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The year of 1961 will soon be history. For many people, the end of December means the conclusion of another tax year and that tax obligations must soon be met, points out C. H. Bates, extension farm management specialist.

Before tackling the tax reporting job, Bates suggests that farmers and ranchmen get a copy of the Internal Revenue Service's 1962 edition of the Farmer's Tax Guide. It is available without cost from the local extension office. The guide is written in easy-to-read style and includes examples of problems worked out on the applicable tax forms.

As for the dates, January 15 is the deadline for farmers and ranchmen to file their 1961 tax estimate. If the estimate is filed, the final date for filing of the 1040 form is extended to April 15. If no estimate is filed, February 15 then becomes the deadline for making the final tax report. These deadlines apply to taxpayers who derived two-third or more of their 1961 gross income from farming or ranching.

Another important consideration is the reporting of hired labor and the social security tax on wages paid. Either of two tests determine whether or not a farmer must pay the social security tax on wages. If the worker was paid \$150 or more during the calendar year or if the worker was paid wages (on hourly or day basis) for 20 days or more during the year, the 3 percent social security tax should have been deducted from the cash wages.

Form 943 is used for reporting farm wages. The farmer-employer must show the wages paid and give the account number of individual workers. The withheld tax plus an equal amount from the employer along with the reporting form must be filed on or before January 31 or a month after the close of the year. Because every phase of the farm and ranch business can be affected by taxes, Bates emphasized the need for a study of the Tax guide.

Winter is a good time to rid your farm of a thief, according to our extension range specialists. This thief is the worthless vegetation growing along the fence rows, which robs cash crops of valuable moisture.

During a wet year, the damage is not too great, but during a dry year, yields can be greatly reduced in a 50 to 100 foot band around it should be left alone.

On the other hand, if this brush is furnishing good habitat for quail it should be left alone.

The easiest way to get rid of the fence row thieves is to treat the area with chemicals. Winter is a good time because it is a slack season for labor, you can do a good job of treatment, and good kills can be obtained with no danger to susceptible crops. It is important to apply the herbicides thoroughly, and a followup treatment the next winter is usually necessary to keep the brush under control.

A herbicide that can be used is 2, 4, 5-T. The 2, 4, 5-T should be mixed with diesel oil, and the mixture applied liberally to the lower 12 inches of the tree trunk.

Anyone using 2, 4, 5-T should be careful to follow the directions on the label of the container. This label will give recommendations for mixing and dates of application.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
 I am 7 years old and I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good little girl all year. I have a little brother and he has been good, too. He would like to have a tricycle, wagon and some little cars. Please bring me a Do It Yourself Dolly, a Facination Game, a little Red Spinnig Wheel and fussy house shoes.  
 Thank you, Kaye Hardy.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
 I wish you would give my mother a watch and my 8 sisters a little doll each. I don't want anything for Christmas.  
 Your friend, Margaret Ramirez.

**Dear Santa:**  
 I would very much like a pair of guns or a rifle, please.  
 Your friend, Joe Luis Diaz.

**Information Given On Closing Co. Supt. Office**

The article below was published in the Advance Nov. 16, but due to request is being printed again in regard to the election called for December 30 in regard to abolishing the office of County Superintendent.

"Facts below are given relative to the transferring of the County Superintendent's office to the office of County Judge.

The following statements are being made because of the requests of people who want information about the cost of the county superintendent's office and what would happen if the office should be closed. The information is not being given for the purpose of influencing anyone for or against closing the office.

The salaries of the county superintendent, his assistant, and all other assistants are all paid by the State and no part of them is paid by the county.

In the event that the office is transferred to the office of the county judge none of the money now being paid for salaries will be divided among or given to any of the schools of the county as all of them are state-aid schools. Some of it will remain in Austin for distribution elsewhere, and the remainder will be sent to this county for the operation of the office through the county judge.

The law provides that the county judge will receive \$2600.00 per year as salary and \$1050.00 for Travel; the law also provides that an assistant will receive \$2600.00 annually, that \$360.00 will be used for the county board meetings, \$6.00 being paid to each of the five members for each meeting attended, then 1c per scholastic enrolled in the January census shall be paid, the year 1961-62 being \$19.03 for the 1903 pupils in Fisher County.

The above items for the county judge's office total \$6629.03 per year if the office is transferred to that office.

The total budget for the county superintendent's office for last year was \$15,800.00. The amount spent was \$13,744.05.

Subtract the county judge's budget of \$6629.03 from the county superintendent's budget of \$15,800.00 and the difference is \$9,171.00, which amount will remain in the state office, with the \$6629.03 coming to county judge's office.

Also the law provides for continuing the county board in office to continue in control as heretofore.

The statement as to who pays the salaries in the county superintendent's office can be verified by the county officials who pay county salaries. That and all the other statements can be verified in the office of the Texas Education Agency, telephone Greenwood 6-9181, Austin."  
 Respectfully yours, C. J. Dalton.

**Dear Santa:**  
 I want a great Blue and Gray battle set and special agent detective set and Civil War calvary outfit.  
 Stop and see all the boys and girls please.  
 Merry Christmas, Gary Powell.

**Dear Santa:**  
 I want a BB gun. I know you are working hard. I hope you have a happy Christmas and I hope you have a lot of toys to give to the children.  
 Your friend, Reni Martniez.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
 I would like a doll for Christmas. Don't forget my mother, daddy, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins and my teacher. Don't forget the other boys and girls.  
 Your truly, Mara Beth Hammit.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
 We have been good boys and would like a Blue & Gray set and Alamo set. Don't forget our little sister Kristi. She has never had a Christmas before and sure needs a doll. (A small one because she is only 8 months old.) Please leave part of our gifts at Sister and Early Hodo's house. We'll be there Sunday. Thank you very much.  
 Love, Ken and Kelly Perryman, Gruver, Texas.

**Christmas Edition Mailed Early**

This Christmas Edition of the Advance marks another calendar year. No paper will be published Thursday, the next one to be January 4, 1962. The shop will also be closed next week and open January 1st.

We appreciate the cooperation of merchants on this Christmas issue, in making it possible to get in the mail Saturday.

**County Well Over On Saving Bonds Sales**

Fisher County was reported to be 135.2 percent over the years quota of \$80,000 of U. S. Savings Bonds at December 1st. November sales were \$8,281 and December sales are expected to push total to over 150 percent over quota.

Lance Davis is county bond sales chairman.

**Kindergarten Class Entertains Parents**

Mrs. Funk's Kindergarten class entertained their families with a Christmas program Thursday morning, Dec. 21.

After the program, gifts were exchanged from a Christmas tree which the children had decorated. Mothers served cookies and punch to the group.

Other Kindergarten activity this month included a kindergarten "demonstration". Mothers were guests and observed the group while they went through a routine morning of activity.

Members of the class are Suzanna Hunsaker, Roxie Cleveland, Catharine Weems, Kelley Sue Tidwell, Alan Weathersbee, Scot McKinney, Keith Allan, Robert Callan and Donnie Sheffield.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
 I want a Bible, a basketball and goal. I would like to have a watch and football suit.  
 Your friend, Larry Don Singler.

**Dear Santa:**  
 I want a doll, dishes and suit.  
 Your friend, Irma Ranzee.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
 I want a Barbie Doll, jewelry box, log cabin, sewing machine and Can Can.  
 Your friend, Debbie Harrison.

**Dear Santa:**  
 I would like to have a Barbie doll and a doll case, a Shirley Temple doll and some dishes with a cabinet. Please remember my brother CleDon. He wants a big wagon.  
 Love, Peggy Hoffman.

**Dear Santa:**  
 Would you bring my mother and daddy a gift and my sister and brother a gift too. They would like it. And I know they will like it. I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.  
 Your friend, Rhonda Hammit.

**Dear Santa:**  
 Don't forget my neighbors and my mother and father and my cousins and myself also. Wishing everyone a merry Christmas to all of the Santas and goodbye to all of you.  
 Your true love, Patricia Alls.

