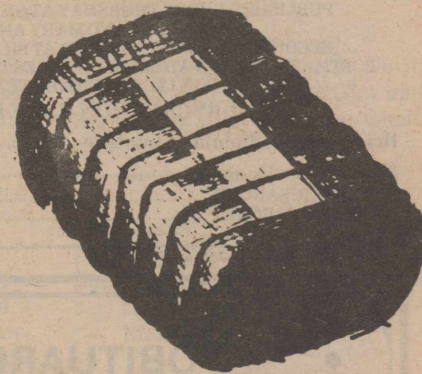


Silverton: Home of Scenic Lake Mackenzie



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When Patrick O'Neal wrote his letter to Santa, he asked for a mighty crane, Lego building blocks, race car set, hoeme plow, wheat drill, hay baler, disc plow and walkie-talkies. He also requested a sweater for his

sister and a Wizard of Oz book and tape for himself. He promised to leave milk and cookies for Santa. But when Patrick had the chance to talk to Santa when he was in Silverton, the "cat got his tongue" and he forgot the

list of things he wanted. That's why it is always safest to put all requests in the form of a letter. Patrick is the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon O'Neal.

—Briscoe County News Photo

Newspaper Has Mechanical Problems

Due to the fact that the Briscoe County News has been having mechanical problems with its typesetter and has been using the typesetter at the Tulia Herald to finish the last two issues, an early deadline was observed this week. The News Office will be closed Thursday and Friday of this week.

CHEESE, MEAL, BUTTER TO BE GIVEN TO THOSE ELIGIBLE

Government commodities, cheese, cornmeal and butter, will be given to those who are eligible and who signed up for it beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, December 22, at the Community Center.

Only those eligibles who signed up for the commodities will be able to receive them. If you have not signed up, but believe yourself to be eligible, please go by the office of Briscoe County Judge Fred Mercer to sign up for the next give-away.

with 12 points, while Tammi Edwards caged seven; Lisa Lavy and Lee Ann Durham, six points each; Alesha Patton, five, and Kristy Fogerson, one point.

Owlettes	9	20	28	37
Memphis	7	17	31	38

The Owls, playing above their classification, were able to hold Memphis to less than 100 points, but lost 98-26. Ramirez caged 13 points, Estes and Harris got four points each; Bingham, three, and Clardy, two points.

Owls	6	13	15	26
Memphis	27	55	75	98

Class Of 1958 To Have Open House

The graduating class of 1958 would like to invite all former classmates, their families, parents, teachers and interested friends to open house at the Silverton School Cafeteria on Monday, December 26, at 5:00 p.m.

Fireman Elect New Officers

New officers were elected by the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department on Thursday night of last week.

Perry Brunson was elected to serve as president, and chosen to serve with him were Dale McWaters, secretary; David Tipton, treasurer; Dwight Ramsey, fire chief, and Jerry Patton and Dwain Henderson, assistant fire chief.

REFLECTIONS

At this time of year, we can't help looking back at another year's passing, and reflecting on its successes and failures, happiness and sadness, births and deaths, and the many other aspects of life that affect each of us in its own personal, particular way; but when all is said and done, and when you really get right down to it, the only thing that really matters is JESUS.

—Troy Jones

Silverton Teams Cancel Olton Tournament

Silverton's Owls and Owlettes were forced by the weather to cancel their participation in the Olton Tournament last week.

Winners of the Silverton Tournament were Kress boys and Childress girls, first; Claude boys and Motley County girls, second; Childress boys, and Claude girls, third; Tulia JV boys and Plainview JV girls, consolation.

Both the Owls and Owlettes played Floydada JV in their first games of the tournament. The Owls, who are down to only six players and are a bonafide junior varsity team now, dropped their game 42-25. Harris scored nine points, and Clardy rang up eight points. The squad is rounded out by Ramirez, Simpson, Estes and Bingham.

Owls 6 10 14 25
Floydada JV 11 18 32 42
The Owlettes won their game 50-31. Scoring was by Lisa Lavy, 17; Shavonne Lowrey, 11; Tammi Edwards, 10, and Alesha Patton, six points.

Owlettes	19	26	34	50
Floydada JV	5	15	23	31

The Owls lost to Claude JV 36-29 in their second game. Harris led the scoring with 12 points, while Estes scored six and Simpson got three points.

Owls	3	18	22	29
Claude JV	10	19	26	36

The Owlettes dropped their second game 57-38 to Childress. Scoring was by Alesha Patton, 10; Lisa Lavy, eight; Tammi Edwards and Shavonne Lowrey, six points each, and Lee Ann Durham, two points.

Owlettes	8	15	23	38
Childress	12	31	49	57

The Owlettes also lost their bid for third place to Claude 56-36.

Owlettes	9	15	25	36
Claude	15	25	35	56

The varsity teams played Memphis last week, both teams losing their games. The Owlettes dropped a close 38-37 decision, after having been ahead at the end of the first two quarters. Shavonne Lowrey led the scoring



Kori Baird, Silverton Future Farmers of America Sweetheart, was recently chosen as the Plainview District FFA Sweet-

heart. She will compete soon in the Area FFA Sweetheart Contest.

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OBITUARIES

PEARL R. BENTON

Funeral services for Pearl Rose Benton, 93, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at Sanders Memorial Chapel in Lubbock with Doug Hale, minister of Smithlawn Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial was in City of Lubbock Cemetery with arrangements directed by Sanders Funeral Home.

Mrs. Benton died at 4:45 a.m. Wednesday of last week at Quaker Villa Nursing Home following a lengthy illness.

Born in Blue Ridge, she lived in Ropesville from 1929 until 1940, when she moved to Lubbock.

She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, A. L. Rose, jr. of Lubbock; three daughters, Mrs. Jessie Mae Watson of Silvertown, Mrs. Loraine Mitchell of La Mesa, California and Mrs. Bernice Johnston of San Angelo; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

The family suggested that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

Christmas In Florida

Christmas in Florida is fascinating; where else can you hear Santa say, "Don't sit on my knee! It's sunburned!"

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CHANGE RATES

The Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. in accordance with the provisions of the Public Utility Regulatory Act, hereby gives notice of its intent to change certain rates and charges effective January 1, 1984.

The proposed changes will establish certain new charges, increase, reduce or eliminate certain monthly rates for miscellaneous services or equipment and change certain non-recurring service charges. The proposed changes are on file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas and are available for inspection at the office of Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. at 411 N. Hale in Tulia, Texas.

The proposed rate changes will increase the annual revenues of the Cooperative less than one-half of one percent annually.

Protests or objections to the proposed changes may be directed to:

Mrs. Rhonda Ryan Director of Hearings Public Utility Commission of Texas 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd. Suite 450N Austin, TX 78757

STELLA DOAK BROOKSHIER

Funeral services for Mrs. Stella Doak Brookshier, 95, were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Monday

at the Silvertown Church of Christ with Gerald Beasley, minister, officiating.

Burial was in the Silvertown Cemetery, with arrangements under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Silvertown.

Pallbearers were Gary Weaks, Larry Comer, Victor Weaks, Rick Minyard, Tom Burson and Merle Roehr.

Mrs. Brookshier died at the Swisher Memorial Hospital Friday. She and her husband had resided for the past several months at the Tulia Care Center.

Born Stella Doak in Hickory County, Missouri March 30, 1888, she was the daughter of the late H. C. and Manerva Hill Doak. She and Emmitt Brookshier were married in Silvertown on December 10, 1913.

She was a homemaker and a

member of the Silvertown Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Dan Thompson of Yelm, Washington, and five grandchildren.

R. E. Brookshier entered Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia over the weekend, and was continuing to receive treatment for double pneumonia Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sarchet enjoyed a pre-Christmas dinner in the home of her mother, Mrs. J. M. Hill, in Tulia Sunday. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hill and Brian, and her mother, Mrs. Bill Ward, all of Tulia; Brad Hill, who is a freshman at Texas A&M University; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sarchet, Brandon and Jordan, Lubbock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1983

Dear Santa, I'm four. I want a whole bunch of He-man stuff. That's all. I've been good all year. I want some toys for my friends, too. We live in Arlington, Texas. Do you know that I watch He-man TV everyday? I want birds for my Papa to shoot.

Love, Tyler P. S. Mammaw and Dandad love me and I love them and Uncle Nick and Melissa.

TAX OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 2

For the convenience of taxpayers, the Briscoe County Appraisal Office will be open Friday, December 30, but will be closed Monday, January 2.

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Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa,
I have been a real good boy this year. I have been helping Mom with our baby sister.
I would like a tractor, plow, farm set, guns and memory game. I would also like a swing set for Misti, Dusti and me.
I will leave some milk and cookies for you. Don't forget Misti and Dusti's presents.
Love,
Jeff Weaks

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I have helped Mom with our new baby.
Please bring me a baby doll, stroller, a gun like Jeff's and some clothes.
We all love you and we will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Misti and Dusti Weaks

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you. I have been a good girl. I am five years old and in kindergarten this year. I haven't got a whooping in school yet. For Christmas I would like to have a Ruba Dub Dogie, a doll and some candy. Tell Mrs. Santa Claus, hi for me. I will have some milk and cookies waiting for you on the coffee table by the Christmas tree.
Dedra Johnston

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Dara and I am 1 1/2 years old. I have been a pretty good girl this year.
For Christmas I would like to have a Wow Wow (dog), a ball, some yang yang (gum) and a truck.
Dara Johnston

Dear Santa,
It's Christmas. How's your reindeer? I am happy. I want some walkie talkies and something in my stockin.
Love you,
Krista Ziegler

Dear Santa,
My name is Shauna and I'm four years old. I've been trying very hard to be good this year. For Christmas I'd like the baby with the pink hat, My Little Pony with stable and a Baby Alive.
I'll have a snack waiting for you on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Shauna Kingery

