

Stable boy gives his account of birth of wondrous child

BETHLEHEM — The little stable boy who tends the animals and works in the kitchen at the local inn where Jesus was born told of his experiences when Mary and Joseph came to the inn looking for shelter.

"My heart was filled with pity when the carpenter and his wife came in at dusk and appeared to be exhausted. The lady, it was plain to see, would soon be delivered of her baby and as she silently suffered, it was plain to see that she was already in labor when they knocked at the door of the inn.

"I felt real sorry for the poor couple. They seemed so kindly and

not the kind of people the innkeeper likes to have at his establishment. They were poor and could not pay a good price and the few rooms that were left were being saved for those who not only could pay well but also might be good patrons of the tavern.

"As the woman stumbled from exhaustion of the journey, pity was in my heart and I could not see her continue on in the crisp cold of the evening. I knew that the ground would freeze before long and should she have her child in the exposure that both she and the baby would die.

"I expected to get a beating for what I did, but nevertheless, I took

a chance and offered them the shelter of the stable and a bed of straw for the lady. I said it wasn't much, but it was better than being out in the cold.

"The good man, who told me he was a carpenter, was very grateful and thanked me profusely. He said he was poor and could not pay much. I was so happy to be able to help them that I refused any money for the innkeeper or a tip for myself.

"Joseph at once took a broom and began clearing up a corner of the stable and I brought fresh straw so that his wife could lie down upon it. He knew her time had come and there was no place

to lay the baby after it was born so I suggested that he could clean up the manger and make a bed of straw. It would at least be comfortable. I had often stolen a nap on the straw pile.

"The animals, usually restless and noisy because of being in strange quarters and around strange animals belonging to the travelers, as soon as the baby was born suddenly quieted as though sensing some great influence had affected them.

"The baby was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in the manger where it rested peacefully. The mother, after a brief rest, regained her strength rapidly.

"After the birth, I noticed that about both mother and babe there seemed to be a radiant glow and you could feel the presence of some strange power.

"When the innkeeper first discovered I had made a bed for the travelers he had given me a kick, but when I told him the woman was delivering a baby he became more tender-hearted and finally told me to get the family some hot food.

"In going about my chores that night, I noted a brilliant star directly above the stable, bathing the countryside in a soft light of strange proportions. The night was chill and the air clear, as all of the

dust created by travelers on the road and traffic about the town had settled. I had never breathed the air when it seemed so pure as on this night.

"After the baby was born the innkeeper told me to look after the family.

"Soon we began to have visitors, shepherds coming in from the field as they had left the flocks. They had stories to tell me about a beautiful sight with angels telling them to come seek the new-born babe for he was to be the Prince of Peace.

"Then came three wise men, princes of the east. They were be-

jeweled and turbaned, showing their great importance. The innkeeper wanted them to register at the inn and stay with him, but they would have nothing to do with him. They made their way straight to the stable and to the manger and fell upon their faces in worship. They had come from afar with advance knowledge that Jesus was to be born in this city and that the bright star above had been their guide. They also told me about how King Herod had sent for them and how they feared for the baby's life because of Herod's jealousy of a new king.

"They offered to pay me well to

help the family make preparation to flee into Egypt at the first opportunity, but I refused payment. I was so proud to be near the illustrious Child and to be able to help this wonderful family that I was willing to risk my life to help them.

"Since the shepherd and the wise men let it be known who the baby really was, the town has been all excited and everyone has been beating a path to the stable door to pay homage.

"I'll bet that this little stable will soon be the most famous place on earth," the stable boy concluded.



As soon as the news of a babe clad only in swaddling clothes was laying in a manger of the stable at one of the town inns, a few mothers of Bethlehem banded together and decided the child should have adequate clothing. They learned that because of the long journey the mother had made she had not come prepared for the birth. With kindness in their hearts they immediately started to sew and prepare a layette which they took as their gift to the Christ Child. Mary, the mother, was grateful for this kindly act and was profuse in her thanks to the women who lent comfort to her during the trying conditions.

It is fortunate that the crop had been harvested and storehouses of Bethlehem and Jerusalem are filled to bulging from a bountiful harvest as the influx of visitors since the announcement of the Virgin Mary giving birth to the Son of God has brought people here from far and wide. The mayor said normally this would have placed a severe tax upon food suppliers.

Treasures, the like of which Bethlehem has never seen, have been bestowed upon the newborn Babe in a lowly stable. This gives indication of the great reverence and respect the wise men and other travelers from afar hold for the newborn child who has been named Jesus Christ. It is an unusual sight to see gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh bestowed about the manger filled with straw which is the bed for the newborn Babe. The extreme contrast of material wealth and extreme poverty will go down in history, it is already predicted. After the first three wise men brought their precious gifts to the Christ Child, the spirit of giving seemed to have caught the entire population. Hordes of people who throng the city are standing in line with treasures to add to those of the Christ Child.

The whole city of Bethlehem is a scene of activity such as has never experienced before. The city has assumed an atmosphere of holiday or celebration proportions. It already was overcrowded by the return of all families to the place of their birth to pay their taxes. Then the phenomenon of the bright star overhead followed by swift passage of word that Jesus Christ had been born here, has seen a mass migration take place.

MARVEL AT GARMENTS
Residents of Bethlehem and vicinity were heard to marvel at the colorful Oriental garments in which the Magi, or Wise Men, were dressed as they knelt before the holy infant, offering him gifts.

Modern coverage of

Old Story

The front page of The Dispatch today — on Christmas Day — is being given over entirely to covering the story of the birth of Jesus and the beginning of Christmas as a modern newspaper probably would have done 1,969 years ago had it had the opportunity.

This is the method The Dispatch and its staff takes this week of saying Merry Christmas to its readers.

The regular front page news, that which occurred almost 1,969 years later, will be found today on page 8.

Christ Child is born in town of Bethlehem

Wise Men tell King Herod

All wise men in the East have been summoned unto King Herod who has sought diligently to learn at what time the star of the east appeared and where the Christ Child should be born.

The scribes quoted from their people, fearing the wrath of their king, told Herod that it had been

long prophesied that Christ should be born in Bethlehem of Judea. The scribes quoted from their ancient writings: "And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, art not the least among the princes of Judea; for out of thee shall come a governor that shall rule my people of Israel."

This information was said to have made Herod furious because he did not want competition for his throne nor anyone to cause an uprising among the people.

He instructed the wise men to proceed at once to Bethlehem and search for the young child and admonished them, when they found

him, to bring him word so that he could go and worship him also. The wise men later advised this reporter that they doubted the king's good intent because of a warning in a dream and were therefore returning to their own land by a devious way without reporting back to King Herod.



MOTHER AND BABE
Mary, wife of a poor carpenter, holds in her arms the infant Jesus, born to her last night in the manger behind a Bethlehem inn.

Way pointed out by shining star

BETHLEHEM — The city of Bethlehem is aflame today with excitement as news has spread of the birth of a child in a manger at one of the inns.

No thought was at first given to the matter until three wise men appeared and said they had come a long way from the East to worship the Prince of Peace, who they had been told by signs would be born under conditions in which the Babe was found.

First indication of anything unusual was the sudden appearance over the city of a brilliantly lighted star that shone with its soft blue-white light with sufficient brightness to illuminate the entire city. To look directly into the star was almost blinding because of its brilliance.

At first the people were almost panic stricken as the unusual phenomenon appeared, but as the wise men and shepherds came into the city calm and collected and as though nothing unusual had happened to cause the star to be present, their attitude quieted down and they became curious as to its great significance.

The town was overcrowded and all inns were full to overflowing. The innkeepers were kept busy pouring wine to the visitors, and many thought they had drunk too much of the spirits and their vision was affected when they saw the bright star.

Shepherds coming from the fields said they had been tending their flocks on the treeless hills when they saw the star coming out of the East and slowly moving across country as though a lighted beacon. The movement was easily discernible, they said, and they were not to be fooled in the ways of astronomy because of their long experience watching the stars while they tended their flocks.

While unable to explain the presence of the star, the shepherds said they were sure from ancient prophecy that it must be foretelling some great event which was to take place in the city.

The utter beauty of the star, which finally came to rest directly over the city, was amazing. The streets became filled with people who just stood mouths open and filled with awe.

As the shepherds followed the light of the star they were led directly to an inn and proceeded straight through to the back of the inn where they found a newborn babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. They said that because there was not a room to be found in town, a stable boy had, upon seeing Mary's condition, cleared away a space in the stable for the couple. It was soon after Mary had been made comfortable that she gave birth to the child.

Even animals showed adoration of Christ

Even the barnyard animals in the vicinity of the manger where the Christ Child was born seemed to sense the holiness of the event.

These animals, usually restless as so much going on about the inn, suddenly quieted as soon as the babe was born. Observers report seeing some of the animals on their knees, as if in adoration of the Child.

Rejoice and be merry in song and mirth! O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on earth! For this is the birthday of Jesus our King, who brought us salvation, His praises we'll sing!

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Angel announces story to Joseph

Joseph, husband of Mary, told reporters that when he first learned that his wife was with child he was quite amazed because he knew that although they were married they had not yet come together and that she was a virgin.

His first inclination, he said, was to hide Mary away to avoid any embarrassment for her.

However, Joseph said, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and told him to take his wife and cherish her, for her unborn child was conceived by the Holy Ghost.

The angel told him that she should bring forth a son and advised that the child was to be called Jesus who would save his people from their sins.

Christmas should abide in us throughout year

He gave His only begotten Son . . . How meaningful are those words today, nearly two thousands years after the humble beginning of that One Great Life at Bethlehem. How holy and purposeful was this life upon earth that it comes to us again and again in the spirit of Christmas to remind us that the real joy and the real goodness of life lie not in riches and gold, or self attainment, but in thoughtful and unselfish service and love.

For He so loved the world that He sought the world to love. Through one great and wonderful life upon earth, He set down for all mankind and for all time the supreme example of the good life. In His every deed and action He portrayed the qualities of love and faith and kindness.

These qualities — and more — are all a part of the Christmas. But, by His example, they are qualities that should abound in our lives throughout the year.

In thankfulness for God, for all His goodness and love, we should keep the Christmas in its true and joyful meaning, the spiritual occasion of the birth of Christ. And if we can truly keep the Christmas, then perhaps we can keep the spirit of Christ within our hearts throughout the year.

