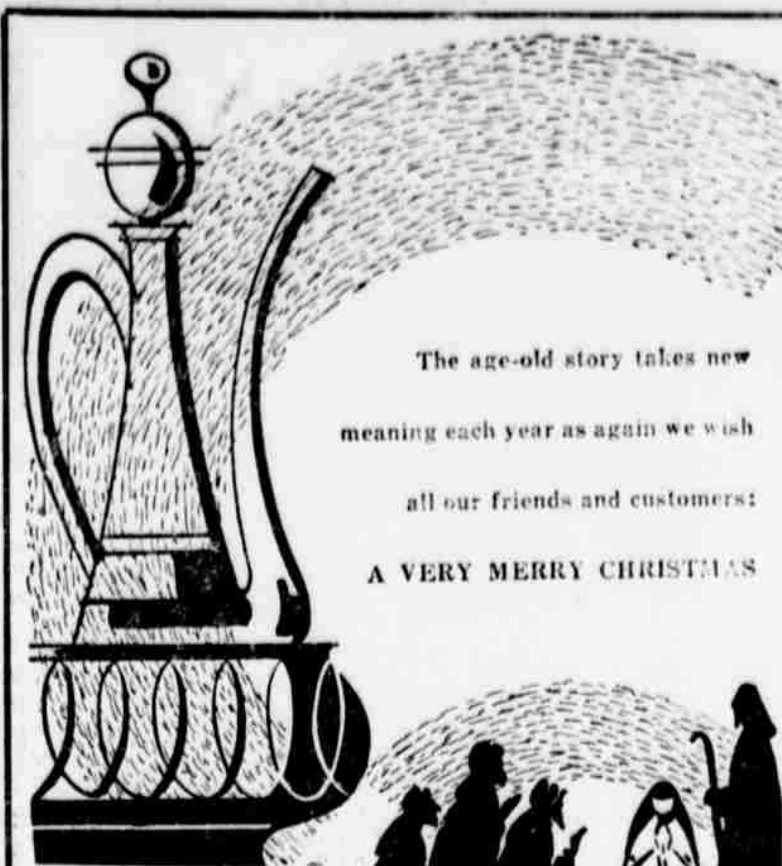
Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a glove, and a ball, and bring my brothers and sisters something to. Remember all the other boys and girls. I have tried to be a good boy this year.

Yours truly,
Roy Don Harding

Dear Santa,
I am three years old, so Mommy has to write my letter. Thank you for the other times you have left me toys at Christmas. If you visit our house this year, I'll have pie and coffee for you. I would like a Mattel-Phone and The Farmer-Says. If you bring anything else, I'm sure I'd like it. Please fill my sock. I sure like candy.

Remember my brother who is 9 years old. He wants an electric guitar.

Thank You!
Dewayne Meier

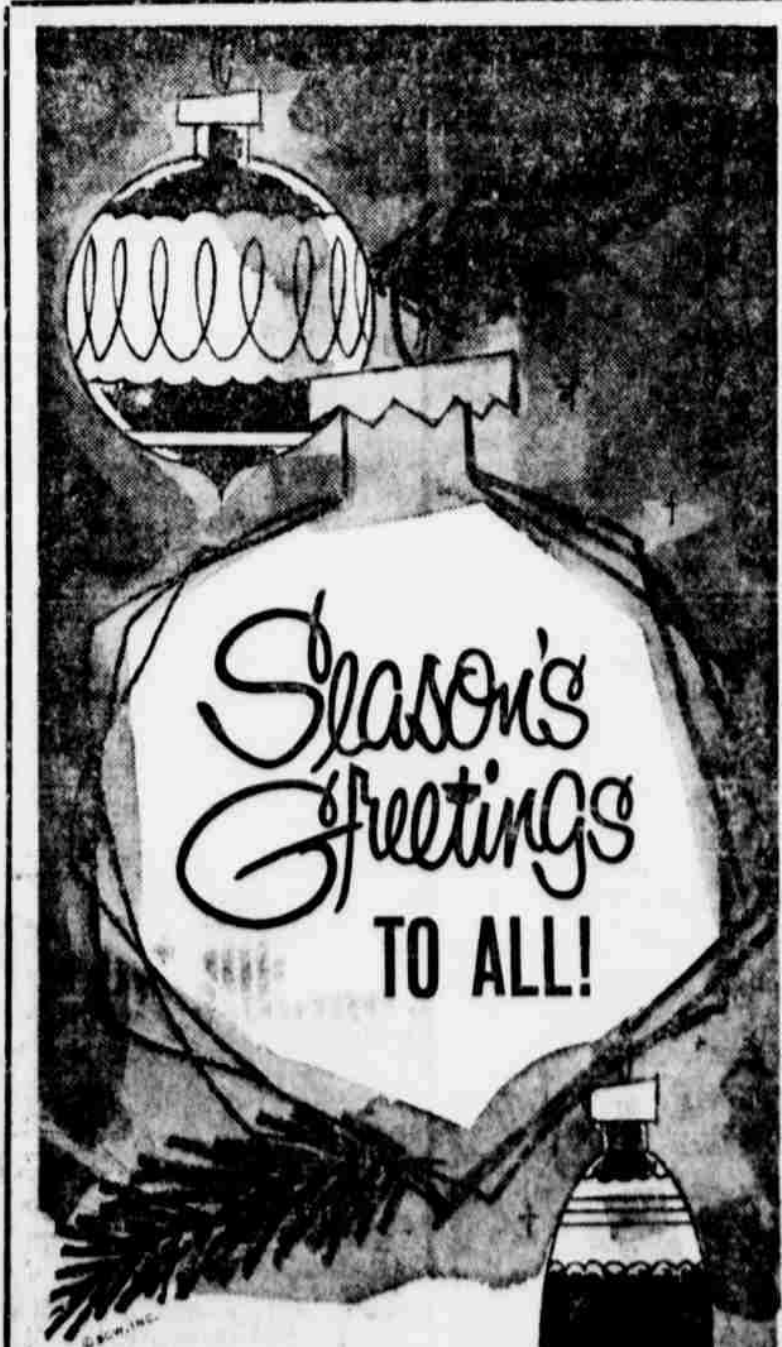


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for the Holidays

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County Superintendent



TO OUR MANY FRIENDS
We wish you the happiest
holiday and the Merriest
Christmas Ever!
THANKS FOR YOUR
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We're wishing you and your
family all the happiness of
the holiday. We've enjoyed
being able to serve you.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Doubly hearty good wishes
happy holidays to everyone!

BOGGS & JOHNSON
Haskell, Texas

Merry Christmas

COOK BARBER SHOP
Roy Cook—Leslie Jones

Season's Greetings

AT CHRISTMAS. LET
THERE BE PEACE IN EVERY HEART
AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF
THE HOLY INFANT... AND MAY
PEACE REMAIN WITH US EVER AFTER.