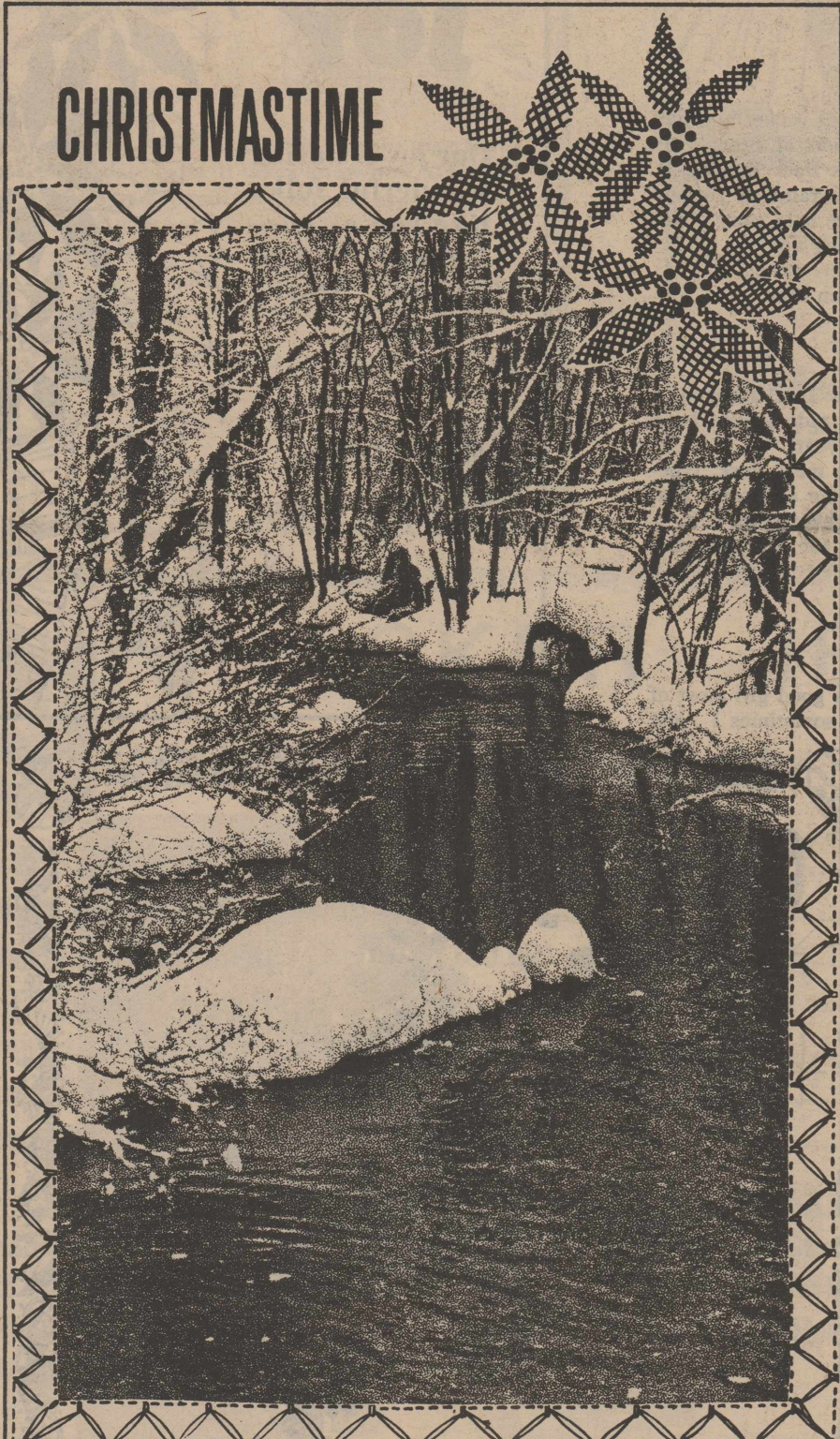
Dear Santa,
My name is Kara and I am six years old. For Christmas could you please bring me P. J. and Ken dolls, a Barbie Loves McDonald's and Birthday Care Bear. I would also like a Straw-

berry Shortcake Power Cycle.
I'll have a special treat for you when you get to my house.
Thank you,
Kara

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you please bring me a football, socks, Smurf house

shoes, a GI Joe. Please bring my cousins some toys too. And don't forget baby Jason. We have all tried to be real good. Don't forget my Mamma. She wants some new glasses.
Love,
Billy Edwards
P. S. I really Love You

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Dear Santa,
I want a Smurff Big Wheel and a Show-n-Tell. I want Santa Claus to bring me a reindeer, a playlike reindeer. What do you want? Do you want a can opener and a can?
I want a talking toothbrush like Marshall's and I want a tape recorder too and everything!
I've been being a big girl. I'm going to leave you some

THANK YOU!

As we approach the end of another year, Marge and I want to express to each of you a genuine thanks for your personal friendship, and for your business that you have been so gracious as to share with us. We are indeed lucky to live and work in such a fine community. There are areas where all of us could improve our personal relationship with one another, broaden our horizons and simply THINK things through, as to ways we can be of greater service to one another—Marge and I commit ourselves to such ideals.

We wish to you and yours a very merry Christmas, and may the New Year bring to you the things that matter most—with love.

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chocolate cookies, I guess.

Love,
Lindsey Jennings

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a good little boy this year. Please bring me a basketball. Please remember to come to my new house and not the old. I will leave you a snack by the Christmas Tree.

I love you.
Anthony Douglas May
Amarillo

P. S. Please remember all of my cousins.

Dear Santa,
My name is Justin and I am three years old. I have tried to be good but it sure is hard! Would you please bring me an airplane set and some Star Wars men? Don't forget my cousins Alisha, Josh and Anthony and my big brother Heath. We will leave you a snack.

Love,
Justin May
Plainview

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a scout walker and half of the collection of Star Wars Empire Strikes Back figures. P. S. how Do the raindeer fly and write to me the hole story about Rudolph growing up.

Love,
Heath Allen May
Plainview

Dear Santa,
My name is Lori Brannon. I am five years old. I have been real good this year.

Please bring me a desk, typewriter, telephone and some costumes, like a cheerleader suit. Thank you for the presents last year.

I love you.
Lori

Dear Santa,
I try to be a good girl most of the time, but sometimes I "just

gotta talk." I hope you will still bring me a monkey and a toy tape player. Leslee wants a doll house, so if you have a small one my size maybe that would be good, too.

Please remember Robby and Leslee. We will be at our house this year and your snack will be under the tree.

I Love You.
Lindsey Weaks
Two Years Old

A Brazilian palm can claim the largest leaves in the plant kingdom. Its fronds are sometimes over 70 feet long and 19 feet broad.

Miss Anna Lee Anderson had the misfortune of falling and breaking her arm Saturday.

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The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. James Patton, sr. will host a reception in honor of their golden wedding anniversary on Tuesday, December 27, from seven until nine o'clock in the evening in the Pioneer Room at the First State Bank in Silverton.

Friends and relatives of the family are invited to attend. No invitations have been sent locally. Your thoughts and the joy of your presence will be appreciated, and are the only gifts the couple desires.

Patton and the former Lallie Haynes were married December 24, 1933 at the parsonage of the Baptist Church in Ralls by the Rev. Ross Payne, who also married her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Haynes. They were accompanied to be married by Carver Monroe and Wanda King.

The Pattons are natives of Silverton and have lived all of their married life here with the exception of nine months during 1937-1938 when they resided at Sudan.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES PATTON, sr.

They are parents of two sons, Jerry and J. E. Patton, jr., both of Silverton, and a daughter, Pat Sorter, who resides with her husband, Darrell, in Winfield, Missouri.

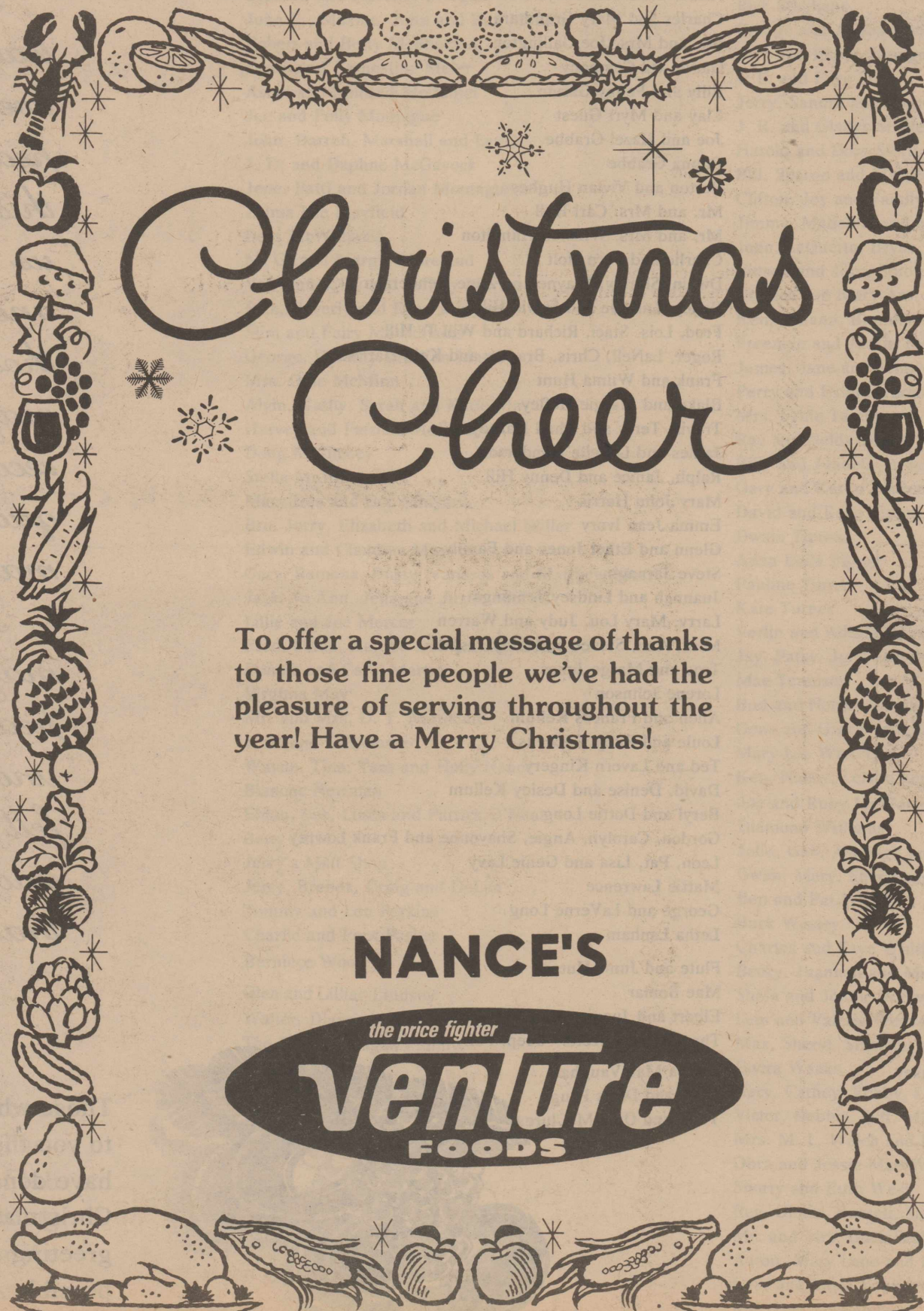
They have nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild, James Alan, Mark, Eric and Alesha Patton, Craig and DeLyn Patton, all of Silverton; Sherri and Doug Sorter of Winfield, Missouri, and Brenda Sorter Blankenship, who resides with her husband, Richard, and daughter, Kristen Renee, in Sikeston, Missouri.

Mrs. Patton's parents are now deceased, but his parents are Mr. and Mrs. Rex Puckett of Phoenix, Arizona.

Belgium's Beautiful Christmas

Ninety-nine bells chime in Antwerp, Belgium, to call worshippers to the Christmas services in the city's 500-year-old cathedral.

Carol-singing children, colorfully-dressed, are followed by jewel-robed priests. They all walk on a carpet of bright pieces of paper and flowers. In Belgium, Christmas is a season of gifts and joy.



Christmas Cheer

To offer a special message of thanks to those fine people we've had the pleasure of serving throughout the year! Have a Merry Christmas!