Angel told Mary of coming birth

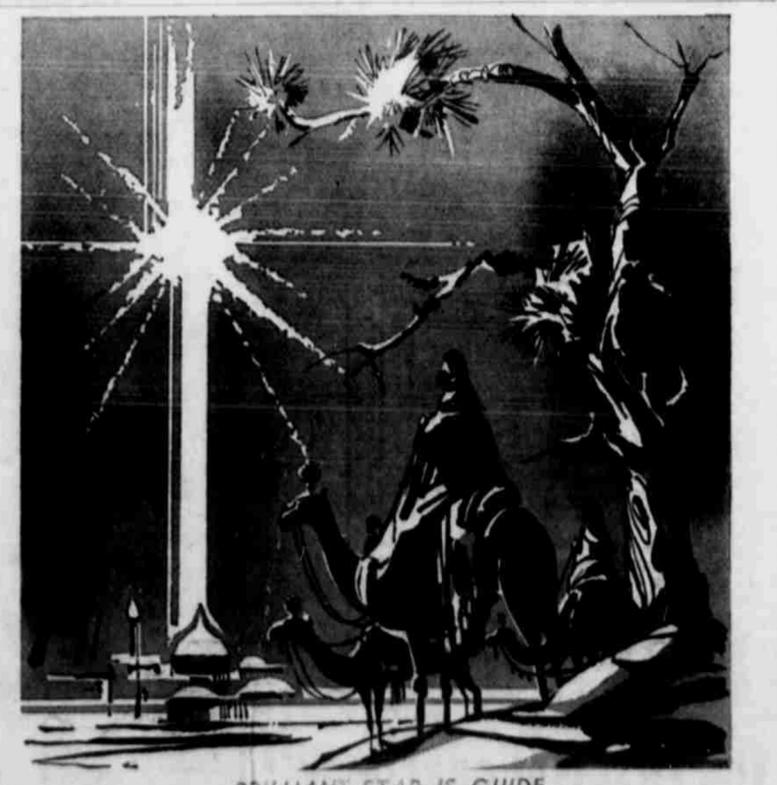
It was an angel, a messenger of God, who advised Mary that she was to become the mother of Jesus and that she was highly favored by the Lord, she told reporters who questioned her about the immaculate conception.

"When the angel told me that I would become a mother, I was perplexed," Mary said. "I told the angel that this could not be because I was still a virgin. 'However,' the angel replied, 'Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God. And behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a son and He shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father, David, and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.'

Mary related the angel also told her that "the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that Holy Thing which shall be born shall be called Son of God."

"Assuring me that what the angel said was true, the angel proceeded to tell me the story of my cousin Elizabeth who was barren but had conceived in her old age and that she was then in her sixth month.

"For God, nothing shall be impossible," the angel spoke.



BRILLIANT STAR IS GUIDE
The sky was lighted by a brilliant star which guided the Wise Men and shepherds to the lowly manger in which the newborn Christ Child lay.

Couple had come to settle taxes

The tax collectors for many days have been rolling in wealth as they take a percentage of the collections of the huge tax assessed by Augustus Caesar to carry on the works of his kingdom.

Expenses of the kingdom during the past year had been heavy and the royal treasury was running low. Hence, Caesar had issued an edict that all men should return to the town of their birth to pay their taxes.

It was on account of the tax assessment that Joseph found it necessary to take his wife, although in a delicate condition with a child in her womb, to the city of Bethlehem, where he was born. Joseph's home was in Galilee.

REVELRY AT STANDSTILL

Strangely, there was no riotous revelry in Bethlehem the night the holy infant was born. Usually on such a night, when the town is filled with travelers, there is much merrymaking. But everyone seemed to realize the solemnity of the event. The gambling houses and houses of ill repute had few, if any, customers.

After refusing lodging to tired couple

Quarrels plague innkeepers

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All citizens hail Prince of Peace

BETHLEHEM — Birth of a Saviour, definitely destined ultimately to bring peace and happiness to a greed-filled and grief-wrecked world, was reported here in Bethlehem today.

The babe was first discovered by unidentified shepherds who found the infant in a manger at the rear of an inn in this town.

The son of Mary, whose husband was a carpenter, Joseph, the infant has been named Jesus Christ and both mother and baby are reported by all who have visited the manger to be encircled with a divine glow.

In an interview with the shepherds who first found the new Saviour, they said that while tending their flocks, the city had become filled with heavenly beautiful music and an angel of the Lord appeared and said, "Fear not, for unto you is born this day a Saviour, in the City of David who is Christ the Lord. Glory be to God in the highest and Peace on Earth, Good Will toward men."

"Wise men and prophets assert that the birth of the baby fulfills an ancient prophecy of Isaiah, who predicted the birth of the saviour. 'And he will teach us of his ways and we will walk in the paths, for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word from Jerusalem.'

"And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; nor shall they learn war any more."

WHO WERE THE MAGI?

Who were the Magi? They were wise men, as you know, who brought gifts to the Babe in the manger. Being wise, their gifts were no doubt rooted in wisdom; possibly their gifts bore the privilege of exchange.

Now the innkeeper who owns the stable where the babe is resting with its mother, is gloating that he had a stable boy smart enough to make some accommodations available.

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Dispatch Editorials

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Some Christmas Thoughts

Those who try to keep Christ in Christmas haven't gained a whole lot of ground these last few years. That's true not just here in Post and Garza County, but across the nation.

It hasn't been too many years ago that "Keep Christ in Christmas" was used as a rallying cry by many of our churches. But you don't hear the slogan used much anymore.

Pause a moment from the helter-skelter holiday rush to look at Christmas 1969 and back at others in your life. You'll be surprised at how Christ is being crowded out in the celebration of his own birthday.

Slowly, but surely, Christmas is becoming less and less a real religious holiday. More and more it is being turned into a holiday of gift-giving, reunions and parties, and even to a once-a-year time for all of us to become open-hearted and full of good will toward our fellow man.

The commercialization of Christmas is only a part of it. Christmas trees loaded down with gifts have been a part of American Christmases for generations.

Could it be that the "inconvenience" of religious services on Christmas are leading to their slow demise? We don't know. Certainly it is a trend of the times here in America—a trend that we believe is heading in the wrong direction.

RECIPE FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS. Take the crisp cold of a December night, add two generous parts of snow, stir in air so clear it tinkles. Into a generous heart, mix the wonder of a little girl, the sparkle of a young boy's glance, the love of parents, and set gently before the chimney side. Add the lightest touch of a reindeer's hooves, a sprig of holly, a scent of fir. Set the mixture to rise in the warmth of a dream of good will to men. It will be almost ready to serve when it bubbles with warmth and good feeling. Bedeck with the light of a star set in the East, garnish with shining balls of gold, silver and red. Serve to the tune of an ancient carol in the middle of the family table. This recipe is sufficient for all the men and women you will ever meet.

There is something about this time of the year, when Christmas comes, that makes it easy to think of others. Our thoughts are naturally turned toward good will and good cheer. We remember that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," and we find happiness in making others happy. It is the natural thing to do at Christmas.

But how will you feel next July? Will you still have some of that holiday spirit when it's summer instead of winter and Christmas six months away? Will you be as thoughtful of others when the weather is hot? Actually, the mere season of the year shouldn't make any difference. So let us resolve right now not to let the Christmas spirit die on the 26th of December. Let us carry it right on through the spring, summer and fall, and have it still with us when the holidays come again next year.

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

Across the ages the story of Christmas lives on eternally. Let us all rejoice in its glorious promise of peace and enduring good will.

A child's faith in Santa Claus helps make Christmas a more joyous occasion. There is nothing wrong in this childlike faith in a jolly Saint Nick who arrives from the North Pole in a reindeer-pulled sleigh bearing gifts. Children outgrow this belief in Santa Claus, but they grow into better men and women through having had it. It is good to be children, sometimes, and never better than at Christmas time, when his mighty founder was a child, Himself.

The Dispatch staff extends its heartiest Christmas greetings to you and yours.



SANTA CLAUS is a pretty important fellow at this time of the year, but if you think that cuts any ice with the Internal Revenue Service, read the following letter which Santa Claus had to take time off to write to an accountant:

Your office has been recommended to me for assistance in this time of need. I have received an audit letter from the Internal Revenue Service and since this is my busy season I thought you could handle the matter for me.

First of all, they have questioned my deduction for uniforms. It seems that my uniform could be considered "ordinary streetwear," because so many of them are seen on street corners at this time of year. In addition, the IRS is quick to point out, if the uniforms are not deductible, neither is the cost of cleaning. And you know how inconsiderate people are about their chimneys these days.

The second item questioned is meals. Since I am "not away from home overnight" (only 9:30 p. m. until 5:20 a. m.) they tell me my meals are not deductible. Apparently there is no question about the four bales of hay used on last year's trip as this is "allowable travel expense," although I understand I could have claimed 10 cents a mile for the first 15,000 miles and 7 cents a mile thereafter.

Also, certain business expenses have been questioned as whether they are "reasonable and necessary." The first item is salary expense for 285 elves. Believe me, with the population explosion and all, I don't see how I could get along with any less. The other item questioned is "entertainment expenses." It seems that I must show a "business purpose" for each gift and I am limited to \$25 per person. The business purpose for each gift may be a little difficult to prove, considering it is more or less a birthday celebration. However, I will be more than happy to limit the gifts to \$25 per person.

There seems to be a questionable item on my depreciation schedule. They say in their letter that "livestock" may only be depreciated if they are for "draft, breeding or dairy" purposes, and that gender of the reindeer is not indicated on the return, thus the exact use of the animals is not known. The auditor included a note that it would seem that (a) the animals should have been fully depreciated by now because it seemed that they had been around quite some time and, (b) that "Rudolph" should be charged to advertising since he was not part of the original herd.

I am enclosing my prior year's return and the books, records and cancelled checks on this year. I hope that your office will be able to handle this matter for me. If not, see if you can delay or postpone the matter until after Jan. 1, for I would be unable to pay any deficiency until that time, as my Christmas Club check was missed because of the wrong ZIP Code.

Yours for a very Merry Christmas,
SANTA CLAUS

The man up the street says the best gift of all is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.

One Christmas, Cleveland advertising man Fred Gymer sent out this cryptic greeting:
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Explained Gymer to his puzzled friends: "It's simple. No L."

IF YOU'RE A little weary of it all and wondering when the holiday rush will be over, take heart—if you can survive until Jan. 6, things should be back to normal. That's the date of Twelfth Night or Epiphany, which marks the end of the Christmas holiday season. So, hold on.

Cutting this column short on account of an early deadline, we wish our readers the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years!

THEY LIVE IT UP
Enormous crowds gather outside the Tron Church, in Edinburgh, on New Year's Eve, to wait for midnight. As soon as the clock strikes twelve there is an outburst of shouted good wishes, handshakes, toasts, and reels danced to the wild music of bagpipers.

EASTER SEAL SOCIETY
The Texas Easter Seal Society offers assistance to crippled children and adults. It is one of the Easter Seal societies celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Easter Seal Society.

YARDS OF CARDS
Pin Christmas cards to lengths of four-inch ribbon, decorate top with a bright bow and trimmings from the tree. Add pine cones.

An Italian name for Christmas is "Nativita," from which probably derived the Spanish "Navidad."



SHORTY LOVES CALIFORNIA

Dear Jim: We just love it out here. You may be familiar with this country. We are in Coachella Valley about 25 miles from Palm Springs, Calif., and about 150 miles from Phoenix, Ariz. The weather is real fine. It gets down around 40 at night and up to 70 and 80 in the daytime.

Coachella is a small town of 7,000 and really friendly people—no hippies. The people are mostly Mexicans, Spaniards, Indians and Texans. I am working for Diamond A Cattle, Ind. They have cattle operations in California, Arizona,

New Mexico and Hawaii. I have a real good job and Pauline is receptionist for Desert Rambler and Jeep Auto Co., in Indio, about five miles from where we live.

If you ever get out this way look me up. Just find Diamond A and ask for me. Tell everyone there hello for us and thank you, Jim. Also send me the Post Dispatch for a year and send me the bill for it.

Shorty Bland
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"I don't understand ole Wilbur... cattle prices at the bottom, hay prices at the top, he ain't had rain for two years, and he's broken hearted because he's lost the lease on his ranch!"

