



MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL

This issue of The Review may be termed "one big Christmas card," as most local businesses and a number of individuals and families have included Christmas greetings to their customers and friends and neighbors. The Review staff has attempted to publish this issue in the true spirit of Christmas.

ETC.
 by Lori Hopson

In this issue of the Review, we think you'll find some heartwarming and thought provoking features written by high school and junior high students under the headings "What Christmas Really Means to Me," and, in some cases, "Christmas Happiness Is..." In addition, we have published some of the younger children's "Letters to Santa," which we took the liberty of copying before forwarding them to Old St. Nick at the North Pole.

As good ol' Charlie Brown remarked in his television special last week, sometimes it seems Christmas is getting "too commercialized." And there may be some weight to that statement. But as Charlie discovered, one only has to look in the right places to see the evidence that the true Christmas spirit is still very much a part of our annual celebrations.

And what better place to find that evidence than in the hearts of children? Surely one only need see the joy in a child's face all during the season to realize that some of the true spirit of the first Christmas really lives in our lives today. And isn't that exactly what the birth of Jesus Christ was all about—Love?

True, we should realize and be truly thankful for the fact that Santa Claus and gifts are not, by far, the "true meaning" of the holiday—but they are definitely a part of our present-day observance of the season. Perhaps, as one high school student put it, Santas job is really that of spreading around the love and joy that were born with Christ in a manger some 2000 years ago.

Perhaps we can all spread some of that love this Christmas, by sharing it with those who would not otherwise be able to share in this joyous season. Why not invite a special guest to your Christmas celebrations—perhaps an elderly person, or shut-in who might not have anyone with whom to enjoy the fellowship and sharing we so often take for granted at this time of the year? If you know of someone like this—what better way to observe Christmas than by sharing it with someone for whom it would really mean a blessing? And I think perhaps we'd all find in a situation like this, that we ourselves would be doubly blessed through the giving of a part of ourselves to someone else.

By the time some of you are reading this column, it will be approaching that time of year when, traditionally, we all begin thinking about the future, and making those New Year's Resolutions. If you're like me, you'll make several, and somehow manage to forget each one of them by the end of January. One good resolution for each of us might be to keep in mind and heart the joy and peace of the Christmas season itself—throughout the year.

1976, just around the corner, promises to be a memorable and exciting year, bringing to mind the realization that only 200 years ago, America, as we know it, was

perhaps only a dream in the hearts of some of our far-off ancestors. Bicentennial is a word you'll be hearing more and more as 1976 progresses, and if, like me, you've begun to find yourself thinking it a little "old," keep in mind that it's the only one of its kind to ever occur in our nation. America will only be 200 years old once, and the vast majority of us won't be here for the celebration of the Tricentennial. So, think about it, and truly "Honor America" at this very special time in her history with your time, your support, and your prayers.

Funeral Rites Held For Virgie Baker

Services for Virgie E. Baker, 89, of Wolfthorh were held at 2:00 p.m. last Friday in Lubbock's W. W. Rix Chapel with the Rev. Jimmy Hardy, pastor of Melonie Park Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery with Rix Funeral Directors handling the arrangements.

Mrs. Baker died the previous Tuesday in a daughter's home in Fort Worth.

Survivors include three sons, George E. Baker of 2135 71st St., Chris Baker of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Bill Baker of Wolfthorh; six daughters, Mrs. Dorothy (Dot) Miller of Meeker, Okla., Mrs. Edith Willoughby of Bethany, Okla., Mrs. Ray Martin of Abernathy; Mrs. J. E. Adcock of Weatherford; Mrs. Chester Lowery of Fort Worth and Mrs. Royce Shires of Abernathy; a brother Hugo Williams of Odessa; two sisters, Mrs. Lewis Abernathy of Odessa and Mrs. Vida Cataldo of Long Beach, Calif.; 16 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

"This Is the Way"

Following is a poem written by Frank Parker, 21. Frank is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Parker of Abernathy.

THIS IS THE WAY
 Now that Christmas time is nigh

You see all the signs saying "buy, buy, buy";
 And the people do and the people say,
 "This is the way, this is the way."

They don't know nor can they see
 What Christmas is and really should be,
 But, if you told them they wouldn't listen,
 they'd just say,
 "This is the way, this is the way."

Let's bring back the Christmas spirit, we can try
 You don't have to find gifts to go and buy,
 Just give love to everyone you meet, and you can say,
 "This is the way, this is the way."

The giving of love isn't so hard to do
 Just open up your heart and let it flow through;
 Then the spirit of Christmas will shine, and you can say,
 "This is the way, this is the way."

—Frank Parker



CHRISTMAS CAROLERS--Shown above are members of Abernathy's 4-H Horse and Pony Club, who spread "Christmas tidings" from their mounts Saturday night. Adult 4-H leaders accompanied the youths and then furnished refreshments following the excursion through town. Review Photo

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES HIGHLIGHTS BICENTENNIAL CEREMONIES

The Abernathy High School Gymnasium saw a near-capacity crowd gathered for last Thursday's Bicentennial flag presentation ceremonies.

In bold hues of red, white and blue, the decor of the gym carried out the patriotic theme presented in the opening music performed by the AHS Antelope band, led by director George Riddell.

The opening Bicentennial Music was followed on the day's program by the state-ly "March of the Flags," presented by the Reese Air Force Base Color Guard and the local Future Farmers of America organization.

The Honor Guards followed in the ceremony's opening procession, and included local Cub Scouts, Brownies, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Webelos, and 4-H Club members.

Dr. Delwin Webb, Master of Ceremonies for the day, requested that the audience stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, led by AHS Student Council President Wayne Riley, and Vice-President Victor Garza.

The Invocation was given by the Rev. Jose Rodriguez, pastor of Abernathy's Primera Mision Bautista with the welcome given by Abernathy Mayor J. Pete Thompson.

A performance by the AHS band followed of "1876--A New Land, A New Nation," a musical description of the

varied cultures which were united in 1876 to form the Republic of Texas.

A highlight of the program followed, with the presentation of Abernathy's State and National Certification as a Bicentennial City. The two documents were presented to the city by Mrs. Tom Simmons, representing the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of Texas.

Local Bicentennial General Chairperson Mrs. Cal Tucker followed with an acceptance and response, expressing the pride and honor with which the city accepted the Bicentennial documents.

Colonel Richard Ingram, Commander, Reese Air Force Base, followed with the presentation of the city's official Bicentennial flag, which was accepted by Mayor Thompson.

Abernathy School Board President Loren West then led the audience in the singing of God Bless America, followed by the Benediction, led by the Rev. Al Jennings, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Abernathy.

The Raising of the Bicentennial Flag followed after the program in front of city hall, with Colonel Ingram doing the honors. A round of applause hailed the banner as it rose to join the stars and stripes of "Old Glory," in the city square.



BICENTENNIAL FLAG--Col. Richard Ingram, Commander, Reese A.F.B., and Abernathy city mayor J. Pete Thompson are shown displaying the official Bicentennial banner presented to the city in last Thursday's Bicentennial ceremonies. The two raised the flag amid applause by members of Abernathy's Bicentennial Committees following the presentation ceremony at the High School Gym.

FRANK RUSSELL RESIGNS AS LOCAL CHIEF OF POLICE; ACCEPTS POST IN ANDREWS

The resignation of Abernathy Chief of Police Frank Russell will become effective as of January 5 when he assumes duties as police chief for the city of Andrews, Texas.

Russell, an Abernathy resident since 1966 when he was employed as a patrolman, submitted his resignation last week, according to city manager Larry Fields.

Russell took on the duties of Abernathy Chief of Police in 1968. He married Gaye Rutherford in 1969, and they now have a son, Chuck, who will be three years old in January.

Named Abernathy Citizen of the Year in 1972, (an honor he shared with Mrs. Herbert Hardin), Russell is head of the city's annual Salvation Army Campaign. In addition, he serves on the technical advisory committee of South Plains College's Law Enforcement program.

He and his family attend First United Methodist Church.



Frank Russell ...resigns post here

VIEW REQUESTS NEWS OF HOLIDAY VISITORS

We at the Review would like to know about you holiday visitors and trips.

Let us know by coming by the Review office at 916 Ave. D., or call us at 298-2033.

We'd like to let your friends know if your college students, service men, or any other friends and relatives are visiting in your home this season; or if you're going out of town yourself. We want you to have a newspaper you'll enjoy reading. Remember, you're our help in getting the news to Abernathy. Also, please remember our early deadline for next week's issue of the Review.

BRAY WINS TECH BAND AWARD

Bruce Bray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Bray of Abernathy, was recently selected as the 1975-76 recipient of the "Crank It" award, an award given annually by the Texas Tech band marching percussion section.

The award is presented to the drummer contributing most to the section and to the band during the year.

Bruce is the second local recipient the honor, which was awarded to Abernathan Floyd Lebow in 1971.

A 1973 graduate of Abernathy High School, Bray is a junior percussion major and has played snare drum in Tech's marching band as well as the school's top concert band for the past three years.

Commenting on the move to Andrews, Russell said that the decision to leave Abernathy was "a difficult choice," and added that the people here have "treated us awfully well over the past years."

He continued to say that, though it is "extremely hard" to leave, he didn't believe that he could have "passed up the opportunity" in Andrews.

A graduate of Hale Center High School, Russell has been a resident of Hale County since 1946. Before coming to Abernathy in 1966, he served as a deputy in the Hale County Sheriff's department in both Hale Center and Plainview.

He holds advanced certification by the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Standards in Education, and is currently working toward a B. A. degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Oklahoma.

In commenting on Russell's resignation, city manager spoke on behalf of the city of Abernathy saying "We considered our lives fortunate to have been associated with Frank during the past years. He has done an excellent job and we will hate to see him leave."

"We wish him the best of luck in his new post," added Fields, who also stated that the city is now taking applications for the post which will be vacated by Russell as of January 5.

Services Held For Owens Child

Services for Jiminey Rachel, three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Owens of Lubbock and Treva Totty of Lubbock, were held Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in Resthaven-Singleton-Wilson Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Burial was in Abernathy Odd Fellow Cemetery under the direction of the Lubbock Funeral directors.

The child died Sunday at Lubbock's Methodist Hospital following a short illness.

Survivors in addition to her parents include a brother, Stacy; two sisters, Lisa and Cinnamon, all of the home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Owens of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. James Carpenter of Idalou, and Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Totty of Abernathy; Mrs. Alice Mahon of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gabriel of Hamlin.

SERVICES HELD FOR MOTHER OF LOCAL WOMAN

Mrs. Elsie Cree of Springfield, Colo. died last week. She was the mother of Mrs. Maudie Jones.

Funeral services were to be conducted Monday in the First Baptist Church in Springfield, Colo.

At press time this was all the information available. There were several from Abernathy going to Colo. to attend funeral services.

Jesse Montez, 17, of Abernathy remained in serious condition at Methodist Hospital Sunday with severe head injuries he suffered in a one-car accident Dec. 13 near New Deal.

Basketball Rundown

by Sammy Hunley
 The following games consist of those played by the boys from the opening of the season through Dec. 18, 1975-season record 9 wins-4 losses.

ABERNATHY 77
 HALE CENTER 47
 Wayne Riley--14 pts.
 Gary Henley--14 pts.
 Ken Davenport--12 pts.
 Kelley Tooker--12 pts.
ABERNATHY 76
 SEMINOLE 80
 Gary Henley--21 pts.
 Wayne Riley--17 pts.
 Roddy Shipman--14 pts.
 Kelley Tooker--11 pts.
 Ken Davenport--10 pts.
ABERNATHY 75
 COOPER 41
 Wayne Riley--12 pts.
 Gary Henley--12 pts.
 Kelley Tooker--11 pts.
 Rodney Mahagan--8 pts.
 Larry Bryant--8 pts.
 Ken Davenport--9 pts.
ABERNATHY 59
 DIMMITT 62
 Wayne Riley--16 pts.
 Kelley Tooker--15 pts.
 Ken Davenport--14 pts.
 Roddy Shipman--10 pts.
ABERNATHY 79
 ROOSVELT 61
 Wayne Riley--20 pts.
 Kelley Tooker--15 pts.
 Ken Davenport--13 pts.

PLAINVIEW TOURNAMENT
 2nd Place Finish
ABERNATHY 50
PLAINVIEW J.V. 42
 Ken Davenport--15 pts.
 Wayne Riley--14 pts.
ABERNATHY 78
DENVER CITY 54
 Ken Davenport--19 pts.
 Kelley Tooker--15 pts.
 Wayne Riley--15 pts.
 Gary Henley--9 pts.

FINALS
ABERNATHY 68
DIMMITT 73
 Wayne Riley--24 pts.
 Ken Davenport--18 pts.
 Gary Henley--10 pts.

ABERNATHY 60
ROOSVELT 44
 Wayne Riley--12 pts.
 Roddy Shipman--12 pts.

Highlights of the girls will follow in next week's Review.