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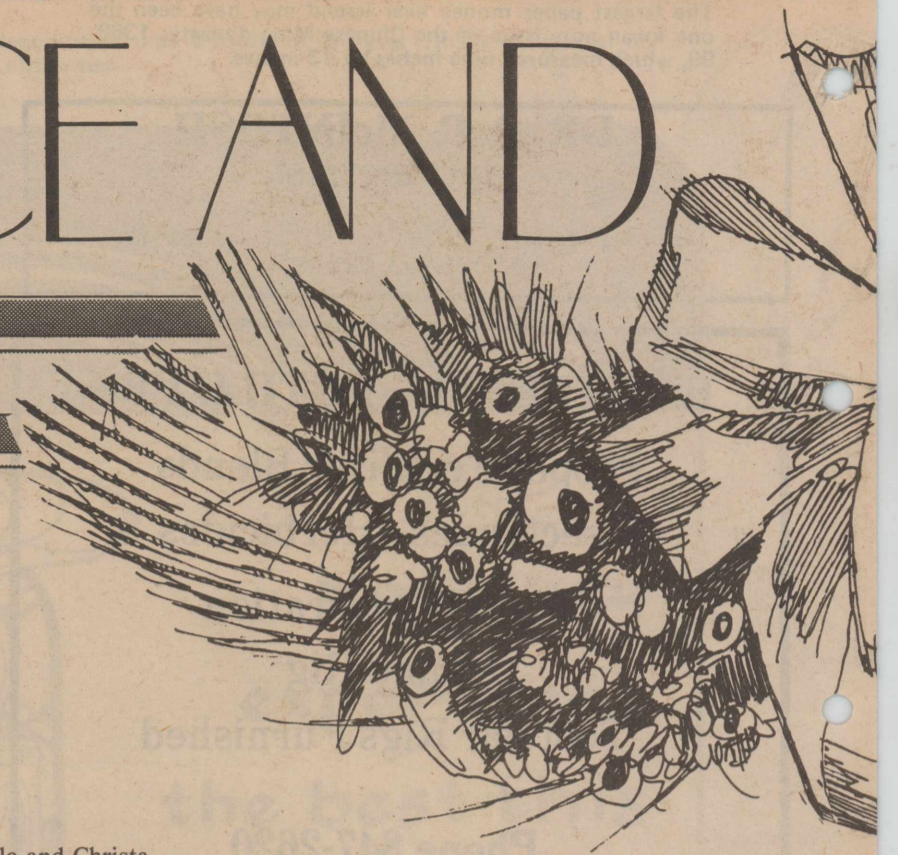
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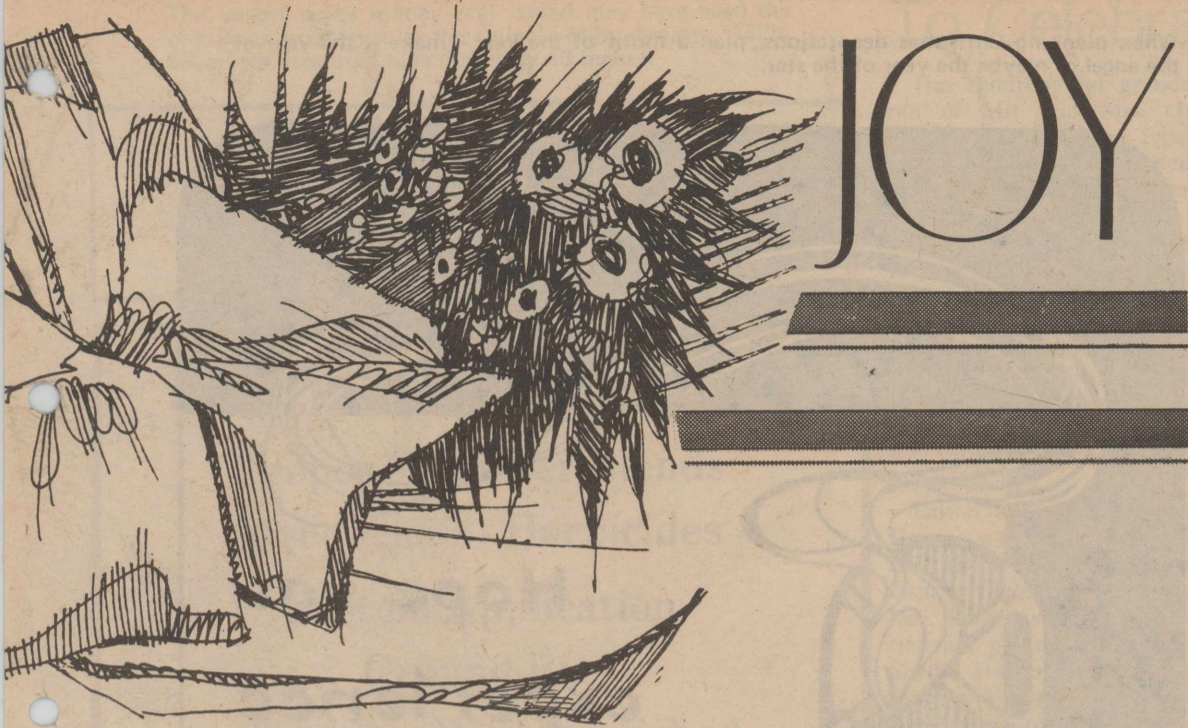
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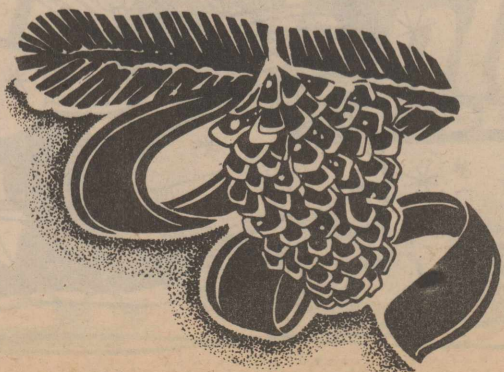
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Junior High Teams Drop Three Games

The Junior High teams played Valley last week and lost all three of their games. The Owls lost 62-11, while the eighth grade Owlettes dropped their game 43-22 and the sixth and seventh grade Owlettes lost 27-19.

Scoring for the Owls were Clardy, four; Lowrey, three; West and Kendal Minyard, two points each.

JH Owls	2	6	9	11
Valley	24	35	52	62

DeLyn Patton led the scoring for the sixth and seventh grade

Owlettes with eight points. Also scoring were Keeley Burson, four; Linda O'Neal, three; Tara Nance and Tonia Perkins, two points each.

6-7 Owlettes	0	7	13	19
Valley	7	11	19	27

Julia Couch led the scoring for the eighth grade Owlettes with six points. Adding to the score were Kim Burson and Gina Myers, four points each; Mindy Arnold, Stacie Chappell, Carey Blackerby and Shannon Bingham, two points each.

JH Owlettes	4	14	20	22
Valley	14	18	29	43

Club Enjoys Christmas Party

On Tuesday, December 12, the home of Sue Martin was the setting for the Progressive Extension Homemakers annual Christmas Party. Each club member brought her favorite holiday dish and a hearty turkey and dressing dinner was enjoyed by all.

After dinner, Laci Brunson, who had accompanied her mother to the party, entertained the group by singing two Christmas songs she had learned at preschool.

Club members, who exchanged gifts, were Sue Martin, Pat McWaters, Jon Etta Ziegler, Tisa Whitfill, Dorothy Martin, Marsha Brunson, Michelle Francis, Terry Harney, Bena Hester, Ramona Martin, Debbie Weak, Beverly Minyard, Anita Ramsey, Roy Reed, Reba Self, Gail Wyatt, Sherry Delano, Kathy Kingery and Lynda Fogerson.



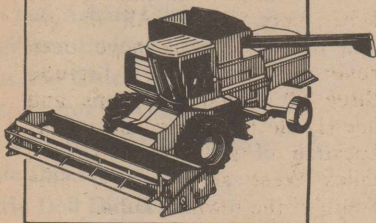
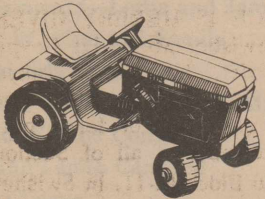
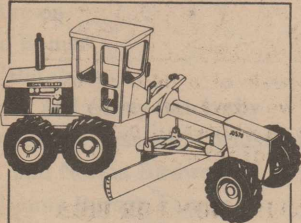
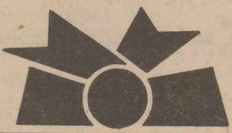
Silkworm eggs are so small that 35,000 of them weigh just one ounce.

When planning Christmas decorations, plan a motif of the year — make it the year of the angel or maybe the year of the star.

Hope you experience the best this season has to offer, along with our thanks.

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An early Christmas was enjoyed over the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Younger. Their children started arriving Wednesday afternoon

and the last one left Monday afternoon. Playing "42" and exchanging gifts was enjoyed by all. The birthdays of Roger and John were also celebrated.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCutchen, John and Allan, Ralls; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Younger, Trenton, Tyra and Martin, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Lyndall Couch, Lyndon and La-Shawn, Childress; Miss Lisa Younger, Clarendon; Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bradford and Lance, Silverton.

AS A MAN THINKETH

Gerald Beasley

CONSIDER THE MULE!

A mule fell into a dry well. Unable to lift him out, a distressed farmer directed burial of the beast. As the man's boys threw in dirt, the mule simply trampled it. Finally, he walked out! All truly worthy men have

climbed up from difficulties. Overcoming obstacles develops courage and strength for great responsibilities further along.

In Romans 5 Paul exults in his "peace with God." He rejoices "in hope of the glory of God." He also rejoiced in "tribulations: knowing that tribulation worketh steadfastness; and steadfastness, approvedness . . ."

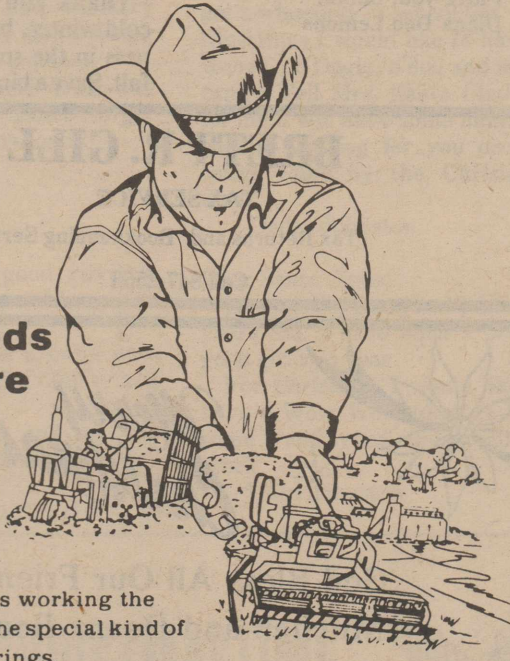
We are not to resent "the bread of adversity and the water of affliction . . ." " . . . for Jehovah is a God of justice; blessed are all they that wait for him" (Isa. 30).

See our forbears trekking west. There looms a mountain obstacle. Do what? There is One Who weighs "the mountains in scales" (Isa. 40). Trust Him! (Philip. 4:13).

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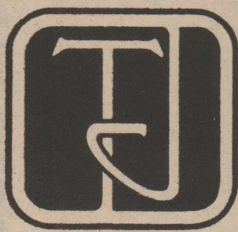
We speak of a herd of cattle, we have an army of frogs, a clutter of cats, and a skulk of foxes.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Swisher Memorial Hospital District, hereinafter called Owner, will accept sealed bids for the cash sale or lease purchase contract of all of Section No. 4, in Block M-11, in Swisher County, Texas, containing 640 acres more or less. All oil, gas and other minerals have been reserved. Sale does include three (3) irrigation pumps and one (1) electric pump and motor. Location of property is six (6) miles West and one (1) mile South of the town of Tulia.