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We would like to express our appreciation for all of the kindness shown us during the loss of our darling Brenda. We want to thank Drs. Jenkins, Kregger, Anderson, Snyder and the nurses in the intensive care unit for their long hours of constant and tender care of our baby and the nurses from the OB floor for just checking on her progress. We know everything was done for her that could be done by human hands. We want to thank all of those who came and sat with us during her surgery, the phone calls, all the prayers

Roosevelt Haynes of Lubbock was fined \$100 and costs by County Judge J. E. Parker here Friday after pleading guilty to a charge of making alcoholic beverages available to minors.
 The creche, or nativity scene, was introduced to France by St. Francis of Assisi in the early 1300's.

said for her, the concern shown for us, Bro. Don Davenport for checking on her progress while she was in the intensive care unit at Methodist Hospital, for the food, flowers, phone calls, cards, the beautiful song service, the sweet service that Don was able to bring and all other kindness shown us during our hours of sorrow. We can't understand why our darling Brenda was taken but we know we had an angel for a short while. We will always remember your kindness. May God bless each of you.
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Trinity Baptists hold Christmas program

The Trinity Baptist Church held its Christmas program, directed by Mrs. Harold Britton and Mrs. Cross, last week. Fellowship was enjoyed following the program with cakes, coffee, Cokes and punch being served. A money gift was presented to pastor and his wife, the Rev. Mrs. James Criswell.

CHRISTMAS AT HAMILTON

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hayes spent the weekend in Hamilton where they were joined by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McDowell, and daughter of Houston. The group had their Christmas tree and dinner at the Spotted Horse Inn.

ODESSA GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gordon, Gene and Rhonda of Odessa spent Saturday with his mother, Mrs. Jim Gordon and Nova. Rhonda remained for a longer visit.

New arrival is shower honoree

Keltha Beth White, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noel White, was honored with a layette shower at the Graham Community Center Friday night. Approximately 50 guests called between the hours of 7:30 and 9 o'clock in the evening and were registered by Mrs. Bob Foote. Pink sherbet punch, sandwiches, nuts and minis were served from a table covered with a white net cloth over pink and centered with a pink baby doll on a white angel hair cloud trimmed with tiny pink ribbons. Pink candles completed the decor. Milk glass appointments were used.

Sherry White, aunt of the honoree, and Lee Ann Williams served. Hostesses were: Mmes. Bobby Cowdrey, J. W. McMahon, James Stone, Viva Davis, Foote, Fred Gossett, Delmer Cowdrey, Elmer Cowdrey, Elmo Bush, Carl Fluit, W. C. Bush, Bryan Maxey, Jess Propst, Willie Mason, Jerry Bush, Curtis Williams, Pearl Wallace, Jim R. Norman, Mack Ledbetter, Lonnie Peel, Ray McClellan and E. E. Peel.

Christmas party is held by club

Amity Junior Study Club enjoyed a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Charles Williams last Thursday night with Mrs. Bert Leaverton and Misses Betty Kuwaski and Kathleen Shanafelt as co-hostesses. "My Christmas Wish" was the roll call topic.

A two-part program on the study theme, "Man on the Moon," was given by Mrs. Gordon Lee who spoke on "The Big Decision" and Mrs. John English who spoke on "Evaluating the Decision and Future Decisions". A gift exchange was held before refreshments were served.

Present were: Mmes. Joe Cook, Jerry Hays, George L. Miller, Lennie Gene Peel, Gene Posey, English, Mike Watts, Lee, Jim Wells, Butch Wilson and the hostesses.

HD Club News

The Barnum Springs Home Demonstration Club held its Christmas party last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Della Davis. Presenting a Christmas program were Mrs. Jewel Long, Mrs. Shirley Bland and Mrs. Velma Long. Gifts were exchanged following the program.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Zelma Moore, Mattie Hays, Lola Knowles, Shirley Bland, Velma Long and Jewel Long, who will be hostess for the Jan. 9 meeting.

CLOSE CITY PARTY

Members of the Close City HD Club and Karen Parnell, HD agent, answered roll call with a Christmas poem at their annual Christmas party held recently at the community center. Secret pals were revealed as gifts were opened and new names drawn for the new year.

Each member brought Christmas "goodies" for refreshments. The next meeting will be Jan. 6.

EARLY CHRISTMAS

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Martin celebrated Christmas early over the weekend when they were all together in the Martin home for the Christmas tree and dinner. They are Sammy Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dickey Vardiman of Clovis, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bilbo and baby of Waco.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Charlie Kiker underwent surgery Dec. 16 at Mercy Hospital in Slaton.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

"Where Did Christmas Go?" will be the sermon topic at the 11 a. m. Sunday service at the First Christian Church. The pastor, Bernard S. Ramsey, has announced that there will be no Sunday evening service.



Mr. C reminded me the other morning that this time of the year 25 years ago, he, along with thousands of other soldiers, were involved in the Battle of the Bulge during World War II.

That Christmas immediately flashed back through my mind. With a husband and brothers off fighting in the wars, and two of them in Belgium, it wasn't exactly being a very Merry Christmas.

However, our family was trying to make it as merry as possible under the circumstances — all of us having given ourselves "talks" about not being gloomy and sad.

I remember all of us doing "quite well." Gifts were opened by the tree and we were starting to gather up ribbons and paper when another gift was spotted under the tree. My father handed it to me but there was no card on the outside. I puzzledly opened the package and that "blew" our trying to be "merry." The whole family burst into tears as I found Mr. C had left a gift for me several months before Christmas when he had left for Europe.

I know this same scene will be taking place in many homes this holiday season with so many families separated by the war in Vietnam. If it helps any, you may be sure that lots of us are thinking of you and are hoping that next year your Christmas really will be merry and bright!

The Sunday through Saturday week has fallen by the wayside here at The Post Dispatch due to early publication. Saturday was really Tuesday, Sunday was Sunday but Monday was Wednesday and Tuesday (today) is really Thursday. We follow this up with Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and then three Sundays in a row before getting straightened out again.

Mr. C and I are most excited about the Nativity Scene taking place at our house on Christmas Eve. When a bunch of teen-agers get starry-eyed in anticipation of Christmas Eve and coming back year after year to participate it's hard not to get excited.

For the benefit of those in town who are new, the C's started the Nativity Scene nine years ago, thinking it was a one-time-only performance. That first year, the teen-agers involved — including our daughters — were not filled with anticipation and were not a bit starry-eyed. We had broached the thought to our Misses C's and they agreed it sounded nice but it didn't seem to be getting off the ground very fast.

Up until the first performance on that nine-years-ago Christmas Eve we weren't a bit sure enough teen-agers would show up to have it. I had a mental picture of Mr. C and I being Wise Men or shepherds at the last minute.

Our fears were foundationless, though, and after the first "show" we had a bunch of starry-eyed kids on our hands and we've had them ever since.

You all come by and bring the little ones. It's hard with children being so excited about Santa Claus to sometimes remember why we celebrate this holiday. This is one sure way of putting "Christ" back into Christmas.

A very warm and happy Christmas to you all!

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON IS EVENT OF SATURDAY IN GRAEBER HOME

The home of Mrs. W. R. Graeber was the setting of a Christmas luncheon last Saturday at 12 o'clock noon. In a house decorated throughout in the Christmas motif, the dining table was centered with arrangements of holly and candles. The guests served themselves from a table laden with Mrs. Graeber's "specialties". They were seated at smaller tables carrying out the Christmas motif.

Mrs. L. A. Presson, Mrs. Boo Olson and Mrs. J. E. Parker assisted with the serving. The hostess told an inspiring Christmas story before introducing three special guests. They were Mrs. Claude Adams of Rails, who was a house guest of Mrs. Graeber during the recent First United Methodist Church lay-witness mission; Mrs. Brack Little and her mother, Mrs. Emma Dodson.

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Christmas party held by Needlecraft Club

The Needlecraft Club met in the home of Mrs. Mattie Haygood recently and enjoyed its annual Christmas party with secret pals being revealed as gifts were opened.

Mrs. Haygood served refreshments buffet style and guests were seated at quartet tables. Those present included: Mmes. W. R. Graeber, H. J. Dietrich, Tillman Jones, B. F. Evans, F. A. Gilley, M. J. Malouf, S. C. Storie, L. G. Thuet Sr., F. C. Barker, Nell McCary, Lucy Callis, Oscar Smith, Montee Adams, Jess Rogers and Jack Kennedy.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Owen announce the birth of a daughter at 5:30 a. m. Monday at Garza Memorial Hospital. Named Jennifer Lee, the new arrival weighed 8 lbs., 6 ozs., at birth. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Owen and Mr. and Mrs. John Gist.

Invitation Extended

Mr. and Mrs. James Mason of Southland extend a cordial invitation to friends and relatives to attend the marriage of their daughter, Mickey Ann, to Allen Miles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miles of Slaton, at 7 o'clock in the evening, Monday, Dec. 29, at the Slaton Church of Christ.

A reception will follow at Fellowship Hall.

Invitation Extended

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie W. Lee cordially extend an invitation to friends and relatives to attend the marriage of their daughter, Karen Jan, to James Wiley Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Miller, Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 6 o'clock in the evening at the Calvary Baptist Church.

A reception will follow at the church.

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The reception will follow at the church.

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Dear Santa:
I want a bike for Christmas and a jacket and a football.
Your friend,
Andy

Dear Santa Claus:
How do you do? I want a ball and a bat and a pair of shoes for Christmas.
Ruth

Dear Santa:
I am 6 years old. I want you to bring me "Swingy" and a telephone operator's switchboard. I would also like a snowcone machine. Please don't forget my sister, Cindy, and all the other boys and girls.
I love you,
Jana Terry

Dear Santa:
I love Christmas. I want some guns and a hat too. I want football things, too. Love,
Tim Morris

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 7 years old. I have tried to be a good little girl this year. Would you please bring me a Suzzie Homemaker Stove, washing machine, a doll that grows hair and a vacuum cleaner. And don't forget my sister, Vickey and my brother, Danny.
Yours truly,
Pam Williams

Dear Santa:
I want a camera and a football set and some racing cars. Your friend,
Shawn Scott

Dear Santa Claus:
I want some Hot Wheels. I will see you Saturday.
Eddie

Dear Santa:
I want some black go-go boots, a P. J. doll, some play dishes and a Dancerina doll. Your friend,
Robert Thomas

Dear Santa:
Santa Claus is coming to town. It is two days before Christmas. Way up at the North Pole, elves help Santa. Santa said to the elves, "Go get my sleigh ready." Rudolph is nice. Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer. I love you, Santa.
Gina

Dear Santa:
I want a BB gun and a Krassy Kar and a football outfit and I want a Hot Wheels car and a bike and a new one, too, and a ball and a play dog and a play cat and a play duck and a riding pen and a play Santa Claus and a little TV set.
Mike G.