Kelley Tooker--10 pts.
 Rodney Mahagan--10 pts.
ABERNATHY 60
SLATON 42

Ken Davenport--13 pts.
 Roddy Shipman--11 pts.
 Kelley Tooker--11 pts.
TULLA TOURNAMENT
ABERNATHY 54
DIMMITT 62
 Wayne Riley--14 pts.
 Kelley Tooker--10 pts.
 Roddy Shipman--10 pts.
 Gary Henley--12 pts.
ABERNATHY 71
VEGA
 Ken Davenport--20 pts.
 Kelley Tooker--10 pts.
 Rodney Mahagan--9 pts.
 Wayne Riley--9 pts.

ABERNATHY 75
FARWELL 62
 Wayne Riley--15 pts.
 Ken Davenport--16 pts.
 Kelley Tooker--12 pts.
ABERNATHY 81
COOPER 68
 Kelley Tooker--22 pts.
 Wayne Riley--20 pts.
 Ken Davenport--9 pts.

Abernathy Junior Varsity, coached by Charles Beasley, record of 3 wins 2 losses for the season thus far.

ABERNATHY 53
SEMINOLE 73
PLAINVIEW TOURNAMENT
 Dennis Raptine--22 pts.
 Lon Mason--12 pts.
 Mark Pope--11 pts.
ABERNATHY 41
DIMMITT 56
 Dennis Raptine--23 pts.
 Mark Pope--6 pts.
ABERNATHY 47
ROOSVELT 43
 Dennis Raptine--17 pts.
 Greg Gist--9 pts.
ABERNATHY 71
FARWELL 49
 Raptine--25 pts.
 Hunt--11 pts.
 Mason--9 pts.

ABERNATHY 79
COOPER 51
 Raptine--21 pts.
 Odum--16 pts.
 Gist--8 pts.
 Heard--8 pts.



CHRISTMAS GOODIES--were distributed to wide-eyed youngsters here Friday as the Abernathy volunteer Fire Department brought Santa Claus to the "Palm of the Plains." Santa first visited the city's school children, and then made a stop at city hall to distribute candy to pre-schoolers. (staff photo)

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in the highest.....

You can tell when the Christmas season is approaching, youngsters suddenly start picking up after themselves and minding Mom and Dad!

But more importantly, the Christmas season has its effect on adults, too. Amid the busy preparations, we find ourselves being a little more patient, a little more thoughtful.

Perhaps it's because so much of the holiday season is spent in making gifts for others or shopping for gifts... maybe just having to think about others -

Whatever the reason, as we get more and more involved in holiday preparations, we find ourselves striving to be kinder... to be more tolerant of that

irritating neighbor, to be more understanding of that harassed clerk's confusion.

Christmas is the time we become so busy thinking about others, we have little time to think about ourselves. It's the time we begin to discover peace within our hearts and suddenly feel that perhaps peace on earth is within reach.

Our thoughts, when not preoccupied with preparations, turn to Christmases past... and memories of those grown older or perhaps passed away.

We give thought to the ways of God and strive to be more worthy of His love by loving those around us.

And when Christmas Eve arrives at last and the packages have all been wrapped and put under the tree, we think of Him Whose birthday we are celebrating... the Infant Jesus, lighting our lives with radiance and hope... bringing to mankind all the wonder and joy that is the spirit of Christmas.

Liner warns of cattle lice problem

Lice can weaken cattle, stunt their growth and make them more susceptible to other diseases. That's why it's important to check cattle periodically for the tiny pests, says Ollie Liner, county agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"It's especially important to check cattle in the fall, winter and spring months because lice are attracted to the cooler skin temperatures of animals," points out Liner.

Both bloodsucking and biting lice are parasites of cattle. Biting lice feed on pieces of hair, scabs and skin excretions of the animal and can cause cattle to scratch and rub off pieces of skin. The loss of blood caused by bloodsucking lice can keep young animals from gaining and can affect meat and milk production in older animals, explains Liner.

Lice are most numerous on the neck and shoulders of an animal and are more common on poorly fed cattle.

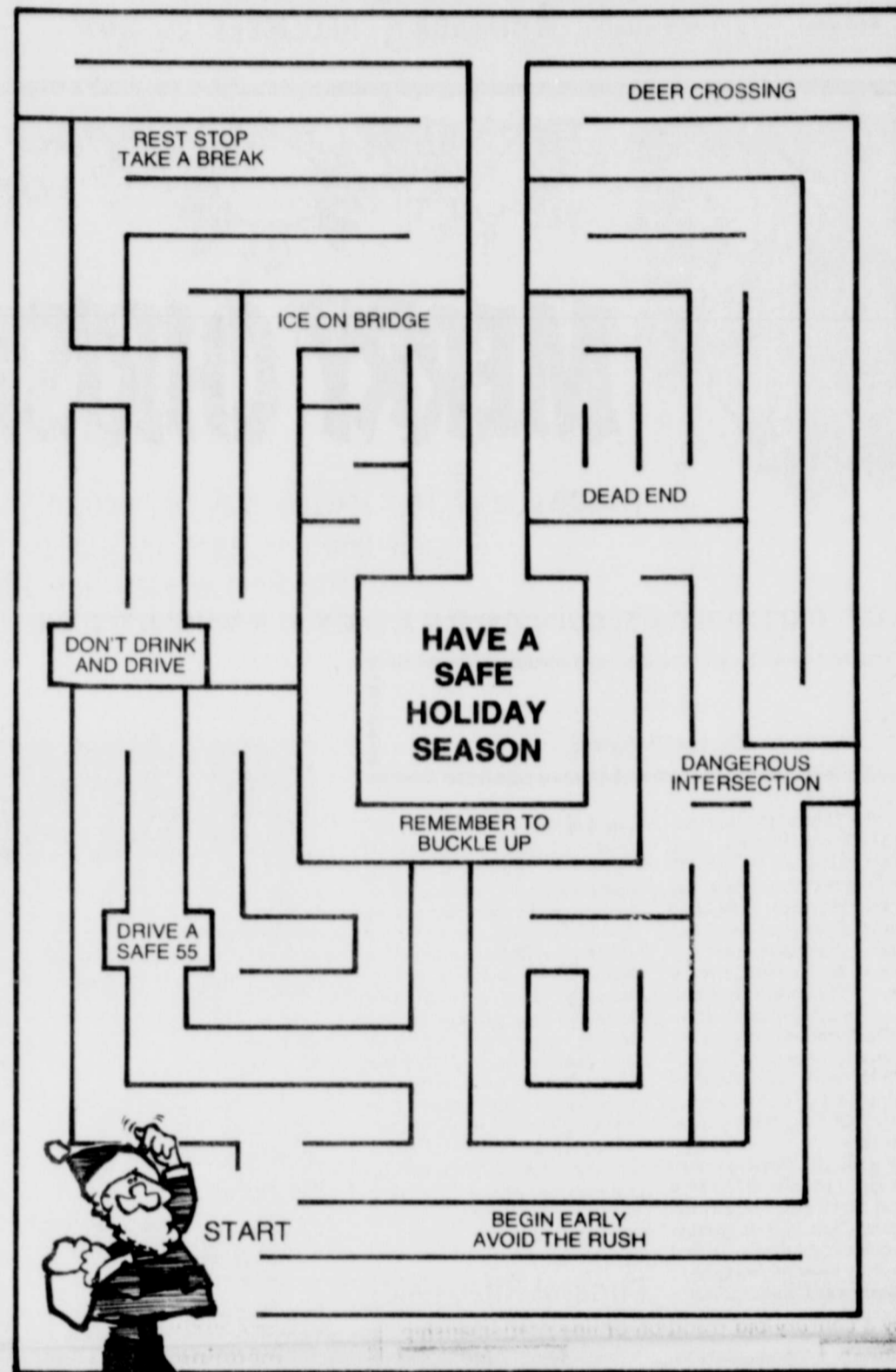
Lice can be controlled by spraying, dipping, dusting or a self-treatment rubbing device. The insecticide used depends on the application method and whether it is for dairy or beef cattle, says the agent.

"The most effective way to apply an insecticide is to wet the animal to the skin," says Liner. "This usually takes from one to two gallons of spray for mature animals with heavy hair coats." This application should be repeated in two or three weeks and cattle should be inspected periodically after that, adds the agent.

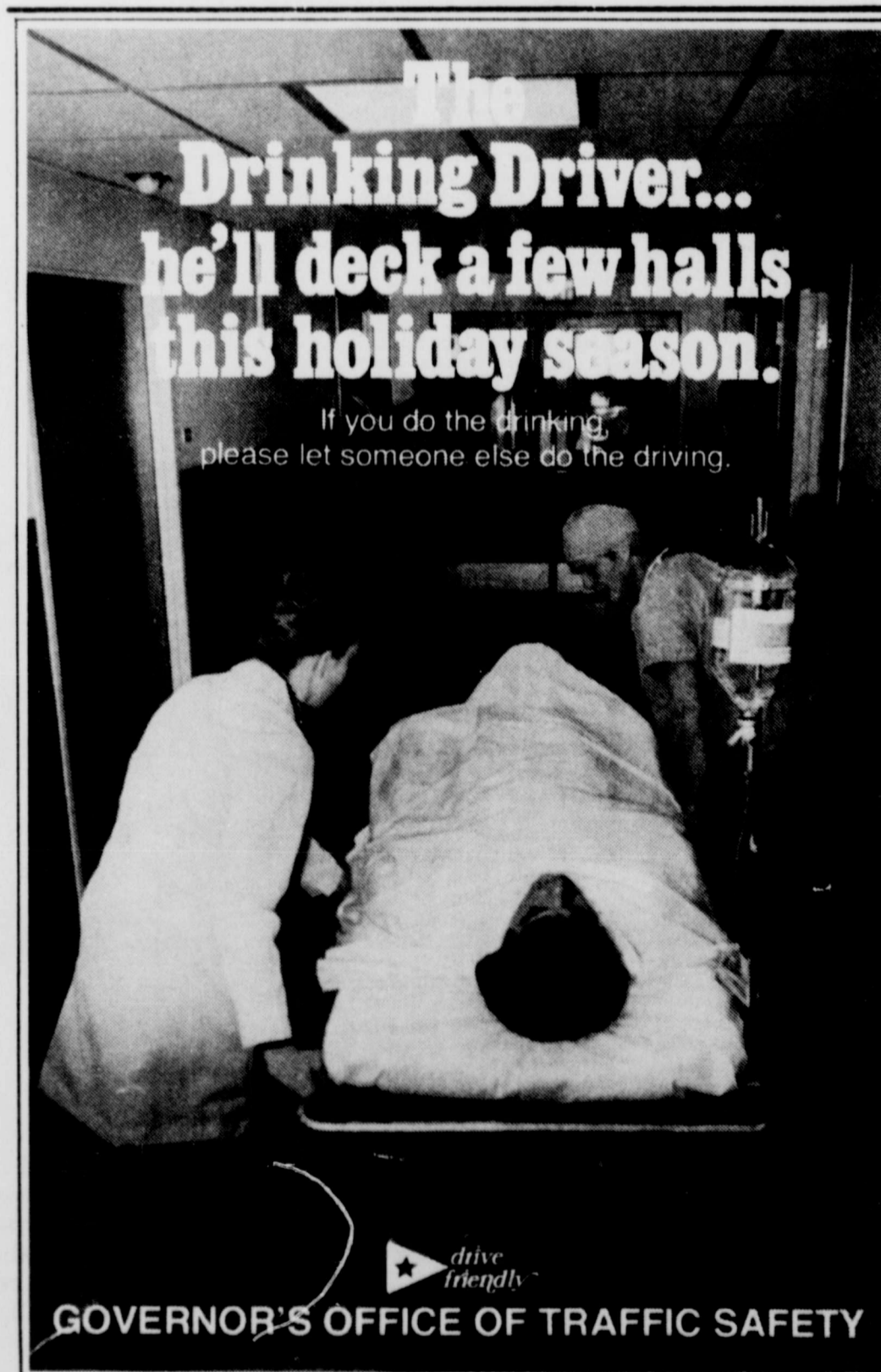
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The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
Attorney General

AUSTIN—The Christmas gift-giving and post Christmas gift-enjoying season is a very special time of year for many Texas children. As recipients of what usually is a variety of toys, clothing, and other items from parents, relatives, and friends, they have plenty to keep them busy during the holidays.

And most parents have been extra-careful to shop for and purchase only those items that are safe and suitable for youngsters. Occasionally, though, a gift from a relative or friend who doesn't shop for children very often may be unsuitable, or even in some cases unsafe, in the hands of a child who is too young for it.

Our Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division recommends that each gift received by youngsters be checked over by parents to determine if it is potentially hazardous in any way.

Many manufacturers of toys and children's sleepwear and clothing have taken special steps to ensure that no hazardous products reach the market. Most comply willingly and cooperate fully with federal agencies responsible for administering the Child Protection and Toy Safety Act and Children's Sleepwear Standards to see that no articles intended for children present electrical, mechanical, or thermal hazards.

Children's clothing manufacturers now producing sleepwear garments from sizes 0 to 14 must see that they meet certain flammability standards to assure that they will not ignite easily. Manufacturers must also attach care labels to instruct purchasers in proper cleaning of flame retardant garments.

The Texas Hazardous Substances Act, in effect since 1971, requires additionally that children's outerwear up to

size 14 meet certain flammability standards. The Texas Department of Health Resources, which administers this portion of the Act, is currently working with federal agencies to develop better flammability testing procedures for this type of children's clothing.

