

Spiritual Force Is Behind Christmas

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Genesis 2:7

These are the words from the book of Genesis which tell of the creation of man. Who can say what meaning they hold?

All evidence of human existence disappears a comparatively small way back along the shadowy corridors of time. Man is a rank newcomer among all the multitudinous variety of creatures which inhabit the earth. Despite its apparently late emergence on the scene, the human mind sets man apart from all other life. It holds within its concepts the spiritual center of his being. Its unexplored lengths of understanding are the wellspring from which will flow the creative, questing, imaginative ideas that have the power to change the character and face of the world we live in.

That the mind of man could have evolved through some natural process of selection in so short a time seems utterly impossible to many learned students of the subject. Some have called human evolution "explosive" in its rapidity. Perhaps, as some have said, a spiritual force no science can discover created this marvelous mechanism against all the apparent laws of nature. The ability to believe in such a spiritual force is part of the essential nature of all humanity and lends meaning and substance to individual lives, hopes and aspirations.

Once again this Christmas season Christians everywhere will rejoice within their hearts as they commemorate the birth of Him whose teachings of humanity, faith, responsibility and love hold the answer to most of the world's problems.

A sublimation of human nature which resulted in fewer actions being motivated by greed, jealousy, and hope of selfish gain would make it mandatory for nations to observe a code of honor in their dealings just as responsible individuals must. It is not too much to believe that the spiritual force that created the marvel of the human mind will show the way to the wisdom and strength necessary to make this a better world—one of peace founded on fair dealing and trust between all peoples.

Eighth Grade Christmas Party

The Eighth grade students held their Xmas party on Thursday and Friday evening to 9 p.m. at the School Cafeteria, the tables were decorated with cherrill Xmas colors with lovely hand-made green and silver center-pieces, the students played games and afterwards were served sandwiches, cookies, candy and cold drinks. The room parents were presented with Xmas gifts from the students, it was a very happy evening and we would like to say thank you to the room parents, for a wonderful time. Those present were: Mr. B. Strayhorn, Mrs. J. R. Strayhorn, (Teacher); Mrs. E. R. Hughes, Mrs. C. V. Curtis, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Mercer, Mrs. M. Nayfa, Mrs. Jessie Noey, Mrs. R. E. Johnson, Mr. R. E. Turner, Mr. R. T. Hamitt, Mrs. Eader, Mrs. L. Blanton, Elaine Turner, Fay Hicks, Sharon Hale, Pat Sharp, Marie Denniston, Sue Mercer, Ann Tillotson, Sandra Boen, Judy Ward, Leatrice Counts, Charlene Strickland, Mary Carrillo, Zinaida Barrea, Lupe Mahoa, Seamare Remero, Linda of Carson, Oklahoma Alonhia Nayfa and Janice Thompson. Deveriane Barrera, Douglas Nolen, Donnie Rodriguez, Felix Yanez, Callisto Lopez, Allardio Garcia, Jr. DeLeon, Ruben Rodriguez, Merlin Ratliff, A. C. Snapp, Mario Polk, Carlton Reeves, Marshall Shipp, Donald McQueen, Quincy Huges, Leaman Blanton, Mac Eades, Leroy Rivers, Dwight Emmitt, Jackie Wassam, Earl D. Hammitt.

Hammers Roll Over Loraine

Leroy Hill scored 20 points here Tuesday night to pace Rotan to a 44-32 high school cage victory over Loraine. Clovis Hale scored 11 points for the losers.

Rotan also won the B game by 31-17, while the Loraine girls nipped Rotan's girls by 34-33 in a nip-and-tuck affair.

Dear Santa:

I am eight years old! My little brother is five years old. My other brother is one year old. I want a football, a machine gun, a tire, record player and records.

Your Love,
Willie Marshall Jr.

J. P. Phillips

THE ROTAN ADVANCE

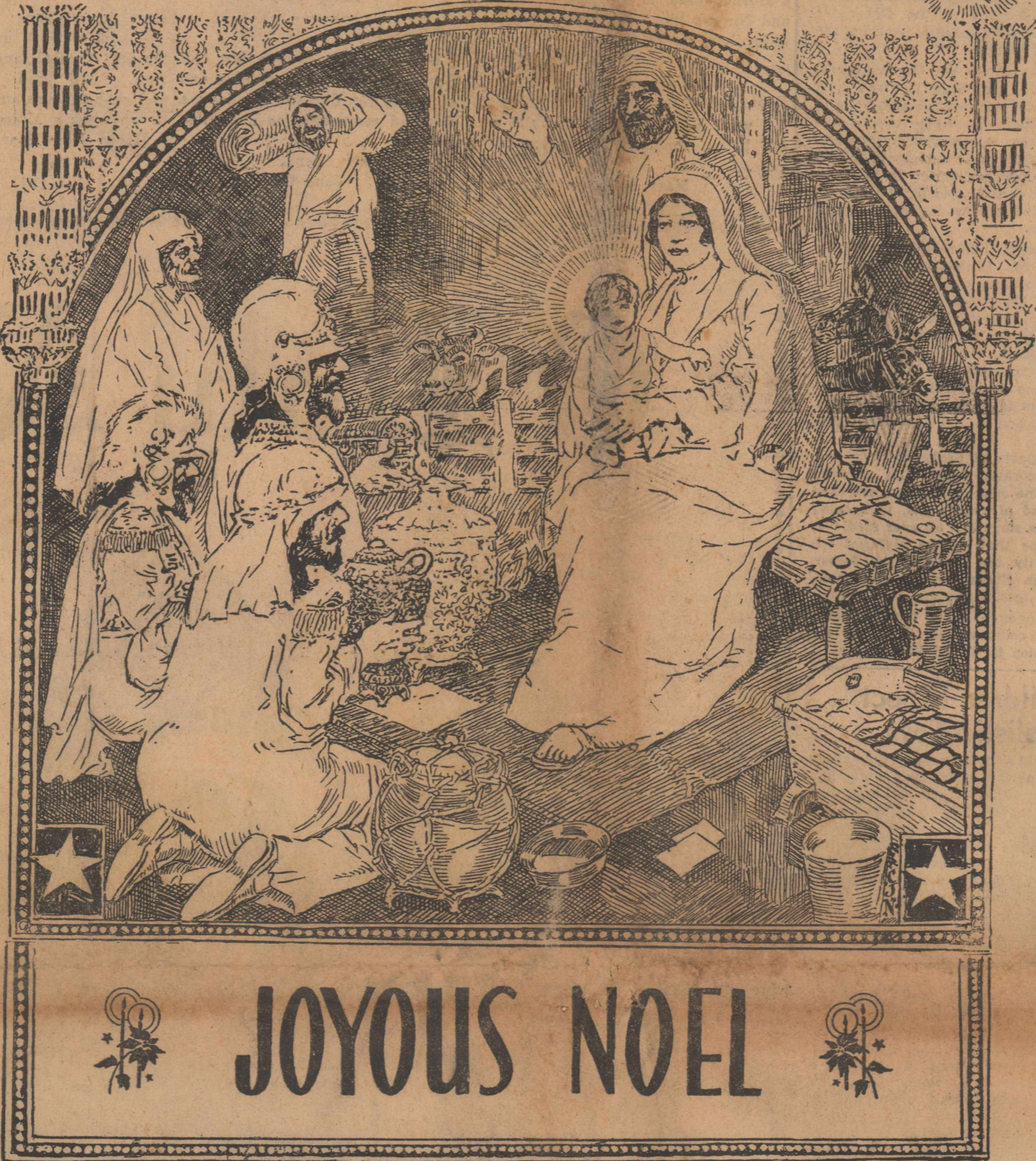
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We saw his star in the East



JOYOUS NOEL

County Agent News

Rats and mice are the only animals in the world that are both harmful and useless to mankind. Most anyone would agree that these pests should be controlled as they destroy food, damage buildings, ruin home furnishings, and carry both human and domestic animal diseases.

While control is often a problem, there are some fundamental things to remember when planning a control program. These are:

1. Use traps in the house and chemically treated bait in the barn.
2. Clean up old junk piles, trash heaps, stacks of old boards and anything else that might offer protection and shelter.
3. If rats and mice enter a building through a hole, close it and keep it closed.
4. Watch for new rats and mice and go to work on them immediately.
5. Get plenty of bait and never let the bait feeders stand empty. Remember that these rodents do not thrive in clean, neat premises.

The "snorter" dwarf when first observed as a baby calf may be mistaken for a calf with outstanding beef conformation. The blocky appearance, short, compact body and mature look at birth is the first thing observed. But when the calf is one or two months old the bulging forehead, prominent eyes, protruding lower jaw and tongue and low-hanging head will identify it as a "snorter" dwarf.

Development after this age is characterized by slow growth, increasing lack of coordination in walk, enlarging of the middle and heavier breathing. The name "snorter" was arrived at because of this heavy breathing. Many "snorter"

dwarfs die before they reach weaning age, although some have lived for several years and some have reproduced.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has released a leaflet entitled "Snorter" Dwarfs in Beef Cattle. Authors are L. A. Maddox, Jr. and Nel D. Thompson, extension animal husbandmen. The leaflet contains a diagram explaining inheritance of dwarfism and discusses types of matings, progeny tests using known carrier cows, progeny tests using daughters of a carrier bull and other related topics. The leaflet is available from your local county agents' office.

How are you getting replacements for your dairy herd? Do you feel sure that you are getting the best heifers for your money?

Arch Meekma, Extension Dairy Husbandman, says the best way to be sure you're getting exactly what you pay for is to raise your own replacement stock. In most cases this is not only the cheapest way to maintain your herd, but it helps improve your production, too.

Meekma suggests that you pick heifers from your highest producers, and it is a real advantage if the sires of these heifers are registered, progeny tested bulls. By doing this you can be certain that your production will go up as these replacements move into the parlor.

If there are no top quality bulls in your area, you might want to use artificial insemination.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a new baby doll. Bring one with hair, please. Please bring me a suitcase and some dresses for my baby. Bring Annette's baby too.

Your Friend,
Catherine Weems

Dear Santa:

I want a Horsa doll. Some socks, a play telephone, a doll carriage, apples, or oranges, pecans and candy.

Truly your's,
Sally Medrano

Dear Santa:

I have moved to Crosbyton in Perry Bell's house on the Post highway. I want an Army rifle, a pack that you carry on your back, a tent and a camera to take pictures. Bring my friends in Rotan what they want Santa, if you bring me these things I will write as good as I can in school.

Thank you. I love you,
T. Fillingim, Crosbyton, Tex.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll and doll clothes bike and new clothes for me. Some fruits, nuts, and candy and please don't forget my little brother. I have tried to be a good girl. I am 8 years old.

Branda Matthies

Dear Santa:

For Christmas I want a football and some Chinese Checkers and an electric football game. Don't forget others.

Your Friend,
John Witherspoon

Dear Santa Claus:

For Christmas I want a toni doll English Racer, Kidd-E-Clinic.

Your friend,
Jodie Thompson,

Dear Santa:

I would like to get a play airplane with gasoline motor, a flying helicopter with controls, Have Gun Will Travel set. Thank you.

Donald Kelly

Dear Santa:

Would you please bring me a football, helmet, bowling game and Fort Apache. I am a 7 year old boy and in the first grade. I have been a good boy. Please remember all the other boys and girls all over the world.

Donnie Gann

Dear Santa:

I am Sara Lou Summerlin. I am 5 years old. I want a Bible and a blue petticoat or anything you will bring to me. I really would like to have a grocery store and a bride doll too. Little Bill wants a rocking horse.

I hope I get to see you when you come to my house.
Love,
Sara

Dear Santa Claus:

I am writing you this letter to say that I want a 'B-B' gun and two guns for Christmas and my brother that is five years old want next year and he like some books a gun. He will be going to school of songs we like to sing very much so we learn to sing Christmas songs well. I don't have much to say for Christmas.

From Your friend,
Johnny Frank Almanza

Dear Santa:

What I want is some real dishes, bring my sister a baby doll my littiest sister wants a top. My brother want a truck.

Your friend,
Mary Lou Sepeda

Dear Santa:

Steve wants a 'B-B' gun, a tent gun supports and guns, four wheel bike, football elmet and drag line. I am a good boy.