Dear Santa:
I want a football suit and I want a TV. I want a play guitar. I want a baseball suit. I want a truck. Your friend,
Hiram Martinez

Dear Santa:
I want a doll. I want a Christmas tree. I want a record player. I want a big car for my brother. I want my toys Sunday. Your friend,
Beatrice

Dear Santa:
I want a big bike and a big doll. I want some go-go boots. I want some black boots. I want some play dishes. Your friend,
Linda

Dear Santa:
I want a bike. Santa Claus. I want a little reindeer. I want a doll for my sister. I want a record player. I want a guitar. I want a new one. I want a hat for my daddy. I want some. Your friend,
Ruben

Dear Santa:
I want go-go boots. I want a record player. I want a Dancerina. How do you do? Your friend,
Sara

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. I work at school. Please bring me a stroller doll, rocking chair and play glasses for Christmas. I love you.
Joann Harper

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. I work at school. Please bring me a big old doll head so I can roll her hair and a Barbie for Christmas. I love you.
Jini Sistrunk

Dear Santa:
I want a bike. How are you? Is Rudolph fine? I wish you would come to my house. Your friend,
Irene

Dear Santa:
I want a racing track with car for Christmas. I want a guitar. How are you with Rudolph? Your friend,
Jack

Dear Santa:
I want a bike, a jacket, a cowboy, a doll, a Dancerina, a record player, a tree, a blackboard, a guitar, a reindeer, bell-bottoms and a boat. Your friend,
Angelita

Dear Santa:
I want a football suit. Are you feeling okay? I want a guitar. I want a Superman. Your friend,
Bennie

Dear Santa:
I want a doll. I want a game. How are you, Santa? I have a doll on my Christmas tree. My mother bought me a new baby born. My daddy bought me a game. Your friend,
Linda Kay

Dear Santa:
I want a football suit. I want a jet. I want cowboy boots. I want a reindeer. Your friend,
Joey

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. I work at school. Please bring me a Easy Bake Oven, record player and a Swingy Doll for Christmas. I love you.
DeeDee Redman

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. I work at school. Please bring me a doll, electric stove, and a wig for Christmas. I love you.
Terry Mahan

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. I work at school. Bring me a dancing ballerina and a watch and a baton for Christmas. I love you.
Penny Howell

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. I work at school. Please bring me a wig, electric stove and a talking doll for Christmas. I love you.
Marinette Hays

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. I work at school. Please bring me a wig, talking Barbie and a little bell for Christmas. I love you.
Jolene Torres

Dear Santa:
I would like a present. Are you fine? My mother is going to buy a present. Do you have presents? I want a present. I want a Tubey. I have a tree. Do you like me? I like you. Tina likes you. She is nice. Your friend,
Melissa

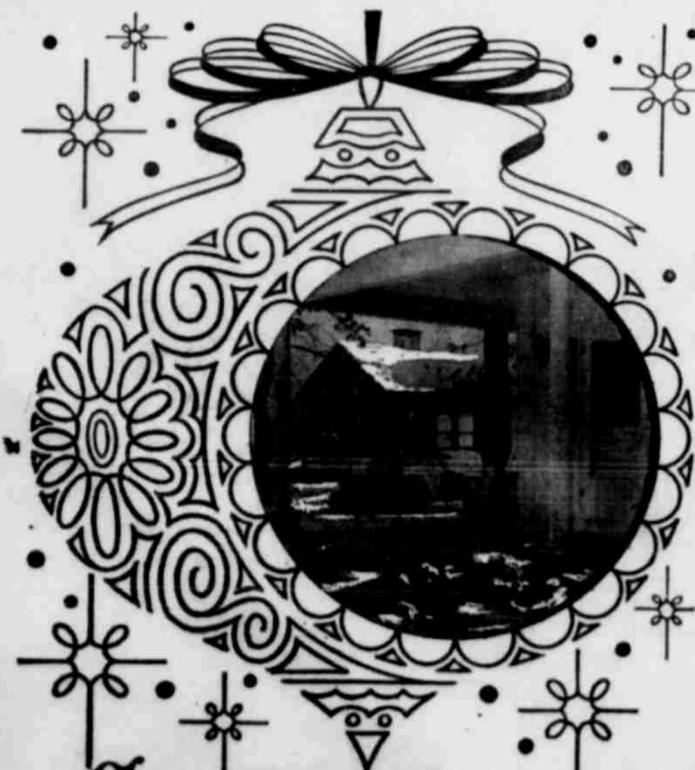
Dear Santa:
I would like a pellet gun and want a 3-speed bike for my brother and would like a doll for my sister and would like a sewing machine and an electric stove for Mother and a new car for my father. Bye.
Joe Vald

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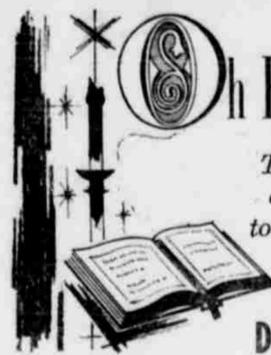
GREETINGS

It's our favorite time of year — when we have the opportunity of wishing all our good friends a very merry Christmas!

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County Treasurer Paulina Coleman
County Supt. Dean Robinson

Justice of Peace D. C. Kabonis
County Commissioner Paul Jones
County Commissioner Ted Aten
County Commissioner Ben Sanchez
County Commissioner Herbert Walls



Oh Holy Night

The Blessings of the Season to Our Friends

Dr. B. E. Young



At the first Christmas, men of wisdom saw a star unlike any other star which seemed to move with special purpose across the sky. Its brilliance offered promise of something new, something important, something worth following. It offered news of God's Son. And so there were men who followed the star, followed the promise, until they found that star's gift and the birth of joy became known to men.

Where is that star today?

During the nineteen centuries since that star first shone, men have had glimpses of its brightness. Its radiance broke through the lives of the martyrs of the early Church. Its rays were reflected in the grandeur of the Christian Church as it established itself and spread the Word across the continent of Europe. Though there have been times when men were more attracted by the Church's glitter than the Star's glory, the light still beamed in men of faith. Every age has had its saints, witnesses to the wonder of the Christmas star.

Where is that light today?

A Christmas Star

By George Miller

We live in a day proud of its wisdom. We have unraveled mysteries that have bewildered men for centuries. Ours is a world peopled with many wise men. But their wisdom is weak without the light of Christ's star. Their knowledge will be of little use without guidance that gives meaning and purpose to their efforts. We still need to see the light that shines in the Christmas star.

When St. Paul wrote to the Philipians, he said:

Show yourselves guileless and above reproach, faultless children of God in a warped and crooked generation, in which YOU SHINE LIKE STARS in a dark world.

Where is the Christmas star in our dark world? If it does not shine in you, it cannot shine at all.

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Remember what fun it was to "help" Dad cut down the tree? ... When you got home you'd pop corn and string it while logs blazed and crackled on the hearth. Mother would be baking gingerbread cookies and throughout the house the sound of happy, eager voices would tell each visitor the holiday season was here. Times have changed but the special joy that youngsters know at Christmas is still the same—we wish that joy to you!



FROM THE EMPLOYEES AND MANAGEMENT OF

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Nativity scene is to be Wednesday

Kay Herron and Randy Hudman again will portray Mary and Joseph Christmas Eve in the Teen-agers' ninth annual Live Nativity Scene.

Pam Petty is back again this year as the angel and Giles McCarty again as the beggar boy. Wise Men will be David Pierce,

Ken Herron, and either Timmons Bull or Neff Walker. Portraying shepherds will be Grady Shyles, David Hamilton and Dennis Dodson.

Townpeople tentatively will include Richy Lee, Don Collier, Jackie Moore, Crystal Nichols, Karon and Sharon Windham, and Liz Dalby.

The Live Nativity Scene will be presented for three 20-minute showings Wednesday night in the

double carport of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cornish's residence at 307 Osage.

The showings are scheduled at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p. m.

The entire community is invited to view the showing of their choice. Children are especially welcome as the manger scene will feature live stable animals as well as the teen-agers. Special Christmas music and a narration by the Rev. George L. Miller is included.

Stable animals will include Cisco, the Sicilian donkey provided annually by Giles Dalby, and three sheep and a goat, courtesy of County Commissioner Ben Sanchez.

Helen Cornish is the director of the Scene.

Clyde W. Hillard rites conducted

Funeral services for Clyde W. Hillard, 62, who died suddenly Dec. 15 at Bakersfield, Tex., were held at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Mason Funeral Chapel here.

Mr. Hillard, who was a member of a pioneer Garza County family, was in the oil construction business. He was born Nov. 9, 1907, at Nocona.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Mae Hillard of Lovington, N. M.; one brother, James Preston Hillard of Lovington, and two sisters, Mrs. Vera Dell Shockley of Hobbs, N. M., and Miss Willie Mae Hillard of Lovington.

The Rev. O. Curtis Lee, pastor of the First United Methodist Church officiated at the funeral service. Mrs. Margie Pennell sang "Rock of Ages" and "Farther Along," accompanied by Sue Harrison at the piano.

Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Mason Funeral Home.

Wayne Whitten is cash prize winner

The Chamber of Commerce Retail Promotion Committee figures they got the best of the December weather this year with two good Saturdays out of three in their Christmas promotions.

Santa Claus was back Saturday afternoon with candy treats and shoppers were entertained by an amateur hootenanny at the corner of Main and Avenue I.

The big winner through was Wayne Whitten whose name was the first drawn for the final \$50 cash prize in the third yule drawing.

The temperature Saturday afternoon was a warm 73 degrees.



NATIVITY SCENE OF THE PAST

This is a typical scene from one of the Nativity scenes held every Christmas Eve for the last 8 years at the Jim Cornish residence, 307 Osage. There will be three performances of the Nativity Scene again this Christmas Eve.—(Staff Photo)

For new year of 1970

Several new wrinkles in auto registration

Garza County drivers will find registering their motor vehicles for 1970 easier than ever before, thanks to a new registration system devised by the Texas Highway Department.

The highway department expects more than seven million vehicles to be registered in Texas during the year and there will be several new wrinkles.

First, license plates will have a new color scheme — light blue on a reflective white background.

Second, for the first time, motor vehicle renewal applications will be mailed to every vehicle owner in Texas during January. The registration period begins Feb. 1.

The renewal application will arrive in the mail in a slender envelope marked, "Important—This Is Your License Plate Renewal Application."

The application itself has instructions printed on it. It is a three-part form which should not be torn apart.

When the registration period begins, the vehicle owner need only take the application — and the fee — to the county tax office. Or he can order his plates by mail.

With the application, he will no longer need to present his certificate of title or the last year's registration receipt.

If he decides to go to the county tax office, he will find shorter waiting lines. With the application, the clerk will need only to receive the fee, affix to the application a sticker showing the registration number and other data and hand over the 1970 plates.

Some vehicle owners may find it even more convenient to go through the registration process by mail.

Although owners can register their vehicles in person until April 1, there is a March 1 cutoff date

for mail registrations. This allows 30 days for delivery before 1970 plates must be displayed on vehicles.

If the vehicle owner wants his plates mailed to him, he should send his registration application to his county tax collector, with the registration fee plus \$1, which is the statutory charge for handling and postage.

If the address on the renewal application is incorrect, the vehicle owner should print his correct residence on all three parts of the application.

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County Records

Oil and Gas Leases
Estate of Ruth Starr Blake to Jones & Lyons, east half of Section 1213, TTRR Survey.

Faye Ruth Hamilton Brattain and others to A. Lee Henderson, west half of south 189.73 acres of Section 40, H&GN.