Such sealed bids as are received will be opened and read aloud at the offices of Owner at 7:00 p.m. on January 9, 1984. All bids must be received by Owner at its business offices at 539 S.E. 2nd St., Tulia, Texas before the time set above for opening bids. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Any successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract to be closed within sixty (60) days thereafter and place in escrow ten percent (10%) of the purchase price. If further information is needed, contact Max Garrett at Owner's office or phone (806) 995-3581.

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Dear Santa,
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 We love you,
 Bud and Will T.

Dear Santa,
 Would you please bring me a pink bike, an ET Cup and a Care bear sleeping bag.
 Love,
 Staci Dianne Hill

Dear Santa,
 My name is Wayne Martin

and I'm eight years old. I've been real good this year and helped my mom and dad a lot. I would really like to have the GI Joe set and the A-Team set. If you want to bring me something else, that's fine. Have a merry Christmas and make sure all the boys and girls all over the world get some toys too.

Your friend,
 Wayne Martin
 P. S. I have a baby brother named Bobby who is three and anything you bring him is just fine.

Dear Santa,
 Hi! I hope you've had a real good year this year. I have been a fairly good boy so I thought I might just write you and see if you have an extra Pac Man

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watch. If you do that would be a really nice Christmas gift for me. Also, that 4x4 Stomper set is pretty neat if you have enough of them.

I love you,
 Ky Martin
 P. S. My baby brother is a real pest but mom said I had to ask for him something since he can't write. He wants everything he sees so anything will be fine. His name is Bobby.

Dear Santa,
 I have been a good little girl this year. I would like a Strawberry rider, Barbie doll, a puzzle and some more toys. Don't forget my cousins. They have been good too.

I Love You,
 Misty Wilkinson

Dear Santa,
 I have tried to be a good boy this year. Please bring me a tractor and truck for Christmas.
 I love you,
 Ryan

Dear Santa,
 I have been a good little girl this year. Is what I want for Christmas is two rings, a new Hot Cycle. A new book. A new

leeklace. A bing-bag. A new sleeping bag (red). I am five years old. May I have some new clothes too. A happy returns and a Baby Skates doll. A new doll baby-bed. You do not have to give me all this, this is just what I would like.

I love you, Santa,
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Wish the birds a merry Christmas this year. Decorate a living tree with strings of popcorn, apples, nuts, and suet. And as they receive, they will give a trill of "Thank you" not only in the cold winter, but songs of happiness in the spring, summer and fall. Save a bird this Christmas!

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THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, TEXAS STYLE

'Twas the night before Christmas, in Texas, you know.
 Way out on the prairie, without any snow.
 Asleep in their cabin, were Buddy and Sue,
 A dreamin' of Christmas, like me and you.

Not stockings, but boots, at the foot of their bed,
 For this was Texas, what more need be said,
 When all of a sudden, from out of the still night,
 There came such a ruckus, it gave me a fright.

And I saw 'cross the prairie, like a shot from a gun,
 A loaded up buckboard, come on at a run,
 The driver was "Geein" and "Hawin", with a will,
 The horses (not reindeer) he drove with such skill.

"Come on there Buck, Poncho & Prince, to the right,
 There'll be plenty of travelin' for you all tonight."
 The driver in Levi's and a shirt that was red,
 Had a ten-gallon Stetson on top of his head.

As he stepped from the buckboard, he was really a sight,
 With his beard and moustache, so curly and white.
 As he burst in the cabin, the children awoke,
 And were so astonished, that neither one spoke.

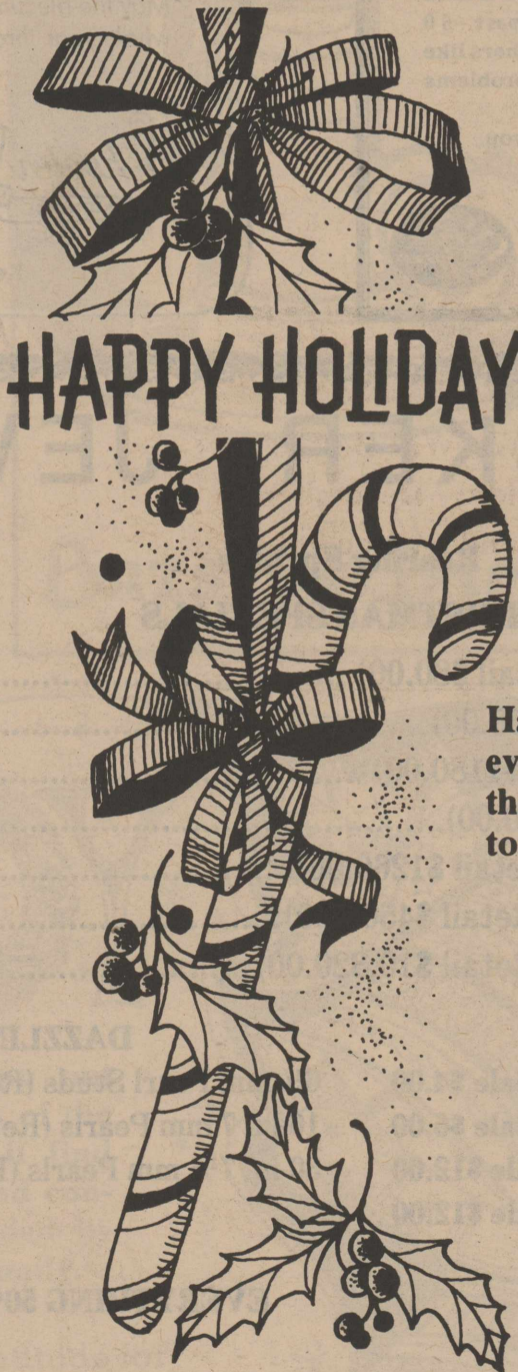
And he filled up their boots, with such presents galore,
 That neither could think of a single thing more,
 When Buddy recovered the use of his jaws,
 He asked in a whisper, "are you really Santa Claus?"

"Am I the real Santa? Well, what do you think?"
 And he smiled as he gave a mysterious wink.
 Then he leaped in his buckboard, and called back in his drawl,
 "To all the children in Texas, Merry Christmas, You-all."

Merry Christmas

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a radio and head phone and a Baby Skate and a TV and a Chimpanzee.
Love,
Kami Martin
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a GI Joe Jet and a Big Foot and an Atari.
Love,
Trent Smith
Pac Man

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. Please bring me a Baby-That-A-Way and Baby-A-Live and a ten speed bike, a Baby Skates. Ho! Ho!

Ho!
From your friend,
Leticia Crossland

Dear Santa,
Please bring me for Christmas an Atari, a bicycle, and a doll. I love you, Santa.
Brandi Breedlove

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Dallas cowboy football suit with socks. And some pocket games, some Atari cartridges, and some GI Joe things. Also, a mini bike.
Braden Towe

Dear Santa,
I want a Connect Four and a memory game, a trampoline, a Baby Skate doll, and a play-house.
Thank you, Santa.
Christa Tucker

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a car and a truck, O. K. Santa? I will leave you so you can roundup the reindeers.
Peter Trevino

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Cross-Cross-Crash race track and a GI Joe Airplane and a Bigfoot 4x4 and a Remote Control three-wheeler.
Stoney Hubbard

Dear Santa,
We welcome you back to another Christmas. We hope you have a good time this year. I would like a sled, an Amtron, two slick walky-talkies, and a GI Joe collection.
Colby Self, age 7

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a football and a shirt of Dallas pants, and some shoes and a bike colored gray that has a star on it and a helmet and a mini bike. Please. I love you. I would like a little doll for my little sister, please, and a dress for my mom and a motorcycle for my dad.
Love,
Felix Garcia

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a tennis court and a Connect Four, a TV, and a swimming pool, a frogger, Keystone Kapers, a Baby Skates doll, a Barbie dream house and a Twirly Curls Barbie.
Kristi Bean

Dear Santa,
Bring me a Hungry Hippo, a Strawberry Shortcake Doll, a Barbie Doll and A Baby Skates.
Angie Castillo

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Super Cycle, Speak and Spell, Speak and Math, Life, Key Car, a real motorcycle with three tires.
Love,
Ramon Garcia

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. Please bring me a Baby Skates Doll and clothes and games that are good.
JoAnn Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a Speak and Spell or a Speak and Read, or a Speak and Math. I want a Kimberly Skating Doll that comes with clothes and skates or any kind of doll. And I would like you to bring me Atari Ms. Pac Man.
Love,
Kayla Ramsey

Dear Santa,
Please bring me the whole collection of He Man and Beast Man and GI Joe.
Steven Moreno

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an Atari and a Pacman and a GI Joe Helicop-

ter, GI Joe Jeep, and a GI Joe Base.
Michael Hill

Dear Santa,
I wish you get better at North Pole and give me a B-B Gun and my brother a GI Joe—the whole collection.
Bobby Loya

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a 4x4, a Superman Atari Cartridge, a tool set, clothes, and a snake.
Matt Francis

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some dishes and a bike and a phone and a doll and a Strawberry Shortcake house and a dress and some pompoms, a dollhouse and a coat, a Baby Skates Doll and some skates, a Barbie Doll with a car and clothes, a Barbie Dream house and Speak and Spell.
Thank you, Santa.
Anabel Comacho

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a U. S. racetrack with three trucks and a Speak and Spell.
Wayne Martin

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a GI Joe Base and GI Joe Tank and a remote control Fairbird and a football.
Jess Brannon

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some doll clothes and a doll. I want a Baby Skates Doll. I want a bottle for the baby. I want some clothes for me. I want a new chair to sit in. And Santa please send two or more presents to my teachers. I want a roll top desk and my brother wants a digger and a satin scarf and a satin blanket.
Please, Santa, will you bring my mother a kitchen set and my Nanny some things when she goes on her trip and my daddy some farm stuff?
Love,
Ashleigh D'Ann Wyatt


Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Care Bear. Please bring me a Garfield. Will you give me Pitfall? Will you give me a cat? Will you give me a Care Bear Book?
Amy Shie

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a He man and the castle and the men to it. I want GI Joe men, the army tank and the army jet and the army trucks and the army guns and a GI Joe Base.
Horacio Loya

Dear Santa,
Please bring me three Barbie dolls with their clothes and men that go with them. I want two coloring books and a book about Little Mrs. Muffin and a Baby Skates doll and a picture about you, Santa. I would like some skates and a speak and spell, too.
Thank you,
Diana Arajo

Tree Lighting


Legend says that Martin Luther started the custom of lighting the tree. The candles on his family's traditional Christmas tree symbolized the stars glowing on a snowy winter's night.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Sincere good wishes to you, our good friends and customers, this very joyous Season!

Briscoe County Farm Bureau



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Friday, December 23 -
Monday, December 26

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I would like to thank everyone for the flowers, plants, cards, food, phone calls and visits while I was in the hospital and since I've been home. Everything was greatly appreciated.
Love,
Bennie, Carolyn and boys

Thanks for everything done for me while I was in the hospital and since I've been home. I appreciate each act of kindness.
Pat Lavy

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, phone calls and every expression of your friendship and concern while I was in the hospital and since I've been home.
God bless you all.
Elbert and Juanita Stephens

Holiday Jolly Gent

Every Christmas we get a visit from the jolly gent with the big bag over his shoulder. It's our son home from college and the big bag is his laundry!

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City Shoe Shop
Will be closed the following days: December 23, 1983 to January 3, 1984. Please pick up your work.

Merry Christmas,
Happy New Year!
Perry and Estelle Thomas

Around The World With Santa

Santa took on new dimensions when the cartoonist, Thomas Nast, began to picture him as a Civil War Santa bringing gifts to the homesick soldiers.