GOLDEN FUNERAL HOME
BILL HOLDEN—MARY HOLDEN—GARY COBB

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Time again to say, have
a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!

B. O. Roberson

Water Is Key To Safe Tree

If you want a prettier Christmas tree this year, take care when you buy your tree and take care of the tree after you buy it.

Buy a fresh tree. Your eye will tell you if a tree has started to turn brown. Even if it is very green, tap the butt of the tree on the ground. If needles fall, select another tree.

When you get the tree home, douse it with cold water. Then, recut the stem with a new diagonal cut at least an inch above the old cut. This opens the pores for drawing up water. Set the tree in water and keep

it in water. The first day a tree is in water, it may take up a quart. Afterwards, it should be replenished with lesser amounts. Select a location for your tree that is in the cool part of the room, away from radiators, fireplaces, radios, TV sets, or other sources of heat.

A variety of fireproofing materials are available for Christmas trees—yet the most effective and inexpensive is plain water which keeps the tree naturally moist.

GOD'S SHARE

In France, a portion of the Epiphany cake is often set aside as "la part de Dieu"—God's share. It is given to the first poor person who comes to the door.

The CHRISTMAS URGE

By Ted Jones

Joshua Crane was almost 90 years of age and the richest man in Hillvale. He had not, as the boys around the pot-bellied stove at Moore's General Store liked to phrase it, "hit a lick at a snake in thirty years." Oldtimers still had stories to tell of some of the ways Joshua had accumulated his wealth.

Needless to say, Joshua Crane had no friends. Elmer, perhaps, but it was hard to tell. Elmer carried out his duties as cook, valet and chauffeur with a deference that was unchangingly staid. Long ago he had learned to turn a deaf ear to the digs and more-than-casual comments of townfolk as he went daily to the market or wheeled the big, black limousine through the narrow streets.

Joshua Crane was the nearest thing to a relative or a friend that Elmer could claim. He had never known a family, his first memories of any importance being those of life in sternly managed orphanages, of running away, cheating and stealing his way across a continent and eventually into prison. Elmer was grateful to Joshua Crane. Joshua had hired him on a wardens' recommendation 30 years ago and neither man had any reason to regret or to look back.

Elmer didn't mind not having a family. You don't miss something you never really possessed. Only at Christmas did Elmer feel stirring within himself the urge to reach out and grasp a share of the joy and the goodwill that seemed to permeate the snow-laden streets of Hillvale.

Christmas alone was a lonely time for Elmer. It was his time of greatest need. And, it was the one time of the year when Joshua Crane insisted on sending him away. For thirty years, Elmer's vacation period extended from December 23rd to January 2nd, without variation. Joshua insisted that he not only leave the house, but "get out of town. Go somewhere. Do something. A person gets stale if they never know change."

Awake and restless in the unfamiliar bleakness of a hotel room, Elmer felt stirring within himself the thing he had come to call "the Christmas urge." He dressed, and impervious to the chill of wintry winds, walked the lonely streets. He knew this time the urge would win and, without returning to the hotel for his sparse belongings, he stepped aboard a bus that would take him back to Hillvale.

In contrast to the other homes he passed along the way, the big Crane mansion loomed dark and silent behind the tree-lined driveway.

Elmer let himself in as quietly as possible, hoping to forestall until tomorrow the tirade that was sure to come his way. Halfway up the stairs a glimmer of light from the partly opened basement door stopped him short. Lights. Colored lights. Blinking lights.

For a long time, Elmer stood, his nose and one eye against the opening at the basement landing. The cellar was alive with sights, and the smell of Christmas. An ancient, carefully preserved metallic Christmas tree held the center of the stage, meticulously adorned with baubles and tinsel that had an equal look of age and use. At the base of the tree, splendidly arranged, were an assortment of gaily wrapped packages with the discoloring marks of time obvious at each corner and edge.

"I knew you would come. I hoped you would." Joshua

Crane spoke without turning his eyes from the tree. Hillvale folks had much to say Christmas Eve when word got around that the Crane mansion was decorated for Christmas, with a tree in the window and a welcome wreath on the door.

Strangely, the things folks had to say were somewhat kind. The kind of things folks usually say when "the Christmas urge" begins to stir deep within the soul.

MIDNIGHT SHOPPER

Many department stores have a 24-hour shopping service. If you've reached the point where you can't figure out when you're going to find time to finish your Christmas shopping, try doing it by telephone in the middle of the night.

Christmas In The United States

When the Puritans reached New England, they brought with them their dislike for any observance of Christmas and levied fines on those who dared to celebrate the holiday. It was not until the 19th century (after many German and Irish immigrants had arrived) that holiday celebrations really became popular in that part of the country.

In the Southern colonies, in Virginia, for example, there were gay gatherings of families and friends, with bountiful feasts and gala balls by candlelight. The aristocratic plantation owners carried on many of the holiday traditions that had prevailed

for centuries in the home country. Often the slaves were not required to work as long as the yule log burned.

The Moravians, who made homes in eastern colonies, because of religious persecution in the Old World, continued their unusual customs. On Christmas Eve, carrying lighted candles and singing a Christmas hymn, they marched into a stable, thus recalling Christ's humble birthplace. In our Southwest, people of Spanish and Mexican ancestry staged old holiday plays such as "Los Pastores" and "Las Posadas," brought here from Spain via Old Mexico.

Scandinavian settlers in the Middle West, cherished their native traditions as have their descendants. Therefore, our American Christmas observance is

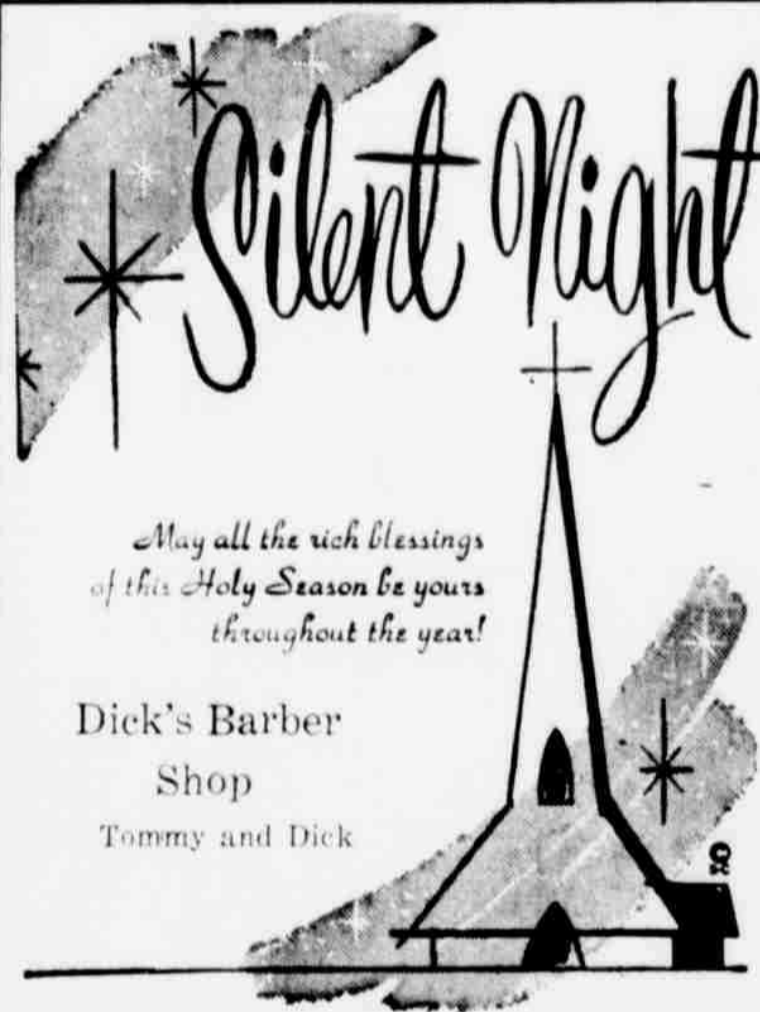
a most interesting and unusual one; for it includes varied customs from faraway lands.

