

All Around the Town

by Mary Ann Sarchet

FOOTPRINTS OF TIME

Many people pass through this life without ever giving of themselves, keeping their light hidden beneath a bushel, so to speak. Some are selfish with their time, others simply never think about using their time to render a service to their fellow beings.

In this county, we are fortunate to be surrounded by people who selflessly give many hours to make their community a better and more pleasant place in which to live. They are doing this in many, many ways.

One of the most recent examples of devotion to service is the Briscoe County Historical Survey Committee. These people have spent so many hours in the preparation of the history of Briscoe County from 1876 to 1976 as their bicentennial project that the total hours probably number in the thousands. First they solicited manuscripts and pictures from everyone who has lived in Briscoe County—and the response to this request was very good. They made arrangements with a publisher and used very good taste in planning the cover, color end-sheets and lay-out of the book. They took orders for books, the material was edited and sent to the publisher, and then it was returned to the committee for paste-up.

The books arrived over the weekend and went on sale in the County Courtroom this week. They are truly works to be treasured, now as well as in the future, because this is the first formal history of Briscoe County ever to be published.

We knew they would be keepsakes which would become priceless with the passage of time, but when we received our copy we realized that they are priceless today.

To these people we owe a great debt of gratitude for a job well done: Mrs. Fred Mercer, Mrs. Wayne McMurry, Mrs. O. C. Rampley, Mrs. Edwin Dickerson, Mrs. Joe Brannon, Mrs. E. A. Birdwell, Mrs. Alton Johnson, Mrs. Murry Morrison, Mrs. C. L. McWilliams, Mrs. Jarus Flowers, Mrs. O. R. Stark, jr., and Mrs. Stanley Fogerson. Art work was by Mrs. Stark, and photography was by Bill Willis, who also spent a lot of time copying family pictures.

These thirteen! Instead of cursing the darkness they have lighted a candle to make their corner of the world a brighter place for all of us, and in so doing have indelibly left their footprints on the sands of time.

There are no words to tell them just how much we appreciate what each of them has done.

DEAR SANTA,

I would like a set of drums. Also, I would like a western hat and a pair of spurs.

I also need some clothes for school.

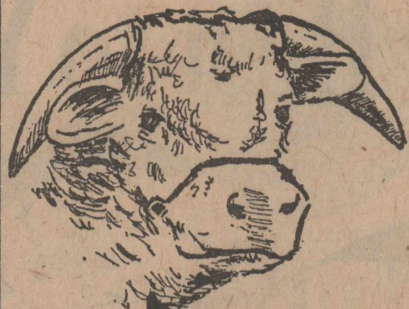
Love,
Russell Bingham
P. S. I have been a good boy. I have made pretty good grades, but I plan to do better.

Don Garrison received two by-passes and other repair during open heart surgery at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Tuesday. It has been reported that he stood the surgery well.



BERN MAY is shown with the deer, which was grazing on May's large 10-point buck he shot recently. It was estimated that the

Silverton: Home of Scenic Lake Mackenzie



Briscoe County News

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Briscoe County Sheriff Vinson Smith was among the first to pick up his copy of "Footprints of Time Briscoe County 1876-1976" this week. Issuing the book is Mrs. C. L. McWilliams while Mrs. Joe Brannon displays the cover of the book on which is embossed the Briscoe County Medallion designed by Ricky Hutsell. Extra copies of the book are available for \$31.50.

Briscoe County News Photo

Two Doctors To Open Clinic In Silverton

The Briscoe County Clinic Association Board of Directors is pleased to announce that arrangements have been made with Pedro Ochoa, M. D. and Terry James, M. D., both of Floydada, to open the Briscoe County Clinic for two days a week beginning January 6.

Dr. Ochoa will be coming each Thursday afternoon. He practices general medicine and surgery and has a well-established practice at Floydada.

Dr. James will be coming each Saturday morning. He practices general medicine. Dr. James came to Floydada this past July after completing his training.

Becky Woods, R. N. will be assisting the doctors with the clinic. X-ray, laboratory and emergency services will be available at the clinic.

Clinic hours initially will be:
Thursday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

It is sincerely hoped that the citizens of the area will make use of the doctors' availability, as they volunteered to come here on their days off to assist with medical needs in this area.