**Dear Santa:**  
 Please bring me a BB gun or a football. Thank you.  
 Your friend, Richard Yanez.

**Dear Santa:**  
 My name is Susan Cade and I would like to tell you of my Christmas wishes. Please bring me a Baby Dollikin doll and a doll bugie. Thank you Santa. Please remember Terri and Mike and God bless you.  
 Love, Susan.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
 We are twins and we are 5 years old. For Christmas we want a 'Tiny ears' doll and a cannon that shoots balls, our sister Jodie wants a erbie doll and our brother Larry wants a '22' gun. We have all been pretty good kids.  
 Lots of love, Clay and Cindy Helms.

**Former Resident Dies At Temple Hospital**

Floyd D. Latimer, 72, former resident of Rotan died at 8 a. m. Tuesday at Veterans Hospital in Temple.

Services were held at 10 a. m. Thursday from Weathersbee Chapel with Rev. Huron Polnac, officiating.

Burial was in Belview cemetery beside the grave of his wife who died here in 1926. Weathersbee Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Latimer was born March 17, 1889 in Paris, Texas. He moved to Fisher County shortly after World War I and lived here until about 1931.

Survivors include one daughter Mrs. L. C. Goldberg of Waco; one brother, Emory of Huntington Park Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Lola Harris of Dallas and two grandchildren.

**DPS Predicts Heavy Holiday Death Toll**

Colonel Homer Garrison, Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, estimated today that 173 persons will meet violent death during the long Christmas-New Year holiday season--with traffic crashes taking the lives of eighty-eight other accidents forty-five, and suicides and homicides, forty. Operation Death Watch" will be in effect from 12:01 a. m. Saturday December 23, through 11:59 p. m. Monday, January 1.

B. J. Butler, Sergeant of the Sweetwater Highway Patrol Sub-district, said, "Another purpose of the program is to launch a stringent enforcement program to remove the relatively few dangerous and illegal drives from the highways".

Sergeant Butler advises that the strength of Highway Patrol services will be augmented by personnel of the License and Weight and Motor Vehicle Inspection services. Last year in Fisher County during the Christmas-New Year holiday period there were 4 total accidents, 1 personal injuries and 3 property amages.

"It is our hope," said Sergeant Butler, "that with the help of the motoring public this accident experience can be substantially reduced."

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
 I want a lie detector machine, transistor radio and a telescope. Santa, I hope you are well.  
 Love, Don Rollins.

**Dear Santa:**  
 I wish you a merry Christmas. I hope you have a good Christmas. I wish you to bring me some Christmas. I want a BB gun and a gun and a bicycle. Have a happy New Year.  
 Tony Soliz.

**Dear Santa:**  
 I want a telescope and a watch. Don't forget to bring my sisters something too and mother and daddy. Thank you for the presents last year.  
 Your friend, Roger Ott.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
 I want the children to have some toys for Christmas and I want to have some toys if there are any more left, if there are some left I would like an apple for my teacher and a BB gun for myself.  
 Sincerely yours, Bobby Edwards.

**Dear Santa:**  
 I am nine years old. For Christmas I would like to have a doll. She is twenty-five inches tall and has long hair. She is wearing a little shirt with a rose on it. Her pedal pushers are black and she has black sandals.  
 Your friend, Maxine Phillips.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
 Could I have a bicycle because I like to ride like you ride the sled and go and play in the snow.  
 Your friend, Abel Mora.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
 I am 8 years old. I am in the second grade. I want a bicycle and a baby doll for Christmas.  
 Your friend, Cyathia Kiker.

**Gins To Close Christmas Day**

Managers of the four local gins met Friday morning and agreed to close operation of the gins at 6 a. m. Monday until Tuesday 7 a. m.

This will give employees Christmas Day with their families and a much needed rest. All gins are several days behind at press time and with weather holding, this condition will exist for some time.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
 I would like to have a transistor radio, a .22 and an electric football game. And don't forget my daddy he would like to have a new pickup, Ford, long bed.  
 Your friend, Bret Clements.

**Dear Santa:**  
 I wish I could say to you to please bring me a piano and a record because I like to pla it and for my mother a big bed and for my father a big car and for my brother a baby doll and for my brother a basketball and for my big sister a record and the baby a monkey toy and that all Santa. Goodbye.  
 Your friend, Elidia Garcia.

**Dear Santa:**  
 I want a doll and dog.  
 Your friend, Virginia Garcia.

**Dear Santa:**  
 I'm writing you this letter to tell you that I want a 26 inch bicycle for Christmas. Thank you.  
 Your friend, Fernando Sandoval.



**For the Father himself loved you.—(John 16:27).**  
 God's love keeps us from all harm; it directs us into paths of safe conduct; it releases us from strained, tense conditions; it leads us to follow after peace and order.

**All But Grocers To Be Closed Tuesday**

Most of Rotan except grocery stores will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 26, in order to give employees a longer holiday.

Grocers announce they will be open because of crop gathering being in full swing and customers needing supplies.

The town will be open on New Year's Day.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
 I want a tractor and a gun holster and a rifle and I guess that is all.  
 Thank you Santa, Frankie Jones.

**Dear Santa:**  
 Will you send me a BB gun and an airplane. That's all I want for myself.  
 Your friend, Lino Yanez.

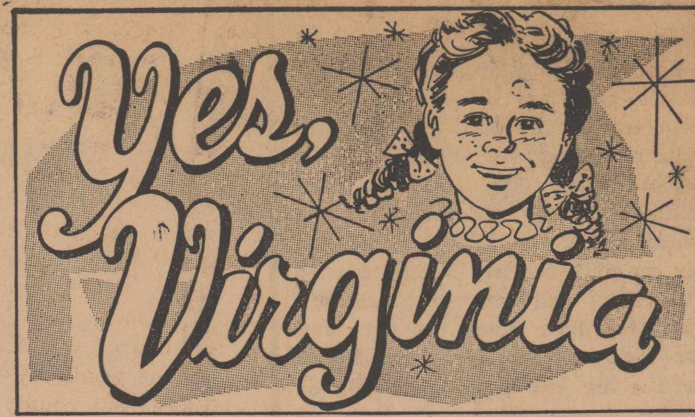
**Dear Santa Claus:**  
 I have been a good boy. I am in the second grade. I would like a belt that has a hatchet, a knife, a canteen and a compass.  
 Thank you, your friend, Mike Hicks.

**Dear Santa:**  
 I want a coffee set and a doll with two party dresses. I have been a good girl.  
 Your friend, Lois Griffith.

**Dear Santa:**  
 My name is Pete and I would like an electric train and please don't forget my brothers and my mother and father and I have been a good boy and my brother has too, and please bring my little brother a tricycle.  
 With love, Pete Garcia, P. O. Box 48

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
 I would like a toy car.  
 Your friend, Sammy Rodriguez.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
 I want a walking doll and a scooter for Christmas. I would like a blackboard, also.  
 Your friend, Louetta Floyd, second grade.



What is perhaps the nation's most reprinted editorial was written in the year 1897, in response to a school girl's simple question about the validity of the Santa Claus legend. Virginia O'Hanlon, then eight years old, sent this question to the editor of the New York Sun: "Dear Editor: Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in the Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

The answer to this question, penned by an editorial writer named Francis Pharcellus Church has become an American classic. Here it is, in full:

"Dear Editor—Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus . . ."

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 little 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 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 all the chimneys on Christmas Eve 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 tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, 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 all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else more 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."





## Greetings

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## Christmas

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Dear Santa:

I am writing you to let you know what I want for Christmas. I would like a two wheel bicycle. I would also like some candy, that will be enough for me. Thanks Santa.  
Billy Guzman.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want for Christmas a baby doll and socks for the doll and a color book of you to color. Well I think thats ell. Goodbye,  
Rosa C.

Dear Santa Claus:

My name is Frank. I am 7 years old. I would like to have a bicycle for Christmas and a football.  
With love, Frank Garcia.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am just writing you this letter to tell you that I want a basketball and a new dress and also a slip. Thank you,  
Your friend, Rosalva Sandoval.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good girl this year. Will you bring me a table and chairs and dishes.  
Your friend, Kathy.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a play snowcone machine and a Barbie Doll. Please don't forget the other boys and girls. I have been a good girl.  
Your friend, Janie.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doctor kit and a BB gun.  
Your friend, Paul Carrillo Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want Baby Dear please. New school villiage. Please petio accessory set please. Lamb Chop that can talk, please.  
Your friend, Rita Kersh.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a pretty good boy. I want a football suit, a big fire truck some boots and some guns.  
Your friend, Ruple Weems.