HOGMANAY

In Scotland, New Year, or Hogmanay, is the great festival of the year, far exceeding Christmas in importance. Many explanations have been suggested for the name "Hogmanay." It has been variously derived by scholars from French, Greek, Norse or Spanish words connected with the season, but no general agreement on the subject has been reached yet. Whatever the true origin of its name, the feast itself reigns supreme throughout Scotland, and is annually celebrated by cheerful customs and merrymaking.

By Any Name Santa's Th

He's Santa Claus but he has many names around the world. In the East, children call him "Father Christmas." In Germany, children call him "Old Father" and in Norway, children call him "Julemanden." In the Netherlands, children call him "Sinterklaas." The world has many names, wherever brings happiness



Silent Night

May all the rich blessings of this Holy Season be yours throughout the year!

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Tommy and Dick



Christmas Blessings

PEACE, contentment and good cheer—these are the blessings that we wish for our friends during Christmas and the entire New Year.

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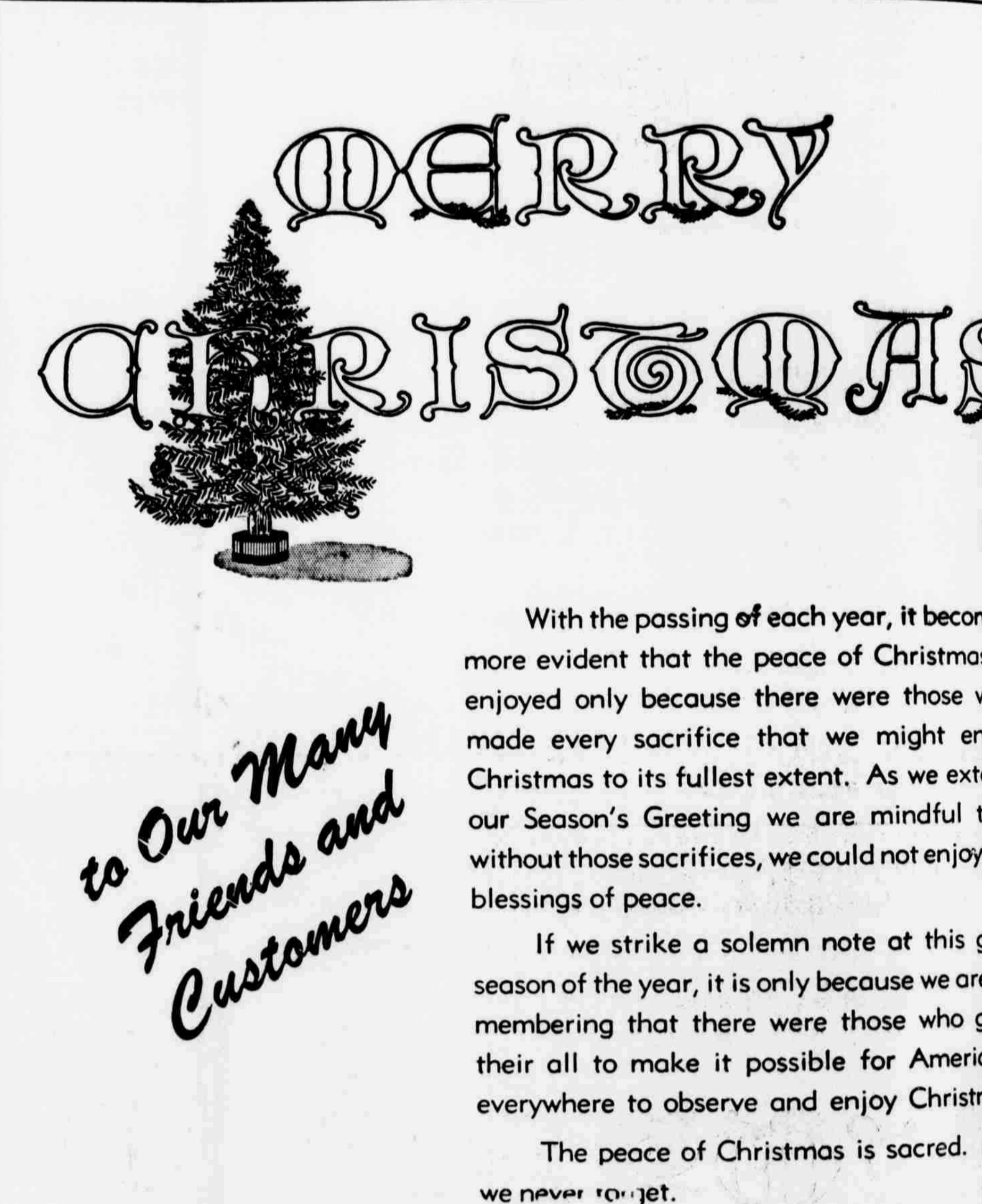
This is the time when heaven touches earth

Each of us, in our vast and busy world of Christmas, has a quiet and secret cell to which he can repair, happy and willing prisoner of the Season.

To one, it is a childhood memory. To another, it is an immense and very personal consciousness of his blessings. To all, it is the thrilling realization that this is the time when heaven touches earth and man becomes most aware of its nearness.

This is the bower, the sweet retreat that tyrant cannot touch nor despot destroy—to which someday, we hope, the entire world has access.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

With the passing of each year, it becomes more evident that the peace of Christmas is enjoyed only because there were those who made every sacrifice that we might enjoy Christmas to its fullest extent. As we extend our Season's Greeting we are mindful that without those sacrifices, we could not enjoy the blessings of peace.

If we strike a solemn note at this golden season of the year, it is only because we are remembering that there were those who gave their all to make it possible for America everywhere to observe and enjoy Christmas.

The peace of Christmas is sacred. May we never forget.