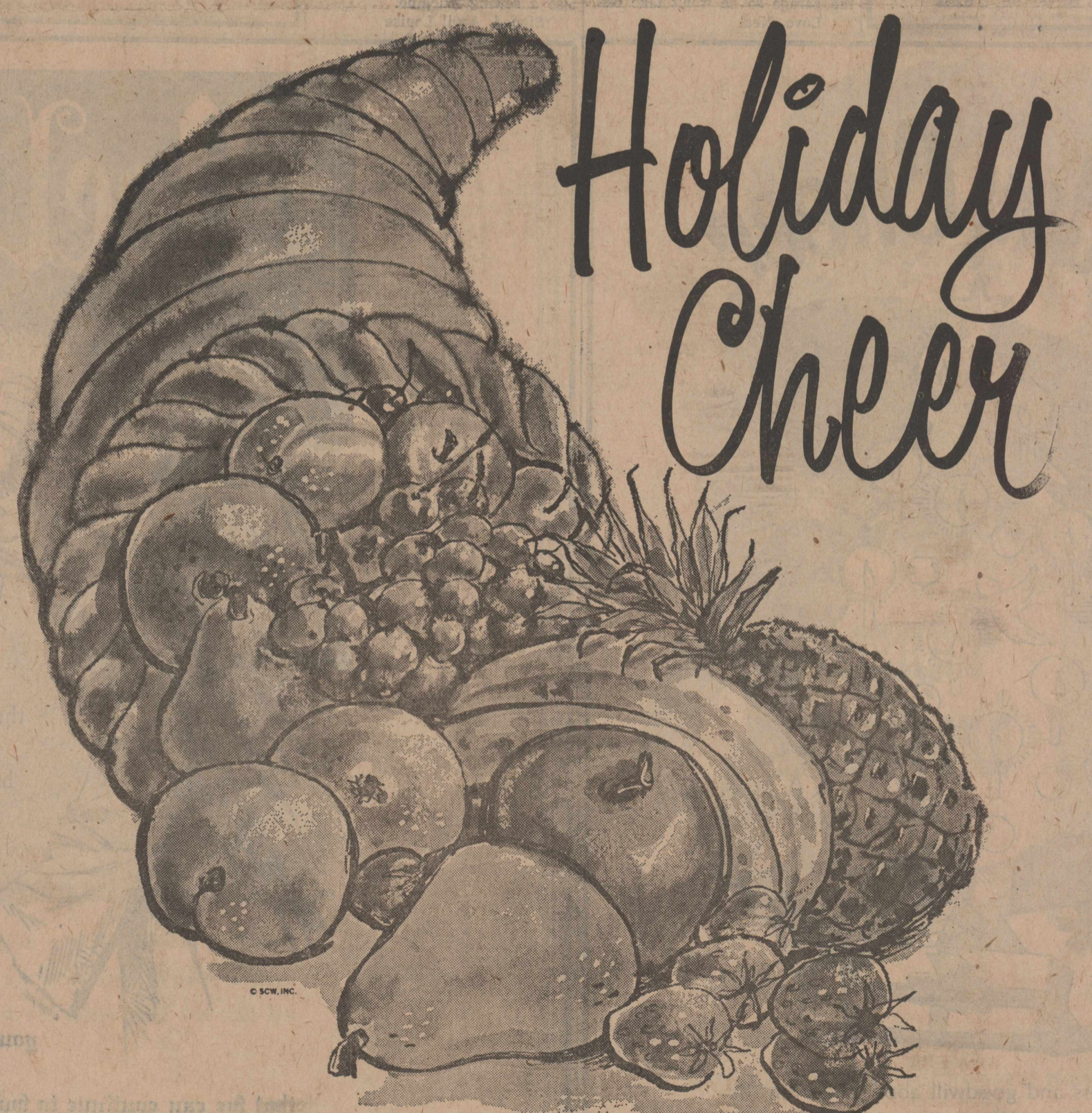
The Board of Directors is continuing its search for a full-time physician, with the support and encouragement of Doctors Ochoa and James.

Mrs. Blocker To Be Buried In Tyler

Funeral services for Mrs. Nettie Blocker, 81, of Tyler, will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 23, in the Lloyd James Chapel there with Edwin Rasco, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Interment will be in the Cathedral of Pines Cemetery.

Mrs. Blocker died at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 21, after a lengthy illness.

Survivors include her husband, Joel R. Blocker of Tyler; one son, Jack Blocker of Santa Rosa; two daughters, Fern Morris and Faye Huckabay, both of Tyler; four brothers; two sisters, Iness Parker and Ethice Fowler, both of Crosbyton; 12 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.



This is the time of year when we look forward to thanking our great friends and patrons for doing business with us. We are thinking of you and we hope that you will have a wonderful Christmas season filled with friendship

MARY ANN

PEGGY

CHARLES

Cagle Services This Afternoon

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruby Pauline (Polly) Cagle, 58, will be conducted at 3:00 p.m. Thursday (today) at the First United Methodist Church in Silverton. Officiating ministers will be Rev. Jesse Dea, pastor, and Rev. James Patterson of Knox City, a former pastor of the Silverton Methodist Church.

Interment will be in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements under the direction of the Silverton Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be Jimmy Davidson, Jack McCraw, E. W. Burton, Milton Laurie, J. H. Cagle and Freddie Edwards.

Mrs. Cagle was dead on arrival at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview at 2:05 a.m. Wednesday. She had previously been a patient at Swisher Memorial Hospital.

Born Ruby Pauline Curtis December 3, 1919 in Wolf City, Texas, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Curtis.

She married Johnny Cagle July 4, 1939 at Memphis.

She resided with her husband and daughter in Silverton for five years before moving to Kress seven years ago. She was a member of the Kress United Methodist Church and of the Tulia Home Demonstration Club.

She was predeceased by two sisters, Eva Lee McWilliams and Lola Howard, and by two brothers, Leslie Curtis and Lloyd Curtis.

Survivors include her husband, Johnny Cagle, of the home in Kress; a daughter, Rhonda Orr of Olton; two brothers, Leonard Curtis of Bakersfield, California and E. W. (Eck) Curtis of Clarendon; one sister, Lela Schmidt of Los Angeles, California; and three grandchildren.

Lunch for the family will be served at noon today at the First United Methodist Church.

Class Planning Christmas Reunion

The Silverton High School Class of 1967 will hold its ten-year reunion at 8:30 p.m. December 25 in the Pioneer Room at the First State Bank.