Steve Brazeo

Tips For Holiday Driving Listed

Here are a few helpful hints for motorists who plan trips over the Christmas holidays.

The usual safety precautions prevail, these safeguards for winter holiday driving:

1. Let your engine idle for a few minutes before starting your trip. If this is not convenient, then proceed at a slow speed for the first few miles. Lubricants get very cold and stiff in winter.
2. Check your windshield washer's water supply, making sure it has enough solvent to keep it from freezing.
3. If your car is not equipped with snow tires, but a set of chairs in the trunk. You may not need them, but they're good insurance.
4. Carry a cloth in your glove compartment to keep your windshield clean. If your car has no washers, pull off the highway and wipe the windshield.
5. When traveling at night, keep your headlights clean. On slushy roads, you may have to stop frequently to wipe them off.
6. Never apply your brakes suddenly on slippery roads. Press the brake pedal lightly, release, then press it again—repeating until the car has stopped.
7. In a skid, turn the front wheels in the direction of the skid.
8. On a long trip, stop frequently for a rest. A "coffee break" at a wayside restaurant is a good idea. Stretch your legs and walk around.

Your Health Now Has Better Chances

You bought your family many more—and vastly more important—gifts this Christmas than those you wrapped in bright paper and ribbon.

You doled out hard-earned tax dollars to buy the gift of good health. Let's see precisely what you got for your money.

Your gift budget this year included more than \$10 million to buy and equip 29 medical care facilities, such as hospitals and diagnostic centers, in areas without them. Your shopping cancellor was the Division of Hospital Services at the Texas State Department of Health.

You paid \$13 million to build 13 new sewage treatment plants to give your family the gift of clean, uncontaminated streams. Helping you make the right choice was the Department's Division of Water Pollution Control.

You bought seven Texas cities—all of them under 25,000 population—gifts of comprehensive city plans. By following the plans, cities can grow and expand in a healthy, orderly manner without danger of slum formation.

The bill came to \$230,000. The State Health Department helped you shop for just the right plan for each city.

It cost you \$242,000 to buy a half-million children the gift of protection from polio this Christmas. If your own children, or you yourself, were among them you can consider yourself fortunate. Many disdained the gift, and now Christmas holds no meaning for them.

You bought almost \$15,000 worth of relief for many youngsters who would otherwise have had to suffer the pangs of toothache. Your gift cancellor in this case was the Division of Dental Health which paid the bills in connection with 15 dental clinics operating over the State.

You and your neighbors gave the gift of hope to 15,000 actual or suspected victims of cancer and heart diseases. It cost you \$120,000 to support 20 different cancer and heart clinics in which despair and anxiety were eased or erased.

Your desire to give your family the gift of good health also took a negative turn. Health department inspectors hired by you condemned almost 700,000 pounds of food and drugs as being unfit for human use.

You spent \$8.5 million this year to see that health services got right down to the community level where your family could get to them. The money paid for equipment and supplies and for salaries of physicians and nurses and sanitarians.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me some guns a
back the Cone Ranger and the suit.
I am a good little boy; my name is:
Victor Pana

Dear Santa:
I am a good girl, I want a pretty
doll with all the dresses and one for
my sister and a black board too.
Your friend,
Bertha Alcorta & M. Helm

Dear Santa:
What I want for Christmas is a
doll and dishes to play and I want
some toys too.
Mary Francis Ortega
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa:
Here I am writing you this few
lines to say hello even though I
do not know you and you don't
know me. But still I want you to
bring me some toys. I don't care
what you bring me, but please bring
me something. I would like very
much to have a 'B-B' gun, but if
you can't have it, please try to
give me some toys.
Well bye and Merry Christmas.
Jim Young

R. S. I have 9 brothers, so please
come and stop at my house.
5 blocks from W. S. gin the last
house on that street.

Dear Santa:
I want a tractor and a car.

Dear Santa:
I have been a nice little girl. I
want a bicycle and a doll bed. Give
all other children a Happy Christ-
mas.
I love you,
Manuelita Davis

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you bring me a doctor's
kit and a machine gun and a foot
ball and some more guns, bring my
little sister a doll and a nurse kit.
We have tried to be a good boy
and girl. I am 7 years old. I also
saw you on T. V.
Your friend,
Roger Graham

Dear Santa:
I want a tiny tears doll, and a
baton, and some dress up shoes. My
brother Barry wants a tractor and
a kagow we have tried to be good.
We love you
Your friend
Barbara Neeley

Dear Santa:
I have been very good this year.
Please bring me a bicycle and a gun.
Love,
Clark Brazee

Dear Santa:
I am 6 1/2 years old. I would
like a real 22 rifle, a football, some
gifts for my family. There are 7
in the family circle.
Love,
Monti Harold McKinney

Dear Santa:
I want a doll, and a watch, bicycle
dishes, apples, oranges and nuts. I
also want a dress and a chair, rec-
ord player, wagon, and a coat.
Louisa Carrillo

Dear Santa:
Please bring me candy and spice
and every thing nice.
3 blocks south of the west side
gin mill.
Dolores Ester Lucia



The evergreen bough, mistletoe
and holly used as Christmas deco-
rations have been associated with
ceremony and curious custom for
thousands of years.
Ancient Romans raised an ever-
green branch at the December
festival of Saturnalia, honoring the
god of sowing.
Long before the Christian era,
Tuetons and Scandinavians held
the mistletoe sacred and hung it
over their doorways as charms.
They also worshipped the oak and
their priestly Druids brought in a
great Yule log at the feast of the
winter solstice and lighted it from
a brand of the log of the year
before.

In parts of Europe the first trees
used for Christmas decorations
were dormant branches of fruit
trees. They were brought indoors
several weeks before Christmas
and forced into bloom by Christ-
mas time. Holly, the subject of
many superstitions, was also used
because its prickly leaves were
thought to represent the Saviour's
crown and its red berries drops of
blood.
In parts of Sicily an olive tree
is decorated today with oranges.
In some countries flowers are used
instead of evergreens, in keeping
with a story told all over medieval
Europe that on the night of the
Nativity the trees of the forest,
though cloaked in ice and snow,
burst into bloom and bore fruit.

All over the world this Christmas
each country will celebrate the
occasion in its traditional way.

Children Expect Realistic Toys

Santa's helpers, the toymakers
of America, made something like
\$900 million worth of toys last
year, using up a fabulous supply
of plastics, paints and lacquers,
adhesives and other new materials
developed by industrial chemistry.
Toy consumers—America's pre-
cocious children—have come to de-
mand a realism in toys that was
unheard of a few years ago. If a
youngster gets a toy automobile,
it must look like one of the latest
styles he sees on the highways, a
jet airplane must look like the pic-
tures he sees in magazines. Most
little girls won't look a second
time at any doll that doesn't cry,
walk, have washable hair and a
wardrobe that ranges from even-
ing clothes to a bikini bathing
suit.
Expected to be big hits among
toys this Christmas season are all
various types of "do-it-yourself"
kits for youngsters of all ages—
kits they can use to make prac-
tically everything from atomic
submarines to 1955 model sports
cars. In addition to do-it-yourself
packages for advanced children,
most manufacturers this year also
are furnishing the completely as-
sembled toy for the younger set.

Dear Santa:
I have been very good this year
please bring me a doctor set.
Love,
Raymond Grametbaur

Dear Santa:
I want a big doll and some dishes
for Christmas and dress for my
doll that's all.
From: Oralia

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll dishes a
set of little cars. I am a girl but
love cars.
Cydna Ray McClure

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. I want
a big doll. Her name is Cuddles and
a Horned toad. and a play Doctor's
and Nurse's kit. I am eight. I have
a brother, he is eleven.
Paula Heatington

Dear Santa:
I want a doll with clothes and a
red baton, some candy, apples pec-
cans.
Mary Medrano

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a record player,
a 'B-B' gun, pistol, and a bicycle.
Don't forget my little sister Donna.
She want a doll and doll buggy,
also a cow boy suit don't forget
the other boys and girls.
Love,
James Soliz

Dear Santa:
I want a machine and a rifle and
a pistol, a truck and bull dozer
and tractor.
Your friend,
James Donsey Price

Dear Santa:
I have been very good this year.
Please bring me a train.
Love,
Larry Floyd

Dear Santa:
I would like to have a big doll
that could say mama, I am nine and
some dishes for Christmas and some
apples and some oranges and some
bicycle.
Your friend,
Jane G. Martinez

Dear Santa:
Please bring me an army rifle,
football, chemistry and a bicycle.
Thank you,
Kelvin Wright

Dear Santa:
I have been very good this year
please bring me a ball and car-
penter set.
Love,
Jimmy Rivers

Dear Santa Claus:
Bring me a watch. I have two
little brothers, my little brothers
would like to have some candy and
some pop corn my Daddy would like
some boots, and Mamma would like
to have a dress.
Your friend,
David Grady

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a 'B-B' gun and a dump
truck, a football and my little bro-
ther a ball and my truck too
my brother Steve an ink pen. I want
to wish you a Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year.
Love,
Dale

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll. The doll
name is Fluffy. She is eleven inches
tall. I am a girl. My name is Koren.
I am 7 years old. I also want a
doll house. Please remember other
boys and girls.
Your friend,
Karen McKimney

Dear Santa:
I want a darling doll in a play-
mate baby glider and bottles, dress-
es, suit, swimming suit, a big Teddy
Bear, a big kitten with little kittens
and a zipper down its back.

Dear Santa:
I have been very good this year.
Please bring me a doll.
Love
Patty Tankersley

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl. I have been
pretty good please bring me a moth-
er and daughter doll. Don't forget
all the other boys and girls.
Lou Ann

O Holy Night

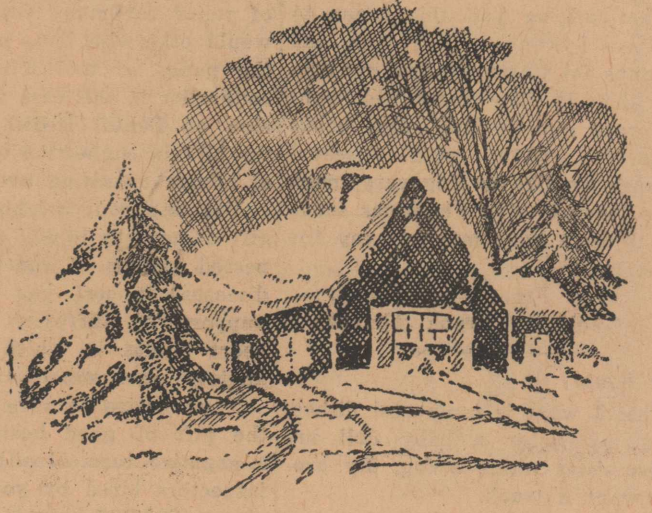


Our Entire Organization
Joins in Wishing a Very
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!

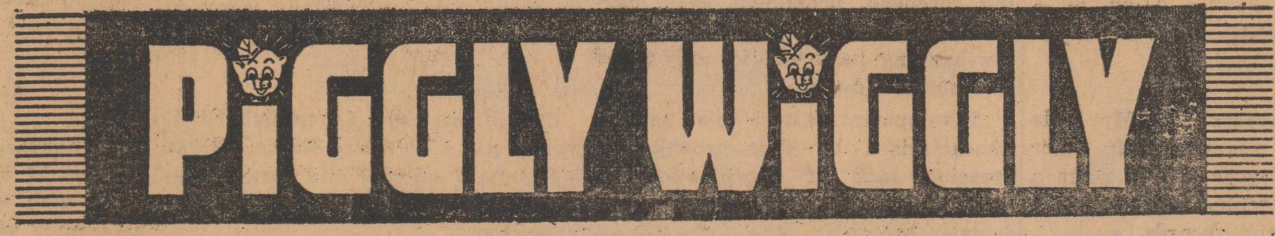


Merry Christmas

When the flurry of greetings
snow you under
Here's a wish we'd like to add . . .
May this be the nicest Christmas
That you have ever had.



Sheriff & Mrs. A. E. Rollans



Best Wishes



May we pause in the rush of this holiday season to thank our many friends whose good will throughout the year has been an inspiration to us and to wish you all the Blessings of the season.

Happiest New Year
ever!