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl, 7 years old. I have been a good little girl most of the time. I would like a little Miss First Step and a telephone that talks. See you Christmas. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Thank you,
Tammy Roberts
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy five years old. I would like a football suit, football and some guns. Don't forget all the other boys and girls. I'll see you Christmas.
Love,
Jimmy Roberts
Haskell, Texas

Dearest Santa,
I'm a little girl, three years old. My name is Irene. Here is my Christmas list:
Cunning Cleo, a green kitty pajama bag. I've got plenty of pajamas to stuff it with. I'd also like for you to bring me a Baby Teenytalk. Santa, would you bring me a kilt just like the one my sister wants. I wear a size 3 dress. Please bring me lots of nuts and candies.
Love and a big kiss,
Irene McGowen

(Pure Sugar: There are carrots in the refrigerator for your reindeer. Santa, you'll find a big applesauce cake on the dining room table so help yourself. (The milk and sandwiches I made for you are in the refrigerator, too.)

Dear Santa,
I can't say I have been a good little boy this year, but I have tried and for effort I would like a tricycle, wagon and cowboy guns.
Please don't forget all the other kids.
Love, Barry Tidrow

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy 4 years old. I would like for you to bring me a punching bag for Christmas. I have been pretty good this year. Come to see me.
Love,
Jay Druessedow

Dear Santa,
I want a cash register, a Johnny Eagle set, a stocking full of candy and a surprise. Also a Chief Cherokee. Merry Christmas!
Love, Mark Hix
2217 ROSS
ABILENE

Dear Santa,
I want a be be gun, Daniel Boone suit, football suit and a football. I would like a big surprise if you have enough toys.
Love, Paul Hix
Abilene, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I think I have been a good girl this year. I would like a jewelry box and a Luekie locket kiddle named Latic with long blonde hair, and a doll named Barbie. We have been very nice. Good-by. And bring all the little boys and girls toys.
Love, Twyla Druessedow
9 years old
Abilene, Texas
P. S. We will leave some cookies or a piece of cake for you by the fireplace.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl this year so will you please bring me a Twisten Barbie with some clothes and suit case. A camera, blackboard, makeup kit, sewing machine and a skipper doll. Please leave these at Daddy Jack and Grandma Sanders. I will be there Christmas.
Love, Brenda Kay Cox
Age 7, Denver, Colorado

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a stocking full of candy, a billy first-step, a piano, dishes and surprise.
Love, Kim Hix
Abilene, Texas



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Greetings to our good friends & neighbors!

OUTS DRY GOODS

Dearest Santa Claus,
Here I am writing you these few lines first to say hello and hope that God have help you this year. So you can send me and my 2 sisters a Toy for Christmas because mom and daddy ever year don't have money to buy some toy so please send us some toy for Christmas.
Thank you and God bless you, Santa.
Yours truly, Diana Masias
P. O. Box 2
Munday, Texas 76371

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a baby doll and high chair for her. I want some dishes, a baby buggy, a cleaning set, a skipper doll. I have been a good girl. Please leave my things at Daddy Jack and Grandma Sanders. I love you very much.
Deborah Sue Cox, Age 4
Denver, Colorado

400 S. Ave. F
Haskell, Texas 79521

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 7 years old. I would like for Christmas a transistor radio. My little brother, Ricky, who is two years old, would like to have a toy tool set. He likes to hammer. We both would like to have candy, nuts and fruit, too. We will have our stockings hanging. Don't forget my Mother and Daddy and please don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Love,
Frankie Moeller

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SHURFINE BLUE LAKE
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Borden MINCE MEAT . . . 9 oz. box 29c

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EGG NOG 49c

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Merry Christmas

This is the time of year when our thoughts turn with warmth and gratitude to you, our many loyal friends and customers. To every one we wish a MERRY, MERRY, CHRISTMAS!

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CHRISTIANITY'S PRECEPTS

Christmas is almost upon us. The tinsel and multi-colored lights, the crispness in the air, the Goodfellows making ready to deliver the baskets of goodies to our less fortunate families. These are evidence of the gentle customs and traditions of Christmas, reassuring proof that we still live in a reasonably stable society.

If we but observe Christmas in its broader meaning this year, it should help bring reason and humility to our aid in finding answers to man-made evils.

Christianity is the faith of civilized man. Its precepts become most clear in the enduring observances of the Christmas Season. The disorders that have swept the world and our land are a signal that we should repair to the precepts of Christianity, and there is no better time to start than this Christmas Season.

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Haskell County History

30 YEARS AGO (December 21, 1937)

Robert Dean came in Monday to spend the Christmas vacation with his grandmother, Mrs. R. B. Fields. Robert is attending the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque.

Thomas Keigler, student in Texas Tech, is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Keigler for a week's holiday. He will return to Lubbock, Dec. 26th.

Robert Thompson is spending Christmas holidays in Celina, Dallas and Fort Worth with friends and relatives.

Marvin Gholson of Dallas is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gholson and family.

Bob Wheatley, student in A&M College, returned home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wheatley.

Ross Chapman of Stamford has purchased the west side cafe from James Roy Akins and Jessie Seets and will operate it himself.

Al Cousins, peace officer for many years, was employed by the City Council in a meeting Monday night as regular night-watchman. Mr. Cousins has a record as a police officer for a number of years, having served as sheriff, city marshal, State Ranger and United States Marshal. The Council also voted to replace the signal lights on higher poles on the northwest corner of the square.

The Avoca eagles will attempt to stop the winning streak of the Haskell quintet here Thursday night at the gymnasium. Winner in three straight games the Indians meet a much stronger club in Avoca basketballers than any of their other victims.

Miss Mary Alma Sprowls, a teacher in the Haskell South Ward School for the past several years, and Mr. Cecil Jettton of Weibert received the marriage vows in a ring ceremony Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1937, at 8:00 p. m. at the Methodist parsonage with Rev. R. N. Huckabee officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Maxwell, former county agent of Haskell County, are visiting friends here during the Christmas holidays.

10 YEARS AGO (December 22, 1927)

J. D. Hughes, farmer and rancher who lives in the Post community nine miles southeast of Haskell, took first place premium on the best ten heads of milo maize exhibited at the Chicago International Grain & Hay Show which has recently closed. This is the second time he has won first on maize at the International Show as he

won the honor during 1926. There were 40,557 bales of cotton, counting round bales, ginned in Haskell County, from the crop of 1927, prior to December 1, 1927, as compared with 41,268 bales ginned to December 1, 1926, according to Jas. E. Lindsey, of Rule, Special Agent of the Dept. of Commerce.

Dennis P. Ratliff, attorney of this city, has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 91st Masonic District of Texas, according to information received from Grand Lodge headquarters. Mr. Ratliff has been very active in Masonic activities in this city, and his election for the post of District Deputy of this district is an honor well deserved.

Hugh Anderson came in Monday to spend the holidays with home folks. He is attending Texas Tech, Lubbock.