Deed
Jewell M. Parsons and others to William Lonnie Welborn and wife, Lots 1 and 2, Block III, Post.

Marriage Licenses
Robert David Malone and Mary Patricia Casey, Dec. 15.
Harlen Glenn Burnett and Mary Lorene Biddle Hughes, Dec. 17.
Walter Prescott and Daise Marie Waldie, Dec. 19.

HOSPITAL News

Those admitted to Garza Memorial Hospital since last Tuesday were:

Ethel Mae Odum, medical
Stella Gryder, medical
Eloisa Espitia, obstetrical
John Little, accident
Anastacio Garcia Jr., medical
Martha Lou Davis, medical
Roger Blair, medical

Dismissed
John Little
Ethel Mae Odum
Orby Whitten
Joe Thomas
Susie Mindieta
Anastacio Garcia Jr.
Eloisa Espitia
Stella Gryder

Sheriff Claborn is home from hospital
Sheriff L. E. (Fay) Claborn was discharged Saturday from Methodist Hospital after a long stay due to serious illness.

He was down to his office in the courthouse Monday morning to check over office matters.

ces. Republic of Vietnam to pass on your feelings of support to our fighting men. Send a card to: Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Headquarters, U. S. Forces, Republic of Vietnam, APO 96601.

School bus thefts admitted by trio

Two months old case is solved

The theft and destruction of two Post school buses the night before Halloween apparently was cleared up last Friday shortly after three Post youths were taken into custody by Deputy Sheriff Reid Parker.

Charges of felony theft were filed in the court of Justice of the Peace D. C. Roberts against Roy Sappington and Charlie Redman, both 19, and Wesley Huffman, 18.

Each of the youths was released after making \$3,000 bond, pending action of a district court grand jury.

The felony charges were filed by District Attorney George Hansard of Lamesa after he had taken statements from the three in which they admitted stealing the buses.

The district attorney, who was called here from Lamesa after the youths were taken into custody, said that malicious mischief charges likely will be filed against the three in connection with the destruction of the buses when the case comes before the grand jury.

Local law enforcement officers had worked relentlessly on the case since the buses were stolen and wrecked, with first one suspect and then another being eliminated, an officer told The Dispatch. Sheriff L. E. (Fay) Claborn worked on the case until entering the hospital three weeks ago.

The school buses were stolen from the bus parking lot south of the elementary school building and wrecked — one by pushing off a high bluff two miles south of town and the other by running into a deep gully just off U. S. Hwy. 350 a few miles west of town.

Both buses were totally wrecked, with insurance only partially covering the replacement value of \$9,400.

The bus pushed off the bluff south of town was found the next morning by an oil field worker, but the one wrecked west of town was not found until several hours later when it was spotted from a helicopter that had been pressed

into the search. An airplane also was used in the search for the second bus. Indignant citizens, a few days after the buses were stolen and wrecked, set up a \$250 reward fund for information leading to arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the theft and destruction of the buses.



Best wishes for the holiday season. We're grateful for your patronage.

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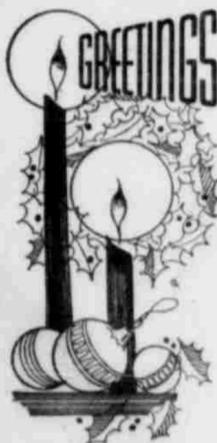
GARZA TIRE COMPANY

DISPATCH IS OUT TWO DAYS EARLY

The Christmas edition of The Dispatch was published Tuesday morning — filled with greetings ads from local merchants and the youngsters' letters to Santa Claus.

The Dispatch office will be closed Wednesday through Sunday for an extended holiday for employees.

Next week's paper will be published on New Year's Day.



Season's Greetings To You and Yours PEEL'S Conoco Service



(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following column by Al Buchholz, general manager of News Accounting Service, Portland, Ore., is of special interest at this time of year and has a refreshing appeal we think our readers will enjoy.)

LET US SUPPORT OUR FIGHTING MEN

By AL BUCHHOLZ

I came uneasy to my country. My birth was shrouded by the clouds of war.

I was far too young to have had a hand in it — but I was, after all, born in one of the Axis nations. After living a year under Russian occupation, I had a chance of meeting the fighting men of America. And I knew that instead of bringing revenge they brought

peace. And they talked about home. They talked eternally about home. They were strange men on a strange ground and while we, as children, looked up to them, they still seemed a little. But as the years passed, and the talk became deeds, the fear was replaced by respect. America put away bitterness, not to be forgotten, but so it wouldn't interfere with the main

job of helping people. Because of my experiences, the opportunity of living in the United States gives the words, "Peace on Earth Toward All Men of Good Will", a deeper meaning for me.

Now, as another Christmas approaches, it's my strange fighting men on another strange ground. Now, as then, it's hard to be away from home at Christmas. Now, as then, there's a reason it has to be done.

Occupation by Chairman Mao is no different from occupation by the Russians. Czechoslovakia wants freedom as much as America but doesn't have the means to pursue and retain it. Whereas freedom is the right, at birth, of all men, we find it our duty to answer the call and come to the assistance of freedom seeking men.

We struggle for this principle in the session halls of the United Nations. We struggle for this principle in the emerging nations. We struggle for this principle in our own country.

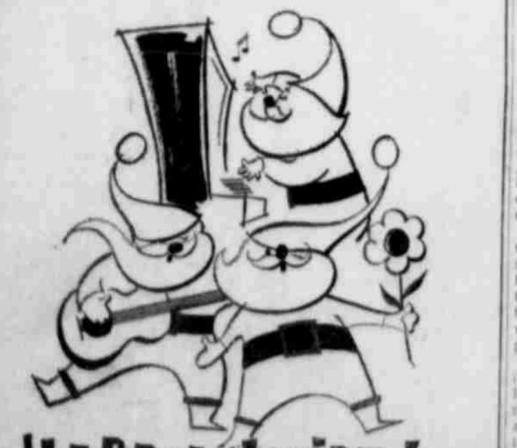
And we struggle hardest for this principle in the unhappy swamps of Viet Nam. So it can't be the happy Christmas it should be. Our young men are standing in another part of the world. Their seats at the dinner table are empty. Their graduation suits hang empty in our closets. Their cars sit empty in the sheds. But there's no emptiness in our hearts.

We haven't asked that he stand for liberty, only to take away our support in his struggle. We haven't joined with his enemy to defeat his aim. And we won't let him down by misinforming him about our feelings.

This Christmas it's time for a moratorium. A moratorium against doubt. A moratorium against failure to speak up. A moratorium to reassure our brothers and sons that we know why they can't be with us and that we're sharing the pain of their absence.

It didn't make headlines because it was done thoughtfully and quietly, but just a few weeks ago, in thousands of smaller communities across the nation, Americans stood in chill winds in parks and on court house lawns. They heard impatient speakers give voice on Veterans' Day to the real feelings in the land. Feelings which tend to be smothered by shouting antics in Chicago court rooms. The deeper feelings which must be conveyed to the Americans who stand for us in the defense of freedom.

May I call on you in asking our Commander in Chief, U. S. For-



HAPPY HOLIDAYS Heartiest thanks to our customers

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Antelope cagers to play in Caprock Tourney

Shallowater first foe at 10 Monday morning

The Post Antelopes will play Shallowater at 10 a. m. Monday, Dec. 29, in a first round game of the 11th annual Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock.

It will be the fourth time for a Post team to compete in the tournament, which is sponsored by the Caprock American Business Club. The Antelopes will be competing in the AA - A - B Division of the tournament. They are in the stronger upper bracket of their division, along with Paducah, Dimmitt and Shallowater. Teams in the lower bracket are Petersburg, Lubbock Christian High School, Seagraves and Crosbyton.

Shallowater, the Antelopes first opponent, have a 10-3 record going into the tournament and are one of the stronger Class A teams in this area. Paducah, which faces Dimmitt in the opening round, owns a 16-1 mark. Dimmitt, which probably has made more trips to the state tournament than any other Class A team in West Texas, is 13-2 on the season.

Consolation title won by Post girls

The Post Does defeated Olton, 41 to 31, Saturday to win the consolation championship of the New Deal Basketball Tournament.

After losing their first round game to Roosevelt Thursday, the Post girls came back Friday to defeat Spur and advance to the consolation finals against Olton.

Roosevelt's girls won the tournament championship by stopping Nolan, 56 to 44. Floydada downed New Deal, 63-37, for third place. The Does won over the Aspermont girls here last Friday night.

If the 'Lopes get by Shallowater Monday, they will play the Paducah - Dimmitt winner at 12:30 p. m. Tuesday. If they lose their first game, they play the Paducah-Dimmitt loser at 8:30 a. m. Tuesday.

In the lower bracket, Petersburg plays Lubbock Christian and Seagraves takes on Crosbyton.

Couch Kenny Poole said today that David Pierce, who has been out of action since injuring a knee in the Sweetwater game of the Colorado City tournament, will be able to go in the upcoming tournament.

Why do children hang up stocking?

Why do children hang up a stocking?

The first St. Nick was a real person, Nicholas, a bishop in Asia Minor in the Fourth Century.

According to legend, the bishop heard of a poor man who was about to sell his three daughters into slavery because he could not provide a dowry for them; this was not only customary in those days, but obligatory, to avoid disgrace.

St. Nicholas saved them by gifts of gold. Each time, he threw the gift into the house, in order not to be recognized.

One version tells it that he threw the gold down the chimney where it fell into a stocking hung there to dry.

And so to this day children hang up their stockings for gifts from this real Saint.

Candy was a popular confection with the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Chinese.

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Aspermont victim of 'Lopes Friday, 59-52

The Post Antelopes outshot the Aspermont Hornets at the free throw line here Friday night to score a 59 to 52 triumph for their eighth victory against four losses.

The Antelope "B" team also won, by a score of 42 to 33.

Field goals were all even — 19 apiece — in the varsity game, but Post hit 21 of 28 from the free throw line for a respectable 82 per cent, while the Hornets hit only 14 of 27 for 51.8 per cent.

Boyd Noble, the Antelopes' 6-10 post man, saw limited action after picking up four quick fouls. He was held out the entire third quarter and part of the fourth before going back in and picking up his fifth personal foul. He finished with 18 points, however, which was tops for the 'Lopes.

Aspermont's Frazier scored 29 points, most of his field goals coming on fast breaks from a pressing Post defense.

The 'Lopes led 11-8 at the end of the first quarter, but had surged to a 33-17 margin by halftime. The Hornets started whittling away at the Post margin in the third period, but still trailed by 13 — 43-30 — going into the final period.

In the "B" team game, Post held a 16-4 lead at the end of the first quarter, were out in front 24-11 at halftime, and 36-21 at the end of the third period. Randall

Hays was Post's high scorer with 11 points, while Jones' 15 paced Aspermont.

The scoring summaries:

VARSITY GAME
ASPERMONT — Ray 1 1 3; Gerloff 4 1 9; Page 1 2 4; Frazier 10 9 29; Taylor 0 0 0; Johnson 3 1 7; Hill 0 0 0. TOTALS 19 14 52.

POST — Noble 8 2 18; Heaton 2 4 8; Walker 3 6 12; Altman 4 6 14; Johnson 1 3 5; Newby 1 0 2; Bird

0 0 0; Dodson 0 0 0. TOTALS 19 21 59.