Foster Miller Gin Company

Ernest Taggart, Manager



Best wishes for Christmas



OUR ENTIRE ORGANIZATION JOINS IN MAKING THIS WISH FOR YOU AND YOURS

Cotton Storage Co.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a bike, a Bible, a rabbit suit pajamas size 6. I am 8 years old.

I make good grades in school.

Love, Tree
Roy Singley

Dear Santa:

I have been very good this year. Please bring me a telescope.

Love,
Owen Helms

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll Christmas. I want a Piano, stole for my doll, a fur kape and a pair of high heels.

Your friend,
Pamela Kay Hardin

Dear Santa:

Mother says that my sisters and I have been good sometime and other times not so good. My sister Lynn wants a grown-up doll and a buggy.

My other little sister Cissy wants a gun and holster set a zorro and a sheriff's outfit. I want a rifle, an electric train and model airplane. Please remember our Sunday school teachers and Mrs. Edwards.

Your Buddy,
Ricky Young

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a foot ball, fire engine, record player, and a tiny tears doll. Please remember the other boys and girls. Oh! I am 7 years of age.

Your friend,
Frances Baugh.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been good this year. Would you please bring me a football suit, kicking tee and football, marine suit, marine field base set, and a fielders base ball glove.

Merry Christmas Love,
Mike Allen

Dear Santa:

I want a 'B-B' gun a train, two guns a car a ball a base ball gloves, a boat, a football, a basketball, a record and a record player a bat and some more things to play with for my two brothers and myself.

P. O. Box 887
Spixanio Gaspar

Dear Santa Claus:

I will be at my Grandmother's for Christmas, so leave my toys there. I would like a bicycle or some more cars for my electric train. I would like a desk and chair for my room too, and 'B-B' gun and some 2 bag of 'B-B's

Love,

Arlin Bruce Collins

P. S. Santa will you bring me all the toys?

Dear Santa:

I would like clothes for my 11 inch boy doll. Please bring Nancy Ann some ski clothes. Do you think I could have a doll named Prithilla, too?

Love,

Candy White

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a Margie doll, a desk, a camera set, and 2 or 3 dresses. I have two other sisters. Don't forget to bring them something.

Sincerely yours,

Linda Bertram

Dear Santa:

I have been a very good boy and for Christmas I want a new bicycle an a gun scalburd from Clark Brozee Protan house 312 Beauguard Street.

Dear Santa:

I want a walking doll and some more toys to play with them, I have been a good girl for Charistmts.

Lupe Gaspar

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a boy 8 years old. Please bring me a football kicking Tee, A Spinning dart game, bow and arrow, record player and records, Some fruits and candy.

Your friend,

Jimmy Gruben

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll and an high heels, some candy, nuts,fruits and cadie dieses. I have been very good. I hope you will come to see me.

your friend,

Brenda Donham

Dear Santa:

I have been very good this year. Please bring me a doll.

Love,

Richard Alcorta

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a sad-sack doll, and a bicycle, and a chemistry set.

Your friend,

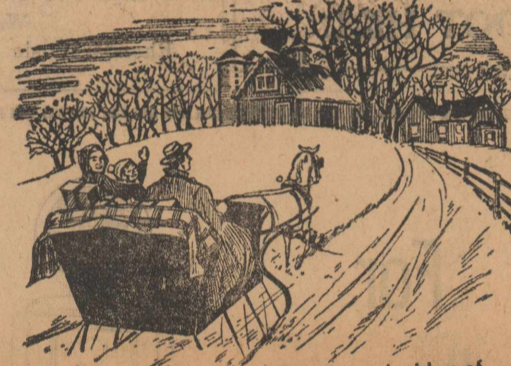
Jerry Edwards



YOUNG'S Food Market

Merry Christmas

EVERYONE!



Our thanks and wishes of cheer to you, our friends.

KENNDEY MOTOR CO.



OURS is a land of happy homes, of free hearts. God has bountifully bestowed many blessings upon us. Let us put our trust in him and be glad this happy Yuletide season.



Campbells Pontiac Co.

Dear Santa:
Please remember all the boys and girls this year who do not have a mother or daddy. Thank you for all the nice things I got last Christmas. Just let my presents be a surprise this year.

Lots of Love,
Ginger Dickey

Dear Santa:
I have been good so far. Please bring me and my little sister a Father's kit, fruits, and candy. Thank you,
Mary Metcalf

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll with high heels and some nice dishes. I have been a good girl.

Love,
Cathy Allen

PORT RILEY, KAN., 18, son of Mr. Toluf A. Lightfoot, Route 2, Edley, Tex., recently completed eight weeks of basic combat training at Fort Riley, Kan.

Scaminger is a 1958 graduate of McCaskey High School.

LANCE THEATRE

Rotan

TODAY and Wed. Dec. 23 & 24

SIERRA BARON

A NICE WESTERN

Thurs. and Fri. Dec. 25 & 26

SPECIAL MATINEE, XMAS Eve

THE BIG COUNTRY

History of GIANTS who Bridled an Untamed Wilderness.

SATURDAY, DEC 27th

SHOWDOWN AT BOOT HILL

Barbara Aldridge Entertains at TSC

Barbara Aldridge, freshman student at Tarleton State College, entertained with special music at the international student luncheon at the Tarleton State Baptist Student Center held last week. "Christmas Around the World" was the theme of the luncheon, to which all Tarleton foreign students were invited.

Miss Aldridge is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Aldridge, Rotan.

Mrs. Linnie Waggoner spent the weekend in Stamford visiting a sister Mrs. Carl Gage and Mr. Gage, another sister Mrs. Russ Hall and daughters Zanna and Kay of Kingsville also visited the Gages. All attended the Breckenridge Kingsville also visited the Gages. All attended the Breckenridge, Kingsville football game. Mr. Hall is Coach of the Kingsville team.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a stocking full of nice presents and candy, everything that is good.

John

Dear Santa:
Please bring me some nice presents. I am a girl.

Domina Yanez

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a toy drum and some guns and a toy monkey and a toy goat.

Tommy

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a record player and a picture album.

Love,
Robert Lynn Carter

Dear Santa,
We have tried to be good little girls. Will you please bring us each a doll. We would also like a record player and some records.

Please remember all the other little boys and girls.

We love you,
Rhonda, Susie and Teresa Coan

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Dear Santa:
Marry Christmas, I want a football, football helmet, a set of guns.

Don

Dear Santa:
I would like for you to bring me a doll and a doll house for Christmas.

Nola

Dear Santa:
I want a doll for Christmas my two little brothers at home want a gun set an Apache type.

Love Santa,
Fankie Kerns

Dear Santa:
I want a paco stick and a new suit my little brother and sister want some dolls, a big wagon and some guns and holsters. My big sister wants a racer bike. We have all bee good kids.

Love,
Harry Helms

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year please bring me a gun.

Love,
Carlous Adams

Dear Santa:
I have been very good this year. Please bring me some guns a

Linda Eaton

Dear Santa:
I have been very good this year. Please bring me a dish set.

Love,
Belwind Barrera

Dear Santa:
Will you Please bring me a gun bicycle, a pair of boots and best of all a bowling pin set and a stocking filled with all kind of nice candies.

Yours,
Tony Soliz

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a Golden Trumpet, a charm jewelry set, and a sewing case with toy necehi sewing machine I also want a belle ballerina, apples, candy, pecans and nuts.

Truly Your's
Mary Allen Medrano

CARD OF THANKS

To all our dear friends who were so comforting in our time of grief, in the passing of our loved one, we wish to take this means of expressing our deepest appreciation. For each kind word and deed, and for the abundance of food no words can tell how much it has ment to us.

May God bless you and make this the Merriest of all Yule Seasons.

The Lewis Clark Family

Nolan-Fisher

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Merry Christmas



Happy New Year

Season's Greetings

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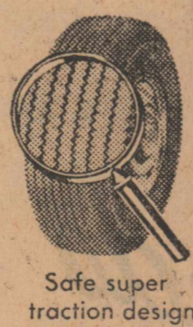


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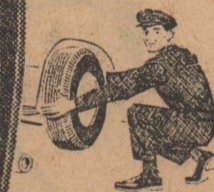
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Greetings

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Rotan Gin Co.

Wayne Nowlin, Manager



By Shirley Sargent

WHEN I was a boy Christmas couldn't come soon or often enough. The longed-for day was more exciting than my birthday, Fourth of July and the last day of school all put together. It was magic, sheer, unadulterated magic compounded of hoarded pennies, the scent of pine needles, locked closets, mysterious winks, expectation and the unusually peaceful household. This last because my brothers and I were doing our darndest to be good, as if to make up in one month for all the sins of the past year.

Later, Christmas lost its meaning to me, now a roving bachelor. In fact the great day came too quickly, too often, and I would work late to escape the carolers and sleep even later so my empty apartment wouldn't reproach me.

But now I have discovered the magic of Christmas again. A little boy gave it back to me along with a grubby kiss and a hug. It



He looked at me sadly. "Don't you know we live in an apartment?" he asked.

is Christmas Eve and I have been home from Korea for two weeks getting acquainted with Carol, the wife I married five months before I went overseas, and a rowdy two-and-a-half-year-old named Butch. He is my son, the child I had never seen, and he is the boy that gave Christmas back to me.

Carol and I had planned eagerly on just what Butch should receive. Butch had a long list of toys that changed from day to day, but when I had asked him what he wanted most of all, he had just looked at me sadly.

"Don't you know we live in an apartment?" he had asked. So I told Carol, "I think Butch is worried that there isn't a fireplace for Santa to come down. Say, do you think he's too young for a football? Just a small one, of course."

Preparations

That's how it went—peacefully, traditionally—from the purchase of the tree, to the opening of Christmas cards and the hiding of presents from Butch. Until now, Christmas Eve. I ran quickly to Butch when I heard him sobbing. His brown hair tousled, his baby-plump cheeks stained red with emotion, Butch was another boy from the one I had put to bed.

"What's wrong, dear? Tell Daddy?"

"I want a dog more'n anything an' I can't have it." "Can't have it," I repeated stupidly, holding his warm, sob-wracked body in my arms. "Why not?"

Carol's hands were on my shoulders, "Because we live in an apartment."

Butch choked, "That mean old man won't let me. He is too mean, mommy."

Carol said, "He means Mr. Allen, the owner. No dogs allowed."

"If I talked to him?" I appealed to Carol, "If I explained..."

"No," Carol's face twisted, "he made an exception to allow Butch here."

Anger Strikes

To allow Butch. For an instant anger blazed through me, then I remembered, with an effort, that Mr. Allen wasn't the enemy.

"Butch when we move I promise you may have a dog," I explained carefully.

"When are we gonna move?" Children needed a time. He would be three in May. "Before your birthday," I promised, "now go to sleep, son."

In the living room, I said, "I could buy turtles and fish."

"It wouldn't be the same," Carol said, "when you were little, don't you remember..."

"Yes," for I did. I remembered the disappointments that weren't swallowed up by other presents but only by time and the gift of love. My son has given me more than I could give him no matter where we lived. He has given me not only the happiness but the heartbreak of Christmas. I took Carol's hand and drew her into the magic of love that surrounded us.

Merry Christmas



BEST WISHES TO ALL!

May happiness be with you and yours at all times!

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Greetings

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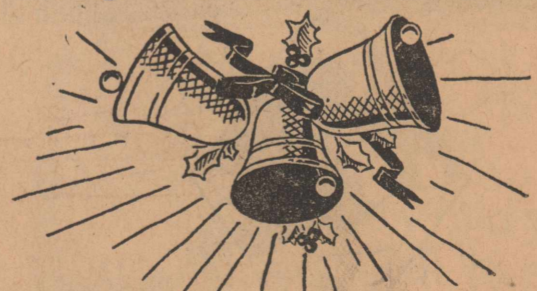
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GREETINGS



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Mrs. Fern Benson



By Shirley Sargent

I'M ELEVEN, it's New Year's Eve and mom has got Gertie Wycoff for our sitter. Imagine! Gertie who's in my very own school, so dumb she's only a grade ahead of me even if she is thirteen. I guess mom's told me a hundred times that we have to have a sitter to take care of Billy, he's only seven, and Marie, who's three and a half, and, most especially, the baby. It's a sure fire cinch I can handle Billy and Marie, but that baby with his diapers and crying all of a sudden—well, Mom's right, he's too much responsibility.