In Alaska, Santa has been pictured riding on a sled pulled by huskies, while in Hawaii, he sometimes arrives by surfboard. Santa acquired an airplane when airplanes took to the skies. Then, when satellites started circling the Earth, Santa took off in a rocket.

Wherever Americans have traversed the world, Santa Claus has also migrated.

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Texas Department of Health
Robert Bernstein, M.D., Commissioner

The best method of preventing the transmission of genital herpes is to begin abstinence from sexual contact when the warning signs of itching or tingling start, or when the lesions appear.

This is the advice of Dr. C. E. Alexander, Chief of the Bureau of Communicable Disease Services with the Texas Department of Health. "Abstinence should continue until the lesions are completely healed and have disappeared," he said.

Anyone experiencing an outbreak of herpes should take special care to practice good personal hygiene. Individuals with herpes lesions should not share clothing or towels with other people.

Symptoms of herpes infections usually appear in and around the genital area. They include itching, tingling, burning on urination, and in women, sometimes an excessive watery cervical discharge.

The lymph glands in the groin area may swell and become tender. Blister-like genital sores generally develop three to seven days after infection. They rupture and become shallow and painful and a scab may develop. The sores may persist for 14-28 days and heal completely leaving no scars. The danger to others subsides when the sores disappear.

"To aid the healing process, it is important to keep the lesions clean and dry," Dr. Alexander said. "Wearing loose fitting clothing and cotton underwear will help to keep the lesions dry and minimize discomfort."

He said many patients find that applying ice packs to the lesions and taking aspirin or a non-aspirin pain reliever helps reduce the pain. Relief may also be received by taking three to four short (5-10 minutes) sitz baths in warm water with a drying agent added such as Epsom salts or Burrow's Solution. A hand-held hair dryer is helpful in drying up the herpes lesions.

Dr. Alexander said that drinking at least four glasses of liquids each day will decrease acidity in the urine. Women may find pain reduced if they rinse the vaginal area with water while urinating.

Herpes simplex type II disease, or genital herpes, is caused by a virus (HSV II). Genital herpes is transmitted primarily through sexual contact with an infected individual. Transmission of the disease, however, can occur by a body surface making contact with the herpes sore.

At present, no drug treatment can cure genital herpes. A topical ointment called acyclovir, however, is of some benefit for persons

Christmas Customs Bring Joy

Christmas is the most nostalgic of all festive occasions and its ancient joy is truly reflected in the world-wide customs of this very special holiday.

The singing of old-time Christmas carols is a celebrated British festivity. This charming custom is still a favorite in both England and America today, where enchanting voices carry the musical message of Christmas.

In certain parts of Italy, children hang stockings near the head of their beds.

when they are first infected with herpes. Pharmaceutical manufacturers and university research teams are currently testing multiple herpes vaccines.

The availability of a herpes vaccine may not only prevent an initial or primary infection, but may prevent recurrences of lesions for those individuals who already have herpes, according to British scientists working on such a vaccine.

Genital herpes is not a reportable disease, but it is estimated that over 20 million persons in the country have the infection, and that as many as one half million more — mostly between the ages of 18 and 35 — may contact the infection every year.

For more information, contact the Bureau of Communicable Disease Services, Texas Department of Health, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756.


An old fairy is supposed to visit each child and leave either sweetmeats or stones in the stocking, depending upon whether the child has been good or naughty throughout the year.

In Spain, everyone must be able to claim at least one good deed for the year before Christmas day arrives. Many Spaniards stay awake on Christmas Eve until midnight, when church bells announce the birth of the Holy Child.

The pinata breaking is a well-known custom of Mexico. On Christmas Eve, a papier-mache figure filled with toys and candy is suspended from the ceiling; children are blindfolded and then allowed to break the pinata with a stick to release the goodies.

In Portugal, children leave their shoes in front of the fireplace so that Santa can fill them with gifts on Christmas Eve.



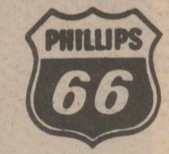


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Though times may ever change, replacing old customs with new, one thing that will never change is our warm wish to you... Merry Christmas!

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STAN AND WAYNELLE COUCH

Christmas season in Mexico is a wondrous time of year

BY CONNIE SHERLEY

The Christmas season in Mexico City is a brilliant time.

The Zocalo in the center of the city sparkles with lighted displays. Santas of all sizes line the sidewalks of Alameda Park, urging parents to have their children's pictures taken in sleighs with Donald Duck, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, the Virgin Mary, Mickey Mouse or the Christ Child and tiny elves on a colorful array of backdrops.

The big square in front of the Cathedral is covered with poinsettia plants, and each of the four streets feeding into the Zocalo is topped with a lighted display

as tall as a two-story building. Thousands of tiny colored lights form the intricate pictures.

On the corner of Alameda Park crowds gather to gaze up at the huge nacimiento with figures 12 feet tall. No drab angels here. One is dressed in lime green and the other in bright blue, but both have the traditional white wings.

The Virgin Mary is dressed in hot pink, lavishly trimmed in gold. Palm trees flank the tile-roofed manger. The figures' faces are exquisitely sweet, like those you see on the small nacimientos sold in the markets.

There are as many balloons

salesmen as there are Santas and sleighs. And what balloons! Small ones formed into elephants and mice with styrofoam ears and tails. Nowhere do you see a plain balloon, for they've all been painted with stripes, stars and lavish designs accented with sequins.

The facade of the national lottery building a few blocks away is a mass of tiny lights, forming two toy trains, each seven stories tall, on either side of flashing teddy bears, dolls, balls and stockings.

The decorations usually are in place by mid-December, and from that time traffic becomes almost



The Nativity displays in Mexico City at Christmas time are among the most elaborate in the world. These angels were in Alameda Park, near the Palace of Fine Arts.

unbelievable in the Zocalo area. Cabs poke along through the melee.

Many viewers come by the excellent subway system and enjoy the sights on foot during one of the most festive times of the year in the great city.

Stores are filled to the brim with gift items. American visitors find the prices low by U.S. standards because the dollar is so strong against the peso.

There are bargains in the hotels, too. The Camino Real Hotel, for instance, has a December plan avail-

able through American travel agents that permits a 50 percent price during the entire month.

Christmas Day in Mexico is for gift giving and is a quiet period compared to the other joyous days of the Yule season.

Children hang their stockings for Santa Claus, just as elsewhere in the world. Dec. 28 is the day of the Holy Innocents, observed in the way Americans do April 1, with jokes on friends and family. Next is New Year's Eve, a happy time.

"For unto us a child is born...and his name will be called wonderful counselor, mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9:6

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Christmas is a time of unbounded faith, hope and love. It's a season that rejuvenates our spirit of good will and compassion.

Indeed, some of our most cherished memories of Christmases past evolve from a particularly poignant expression of faith and trust.

Consider the well-known story of little Virginia's letter to the editor of the New York Sun, back in 1897.

Her question of Santa Claus' existence is one eventually asked by all children who begin to doubt the innocence and trust of youth.

Yet, the editor's enchanting response to Virginia's concern exemplifies the real meaning of the season, and no doubt, restored Virginia's faith:

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in Fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in chimneys on Christmas evening to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most

real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see.

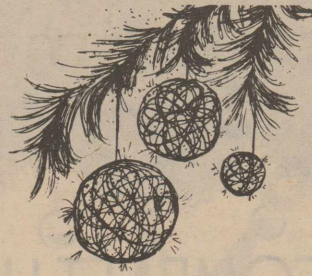
Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise in-

side, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

Is it real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus?

Thank God, he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten

thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."



Lacy Baubles

Blow up small balloons 1" to 2" in diameter. Pour about 1 1/2" of liquid starch into a small bowl (or make a starch with flour or dry starch mixed with water to make a thin paste).

Place a spool of colored thread, on its side, in the starch, making sure it's completely covered with the starch.

Hang a balloon over the bowl of starch. Wind the wet thread all around the balloon like a cobweb. After you've wound as much thread around the balloon as you'd like, cut the thread and smooth the end down. While the threads are still wet, sprinkle them with glitter.

Let the balloons dry overnight. Pop the balloons and remove the balloons from the thread very carefully. Now hang your lacy bauble on the tree or in a window!

The 37 plays credited to Shakespeare contain 106,007 lines and 814,780 words.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

May the magic of Christmas fill your souls with wonderful things! Our thanks to one and all!

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Christmas

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A Tree To Eat!

Let the kids have fun helping to make this tree cake!

1 can (1 lb., 5 oz.) vanilla frosting: Tint $\frac{1}{2}$ cup frosting yellow; $\frac{3}{4}$ cup red, and $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups green.

2 cups flaked coconut: Tint coconut green.

15 Hostess Twinkies (registered trademark of Continental Baking Company) cakes: Frost 13 cakes green and roll in tinted coconut. Frost 2 cakes red. Place the red cakes horizontally, one on top the other (at the bottom center of a 16 x 19-inch tray) for the tree base.

Stack 2 green cakes perpendicular to the base, then place one green cake on top the existing 2 vertical cakes—this forms the trunk.

Diagonally arrange 5 cakes on either side of the trunk.

Cut a cup cake into a star shape. Frost it yellow and place on top the tree. Place yellow, spice candy sticks at the tip of each star point.

Use different lengths of cherry licorice (1 pkg., 3 oz.) to trim the tree.

Arrange 1 pkg. (8 oz.) of spice drops on branches. Place one peppermint starlite candy (7 oz. pkg.) at the tip of each branch. (Attach decorations with extra frosting.) Peppermint candies and spice sticks decorate the red base.

Christmas In "The Good Ole Days"

Remember the good ole days when kids asked for a bicycle instead of a satellite station?

Carols

Did you know that the world "carol" means "to dance in a ring"? Caroling became popular with the beloved 13th century St. Francis of Assisi. Since most of his villagers could not read, he enacted the Christmas story by arranging a manger scene using real people and animals, and then led the villagers in joyous caroling.

Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Castle Greyskull. And He-Man and Battle Cat and Skeletor and I want Teela and I also want Skeletor's thing that he rides on. And I want Zoar. And I also want a Lullaby Bird for my cousin, Missy.

I also want a Garfield talking thing and a toy clock. Jordan might like a bathtub toy. And a shopping basket with play food. I also want a train (automatic) for me and a new truck for Jordan.

Jordan and I would like a surprise in our stockings. We will be at Granny's house in Tulia.

We will leave something for you, dear Santa, and something for your reindeer. I got to ask you something: I want to know if you have a reindeer named Rudolf.

Love to Santa
From Brandon

Dear Santa,

Bring me a GI Joe Train Set and a bunch more toys. Bring the other kids some toys, too. I love you, Santa.

I'll be at Granny Ziegler's

house. And we will have cookies and Coke out for you.

Love,
Trey

Dear Santa,

My name is Alisha Breedlove. I am eight years old. I would like an Atari and a Pacman Tabletop game And a watch and a Monopoly game.

Love,
Alisha Breedlove

P. S. I will be at Grandma's or Nana's and Grandad's. Don't forget my little brother, Josh! He wants some cars and trucks and a choo-choo.

Christmas & Apple Pie

Someone says that Christmas without the Christmas Story makes as much sense as Apple Pie without apples. For real family togetherness, why not gather the family around and read or tell the Christmas Story during the Christmas holidays and help the children as well as adults plan a special love offering for church, and for someone in a nursing home, etc.—put some "apples" in the "ApplePie"!