Dear Santa:

I would like for Christmas a blue coat and kagon, a red one. And I would like some candy. See you at Christmas.  
Your friend, Keith Matthies.  
P. S. Don't forget to come.

May peace

be your gift at

# Christmas

and your treasure in the

coming year



## R.L. Young Insurance

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 7 years old and I have a little sister 3 years old. Would you please bring me a Barbie Doll. We would like a record player together. My little sister wants a doll that has clothes. We are trying to be good little girls and mother and daddy thinks we have been. Please don't forget the other boys and girls.

Thank you, Patti and Peggy Upshaw.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a record player and some records and a little mixer and house shoes and cooking set.  
Roxie Cleveland.

Dear Santa:

I have been a good boy and my bother has been good too. I would like a BB gun, football and a watch. Don't forget my little brother.  
Your friend, Obie Gene Kelley.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a baseball pitch-back and a track game for Christmas. I have been a good boy most of the year. Please be good to Bruce, Kim and all the other boys and girls. I will be at my uncle Chin's in San Marcos on Christmas Eve.

Your friend, Hank Martin.

Dear Santa:

I am Sawia Campos and I have 7 sisters and 3 brothers and all I wish for Christmas is that I will have something for my mother and father, cause they are the most wonderful father and mother in the whole world. I don't wish nothing for me but for my sisters I wish little dolls and for my brothers I wish they have some toy cars and for the most wonderful teacher I want a big red apple or a box of sandy. I wish God will hear all of us on this Christmas Eve and God bless all of our homes.  
Sowia Campos.

Dear Santa:

I am nine years old, I have been a good girl. Will you please bring me a piano and a pair of house shoes and some fruit and nuts. Don't forget all other children.  
Yours very truly, Mary Sue Campbell, Box 958.

Dear Santa Claus:

Christmas again! I am sure you have been very busy. Would you please bring me a watch and baking set. Be sure to visit the other girls and boys. Will see you Christmas.

Love, Jeanne Aldridge.

Dear Santa Claus:

From a girl in the third grade. I wish it was already Christmas. What I want for Christmas is anything you have. Our teacher read us about Christmas. I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Florinda Vega.

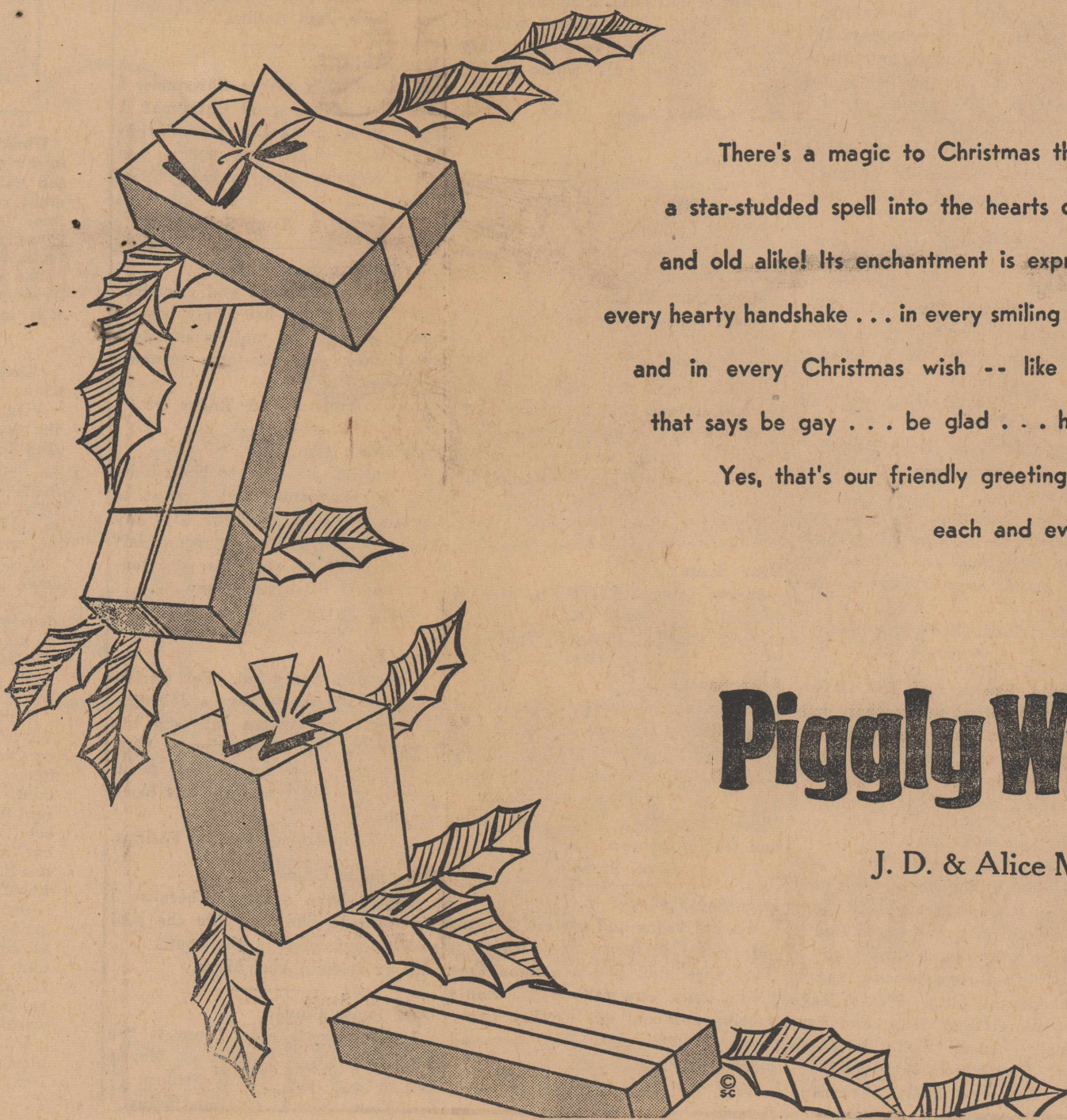
Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a pellet gun and a record player. Thank you very much.

Your friend, Ronnie Martin.

Dear Santa:

I would like a Barbie or a Mitzi with a wardrobe. I would also like a pair of house shoes and some clothes. I would like a pleated skirt. I am 8 years old. Don't forget the other boys and girls.  
I love you, Phonda Gail Coan.



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Dear Santa:

My brother would like a bike and a guitar. And I would like a bow and arrow set. And my mother would like a new carpet, my father would like a tractor. And please don't forget all the other children and mother and fathers in all parts of the world.

Love, Eugene McKimmey.

Dear Santa Claus:

I've been a good girl. I'm eight years old. What I want for Christmas is a bicycle, a big teddy bear and doll.

Your friend, China Velez.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am nine years old and in the third grade. I want a camera and that is all. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Your friend, Debbie Stewart.

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like to have an electric train and an electric football game. Don't forget about the other boys and girls.

Your friend, Steve

Dear Santa Claus:

Here I am writing this letter because I want one package of marbles and I wish God send me cheer and happiness and I wish a very Happy Christmas and good New Year for everyone.

Love, Carlos Mendez.  
Hope Carrillo.

I hope you will give everyone something, but I wish for nothing.

I would like a bicycle please. And get me a football please, and don't forget my five brothers and one sister. My sister would like a doll. Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Danny Davis.

Dear Santa:

I am 11 years old and I have been very good to my parents. I would like for you to bring me a wrist watch and for my little sister some toys and a doll. Her name is Teresa. She is 18 months old and I love her very much. So please don't forget her. Thank you I will be waiting for you.

Mary Helen Saucedo.