In addition to checking all clothing and fabrics for such labels as "non-flammable," "flame-retardant," or "flame-resistant," parents should always examine toys which are given to children as gifts. They should be suitable for the size, age, strength, maturity, and physical abilities of the child, and for where the toy will be used. Adults should also teach children the proper use of a new toy, and should supervise play with it until a child thoroughly understands its operation, since any toy can be dangerous if it is misused.

It's important to check all toys occasionally to see if they have developed sharp points, rough edges, or loose parts that could cause accidents. Children should be taught to put toys away where they won't be broken or cause someone to trip. And toys that are used and left outside should be examined for rust, since rusting can weaken metal parts.

If a child has been given electrical toys, parents should demonstrate the proper, safe way to disconnect the cord. And if warning labels on toys given to older children caution against use by younger ones, the older children should be impressed with the need for safe storage away from others.

If there is a question of misrepresentation of the safety features of a child's garment or toy, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division or your county or district attorney.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a Happy New Year
...to all my friends and Neighbors!

Mrs. Doyle Oswalt

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Rejoice, rejoice
the Prince of
Peace is come.

Fred and Sherry
Pruner

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May the loving grace of the Christ Child abide within your heart and light the path to happiness for all the world to see.

Richard, Vicki, Mark Jill
Lori Gordon, & Kara Havens

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

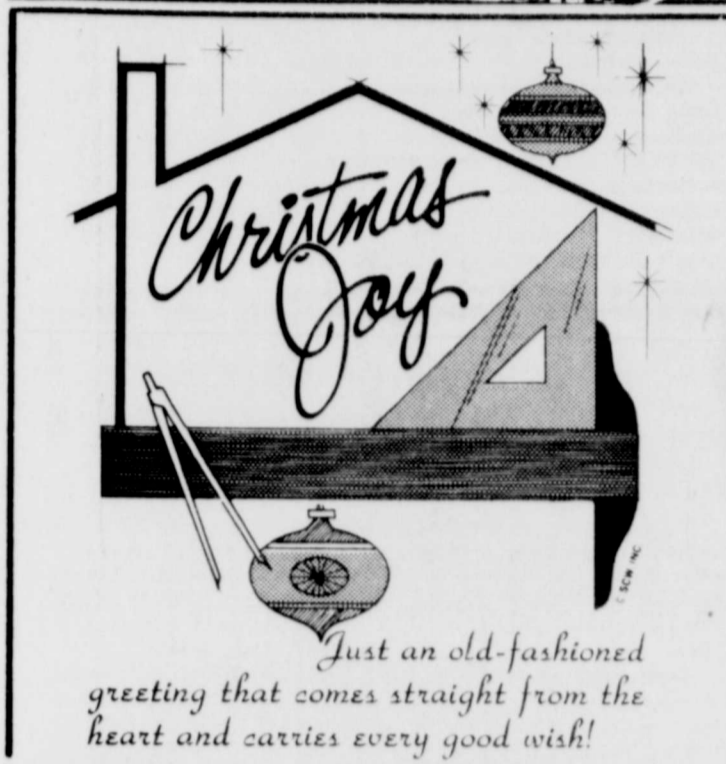
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Traditions Light Up New Mexico's Celebration

Christmas in New Mexico is filled with tradition, gaiety, and candle lanterns. The candle lanterns are part of New Mexico's history and they illuminate

the state's holiday festivities in a very special way. When the Spanish first settled in New Mexico, way back in 1598, they brought with them the custom of lighting lanterns and bonfires for festive occasions.



Just an old-fashioned greeting that comes straight from the heart and carries every good wish!

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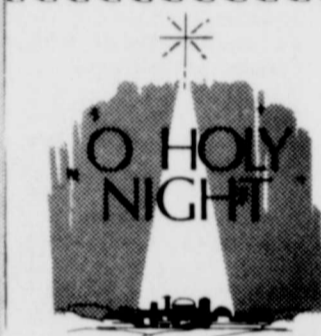
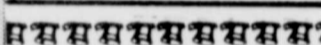
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Mountain villagers began setting bonfires and placing homemade lanterns along pathways at Christmastime . . . to light the way for Mary and Joseph and the Christ Child. The bonfires, or *luminarias* as they are called by New Mexicans, were made of pine and juniper branches and they stood from 2 to 4 feet high. The lanterns were called *farolitos*. As time went on, the *farolitos* became candles placed in sand, in paper sacks. These candle lanterns are now placed by doorways, along pathways and walls on Christmas Eve in modern times, lovely and glowing reminders of the old traditions.

Every Christmas Eve, thousands of visitors travel to Albuquerque to see the neighborhoods that are lit with *luminarias*, as they are now called, modern versions of the old *farolitos*.

You can still find bonfires blazing at Christmastime in the mountain villages of Northern New Mexico but by and large the candle lanterns have replaced the old *luminarias*.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raybon, Kathy and Charles spent Saturday night in Friona with his mother, then they were going to Springfield to attend funeral services for Mrs. Elsie Cree, mother of Mrs. Maucite Jones. They also visited Mrs. Raybon's parents who live near Springfield.



May the true meaning of Christmas bless your home.

Jackie, Dolores and Barbara Barton

Selected Articles Taken From The December 18th Issue of The ANTELOPE OUTLOOK

Third Grade Presents "Christmas Cheer"

"Santa's Christmas Cheer," was presented by the Third Grade yesterday, December 17, in the auditorium at 2:30 p.m.

The play was about Santa not wanting to deliver any toys on Christmas Eve, and the Elves did not want to make any more toys. Different poems were read such as: "Can You Guess?", "December Bird", "A Real Santa Claus", "Carol of The Brown King", and "Christmas Plants."

Christmas songs were sung under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Fulton.

Migrants Have Program

A Christmas program was held for the Parental Involvement Program on December 16 by the migrant students. Mrs. Skeet Engle was in charge of the program.

Activities included: Four year olds, directed by Mrs. Judy Fields and Mrs. Kaye Deering sang "Jingle Bells," and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

First grade through the third grade were directed by Mrs. Linda Thrasher and Mrs. Imogene Amerson. They sang "Carol of Drums" and "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town."

Fourth and fifth grades, directed by Mrs. Billie Jean Spruiell and Mrs. Mary Ferguson, presented two poems, "What is Christmas" and "Christmas Scandal." They also sang "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

The sixth grade, directed by Miss Janie Cuevas and Mrs. Elouise Jones, presented a poem, "A Nativity Song" and sang "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen."

Mrs. Skeet Engle and Mrs. Karen Willis directed the seventh and eighth grade. The seventh grade recited a poem, "Twas the Night before Christmas." They also sang "Upon the Housetop."

The eighth grade presented a play, "No Christmas Here," and they sang "Silent Night." They also presented a second play, "A Song in the Night."

Fruit and candy bars were served to all those present.

Directors Take Trip

Mr. Gid Adkisson, bilingual director, and Miss Margaret Clements, bilingual coordinator, went to Austin last Thursday to meet with Dr. Kelly Oacasta, Bilingual Officer for the U.S. Office of Education.

They met and visited with officials from the State Bilingual Education program and returned Friday night.

Four of the elementary bilingual teachers, Mrs. Diana Dregne, Miss Margaret Clements, Miss Eloisa Cantu, and Mr. Gid Adkisson, traveled to Eagle

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God. (Ps. 147:7)

Mrs. Brewster Taken To Hospital Monday

Mrs. T. A. Brewster was taken to West Texas Hospital in Lubbock Monday morning by Abernathy Ambulance Service. She fell and hurt her back at her home.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil-speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. (Eph. 4:31)

Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. (Eph. 4:32)

Sally's Christmas Wish

Christmas was just three days away. Seven-year-old Sally was usually all excited this time of year; but today she did not feel so happy, because just two weeks before Christmas, her father had been killed in a car accident. This would be a lonely holiday.

Sally and her mother planned to celebrate Christmas just as they always had before. They would have a nice dinner on Christmas Eve, open their packages, and then wait for Santa to come and bring more gifts. But it just did not seem right without Father around.

Mother was busy preparing for Christmas, singing and acting cheerful, but Sally knew that she was just doing this for her sake.

The next day, Sally's mother took her to see Santa Claus, so she could tell him what she wanted. When she climbed up in his lap he said, "I bet that you want a pretty doll from Santa." She shook her head no. "Well," he asked, "do you want any other kind of toys?"

Again she shook her head and replied, "No."

Finally he asked, "What do you want more than anything else?"

She quietly said, "I want to see my Daddy one more time so that I can tell him that I love him."

With compassionate eyes Santa told Sally, "I'll have to ask God about that, and you ask Him too."

That night Sally prayed to God, asking to see her father once more. After this she fell asleep, but not a restful one.

After she had been sleeping for hours, she was awakened by a noise beside her bed. When she turned to look, she was filled with overwhelming joy. Sitting in the chair next to her bed was her smiling father! Sitting up in her bed, she exclaimed, "God heard me and Santa!"

She went to her father, hugged his neck, and said, "I love you, Daddy." He said nothing, but embraced her for a few minutes. Then he picked up Sally, placed her in the bed, kissed her, and then disappeared from sight.

Her mother had heard something, so she came into Sally's room to check on her. She found Sally fast asleep with a peaceful smile on her face.

Was the presence of Sally's father a dream, or was he really there? No one will ever know, but to Sally it was real, and she had that warm memory of those few moments with her father to cherish in her heart for the rest of her life, for she had received the greatest Christmas gift of all.

4-H Food Show Recipe of the Week.

SNOWBALLS
Melissa Thompson

1 6oz. package (1cup) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
1/3 cup evaporated milk
1 cup sifted confectioners sugar
1/2 cup chopped walnut or pecans
1 3 1/2oz. can (1 1/4 cups) flaked coconut

Combine chocolate and milk in double boiler; heat over hot water till chocolate melts, stirring to blend. Remove from heat; stir in confectioners sugar and nuts. Cool slightly. Then form in 1" balls; roll in coconut. Makes about 24.

Melissa Thompson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Thompson. She is a 4th grade student.

BEEHIVE CLUB HAS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Members of the Beehive Club met Wednesday, December 10 in the home of Mrs. David Waits for a Christmas brunch. Mmes. Waits and Johnny Spradling were co-hostesses for the holiday meeting.

Members of the club exchanged gifts with their secret pals, and displayed their gifts to the club.

Guest at the meeting was Melaine Sakall of Tucson, Arizona.

Members present were Mmes. David Attebury, Larry Bigham, Keith Ellis, Dwan Harris, Roy Lee Knight, Jim Mills, Wilson Neve, Thomas Pettit, Coy Phillips, Milt Pope and Bud Rhoades.

Other members present were Mmes. Dan Ryan, Dan Thompson, Johnny Spradling, Harold Thompson and David Waits.



Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! To all my friends and Neighbors!

Lucille Lambert

Good Tidings

Health and happiness throughout the season and in the years to come.

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Christmas Cheer

Have a deliciously seasoned Holiday!

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13CENTENNIAL NOTEBOOK

Donald Whisenhunt

Two hundred years ago this week, the leaders of the American resistance to Great Britain recognized that one of their greatest needs was to present a united front. If any colony were to act alone to deal with England or to take a different course of action, the British would properly interpret this as a sign of weakness in the colonial union that they should use to their own advantage.

Therefore, in addition to creating an army, cultivating foreign friendships, and developing a temporary form of government, these American leaders had to be constantly alert to any independent action by an individual colony.

During December 1775 a threat to the unity came from New Jersey. The citizens of the colony were not attempting to independently reconcile themselves with Britain; instead they debated the possibility of sending a stronger petition to King George since he refused to acknowledge earlier ones or to recognize the Continental Congress as an official body.

When word reached the Continental Congress about the anticipated action in New Jersey, three delegates were sent immediately to Burlington where the assembly was meeting. John Dickinson of Pennsylvania, John Jay of New York, and George Wythe of Virginia met with the New Jersey Assembly to express the concern of Congress and the need for unity.

Apparently, the New Jersey Assembly was somewhat embarrassed about the hasty action and may well have feared that others would consider a new petition as an effort supported by Loyalists to destroy continental union.

The records are somewhat silent on the exact developments in Burlington, but the desired result was achieved. The new petition was not sent, and the latest threat to disharmony ended.

In the meantime, in Spanish Texas livestock raising had become a major activity of the missions. During the early part of the eighteenth century most of the ranching activities were conducted by the missions.

In the missions livestock were valuable for several reasons. The animals--including sheep, goats, mules, and horses, in addition to cattle--provided much of the wealth of the Church. The Indian neophytes, in addition to their religious training, were taught to care for ranch animals and to use the products the animals produced. In Texas the Franciscan

missionaries were the ones primarily responsible for establishing the ranching industry. Without doubt, they added to the wealth of their own order, but at the same time they contributed an economic activity that would benefit untold millions of future Texans.

Two hundred years ago December 11, 1775, a major battle took place at Great Bridge, Virginia. This was merely one more indication of how far the relationship between England and her colonies had deteriorated. Several significant events preceded

this battle, and serious developments followed.

As reported in earlier columns the situation in Virginia was very tense because of the headline taken by Lord Dunmore, the royal governor of that colony. Earlier, on November 7, Dunmore had decided that conditions were so serious that he declared martial law in the colony. He quickly moved to recruit a Loyalist army to fight the rebellious colonials, and he established his base of operations at Norfolk.