"Course all our regular sitters had dates for tonight so mom was lucky to get anybody. But Gertie! And her telling me to go to bed at 9:30 on New Year's Eve!

I'm not staying in bed, that's for sure; I'm going to see the New Year in! Listen to all the noise I've heard about. All these years, I've been going to sleep and next morning, waking up, like magic, in a new year with a new number.

When Billy wakes up I just whisper in his ear and he pulls that "I want my mommy" scene. Boy, is he ever loud. I burst outta my room like a Boy Scout, when I hear Gertie coming, shouting, "I'll take care of him."

"I'll handle this," she gives me one of her movie magazine stares. "Get back in bed before you catch cold."

So while she's trying to shush Billy, I go downstairs and queer the TV set. Pull out the plug and change the aerial. Time I'm back upstairs, Billy's quiet. I can't figure out how she did it. When she goes downstairs I watch, from the top of the landing, and it takes her 'til almost eleven to get the TV going again.

I'm sorta upset. First Billy fails me and now she's got the TV working. About the time I'm feeling sleepy the baby lets out a wailing cry and Gertie's up the stairs so fast I barely have time to get back in my room. She has a time with him and then can't find the diapers 'cause I hid 'em. And when everything's under control, Marie needs to go to the bathroom. Quick.

BY THAT TIME, it's nearly midnight. Almost time for the New Year to come. I sneak downstairs. And there's Gertie curled up in the wing chair, crying. Finally I ask, "What's the matter?"

She just sobs louder. I ask anxiously, "What's wrong?"

"Just everything." She blows her nose hard and looks at me and what do you know? Most of her lipsticks gone and she looks young and scared. "This is the first time I've ever had a real job and I need the money and I've done everything wrong."

"What do you mean wrong?" All of a sudden I'm worrying about how she made Billy stop crying.

"I had to put Billy in your folks' bed so he'd be still and I couldn't



There's Gertie, curled up in the wing chair, crying.

find a diaper so I put a dishtowel on the baby and the television works funny."

"Course I feel sorta shamed, like a heel. "Look," I say as I adjust the knobs on our set until the picture's clear. Time we get back downstairs—from changing the baby into his diapers and putting Billy where he belonged—it was 12:03.

1952! I'd missed the magic moment when 1951 turned into 1952 . . . Don't get me wrong, I never fell for that "little New Year" business anymore'n I believe in Santa Claus. That stuff's for Billy and Marie, but there had to be a magic minute. All I remembered hearing while we were upstairs were some noises like backfire. The TV screen showed a bunch of dopes throwing paper at each other and blowing Halloween horns. That was all. Nothing exciting.

I found a blanket and pillow and put them on the couch for Gertie. And she was smiling, thanking me for helping her. I'm sorry for her. Catch me staying up all hours to take care of three characters just to earn money—no sir.

So I say, "Happy New Year," meaning it, and head for bed. The heck with magic, I'm sleepy. Only I'll never understand about missing that magic minute anymore'n I can figure why Gertie wants to earn money baby sitting when she could mow lawns.

Dear Santa:

I have been very good this year. Please bring me two bicycle tires and a truck.

Love,
Earla Hord

Dear Santa:

I have been very good this year. Please bring me a foot ball, farm set, Car coat and target set.

Love,
Mark Jameson

Dear Santa:

I would like an electric train and a football for Christmas. Please bring me some candy and nuts too. I have tried to be a good boy. So Merry Christmas.

Doug Upshaw

HANDY
GIFTS



How often at Christmas time have you experienced that panicky feeling that comes when you discover you've forgotten someone? It happens nearly every year.

You can, however, save yourself a good deal of embarrassment by having gifts wrapped and on hand in case someone drops by with a gift for you—someone accidentally omitted from your gift list.

A safe bet and a gift that will be appreciated is something that you, yourself, have made—perhaps seasonal cookies and candies, nuts, and stuffed fruits. These are gifts with a particularly personal touch. And that, after all, is what the spirit of Christmas giving should be—giving a little of yourself to others.

You can pack your handwork in wooden or earthenware bowls, a flower pot, small basket, or inexpensive cake or loaf pan. Other handy and inexpensive packaging items are oatmeal boxes, coffee cans, or paper plates covered with gay paper.

A gaily wrapped package makes even the smallest gift look good. Use odd ends of wallpaper, brightly colored magazine covers, shelf paper or scraps of material.

If you have a favorite candy, cookie or fruit or nut bread recipe, use it, by all means. And for an additional touch, tuck a copy of your pet recipe into your gift.

A Joyous
Yuletide



May the peace and joy
of the Holiday Season,
bring you a glad New Year

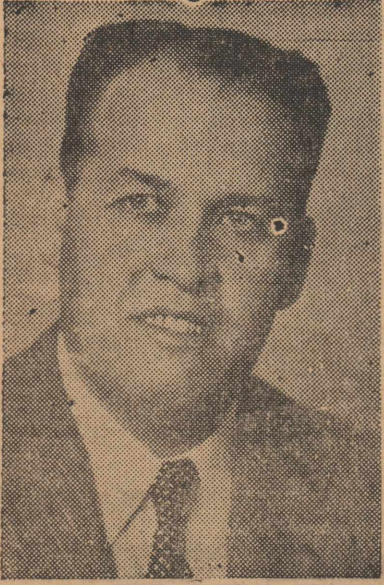
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Pastor of the Assembly of God



May Happiness Be With You
And Yours At Christmas And
Throughout The New Year!

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IS THIS REALLY TRUE?



There is, and it seems to be a favorite expression with many people that since "We are traveling to the same place — it makes no difference which church you are a member of just so you are honest — we are just on different roads." Is this statement really true? Let us examine the facts and see.

That we are on different roads, we readily agree. That it makes no difference which church you are a member of and that we are going to the same place we dissent. If as they say it makes no difference which church one is a member of just so one is honest why not join all of them? All will agree that there is some truth in all churches. In order to get all of this truth is it not a good idea to join all the churches? The answer to the question is that those who make that statement KNOW that one CANNOT JOIN ALL THE CHURCHES AT ONCE. Therefore they are CONVINCED ON THEIR OWN TESTIMONY!

That we are traveling to the same place is equally UNTRUE. There are preachers who have tried to prove this theory by illustrating Heaven as a city with different roads leading into it. ALL HIGHWAYS do not lead into ANY given city.

So that falls apart. But let us suppose that they do and you are traveling to a given city and YOU GET ON THE WRONG ROAD. Will you arrive at your destination just the same as if you had traveled the RIGHT ROAD? Or should you change to the right road?

In Matt. 7:13-14, Jesus mentioned two ways. But not two ways to Heaven. Only one way leads to Heaven. Those who travel that way are those who do his commandments. (Rev. 22:14). The other way leads downward. Those who follow the downward way are following the "doctrines and commandments of men." (Mark. 7:7).

If you have never obeyed the gospel you are out of Christ, in danger of losing your soul. To be saved you must obey the Lord's commands, which are: faith (Acts 16:31-33), you must repent of your sins (Luke 13:3), you must confess the name of Christ, not you sins (Acts 16:37), and then be baptized into Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3,4). This is the way that leads to heaven.

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ROTAN, TEXAS

Annual County 4-H Awards Banquet Held

The third annual Fisher County Awards Banquet was held at the Silver Spur Cafe December 18, 1958.

Arminta Kemp, outgoing County 4-H Council Chairman, and Jim Bob Cave, incoming Council Chairman, presided.

The invocation was given by Sarah Beck. Arminta Kemp gave the welcome and the response was given by Sara Jane Cave.

The speaker, Rev. James Kirby, pastor of the First Methodist Church was introduced by Arminta Kemp. Rev. Kirby congratulated the youths receiving the awards, saying that it indicated they wanted to win them enough to pay the price.

He told the awards winners, their parents, adult leaders, and guests,

that there is nothing free, and that most of the time the things that are attained at the greatest price are the things that give the most satisfaction and do the most good.

Presentation of awards were made to the 4-H club girls by Alice Kemp, County Home Demonstration Agent. Those receiving awards were Sara Jane Cave, achievement and Gold Star Girl; Arminta Kemp, Electric Award; Sarah Beck, Dress Revue; and Frances Hill, Girl Home Economics. Junior Girls receiving awards were Connie Beck, Dress Revue; Sue Cave, clothing; Elaine Randolph, clothing; and Jackie Sturdivant, Girls Home Economics.

Presenting the 4-H Club boys their awards were Weldon Van Liew, Swine and Gold Star Boy; Russell Green, Swine; Palmer Baugh, swine; and Royce Green,

Boys Agriculture.

Mrs. Orvel Hill and Mr. James Cave were presented pins for the outstanding Adult Leaders of the year. These pins were presented by Russell Green. The names of these leaders will be engraved on a plaque which hangs in the Extension Agents' office in the Courthouse.

The benediction was given by Weldon Van Liew.

Dear Santa:

I have been very good this year. Please bring me a 'B-B gun.
Love,
Sammy Burnes

Dear Santa:

I have been very good this year. Please bring me a walking doll with dresses.
Love,



By Janet Hall

MARGE stood in the doorway of her bedroom and looked at the dress in dismay. Obviously it was meant for the Junior Class Snow Ball in January and just as obviously it was expensive.

"Oh, why!" she exclaimed, touching the fabric as if it were something repulsive.

What's the matter with them. Marge thought. Dad needs new clothes and things for the house and Mom always looks so poor and worried.

Wearily she changed her clothes. The house was empty, for her mother was baby sitting to earn a little extra to help out.

Marge went downstairs and looked at the Christmas tree and the gifts displayed under it. She felt embarrassed even though she was alone in the room. Somehow it was always rather mortifying to show the gifts when friends and relatives called. Her pile of gifts was always so large and lavish and her parents' so sparse.

Just this once she wanted their gifts to be important like hers, not just little odds and ends to be explained away with, "We try to make a big Christmas for Marge." She had saved nearly every penny she had earned the previous



She found the dress box and carefully folded the dress and wrapped it for return.

summer so she could give her father a new jacket and her mother a new coat.

I tried to tell them I didn't want a lot for Christmas, but I didn't do a very good job of it, she told herself as she glanced at the twin cashmere sweaters, the new skirt and the other gifts. I wish I'd had the courage to be more frank.

But I have the courage today, she thought, running up the stairs. She found the dress box and carefully folded the dress and wrapped it for return.

For Better

Her knees were shaky as she wondered what she would say when her mother saw the dress wrapped with such finality. It's for her own good, she told herself firmly. In a week or two she'll realize it's best.

When she heard the front door open and close, she ran downstairs to meet her mother. "Hi," she said, quelling her feeling of nervousness.

Her mother glanced at her anxiously. Her dark brown eyes darted around the room, looking to see if Marge had brought the dress downstairs. Then the expectant look changed to a questioning one.

"Didn't you like the dress?" The question was so humble and so blunt, Marge was startled.

"Yes, it's beautiful, but—" "I knew you'd like it. Have you had it on yet?"

"No, I haven't." "It will fit, I'm sure," her mother's voice dwindled off. The brightness in her face seemed to fade all at once. "What's the matter?"

"It's so expensive. I wanted you to get a coat for yourself."

"Oh, is that all. This old thing will last quite a while. While I was in the store I said to myself, 'There's nothing like my old maroon coat.' I didn't see anything I liked better so what was the use of buying a new one?" she chirped.

Her Secret

Marge knew she'd never tell her parents how she felt about their gifts. In a few years I'll be earning money and I can pay them back, but now I'll just take what they offer, she decided, feeling defeated.

"Your father's coming. Go put on the dress and show him how pretty you are," her mother said excitedly.

When she came downstairs they were waiting for her. Clutched in her father's arms was a box which she knew contained something for her. In their eyes were love, pride, and happiness mixed with a satisfied touch of martyrdom.

She had to swallow to keep her face pretty and composed, for what they really wanted most of all was a pretty and popular daughter. That was all they would allow her to give.