H. B. Weaver, who recently purchased a home in the northwestern section of this city and moved his family here for the benefit of the splendid schools, renewed the Free Press and had it changed to his address here. We are glad to welcome this good family to a home in the city.

R. L. Vick, an ex-mail carrier of Rule, was in Haskell last Wednesday. Mr. Vick lives at Rule and carried the mail out of Rule for more than 10 years and was one of the best carriers in his work and endeared himself to his patrons so closely that they hated to give him up. He is now engaged in farming and fruit raising, having one of the best fruit orchards in the county.

Misses Mae, Ollie and Faye Free returned last Wednesday from Mineral Wells where they have been attending Vaughan Normal Musical School.



May Peace and Joy Be Yours!

The traditional symbols of the Season bring good wishes.

BLOHM STUDIO

**60 YEARS AGO
(December 21, 1907)**
Sorry! The December 21 and 28 issues of the Free Press are missing from our files. The 60-years-ago column will be resumed with the first issue in January.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for the beautiful floral offerings, cards, food, words of consolation and other acts of kindness shown us during the loss of our loved one, Fred Allen, Mrs. Fred Allen and children. 51c

MERRY Christmas

The Yuletide season is a wonderful time. With it comes fun and laughter for the children, good cheer and pleasure for the grown-ups. May all the happiness that comes to you and your dear ones this Christmas continue throughout the New Year.

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HASKELL CORPSMAN RECEIVES CERTIFICATE
Johnny Lee Johnson, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Johnson, of Haskell, was among 231 Gary Job Corps Center trainees to receive a certificate of completion at formal graduation exercises recently at San Marcos, Texas. Johnson, who has been training at Gary seven months, completed a Dry Course.

TEXAS THEATRE
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Special Show Friday, Dec. 22 at 1:00 P.
All Tickets at the Door—50c
If Bought At School—35c

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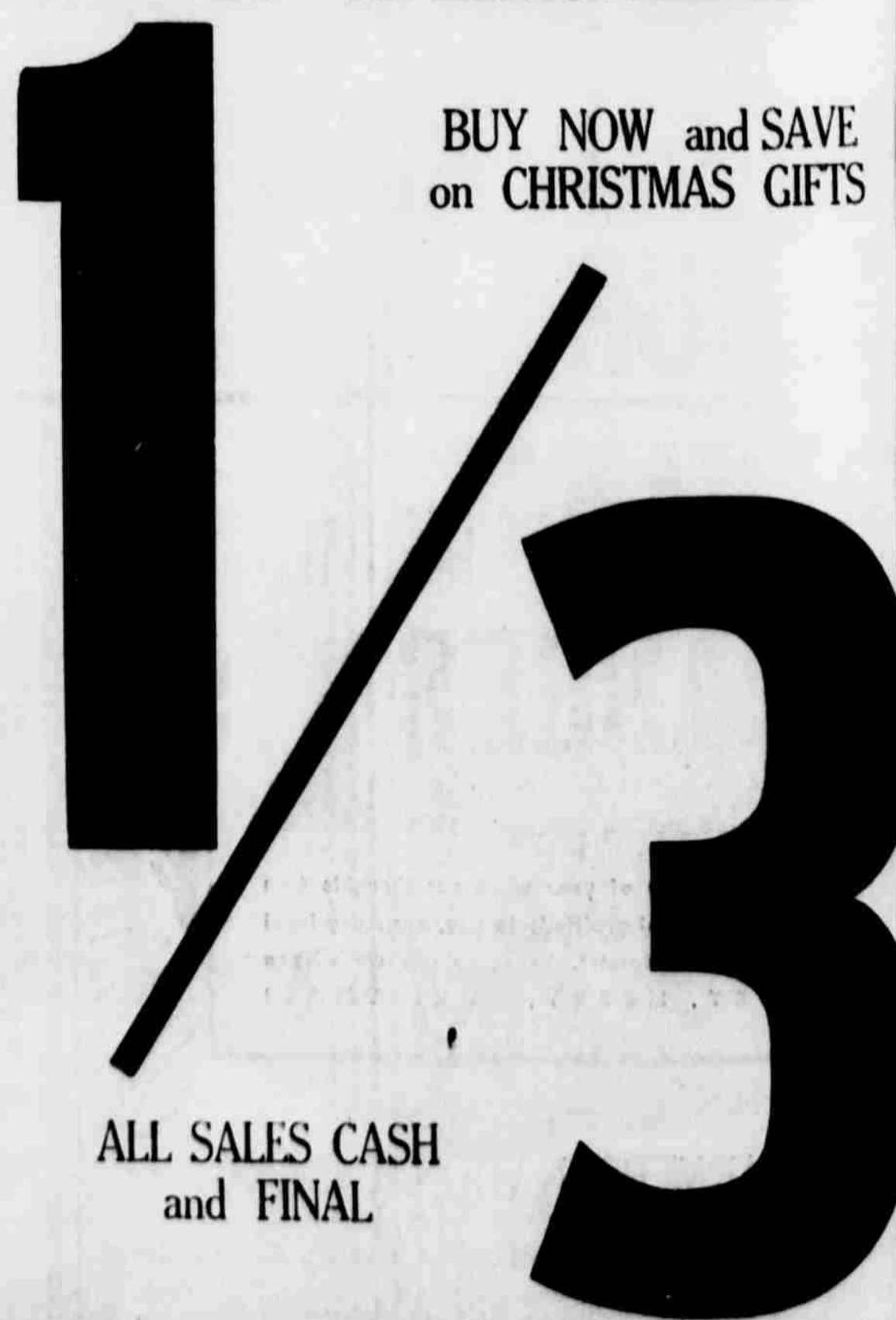
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MARSHMALLOWS KARFT MINIATURE **10 1/2** oz. Pkg. **19¢**

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SAUCE Ocean Spray Cranberry **4** 16-oz. cans **\$1**

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MINCE MEAT NONE-SUCH **9** oz. Pkg. **29¢**

MARSHMALLOW HIP-O-LITE OR KARFT CREME **13** oz. jar **29¢**

FOLGER'S COFFEE Pound Can **69¢**

CREAM CHEESE KARFT 3 OZ. **2** pkgs. **23¢**

SAUSAGE Ebner's Cowboy **2** lb. sack **89¢**

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Turkey TOMS
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CHRISTMAS IS DEADLIEST HOLIDAY SEASON OF ALL

Christmas, with the deepest spiritual significance, is the deadliest holiday of all, according to Major Luther C. Moore, commanding the Northwest Region of the Texas Department of Public Safety. "Ironically, Christmas achieves this terrible distinction precisely because we want it to be such a wonderful occasion," Major Moore says.

"It is a sentimental holiday. People will drive long distances for the traditional family reunion, undaunted by bad weather and road conditions. More travel—especially winter travel at highway speeds—means more accidents," the Major adds.