Shortly thereafter on November 17 he made good on an earlier threat. He issued a statement promising

freedom to any slaves who deserted their masters and joined the British forces. The promise succeeded in raising one black regiment, but in the process Dunmore lost about all the support of the planter class, some of whom had earlier been loyal to Britain.

The first conflict came on December 11 when Dunmore's forces defeated by a mixed band of some 900 Virginians and North Carolinians. His defeat was so serious that he evacuated his stronghold at Norfolk.

The Continental Congress supported the actions of the Virginians. Resistance, according to men like John Adams, was such a necessity that Virginia should be aided if at all possible. This attitude was strangely different from that expressed to New Jersey in a similar situation. This reflects, more than anything else, the uncertainty of Congress.

Shortly after Dunmore's evacuation of Norfolk he returned by sea on January 1, 1776, and destroyed most of the town by fire. The Americans reoccupied the area and completed the destruction of the town. After that, it was useless as a base operations either for the British or the Americans.

Problems in Virginia were just one more step toward a more rapidly approaching movement to independence.

As mentioned last week, ranching was the major economic activity in Spanish Texas. European livestock were first introduced into Texas in the last seventeenth century by Spanish soldiers and missionaries.

Although cattle were first introduced into eastern Texas and flourished there, conditions on the plains west of San Antonio were even more favorable. As that area was settled more and more cattle were imported.

From the beginning of Spanish settlement, therefore, organized ranching and the development of large cattle herds began. This activity would, of course, become one of the best-known characteristics of Texas.

Shirley Ward of Alexandria, Va., is here to spend Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ward.

"What Christmas Means To Me"

by Patricia Chapman

Christmas

by Sylvester Dunn Jr.

Christmas means the family getting together and having lots of fun. Opening presents and things like that. And help cook all the different kinds of food. When the food is cooked, I love to help eat it.

And getting all sorts of presents, and sharing my candy with my brother and sisters.

Most of all celebrating Jesus's birthday.

One year when I was real little we went out looking at Christmas lights. When we got back Santa had already been there and our whole living-room floor was covered with toys. That was the happiest Christmas of my life.

Well I think Christmas is a wonderful thing because Jesus was born and he died for our sins and that's something to think about. And Christmas is a time to enjoy the presents and candy and toys and fruit and something else is the Christmas Dinner is a time to enjoy all kinds of food, such as cake and dressing and turkey. But all the people that are notable to have Christmas they will be blessed and something in their lives will be changed and let them have a good time to. Something to think about.

THE TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

by Cindy Riddell

With our advanced technology, one is in too big a hurry to even think of things like Santa Claus, elves, or mystical fairies. Why, we're so far advanced, who needs em?

Well, I was thinking that very same thing coming home from an office party one Christmas Eve.

"You much too old to think such silly things," I told myself.

I chuckled and went along my way when there, right before my eyes, a man, only about 4 feet tall, in a red suit and a flying thing stopped in front of me. I blinked a few times, but he was still there. Maybe I had been drinking a little bit too much of that Christmas "punch". This was too much!

He got out of his thing and

started eyeing me as curiously as I was him. He jumped back into his thing and flew off. You can imagine my surprise! It scared me so bad that I ran all the way home. When I opened my door, sure I was dreaming, there he was again, wondering around my Christmas tree! Well, I called the police. Of course, they thought I was crazy. I took out my encyclopedias to see who this creature was. I was about ready to give up, when there, in the S encyclopedias, in a picture, was that same guy! He was going under the name of Santa Claus. A warm feeling went through me. I realized my mistake. He was real somewhere!

If our technology would slow down, we could see and feel a true Christmas spirit, the kind that went through me on that Christmas Eve.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

by Sherry Martin

What Christmas means to me is the Birth of Jesus Christ and the celebration of Christ. The giving of gifts to whom

you love. And the big Christmas dinner with all the fixens.

Christmas Happiness Is...

by Collins Miller

Eating cake, chicken, and drinking milk. Christmas is getting the family together and laughing and talking about what has happened in the past. I have a lot of fun, playing games or just laughing with everyone else. It is a time to be thankful for your mother and dad.

by Patsy Davis

1. When Jesus was born
2. Santa Claus
3. Getting gifts
4. Giving gifts
5. Love
6. Christmas trees with decoration on them
7. Snow
8. Santa's reindeers
9. Going to my grandpa's house
10. Getting candy in your own Christmas stocking
11. Singing Christmas carols
12. Not going to school
13. A great big Christmas dinner
14. Seeing my cousins
15. Making a snowman
16. Making something for the Christmas dinner
17. Getting dad to make a sled so we can ride in the snow
18. Getting what you want for Christmas
19. Sending Christmas cards to your friends
20. Sitting on Santa's lap at Sears
21. Riding Santa's sleigh when he is in the air
22. Rudolph the red nose reindeer
23. Meeting all of Santa's reindeer
24. Seeing Frosty on t.v.
25. Crying when Frosty melts

NEWS BRIEF...


Mr. and Mrs. Terry Barton of Atlanta, Ga., arrived here last week end to spend the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Teaff and family and Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Barton and family.

NEWS BRIEFS...

Vic Struve was a patient in Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. Nita Powers of Lake Stevens, Wash., is here on an extended visit with her daughter and family, Rev. and Mrs. Al Jennings.

Jo Ann Lovelace of Pala, Maui, Hawaii arrived here last week end to spend Christmas with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lovelace and other relatives, Miss Lovelace is a school teacher.



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to All of Our Patrons

THE CLOTHES CLOSET
Wanda Williams




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DEFEAT AT QUEBEC



December 1775: A Bitter Loss

In one of the first disastrous defeats suffered by the newly formed colonists' forces, the combined strategies of Gen. Montgomery and Col. Benedict Arnold failed to subdue the British at Quebec. A harsh winter and the ultimate death of Gen. Montgomery in battle, forced the retreat of the remaining American forces. Out of this defeat, Canada remained in British control for the duration of the war.

JOY
TO THE WORLD



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a Merry Christmas
to all!

J. W. COOMBS

Cheers



Greetings to you and yours from everyone on our staff.

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Christmas

May His birth live ever in the hearts of men.

J. W. COOMBS

THE CAFFEY'S
Bill, Dona Jean,
Shana, Terri
and Michael



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

May the Blessings of the Holy Child lead you to find Peace and Contentment for Christmas and always.

Buford and Dorothy Davenport

"RAYS OF HOPE"
by Pat Stanton

PRAYER POWER

We ought always to pray and not to lose heart. How often we see Christians who for a while, but then give up and let discouragement take over.

Jesus, our great teacher, by His example showed us that we should pray often and should come to the Father with all of our needs. He also said that men should always pray and shouldn't faint. Luke 18:1: "And he spoke a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;"

Many answered prayers are given in God's Holy Word. For instance, John the Baptist, the great forerunner of Jesus Christ, was born because His parents kept praying for a miracle. John's mother, Elisabeth, was barren and unable to have children. But God heard the prayers of her husband, Zacharias. The angel of the Lord appeared and

said, "Fear thou not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John." (Luke 1:13)

Acts 12 gives a powerful picture of group prayer. When Peter was cast into prison by King Herod, the church, which was having a home prayer group, prayed without ceasing for Peter's deliverance. When God's angel came and freed Peter from the prison, he then appeared at the home of Mary, John Mark's mother, and announced how the Lord had brought him out of prison.

Miracles are always available to those who will pray without ceasing, and who will believe that God will do what His Word teaches.

Mark 11:24: "Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever ye desire; when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."



At this holy season, may we take the opportunity to wish you every blessing!

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Lutrick

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Letter To Santa

Dear Santa, I want a suit case and a sleeping bag and I want an Evil Knevil and a spiragraph. From, Kara

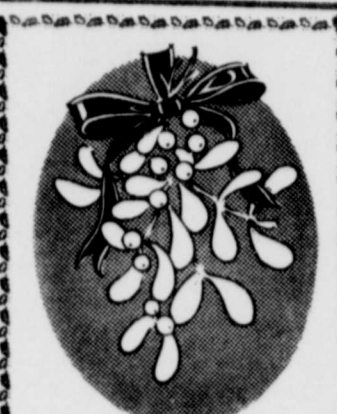
"SUNSHINERS" ATTEND BICENTENNIAL CEREMONIES; CONVENE FOR CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AT MONTHLY MEETING

Wow! What a day as December 18, 1975--first most of us went to the Bi-Centennial program which was grand. All the flags on parade, the band music the Honor Guard from Reese, all the people that worked so hard to get it all together, then the presentation of our Bi-Centennial Flag by Col. Ingram, commander of Reese. Oh it was thrilling and made us very proud to be Americans.

who can will come and hear about the new feature. Then we sang "Joy to the World", "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Silent Night". Rev. Coggin gave thanks and we headed for the food. We didn't have turkey and dressing but had everything else you could want. The hostesses were Mrs. Selke, Mrs. Talbert and Ruby Hill, Blanche Coggin decorated our tables and had made a little jar of jelly

for each family. She does more nice things like that and we appreciate her. We had one new person Mrs. Ova Davis. Hope she continues to come. Our president ask our Mayor Pete Thompson to attend our meeting. We just didn't have room for all the dignitaries. We had 41 or 42, we couldn't tell which and the room was full! So we made mention that we needed

more room. Maybe sometime we can. Pete needed to go so he paid, us a wonderful compliment. He started out with the Bi-Centennial program and went on to say he was proud to be with us as we were part of our community heritage and he is right, I hear our WW I men telling their experiences once in a while and we all went through the depression. We all had to work hard but, we had time for fun too. I felt proud to know that age group thought of us in that way we were good friends of his parents too.



Our best wishes during this holiday season.

THE HUNLEYS

Sam, Donna, Elizabeth, Rhonda and Sammy

LOCAL MINISTER EXPRESSES THOUGHTS ON CHRISTMAS

(Note) The following comments were originally published in the bulletin of Abernathy's First Baptist Church by interim pastor Dr. Neil Record. We considered

them appropriate for the season; and felt that they would perhaps provide inspiration, not only for the readers of the bulletin but for everyone, and we'd like to share them with you.)

BUSINESSES SET HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

June's Truck Stop will close at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24 and will be closed until the morning of Monday, December 29, as will Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber Co., and Joe Thompson Implement Co.

The Abernathy Weekly Review office will be closed from noon December 24 until Friday morning, December 26.

Graham's restaurant will be closed for one week beginning Monday, December 22.

SPC Extension Classes To Meet At Academic Center

South Plains College at Levelland will offer extension classes at Abernathy's Academic Center for the Spring Semester beginning January 12. Classes are tentatively scheduled each Monday evening as follows: Beginning or Intermediate Typing 4:30-7:15; Beginning Intermediate Shorthand 7:15-10:00

Three hours credit is given for each course and persons may take one or both courses. The tuition fee for one class is \$43.00, two classes-\$46.00.

To enroll, a high school diploma, GED Certificate or College Transcript is required. Persons interested should call Mr. Charles Bowen's office 298-2567 between January 5 January 9.



May love and peace light your way this Christmas!

Patsy V. Cunningham

JACK EASON

Announces his candidacy for re-election for the office of Precinct 3 Commissioner of Hale County.

His formal statement for re-election will appear in a future edition of The Review.



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Dear Santa Claus, Thank you for bringing a sack of candies. I want a Barbie. Please bring my sister a baby a live. My brother wants a sled. Your pal, Oralia Valera

Dear Santa Claus, Would you get me a min-bike for Christmas? I also want a BB gun and some BB and my brother also want the same thing. Chester Cooper

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you will come to the post office in a truck. By Joel Valera

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a tape recorder, a baby alive, a mixer, and a tea set. And a Willie Nelson tape for my brother. And a radio for my sister. I like you. Your friend, Sandra Gaye Hunt

Dear Santa Claus, Are you giving me some candy or toys. But I want a bike for Christmas. You are my friend if you give me a bike for Christmas. I love you. Jerry Alfard

Dear Santa Claus, I want some toys Santa Claus. Your friend, Donna Healy

Dear Santa Claus, I want you to see me and I want a bike. All of my family want you to I want a doll that crys and shuts and opens her eyes and laughs to. I know Santa Claus I have to muc, but I have to have a toy too I like Santa Claus all the time. Your pal, Teresa Johnson

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you are going to come this year and bring me these things: the game Clue, a bicycle lock, Mouse trap, and the Waltons game. Your Christmas friend, Laura Wails

Dear Santa Claus, I miss you. Come back to meet us in Abernathy. Get treat. Your friend, Anthony Miller

Dear Santa Claus, I want a racing car set IF I don't get it I will pull your beard. by Layon Johnson

Dear Santa Claus, You are fat but you are nice. I wish you would bring me a bike. Your friend, Danny Luera

Dear Santa, Here I am writing you to say Hi so Hi. Will you bring me a baton and a doll too and a big Play Cat. Bye your friend, Dora Baltierra

Dear Santa Claus, I want a ten speed bike. I like you Santa Claus. I know that you are fat but still I like you. Santa Claus you are nice. I love you Santa Claus. From Patsy O'Neal

Dear Santa Claus, Please give me some candy or toys but I want a bike for Christmas. You are my friend if you give me a bike for Christmas. Julian

Dear Santa Claus, I wish you come to school and bring bags of toys to all the boys and girls. Billy Ray Cooper

Dear Santa Claus, For Christmas I would like a trampoline. I have always wanted a trampoline. Would you please put a bell around Rudolph's neck so I can hear it? If I hear it you will get something under the tree. Your friend, Rebekah Noel Key

Dear Santa Claus, You are very fat. You don't have any reindeer. You just have a fire engine to push you. I want a real horse and a dovesman pincher. Your friend, Charlie Ortiz

Santa, I want some candy please. Can you get me some candy yes or no. Jessie Martinez

Dear Santa Claus, I wonder if you are going to school Santa Claus. I want for you to come to school like last year. I hope you are going to bring Rudolph. by Demetrio Lamas

Dear Santa Claus, Are you going to come back with Rudolph? Come to Abernathy. And let me see his nose. And give me a bunch of toys for Christmas. I love you, Wade Wesley

Dear Santa Claus, I wish you would come to the school with Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. Your friend, John Barraza

Dear Santa Claus, I like you. Have I been good this year? Do you remember when you gave me the B.B. gun? Carl Simpson

Dear Santa Claus, Thank you for coming to my house on Christmas. This year I want a trampoline for Christmas. I can't wait for Christmas. Your friend, Jennifer Dilworth



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Sunday:
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morning worship.....10:45 a.m.
CA, youth and CC.....6:00 p.m.
Evening worship.....7:00 p.m.
Tuesday:
WMC.....1:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Worship services.....7:30 p.m.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

East 1st St.
REV. J. B. LESTER, pastor

Sunday:
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morning worship.....11:30 a.m.
Training Union.....6:00 p.m.
Evening worship.....7:30 p.m.
Monday:
Women's Missionary Union and
Brotherhood.....7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
Friday:
Choir rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.