Friends and teachers of the class are also invited to attend.

Class members are asked to bring your scrapbooks, pictures, etc. to the reunion.

RECEIVES LAW DEGREE

AT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Paul Ray McWilliams was among the 42 graduates of the Texas Tech University Law School who were presented during the Hooding Ceremony at the Forum Saturday, December 18.

Among those attending the ceremony were Mrs. Bess McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fleming and Annette, all of Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dee McWilliams, Trey and Mike, Snyder, and Lori McWilliams of Midland. Mrs. Paul Ray McWilliams, the former Lanis Davis, and their son, Dee, also attended.

James Patton is continuing to receive treatment this week at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview.

NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Delvin Wadlow are parents of a son, Christopher Dell, born November 15, 1976 at 12:25 p.m. at Lockney General Hospital. He weighed six pounds and one ounce, and was 18½ inches long.

The new baby has two sisters, Debra, who is seven, and Rita, who is three years old.

Grandparents are Joe Gilmore and Mrs. Odella Stidham, both of Silverton. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Stella Cearley of Silverton.

MOST SILVERTON BUSINESSES TO CLOSE CHRISTMAS EVE

Most Silverton businesses will be closed all day or early Christmas Eve to enjoy this special holiday with their families.

Those who have announced they will be closed all day Friday and Saturday are Briscoe County Farm Bureau, First State Bank, Southwestern Public Service Company and Briscoe County News.

The grocery stores will be closing at noon Friday.

DRY CLEANING

If you have dry cleaning at the Briscoe County News you will be needing before Monday, please come in for it today.

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Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA,
 My name is Katrice. I am seven years old. Please bring me a tugboat and clothes for Rub-a-Dub and a bean bag chair and an Etch-a-Sketch. My little brother's name is Anthony. He is four years old. He would like a set of walkie talkies and a Benji sleeping bag and an 18 wheeler and also an Etch-a-Sketch. Don't forget our cousins, Jason, Lorrie, Missy and Amy.
 Love,
 Katrice and Anthony

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like Star Trek communicators and a phaser gun. I would also like a Dr. McCoy and a King-on. Thank you.
 Love,
 Jamie Frizzell

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like a jumping horse and a pick-up. Thank you.
 Love,
 Casey Frizzell

DEAR SANTA,
 I love you. Please bring me a Hush Little Baby, Family Tree House, a doll carriage, bunk beds, and a stuffed animal.
 Amy wants Baby Baby, a baby carriage and Winnie the Pooh.
 Love, Missy and Amy

DEAR SANTA,
 Please bring a Baby That A Way, Baby Alive, toy sewing machine and a book to look at. I have been a good girl this year.
 Love, Crystal Miller

DEAR SANTA,
 Please bring me a Baby Alive doll, bicycle, little Raggedy Ann, shoes, dress, cats, puppies, balls and colors.
 From Avonna

DEAR SANTA,
 I am six years old and my name is Neal Edwards. I want a skate board and bring Tammi one, too. I want a Tin Can Alley Gun and a good surprise present. I have been a good boy. I love you. I want a big drum. I want a Sante Berard (Saint Bernard). Just put him in the garage so he won't take off.
 Love, Neal

DEAR SANTA,
 I am a little girl 1 1/2 years old. I have tried real hard to be a good girl all year long. Please bring me a little red wagon and The Farmer Says.
 Don't forget all the other boys and girls and my cousins, Bryan, Brandi and Heath. Please leave them some toys to play with, too.
 Love,
 Alisha Breedlove
 P. S. Bryan and Brandi live out in the country by Ma-Mel and Heath lives at Plainview.

I would like to thank the Junior Class for having the Santa's Doll Contest and everyone who chose me to be the first runner-up. Thank you again.
 Alison Grimland

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
 I love you. I want a big stove and refrigerator.
 Love,
 DeLynn Fitzgerald

DEAR SANTA,
 I am three years old and have tried to be a good boy most of the time. I would like to have a toy rifle and maybe a surprise if you have an extra one.
 My little sister is a baby and can't tell you what she wants, but I think she would like to have a doll and a stuffed puppy.
 We will leave a snack for you and your reindeer. Don't forget all my friends.
 Love,
 Robby Weeks

DEAR SANTA,
 We are writing for our poor, deprived Coach McCord. Please bring him the following: , box of sugar cubes and a roll of toilet paper. He has tried to be a very good little boy under the circumstances.
 Love,
 The High School P. E. Girls
 P. S. Please don't forget the toilet paper, since the last roll was used to decorate the dressing room.