Dear Santa:

I'd like a doll for Christmas. But Santa don't forget my sisters. I wish my sister had a little doll. I have 5 brothers and 3 sisters. I'd like a truck for my brothers. My other brother he'd like a truck. I wish I had a bicycle for my brother. My other brother would like a bicycle too. My other sister would like a doll too.

Your friend, Rebecca Turnbow.  
I want a bicycle for Christmas. Please send a tricycle for my little brother.

Love, Thomas.

Dear Santa:

I would have a bike and a talking doll and a watch. And for my little sisters I would like three teddy bears and three dolls. And for my mommy I would like a set of dishes.

Your friend, Mary Elizabeth.

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a watch and a New Born Baby Doll. Please bring my brother and sisters what they want.

Merry Christmas, Sheretta Trout

Dear Santa:

I have a sister and we want a little doll and Santa we want some dishes too, but don't forget all other little children.

Love from your friends, Janic & sister.

Dear Santa:

I want a bicycle, doll for Christmas and bring my mother something to and bring my daddy something and my brother and all other boys and girls.

Love, Angelica Barrera.

Dear Santa:

I don't really care if I get anything or not, but I do want you to remember all the children and for my mother 20 big kisses and for my daddy love.

Love, Kathy Murphree.

Dear Santa Claus:

My sister Connie want a doll. My sister Carolyn wants a top dog. My sister Silvia wants a dress. My sister Maryann wants a play house. And I want a talking doll.

Your friend, Teresa Ramirez.

Merry Christmas



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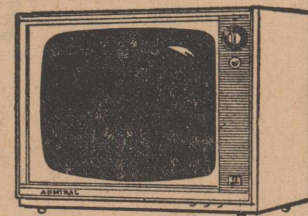
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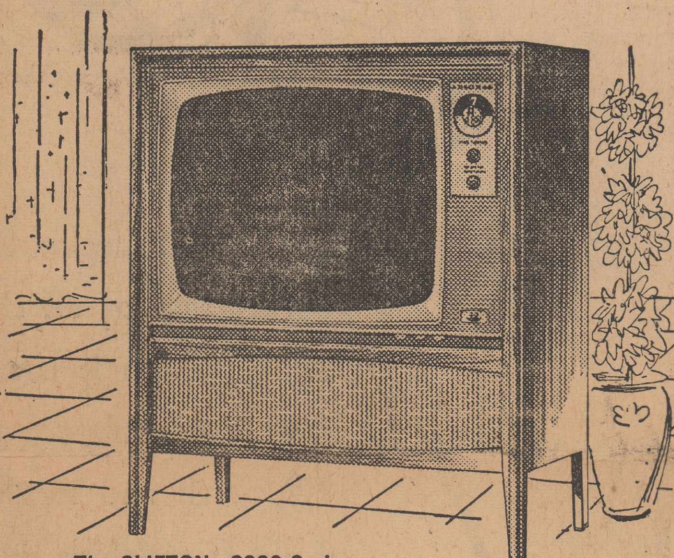
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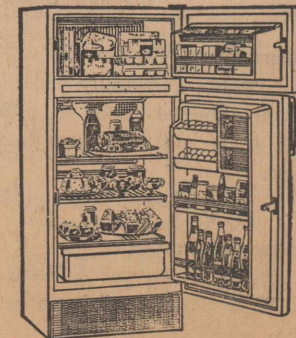
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9 cu. ft. net capacity! Full-width glide-out shelves as in expensive models! Full-width freezer chest, adjustable "Freez-Mart" drawer. New magnetic door seal. 2 "pantry door" shelves. Porcelain crisper. 2 egg trays, 2 ice cube trays. Defroster indicator. Thinwall fiberglass insulation. 56 1/2" h., 24" w., 28 1/2" d.



ADMIRAL  
11. Cu. Ft.  
DELUXE REFRIGERATOR  
Model CR312

Full-width glide-out shelves! Full-width freezer chest. Adjustable drawer. Defrost indicator. 2 "pantry door" shelves. Butter bin. Full-width crisper. 2 egg trays, 2 ice cube trays. New magnetic door seal. Thinwall fiberglass insulation. 5 colors. 61 1/2" h., 28" w., 28 1/2" d.



ADMIRAL  
UPRIGHT FREEZER  
Model VF414

13.5 cu. ft. net capacity, 473 lb. frozen food storage. 4 shelves (1 glide-out), 5 "pantry door" shelves. Circulating cold air design. Built-in door lock, magnetic door seal. Thinwall fiberglass insulation. Wide range freezing control. 4 levelers. Built-in design.

# GARLAND FURNITURE



# GIN CLOSING NOTICE

## WE WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

### Will Close 6 a. m. Monday until 7 a. m. Tuesday

FARMERS GIN CO.  
ROTAN GIN CO.  
FOSTER MILLER GIN CO.  
WESTSIDE GIN CO.

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

MATT. 21:22



Merry  
Christmas

### To Our Customers & Friends

At this special time of year, we express to you our DEEP APPRECIATION

for the privilege of serving folks like you.  
MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE JOYFUL, AND 1962 A YEAR FULL OF HAPPINESS, PEACE AND PROSPERITY!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Sincerely,

**LOTIEF DRY GOODS CO.**

Rotan, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a pellet gun and some matches and a blow torch.  
Thank you, Marsh Hill III.

Dear Santa:

I am a boy 7 years old. I would like to have a big cannon, a billiard and belt.  
Terry Morgan.

Dear Santa:

I want a wedding doll and a basket and I love you very much. Thank you. I will do my best to be good.  
Debbra Starnesd.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a cowboy suit, a wagon, a blackboard and a rifle. I am six years old and have been a good boy.  
Love, Michael Foster.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a Pogo stick and a New Master. I have been a good boy most of the time.  
Your friend, Bruce Martin.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll bed, a Thumelung doll, a Kissing doll and a two wheel bicycle. I have been a nice girl.  
Love, Peggie.

Dear Santa:

I want a tool belt with a lot of tools and a tractor with wide wheels and a plow.  
Dexter Elrod.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a football suit and a rifle.  
Jimmy Sparks.

Dear Santa:

I have been a good boy. Will you please bring me a football suit, and don't forget my sister and all other children.  
Yours truly, Guy Ray Campbell.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am nine years old. Please bring me a concentration game and some bath oils. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Don't forget the other children.  
Your friend, Laura Crow.

To Each of you at this glad time of the year.

Merry  
Christmas

Postoffice Personnel

Hattie Belle Howard  
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barron  
Mr. and Mrs. Louie Hayes  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Byerly  
Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Smith  
Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Warren



To Everyone

The Yuletide Season offers a magnificent opportunity for us to express our heartfelt appreciation of all the fine things that have been ours to enjoy during the past year, chief among which is the splendid patronage that you have given us. Your consideration has made it possible for this firm to have a successful year from the standpoint of material gain, of growth and service, of acquisition of new and valued associations and of maintenance of old friendships. It will be our purpose to merit continued good will in the years to come.

Thank You...

We are not without grateful humility when thinking of the splendid patronage that has been ours, and we wish to thank each of you for what ever part you may have had in making possible the progress of this firm.



**CAMPBELL DEPARTMENT STORE**





**What Is CHRISTMAS?**

Christmas is made up of only wonderful things, happy children...laughter...love...joy...companionship...songs...kindness...all the acts and deeds that bring good will toward all men. These wonderful Christmas time thoughts we send your way this day...all the thoughts that bring joy to your home and peace to your heart. Yes, we wish you the merriest Christmas ever.

**Cotton Storage Co.**

Dear Santa:  
I am a good girl. Santa will you bring me a ball and a doll and some dishes.  
Thank you, Nora Ramirez.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a pony tail doll with lots of clothes, some pixies and a game of Concentration.  
Thank you, Marsha Tennyson.

Dear Santa:  
I wonder where you are. But I want for Christmas little play guns and a cowboy hat, I think that is all.  
Thank you, Leonel Castillo.

Dear Santa:  
I would like to have a football uniform for Christmas because I love to play football very much, I would also like a BB gun. I think this is all I want for Christmas.  
Thank you, Johnny Perales.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I wish you would bring me an over-night case and a doll.  
Truly yours, Cindy Eaton.