Mrs. J. B. Lester, choir director

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BRO. EARNEST BREWER, pastor

Sunday:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening worship.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Children's and Adults' Bible Study,
.....7:30 p.m.

Buck Attebury, song leader

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10th St. & Ave. E. 298-2718

CONDY BILLINGSLEY, Minister

Sunday:
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Youth meetings.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Ladies Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Mid-week services.....7:30 p.m.

Lanny Newton, youth minister

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

511 Ave. E. 298-2832

REV. BILLY G. DUNCAN, pastor

Sunday:
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morning worship.....10:45 a.m.
Youth services.....6:00 p.m.
Evening worship.....6:45 p.m.
Wednesday:
Worship services.....7:30 p.m.

Phil Grindstaff, music director

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DAVID HALADAY

Sunday:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening worship.....7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Martin Kennedy, music and youth director

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REV. H B COGGIN, pastor

Sunday:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening worship.....7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer meeting.....7:00 p.m.
featuring visiting Ministers and
lay speakers

Mrs. Lawrence Amerson, church secretary
Herbert Watson, Sunday school superintendent

FAITH WILL RESTORE THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS



Amid all the colored lights and tinsel excitement of the holiday preparations, let us keep in mind the purpose of this joyful occasion and give some thought to the One whose birthday we are preparing to celebrate. Remember that although He lived a very short life span, in an obscure manner, in a sparsely populated area. He did more than all the great rulers of the world combined to change the course of its history. Honor the birthday of the Son of God by attending the Church of your choice; and learn to follow His teachings there every Sunday.

'Tis not the weight of jewel or plate,
Or the fondle of silk and fur;
'Tis the spirit in which the gift is rich,
As the gifts of the wise ones were;
And we are not told whose gift was gold
Or whose was the gift of myrrh.
— Edmund Vance Cooke



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

411 7th St. 298-2587

DR. NEIL RECORD, interim pastor

Sunday:
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning worship.....10:40 a.m.
University of Christian
Living.....6:00 p.m.
Evening worship.....7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer meeting.....7:30 p.m.

Rusty Thierlein, interim music and youth director

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

704 Ave. D. 298-2240

REV. AL E. JENNINGS, pastor

Sunday:
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morning worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening worship.....6:00 p.m.
UMY.....7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Choir practice.....7:30 p.m.

UMW meets second Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

George Riddell, music director
Chris Waters, church secretary
Laura Raybon, director of Children's work

Come, let us worship Him
Who has given us this Holy
Holiday with His birth.

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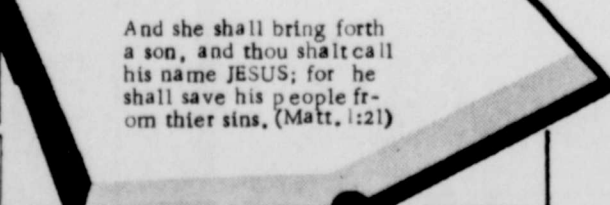
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And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins. (Matt. 1:21)

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SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

By Michael A. Guido, Metter, Georgia



There was a king who worried his court by disappearing and walking incognito among his people.

"You must not do this," they cautioned. But he insisted, "I cannot rule my people unless I know how they live."

Isn't it wonderful that we have a God who knows how we live. On that first Christmas morning God became a man, and Jesus went through everything that we must go through. He lived as we live. He hurt as few of us ever hurt. He was tempted far beyond what we are.

He was born in poverty and reared in obscurity. He was forsaken by His very best

friends, tried unjustly, indicted falsely, condemned mercilessly to the most brutal of deaths. He knows our problems because He has been through them.

The best person to help you on a journey is one who has safely traveled the road before you. The best person to help you through a trial is one who has come successfully through it. The best person to help you win a struggle is a victor over that struggle.

This victorious Jesus can help you live triumphantly because He knows and cares. You will let Him, won't you?

WHAT'S NEW AT NORTHSIDE?

Approximately fifty people attended the Christmas Supper held at the City Hall Club Room Friday night. There was lots of good food and after eating games were played.

The RA and GA groups went caroling during their meeting time Wednesday night. After the caroling groups returned to the church for hot chocolate and cookies. Leaders present were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Conway, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Benton and Mrs. Tom Maurer.

Kenneth Morgan is home from service during the Christmas holidays. Kenneth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morgan.

Mrs. Willie Henderson is recovering from eye surgery at the home of her son, Charlie Henderson.

Bro. Gaston Gage of Morton will be filling the pulpit Sunday December 28th. If all continues to go well the pastor will be back preaching January 4th. Again we want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all of the people for the kindnesses that have been shown to us the past two months. We can only repay it by working harder for the Lord than ever before.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYBODY!!

THOUGHTS FROM WITHIN

-- by Vicki

Even if this is such a busy time of year it is certainly one of the most wonderful times of all.

The spirit of love, peace and joy are with us as we visit with friends and go to Christmas gatherings. It is always a wonderful time to be with our relatives and friends.

I had an extra blessing last week. It was my birthday the 18th and at noon about 15 people came to the Review office and we had lunch together and

birthday cake. It was a real surprise for me and I thank each one of you dear friends that came and for the calls also.

I just thank the Lord for the wonderful blessing of having friends.

It is our prayer that each one of you will have a very wonderful Christmas. May the love of Jesus be with each and everyone.

Blessed be the Lord who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. (Psa. 68:19)

Twelfth Night

Christmas goes out in fine style -- with Twelfth Night. It is a finish worthy of the time. Christmas Day was the morning of the season; New Year's Day the middle of it or noon; Twelfth Night is the night, brilliant with the innumerable planets of Twelfth cakes.

— Leigh Hunt (1784-1859)

Mrs. Minnie Northcutt underwent surgery Monday in St. Mary's Hospital, Lubbock.

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WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hughes of Levelland are the parents of twin sons, born December 17 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. They weighed five and one-half pounds and seven pounds, three ounces.

Grandparents of the twins are Mr. and Mrs. Tella Walker of Abernathy and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Hughes of Levelland.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lamb of Abernathy are the parents of a daughter, Chasity Hope, born December 15 in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. She weighed six pounds, six ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gordon of Abernathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Ramos of Route 1 are the parents of a son, Lorenzo Ramos, Jr., born December 17 in Hi-Plains Hospital of Hale Center. He weighed six pounds, 14 ounces.

Mrs. James Hall is the mother of a daughter born December 19th in Central Plains Hospital, Plainview. Her name is Brittany Michele. She weighs 7 pounds 6 1/2 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Al Jennings. Maternal great-grandparents are Mrs. Nita Powers of Lake Stevens, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Finis Jennings of Lubbock. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hall of Olton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Brewer are the parents of a baby boy, born December 15 at Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, seven and one-half ounces.

Grandparents of the child are Mr. and Mrs. Murry L. Brewer of Plainview; and great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charley Brewer.

Praise ye the Lord, Praise Him in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power. (Ps. 150:1)

NEWS FROM ST. ISIDORE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Golden Years Group of St. Isidore Catholic Church met December 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Church Hall for their monthly meeting and for a supper.

The group's president Mrs. Antonia Garza led the opening prayer. Following the meal Mrs. Alice Pace and Mrs. Antonia Garza, gave a talk of a visit they had had with some Senior Citizens of Plainview.

Guests for the evening were some members of St. Isidore's Choir, who sang Christmas carols.

Next month's meeting will be January 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Neighborhood Center. Everyone is to bring a gift they have made, to be used as a prize, for the bingo game to be played at the January meeting.

Those present at the meeting were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lira, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Garcia, Juanita C. Ramos, Dolores L. Cantu, Dominga Cuevas, Mr. and Mrs. Andres Cortez, Maria Olivas, Ynosenta Garcia, Mr. Lupe Guillen, Adlin Lopez, Alice Pace, Maria Mantinez, Antonia Garza and Mr. Enrique Ramos.

Reporter, Mary Mansanales

The Guadalupanas, one of St. Isidore's Catholic Church's women's societies led a memorial service for deceased members of the parish during 9:00A. M. Mass on Sunday, December 14.

The following deceased members were honored in the memorial service: Amalia Cantu, Maria and Tranista Duran; Stella Evarra; Father W. Hammond; Lucita Olguin and Santos Resendes.

Over 200 parishioners attended the Sunday Mass memorial services.

Christmas Time 1975 services in St. Isidore's in Abernathy, Wednesday December 24th Christmas Eve. 9:30p. m. Rosary, Carols and Mass the ancient midnight mass advanced.

Thursday 25 December Day 7:59:00a. m. Rosary and Mass. 5 p. m. Holy Year '75 Holy Hours.

Acolyte Glenn Rosendale is on Christmas leave from Assumption College Seminary, San Antonio. Rosendale will be flying to Bloomdale, Ohio to spend Christmas with his parents, following a few days in Abernathy.

In addition to those already mentioned in an earlier issue of the Review, the following members of St. Isidore's Catholic Church will be celebrating December birthdays this month.

Anita Garcia, December 17; Ynocenta Garcia, December 28; and Sergio Salcedo, December 30.

The Tree

Christmas is here: Winds whistle shrill, icy and chill. Little care we; Little we fear Weather without, Sheltered about The Mahogany Tree.

— William Makepeace Thackeray (1811-1863)

Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. (Ps. 141:2)

Year's End

Now days are short, nights long and raw. With pinching frost, and slabby rain and snow; But let good rousing fires, and Christmas cheer, and still mix'd with charity, conclude the year.

— John Nathan Hutchins (1799)

Praise ye the Lord; for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely. (Ps. 147:1)

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NOTICE--Abernathy Lodge No. 809 IOOF meets each Thursday at 8:00 p.m. Local members are urged to attend. Visiting Odd Fellow members are welcome. Finus Hill, Noble Grand, Joe Chambers, secretary.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the members of the 4-H Horse and pony for their Christmas caroling Saturday night. It made our Christmas more complete.

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And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own

city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be taxed 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. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory

of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go

even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Luke 2. 1-20

We at THE LITTLE MANY MALL take this opportunity to extend to you our warmest wishes for a JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON, and may it inspire PEACE and LOVE within all our hearts . . . and the hope for PEACE within the years to come.

We also take this opportunity to THANK each of you, our FRIENDS and NEIGHBORS, for your loyal support and patronage during the past year!



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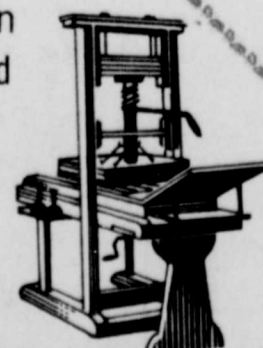
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ONE "ORDINARY MAN" CHANGED WORLD HISTORY

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He never owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never travelled 200 miles from the place where He was born. He had no credentials but Himself.

He had nothing to do with this world except the naked power of His divine manhood. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His

enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves.