DEAR SANTA,
 How is your wife? I am feeling very good this year. I want a Baby Alive and some little dishes, also a sewing machine.
 Signed, April Louise

Our Best to YOU

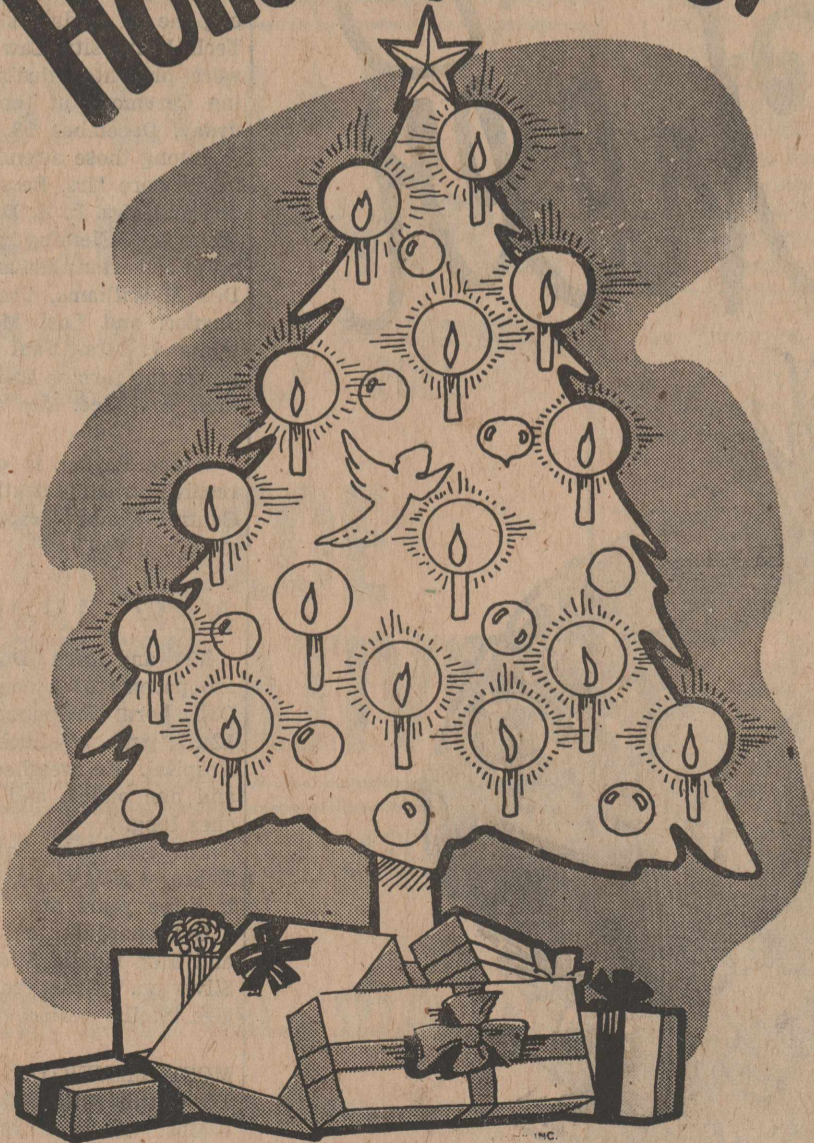


Christmas time is thank-you time as we extend our gratitude to all of our loyal patrons. We have enjoyed doing business with you and we hope that we will see you in the future.

STAN'S FOOD

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Holiday Cheer



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NOEL

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Stan, Lynda, Kristy and Penni

For Hanukkah: 'Latkes' Are Favorite Food

2 pounds (about 4) potatoes 2 tablespoons flour
1/4 cup grated onion 1/4 teaspoon salt
2 eggs slightly beaten dash each of nutmeg and pepper

Salad oil or shortening for frying

On medium grater, grate potatoes. Drain very well; pat dry with dish towel; measure 3 cups. In large bowl, combine grated potato with onion, eggs, flour, salt, nutmeg and pepper. In large, heavy skillet, slowly heat oil, 1/2 inch deep, until very hot but not smoking. For each pancake, drop potato mixture, 2 tablespoons at a time, into hot fat. With spatula flatten against bottom of skillet to make about 4 inches in diameter. Fry 2 or 3 minutes on each side, or until golden brown. Drain well on paper towels. Serve hot with applesauce or sour cream.

WISHING YOU AND YOURS
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Vinson Smith

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WEDNESDAY

Evening 7:00 p.m.

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I have been very good this year. I would like you to bring me a pretty airplane. I would also like a nice pair of guns. A tractor would also be very nice.
Yours truly, Steven
P. S. There will be a treat for you when you come. Please don't fall down the chimney.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I am three years old and just can't wait for Christmas to come. I would like some baby furniture and a Mrs. Beasley doll. Please remember all the other little boys and girls, too.
Love, Heather Kitchens
P. S. Thank you for coming to my birthday party!

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I am only one year old so I'm sort of new at this! I would just like to have some "boy-toys" so my two sisters won't be playing with them all the time.
Love, Brandon Kitchens

DEAR SANTA,
I am five years old and have been pretty good this year. I would like for you to bring me a desk and a Mrs. Beasley doll, just like Buffie's on TV. We are going to leave some cookies and milk on the table for you.
Love, Jana Kitchens

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas and a record player. Jeffrey wants a tractor and Jennifer wants some dishes. And please bring all my friends something good, too.
Love, Alison Grimland

DEAR SANTA,
I am three months old and looking forward to my first Christmas. I've been a pretty good boy so would you please bring me a Nursery Pony and a Busy Box to my Grandad and Nanine May's house in Silverton? And please bring my cousin, Alisha, some nice presents, too.
Love,
Heath Allen May
Plainview, Texas

DEAR SANTA,
I love you! Would you please leave a tricycle under my Christmas tree. (Or anything that GOES tractor, truck or pillickup.) Thank you for all the baby toys you left me last Christmas. I'm not a baby anymore.
Love,
Clinton Dee Payne

DEAR SANTA,
I want a golf cart, and a Rub-a-Dub Dolly and a Walking Mickey Mouse, and a Mickey Mouse guitar. Get Holly a little car like's in the catalog. I also want a Pudd'en doll. Bring Daddy some Levis and socks and Mama some pots and pans and new towels. Tell Rudolph I saw his show on television.
Tara

THRU A CHILD'S EYES...