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Please bring me a Kangaroo, a Panda Bear and a Koala Bear. (And please, make them alive) Don't be late and don't forget where I live.

Love,
Melissa Woods

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a stereo, an electric car and hot wheels. I hope everyone gets what they want.

Love,
William Malone

Dear Santa,
I will try to leave you some cookies and milk and I want a fast BMX Bike and some clothes to keep myself warm for winter. Santa I am thankful if I only get one thing.

Love,
Frank Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I wish to have nothing but a happy holiday and a happy one to you!

Love,
Justin McFall

Dear Santa,
I want a Go-Cart, BB Gun and a three-Wheeler.

Love,
Stan Gamble

Dear Santa,
I want a tractor, a plow and a pickup.

Love,
Steven Jasper

Dear Santa,
I want a cowboy hat, cowboy boots and a cowboy shirt, please.

Love,
Gilbert Moreno

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll to play with, a TV and more cartridges for my Atari.

Love,
Christi McWaters

Dear Santa,
I would like a Tyco Super Cliffhanger set, a Ranger Walkie-talkie-radio, and a Schwinn Cro-mo-mag with coaster brakes.

Love,
Lance Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Skate Doll for Christmas and I will really appreciate it.

Love,
Letisia Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want a watch, some Fashion-plates and a Thumbalina-Doll.

Love,
Shelly Paschal

Dear Santa,
I want a GI Joe Jet, a Cobra Tank and a four-wheeler.

Love,
Zane Henderson

Dear Santa,
I want a Go-Cart, a motorcycle and a GI Joe Army Tank.

Love,
Russ Baird

Dear Santa,
I want a Remote-controlled Barbie Car, Snowboots, and a Science Kit. Thanks a lot!

Love,
Aimee Francis

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Truck, a Race Track and a Gun.

Love,
Greg Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want a Racing-Bike, a Shotgun and a GI Joe Jet.

Love,
Lance Bradford

Dear Santa, I want a GI Joe Base, a BB Pistol and also a Mangelor.

Love,
Wil T Bomar

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a doll and make it a Strawberry Shortcake Baby.

Love,
Sylvia Jiminez

Dear Santa,
I want some Rollerskates, a Strawberry Shortcake Doll and some Babyskates.

Love,
Cecilia Miranda Costillo

Dear Santa,
I would like a new BB Gun Pistol, a Daisy BB Treasure Chest and 177 Cal. pellets.

Love,
Dusty Martin

Dear Santa,
I want a Boombox, a football and a waterbed.

Love,
Casey Frizzell

Dear Santa,
I want a Motorcycle, a Cliffhanger and a Longnose Truck.

Love,
Lance Holt

Dear Santa,
I would like a Tapeplayer, a pet bird, a pet bear and I hope I can have those things, Santa.

Love,
Billie Ann Abbott

Christmas Tree Test

When you are selecting your special, live Christmas tree, if needles fall off as you tap the tree trunk against the ground, it's too dry.

After finding just the right tree for your family, saw about two inches off the bottom of the trunk, at a slant. Now it will have more surface to absorb water. Place the tree in a water-filled bucket, making sure to check it daily since the house heat easily evaporates water faster than you think.

Enjoy your fragrant, living evergreen this Christmas.

A Child is Born



In the magical and musical spirit of the Christmas season, we'd like to extend our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their business!

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Christmas Treats

Charles Dickens

The tree was brilliantly lighted by a multitude of little tapers, and everywhere sparkled and glittered with bright objects.

There were rosy-cheeked dolls hiding behind the green leaves and there were real watches (with moveable hands at least and an endless capacity of being wound up) dangling from innumerable twigs.

There were French-polished tables, chairs, bedspreads, wardrobes, eight-day clocks and various oth-

er articles of domestic furniture (wonderfully made, in tin, at Wolverhampton) perched among the boughs, as if in preparation for some fairy housekeeping.

There were jolly, broadfaced little men, much more agreeable in appearance than many real men — and no wonder for their heads took off and showed them to be full of sugar plums. There were fiddles and drums, tambourines, books, work boxes, paint boxes, sweetmeat boxes, peepshow boxes and all kinds of boxes.

There were trinkets for the elder girls far brighter than any grown-up gold and jewels. There were

baskets and pincushions in all devices. There were guns, swords, and banners, with witches standing in enchanted rings of pasteboard to tell fortunes.

There were teetotums, humming tops, needle-cases, pen-wipers, smelling bottles, conversation cards, bouquet holders. There was real fruit, made artificially dazzling with gold leaf, imitation apples, pears, and walnuts crammed with surprises. In short, there was everything and more.

This motley collection of odd objects, clustering on the tree like magic fruit, and flashing back the bright looks directed towards it from every side, made a lively realization of

the fancies of childhood, and set me to thinking how all the trees that grow and all the things that come into existence on the earth, have their wild adornments at that well-remembered time, Christmas.

Holiday Traveling Tips

If you check your State's holiday death statistics, you will probably find a great percentage of these involved drivers who had been drinking intoxicating drinks. Why not contribute to this holiday's joy by staying away from the driver's wheel if you choose to drink during the season? Other traveling safety suggestions are:

1. Before leaving on your trip, check the weather conditions of the route you will be traveling.
2. Give yourself plenty of time to reach your destination without the feeling that you must rush.
3. Buckle seat belts and use the child restraint devices.
4. Just in case you run into bad weather or have car trouble, take blankets along, and carry a bag of sand.
5. Report any drunk drivers—it's for their sake as well as yours.

6. Be on your honor guard, abiding by all traffic laws. After all—it's YOUR life! Happy holidays!

Christmas Tokens

Make a special token for friends instead of Christmas cards. Cut a felt circle into fourths, then roll each fourth into a cone shape. Glue, staple, or stitch the edges together. Attach a handle. Glue on Christmas trim. Fill with nuts or candy for a merry Christmas greeting!

Commercial Christmases?

Talk about Christmas getting commercial! Just yesterday, an announcer said: "Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring—they had a Mix-Master!"

Merry Christmas To All Cats!

French Canadians believe if a cat meows in the house on Christmas Eve it means bad luck. How do they keep their cats from meowing? It's simple—feed them especially well on December 24!



May the magic and merriment that is Christmas brighten your days and lighten your hearts with joy. To all our good customers and special friends, many thanks!

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Lighthouse Electric Cooperative



May the
merriment
brighten your
your hearts
to all our good
and special friends
many thanks
JERRY'S MATT SHOP

Merry Christmas

There is no more significant time than now for all of us to count our blessings, to be thankful that hope springs eternally from the Christmas message and in the great example of the life and death of Christ.

Because God gave to the world His Only Son, there is for all men the promise of a greater and better tomorrow.

This is the season of peace. Christmas brings pause, never an end to the many ills, the many weaknesses of a human world. It will bring a total peace only when all men accept the Spirit of Christ and make Christmas a year-long observance.

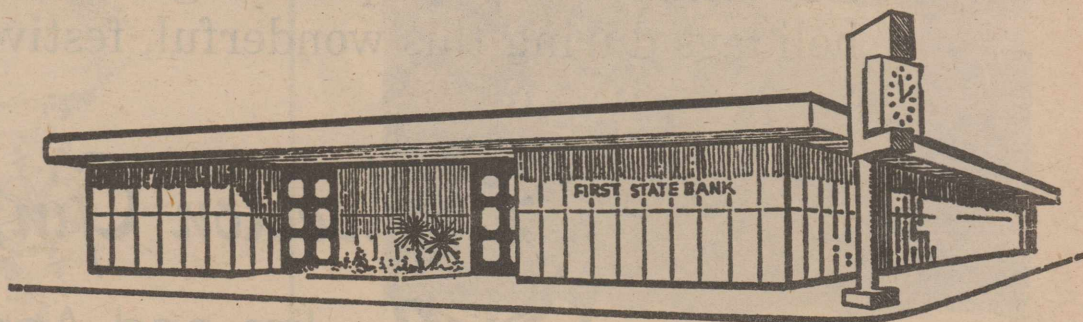
For Christians, it is a time of true faith. Each in his own way can renew strength and courage in the quiet stillness of a church, in the darkness of a solitary room, in the hustle and bustle of the crowd. Let us reach out for the hope and joy that symbolizes the Christmas Spirit. There is no better time to find the peace and faith that can be ours because Christ lived and died for all mankind.

*Jack Stange
David Lipton
Steve Jarnagj*

*Betty McPherson
Madeline Stone
Ada Clay*

*Patricia McQuincy
Lura Brown
Ruby Brannon*

First State Bank



WWII vet helps ex-POWs deal with post-combat stress

TEMPLE—A young soldier left for dead in the snow during World War II is today helping older veterans—especially ex-POWs—deal with the same kinds of post-combat stress suffered by their nephews and sons after Korea and Vietnam. Dr. Merrill Lipton is reluc-

tant to dwell on his own combat experience, but he feels it gives him a bond with the veterans he talks to.

"They know I understand what they went through," says Lipton, an associate professor of psychiatry with Texas A&M University's College of Medicine and a staff psychiatrist with Olin E. Teague Veterans Center, one of two Temple facilities where Texas A&M medical students receive

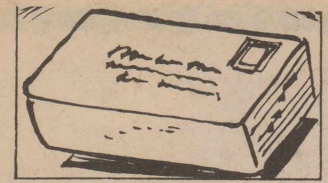
training.

Some World War II veterans and former prisoners of war have just recently begun to have serious symptoms, Lipton explained.

"Many of the vets returning from World War II and Korea grew up in a time when nerve problems were regarded as abnormal, as evidence of defects in character. You were a weakling if you had fear or nerve

problems," he explained. Modern psychiatry has done much over the past five years to document these problems as bonafide disorders, however.

"My own interest in this problem is natural since I was a young combat soldier in World War II," said Lipton. During the days following the Battle of the Bulge, he was so severely wounded by shrapnel that he was left for dead and lay in the snow for two days.



The Bank of Vernal, Utah, is the only bank that has been built with bricks that were sent through the mail. It cost less to have them sent through the mail than shipped commercially.

Joyous Noel



We would like to wish all of our wonderful patrons a joyful Christmas holiday. 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.



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Jim and Anne Davidson

Choosing Child's Birthdate Was Happy Augury

The earliest source regarding the exact date of the birth of Jesus:

The Christian era was calculated by the monk Dionysius Exiguus in the 6th century after Christ. He placed Jesus' birth on Dec. 25 in the year 753 of Rome, and decided 754 should be the first year of the Christian era. However, Biblical scholars find his calculations in error and place the birth of Jesus at 4 B.C. or earlier.

In AD 274, the emperor Aurelian chose December 25 because it is just after the winter solstice, or the shortest day of the year, and light once more starts to strengthen and gradually flood more of the world for longer periods each day.

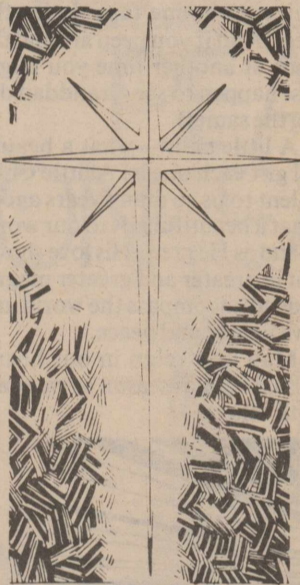
proper to move in and take over an accepted occasion.