His executioners gam-

The recipe for a Christmas meat pie taken from an ancient English book called for the following ingredients:

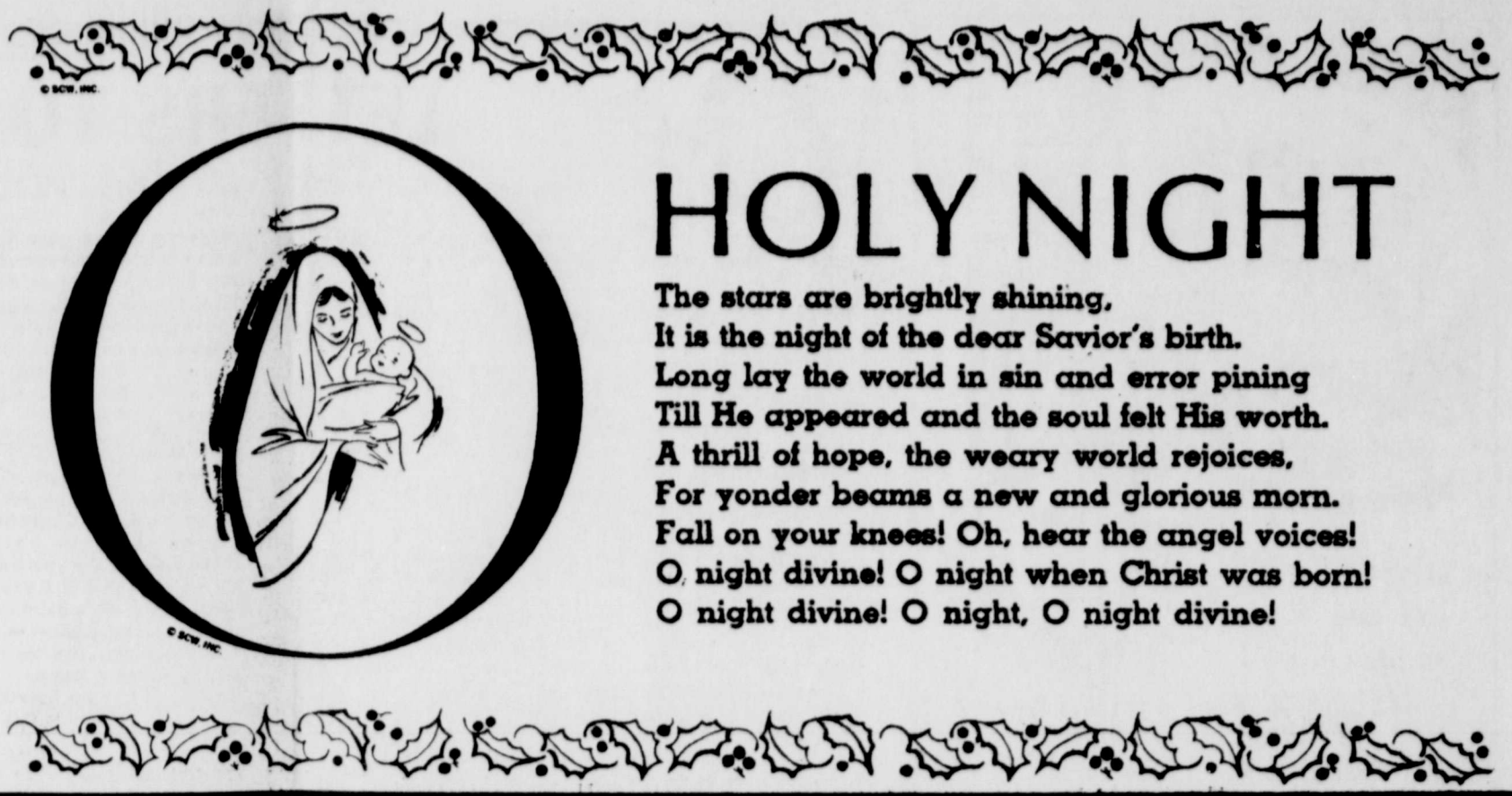
- 2 bushels of flour
- 20 pounds of butter
- 4 geese
- 2 rabbits
- 4 wild ducks
- 2 woodcocks
- 6 snipes
- 4 partridges
- 2 neat's tongues
- 2 curlews
- 6 pigeons
- 7 blackbirds

The pie when baked would weigh about 165 pounds and be 9 feet in circumference.

bled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying — and that was His coat. When He was dead He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as that One Solitary Life.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN



HOLY NIGHT

The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt His worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder beams a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born!
O night divine! O night, O night divine!

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Bret Harte Story Tells of Western Christmas

A poor mountain cabin housing a group of rugged characters forms an unlikely setting for an excellent Christmas story by Bret Harte, famed for his writings about the Gold Rush days. Set in 1862, in the Sacramento Valley, "How Santa Claus Came to Simpson's Bar" is considered one of Harte's best stories.

The story centers around a little boy, Johnny, who is ill in bed on Christmas Eve. His home is a poor cabin at Simpson's Bar, a cluster of similar cabins huddled around a little store, situated on Table Mountain.

Little Johnny is wise beyond his years due to his rough-and-tumble environment but when he hears about Santa Claus, he is mystified. So when Johnny's

father sees home with some drinking companions, Johnny asks his father a very natural question. Just who is "Sandy Claws?"

His father brushes the question aside but one of the other men, Dick Bullen, is moved by the boy's ignorance. He borrows a mare, Jovita, and sets out to find some Christmas presents for the youngster



Unfortunately for Dick Bullen, it's not a propitious time to run errands. It's been raining heavily, and the river has overflowed its banks, while the creek is impassable. He reaches his destination, the town of

Turtleville, where he wakens some disgruntled shopkeepers to do his last-minute shopping.

The return trip is even harder for poor Dick.

When he gets to the creek, he finds it has become a river. Undaunted, Dick discards his coat and boots and saddle and rides the mare bareback through, the rushing waters.

It is dawn before he reaches the mountain cabin at last; when he arrives he is half-naked and exhausted. But he has carried his cargo of toys to their destination and he tells Johnny's father to place the gifts in Johnny's stocking.

"Tell him Sandy Claws has come," he says, and so ends a marvelous story written in the best tradition of Bret Harte.

Then As Now, Carols Were Holiday Tradition

Back in the 1890's, every well-furnished home had a piano and one of the favorite pastimes was to gather around the family piano to sing the popular tunes of the day.

Today's fashions have changed significantly and the color TV set may now occupy the place of honor in most American homes but you'll still find Christmas carols a well-loved tradition in family observances of the Yuletide season.

The sounds of favorite carols are more apt to emanate from a stereo set than from a player piano but they're the same songs that young ladies and their

beaux sang at the turn of the century, with a few modern additions. However, the traditional singing of carols has not completely died out here — many church groups make a practice of caroling in local hospitals and institutions, and some carolers still go from home to home in true holiday fashion.

Many churches feature an evening of beloved Christmas music during the holiday season, and of course TV and radio stations offer many programs of traditional and new carols.



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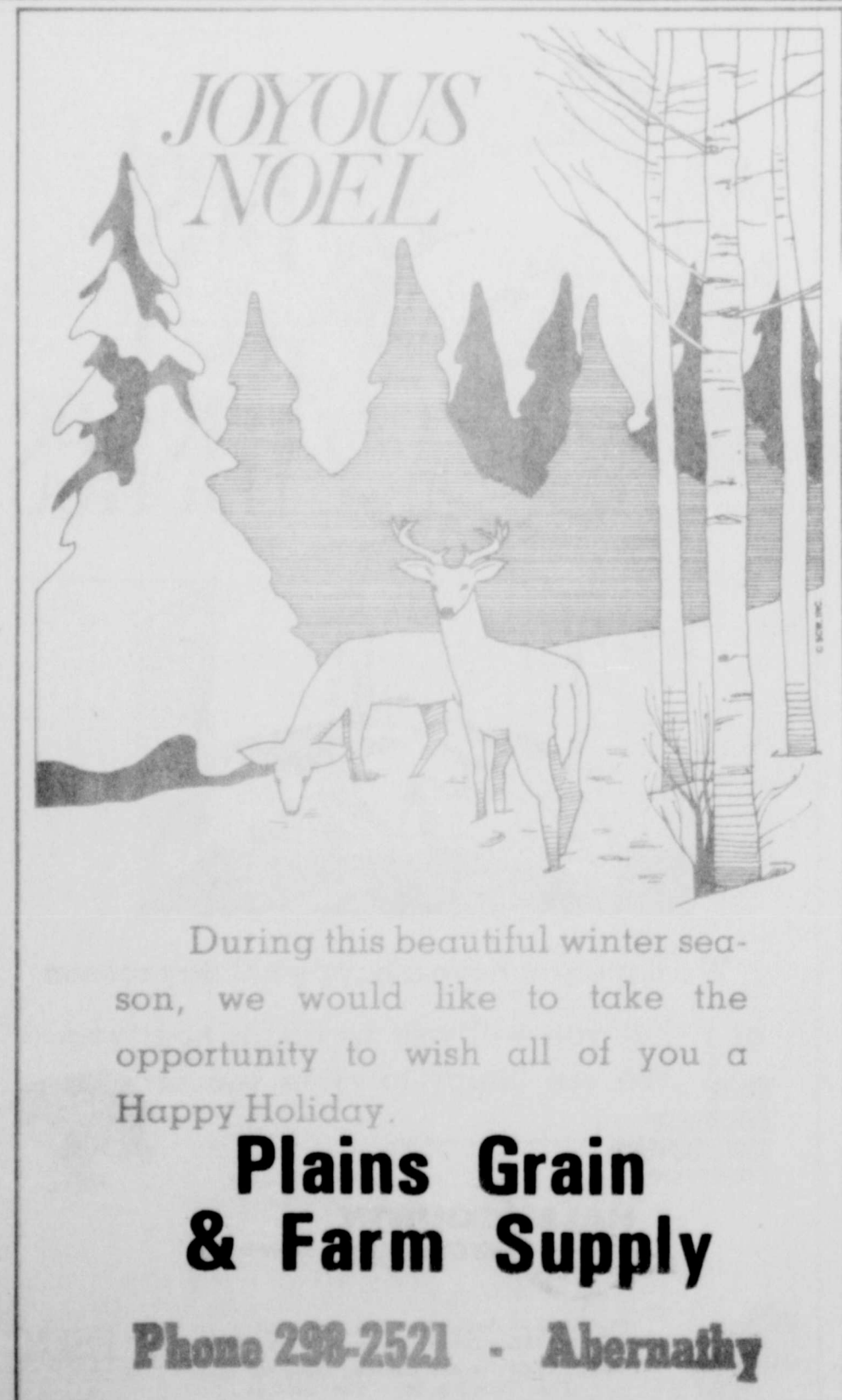
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Hilda Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
My sister, mother, little brother and I went to the store and bought me some presents for my dad. My big brother bought my little brother and I a present.

Roger Paul Harvey

Dear Santa,
I want a play bike for Christmas, a play log, a game, a doll and a Snoopy, a cat, a play book, a pop-up book, a car, a football, a lunchbox, and a little ball. Thank you for the candy and toys you bring.

Your friend,
Barbara Hemphill

Dear Santa Claus,
Thanks for all the presents that you gave me last year and this Thanksgiving. We had half of our Christmas then. This year I want a B-B gun. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

Scott Grindstaff

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me an organ and a tape recorder. My sister and I would like to thank you for the nice presents you brought us. I like you very much. You have been very nice to me. I hope you have a merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Rita Williford

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you Santa for the things that you have brought to me. And this year I don't want so much. All I want is a Bless-you-baby-tenderlove, and a trampoline. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Dinah Neve

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the things you have given to us. This year I just want a few things. Here's what I want this year. A ten speed bike (24" size) and a telephone. Last but not least some walkie talkies.

Your friend,
Ross Bradley

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for every thing and I want a football and

that's all I want. Thank you for last year's presents. My brother wants a watch.

Your friend,
Ruperto Ramos

Dear Santa,
I want a three speed bike or another play tractor please. I wish for it all the time. Please, please, please. I want it all the time.

Your friend,
Curtis Johnson

Dear Santa,
Have you been on a diet since last time I saw you or are you still fat? Thanks for the presents last Christmas and I want you to bring me a six million dollar man, PLEASE!!

Your friend,
Kelley Hill

Dear Santa,
Just writing a few lines to say "hello" or "hi". I want a baby-alive or a baby-that-away or the baby that says, "I love you this much".

Most of all I love baby-alive. Hope you bring me baby-alive.

Your friend,
Melody Barron

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a pottery craft for Christmas. Thank you for giving me all those things last year. I liked them a lot, too. All year long I've had most of them, especially my watch.

Your friend,
Mark Kitchens

Dear Santa Claus,
You are very nice. Is Rudolph with you? This year I want a doll that laughs and cries.

Our house got a NOEL sign on the door and I want a bike.

Love,
Mary Ann Moreno

Dear Santa Claus,
Bring me a watch and an Evel Kinevel bike, a Ghost Gun, a B-B Gun and two Walkie Talkies. Also a Putt Putt Speedway and an S. S. P. car.

Your friend,
Orlando Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I hope your sleigh is ready because Christmas is near. We will be in California. I hope you can find us there. I want a typewriter, and a Chata-Nooga Choo Choo. My brother wants an evel knife, and a gas truck. We both want Star Trek communicators. I hope you don't get lost. I hope it doesn't get cold.

Your friend,
Steven Trigg

Dear Santa,
I would like a ten speed bike, a doll, a doll house, a stuffed animal, a football suit, a snoopy toothbrush, some pop-up books, a football, some clothes, some open sandals, games, two little balls, some notebook paper, and play cows and animals.

Your friend,
Mary O'Neill

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the nice things you've brought me. They are very nice. This

year I want some make-up. The reason I want some make-up is because I am nine years old and mother said I could. She said that the third grade was old enough to wear make-up. That's all I wanted to say.