"B" TEAM GAME

ASPERMONT — Kolb 1 2 4; Campbell 1 1 3; Foll 0 0 0; Alsop 2 1 5; Walker 3 0 6; Jones 5 5 15. TOTALS 12 9 33.

POST — Hoyle 0 3 3; Bullock 3 1 7; Lee 0 0 0; Sims 3 0 6; Hair 4 0 8; Ayala 1 0 2; Hays 4 3 11; Norman 0 0 0; Pace 2 1 5; Rosas 0 0 0; Curtis 0 0 0. TOTALS 17 8 42.

Happy Birthdays

Dec. 26
Barbara Ethridge
M. J. Richards, Long Beach, Calif.

Robert Lynn McWhirt
Mrs. Joann Nolan

Dec. 27
Hans Hudman
Mae Smith, Tulsa, Okla.
Joy Brown
Jo Cash
Glenda Bilberry
Jackie Hair
Anne Hogan

Dec. 28
Mrs. Wylie Hill
Spencer Douglas Kuykendall, McAlister, Mont.
Judy Dooley
Frank Runkles
Thomas Zachary

Dec. 29
George Pierce
Gaylon Hutto
Jean Richards, Long Beach, Calif.
Terri Power, Casper, Wyo.
Carolyn Williams

Mrs. Joe Gibson, Slaton
Rickey Hines
J. A. Stallings
Debra Cooper
Ansil O'Neal, Slaton

Dec. 31
Mrs. Fred Babb
Charlene Frits, Dallas
Mrs. Cera Carpenter
Linda Ramagge
Dick Wayne Vardiman
Mark Sost McWhirt, Fort Worth
Jan. 1
Ralph Wejch
Ricky Little
Tommy Allen
Burch Heaton
Wanda Heintz
Ed Sims, Uvalde

HOME FROM SCHOOL
Giles McCrary arrived home Friday night from Culver Military School in Indiana to spend the holidays with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. Giles C. McCrary. The McCrary's daughter, Pam, arrived Saturday. Pam works in Sen. John Tower's office in Dallas.

Three Antelopes make All-SP football team

The Post Antelopes placed three players on the All South Plains Class AA football team selected by the Lubbock Avalanche - Journal and announced Monday.

Randy Hudman, 5-11, 185-pound senior, made the offensive team at the tight end position, and Jimmy McKamie, 5-11, 220 - pound senior, at a tackle position. Neff Walker, 5-9, 170 - pound senior, was named to the defensive team at a deep back position.

Walker also received honorable mention for a halfback position on the offensive team.

Other District 4AA players making the All South Plains team were: Allen Tucker, Frenship, of-

fensive guard; Gene Richardson, Denver City, offensive back; Johnny Carrizales, Frenship, offensive back; Jake Rogans, Frenship, defensive lineman; Sylvester Gaston, Frenship, linebacker, and Jerry Steed, Morton, linebacker.

HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

AIC Frank Halford is spending the Christmas and New Year's holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Halford. Frank is on a 17-day leave from his duties at Vandenberg AFA, Calif. He is a 1967 graduate of Post High School and attended Commercial College in Lubbock before entering the service.

HAPPY HOLIDAY



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FEATURE NO. 2

THE SAVAGE SEVEN - COLOR
ROBERT WALKER - CARRY BISHOP - ADAM ROARKE

FEATURE NO. 3

EDGAR ALLAN POE'S TALES OF TERROR - COLOR

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DEC. 25-26-17

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Wednesday Night, Dec. 31

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Weekend Dances

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SUNDAY, DEC. 28—4 P. M. TO 12 P. M.

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Library

LISTENING POST

By **GEORGE L. MILLER**
We have a Christmas present waiting for you at the Post Public Library.

Last week I went book shopping to help appease the appetite of all you readers who are forever looking for new books to read. I took quite a list with me, and while many of the titles I wanted weren't available at the bookstore, I came back with a tidy armful that may whet your appetite.

In the fiction department we have John O'Hara's new book "Lovey Child". This is a short one, and in most reviewers' opinion not one of his best, but if you like O'Hara — and a lot of us do — you'll want to sample it.

Norah Lofts has a new book out "The King's Pleasure". This one is the story of Catherine of Aragon, Henry the Eighth's first wife. Miss Lofts already has a book out on the life of Anne Boleyn, Henry's second wife. I wonder if she will keep at it and write four more books on Henry's other wives.

Frank Slaughter has a new medical novel published, "Surgeon's Choice". This time he's dealing with the question of organ transplants, certainly a timely topic.

Mary Renault, who writes of ancient Greece as if she had lived there and strayed into the modern world by accident, now offers us "Fire From Heaven". This is the story of Alexander the Great. No one can give you a better picture of Ancient Greece, and when she's in good form, no one can spin a better yarn.

"The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight" by Jimmy Breslin is described as a comic novel about the Mafia. If it can fit its description it ought to be a best seller.

So much for the new novels, but we have also added a few titles that stand out as old favorites. We've purchased the volume "Does Quixote?" This is one of a very few books I'd be willing to describe as an "immortal masterpiece". Considered by some to be the first genuine novel of all time, it is as readable today as it was in 1615. Our version is the George Putnam translation, by far the best one available.

Have you ever tried "Wuthering Heights" by Emily Bronte? This dark story of the tragic love of Catherine and Heathcliff has no rivals in all literature.

We've added "Dodsworth" to our collection of Sinclair Lewis novels. Lewis wrote satire that came close to sarcasm. It can get too bitter for my taste, but "Dodsworth" seems to have been written more in sorrow than in anger.

If you've never read John Steinbeck's "Tortilla Flat," don't miss your chance now. There's no way to describe this book, just enjoy it.

We have another Steinbeck book

"Journal of a Novel," that is brand new. It is a diary he wrote while he was writing his (in my opinion) best book, "East of Eden". The journal gives us an inside view of the workings of an author's mind, his reflections on his work, the distractions that troubled him, the philosophy that moulded his work. It's a very human and very personal book, and a must for admirers of "East of Eden".

William L. Shirer's new book, "The Collapse of the Third Republic" does for France what his previous book did for Nazi Germany. Like "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich" it is big and exhaustive. Unlike the chronicle of Hitler's "Grand Experiment" it will probably have a more limited appeal.

"The Kingdom and the Power" by Gay Talese is a history of the New York Times newspaper. Here is a chance to get a peek at the inside maneuverings for power in the world's largest newspaper.

And for admirers of Rod McKuen, we have his newest book of poetry, "In Someone's Shadow".

Biography is a constant favorite in the library. We've added several new ones. My favorite is "Notes on a Cowardly Lion", the biography of Bert Lahr (who played the Cowardly Lion in "The Wizard of Oz") written by his son, John. It's well written and consistently interesting. Like biographies of all famous actors, it leaves intriguing questions unanswered. Perhaps that is one way to define genius, the life of a genius can never be completely captured in the pages of a book.

Phyllis McGinley has turned back the pages of Church history and written "Saint - Watching." Her contribution to these biographies is to introduce us to the saints as human beings — without diminishing their unique place in history. At last we have a description of the saints that makes them believable and relevant to our times.

"Pat and Rould" by Harry Farrell is the story of Patricia Neal's near fatal stroke and her amazing recovery.

For sports fans we have Jerry Kramer's book "Farewell to Football". For Malcolm Muggeridge fans we have the story of his conversion "Jesus Rediscovered". For the C. S. Lewis readers, a new anthology of quotes from his works "A Mild Awake." And Alan Paton readers will want to read "For You Departed" a memoir of his wife.

"The Selling of the President 1968" by Joe McGinniss is another sidelight on the Nixon campaign. Frank O'Connor's "My Father's Son" continues his autobiography.

To finish off the list, we've added "The Leatherstocking Saga", an anthology from five of James Fenimore Cooper's novels. "The Poetry of John Donne and William Blake", and Longfellow's classic "The Song of Hiawatha" have been added to our poetry collection. Selected Writings of Washington Irving" should be a delight to lovers of "Rip Van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

Last, but not least, we have a new edition of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." This is a facsimile of his original, handwritten, manuscript with the original illustrations of John Tenniel. That's a Christmas present everyone will

Close City writer sends greetings

By **MRS. BARNIE JONES**
Everyone is like me I guess — too busy to telephone or even answer their phones so I don't have any news.

I would like to send greetings from our community to those who are far away and that enjoy reading our column.

Maybe we will have more news about our neighbors and friends next year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mince pie and plum pudding traditional Christmas desserts

Why are mince pies and plum pudding traditional as desserts? Mince pie has been traditional for as long as history records. It is usually full of spices and fruits, representing the exotic treasures of the East, the one of the Wise Men. Originally it was made in a loaf shape, to simulate the manger.

Plum pudding, to the contrary, signifies the humbler virtues. Legend has it that in the early days of England a king and his men were lost in the forest on Christmas Eve.

Not having provided for this delay in their journey, the cook threw in everything he had to make one dish for all... thus the plum pudding! We're just guessing, but we are sure plums had some good reason to be part of the

'Xmas' spelling goes back to cross symbol

"Christmas" sometimes is written "Xmas."

"X" is the Greek letter symbol that is used to represent the name.

enjoy.
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Peace on earth,
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GREETINGS OF THE SEASON



May the spirit of brotherly
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and home at Christmastime.

Higginbotham-Bartlett

"Christ."
This symbol has been discovered by many archaeological expeditions on the walls of early-Christian period catacombs.

Not long ago, a group of scientists discovered the name of Jesus carved before 70 A. D., among the inscriptions on 11 early-Christian urns, uncovered in a cave on the Bethlehem to Jerusalem Road.