What's more, no one knew the actual birthdate of Jesus, since neither Scripture nor any contemporary legend gave any precise information on it.

At some point before AD 336 the church at Rome accepted December 25 as the day for commemorating His birth, and so it has been ever since, although because of a difference in calendars, the Eastern church celebration and that of Western churches rarely coincide.

In ancient Persia, December 25th was celebrated as the birthdate of the sun god, Mithras, who was believed to emerge from a rock three days after the winter solstice. A star seen by shepherds and Magi foretold his birth.

"If a man could have half his wishes he would double his troubles." Ben Franklin



Besides, that date already was a great holiday for the pagan Romans, and Christian leaders thought it

Christmas Blessings

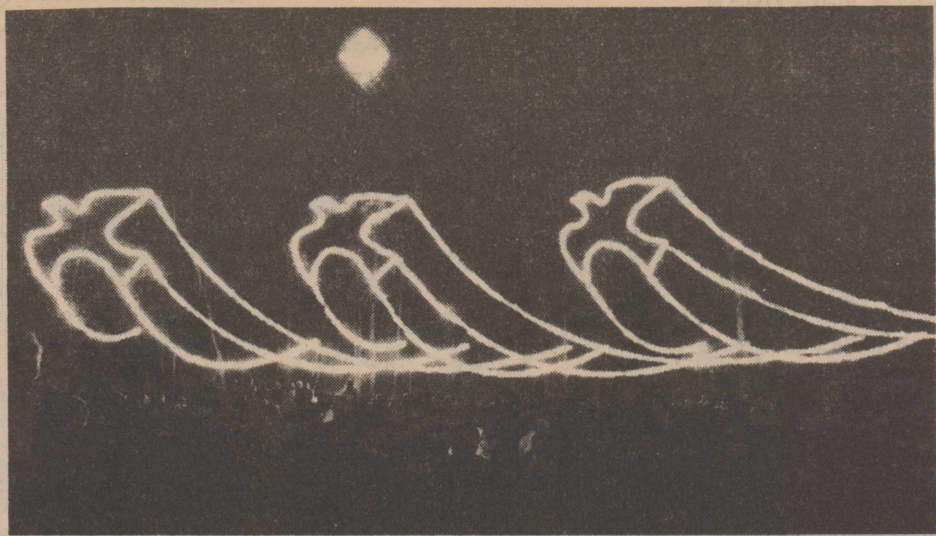
Wishing you and yours the best Christmas ever!

Clarice Douglas

Joyous Noel

May the blessed shepherd lead you through the darkness to the light of His love.

Lindsey Insurance Agency
GLEN AND LILLIAN LINDSEY



THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS . . . An 80-by-300-foot "Doves of Peace" lighted sculpture was a gift this year from the developers of The Woodlands to its 18,000 residents. The "Doves of Peace" contains three doves, each with 30-foot wingspans, 2,146 lights, 1,500 feet of gold garlands, and a 20-foot, decorated live tree at its base. Edward P. Lee, president of The Woodlands Corporation, had the display constructed based on a similar design he saw in Hong Kong. The Woodlands is a new city under development 27 miles north of downtown Houston by The Woodlands Corporation, a division of Mitchell Energy & Development Corp. of The Woodlands.

NOEL

A time for cheer and excitement . . . as we convey warmest thanks to our loyal friends.

Fleming Well Service
LEO AND PEGGY FLEMING

Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a speak & math, a speak & spell, a US1 truck set, a superman, 3 cartridges for my 2600 Atari, Fisher Price Alpha Star, Operation game, Castle Grayskull, a Tri-Klops man and a Trap Jaw man and a Faker Man, Play-do firetruck set, zoid, Laugh and Spit gicle lady.

Love,
Jefferey Mike Mercer

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you Santa Claus.
Signed
Jeffrey Mercer

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year and I would like you to bring me He Man and Castle Grayskull and a toy gas pump just like daddy's. My sister Katy has been pretty good too. She wants a baby doll and a buggy to

push her in. Please try and come to our house one day early because we won't be home Christmas morning. I will leave you some crackers and milk on the table.

Love,
Will Hester

Dear Santa,
How are all of the deer doing? My name is Leland and I am four years old. I have a little sister and her name is Kenda. We are really good kids most of the time.

Would you please bring me an open wagon and a tent with a floor in it. Kenda would like to have a kitchen and a baby bed with a baby in it.

Merry Christmas,
Leland Wood
P. S. Tell Rudolph to come back and spend the night with me again.

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you, Santa Claus, and I like your toys, and I like your big sack, and I like your grandmother, and I like my toys. Dear Santa Claus, I can know that I'm big and I can know that I'm small, and I like toys very much. I want some tough riders and He-man stuff. Lisa wants baby toys and a thing you squeeze and a light comes on. I want a doctor kit.

I love you, Santa,
Miles Comer
(Age 3)

Dear Santa,
Has it been cold? I want a green Manglo, Walkie Talkies, Canonblaster and a motorecycle.

Cy Comer
P. S. Come eat

Dear Santa,
We welcome you back to another Christmas. We hope you have a good Christmas this year we hope you like the pizza. It might be cold so you can heat it

in the micro waveoven.
Here is what I would like for Christmas. I would like a telescope. I would like the GI Joe collection. I would like 2 sleek walkie talkie. I would like a shed. I hope it isn't to much for you next year.

Colby Self
(Age 7)

Dear Santa,
I hope you have had a very good year. For Christmas I would like a baby doll and a Strawberry Shortcake tape recorder. I have been a very good girl. My brother Colby has been a good boy too. Thank you for the toys that you brought me last year.

Love,
Kaylee
(Age 4)

Dear Santa,
My name is LaToya Baker. I am 6 years old, in the 1st grade. I want a Baby Skate Doll and a Bike for Christmas.

Love,
LaToya Baker
Box 238
Silverton, Texas 79257

Dear Santa Claus,
You haven't met Laura. I enjoyed talking to you at the Courthouse; I almost fell off your leg. Please bring Laura a kitchen. I already asked you for a tape player. I'll leave you some cookies when I go to sleep and some hot chocolate, too, to drink. I want a real organ for adults with a switch and knobs, a teny tiny one. It needs a red light so I'll know when it's completely on. Please. Leave me a note that says, "You're welcome."

Thank you,
Marshall McCammon

Dear Santa
My name is Kristi. I'm five years old. I would like a Strawberry Shortcake watch, a Cabbage Patch Kid (or one that looks kinda like it) and a Strawberry Shortcake bike (without training wheels) I love you Santa and Merry Christmas!

Kristi Smith
P. S. I'll leave some milk and cookies for you.

Hi Santa,
I would like a Garfield stuffed animal, a 10-speed bike, a jogging suit, some basket ball shoes and anything else you would like to bring me.

Merry Christmas.
Jeff Smith

Christmas Love

At this season of the year it's especially fun to see what little kids do. Watch the reflections of twinkling Christmas lights in little kid's shining eyes. See their chubby, dimpled hands lightly touching a strand of shining tinsel, and as they barely get old enough to read, watch them scro-tinize the name tags under the tree. (And if you peep around the door at another time you might just happen to see Granddad doing the same!)

A little child—what a beautiful gift each one is! A little Child—lent to us so many years ago—what a beautiful gift to our world—and as He grew, His love shown out in greater and greater magnitude to encompass the world and give us love and peace.

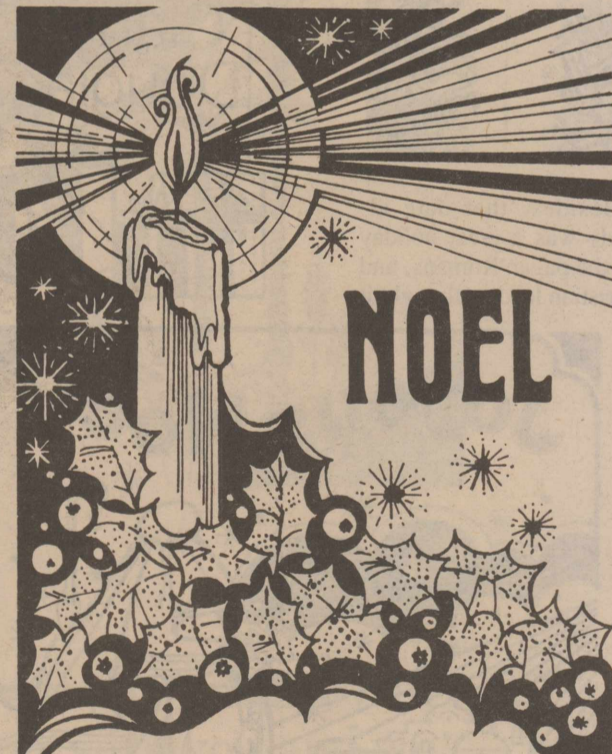
May love reign in our hearts this Christmas season as we share with others!



It is our wish for you that your homes be filled with the warmth of the season and your hearts be filled with joy. Sincere thanks for your support.

Merry Christmas

SILVERTON CABLE TV



Wishing you a bright and happy holiday season and a beautiful new year. We've enjoyed serving you.

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Christmas Memories

We all have our own particularly meaningful memories of Christmases past and it's those memories that remind us of the love and joy that is truly the spirit of the season.

For some, Christmas memories are of the entire family gathering together. This is always especially meaningful to parents whose children have scattered throughout the land and have "come home" for the holidays.

Perhaps helping others less fortunate provides outstanding memories for some. Inviting a lonely elderly person to join in your Christmas dinner or donating carefully-selected foods and gifts to your favorite charity organization makes one feel very much in tune with the holiday theme. Often, our most poignant memories come from such expressions of selflessness.

For others, special Christmas memories go farther back in time — to younger days when simple hopes and dreams prevailed. The memory of the first time you earned the money yourself for Mom's gift comes to mind. You might still recall the feeling of anticipation and pride as she opened "your" gift. Of course, her response couldn't have been better — she was thrilled!

Music is always a special part of Christmas and the voices of carolers take on a more potent significance when heard through the halls of hospitals and convalescent homes. Spreading cheer to those who will not be able to go home for Christmas is indeed a heartwarming memory for those who've participated in this thoughtful act.

A child's excitement at Christmas is especially delightful and memorable. Who can resist getting caught up in Santa Claus, candy-filled stockings, midnight toy assemblings and the wide-eyed expectancy of kids being trotted off to bed on Christmas Eve.

Many of us claim our fondest memories when recalling Christmases spent with children and we all agree that nothing quite matches the pleasure of sharing Christmas with the youngsters.

In perfect harmony with the season, our most cherished memories are certainly those of love.

May your Christmas be Merry



Brightly wrapped gifts, sprigs of mistletoe, silvery tinsel, snow-covered forests... these are all traditional holiday sights of the season that we've come to know and love.

This year, we'd like to wish all our friends a joyous Noel, along with our warmest appreciation for your kindness.