Your friend,
Kristy Thompson

Dear Santa,
Santa, do you live at the North pole? I want to ask you if you know that Christmas is coming? I want a doll or some dishes. Do you know what kind of doll I want? A baby alive, or a baby that-way or else a bicycle. I'd like a bicycle. It is the best of all. Goody Santa.

Your friend,
Norma Trevino

Dear Santa Claus,
I Love You, Santa. You're a good Santa. Thank you for the Christmas present from last year. All that I want is just a bike and a Cowboy Suit. Santa, I hope that you come to my house. We made a picture of Santa Claus. Please come to my house.

Your friend,
Mike Torrez

Dear Santa,
Here's what I want for Christmas. But first I want to thank you for all the toys from last year. I want a play ambulance for Christmas. That's all I want.

Your friend,
Todd Pope

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the presents you gave us for Christmas last year. All I want is a T.V. and a new bicycle and a new watch. That's all I want.

Your friend,
Rita Garza

Dear Santa,
My name is Mishelle Steward. I would like you to bring me a baby alive, with a pacifier for Christmas. We're having a program of Christmas and you are in the program. That is all I can say now.

Your friend,
Mishelle Steward

Dear Santa Claus,
You are a very good man.

I want a bike and a star trek phases. Thank you for the toys in the past. And, oh yes, a small C. B., a football suit with a football. Well, Santa, Christmas would not be Christmas without you.

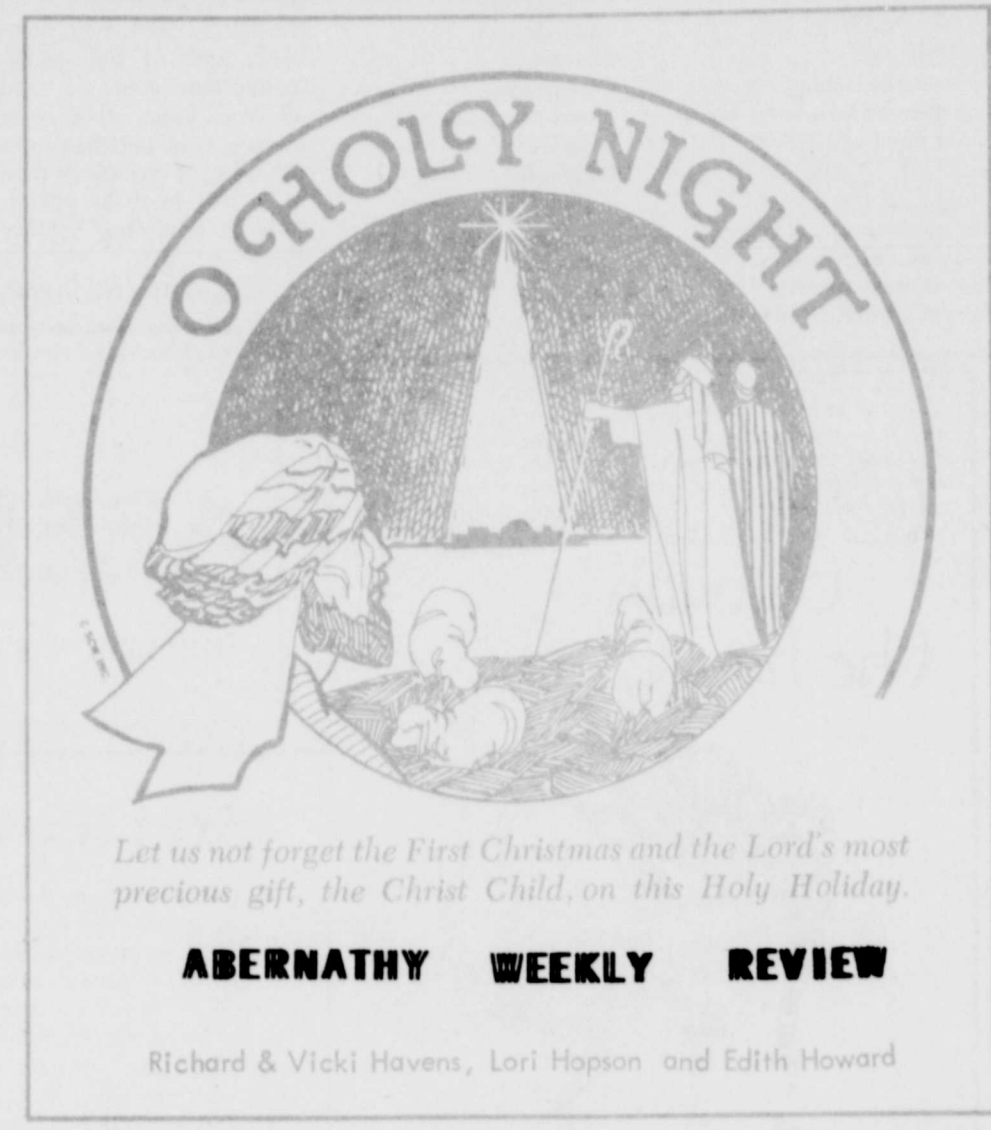
Your friend,
Darvin Stephens

Dear Santa Claus,
You are a very good man.



Tell Mrs. Santa she is a very good woman. I would like a pair of walkie talkies.

Bruce Lloyd

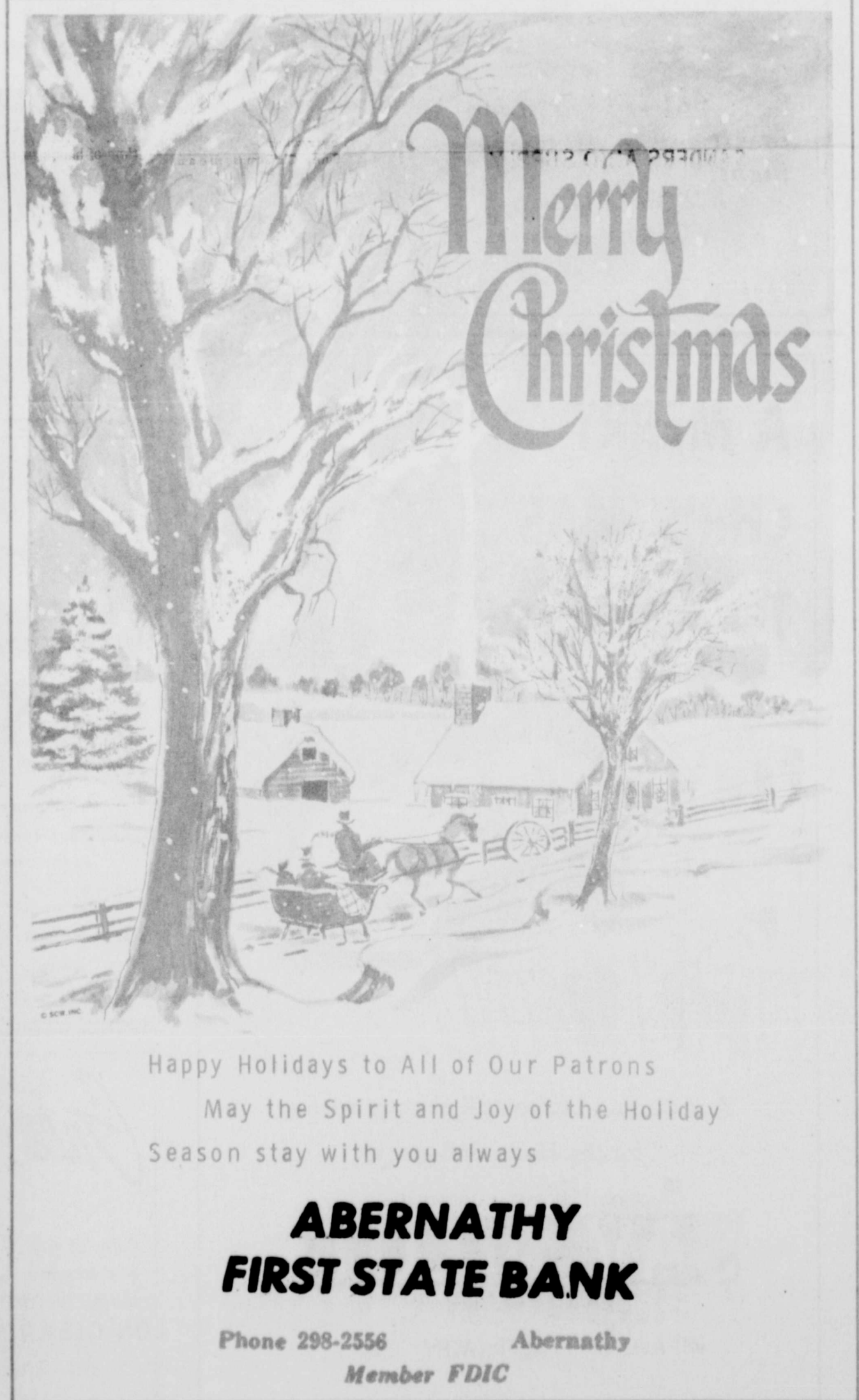


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Let us not forget the First Christmas and the Lord's most precious gift, the Christ Child, on this Holy Holiday.

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"What Christmas Really Means To Me"

By Micah Blalock
 Christmas, the time of families meeting, present exchanging, decorated trees, flooded streets of shoppers, and bright city lights. Christmas is truly a time of fun and excitement. For the old, Christmas is a time of seeing old relatives and the new additions to the family. For the children, Christmas is the time for Santa Claus. With all of this happiness, this must be the real Christmas; or is it? Take your thoughts back to the year 6. B. C. In a small village there was a young virgin; her name was Mary. Mary was soon to be married to Joseph the carpenter. One night while Mary was sleeping, an angel appeared. He told her that she would bear a son, but this son would not be of Joseph, but he was the son of God. Although she was pregnant before marriage, Joseph married her. At this time, the emperor decided to take a census and tax all the people of the world, so everyone returned

to the village of his birth. Joseph, being from the lineage of David, went to Bethlehem. In the city, he could find no place to stay except a stable or manger. During the night, Mary gave birth to her Son and they called him Jesus. Shepherds said that they had been told by angels that the Saviour of the earth had been born, so they came that very night to see him. During the life of Jesus, people tried to destroy him. As a babe, the emperor killed all males under three, and yet Jesus survived. As a man He was stoned, and yet he walked away loving his enemies. Then one day he was hung and killed on a cross, seemingly destroyed. Three days later he rose again, victorious even over death. Though all time he has survived; not just in memory, but the actual person. In our civilized nation, we believe we have "peace" and "understanding". We are "civilized" no longer barbarian or cruel;

but are we too engulfed by the birthday celebration to notice that the Guest of Honor is missing? The modern day demonstrations of Christmas are a disgrace to the one of whom it was said, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21)

By Missy Webb
 Christmas is a word which lights up children's faces, making images of Santa Claus and presents dance merrily in their minds. This joy, this anticipation is just one part of that magical time called Christmas.

Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birth in a stable one dark night many years ago. It is a day which marks the coming of the Messiah into our world. Yet Christmas has turned from one day of celebration to a whole season of happiness and goodwill to all men.

Of course giving gifts is a tradition at Christmas time. To me this is a very special way to express your caring and love for someone. So much fun comes from searching for a meaningful gift for someone you appreciate.

And what would Christmas be without that fat jolly man in the red suit? Santa Claus brings more than presents. He brings happiness. The joy of children, their excitement at finding what Santa has left for them is a treasured moment.

For me, Christmas brings happiness in small ways: picking out and decorating a pine tree with your family, making all sorts of candies, smelling the turkey cooking in the oven, eating a big Christmas dinner, going outside and breathing in the cold, crisp air, singing carols, or just relaxing and enjoying life.

But this is not all that Christmas is. I realize now it is a time for giving, a time for caring deeply for one another. It draws people together and spreads happiness everywhere.

Sure, Christmas means gifts and a holiday from school, but most of all it means love.

By Barry Royal
 What Christmas means to me is having the same old family reunion at my aunt's house. It goes a little like this:

As soon as you walk in the door, you hear a far-off relative say "Oh, look how much you've grown!" It's that, or, "I haven't seen you since you were just a little baby!"

After that, we have our feast that consists of cornbread that is so hard you have to have a hacksaw to cut it, turkey or ham that is burnt to a crisp; some sort of vegetables; (usually spinach), and tea.

After everybody has eaten as much as they can stand, we all adjourn to the living-room and sing "Silent Night" or some Christmas song, then everybody gets a present that is usually a model car or a record they've never heard.

Then, it's back to the kitchen to eat some more food.

By Sam Billingsley
 Christmas is a time of eating, drinking, sleeping and merry-making. Mostly Christmas is having fun. I guess the best part of Christmas is giving and getting gifts, but I think Santa the Man is best of all for the younger kids.

Christmas trees are a lot of fun. Decorating and trimming them, for example. Our family has this thing about Christmas trees. We used to live in Oklahoma, and could go out and cut our own tree. One year we found that the tree we had picked had a bird's nest in it. A few days before Christmas, the bird's nest would have things for us in it every morning.

When Christmas morning comes we open presents. After we open them, we drive over to my Grandmother's house in Clovis, New Mexico to eat a turkey and dressing dinner.