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Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA,
I am a boy seven years old. I would like to have a Cat's Eye game, a talking football game, a big truck, and a Junk Yard game. Please don't forget all my school friends. I love you.
Jason Minyard

DEAR SANTA,
I am a little girl three years old. I have tried to be a good girl this year. I would like to have a Digger the Dog and a Hush Little Baby. Please don't forget my friend, Terry Bill, and all my cousins. I love you.
Lorrie Minyard

DEAR SANTA,
My name is Stacy. I love you. I want a Hush Lil Baby.
Love,
Stacy

DEAR SANTA,
My name is Kendal. I want a crane. I love you.
Love,
Kendal

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I want a trampoline, basketball, diaper bag, spirograph, paper dolls, Family Tree House and Cat's Eye.
Kimberly Burson

DEAR SANTA,
I want a dog, a doll that cries and a big typewriter.
Thank you,
Keeley

DEAR SANTA,
I am a little boy five years old. I have tried to be good this year. I would like to have a play CB radio and a surprise. Bring my baby brother, Stoney, a large camper with the people and whatever else you think he'd like. He's been pretty good this year, too.
Thank you for what you brought us last year. Be sure and remember all the girls and boys.
I'll leave cake and milk for you and apples for your reindeer.
Love,
Teddy Hubbard

DEAR SANTA,
I am three years old. My name is Cody. Thank you for the toys

you brought last year. I have been pretty good this year, and would like you to bring me a motorcycle, fireman lunch box and a Lego building block set.

I have a little sister named Baby Leah and I think she would like a baby doll and some blocks. I also would like to thank you for bringing my Grandmom her garage last year and this year she would like kitchen carpet.
I love you and will leave you some Christmas goodies.
Love,
Cody and Leah Whitfill
Plainview, Texas

DEAR SANTA,
I would like a trampoline. Also, I would like a "Don't Cry Baby." I also want some clothes for school.
Love,
Shannon Bingham
P. S. I have been a good girl and have made good grades in school.

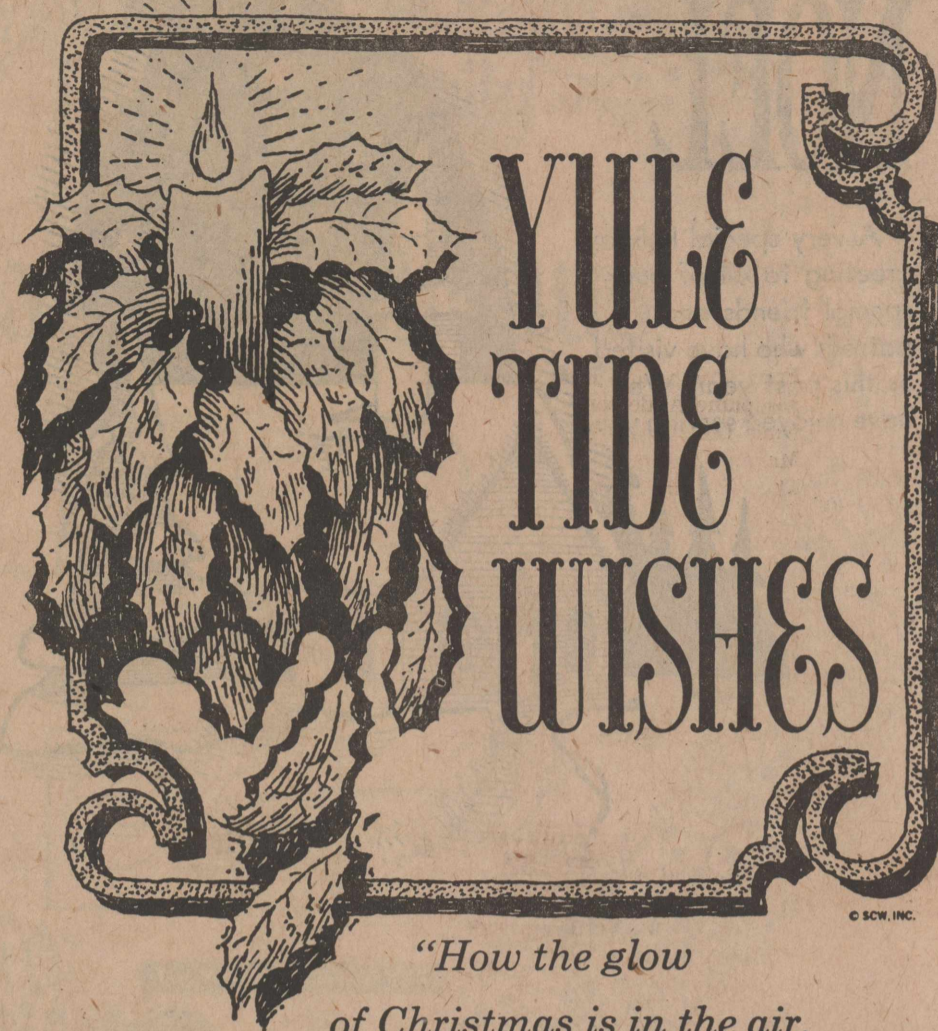
DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I love you.
I want some tools, a lamp, a bottle, now a high chair, ok a play bed, now a blue pant suit, some play food and a play picture. That's all I want.
Good Bye-Love,
Tracy

DEAR SANTA,
I want a Hush-a-bye baby and a pair of boots size 13D. I have been a pretty good girl. Will leave you a snack on the table. Merry Christmas to you.
Love,
Donna Tomlin
P. S. I would also like a robe.