Dear Santa:  
I would like to have a BB gun. I would like to have more but I know that the boys and girls also want something.  
Sincerely yours, Paul L. Martinez, Grade 4.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I hope you are fine, I am fine too. I want a volley ball and a bicycle and a doll.  
Your best friend, Irma Perz.

Dear Santa:  
I want a guitar for Christmas.  
Your friend, Gary Don Clawson.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I would like a watch and a typewriter and a little doll.  
P. S. And please don't forget all the other little children in the world.

Dear Santa:  
I want you to come to my house, Modesto Yanez house and bring me a big bicycle and a store doll and dishes and table and a pail and a play TV and a play house, little train, chair, bed, shoes, dress raincoat and rain boots.  
Yours truly, Rita Yanez.

Dear Santa:  
I have tried to be a good boy this year so you would come see me Christmas.  
I want a transistor radio and a shotgun and an archery set. Don't forget the other boys and girls. I will see you Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a wagon to play with. I want a watchband for my watch. I hope I've been a good boy. Please bring all children toys Santa Claus. Sincerely your, Larry Floyd. Grade 4.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me an electric train, a punch me Popeye and a game. Remember the other boys and girls.  
I love you, David Markham.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a football suit and a football, also a cannon and some candy and nuts. I am a little boy six years old.  
William Cleveland, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I think I have been good so I am asking for a Deddy Doll that drinks and moves its head, arms, legs, cries and I hope I get the doll.  
Thank you, Santa, Donna Jowers.

Dear Santa:  
I want something for Christmas. I like a big beautiful doll that can walk and that I can kiss her good-night when I go to sleep. Good-bye Santa.  
from Odelia.  
P. See you soon on Christmas Day.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a doll, a pair of skates, set of dishes, table and chairs, doll bed and a record player if it doesn't cost too much.  
I love you, Sharron Kay.

Dear Santa:  
I'm a girl 9 years old. I've been pretty good the past year. I would like a Monopoly set and a Game States game. I would like a few books, also. I'm hanging up my stocking. Be sure to put some candy in it.  
Merry Christmas to you!  
Your friend, Jeanie Tidwell.  
P. S. Don't forget my little sister, Kelley.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl six years old. I have been very good. Please bring me a doll with clothes, a baton and a set of blue and white dishes. I also need a air of house shoes. Please bring me the same for my little sister too, and remember the other little boys and girls.  
Carol Posey.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me a Walking Doll and a stoller, doll crib and to every little girl in town.  
Thank you, Maria Alcorta.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am six years old. I have tried to be good. I wish you would bring me a gun, football suit and football. Remember all the other children.  
Love, Jack Price.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a bicycle and a basketball.  
David Le Bleu.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a bicycle and an electric train and a BB gun for my big brother and some toys for my sisters.  
Alex.

Dear Santa:  
I have been a pretty good girl. I would like a doll house, a doll, suit case, doll bed and nurse kit. I will see you soon.  
Love, Kay Hawkins.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a bicycle and a doll and Sandra wants a tricycle and a doll, too.  
Love, Sharon and Sandra.

Dear Santa:  
I am 7 years old. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a Mitzi doll, doll clothes and house shoes. Don't forget all the other little children.  
I love you, Karen Sue Coan.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am 5 years old. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a Mitzi doll, doll clothes and house shoes. Don't forget all the other little children.  
I love you, Teresa Ann Coan.

*Management and Employees say*

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

As we look back over the year just past we fully realize the factors that have combined to make possible such an enjoyable year. We can think of any number of instances where your friendship and your influence has been of tremendous benefit to this institution and it is with this thought in our hearts that we stop for a moment at this happy Yuletide to wish you all the joys of the season. We hope that your every Christmas wish will be granted, that this will be a most happy occasion for you and yours.



*to the friends and customers of this firm*

**WESTSIDE GIN CO.**



*Merry Christmas*

**Rotan Seed Delinting Co.**



**GANN'S CAFE**  
Edna and Oran Gann



Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a spinning wheel a bike and a ghost doll that talks, gloves and a new robe. Bring all of the other children toys.

Love, Loylene Lawlis, age 6.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a bicycle, a doll and a doll house. I have been good.

I love you, Cyd McClure.

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a pretty doll for Christmas. Bring a doll for Cindy too, and something for David. We have been pretty good kids.

Love, Terry Posey.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a blue and gray set and a basketball. For my mother I want a coffeemaker. For dad I want a good dog. Thank you.

Your friend, Norvelle Kennedy Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like a bicycle and a Robot Commando. I also want a blue and gray set and a rifle. Please don't forget the other boys and girls.

Thank you, your friend, Randy Smith.

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like to have a rifle, electric train and a kool-aid maker. I have been a good boy this year. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

Your friend, Stuart Nowlin.

Dear Santa:

I would like a doll for Christmas and anything else you would like to bring me. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Be sure to remember Ken Kelly Kristi.

Your friend, Merri Hammit.

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like every so much to have a dog for Christmas Day. I have never had a dog before. Please bring me a dog to play with. That is all I would like to have now.

Your friend, Ofelia Velez.

P. S. See you Christmas Day.

Dear Santa:

I have been good sometimes. I would like some records, skates and a French Poodle. Please remember other children.

Your friend, Luanne Womack.

I am a little boy seven years old and in the second grade. I would like for you to bring me a service station, a chemistry lab, a pair of boots and some candy and nuts.

Your friend, Frankie Lee Klepper.

I would like to have a football shirt and a little car that I can ride in.

Your friend, Kent Cave.

I have been a good boy some of the time and I would like you to bring me a papzaball target game, race-a-car speedway game, satellite jumping shoes, holster-belt, tool set, garden mark farm set, robot commando.

Your friend, Craig Rowland.

I want a Barbie doll and Barbie case with clothes. Bring me a Village game and anything else you would like to. Remember my friends also.

Your friend, Reba Carter.

Dear Santa:

I want a big dog, a train and a teddy bear for me.

Your very good friend, Carlona Velez.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a bike, a spinning wheel and a girl Ghost that talks.

Thank you, Doylene Lawlis.

Dear Santa Claus:

Here I'm writing this few lines just to say hello and hoping you can fill my order of presents for Christmas.

I want for Christmas a bicycle and machine gun.

Your truly, Rickey Montez.

I want a doll and a buggy for Christmas.

I love you, Vencille.

Dear Santa:

I want boots, trick ball, electric airplane and book.

Frank, 409

Please bring me a Pollyanna doll and don't forget my brother, sister mother and father. I want to ask you something, can raindeer fly? I have always wanted to know how you go all the way around the world in one night. Do you know something, I love you. Well I guess that is all.

Love, Linda Jones.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll, a "dress up" set. Also please bring my two brothers and my sister the things they want. Merry Christmas.

Love, Patsy Stanford.

Dear Santa Claus:

My name is Hilda and I am 7 years old and I am a very good girl with my mother. I do what ever she tells me to do. And I would like for you to bring me for Christmas a stereo for me and my little sister and P. S. don't forget my cousins, Joe, Ray and Sammy. Bring them some toys. Thank you very, very much Santa.

Always, Hilda Saucedo.

Dear Santa:

I want a bicycle and don't forget about the other children. Please give Mrs. Edwards a happy Christmas with her family.

Love, Morris Womack.

Dear Santa:

I want a little red spinning wheel.

Lynn Young.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a twirling suit and watch and that is all.

Nancy Young.

Dear Santa Claus:

May I have a bicycle with training wheels? That is all I want. Thank you.

Love, Regina.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please send me a doll, baby buggy and a cash register, and bring my brother and all the other little kids the things they want.

Love, Marsha Aldridge.

Dear Santa:

Please get me a bicycle. That is all I want. Do not forget the other children.

Love, Ken Smith.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll and skates. Will you please bring them to me? I love you.

Wanda, 811 Tyler Ave.

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like a doll for Christmas, with some dresses and a bed for her to sleep in. And some hats for the doll and a dress for me and a pair of shoes.

Your friend, Alice Quantanilla.