"It would be interesting to discover, in this era of jets and computers, what the word holiday means to most people. What is the first thing that flashes to mind when the word is mentioned? Time off from work?—a trip?—An excuse to celebrate?—Or a tragic accident toll?" Major Moore asks.

"Unfortunately, truthful answers probably would place all of those higher on the list than the true meaning of the holiday. And it's especially unfortunate that holidays must have an as-

sociation with high accident tolls," the Major says.

"The joyous spirit of Christmas is too often sought in the liquid form. This deadly combination of the throttle and bottle many times turns rejoicing into deepest sorrow. Last year in Texas, 38 per cent of all rural fatal accidents involved a drinking driver," warns the Major.

Major Moore reported that the four most frequent violations in all rural fatal accidents are: (1) Speed too fast for conditions, (2) Driving while drinking, (3) Wrong side of road, and (4) Did not have right-of-way.

"We feel it is important to point out these facts as the Christmas holidays approach, in the hope that our fellow citizens will heed them as warning against doing the things that have caused fatal accidents all over the state," Major Moore said.

FOR YOUR TABLE

Decorators say that your table arrangements should be kept as low as possible. In this way conversation across the table is possible without dodging back and forth.

The Good Earth

By Mrs. B. F. Cobb

As I write this column the ground is white with sleet and it is now raining and freezing as it falls. If the rain and freezing conditions keep up, I fear much damage to trees and shrubs. As soon as the weather permits, broken limbs should be cut smooth, and an application of tree paint applied to the scar. Rough, broken limbs make a good nest for the borer fly to lay its eggs in. The borer then enters the tree, often destroying a large limb or the entire plant. Examine shrubs for broken limbs and give them the same treatment as you would a tree.

Many gardeners get a great desire to prune roses during warm days in December and January. This practice is often the cause of plant loss. Dormant buds are stimulated to early swelling and opening, if the bush is pruned too early in the winter. The new leaves and often the canes will be frozen and killed. Nature will reserve a few buds if the plant is left undisturbed until late February or early March.

I have been adding up several things that indicate to old timers there is a long hard winter ahead. First, I learned that apples ripened two months early in Arkansas; this is an indication of an early and severe winter, so say the oldtimers. Corn shucks were extra thick this year, this, too, is said to be an indication of early and a hard winter; thick pecan shells and a heavy crop of nuts is also said to be another sign. And last but not least is the Indians' way of foretelling the coming of a hard winter: Pinon nuts fell at least two months early this year in Colorado. I just wonder how true these omens will turn out to be?

May we, the Haskell Garden Club and I, wish you a very Merry Christmas and a new year filled with good gardening.

Stanley Fancher Named FHA Beau

Stanley Fancher was elected FHA beau for 1967-68 at the Future Homemakers' regular meeting held recently.

Stanley is a senior. He has played on the Indian varsity team for three years, and also plays basketball.

After the business had been completed, Peggy Blair and Linda Riley presented a Christmas program for the FHA'ers. Peggy gave Peter Marshall's "Let's Keep Christmas" while Linda presented a reading which told of the origin of the Christmas hymn "Silent Night."

News from Rule

MRS. FAYE DUNNAM

RULE JUNIOR CLASS

The Junior Class of Rule High School had its Christmas party in the Lamar Casey home Monday night, Dec. 11.

Mrs. Allene Summers directed the group in games. The class exchanged Christmas gifts. Refreshments were served to: Kenny Tamer, Barry Hobbs, Mike Hughes, Charles Lott, Gary Casey, Debbie Wilson, Caron Cloud, Karen Lee, Paula Elmore, Linda Jones, Charlotte McQuinn, Anella Chambers, Sonja Casey; Class sponsor, Connor Horton; and the room mothers, Mrs. Russ Hobbs, Mrs. F. L. Chambers, Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Don Lee and Mrs. Casey.

MONDAY NIGHT CLUB

The Monday Night Bridge Club had its annual Christmas dinner and semi-annual entertainment on Monday night, December 11, in the home of Mrs. C. W. Dunnam.

After games of bridge and bingo, gifts were exchanged. Members attending were: Mrs. Lonnie Martin, R. C. Pool, L. W. Norman, Bryce Weaver, Jess Place, W. L. McCandless, John Estes, Earnest Simpson, Allen Davis, Festus Hunt, Charlie Bills and the hostess.

Mrs. Connie O'Neal visited friends in Spur and Hamlin over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Kinney and Dwight visited Pvt. Ronald Kinney at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Sunday.

Mrs. Jackie McGee and children and Mrs. John Estes spent the weekend in Lubbock with the Gerald Beck family. Mrs. McGee had dental surgery while there.

Dr. Larry Horton is visiting his parents for three weeks. They met him in Dallas. He has been stationed in Connecticut.

Jerry Hadaway is spending a month with his wife and son in Rule, and his parents in Haskell. Jerry is stationed in Germany.

COUNTY AGENT'S CORNER

By R. W. Schumann
Haskell County
Agricultural Agent

There are six fine 4-H clubs here in Haskell County involving some 250 boys and girls. These clubs provide an opportunity for boys and girls to meet together for club meetings and to have individual projects which are of interest to them. There is never any trouble in getting the boys and girls interested, but I guess one of the main problems we have in the county is getting adults to work with these boys and girls. Each club needs several adults to work with the members on club organization and also on projects.

In January or February of 1968, the Home Demonstration Agent, Ruth Ann Fancher and myself will be trying to organize a county-wide 4-H Adult Leaders Association. We hope that this organized group of adult leaders will be able to help us plan and carry out a more effective 4-H program for the young people of the county. I hope that any interested adult will join this association. Our 4-H young people are missing a lot of opportunities by not having an organized group of adult leaders behind them.

Funeral Services Held Friday For Pete Barnard

Funeral for Herman Atkins "Pete" Barnard, 65, long-time O'Brien resident, was held at 2 p. m. Friday from First Baptist Church at O'Brien, with Rev. K. E. Wooley of Benjamin officiating.

Barnard was in O'Brien Cemetery under direction of Smith Funeral Home of Knox City.

Barnard, a grocery store operator, passed away Wednesday, December 13, in a Knox City hospital.

Born Dec. 22, 1901, in Alabama, he moved to O'Brien as a child. He married Jackie Thomas in 1927 at Rochester. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Joe of Boron, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Joe Barton of Benjamin and Mrs. Otis Frazier of Abilene; a brother, R. P. of O'Brien; three sisters, Mrs. Lilly Vannoy of O'Brien, Mrs. Velma Tillinghast of Odessa and Mrs. Emma Cornett of Portales, New Mexico.

TAX MAN SAYS NOW:

Most farmers have practically finished the harvest for 1966. There is still time to reap a tax deduction or two for January 1. This is a good time to get down to your County Agent's office or to the nearest Internal Revenue Service office and pick-up the 1968 Farmer's Tax Guide. A few hours spent plowing through this down-to-earth Internal Revenue Service farm tax booklet could yield a reduced tax bill and, at least you will face up to your tax situation.