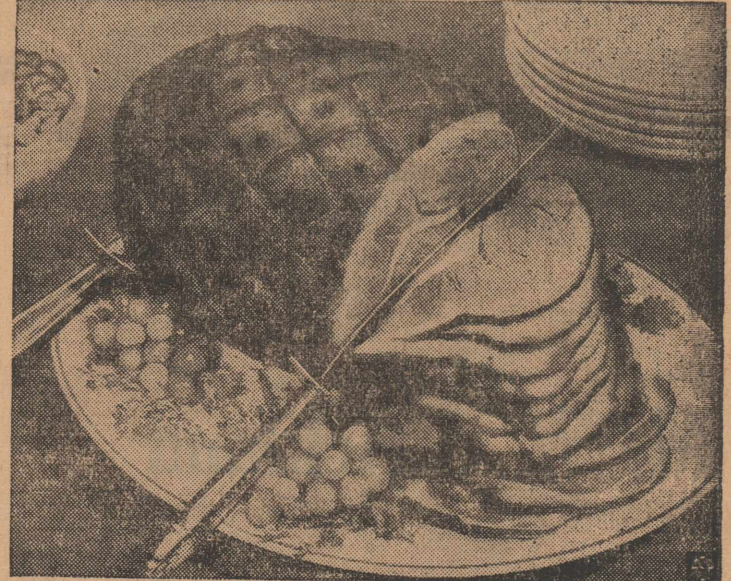
ANNOUNCEMENT

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Coker of Roby are invited to attend open house at their home Sunday, December 28, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Their children: Mr. and Mrs. Denziel Coker, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rector and Mr. and Mrs. Lon Henderson, will be hosts at the reception. Calling hours 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Something New In Hams

By Marie Gifford



Here's real news for the homemaker—now you can buy a semi-boneless ham that's easy to carve. The troublesome hip bone and shank bone have been removed. Only the straight leg bone remains. Carving is an easy task—just stand the ham on its side and slice from right to left, cutting down to the leg bone on each slice. Then loosen all of the slices with one horizontal cut.



Standard Bone-in Ham



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For your money, you get more sliceable lean meat, less bone waste, less fat and no skin when you buy a semi-boneless ham.

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If you wish to serve the ham hot, follow the cooking or heating instructions printed on each individually wrapped ham. A 12-pound ham will heat through in about 3 hours.

About ½ hour before the end of the cooking time, score the fat and stud with whole cloves. Glaze with a mixture of 1 cup brown sugar and ½ cup white corn syrup or fruit juice. Continue baking until ham is browned.

Christmas Flowers For Cyd Charisse



The traditional Christmas plant, the poinsettia, is admired by Cyd Charisse, on the set of her new movie, MGM's "Silk Stockings." The plant, with its star-like flowers, was sent to her by the world's leading florists, members of the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association. The poinsettia is recommended as a gift plant, because it will last during the entire holiday season, and can be kept to bloom another year. For those who prefer another color to the flaming red, poinsettias are available in creamy white and coral.



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This Yuletide Season marks the end of another year of service to you. May we thank you for your patronage and say that we hope to see you often in the future . . .



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At this happy Season we wish to express our best wishes for your Joyful Holidays, and our appreciation for your patronage.

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Yuletide



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HAPPINESS

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this
Christmas
and through
The New Year

GREETINGS

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Max, & Martha Garland

Warm and Sincere
Holiday Greetings

We appreciate the opportunity the Holiday Season brings to say "Thank You"



Dee, Mabel and
Celia Deane Reese

Dear Santa:

I have been very good this year. Please bring me cards.

Love,
Vera Decker

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a football, an electric football game, a tiny tears doll and a rod and reel.

Love,
Debbie Hayes.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl seven years old and in the second grade. Will you please bring me a bride doll and a pair of skates.

Thank you,
Janet Carver

Dear Santa:

I want a watch a football suit and football.

Bobby Edwards

Dear Santa:

I have been very good this year. Please bring me a 'B-B' gun.

Love,
Clarence Guzman, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a Shirley Temple doll, a wrist watch and a dress. I have two sisters. Don't forget them.

Love,
Paula Bertram

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl eight years of age. If you can, will you bring me a Revlon doll, record player and a pair of skates. Thank you:

Your friend,
Marilyn Thompson

Dear Santa:

I still remember all the nice things I got last Christmas. I would like very much for all our family to be well this Christmas.

Please remember all the boys and girls that are not at home because of sickness or other reasons.

I don't care what I get this year just let it be a happy surprise.

With lots of love,
Roger Dickey

Dear Santa:

I have been very good this year. Please bring me a football.

Love,
Randy McDaniel

Dear Santa Claus:

I hope you come to my house early this Christmas Eve. I'd like to have a baton, Tom Thumb Typewriter and a Revlon Doll. I have a little sister and brother. Fill their stockings with goodies, and get some for yourself.

Love,
Connie Summerlin

Dear Santa:

I have been very good this year. Please bring me a train.

Love,
Richard W. Johnson

Dear Santa,

My name is Stanley Edwards. I am nine years old. Would you please bring me a Texas, Ranger bicycle read and silver 24 inches and an erector set with a motor. Goodbye Santa I will see you next year.

Your friend,
Standley Edwards

Dear Santa:

I have been very good this year. Please bring me a doll.

Love,
Mamie Sue

Dear Santa:

I have been a good girl. So I want a football and a doll. Will you fill my stocking? I will leave something for you to eat.

With Love,
Shirline Rollins

Dear Santa:

I have been very good this year please bring me a truck.

Love,
Roman

Dear Santa:

I have been very good this year. Please bring me a ball, a bicycle.

Love,
Pete Garcia

Dear Santa:

I have been very good this year. Please bring me a bicycle.

Love, Johnny

Dear Santa:

I have been very good this year. Please bring me a bicycle and 'B-B' gun.

Love,
Peggy Adams

*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!*

Campbell's Dept. Store

Merry Christmas

*With best wishes
for the Holiday Season*

Westside Gin Co.
R. R. Terry, Manager



Merry Christmas
With best wishes
for the Holiday Season

D. J. Smith & Co.



Merry Christmas

Rotan Cotton Oil Mill

L. E. Newton

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Mrs. T. J. Gililand



By F. L. Rowley

THE loneliest place in the world is a summer resort at Christmas time. Joanne Decker watched gloomily as a half dozen men trudged through the snow skirting Arrowhead Lake. They would return in a few hours carrying Christmas trees on their husky shoulders. Joanne sighed heavily as the last man disappeared into the brush.

This promised to be the dreariest Christmas Joanne had ever known. Even the postman's whistle failed to rouse her. It was only when Mr. Rogers stood at the far end of the drive waving a letter that a faint glow of curiosity came to her eyes. The old postman never signalled unless he had something important. Maybe it was a letter from Eddie!

Slipping into a coat Joanne raced eagerly down the snow-covered path, unmindful of her open-toed slippers.

"It's from Lynne Grove," said Mr. Rogers with a grin.

"Lynne Grove?" Joanne stared dreamily at the letter in his hand. Then Eddie hadn't forgotten her! Perhaps he was even coming back



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to Arrowhead Lake to marry her, as he had promised.

"It's for your sister," said the old man. "Registered too—but you can sign it."

Joanne turned the letter over gingerly; on the flap, in bold, familiar writing, was the name E. Long. So Eddie Long was writing to her sister Mary! And after all the wonderful promises he had made to her. She walked numbly back to the house.

Mary met her at the door. "Did we get mail?" she asked innocently.

Accusation

"YOU got a letter," said Joanne accusingly. "A nice registered letter from Eddie Long!"

Mary was startled; she blushed like a schoolgirl.

"I thought so!" Joanne cried bitterly. "All these months you've been feeling sorry for me because Eddie stopped writing—and you've kept in touch with him behind my back. What a hypocrite!"

Mary blinked helplessly.

Joanne ran up to her room and slammed the door. The radio was on; Christmas carols only emphasized her loneliness. She switched it off. Her eyes settled on a paper box under the dresser. Drawing it out she scowled at the lovely figure nestled therein. It was her Christmas present to Mary. With a sob she picked up the little figure and dashed it to the floor.

Joanne heard the murmur of serious conversation downstairs. She hoped Mary was catching it. Suddenly she decided to teach them all a lesson. Christmas or not, she would leave home. She could board a bus this very morning. She knew exactly where to go; her friend Betty Giles had urged her repeatedly to spend a week-end at their new home in Coopersville.

Surprise Meeting

The bus-station was alive with holiday tourists. Joanne felt most conspicuous in her blue-jeans and red sweater. She gasped in surprise when a familiar voice asked: "Where to, Joanne?"

Eddie Long's expressive brown eyes smiled down at her. He had her in his arms before she could remember any good reason to resist.

"Merry Christmas, darling!" he cried as their lips parted. "I've waited more than a year for this. But why the suitcase? Mary told me you'd be at home for the holidays; that's why I sent her the letter announcing my arrival."

"Mary? I—I don't understand."

"Well, it was supposed to be a surprise. Last summer, when I was on my way out here, I met with an accident. Mary and your mother knew that I was hurt pretty bad and they didn't want to frighten you. When I showed signs of returning to normal they suggested that I spend Christmas week at your place. You've got wonderful folks, Joanne. Best laws a man could ask for."

Hamlin Christmas Greetings

Compiled by Slater & Company

Lee's Drive Inn
"O. R. LEE-OWNER"

Lee's Drive Inn is located at 150 West Lake Drive in Hamlin, phone 45. On your way to and from Hamlin be sure to go to this popular establishment and enjoy a fine sandwich and an ice cold drink. They provide excellent curb service, so you need not get out of your car to enjoy your meal. The employees here are always courteous and ready and willing to serve you.

There is one outstanding feature about Lee's Drive Inn in Hamlin. You may rest assured that the food they serve you is fresh and special attention is taken to keep it clean. You need never worry or wonder about the food here. The large volume of business makes it necessary for them to replenish their supplies almost daily. We in this Review recommend Lee's Drive Inn highly and suggest that you drop in for a sandwich or cold drink the next time you're in Hamlin.

Lee's Drive Inn extends sincerest wishes for a warm and cordial Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

S. C. Ballew & Sons

The S. C. Ballew & Sons is located at 414 North Central in Hamlin. Phone 656.

This firm is well known in this section for their efficient methods and they have the experience and equipment to properly process any contract they make. They have bulldozers, scrapers, graders and draglines.

The lowest bid is not always the most economical. If the work you have done is not as you prescribed and repairs and alterations must be made in a short while, perhaps you called the wrong contractor. You can be assured this will not happen when you call S. C. Ballew & Sons in Hamlin.

They make sure that all the details of the work are thoroughly checked and are in accordance with the specifications desired before the work is started.

They feature oil field work, general dirt work, road construction, stock tanks, diversion ditches, and farm and pasture terracing.

This firm has built an enviable reputation and this Review Issue is happy to recommend to all in this section who are in need of a contractor.

S. C. Ballew & Sons wishes everyone a happy holiday season.

Malouf's Department Store

Located at 224 S. Central Ave., is headquarters for shoppers in Hamlin. Here you will find all your shopping needs fulfilled. They carry a most complete line of men's and women's and children's clothing, dry goods, cosmetics, jewelry, shoes, hosiery and many other items.

In each department you will find at your convenience a competent clerk who can helpfully assist you in making your selections.

You will find that you can do no better than at Malouf's Department Store in Hamlin. Here they are always glad to show you their merchandise in any line you care to see, with no obligation on your part. If you have not visited this leading department store lately, we urge you to stop here the next time you are in Hamlin. Phone 70.

Malouf's Department Store wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year.

Upper Inn Cafe

Extends Wishes of Good Cheer

For the Holiday Season

750 North East 3rd

Phone 9599

Dear Santa:

Would you please bring me a football, helmet, bowling game and a Fort Apache.

I am a 9 year old boy and in the third grade. I have been a pretty good boy too. Please remember all the other boys and girls all over the world.

Dickie Gann

John F. Green Motor Company

The new 1959 Dodge and Plymouths now are on display at 412 South Central Avenue in Hamlin. Phone 133.

These cars are universally recognized as the greatest motor value of the age. This is not only the opinion of the casual buyer, but of the expert as well. For service and reasonable price, these cars continue to reign supreme.

The John F. Green Motor Company maintains a garage to service all makes of cars. You will find that this firm as every part for all cars and thus is able to render complete service to the owner. These are genuine parts from the manufacturer. You will find skillful and experienced men in charge of this garage who will do everything to guarantee satisfaction.

The management is courteous and accommodating and will be pleased to show you the advantages of having one of these wonderful Dodge and Plymouths. We are pleased to compliment the John F. Green Motor Company at 412 South Central Ave. in Hamlin on the efficiency of their service and the wonderful cars they have chosen to offer to the public in this section.