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Cristal Didway

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy, so I want a Johnny Lightning 500 and a new bike and a trampoline and a little men's and a toy TV and a toy dump truck. Love,
Bradley Howell

Dear Santa Claus:
I am two years old and have been a pretty good little boy. I get in trouble and don't mind my mommy very well but she says I'm sweet. For Christmas I would like a Talking Drowsy doll and a service station. I live in Levelland but please leave my toys in Post at Jose and Gandy's house. I love you.
Brad Sharp

Dear Santa:
I want a horse, a dog, a jack-in-the-box, Johnny West, Fort Cheyenne and a hat and a billy goat. Love,
Delton Pewitt

Dear Santa:
I have been a pretty good boy this year. I want a watch, Hot Wheels set, and a dump truck, and a tractor, auto transport. Please bring my two brothers something too, and a gas plane and a gas car. Love,
Carl Oden

Dear Santa:
Santa, I love you. I want a bike, TV set, a Hot Wheels set, a train set and that's all. Love,
Tommy Lockhart

Dear Santa:
I want a race track and a football set and a 410 and a Johnny Lightning. Love,
Mike Wright

Dear Santa:
I want some new Hot Wheel cars and some more good toys. Love,
Jeff Lott

Dear Santa:
I love you, Santa. I want a Swirly, a little doll and a big doll. Love,
Connie Harry

Dear Santa:
I want a Susy oven and a Tubby. Love,
Shawnee Reynolds

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a mini-bike. Love,
Rynn Norman

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a Crissy doll, record player, and records, talking Barbie with brown hair. Please surprise me in my stocking. Love,
Tina Roges

Dear Santa:
I want a Rifle McCaine gun, and a Super Charger and a L. A. Ram football suit. Love,
Randy Teaff

Dear Santa Claus:
I am three years old and have been a good little boy. I like to help my mommy with her work and I pick up my toys. For Christmas I would like a train, a service station and a race car set. I live in Levelland but please leave my toys in Post at Jose and Gandy's house. I love you.
Jeff Sharp

Dear Santa:
Please bring me an electric airplane and some kangaroo feet. Please bring me a trampoline. Love,
Pat Mitchell

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy about 5 years old and have been a very good boy. For Christmas please bring me a Hot Wheel Race set, a rifle, a gun and holster set. My little sister, Melissa, is 3 years old and she has been good too. Please bring her a pretty doll, a set of dishes and anything else you want. Boys and girls. We love you.
Arthur Lee and Melissa Striblin

Dear Santa:
I want a wheel for my bike. I want a cowboy hat for Christmas and I want a piano for me. I want a light for my bike. I want a little TV. I want a trampoline. I want a play helicopter. Love,
Terry Carter

Dear Santa:
I am 7. My name is Gerald Seals and I have been a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a truck and some toys to play with. I live at 205 South Ave. E, so don't forget me. Love,
Gerald Seals

Dear Santa:
I would like a train set. I will be a good boy. I would like an electric train. Love,
Joe Garcia

Dear Santa:
I want a Johnny Eagle. I want a pair of Sportsman's boots. I want both of them. Merry Christmas to all. Love,
Johnny Owen

Dear Santa:
I want a Tail Rocket, a Major Matt Mason, a GI Joe with Space Ship and an airplane that really flies. Love,
John Bill Hedrick

Dear Santa:
I would like a Dancerina doll, a bike, an overnight bag and surprises. I will be at my Grandmother's house so you can find me. Love,
Susan Sawyers

Dear Santa:
I want a bike and surprises. Love,
Lea Ann Babb

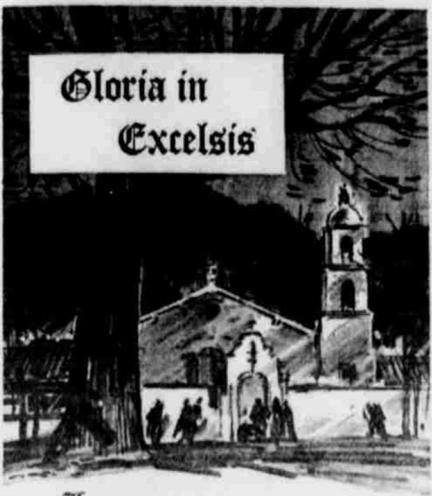
Dear Santa:
This is to notify you of a change of address. We now live in Durham, N. C. We have been good boys — well, as good as we were in Texas. Please bring us an electric football set, mini-form and record player. Don't forget our friends in Post and tell them all "Hi" for us. Love,
Gary and Jeff Lamb
1805 W. Pettigrew
Durham, N. C.

Dear Santa:
I would like a Dallas cowboy suit and hip pads that you put on. I would like a kicking toe and like a pro-bowl football game. I would like a whole lot of Boy Scout stuff and last of all, a Trap set. Thank you.
Joe Neal Clary

Dear Santa:
I want a doll, a birthstone ring and some doll clothes. Love,
Julie Payne
Abilene, Tex.



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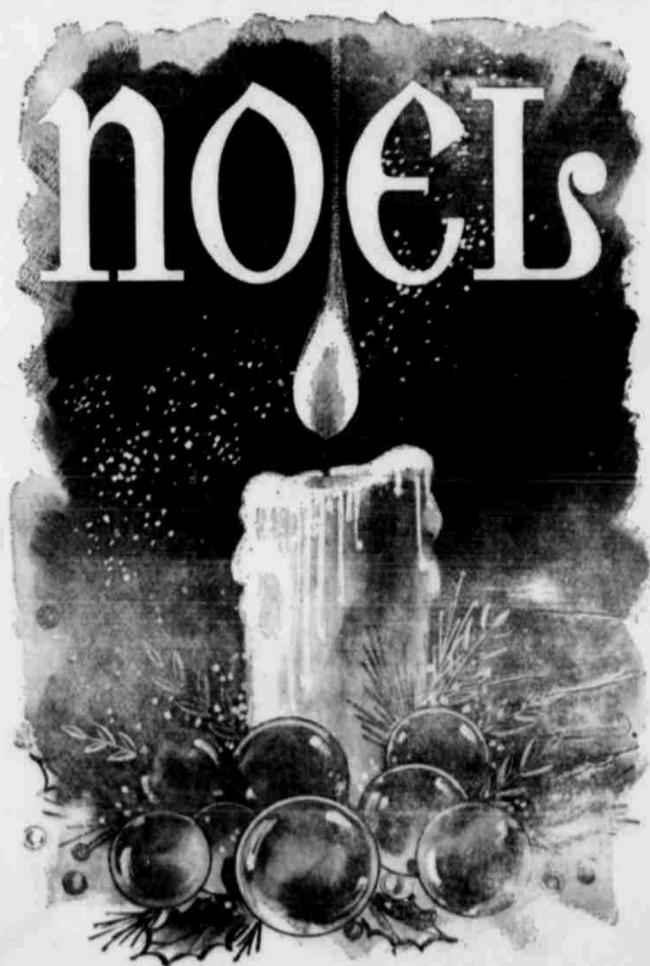


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At this season of joy our Heavenly Father, we render thanks to Thee for the gift of eternal life given so freely in the person of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. May we humbly, by faith accept Thy gift.
Amen.



Southland drops pair cage tilts to Ropesville

By MRS. EDMUND WILKE
Jingle Bells Jingle Bells and Holiday Greetings to You! Just think, just a couple more days and 'jolly ole' St. Nick will be here — that is, if you have been a good boy or girl this past year. The one

gift that I would like to have this Christmas and during the coming New Year, is good health and happiness for my family. Southland was defeated by Ropesville in the basketball games last Tuesday. Scores in the

game were: Boys, 79-51 with Douglas Smallwood hitting the net for 21 points; Girls, 44-32 with Sherri Wilke tossing in 13 points. Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Ellis were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Carnes, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ellis. Turkey with all the trimmings was served. Wilbur Woods came into the post office last Thursday and asked me if I was the lady that wrote the Southland news for the Slatonite? When I told him yes, he told me that he always reads it every week, that he enjoys it a lot read-

ing about people that he grew up with. Wilbur is a former resident of this community and now makes his home in Oregon. He is the nephew of Mrs. Nellie Mathis, also a former longtime resident of this community, and he said that Mrs. Mathis seems to really like it up in Oregon. Her address is 491 Madrona Ave., S. E. Salem, Ore. 97302, in case you would like to drop her a card. I know she would be tickled pink to hear from her Texas friends. RECEIVED some news this morning that maybe some of you haven't heard about even though

it is late. Tom Craft, a former resident of this community, passed away Nov. 22 at Dallas from a heart attack and was buried Nov. 24 in Dallas. He was preparing to go on a deer hunting trip when he had the heart attack. He was well known in this community. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Worthington of Kingsville, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. E. L. Anderson, have arrived in Southland to spend Christmas with the Andersons. Dan Eckert, son of Mrs. Norma Eckert, is spending the holiday with his family. Dan is in the Air Force and has been working in a

hospital in Fort Worth. Sherri Wilke will attend the Southern District Luther League convention in Houston Dec. 26-28. She will go to Odessa Christmas Day, spend the night and then drive to Houston with friends on the morning of the 26th. Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Pennell will have all their children, grandchildren and other relatives at their home on Christmas Eve. Present will be the Kenneth Callaway family, Don Pennells, Jerry Pennell family of Lubbock, Harvey Pennell family of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cederholm and Mr. and

Mrs. A. S. Ferguson. Sister Lydia Becker of Milwaukee, Wisc., Mrs. Ina Baker, Mrs. Thelma Bayless and son and the Alvin Becker family of Taft are here visiting friends and relatives and to attend the Becker reunion held at the Slaton Clubhouse Sunday. Lt. Jackie Dunn and E. L. Dunn will both be in Southland during the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dunn, and other relatives and friends. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Flores on the birth of a

son, Phillip, born Dec. 14 at Mercy Hospital, weighing 8 lbs., 3 ozs. Edmund and Yours Truly attended a Christmas party Saturday night in Lubbock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burnell Mueller. MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE! HOLIDAY VISITORS Carol Camp is spending the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Camp. She is a student at the University of Texas. The Camps' son, Lt. Roger Camp, who is stationed in Washington, D. C., arrived in Post today (Tuesday) for the holidays.



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St. Nick's mail heavy

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy two years old and have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a John Deere. Riding tractor, a roadgrader, candy, fruit and nuts for my stocking and anything else you think I might like. Please remember all the other little boys and girls. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Love,
Rusty Morris

Dear Santa:
I want Baby Dear and dishes and a table and clothes.
Kayla Payne
Abilene, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 6 3/4 years old I am in the first grade at Wilson. I want a bicycle, silver noble knight spirograph and etch - a - sketch. Together my two brothers

and I want Operation Skittle Bowl and Toss Across. Put something in my stocking. I love you.
Ronnie Clary

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 4 3/4 years old. I have tried to be pretty good which is very hard for a four-year-old to do. I want a bicycle, service station and spirostat. I would like something in my stocking. I

love you.
David Clary
Dear Santa:
I am 20 months old and try to be good but you know how it is. I would like to have a tricycle, a rocking chair and a farm set. Please don't forget baby Ron who wants a doll and a few other things. Thank you,
Russel Graves
Dear Santa:
Please bring me a watch and a football suit. Love,
Greg Williams

Dear Santa:
We are two little boys, Mason Ray and Michael. We'll be at our Mimi and Granddaddy's in Post for Christmas. Please bring us a Johnny Lightning, some games, clothes for G.I. Joe, guns, some BB's, a rifle and anything else you want to bring us. Also, we have a new baby sister, Amy. Bring her something that babies like. Love,
Mason Ray and Michael Thane
Tulsa, Okla.

ti Kiddle in my stocking and some fruit. I've been good. I will leave you some food on the coffee table. Love,
Lisa Dawn Morris
Farmington, N. M.
Dear Santa Claus:
For Christmas I would like to have a typewriter and some records for my record player. I also would like a Green Ghost game, a Don't Break the Ice game and a Limbo Legs. There will be some candy on the table and some milk in the icebox. Thank you,
Nancy Carol Clary

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Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll. I have been good.
Rhonda Williams
Dear Santa:
Please bring me a Suzy Home-maker oven, and a talking Barbie. My little sister, Shanna, wants a baby doll and some new dishes. We'll leave you some goodies to eat Christmas Eve. Thanks,
Charla Williams
Polar bears can sprint at speeds up to 25 miles an hour on ice.
TO VISIT IN TENNESSEE
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Thuett and children will spend part of the Christmas holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Thuett Jr., before going to Columbia, Tenn., to visit her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hendrix, and family.
CHRISTMAS IN PHOENIX
Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hendrix left Tuesday to spend Christmas in Phoenix, Ariz., with their daughter, Ann, and other relatives.