KAY NEWTON ELECTED TOTEM POLE BEAUTY

Kay Newton of Weinert has been elected a Totem Beauty by the student body of McMurry College. She was chosen from a group of 21 candidates. Eight young women were chosen as Totem beauties for the college annual.

Miss Newton is an office administration major at McMurry. A freshman student, she is a member of the Chanters.



TO YOU AND YOURS

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Greetings



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News from Weinert . . .

MRS. O. W. VAUGHN

The big news in this part of the country is ice, rain, sleet and snow with everyone staying in as much as possible and having no company from Thursday through Saturday night. Harlon Weinert reports eight-tenths of moisture.

Mrs. Preston Weinert left Sunday night by train from View to spend Christmas with her daughter, the Perkins', in Houston.

Mrs. J. A. Driggers left by bus Friday of last week to spend a few days with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Flanagan and Jay in Weatherford.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Ashley left Monday morning to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Johnston and family. They will be met there by their son, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ashley, of Lufkin.

Elwood Bruton, of Carswell AFB, Fort Worth, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bruton Monday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Bruton returned to Fort Worth with him and visited her mother, Mrs. Drue Rhine. They also visited Mr. Bruton's sisters, Mrs. T. H. Foxall and Miss Sallie Bruton and other relatives in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Sanders had the misfortune of losing their house and all contents in an early morning fire Friday. Origin of the blaze was not determined. They were at Wichita Falls visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Offutt, at the time of the fire.

Rev. and Mrs. Ross Anderson attended funeral services for Mr. Willie Wicker at Seymour last Wednesday at 4:00 p. m. Bro. Anderson preached the service at the Calvary Baptist Church.

Rev. and Mrs. Ross Anderson attended funeral services for Mrs. Mack Russell at First Christian Church in Seymour at 2 p. m. Wednesday of last week. Ernest Stewart, of Hamlin, visited Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Vaughn Monday.

MISTLETOE MAGIC

Long before Christianity, pagans believed the mistletoe to have special healing powers. The early Christians used mistletoe to adorn the altars at Christmas, as a symbol of the Lord's healing power. Early Christians also exchanged the kiss of reconciliation before receiving holy sacrament at the altar, a practice which led, perhaps, to the modern custom of a kiss under the mistletoe.

TO GIVE

Giving gifts and sending Christmas cards has become a part of our Christmas whether we like it or not. We should not object, because both can contribute to the spirit of the season. In the final analysis, we have ourselves to blame. We have become so involved in the commercial aspects of Christmas that we forget the spiritual aspects.

Area Jehovah Witnesses Plan Special Week

Jehovah's Witnesses from Haskell, Rule, Rochester and Munday are planning a special week of activity, January 2-7, when Circuit Supervisor Robert N. White visits the local congregation.

Mr. White, accompanied by his wife, Ruth, travels a circuit of 13 congregations and three isolated groups in central and eastern Arkansas, and Texas.

According to Mr. Short, Presiding Minister of the Haskell congregation, the purpose of the week-long visit is to give practical assistance to each individual Witness in his personal ministry. "It is a part of our religion," Mr. Short said, "for each member to share in the house-to-house witnessing . . . Therefore we look forward to the three visits a year from our Circuit Supervisor."

Tuesday evening at 7:30 a "Ministry School" which provides training in public speak-

ing and "Service Meeting" which gives counsel in Bible teaching, will be held. Following this Mr. White is scheduled to address the congregation in a 30-minute discourse.

Wednesday through Sunday witnessing activities will be conducted from house-to-house in the above mentioned cities in which local members will be aided by Mr. White in their teaching technique.

The audience will share in the Saturday evening program at 8:00 when "New Things Laid" are discussed. Scriptural admonition will then be offered by White in a 30-minute talk on Improving Personal Ministry.

The climax of the week's activities will be a public address Sunday at 4:00 p. m. when White discusses, "Science, the Bible and Your Faith." Final remarks to the congregation will bring the program to a conclusion.

All interested persons are invited to attend the meetings which will be held at Kingdom Hall, 1413 N. Ave. J, Haskell, Texas. No collections are ever taken.



Merry CHRISTMAS

Add to the good things of Christmas — our wishes for a joyous holiday!

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Greetings



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IRA HESTER
City Secretary

Christ Gave Real Meaning

"I am come that you might have life and have it more abundantly."

In these words, we find the true meaning of Christmas. Jesus Himself said it . . .

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which is lost."

At Christmas, we observe more than the birth of a child; we recognize the birth of a Saviour, in fulfillment of the promise of God.

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KRAFT Philadelphia Cream Cheese 3 oz. pkg. 10c	CRISCO 3 LB. CAN 69c
Borden's Whipping Cream 19c	3 lbs. GOLDEN OLEO 49c
None-Such Mince Meat 9 oz. pkg. 29c	Can MANDARIN ORANGES 19c
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Commissioner, Precinct 4

Problem: Catch Up With The Sun

The sun in the morning sky is much more important to man than the signal that a new day has begun. Since man first began marking time, the sun has always posed a problem. Leap years in our present Gregorian calendar are necessitated by the fact the solar year is longer than the calendar year.

The problem is not new. Sometime in the seventh century B. C., Numa Pompilius instituted the Roman calendar. Although it was revised several times, by the reign of Julius Caesar, the Roman calendar was some two months behind the sun.

Caesar put his best minds to work on a new calendar. They came up with a better method of keeping up, but could not decide what to do about the two months needed to actually catch up with the sun. They solved the problem by inserting two additional months between the months of November and December, making the then-current year, which we now refer to as 46 B. C., the longest year in history—a total of 445 days.



Ken Conroy (kid brother of Sean Conroy), James Bond's film alter ego) has the leading role in a suspense drama called aptly "Operation Kid Brother." The picture, in Technicolor and Techniscope, will open Sunday, December 24 at the Texas Theatre.

Special Period For Enrollment For Medicare

Some individuals over 65 in Haskell County have not signed up for Medicare.

"This comes to our attention every once in a while when someone enters a hospital but has no Medicare identification card," according to Don Austin, social security representative, who will be in the City Hall Annex, Haskell, every Thursday in January at 10:00 a. m.

Austin will be glad to assist anyone who has not signed up to file an application. The period from October 1, 1967, through March 31, 1968, is a special enrollment period for those who were past age 65 in 1966 and overlooked taking out the doctor bill part of Medicare.

Lamb Said It: No One Is Indifferent

Charles Lamb put it very concisely when he said that "No one ever regarded the First of January with indifference."

Curiosity, hope and superstition have marked man's observance of the New Year for centuries.

Among superstitious beliefs was that "dipping" provided an insight into the future. Dipping involved the opening of the family Bible while the head of the house, with eyes closed, fingered a passage with his finger, the text supposedly properly interpreted, was supposed to foretell the good or bad luck in store for the months ahead.