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The John F. Green Motor Company wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Continental Oil Co.

The Continental Oil Company is located in Hamlin at 415 S. Central Avenue.

They are well known among our readers as one of the leading oil companies in this vicinity and handle the very best in gasolines, oils, and lubricants. They also feature Butane and Propane LP Gas.

The Continental Oil Company features only the very best in high test gasoline for far more power, more pep, and more mileage. It makes no difference if it is for the auto, truck or tractor, you will find that they have the most economical fuel to suit your needs. The management of this growing concern has always been interested in the growth and development of the agricultural districts and they believe in giving the farmer a square deal in every transaction regardless of the size of the order.

In making this review, we take pleasure in recommending the Continental Oil Company to our readers and to say that nowhere will you find such high quality gasoline, oils and lubricants offered at such fair prices. Phone 139.

The Continental Oil Company takes this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hamlin Shoe Service

wishes

everyone a Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year.

842 South Central Phone 428

Prewit Motors

CHRYSLER — PLYMOUTH

Sales and Service

Extends

Seasons Greetings and

Best Wishes

South East 1st

Phone 999

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like a baby doll named "Little Love", some baby clothes for her. A little girl "grown up" purse, monopoly game, a pair of blue jeans and a belt, also a play minkstole. Don't forget my sister Kristan she wants a wrist watch.

Love,
Connie Hill

Merry
Christmas



May Every Good
Wish Come True



May Christmas bring you
joy and may each day of
the year add to your en-
joyment of life! And may
we continue to serve you
in the future as we have
during the past!

WAYNE'S CAFE

Greetings

BEST
WISHES

Good health and
cheer to you all



Clark's Tractor & Implement Co.

Clark's Beauty Shop

Best wishes
for Christmas

We are hoping that everyone of
you enjoy the happiness of Christ-
mas and the holiday season. We
wish to take this opportunity to ex-
press our thanks for patronage and
hope that we may serve you
throughout the future years.

Martin Cleaner's

Dear Santa:

My little sister Paula and I have
been good little girls. Please bring
me a doll and a doll house. And my
little sister wants a doll and a new
pull toy. And don't forget that we
will be at my grandma's in Midland.

Love,
Patricia Lyn O'Briant

Dear Santa:

Please bring me fish and some
water-plants for my aquarium.

John Burnes

Dear Santa:

I am writing you this few lines
to tell you what I want for Christ-
mas. A 'B-B' gun and two guns and
I have a brother that want two
guns for Christmas.

Your friend
Gustalo Almanza

Dear Santa:

I would like a new bicycle, a
model airplane and an army set for
Christmas. I have been a good boy.

Your friend,
Buddy Joe Doward.

Dear Santa:

I wish you will bring me a doll
and a T. V. for Christmas and my
sister wants a set of dishes. Merry
Christmas to Santa.

Your friend,
America Velz

Dear Santa,

Will you bring a baby doll and
I want some dishes too. And I want
a present from you.

With love, Sofia Yanez

Dear Santa:

I do not know what I want for
Christmas yet, I think I want re-
cord player. My brother wants a
gun. Merry Christmas Santa,

Your friend,
Ronnie Clauson

Dear Santa:

I have been a good boy to my
Mother and Dad. I would like a
new bike.

Your friend,
Gilbert Salis

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a wood-burning set
a comb set and a train along with
some nuts, fruits and candy.

Yours Truly,
Janice E. Curtis

Dear Santa:

Would you kindly bring me a
doll with hair a comb and brush set
with bubble ath and nuts fruits and
cand? Thanks. Be good to all.

Your dear friend
Sonia Z. Wilson

Dear Santa:

I want a pump 'B-B' gun for
Christmas and a model airplane.

Your Friend,
Larry Tunnell

Dear Santa:

I would like a football. If mother
does not bring it. I would also like
a T. V. for my room.

Your friend
Eddie Bills

Dear Santa:

I am writing this for myself and
for my brothers because they are
too small to write, I would like to
have a bicycle and a play typewriter
Robert wants a car and blocks.
Please bring Keith some toys too.
We have been good.

Love,
Roxanne, Robert & Keith Callan

Dear Santa:

I want a football and a football
suit. I also want a set of guns. I
want my bicycle tires fixed. I hope
you have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Kenneth Cunningham

Dear Santa:

I want you to leave me a train
for Christmas. I want it to have
a tunnel. I want it to be pure black.

Your friend,
Keith Hickam

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a doll for
Christmas.

Your friend,
Dolores Almanza

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a car coat
and a paint set and some clothes.

Love,
Glenda Jameson

Dear Santa:

I would like a 'B-B' gun and a
bicycle and a football and a camera
and a gun that swings up and down
and a out-side camping set and a
knife and hatchet in a holster for
Christmas.

Jimmy Roy



"Hope you have a
Merry, Merry Christmas
... and that you and
your loved ones enjoy
many Electrical Gifts."

Reddy Kilowatt

West Texas Utilities
Company

At Christmas time... it is
natural that we should think of
our reasons for celebrating
Christ's birth. One is that HE
helps us to find peace of mind,
surely one of the greatest bless-
ings of this life.

I have long observed people
who have the gift of inner peace,
and have asked their secret.

Most often their answer is a
reference to Christ's words,
"Peace I leave with you, My peace
I give unto you... let not your
heart be troubled."

We find quiet peace in the fel-
lowship of loved ones. Beautiful
music brings peace to troubled
minds and hearts. So does the
beauty of nature, dew sparkling
in the grass at dawn, or the silvery
moon shining on rippling water
at night.

But this peace which the world
gives passes away, while the peace
that HE gives abides forever.

From the writings of
Norman Vincent Peale

Dear Santa:

I would like you to bring me a
train and 'B-B' pistol and a lab set.
I have been a good boy.

Your friend,
Larry Masters

Dear Santa:

I want a big doll for Christmas
and my sister want a ball too.

Your friend,
Rebecca Martinez

Dear Santa:

I want a black board for Christ-
mas and fastcard for Christmas
this year for me, and adoll for me,
my letter is from Rotan Primary
school. My sister want a doll too.

From:
Kathy Ann

Dear Santa:

I wish I could talk to you in
person. Will you bring me a baby
doll and baby buggy.

I have got to go now good-bye.
Your friend,
Craglene Stricklin

Dear Santa:

I want a record player for Christ-
mas and a fix up set. My littler
brother wants a station. We have
lots of presents under our Christ-
mas tree.

Your friend,
Barbara Early

Dear Santa:

For Christmas I want a shoe shine
kit, a dog and an engine for my
train. I want it under the Christ-
mas tree in my sister's room. I have
been a good boy.

Don Weems

The Rotan Advance

December 23, 1958 No 49

Dear Santa:

I want a baton and a bride doll
and nothing else.

From, Beva Smith

TAX DISCOUNT
NOTICE

THE SAME DISCOUNT WILL APPLY
THIS YEAR AS LAST, ON EARLY
PAYMENT OF CITY TAXES

The following will apply:

1% Dec. 3 thru Jan. 1st
First and Last Days Inclusive

CITY OF ROTAN

Closing Notice

We will be closed Friday and Saturday following
Christmas Day.

ATWELL CLEANERS
R. D. SARTOR CLEANERS
MARTIN CLEANERS

Natl. Board Tells How To Prevent Fire Loss

Last year's Christmas death toll was one of the highest on record. In that one-day, mid-week Wednesday, fire took 26 lives.

How can you help to prevent loss of life and suffering this Christmas?

Here is what the National Board of Fire Underwriters suggests:

SAFE TIPS

Because the Christmas tree is a potential fire hazard, use caution in its selection, placement, maintenance. And to keep your Christmas merry, observe these safety suggestions:

1. Choose a small tree instead of a large one. A small tree can be just as pretty, less hazardous.
2. Keep the tree outdoors until you're ready to install it.
3. Don't set up the tree until just before Christmas.
4. Set up the tree in the coolest part of the house, away from radiators, heaters, fireplaces. Stand it in water to retard drying.
5. Use fireproof decorations of glass or metal, never cotton or paper decorations unless flameproof.
6. Don't set up electric trains around or near the tree.
7. Use electric lights — never

candles. Inspect every electric socket and wire to make sure set is in good condition. Discard lighting sets with frayed wiring. When buying new sets, look for UL label of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

8. Provide a switch at some distance from the tree for turning tree lights on and off.

9. Don't leave lights burning when away from home.

10. From time to time inspect the tree to see whether any of the needles near the lights have started to turn brown. If so, change the position of the lights.

11. When needles start falling, take the tree down and discard it outdoors.

12. Gift wrappings, of course, should be discarded promptly and safely after presents are opened.

The Fire Department asks everyone to take note of the above information.

Dear Santa:

I would like for you to bring me a doll dressed up with long hair and pretty clothes. Along with something to play with a brush set, fruits and candy. Many Thanks:

P. S. Remember all the other little folks and best wishes; God's tender care.

Love,
Penina D. Wilson

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First and Last Days Inclusive

Robert Buck

County Tax Assessor-Collector

Nolan-Fisher
NATIONAL FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION
SECRETARY-TREASURER'S OFFICE
FEDERAL LAND BANK LOANS
B. L. Conley, Sec'y-Treasurer
Roby, Texas

Rotan Lodge No. 956
A. F. & A. M.
Meets Third Thursday Night of each month.
Visitors Invited
Judson Thompson, W. M.
Robert Phillips, Sec.

The O. E. S. meets each second Tuesday at 7:30 in the Hall.
Visitors welcome.
Mrs. Mitchell Nayfs, W. M.
Mrs. Edna Morgan, Secretary

LIONS CLUB
Meets Every Tuesday, 12:30.
At Texas Cafe
Visitors Welcome
A. B. Parker, President

V. F. W.
Meeting Nights
Second and Fourth Thursday
8:00 p. m. at the VFW Hall
W. F. Edwards, Jr., Adjutant
Austin McKinney, QM.
Glen Gabel, Commander

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Make your estimate to Re-roof your residence or building.
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Rotan, Texas Phone 5904



CHRISTMAS



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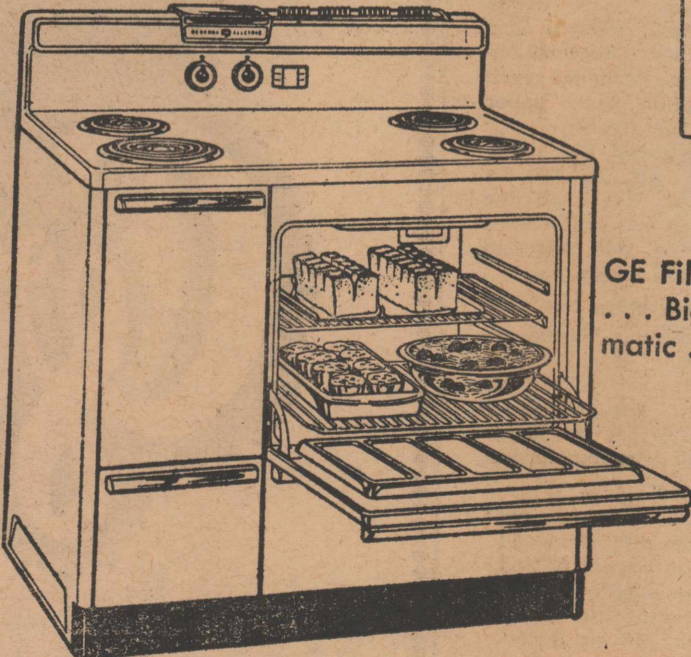
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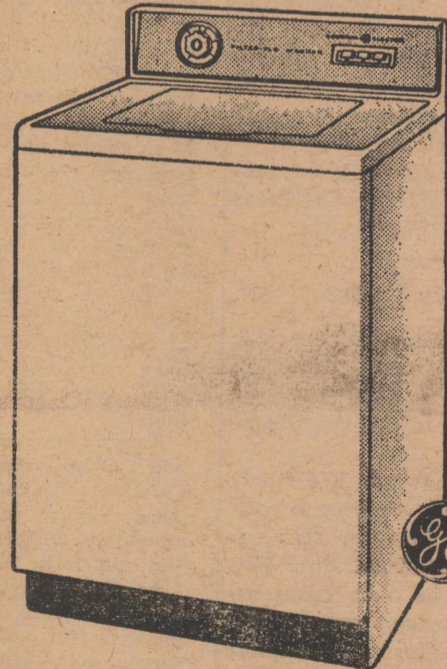
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11 Cubic Foot ... Magnetic Safety Door ... Butter Keeper ...
Christmas Special ...