DEAR SANTA,
Thank you for all the toys you brought last year.
I hope you come this year. I would like a "Rock-a-bye Linda," a "Rock-n-roll stroller," and any other toys you think I would like. The "Bionic Woman" would be nice to play with, too.
I have a new sister this Christmas. Would you please bring her a small doll and something to chew on and whatever else you think she would like. Her name is Jennifer.
I will leave you some treats to eat and a carrot for your reindeer.
I love you,
Stefanie Cassada
Springfield, Virginia 22152



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Edell Moore, Alton Rose, Bill Griffin

Christmas Joy

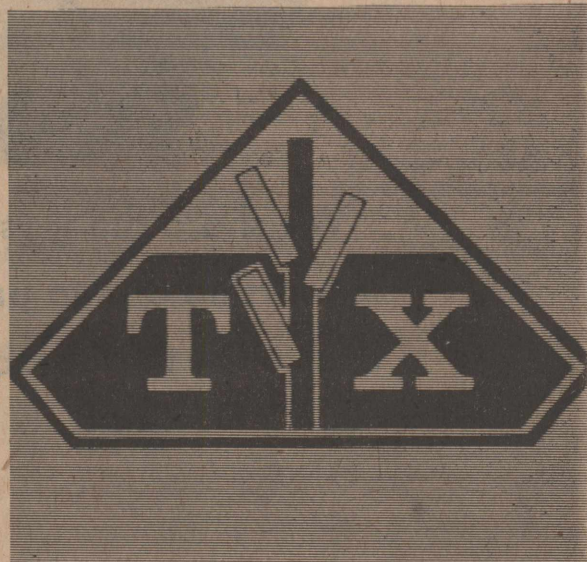


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Lula Bellinger
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Brubs, Betty and Family
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Wayne, Joni, Zane, Dayne, Traci and Staci Mayfield
Mattye Mayfield

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Wayne, Tina, Tara and Holly Nance
Eldon, Leola and Linda Oneal
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Gail, John and Ashleigh Wyatt
Larry, Barbara, Tim, Ted, Jim and Lori Wilson
Sis and Dave Ziegler
The Riley Ziegler Family

Those whose names appear on this page extend to you their personal Christmas greetings. They have donated to the L.O.A. Junior Study Club Christmas Greeting Fund instead of sending greeting cards locally, and have made possible the purchase of equipment by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service. This page was donated by the Briscoe County News.

Happy New Year

THE SEVENTH DATE
 The 25th of December is the date most Christians now agree upon as the proper time to celebrate the birth of Christ. However, whatever agreement there now is was a long time in coming. As a matter of fact, Dec. 25th is the seventh date used by Christians for their celebration. Earlier dates were January 6th (the traditional "Old Christmas"), February 2nd, March 25th, April 19th, May 20th and November 17th. The present day, now adhered to by all Christians except Armenians, began in the year 353. Armenians still observe January 6th.

Joy & Tears In Mistletoe Myth

From Scandinavian mythology comes a sad tale of a god's envy of the beloved son of the goddess of love. Although seeking the promises of earth, air, fire and water to protect her son, he was slain by the jealous god from a dart of mistletoe, a parasitic plant which attaches itself to trees and does not grow from any of the four elements. The tears of sorrow from the god's mother became the white berries of the plant and she decreed that mistletoe would never again be used as a weapon, but as a symbol of love, and that she would place a kiss on anyone who passed under it!

The legend of kissing under the mistletoe during the Christmas season came from an ancient custom which deemed that the girl who received no kisses under the mistletoe by the end of the year would not marry in the new year!



Light Ye Candles
 Then be ye glad, good people,
 This night of all the year,
 And light up your candles,
 For His star it shineth clear.
 — Old English carol



CHRISTMAS PAST . . .
 You're an oldtimer if you can recognize the gentleman behind the Santa beard in this photograph from the year 1953. He's Willard Waterman, then star of radio's "The Great Gildersleeve", with trim Barbara Whiting posing as an evergreen.

From Our Family To Your Family Happy Holidays

ELECTRICITY—IT DOES SO MUCH GOOD

The Electric Company

FOR SO MANY PEOPLE

SPECIAL

INTERNATIONAL SOCKET SETS

20 PIECE DRIVE 1/2"

Special \$44.88
 Regular \$79.77
 (TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PIECE PRICE)

Save \$34⁸⁹

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Special \$94.44
 Regular \$165.19
 (TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PIECE PRICE)

Save \$70⁷⁵

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BOXING DAY

The day after Christmas is still celebrated as Boxing Day in both England, where it originated, and Australia.

The holiday goes back to early England, when landlords and employers would set aside gifts that they didn't want, to give to the needy and to tradespeople.