BRISCOE COUNTY OFFICIALS

J. W. Lyon, Jr., Attorney
 Dick Roehr, Sheriff
 Bess McWilliams, Clerk
 Fred Mercer, Judge

Mildred Reid, Treasurer
 Josephine Anderson, Surveyor
 Fairy McWilliams, Tax Collector
 James Edwards, Justice of the Peace

Shafe Weaver, Commissioner
 Beryl Long, Commissioner
 Bryant Eddleman, Commissioner

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the Briscoe County News

DECEMBER 19, 1968—Owls, Owlettes win second place trophies in tournament . . . Special Christmas service planned at First Baptist Church . . . Linda Scott was second runner-up in Mr. Executive Sweetheart contest . . . Mr. and Mrs. Don Cornett entertain the Young Adult Class with dinner and "42" party . . . DeLynn Fitzgerald, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Fitzgerald, has been a

patient in the Plainview hospital . . . Mrs. Wayne Stephens, Mrs. Louis Grabbe honored with baby showers at Baptist Young Women's luncheon . . . "Dear Santa, I want a Baby Small Talk and a billfold. I have been a good girl. Love you, Scotti Fleming" . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rampley are parents of a son . . .

DECEMBER 18, 1958—Last rites held for Mrs. Edith Clyde Weaver, 73 . . . Lynn McDonald and Sandra Mercer, Briscoe County 4-H Gold Star winners, honored at banquet in Lubbock . . . H. E. Fowler is able to be out of

the hospital following surgery . . . Dr. W. A. Sedgwick undergoes surgery in Amarillo . . . Rev. Bob Beck, Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Elrod and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tennon attended a District 9 Baptist Church Association meeting in Littlefield Friday . . . Mrs. Kenneth Bean, Mrs. Philip Smitherman and Mrs. J. K. Bean were in Lubbock Monday . . .

DECEMBER 17, 1953—Guinn Fitzgerald honored by Lions Club as Boy of the Month . . . Betty Nan Tomlin honored as Girl of the Month . . . Thieves take cash from J. F. Bingham's

Magnolia Station and Joe Brooks' Conoco Station . . . Coonhunters gather at Ladder Tank, 15 miles east of Silverton . . . Robert and Raymond McJimsey buy Texaco Station from W. Hamilton . . . Silverton's fourth, fifth and sixth graders defeated the Three Way School of Maple in the TV Quizdown and won a Motorola Radio for the school, individual gold medals, red, white and blue mechanical pencils. On the team were Joyce Thomas, Dale Francis, Marsha Monroe, Barbara Fisch, Barbara Ferguson. Ted Hancock, Jane Brooks, Doris Estes and Frankie Hunt were alternates . . . Lewis Gilkeyson has a copy of an 1898 Silverton paper, "The Stayer" . . . Owlettes, Owls win first, second in Matador Tournament . . . "Dear Santa Claus, I want a football and a truck and steam shovel. A wagon that has side boards. I want a four motor plane and slinky. Your old friend, Guy Breedlove" . . .

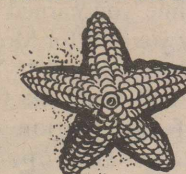
DECEMBER 18, 1941—Coleene Bomar, Herman Robinson marry . . . Definition: A bustle is a deceitful seatful . . . A. L. Durham, jr. turned his car over on the way to Memphis during the rainy weather. No one was injured . . . Gordon Fore and W. A. Simmons left Thursday to join the Army . . . Little Ann Brown is on the sick list this week . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "Latest thing in barber shop advertising—Japanese Shaved Free (big letters). Not responsible for accidents (small letters—real small letters) . . . Slogans of the war: Rap the Japs, Let's Set the Rising Sun, To Heil with Hitler" . . . "Dear Santa, Please bring me a new piling cabinet so I can put more papers on pile. Bertie Douglas" . . .

DECEMBER 15, 1938—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Merrell were surprised Sunday by a group of friends and relatives who gathered to help them celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary . . . Miss Madean Houston and J. L. Stroud marry . . . Miss Catherine Cline weds Cecil Boggs . . . Mrs. Lela Minyard dies

. . . "Dear Santa Claus, I wish you would bring me a little piano, a Shirley Temple doll, a set of dishes, a doctor and nurse kit and bring some fruit and candy. Your little friend, Hazel Chitty" . . . A. J. Rowell selected for all district first team, Hank Brown makes all district second team . . . Joe McWaters left last week for Abilene where he has found work . . . Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Shelton are parents of a daughter . . .

JANUARY 9, 1930—S. J. Bailey named foreman of the grand jury . . . Manley Wood runs for tax assessor . . . Quitaque Lions will put on a play here . . . Paul Reid, Ashel McDaniel and Homer Vaughn spent Sunday afternoon with Coy Chappell . . . S. T. Wynn home damaged by fire . . . J. N. Pitts has a new Ford tudor coach . . . A PTA was organized in the Francis community, with Mrs. W. W. Martin elected president and Mrs. A. J. Rowell as secretary-treasurer . . . Mrs. Jeff Gunter elected president of Floral Club . . . Joyful gathering held in J. Lee Francis home Christmas . . . Mrs. Clifford Allard honors Mrs. Audra Price, the former Miss Audra Turner, with a shower . . . Mark Morris is suffering with rheumatism . . . Important mid-winter event held by Mrs. Frank P. Bain and Mrs. T. R. Whiteside . . . Regular school attendance urged . . . Castleberry Dry Goods was advertising new spring dresses for \$1.95 . . .

"Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account." Oscar Wilde



Spangled Star

Cover a styrofoam star with large, sparkling gold or silver sequins. Pin the sequins in place with glass beaded pins for more sparkle.

Too Many Toys?

Though it may be hard to keep from buying the kids every new toy on the market at Christmas-time, it seems that children enjoy the giving of a few toys at various times during the year. This gives them more time to thoroughly explore a new toy and learn from it. Too many toys all at once are overwhelming to a child's mind. So, if you're really tempted but don't want to splurge too much on Christmas gifts, why not buy them and save some to give in a few weeks when the newness of Christmas toys wears off? Or think of some children who might not have many toys for Christmas and watch their joy as they receive your unexpected gifts.

Sentimental Christmas Card

Approaching the Christmas card counter, the young man asked, "Have you anything sentimental?" "Oh, here's one," the ready-for-the-occasion salesgirl replied. "To the only girl I ever loved!" "Great! I'll take three—no—five of those, please!"



We extend our warmest wishes for the Christmas season and the coming year. May He fill your heart with joy:

WE WILL CLOSE EARLY ON CHRISTMAS EVE, AND WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL JANUARY 2

THE COFFEE SHOP

BUD AND GLENDA COUCH



Wishing you beautiful Winter moments filled with whatever brings you happiness! Thanks to all for being so kind throughout the year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Silverton Well Service

Follow The Star

Everyone is familiar with the story of the Magi who brought gifts to the Infant Jesus, but we actually know very little about them.

Although they were not given names in the Gospel narrative of St. Matthew, today we know them as Melchior and Balthazar, the older kings, and Gaspar, the young king.

According to St. Matthew, they were "wise men" who sought Jesus by following a star:

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

"Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

"...they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."



Christmas Is A Feeling

Christmas doesn't depend on whether the tree is real or artificial, nor does it depend on the gifts we send or the gifts we receive. Christmas is something that happens maybe at the church's Christmas play, or maybe when the carolers sing. Christmas may happen outside under the twinkling stars. Christmas comes when we really think about the special gift of Christ's love and give Him, and others, our love in return.



It's the little traditions of the Christmas season that make it so special. The sights, the sounds, fun and festivities... all fill the air with a spirit of warmth as we open our hearts and homes with gladness. What better time than the holidays to thank all of you who have been so kind and thoughtful to us throughout the year? It's been our sincere pleasure to serve you.

*Happy Holidays
To All*

HARRIS GIN

RILEY, SANDY, SHELLY AND SCOTTY HARRIS

Big Crop Should Lower Pecan Prices

AUSTIN--Every fall state government workers leave their office buildings eyes down, searching the ground for pecans that have fallen from trees still standing in the granite and asphalt Capitol complex. During a good season a man or woman with 20-20 vision can locate a dozen of the brown, hard-shelled nuts simply by standing under a pecan tree and staring intently at the grass around it. With a sack and a little time to spare, he or she can pick up enough nuts for a pecan pie.

Their ritual is repeated every October-December all over the 151 counties in Texas where native pecan trees grow. Families who don't have a few trees of their own, scour river bottoms and public parks for the rich-tasting nuts that will be eaten straight from the shell or as an ingredient in a multitude of recipes, many going back generations.

Texas would not be Texas without pecans. Native to the state, the tree may date to prehistoric times. At one time its nuts provided food to

tribes of Indians living here or passing through, and later to settlers moving in from other parts of the country and the world.

By 1860 pecans were being exported commercially from Galveston. The sheer numbers of trees, however, caused many early citizens to take them for granted. They began cutting the tall, slender trees to make way for cotton, using the wood for farm implements and wagon parts. By 1904, according to *The Handbook of Texas*, "trees had been cut to such an extent

that laws to prevent their complete destruction were considered."

Fortunately, the commercial value of pecans was recognized, and the trees were left alone. Today around 600,000 acres can be found, about half growing untended and unharvested. Of the other half, around 200,000 acres are native trees; about 100,000 are improved varieties. Together they have accounted for an average of \$26 million in cash receipts every year for the past four.

This year 65 million pounds

have been projected for harvest, but the crop may actually be larger. One grower-sheller predicted a 90-million-pound harvest, if the demand is big enough to accommodate that many nuts. If it isn't, more than 20 million pounds on the managed acreage alone will go to waste. "One of the saddest stories for Texas is the number of pecans left on the ground each year," said Norman Winter, executive director of the Texas Pecan Growers Association.

The abundance of pecans in Texas and a 300-million-pound crop nationally are expected to push prices downward this season. Kenneth Pape of Pape's Pecan House, Seguin, anticipates seeing U.S. No. 1 grade retail pecans selling as low as \$1.20-\$1.50 in the shell as the season progresses.

Eighty percent of the Texas crop, including most of the native varieties, is sold to shellers. Improved pecans are the type usually sold in-shell in grocery stores. They are larger and more attractive than natives with thinner shells and a higher ratio of kernel to shell, qualities that make them popular with consumers. Natives, on the other hand, have a higher oil content and, many say, a better flavor. It's all a matter of preference.

The pecan is a versatile nut with virtually no end to its culinary uses. It can be used in stuffings, salads, sauces, vegetable casseroles, baked goods and many other sweets. To demonstrate the pecan's many uses, Texas Department of Agriculture home economists have devised a holiday menu that includes pecans in every course.

ROAST TURKEY WITH PECAN STUFFING

- 1 (10-12 lb.) turkey
- 1/2 C. butter
- 1/2 C. chopped onion
- 1 C. chopped pecans
- 1/4 C. chopped parsley
- 1 C. chopped celery with leaves
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. poultry seasoning
- 8 C. soft bread crumbs
- 1 C. stock or water
- 2 beaten eggs
- Seasoned salt
- Pepper
- Butter or margarine

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Melt butter in 9-inch skillet. Add onion, cooking until soft. Add pecans, parsley, celery, salt, pepper and poultry seasoning. Mix well. Add bread crumbs and mix. Remove from heat. Add stock or water and eggs. Toss lightly. Rub turkey with seasoned salt, pepper and butter. Stuff neck and body cavities lightly with dressing. Truss body opening with skewers and heavy cotton cord. Tie legs together to tail or tuck them under band of skin at tail. Place bird on rack of shallow roasting pan. Bake 25 minutes per pound or until meat thermometer registers 180-185 degrees. Serves 6-8.

The universal birthday for any horse born in any given year is January 1.

Christmas Blessings



May
this joyous
NOEL bring
you the precious
gifts in life
...from spiritual
CONTENTMENT TO
PEACE EVERLASTING!

RHODE PIPE COMPANY