General Electric Range ... 40 Inch ... Completely Automatic Cooking ...
Christmas Special ...



GE Filler-Flo Washer ... Top Loading ... Big Capacity ... Completely Automatic ...

Christmas Special ...

HOME LUMBER CO.

TV Center in Rotan

Abilene Christmas Greetings and Shoppers Guide

Compiled by Slater & Company

The Royal Shop

For fine upholstery and furniture repairing see The Royal Shop located at 325 Sycamore in Abilene. Phone OR 4-8121.

This firm has restored many valuable pieces of furniture to their original beauty and usefulness. In fact, they can restore any piece of furniture that has not been damaged beyond recognition.

In the line of general upholstery and furniture repairing they render a distinctly superior service. Many people do not realize that the furniture they now have may be of better construction than most new furniture. Upholstering these pieces is the best investment to be made. They have a complete line of upholstery fabrics to suit your choice. You can match any color scheme you desire at this upholstery shop. They also feature custom tailored draperies, and professional decorators.

In this Abilene Christmas Greeting and Shopper Guide we wish to commend The Royal Shop upon the quality of their work and we recommend them to the people of this territory.

The Royal Shop wishes everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Arcadia Roller Rink

Roller skating is one of the most popular forms of recreation and entertainment. It is one of the best exercises known. Develop a fine body and keep it healthy by roller skating often. Roller skating is a suitable form of recreation for both young and old.

If you are a skater, you will enjoy the facilities of the Arcadia Roller Rink in Abilene located on the corner of South 14th & Matador. If you don't already skate this is surely the place to learn. The Arcadia Roller Rink provides both shoe skates and conventional skates which are kept in good condition. They also feature sales and service on skates. They maintain order and safety at all times ensuring you of maximum pleasure. Come on out to the Arcadia Roller Rink for an evening of healthful, enjoyable recreation.

This review commends the Arcadia Roller Rink located at South 14th & Matador in Abilene upon the excellent rink and customer policy they maintain. Call OR 3-2864 for arrangements for parties and other skating functions.

The Arcadia Roller Rink takes this opportunity to wish everyone Good Tidings for the Holiday Season.

Arthur's Cafeterias

Arthur's Cafeterias are located in Abilene at 717 Leggett and 3650 North G. They feature the finest in cooked food and cater to those who demand the best in food.

In this day and time it is no small problem to plan a meal and be able to prepare the foods you like to eat inexpensively. Much time is consumed in shopping for these foods. This cafeteria makes it their profession to provide all the different types of food that is available. They buy in quantity and thus create a saving. That saving is passed on to you. Many housewives feel they can obtain a meal here much cheaper than they can prepare it in their own kitchen. The modern cafeteria has many advantages over restaurants. You can see the food you will eat before you purchase it. To make the food attractive to you, it is necessary to prepare it properly.

In this Abilene Christmas Greeting and Shoppers Guide we feel we can highly recommend these excellent cafeterias in Abilene located at 717 Leggett and 3650 North G. We know that you will enjoy your meals here. Be sure to stop in for a meal the next time you are in Abilene.

Arthur's Cafeterias sends everyone holiday greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a Linda doll and a baby buggy.

Love,
Reba Dale Carter

The Carousel

"A Child's Complete Department Store"

For your children's clothing, go to The Carousel located in River Oaks Shopping Center; West Texas Largest Shopping Center, in Abilene, phone OR 2-6941.

Here they feature dresses, coats and hats for the very young girls, and shirts, trousers and play clothes for the boys. They have a most complete stock of clothing in all sizes.

You will note an outstanding feature of this modern shop; they are reasonable enough in price to fit every mother's purse. The quality of materials in their clothing is the best and their styles are the very latest of the day. If your child is hard to fit properly, go to The Carousel and let them fit your child in clothes that you will adore.

This shop caters to small girls and boys of this section whose mothers are discriminating in their taste. The manager understands children's needs and buys accordingly. For your children's next outfit, visit The Carousel in Abilene.

The Carousel takes this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

T. G. & Y. Store

The T. G. & Y. Store has two locations to serve you. No. 1 is located in the River Oaks Shopping Center and No. 2 is located at 1236 Grape. Phone OR 3-5392 and OR 2-3131.

This is one of the most popular variety stores in this entire section. Their employees are always courteous and accommodating and anxious to serve you in any way that they can.

This store has served this community for years and is one of the corner stones when it comes to dependability. Their stock is complete at all times with all of the imaginable articles that you can ask for. You are invited to come in and just browse around to see what they have on the counters for you. It is conveniently located for the people of this area.

We in this Abilene Christmas Greeting and Shoppers Guide highly recommend the T. G. & Y. Store to all our readers. Remember that this store is always a friend when in need of any of the thousands of items they carry.

The T. G. & Y. Store's friendly, courteous sales personnel are happy to help you choose any gift from their wide selection.

The T. G. & Y. takes this opportunity to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Fashion Lane

This is an institution of which we can be justly proud. They are located in Abilene at 3648 N. 6, next door to Arthur's Cafeteria. Phone OR 3-7081.

They are the newest and only shop in West Texas carrying a complete line of fashions for the present Sis through College Miss. This is the only shop in West Texas exclusive for this age range. The Fashion Lane features a complete selection of lingerie, formals, semi-formals, party dresses, dresses preteen 6 thru 14, and Jr. sizes 5 thru 15, sweaters, skirts and car coats. Quality material and expert workmanship make their clothing hard to beat anywhere at any price.

They carry a comprehensive stock of clothing for Jr. high, High School and College wear and are well known for proper fitting. No matter what your needs may be along this line, you can find it here. They have by far the best selection.

The Fashion Lane extends a very special invitation to all the people of Fisher County to come in and see their selection.

The Fashion Lane sends everyone greetings and good wishes for happiness during Christmas and all through the New Year.

Dear Santa:

I want a 'B-B' pistol a watch, a 'B-B' gun or a cart.

Your friend,
David Hammitt



By Janet Hall

EVERYONE was so nice, Kathie Carter thought as she remembered the Christmas gifts she had received last year. So many of her friends, neighbors, and relatives had remembered her.

I'd love to buy something for them all, Kathie thought, but she knew it was impossible. She had only saved enough for a gift to her parents. She had tried to get a sales job, but she had discovered she was too late. There were no jobs left.

"Your relatives and neighbors don't expect you to give them gifts," her mother said.

"I'd like to give them all some little thing."

"When you're older you can return their thoughtfulness."

After supper Kathie went to Aunt Betty's and Uncle Ted's house to return a book.

"Hi, Kathie," Aunt Betty greeted. "I'm doing dishes so come out in the kitchen."

"I've been hoping to make some fruitcakes for Christmas gifts, but I don't know whether I can do it this year," Aunt Betty said. "The



By the end of the week Betty had baked the cakes and packed them in tin boxes.

children seem to take up all my time."

"Your fruitcakes are delicious." "They're a lot of work, though. Cutting up the fruit and chopping nuts takes nearly a day."

"I'll help you," Kathie volunteered. "I can come around after school and prepare the nuts and fruit and you can use them whenever you want."

For two afternoons Kathie chopped nuts and cut citrus fruit. By the end of the week Betty had baked the cakes and packed them in tin boxes.

Busy Week

The rest of the week was a busy one for Kathie. Mrs. Mason asked her to take care of the children Saturday so that she could go into town to shop. Miss White, a shut-in who lived down the street, asked Kathie if she would select some Christmas cards for her and help her address them.

Two days before Christmas Mrs. Cummings asked Kathie to tend her children for the afternoon while she went shopping. After Kathie got them interested in games, she saw a list on the bulletin board headed "Things to do." The list outlined the tasks Mrs. Cummings had to do during Christmas week: clean house, bake cookies, wrap packages, write cards and so many other things.

Kathie got out the cookbook and found some recipes for Christmas cookies. When she finished mixing she wrapped each mound of dough in waxed paper and put it in the freezer.

As Kathie wrapped her mother's and father's gift, she felt depressed, for she knew all the people she loved so dearly were going to give to her. She had nothing to give in return.

Appreciation

Christmas morning Kathie noticed there were several cards among her gifts. She opened the first one which was written in the spidery hand that she identified as Miss White's penmanship.

"Dear Kathie:

"Thank you so much for your valuable gift. Time in our lives is so important and you gave me such a generous piece of your life that I wish to thank you for it."

There were other letters, too. "Dear Kathie: I would never have baked my fruitcakes if it wasn't for your help"—"I know the children will be pleased with the lovely way you wrapped their gifts. Thank you for your time. The cookies were wonderful." With Mrs. Mason's gift there was a note thanking Kathie for her gift of time. Kathie had to blink away the tears when she finished reading the notes.

"You see, Kathie, you gave something that is most valuable—your time," her father explained.

MAY THE BRIGHT LIGHT
* OF CHRISTMAS *
SHINE ON YOU



A new season has come . . . and as we stand upon the brink, it is pleasant to think of the friendly relations that have become mellow with the passing years . . . and there is a feeling of assurance that these relations shall continue as in the past . . . and that new friends will join our circle.

First National Bank



Farmers Gin Co.

J. C. Edwards, Manager



Warm and Sincere

Holiday Greetings

Our brightest wishes for a
Joyous Christmas Holiday
And a New Year filled with
The blessings of peace and happiness.

H. L. Davis & Co.

NOTICE

TO OUR CUSTOMERS

We Will Be Closed for the
Christmas Holidays
December 24th until Monday
WILL BE OPEN MONDAY
DECEMBER 29th

FOSTER MILLER GIN
ROTAN GIN COMPANY
FARMERS GIN COMPANY
WEST SIDE GIN COMPANY

Dear Santa:

I want a pair of boots for Christmas. I want an electric train for Christmas and a watch.

Your friend,
Donnie Goodrum

Dear Santa,

I would like a basketball and a gun for Christmas. Mother will not buy it for me.

Your friend,
Joe Molina

Dear Santa:

I would like a train and a camera for Christmas.

Your friend
Learoy Stearnes

Dear Santa:

I want to know what raindeers eat. I hope you come to see me. I think you can bring me what you thing is good for me.

Your friend,
Terry Lynn Floyd

Dear Santa:

I want an army truck and gun to go with the truck. I want a wagon to pull my cousin in I also want a "Have gun will travel set".

Your friend,
Gary Baker

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a doll for Christmas, I want a Cambily also for Christmas.

Love,
Barbara Rose

Dear Santa:

For Christmas I want a doll and a set of dishes. My little brother wants a gun and my little sister wants a baby doll.

Your friend,
Vera G. Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,

We are two little girls. We are sisters. I am Elizabeth 4, and would like to have a doll buggy and candy and some nuts. My sister Linda who is only 17 months would like to have any thing that Santa want to bring her. Please bring all little boys and girls some thing.

Elizabeth and Linda Boen

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a baby doll that can wear baby clothes and a doll buggy bring Charles a truck also a diaper bag and bicycle.

Love,
Gween Dolyn Carter

Dear Santa:

I have been a good boy. I want a train for Christmas and a box of 'B-B's'.

Your friend,
Donald Gruben

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a stove and a cook set. Don't forget my brothers and sister and all the other boys and girls.

Thank you,
Kathy Sue Murphree

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a typewriter and some leotards. Go to see the poor children.

Donna Lynn Murphree

Dear Santa:

I have been very nice. I would like to have a rod and reel. I would like to have a little portable television, and a little Brown Camera. I can play the piano so I would like to have some pieces.

Thank you,
Karolyn Kay Kennedy
P.S. bring uncle Kenneth and Kathryn Holman a carpet.
Karolyn Kay Kennedy

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 6 years old and I am in the 1st grade. I have been a very good girl. Will you bring me a doll bed and a set of dish and my brother a cattle truck.

Doris Jean Pearson

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 5 years old. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a small baby doll, suitcase, electric iron, and a bed. some fruit and candy.

love
Donna Vee Gruben

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 4 years old. I have tried to be good this year. I would like for you to bring me a doll with high heels and a new little suit case because this other doll is broken. Send me some candy, nuts and fruits.