Merry Christmas

It is a sincere pleasure to remember our friends at Christmas with a few words of greetings and good wishes. We are hoping your Christmas will be a happy, successful occasion, long to be remembered.

and best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season

First National Bank

Greeting you with

every good wish for a happy holiday



May the peace and happiness of the Yuletide be yours today.

Rockwell Bros. & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hurst

Alvin Seaton and Drew Hawkins

and a Merry Christmas to You, too!

Hughes Furniture

Bud Hughes

Greetings

The Best CHRISTMAS Ever!

May you accept our best wishes for a glorious Christmas Season

Thank You

FOSTER MILLER GIN



Dear Santa Claus:

I want a new born baby doll for Christmas. I hope I get it. I am 11 years old. I don't want anything else because I like a doll so much.  
Your friend, Frankie Kerns.

Dear Santa:

I think I have been pretty good girl this year. If you have enough toys I'd like a doll, a scrap book and maybe some games. Please try and see that all of the other boys and girls get some too.  
Your friend, Cathy Allen.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a Pogo stick, a stock car game, a chemistry set, an electric football set, a telescope and a microscope.  
Your friend, Randy Rodgers.

Dear Santa:

I want a gun, a train, football, truck, BB gun, baseball set and racer.  
Your friend, Michael Roy Atchley

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll for Christmas. Although I am too big, I also want a Betsy McCall pretty pac and a toy box to put things in.  
Your friend, Nancy Paske.

Dear Santa:

I am writing you this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a BB gun and a watch for Christmas so will you send it to box 657 in San Juan, Texas.  
Your friend, Juan Sandoval.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a watch, a doll, and a bicycle for Christmas.  
Love, Nola Messick.

Dear Santa:

I want you to bring me a basketball, a football and a baseball. Well that is all I want this year for Christmas.  
Your friend, Johnny Almanza.

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like to have a new dress, and a new pair of shoes. Some toys, I would like to have, a dish set and a tea set. I hope you will bring me what I want.  
Your friend, Florence.

Dear Santa:

I have been a good girl. I want a jewelry, books for Christmas. I am 10 years old.  
Love to all, Margaret Wicker.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a toy dog and a bicycle. And I hope you will bring it.  
Your friend, Gail Perry, Jayton.

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a watch for Christmas. I would like to have a bicycle and a doll and dresses for it.  
Your friend, Jo Mize.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 9 years old. I guess I have been pretty good. I would like to have a record player and some records.  
Your friend, Kathy Cave.

Dear Santa:

I want for Christmas a bicycle, and a record player. That is all I want.  
Your friend, Rosaria Montez.

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you bring me a bicycle and a record player and a doll and some dishes and a watch for me and candy, peanuts and a nurse set and a typewriter set.  
Your friend, Lydia Yanez.

Dear Santa:

I wish I had a football and some candy for us and a baseball for my brother and some nuts for Christmas.  
Your friend, Adolfo Medrano.

Dear Santa Claus:

This is what I want for Christmas. I want a doll, a set of dishes and a bicycle. I hope I will get all of these things.  
Your friend, Ester Rodriguez.

Dear Santa:

I would like to have Astro Base for Christmas. I have seen one and I like them. They are fun to play with and watch too. I hope all of the other boys and girls get what they want and a merry Christmas to you.  
Your friend, Douglas Upshaw.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a train and a gun and don't forget other boys and girls.  
Love, Rickey Gruben.

I wish you could bring me a bicycle for Christmas. I've always wanted a bicycle but my wish has never come true. I wish I would get one this Christmas.  
Maria Tarango.

Dear Santa:

Would you give me a detective set for Christmas or the rest of my Cub Scout suit? For Dale I would like a tractor for Christmas and for mother some earrings and daddy a years supply of spark plugs. For the birds a year supply of seeds and Pepe a ball.  
Sincerely yours, Butch Roa.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have tried to be a good girl, so please bring me a sewing machine and a Bible.  
Yours truly, Shelia Cashen.

Dear Santa Claus:

I wish you would bring me an overnightcase for Christmas and I have a nephew this year, please don't forget him and my niece.  
Sincerely yours, Debby Loving.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the second grade. I would like for you to bring me a small girls bike and I would like for you to bring me a watch and a Ken and Barbie doll with some clothes and a bag to carry their clothes in. Remeber my friends also.  
Your friend, Donna Gruben.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am just writing this few words to say hello Santa Claus. Will you bring me a Bickly and a doll, please.  
Socollo Ortiz.

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a doll, dishes and a wagon, two dresses, shoes, candy, nuts and fruit.  
Your friend, Hazel Mendoza.

Dear Santa:

I wish I had a big doll for Christmas and a piano and a dress for my mother and for my daddy I wish to have a car and for my little sisters bring some baby dolls and please bring something for my big sister and my brother, too.  
Love, your friend, Zeniada Carrillo.  
I am eight years old. Will you please bring me a talking doll and don't forget the other boys and girls.  
Your friend, Trudy Clements.

Dear Santa:

For Christmas I want a bicycle and a gun, a pair of boots play gear. I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.  
Your friend, Henry.

I would like a watch and a play par. I would like something very nice for mother and father and I am 10 years old.  
P. S. And please do not forget all the other people in the world.

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a hat and I would like to have some guns.  
Luther Davis.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a BB gun and five boxes of BBs and an army tank and airplane that really flies.  
P. S. Hot cocoa will be on our table.  
Merry Christmas Ross Trout.

Dear Santa:

Bring me a corkgun with caps. And a pair of guns, gloves, hats, billfold and an army tank. Most of all I want a tool set.  
Your friend, Ricky.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl six years old. I have tried to be a good girl. I go to Mrs. Funks Kindergartin. For Christmas I would like a new doll and some clothes for her. I would like anything else you have for me. Don't forget my brother, Morrow and Perry Hunsaker.  
Love, Suzanna Hunsaker.

I would like a bicycle for Christmas and remember my mother and father and Denna. Bring all my friends what they deserve and what they would like. Remember my teacher and her family with a big Christmas. I thank you and I have tried to be a good boy.  
Love Travis.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a little red spinning wheel and I also wish that all the other children would get what they want and would like for everybody to know what Christmas really means. I think it means to be happy and also means to be thankful for what we have. I would like for my mother and dady to have a present and I would like my bother and sister to have a present too, and I hope you are happy.  
Yours Mary Elizabeth.

May you be blessed  
with Peace  
and Contentment on  
Christmas Day



Scales Motor Co.

# UNDER YOUR TREE on Christmas Morn



Again it's the Holiday Season and as we approach this wonderful occasion we are mindful of the many pleasant associations and experiences that have come our way during the twelve months just closing. The friendships resulting from these associations mean much to us and we hope to merit the confidences and loyalty which they have brought. We're sincerely grateful for your splendid support and we are aware of our obligation to offer the finest service to you. May the Christmas be overflowing with goodness and happiness for you and those dear to you.

# H. L. Davis & Co.

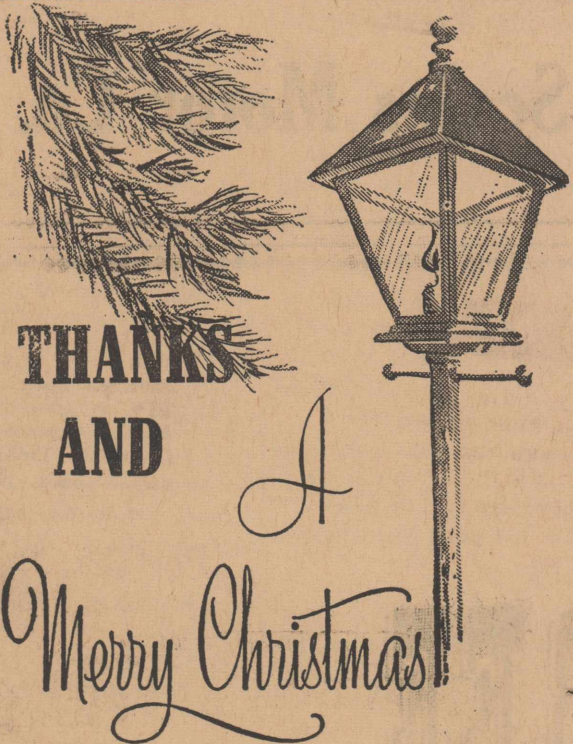


It is our sincere wish that this will be a season of great joy for you and yours. You have been wonderful to us in the past and we welcome the opportunity of expressing our thanks to you at Christmas.