Man has always been as curious about what the future holds as he has been eager to learn about all things unknown. Have you ever noticed how many "New Year's resolutions" are present at New Year parties and gatherings? Almost everyone can tell you what is going to happen in the world of business and finance, in politics, in affairs of state, in our relations with other countries around the world.

Be indifferent about the New Year? It's hardly possible. Try as you may, you cannot help but dwell for a moment upon the personal events and happenings of 1967. And, you cannot deny that you have some hopes and plans for 1968.

We hope that it is a very good year for you.

CALM CHILDREN

Active children become more exuberant with the coming of the Christmas season. The mad rush of shopping and holiday preparations stimulates a child's emotions.

Child specialists believe that a quiet atmosphere and explaining the joys of the holiday have a more peaceful effect.

We should spend more time getting children ready for a reverent Christmas rather than a commercial one. When the entire family pause to understand the true meaning of Christmas, it will be a joy to all.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

In ancient China, the observance of the New Year lasted not a day, but for 15 days. Festivities began on the first day of the new moon and were climaxed two weeks later by "Teng Chieh," the Feast of Lanterns.

Torrington, Conn., erects for its children in December a Christmas village, where Santa and his elves work on toys, surrounded by shelves loaded with gifts. Santa Claus chats with the youngsters and provides each one with a gift.

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Rolling Plains Cotton Farmers Winding Up Short 1967 Harvest

Farmers in the 32 West Texas counties comprising the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., along with producers throughout the Cotton Belt, will soon wind up the 1967 harvest with one of the shortest crops in many years.

Total U. S. production of cotton for 1967 has been estimated at 7,618,000 bales by the United States Department of Agriculture, according to Charles Bragg, executive vice president of RPOG.

Texas' crop has been placed at 2,067,000 bales compared to 2,759,188 bales a year ago. The current U. S. crop compares with 9,575,000 bales last year and 14,935,000-bale average for 1961-65, as stated by Mr. Bragg.

"Adverse weather conditions throughout West Texas, as well as the entire South, are largely responsible for the reduced acreage yields," said Bragg. "Payments offered by the government for idling cotton land is another reason for the short 1967 crop."

"In view of the short supply predicted next year, directors of the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers are joining cotton industry leaders in urging farmers to review carefully their planting plans for 1968," Bragg asserted. This matter is expected to get major consideration at the 30th annual meeting of the National Cotton Council in Oklahoma City January 29-30. More than a thousand leaders of the cotton industry are expected in attendance.

The Rolling Plains organization has set a goal of 20 members for attendance at the meeting, including J. B. Cooper, Jr., Roscoe farmer and Growers' president, Neuman Smith, Runnels County farmer and vice-president of the Southern Region of RPOG, Charles Stenholm of Stamford, immediate past executive vice president, and Bragg, executive vice president.

Meantime, Bragg urges all cotton producers in the Rolling Plains counties to begin now

planning for their 1968 cotton crop. So far this year, the price received by farmers for 1967 crop cotton has averaged 8.5 cents above the average market in 1966 and 1 to 14 cents above the last year.

World consumption for 1967-68 is estimated at 52.5 million bales. Under present programs and world outlook, estimated production for 1967-68 is 47.3 million bales, 5.2 million less than estimated consumption.

"It is conceivable that average price paid for cotton in 1968 could reach record highs," Bragg said.

TREE LEGEND

There are many legends concerning the origin of the Christmas tree. One of the most unusual is found in an old German folktale. According to the story, a branch of fir was given to a forester's family after they had offered food and shelter to a wanderer who was in reality the Christ Child. The forester put the branch into the ground and it grew into a tree which always bore fruit and nuts at Christmas time.

Suggestions For Holiday Ham

Ham is a headliner on many holiday menus and today's menus and today's hams are leaner, juicier and easier to prepare than those on Grandpa's farm.

To luke your Christmas ham, place it fat side up on a rack in an open roasting pan. Insert a meat thermometer into the center of the thickest part, but make sure the bulb does not rest in fat or bone.

Do not add water and do not cover. Bake the ham in a slow oven (250 degrees F.). Basting is not necessary, but if you wish, add your favorite glaze 20 to 30 minutes before the end of the cooking time.

A "cook-before-eating" ham should bake until the meat thermometer registers 160 degrees F. This will require 2 1/2 to 3 hours for a half ham, 2 to 2 1/2 hours for a shank or butt portion.

For heating a "fully cooked" ham, the meat thermometer should indicate 130 degrees F. Allow about 2 hours for a half ham, 1 1/2 hours for a portion. For canned hams, follow instructions on the can.

CHURCH SERVICES

In his diary, Samuel Pepys tells that in 1662 he walked to church where he heard an exceptionally long sermon. Also, three years later, after the Christmas address, he saw a wedding at the church. On this holiday in 1666, Pepys wrote that his wife stayed in bed, as she had sat up until 4 o'clock that morning, watching her "mayde" make the mince pies. In contrast, "I, to church, where our parson Mills made a good sermon thanks to God Almighty, for the goodness of my condition at this day."

SUPERSTITIOUS PIE

Several writers say that mince pie originated in Germany, while others say that its beginning is lost in the annals of history. It was, however, an essential part of the Yuletide celebration in early England.

Old superstitions held that any person refusing to eat mince pie would be unlucky for the coming year. Those who did partake, would have the same number of happy months during the year as the number of pieces at which he ate mince pie.

CARD DISPLAY

Looking for an unusual way to display your Christmas cards? How about a wall hanging, using burlap, heavy muslin or felt? You can use straight pins to attach the cards — or sew them to the fabric using strong thread and a large needle.

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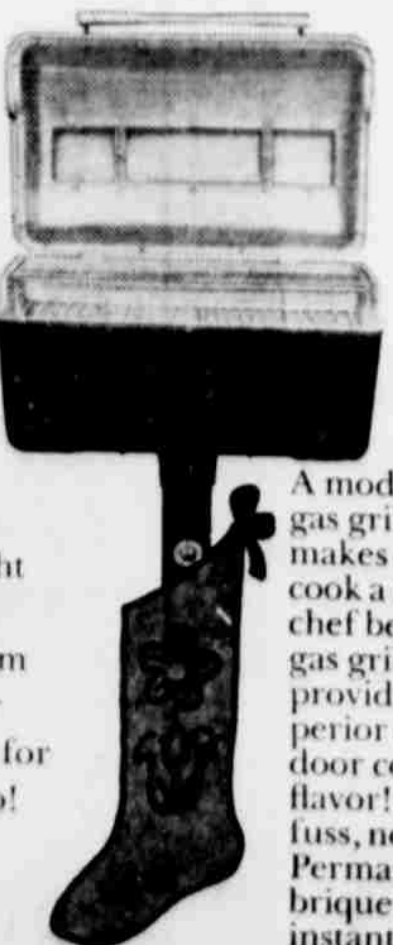
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