Please don't forget the other little boys and girls, take them some toys too.

Your little friend,
Laura Jane Noles



A FRIENDLY GREETING
from Us to You!

We hope you're as happy as we, this joyous season! We are glad to escape the drab commercialism of everyday announcements to convey our sincere appreciation for your patronage and wish you a happy Christmas.



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To all those we have known and happily served during the past year. It is with great pleasure we send these greetings. Let us serve you again.

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May happiness be with
you and yours at this
Christmastime... and
throughout the coming
New Year!



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Greetings AND BEST WISHES

At this Holiday Season, all of us at Lotief's want to extend our personal best wishes to you, and your families. We wish you Health, Happiness, and Prosperity, now and throughout 1959.

Each year we have a greater realization that our friendships are what make life worth living, and that the loyalty and good will of those we serve are the very foundation of the success we achieve.

May you and yours have a truly Merry Christmas and a New Year that brings you a full measure of God's blessings.

Lotief Dry Goods Co.

IT'S Christmas



No wish is more heartfelt,
No greeting more gay,
Than the Merry Christmas
We send to you today!

The Fair



By F. L. Rowley

MR. OWENS is extremely popular in Hillcrest. He owns a big barn where the stock shows play each summer. He even serves coffee and sandwiches to his "guests" when they drop in to watch one of the shows. The truth is that Mr. Owens is a lonely old man who likes to surround himself with happy people.

Several years ago today, when Christmas cheer abounded and glowing parlor windows warmed the hearts of passersby, Mr. Owens was lonelier than usual. He had not even set up a tree that year; what good was a tree without someone to admire it?

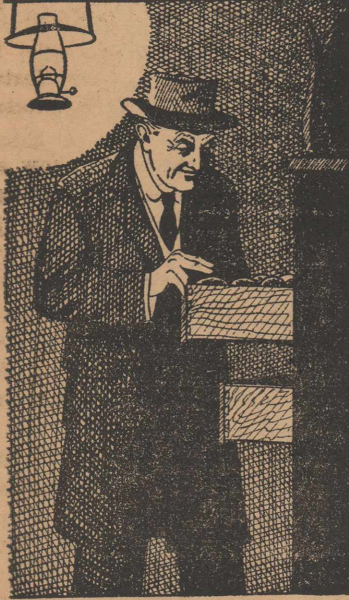
Christmas Eve, and Mr. Owens strolled down Main Street alone, peering into the few shop windows that were still lighted. In front of the ten-cent store he saw young Jim Harder. Jim was watching the lights go out with an expression of dismay on his freckled face.

"It can't be that bad, my boy," the old man said kindly.

Jim tried to smile when he saw Mr. Owens. "It's bad enough. I'll sure catch it from mom when I get home. She sent me out to buy some Christmas-tree ornaments."

"Tree ornaments? At this hour?"

"Yes sir. Last summer we had a



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fire in the woodshed," explained Jim, "nothing serious, but our Christmas stuff was destroyed. We forgot all about it until we set the tree up this morning."

"And you waited until now to buy ornaments?"

"That's just it," groaned Jim. "I left home over an hour ago. It's just that—well, I've been looking in store windows—and—"

Problem Solved

"I understand," said Mr. Owens with a twinkle in his eye. "Used to do the same thing when I was a lad. Never could figure out why clocks were invented. Say, I've got an idea! I have some old ornaments—"

"You have?" cried Jim eagerly. "On second thought," Mr. Owens went on, "I don't think they'd do. Too old, most of them, with cracked sides and hairpins stuck in their tops. Had one box of good ones, but I stepped on it."

Jim didn't smile. He look miserable.

"Wait!" cried Mr. Owens, laying a hand on the boy's shoulder. "I've got it! You'll have your Christmas-tree ornaments yet."

With Jim Harder striding hopefully beside him, Mr. Owens set off at a brisk trot that belied his years. A happy smile played upon the wrinkled face. He was doing someone a favor at Christmas; he was part of the scene. He joined Jim in a chorus of "White Christmas."

Hiding Place

When they reached his place he surprised Jim by taking the path that led to the barn. The boy followed. Once inside, he groped around until he located an old lantern.

After squeezing between dusty props they reached a huge chest. Mr. Owens pulled out a drawer to reveal several dozen brightly colored balls.

"Wow!" They're perfect!" cried Jim. "What are they?"

Mr. Owens laughed. "Let's see now; those plastic ones are plums, and those pressed-paper ones are oranges. This other drawer is full of stars; it's all part of the scenery. I do hope you'll bring them back after the holidays."

"I sure will!" promised Jim with a big grin.

It was outside church the next morning that Jim approached him breathlessly. "We got turkey, and you're going to get a drumstick, Mr. Owens!"

"Me? Now Jim, you needn't—" Mrs. Harder came up. "I asked Jim to invite you to dinner," she explained. "Besides, you must see our beautiful orange covered Christmas tree. Or would you rather spend Christmas Day in that big, lonely house of yours?"

Mr. Owens couldn't think of a single reason for not going. "I—I reckon I would like to see the tree," he admitted.



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Best Wishes

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and again and we want you to know
we appreciate it. We hope during
the coming year we will come to
know you better and serve you more.
Merry Christmas to all of you!



R. D. SARTOR
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GREETINGS**

We send you this cheery
Holiday Greeting and hope our
paths will cross during the coming
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Pay & Take Farm Store
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kelly, & Don

Dear Santa:

In case you have forgotten me
I am five and a half years old and
have moved from Rotan to Crosby-
ton, Texas. And boy, it sure is
cold up here. Sometimes I am good
and sometimes I am not so good.
Please bring me a mink stole, a
sweetie-kins doll, a gas station, and
a refrigerator. Please take Sue King
a doll to Throckmorton.

Alice is my little sister, Please
bring her a 'Prithilla' doll that sucks
her thumb like Alice does.

Thank you, Santa, I love you
very much and I'll be looking for
you.

Elizabeth Ann Fillingim

Dear Santa:

I want a cinderella watch, and a
scooter.

I love you,
Rhonda Hammit

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a football for Christmas
an ant farm, and a battle ground
set please.

Stephen Baugh

Bear Santa:

I am a little girl just 6 years old.
I would like for you to bring me
a Walking Ballerina with wardrobe
it cost \$10.98 and I also like a 24
key piano and bench, and any thing
else if want to leave any thing else.
I have been a pretty nice girl.

Love you,

Patricia Sue Alls

P.S. I would like to have a baby
buggy at cost \$7.79.

Dear Santa:

I am a boy and I would like to
have a bicycle and a tent and a
football thats all I want but if you
can't get a tent or a football I most-
ly would like to have a bicycle and
I want it to be a 26 inch and a
pumper and a light. I just want
these things but if you want to
bring anything else you can and I
am 12 years old.

Yours Truly,
Freddie Joe Alls

Dear Santa:

I am 8 years old. I make good
grades at school. Please bring me
a Bible, a bike, a rabbitsuit pajamas
size 6.

Your friend,
Roy W. Singley

I have been good Merry Christ-
mas.

Dear Santa:

I am 4 years old. I have been
good. Please bring me a gym set.
Please bring me a Bible, a rabbit
suit pajama size 4.

Your friend,
Don Singley
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa:

Please tell Dadda and Mamma to
get what-so-ever they think best
for us. We are learning to thank
them for their choice in getting
our presents.

Your's Very Truly,
Janice, Sonia & Penina Wilson
P.S. To you Santa, Best of Xmas

Dear Santa:

I am 6 years old. I would like
for christmas this year a tent and
a B-B gun, candy, nuts, fruits and
anything elst you want to bring me.

Thank you,
Randy Rodgers

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl three years old.
I'll try to be good. Please bring me
a horse and set of dishes.

Love,
Regina Beth McArthur

Dear Santa:

I would like a baby doll, tired
tiger, toy horse, toy susie-belle, and
blocks, I have been a good girl.

Brenda Wallace

Dear Santa:

I want a bride doll with a ward-
robe, a Dr. Kit and a car that I
can drive. I have been a good girl
Lura and Linda Wallace

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 8 years old. I
have tried to be a good girl.
Please bring me big toni walking
doll, a record player and a red car
coat.

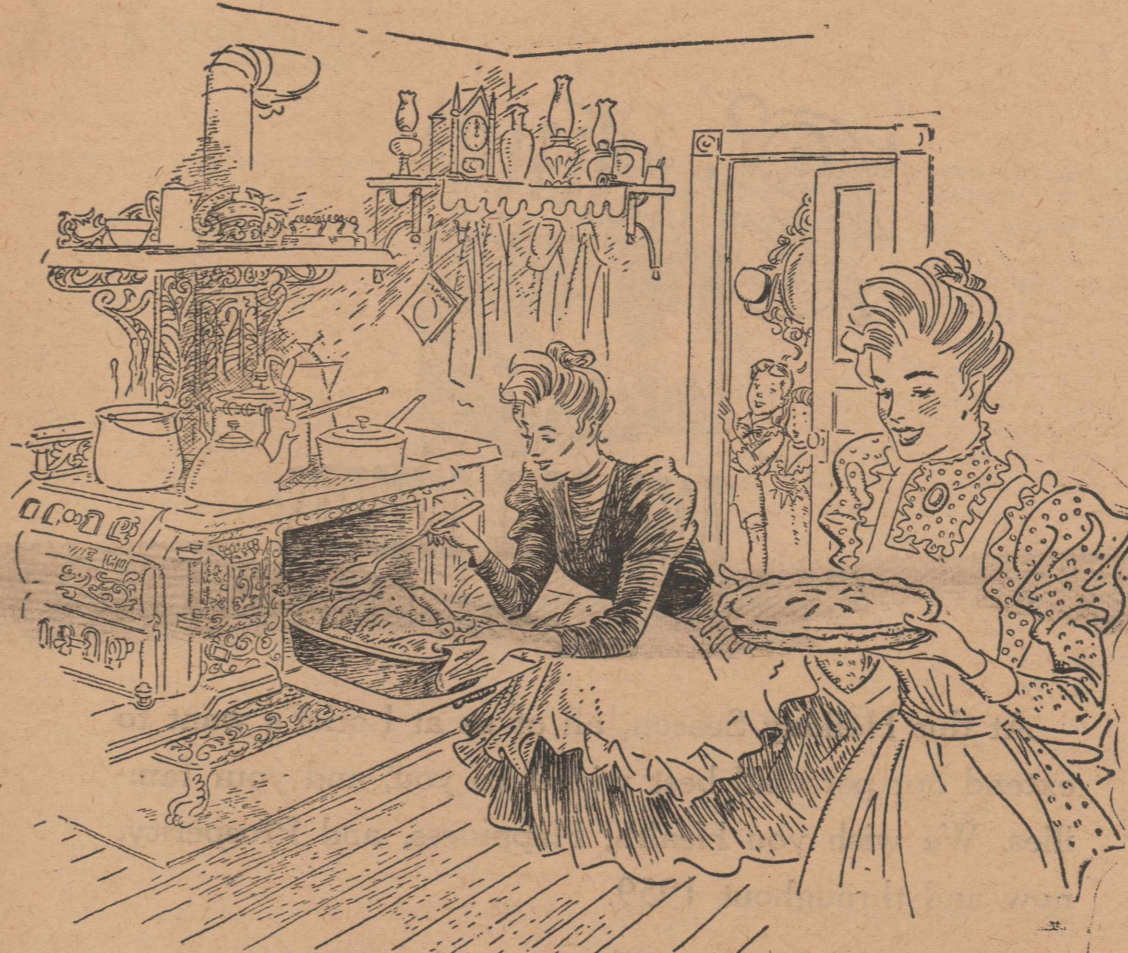
I have been a good girl. I love
you Santa.

From your little friend,
Debbie Sparks

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a fire truck. I
have been a good boy. Plsase bring
my little Annette a doll. Could you
bring me a truck that comes apart.

Your friend,
Ruple Weems



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL**

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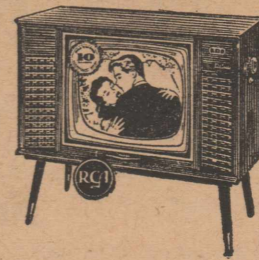
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