MAY you have a  
Wonderful Christmas

Smith Cyphers



THANKS  
AND  
I  
Merry Christmas!

MORROW DRUG  
Justin and Jesse



Best wishes  
for Christmas  
McClains Coin-O-Matic  
J. A. and Faye

Merry Christmas

To wish you  
all the  
truest joys  
of Christmas



Young's Food Market

Dear Santa:

I want for Christmas a doll and whatever you want to give me, Santa. I am asking you to please come to my house. It is on 7th street in the last house on the west side. Santa, I hope you can bring my sister some candy and toys for my brothers and little sisters. That is all I am asking for. I hope that is not too much.

Your friend, Mollie Ortega.

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a rifle and a wrench set and a two gun holster set. That is all. My address is 503 McArthur.

Ronnie Hudson.

Dear Santa:

I want a trian, a BB pistol, a bicycle, a football suit, a football and a basketball.

Your friend, Joe Rushing.

Dear Santa:

I want a record player and an Alamo set like the one I saw in a book. I want some cookies, some pecans, apples, oranges, nuts and candy.

Your friend, Gary Rackley.  
P. S. Don't forget the other children.

Dear Santa:

I am a good boy. I want a bicycle and I want a football and I want a BB gun.

Your friend, Santos Flores.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good girl. Will you please get me a Barbie Doll, a baby bed and a girl bird car.

Your friend, Pat Allen.

Dear Santa:

I want a bicycle and thats all I want for Christmas.

Mickey Lee O'Briant.

Dear Santa Claus:

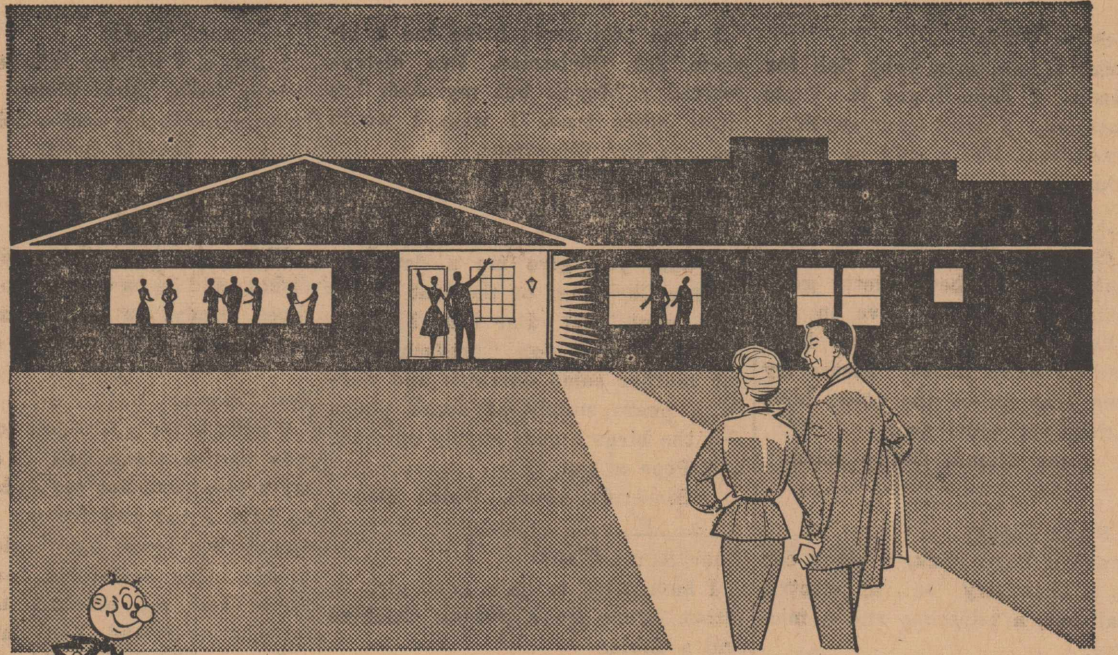
I want a black shaggy toy dog. I want a baton and come cups and dishes and some candy. I want some new clothe.

Linda Irwin.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good little girl this year. I have a brother ten years old. Could you bring me a talking doll. I would like a blue buggy and a doll house.

Your friend, Fairy Graham.



The Best Welcome is Found  
in a Medallion Home



Good hosts mean good times — provided the house is a good host, too.

A Medallion home will provide all your hosting needs, at times when the needs are greatest!

Plenty of light for living at this New Year Party! No flickering lights, no circuit-breakers tripping too often. And in the kitchen, a safe, flameless electric range that helped so much in getting everything ready on time.

This is a Medallion Home. Next time, it can be yours. When looking for your next home, look for the Medallion displayed outside. Then you, too, can live better — electrically.

Live Better Electrically...

IN A MEDALLION HOME

The home that's built to Medallion standards makes living better three ways — with flameless electric appliances, adequate lighting everywhere and "Full Housepower" wiring. The minimum electrical requirements for a Live Better Electrically Medallion Home are specified by the West Texas Utilities Company. It's your blue-print for better living, so always look for the Medallion sign.

West Texas Utilities  
Company

an investor  
owned company

Merry

Christmas

We want to send our sincere...

THANK YOU

... your way.

At this Joyous Season, we find ourselves thinking of old friends... those who have meant so much to us through the years... and those who have become our friends since Christmastide last passed this way.



EVERY GOOD WISH FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Rotan Gin Co.



May  
Christmas  
bring you joys  
and blessings

Thank you for the fine consideration you've given us in the past year. You've been most thoughtful.



Edwards Impliment Co.

Holiday  
Greetings

MAY  
YOUR CHRISTMAS  
BE FILLED WITH  
COUNTLESS BLESSINGS



The Lord Bless Thee...

Bill's Texaco Station

May the blessings  
of the season  
be yours

And may all the days that  
God has still in store for  
you be filled with every  
Joy and Happiness.



Merry Christmas

Sheriff & Mrs. A.E. Rollans

SEASON'S  
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George, Ray, Nelson & Peggy

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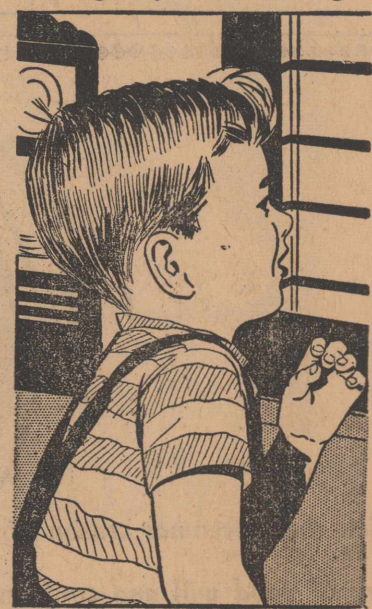


By Shirley Sargent

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

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

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



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

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

Carol and I had planned eagerly

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

"Don't you know we live in a apartment?" he had asked.

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

#### Preparations

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

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

"I wanta 'dog more'n anything an' I can't have it."

"Can't have it," I repeated stupidly, holding his warm, sob-wracked body in my arms. "Why not?"

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

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

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

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

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

#### Anger Strikes

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

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

"When are we gonna move?"

Children needed a time. He would be three in May. "Before your birthday," I promised, "now go to sleep, son."