Today in England and Australia, Boxing Day is observed as a holiday from

Season's Greetings

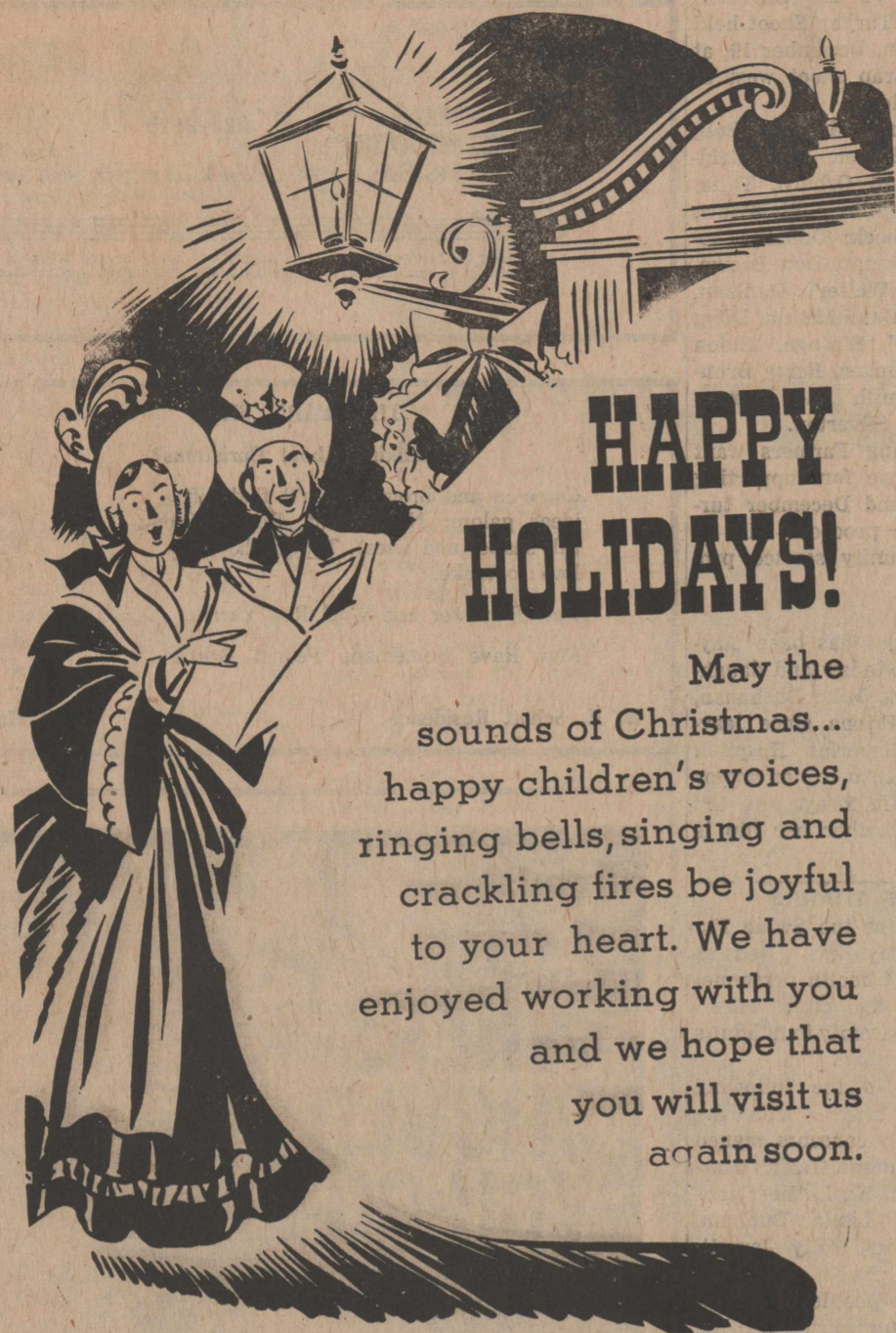
A warm and friendly wish of holiday cheer to our wonderful friends. Thanks so much for your time and patronage.

SILVERTON L. P. GAS, INC.

NOEL

We would like to wish all of our wonderful patrons a joyful Christmas holiday. We especially appreciate your confidence and support since this was our first year in business. We have enjoyed working with you and we hope that you will return to us in the future. We value your friendship and your patronage. We hope that you enjoy your holidays during this wonderful, festive season.

HARRIS GIN
 Riley and Sandy Harris



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

May the sounds of Christmas... happy children's voices, ringing bells, singing and crackling fires be joyful to your heart. We have enjoyed working with you and we hope that you will visit us again soon.

SILVERTON OIL COMPANY, INC.

The Angels' New Song

A Story for the Holiday Season

Wink, Dink, and Blink were having a difference of opinion. As the three youngest and newest angels, they were expected to perform a special musical selection for all the other angels on Christmas Eve and they just couldn't agree on what to play.

They were all ready for their debut: Blink had tuned and re-tuned her little violin, Dink had polished his flute till it sparkled and Wink had practiced her scales backwards and forwards. But they couldn't agree on the music.

Wink, with what Blink considered very poor judgment, proposed that they do "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer."

"Really!" sniffed Blink. She thought nothing short of an excerpt from Handel's *Messiah* would do for such an important occasion but the others didn't like what they called "long-halo" music.

Dink, of course, wanted to play something rousing like the "Stars and Stripes Forever" but even Wink saw the folly of that.