By Mark Pope
 Christmas means to me the celebration of Jesus Christ's birthday. It means a time of happiness and giving of gifts. It is a time for family togetherness and a time for good food and good sports.

Christmas means to me that almost two thousand years ago there was a Baby born in a manger and this baby was God's Son. Christmas is a celebration of Jesus'

birthday and we should always remember this.

Christmas means to me going to see my grandmother and the rest of my relatives. It is a family reunion time where most of my relatives come together, and on Christmas Day we eat a large meal of turkey and dressing and we watch football games on television.

It also means getting out of school for over a week which is good because a holiday from school is always welcomed with great relief.

And Christmas means a time of exchanging gifts. I enjoy picking out the gifts that I'm going to give to the people I love. And it makes me feel good to know that there are people who love me enough to give me gifts.

Christmas is always one of the happiest times of the year to me because I get to see my relatives, get presents and give presents, get out of school, have good food, and celebrate Jesus' birthday.

By Shari Cecil
 To me Christmas means three things: giving, fellowship, and the birth of Jesus Christ. Giving is something I'm sure everyone does at Christmas. We all get together with friends and relatives to exchange gifts. Christmas is a joyful and festive time of the year.

Eating is also a part of Christmas. Mothers seem to go out of their way at Christmas, preparing a large and scrumptious meal for her family. Fixing turkey and dressing and the many mouth watering foods, isn't an every day cup-of-tea. When you set down Christmas day to eat, remember how much effort and hard work your mother put into that special meal.

Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Many people, even myself, seem to neglect the real meaning of Christmas. We're all in such a rush decorating, buying and exchanging gifts that we never have time to thank God for such a day to celebrate. God sent his only son to die for us. So on this special holiday take time to thank God for having such an occasion to celebrate.

By Roxanne Bradley
 "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way..."

Christmas. The most festive season of the year. A sentimental time that makes you cry when you hear the Beautiful Christmas story and laugh when you're out caroling with a bunch of friends.

Christmas is Santa Claus, going to grandma's, and sitting in front of the fire, drinking hot chocolate while the snow falls outside.

Christmas is shopping for presents, turkey dinner, and the birth of Jesus Christ.

Christmas is going to parties, eating fudge, and decorating the Christmas tree.

What does Christmas mean to me?

I guess the song "There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays" would best describe my deepest feelings for Christmas. Home, where we "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly" and sing "O Christmas Tree". Where we spend our Christmas vacation sitting in front of the t.v.,

hot chocolate in hand, watching "Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Frosty the Snowman". And to be home on Christmas Eve is the greatest, most peaceful feeling in the world. Exchanging presents of love and good cheer, reading the Christmas Story, and singing "Silent Night". And as you look out the window, all frosted with snow, and see the magnificent star of Bethlehem, the real meaning of Christmas erases all the Santa Clauses and all the commercialism of the society's so-called X-mas and turns it into kindness, understanding, love, hope, peace and good cheer. May the joy of Christmas be with you always.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

By Chad Major
 When someone comes up to me and asks me what Christmas really means to me, the first thing I do is look up at him and say, "uh!..." To remedy this, I looked up the word Christmas in the Webster Dictionary. Amazingly I found my feelings written in that definition of Christmas, but the dictionary expresses it better than I do.

Christmas is a day or time in which we take out of each year to remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. We celebrate this special occasion by exchanging special gifts, sending greetings, and taking part in festive activities.

In my home we have an exchange of gifts within the immediate family, which is not uncommon among most families. When I was younger that is all I thought Christmas was; exchanging presents. The way I figure it now, the gifts symbolize the gifts given to Christ at birth. I remember old Santa Claus too. Well, I figure he is carrying or his legend is carrying Jesus Christ's work on with God's children. In other words the legend of Santa Claus takes up right where Jesus left off. Sending greetings is another thing that is done during Christmas. When you receive a Christmas card in the mail. It shows that "so-and-so" are thinking about you and I think this is a part of Christmas. This is part of the way



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Christmas

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by Jay Vineyard
December 25, the day
Christ was born and if you
don't know why I will tell
you. It was Christ who was
born to Mary and Joseph. It
all began when God sent an
angel to earth to tell them
that they would bear his son
and they would name him
Jesus. When Mary and Joseph
found this out they were very
happy but they had to go to
Jerusalem and Joseph did not
want to do this, soon the king
declared everyone to go to
their home towns and pay
taxes and Mary's and Joseph's
hometown was Jerusalem.
When they got there late at
night and they went to all
the inns but there were no
vacancies because Mary and
Joseph were late. Everyone
had got there first to pay
taxes and had rented all the
rooms, they went to Joseph's
friend who owned an inn but
he was filled up too. So they
went to the stable. That
night Mary had Jesus, and
above the stable a bright star
appeared and in the distance
pastures, shepherds looked up
and saw the star and the
angels appeared and told
them to follow for a new
king had been born and told
them to take gifts. Later
Christ died on the cross for
us and became our Savior.
When you open your package
remember that our grandest
gift was Jesus.

Twas the Night Before
Christmas
by Yvonne Colbert
Twas the night before
Christmas, and I was in my
bed. Suddenly, I was awoken
by a strange noise at the
door. I slowly walked out of
my room. There at the Christ-
mas tree stood a jolly old
man. He had a snowy white
beard and was all dressed in
red. Ashes on everything. I
exclaimed, "Why it's Santa
Claus!" As soon as I had said
that, he turned around and
looked at me. Just staring for
a moment or so. Then in a
deep, deep voice he said,
"Who are you?"
"My name is Tammie
Jones," I said.

"So little Tammie, what
are you doing up at this time
of night?" asked Santa.
I looked at him for a
moment then I said, "Santa,
I'm a little worried about
your reindeer. I want to see
them." He said, "How would
you like to come to the North
Pole with me?"
I looked at him and said,
"Oh, Santa can I really come?"
"Yes, he said, "Come on!
Would you rather just live
with me and Mrs. Claus. You
may."
I thought it over a minute
or so. Clutching his red suit
I said, "Santa, I'd love to go
with you!"
When the last trip was
made we went to the North
Pole. I asked Santa if I could
have a doll. He gave me one.
I was having so much fun,
then suddenly as if everything
turned different. I awoke and
there I was in my own bed at
home. I got up slowly and I
found out it was all a big
dream. I began to cry. As I
walked toward the Christmas
tree I saw a doll just like the
one that Santa had given me
in the dream. On the doll
was a little note saying:
Tammie, I hope you enjoy
this doll very much. Take
good care of her. She is
very special.
I grabbed the doll out of her
box and I kept her. Now I'm
growing up. I still have the
doll, and memories of the
dream.

know about Santa Claus and
his reindeer, but I'm going
to start way back before Jesus
came.

Long long ago there was a
young girl by the name of
Mary. One night an angel
from high heavens came and
spoke to her and told her that
she was going to bear a child.
At first it troubled her, she
thought more and more about
it. It was especially hard for
Joseph. The babe was to be
called Jesus.
The night came that
Joseph and Mary had to go to
Bethlehem because all the
men had to go to their home-
towns. When they arrived the
inn was full, Joseph told the
inn keeper that Mary was
going to have a child and
they needed shelter for the
night.

The inn keeper pointed to
a stable behind the inn.
Joseph took Mary there. That
night the babe was born.
Three wise men brought
gold, frankincense, and myrrer.
Jesus was the new born king.
The reason we celebrate
Christmas is, its Jesus's birth-
day we give gifts and share
love.
The children look forward
to Christmas for the gifts and
all the decorations. The
parents (especially men) look
forward for the food. The
teenagers look forward to the
mistletoe to walk under
with a boy and get a kiss
they've been longing for.
But as a toy look forward
for some child to buy me and
give me love!

the world would be in if had
not Christmas taken place.

Christmas, to me, is not
only the giving of gifts to our
loved ones, but also, a time
in which to restrengthen and
rejuvenate ourselves spiritual-
ly and morally.
by Lupe Cortz
What Christmas really
means to me is to think back
through the years to when
Christ was born. He was born
in order to save us from our
sins. God loved us so much
that He sent his only Son to
die for us in order that we
may be able to live forever
in heaven with Him.
Christmas also means a
time for giving gifts. When
Kings heard about Christ
being born some of them
went to worship him and
took him some fine gifts.
Today we still give gifts
to one another. When we do
give gifts we should be happy
and not be sad when we do
not get any.
Togetherness is another
important part of Christmas
to me. When our family
celebrates Christmas we all
get together at our house.
We sing Christmas songs and
have a lot of fun. We then
go to church in order to show
our love for Christ and for
one another. After we get
home from church we open
our gifts then we pray and
have a big dinner. These
things all together are the
ones that make Christmas.

by Denise Thornton
Christmas is a time of
happiness, laughter and togeth-
erness that is to be shared
by everyone. You can always
tell when Christmas is near,
not only by the calendar or
the cold weather but also by
your mother saying "oh isn't
that cute" or "wouldn't that
be nice to have." They're
always trying to find out
what you want for Christmas
without coming right out and
asking you.
Something really fun is
when no one else is home
and you start looking under
beds and in closets, trying to
find something that you hint
around for. Something
not so fun is when your
parents come home earlier
then you expected and they
get caught prowling. The n
your parents threaten to take
everything back. And you
promise not to prowl anymore.
(Ha, Ha)
Christmas day finally gets
here with all the aunts,
uncles and cousins and you're
getting ready for that big
turkey and all its trimmings
until you find out that you
have to clean up afterwards,
so to make things easier you
decide not to eat, so there
won't be as many dishes to
do. As the meal continues
you suddenly decide "Oh I'll
talk her out of it" and eat,
and eat, and eat.
The most important mean-
ing of Christmas to me is
the birth of Jesus Christ,
knowing that if it wasn't for
Him we wouldn't be here.

The next morning Santa
Claus got a letter from a boy
named John. He was 10 years
old and he was very cute.

This is the letter he wrote:
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a model car and a
basketball for Christmas. If
you don't bring me anything
I won't get anything for Christ-
mas.
My mother and daddy are
very mean and they don't
believe in Christmas. I hope
you bring me what I want. I
live in Florida.
Love,
John Keith

Santa Claus felt very sorry
for the boy and decided he
was going to his house first.
He started right away making
what John said he wanted. He
decided to stick a few cookies
in John's present, too. One
of himself, a Christmas tree,
and 10 others.
Christmas Eve came and
Santa Claus had everybody's
presents ready and his rein-
deers all hooked up to his
sleigh. He started off to go
to John's house. He got there
safe and went down the chim-
ney. When he looked up there
stood John's mother and dad-
dy. They looked very mean.
Santa Claus just ignored them
and pulled out John's presents
and put them on the floor.
Of course, there wasn't a
Christmas tree. Santa Claus
finished and started to leave
but John's daddy grabbed him
and sat him down in a chair.
He started asking him all
kinds of questions. After about
an hour they decided they
were wrong about Christmas
and called John in there.
They said they were sorry
about what they had said
about Christmas and that next
year John would have a real
Christmas. John was very
happy.
The next morning he open-
ed his Christmas presents
and he got just what he want-
ed. He was surprised about
the cookies, too.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pool table. I
want some bar bells from 15
to 50 pounds.
Your good friend,
Cal Henley
Thank you

Dear Santa Claus,
This year I don't have a
choice so you bring me any-
thing.
Love,
Kerri Clemens

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The Toy in the Window
by Jorene Hobgood
On December 23 the day
before Christmas Eve, a little
stuffed dog sat in the window
of Mr. Toys toy shop. The
little dog had been there
through the whole month of
December and no one had
bought him. He was really
sad because he was the only
dog left and he had been
there a long time and no one
had paid any attention to
him.
On that day a lady walked
over to where the little dog
was sitting. She picked him
up looked at him for a long
time. Then she took him to
the counter and told the man
she would take him, and if
he would wrap it.
When the lady got home
she put the package under
the Christmas tree. The next
day was Christmas Eve, the
little dog was very happy.
The day went by very quickly
at least quicker than the days
at Mr. Toys toy shop.
The next morning was
Christmas the little dog was
so excited he heard the sounds
of feet, and people talking,
then he heard someone say
Tommy that one is yours. He
picked it up opened it and
there was the little dog from
Mr. Toys toy shop. Tommy
said he was going to name
him Spot because he had
black and white spots. And
so Tommy and Spot lived
happily ever after.

The Toy Shop
by Cindy Stillwell
On a cold and snowy night
Mr. Mie is locking up his little
toy shop. The pleasant
Christmas bells are ringing.
The little shop is dark except
the light in the window that
shines on the toys.
Hi! My name is Bandy
and every night I sit in the
window and watch the snow
fall to the ground. Oh by the
way I'm a toy elephant and I
want to tell you the story of
Christmas. I'm sure you all

The Happy Christmas
by Lisa Patterson
It was a cold, cold Christ-
mas. Santa Claus was at his
house in the North Pole. It
was a week before Christmas.
Santa Claus and his elves
were making lots of toys that
the children told him they
wanted. Mrs. Santa Claus
was in the kitchen making
lots of cookies. She was mak-
ing some with icing and
some in the shape of Santa
Claus, a Christmas tree, and
lots of other kinds.

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