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

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

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

us.



the glow of an  
old fashioned Christmas

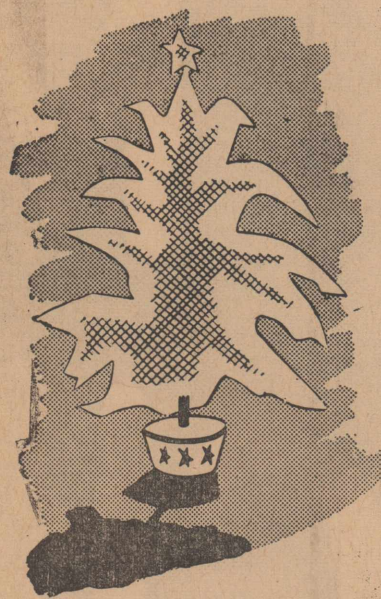
The scene is set for Christmas: the cheerful room is bright with holly and mistletoe... the packages are dressed in high spirits for the festivities... and the Christmas tree is gowned in glistening candle light.

Friends meet to exchange best wishes and at this joyful season we are glad to remember our loyal friends who have made the past year a pleasant one for us. To you, we extend our heartiest wishes for all the joys and blessings of a perfect Christmas.

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It's  
Christmas



Smiles are brighter...  
laughter rings truer...  
handshakes are more  
hearty... making others  
happy is a joy to us all.

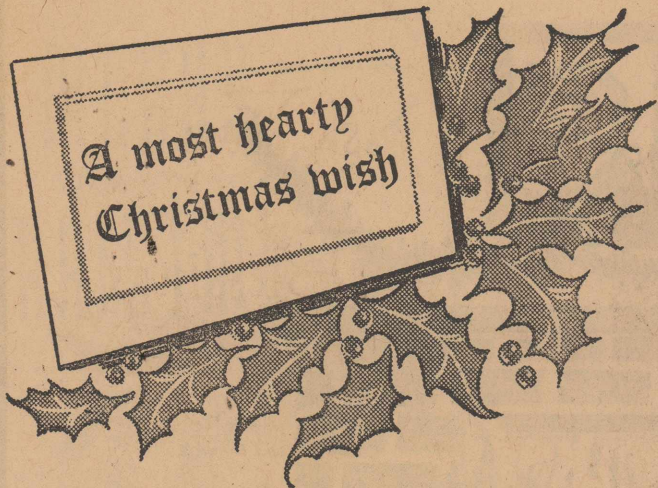
May you be blessed with  
peace and contentment  
on Christmas day and  
every day.

Season's Greetings and best wishes

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# CHRISTMAS

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Dear Santa:

I want a View Master for Christmas. Don't forget about the rest of the children. Bring them what they want, please. Bring my sisters, Brenda and Retta what they want. Bring my mother and daddy Imogene and Oscar what they want please.

Yours truly, Linda May Head.

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like to have a transistor radio for Christmas. Please don't forget the other boys and girls. I might leave you a piece of candy or cake and some milk.

Love, Joyce Roger.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a model car and a model plane and I want my mother a pretty necklace and a pocketknife for my dad. And for my brother a watch.

Your friend, Roy McCombs.

I want a purse and I want a box of candy and will you send two tea sets for my little sisters and will you send me a red coat for my mother and my other sister a doll.

Your truly, Christin Carrillo.

Old Mill Cafe Special for Christmas Season starting Friday 22, we will have plenty of Tamaels to serve and orders to go. Plenty of Mexican Dinners, Tamales, Chalupas, Enchiladas, Tocos, Fred Chicken, Chicken Fried Steak, Hamburger Steak, Chili and French Fries, Old Mill Cafe, Mike Garza, Prop. Open Christmas and New Years.

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ALMOND STAR COOKIE TREE

Send this almond cookie tree as a centerpiece, or, as an edifice to enchant children—who may also help in the baking and tree raising. Featured in *Good Housekeeping's* Christmas issue.

**ALMOND-STAR COOKIE TREE**  
cardboard  
1½ cups butter or margarine  
1¾ cups granulated sugar  
4 eggs  
1½ teaspoon cinnamon  
¾ teaspoon cloves  
¾ cups finely ground unblanched almonds  
5½ cups sifted all-purpose flour  
large pastry tube number 9  
1 tablespoon milk  
½ cup blanched whole almonds  
9-inch wooden hat stand, with dowel about ¼ inch thick  
1 teaspoon confectioners' sugar  
1 toothpick

out 12 stars (have two 2-inch ones) and about 18 small rounds.  
2. Then, with narrower end of a large pastry tube, number 9, cut a hole in the center of all the rounds and all the stars but the 2-inch ones.  
3. With two broad floured spatulas, lift cookies to ungreased cookie sheets.  
4. Mix milk with one beaten egg, then use to brush stars and small round cookies thoroughly.  
5. Split each blanched whole almond in half lengthwise. Place one on top of each point of all but 2-inch stars, as shown. To decorate 2-inch stars, cut each of 4 almonds into four lengthwise pieces.  
6. Bake round cookies 20 minutes, stars 30 minutes. Cool on wire racks; store, in covered container, in cool place.

**Several days ahead:**  
1. From cardboard, cut out eleven 8-pointed stars in these graduated sizes: a 40-inch star (point to point, across center), 9½-inch star, 9-inch star, then 8½-inch, 8-inch, 7-inch, 6-inch, 5-inch, 4-inch, 3-inch and 2-inch stars.  
2. In large bowl, with mixer at medium speed, beat butter or margarine well; then add granulated sugar gradually, while beating until light. Add 3 eggs and blend well. Add cinnamon, cloves and ground almonds, and blend. Stir in flour and mix thoroughly. Wrap cookie dough in waxed paper or foil and refrigerate overnight.

**Day of gift-giving:**  
1. Prepare hat stand by taking top off dowel and, with ice pick or small nail, making a 1-inch-deep hole in center top. Slip one or two small round cookies onto the dowel, then the 10-inch star; then a round cookie, then the 9½-inch star, then another round cookie, and so on until only the 2-inch stars are left and dowel is covered.  
2. Put the two 2-inch stars together, sandwich fashion, with 1 teaspoon confectioners' sugar, blended with a few drops of water, as the filling. Let dry.  
3. Insert one end of toothpick into the hole on top of the dowel, the other end between the joined stars, holding them in an upright position, as shown, and trimming off toothpick as needed.  
4. Now the tree is ready to wrap gaily in saran. Or first set it on a pretty trivet. A go-along gift might be a cookie-cutter set.

**Dear Santa:**  
I have been a good little girl. So for Christmas I would be a very happy girl to get a top typewriter.  
Thank you, Olga Garcia.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
I want a Etch-A-Sceth and a Farm State Truck.  
James Clawon.

**Dear Santa:**  
I would like to have a big stuffed dog for Christmas and a basketball and a fur purse and hat.  
Carolyn.

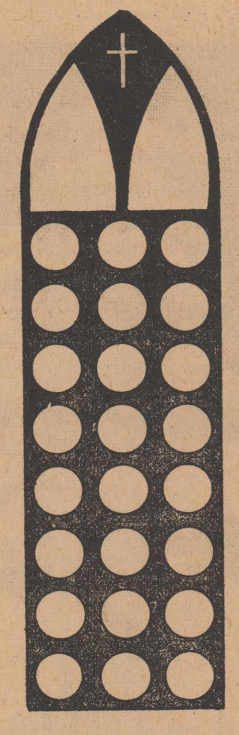
**Dear Santa:**  
I have been a pretty good boy this year. I want a BB gun, a gun holster set and a billfold. Please remember little sister and baby brother. Thank you.  
Your friend, Larry Lee Dickson.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
I would like a "Tales of Wells Fargo" game and a pair of cowboy boots, please. Don't forget to bring my brother and sister something, too. Don't forget to bring something for the other boys and girls. Thank you, your friend, Lereida Coffman.

LITTLE PATIENTS PRODUCE OWN NATIVITY SCENE



This week the proud and beaming little boys and girls at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children were busy building and painting a new Nativity scene for all to see and enjoy this Christmas. Here two of the handicapped children are displaying their talented efforts to Hospital President John McKee of Dallas. Left to right: Ricky O'Daniel, Longview, Tex.; Mr. McKee, and Angela Dunn, of Irving, Tex., who is in a full body cast.



Through  
the years

the lives of all of us have been enriched by the true spirit of Christmas. In the days following this season, may you continue to take with you this spirit of joy.

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And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.  
—Luke 2:7.



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Christmas Season  
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