So, when the great day arrived, they were still in a quandary about the whole thing. "We've simply got to make up our minds," said Blink in exasperation. The others agreed. "Let's sit and think and think and think until we come up with an idea," suggested Dink. So they did. They sat and thought and thought and thought but no one could come up with the right song! . . . Suddenly, Wink jumped up. "I'll be right back!" she called as she flew away. "Now isn't

that just like Wink to fly off when we have work to do," said Blink crossly.

But soon Wink was back and with a surprise . . . she had learned a new song. They listened to her in amazement. "Why, that's lovely," said Blink. Dink liked it too, even if it wasn't a march.

They quickly learned the music, and without a minute to spare, for the other angels were already beginning to assemble for the Christmas program.

Blink wanted to ask Wink where she had learned the lovely new song but there wasn't time. Finally, after they had performed for all the cherubim and seraphim and had been congratulated on their beautiful rendition, Blink took Wink aside.

"Where did you learn that song?" she asked. Wink smiled mysteriously and said, "I just happened to remember that nice soprano angel who had mentioned singing at a very special Christmas Eve performance. So I had her teach me the new song!" And off she flew.

Blink had to admit that had been very clever of Wink, as she curled up on her little cloud that night. And as she drifted off to sleep, the beautiful new song kept echoing in her ears . . . "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."



All the world is young at Christmastime.

... Author Unknown



Thinking about all of our loyal customers this holiday season and wishing them the best for the year to come.

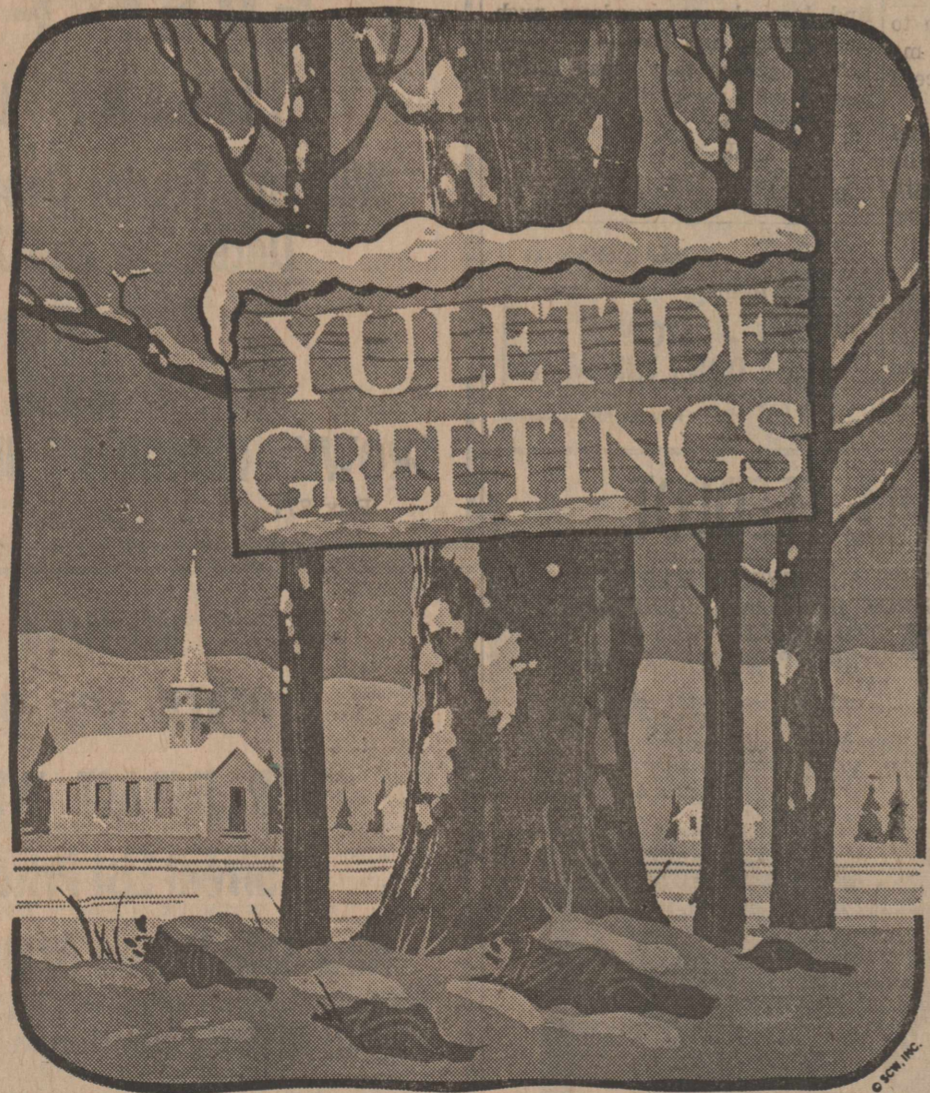
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From The Namikango Mission
in Malawi, Africa

We Send Greetings To You,
Dear Ones.

May God Bless You -

J. D. and Lois Nance



A happy holiday greeting to our wonderful patrons. We can't begin to express our gratitude. We are always so happy to see you and we hope that we will be seeing you again soon.

BRISCOE COOPERATIVE



Santa is on his way to fill your home with the joys of the Christmas season. May this be a special time for you to remember and enjoy as we have enjoyed your patronage.

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