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Santa letters find North Pole

Dear Santa:
I would like a Billy Blastoff, bike speedometer and a Triple thing maker. I've been good a 11 year. And I want some Hot Wheels in my stocking. Love,
Ronnie Lee Morris Jr.
Farmington, N. M.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a tractor and trucks and rocks. Maybe you have some rocks. I love you. I want a Krazy Straw. I'm three. I want a new camera that works. Love is my best buddy.
Jon Ray Harris

Dear Santa:
I want a Christmas truck. Your friend,
Joe Reyna

Dear Santa:
I would like a shoulder strap purse and a Suzy Homemaker Sweet Shoppe. Love,
Katrina Chaffin

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy. I work at school. Bring me a Major Matt Mason set, a bike and a gun set for Christmas.
Steven Dickerson

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl this year. All I want for Christmas is two dolls.
Susan Menchaca

Dear Santa:
I would like a doll and a snow cone machine. That's all.
Timmie Odum

Dear Santa:
I would like a 5-speed bike and I want a Hot Wheels set and a football too. I will send you a letter next year. Your friend,
George Salinas

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy. I work at school. Please bring me a record player, helicopter and a back hoe with a front loader for Christmas. I love you.
Mark Young

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl this year. All I want for Christmas is a Baby Tumble.
Sharla Ann Macy

Dear Santa:
I would like a football suit and also a pellet gun and a 5-speed bike and I think this is all for Christmas. Your friend,
Eddie Davila

Dear Santa:
I would like a 5-speed bike for Christmas. I would like a Hot Wheels for Christmas. That is all I want for Christmas. Bye,
Joe Contreras

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy. I work at school. Please bring me a bike, ball and bat for Christmas. I love you.
Robert Quinonez

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy this year. All I want for Christmas is a cap gun that looks real, a bike and a beach ball.
Chester Ray Robinson

Dear Santa:
I want a pair of scooter fenders and mag wheels and a gas airplane and all the Hot Wheels cars. I wish all the boys and girls a Happy Christmas.
Terry Smallwood

Dear Santa:
I would like a bicycle and I want all the boys and girls to get a toy for Christmas.
Billy Wayne Washington

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy. I work at school. Bring me a big wheel, cars, and a little truck for Christmas. I love you.
Albert Quinonez

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl this year. All I want for Christmas is a doll Easy Marker and a stove.
Pamela Lynette Mitchell

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a 5-speed bike for Christmas so I could ride to school.
Sable Rodriguez

Dear Santa:
I would like a gun for Christmas and an electric train for Christmas.
Andrew Hill Jr.

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy. I work at school. Please bring me four race cars, a race set and a little pair of boxing gloves for Christmas. I love you.
Kevin Craig

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl this year. All I want for Christmas is April Showers doll, a Swanta suit.
Dana Kay Holloway

Dear Santa:
I would like a 5-speed bike for Christmas. I would like an electric Hot Wheels. That is all I want for Christmas. Bye.
Joe Muniz

Dear Santa:
I want a bicycle on Christmas Day. I love you, Santa Claus. Your son,
Ervin Washington

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy. I work at school. Please bring me a ball, football suit and a doctor's kit for Christmas. I love you.
Ronnie Bilbo

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl this year. All I want for Christmas is a stove, china dishes and a doctor's kit.
Luann Kennedy

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a 5-speed bicycle, a watch and Hot Wheels.
Alfred James Washington

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Melodie Willson. I live at 908 West 12th St. I would like you to bring me a doll named Tumbling Tomboy. I love you. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls. I will be looking for you on the 24th. I love you.
Melodie

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl this year. All I want for Christmas is a stove, china dishes and a doctor's kit.
Luann Kennedy

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. I work at school. Please bring me a Dancerina Doll and a pair of sunglasses, and a bell for Christmas. I love you.
Amy Caron Thuett

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl this year. I would like to have a Baby Catch-a-Ball and a piano. I love you.
Deann Ammons

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy this year. All I want for Christmas is a wagon and truck.
Varela

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. I work at school. Please bring me a horse for Christmas. I love you.
Ruben Rivas

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. I work at school. Please bring me a Buzzy Buzz Buzz and a doll for Christmas. I love you.
Julie Troxell

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy this year. All I want for Christmas is a bike and trucks.
Brent Oden

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy this year. All I want for Christmas is an NFL football.
Allen Lee Carpenter

Dear Santa:
I want a baseball glove and I want you to bring my mother a sewing machine. Santa, I hope it will snow. I hope you have a good time. I hope Rudolph can pull your sled. Do you hope it will snow too? Write me back for this Christmas. Goodby and good luck.
Lupe Rodriguez

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy this year. All I want for Christmas is a guitar, a farm set and a bike.
John Ed Cartwright

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy this year. All I want for Christmas is a tractor, a wagon and a truck.
Eddie Sanchez

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy this year. All I want for Christmas is a trampoline. Mr. Jim Monkey and a bike.
Barry Morris

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Barry Morris



Christmas Blessings
May the blessings of the Christ Child be with you and your family
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May Christ's peace abide with you
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May Christmas blessings be with you
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An old-fashioned greeting from
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HAPPY HOLIDAY
Sincere good wishes to you, our good friends and customers, this very joyous season.
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Letters brighten Santa's day



Greetings from St. Nick!

Mayor Giles C. McCrary

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy five years old that tries to be nice. Thank you for the nice things you brought me last year. For this Christmas I would like a hot wheels loop, gun, jeep and boat. Be nice to all the other boys and girls. Love,
Kirk Thomas

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a fire engine. That's all. Thank you.
Christopher Furlong

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a bicycle with training wheels, a Dancerina, a guitar, doll clothes, scissors, a toy piano and play make-up. Thank you.
Martha Louise Furlong

Dear Santa:

I would like a bicycle, a Captain Maddox and General Custer doll with the equipment. I need some new guns and holster, too. I am seven years old and am trying to be a good boy. I would like some goodies in my stocking, please. Merry Christmas to you and remember all of my cousins in Post. I love you.
Rhon Barron
Bossier City, La.

Dear Santa:

I would like a tether ball set, a Boy Scout uniform, an I. D. bracelet, a Hot Wheel car set. I would like some goodies in my stocking, too. If you have some extra cars I would like a few. Remember my sister, Glynda. She wants a pair of skates, some games, a tape recorder, if you have an extra one. We are trying to be good and will be looking for you Christmas Eve night. Merry Christmas and we love you.
Jeff and Glynda Barron
Bossier City, La.

Dear Santa:

I'm a little boy seven years old. I would like a lot of toys and all I can eat for Christmas. Also some boots and house shoes. I will be in Post so leave all my things at the other little boys and girls. I love you.
Ty Stalcup

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like a skate board, a lawnmower and a tractor for Christmas. Thank you.
Rodney George
Irving, Tex.

Dear Santa:

I've been a pretty good boy — sometimes. I live in Lubbock but will be in Post at Granddad's so just leave all my toys there and please bring my boots and house shoes back. Bring me lots of nuts, candy, and fruit. I'll be waiting for you. I love you.
Jeff Stalcup

Dear Santa:

I would like a skate board, a Suzy Homemaker oven, a Crissy doll and a surprise for Christmas. Remember all the other boys and girls. Thank you.
Donna George
Irving, Tex.

Dear Santa:

I have been a good boy. I work at school. Please bring me a flag, a bike and a Christmas tree. Love,
J. R. Davis

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a watch with a black or gray band. Also I want a basketball with a goal. Sincerely,
Terry Payne
Abilene, Tex.

Dear Santa:

I am a boy nine years old. I would like a bicycle, gold noble knight and a transistor radio. I am in the 4th grade at Wilson. I would like some nuts and fruit. Love,
Donnie Clary

Dear Santa:

I am six years old and I am in kindergarten this year. I have been a very good boy. For Christmas I would like to have a Shooting Gallery Gun. Please bring me a surprise. Santa, please remember my cousins, Jeff and Brad Sharp. They live in Levelland, and Lubbock. I'll leave fruit cake and milk on the table for you. Love,
Kirt Robison

Dear Santa:

I want a doll buggy, a baby doll with an infant seat and a nursery set. Please bring my baby sister, Jana, a nice toy that plays music.
Becky Cook

Dear Santa:

I have been a good boy. I work hard at school. Please bring me a gun, hat and a horse for Christmas. I love you.
Ramon Raymundo

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a guitar, a road grader, a bicycle with training wheels and a dune buggy car. Thank you.
Michael Furlong

Dear Santa:

I have been a good boy this year. All I want for Christmas is a bike, some guns, a truck, and a doctor's suitcase.
Kenny Reiter

Dear Santa Claus:

I'm a little boy four years old. I've been pretty good, so would you please bring me a football suit. Don't forget my sisters, Martha Jo and Irene. Also my brother, Dale, cousins, Todd, Nancy, Laurie and Chris. Don't forget all the other boys and girls. I love you.
Derek Walls

Dear Santa Claus:

Thank you for everything you brought me last year. For Christmas I would like an Angel Baby doll and some clothes for her and a spire tot set. Santa, I live at Ft. Stockton but this year I will be at my Grandmama Mason's house in Post. Don't forget my brother, sisters or my cousins. I love you.
Nancy Hutton

Dear Santa:

As this is my first Christmas, I'm not really too interested but bring me anything you think I need. I'm a good little girl and not very much trouble. I love you.
Rachael Stalcup

HAPPY HOLIDAY



We would like to extend our best wishes and thank you for your loyal support.

S. E. CAMP

— TEXACO WHOLESALE —



Season's Greetings

It's time to greet our many friends and wish them the best!

SHORT HARDWARE

SILAS and BETH

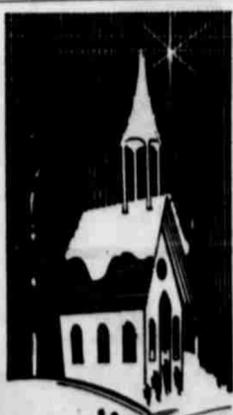


CHRISTMAS CHEER

To each and every one of our friends: thank you!

White Auto Store

Grant, Leocy, Brad and Gary Lett and Harold



Come, all ye faithful...

Let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Fashion Cleaners

Mary and Elton Lee

Greetings



At this most joyous of seasons, it's a pleasure to take the opportunity to wish a very merry Christmas to all our good friends!

Harold Lucas Chevrolet-Olds & Post Insurance Agency

HAROLD LUCAS
DORIS LUCAS
LOUISE DIETRICH
MYRA COOPER

RAYMOND YOUNG
CLOVES TUCKER
BUCK HARRISON
POWELL SHYLES

RAY BECK
BILL HUNTZICKER
DON PENNELL
LEROY DEMMING

MELVIN LEE
DOYLE FRY
MINGO BRITTEN JR.
ALBERT HOWARD

**CLOSED
ALL DAY
CHRISTMAS**

**Piggly Wiggly Will Close
at 6 PM Christmas Eve
Wed., Dec. 24**



TURKEY TOMS
Sunco
18 to 22
Pound Avg.
U.S.D.A.
Grade 'A'
Pound

**DOUBLE
S&W GREEN
STAMPS**

DEC. 22-23-24

- Faumont, Five Varieties
SOUR CREAM DIPS 4 8-Ounce Packages \$1.00
Blue Star, Fresh Frozen
FRYER GIZZARDS Pound 53¢
Owen's Country Style, Lean Pure Pork
PORK SAUSAGE Pound 89¢
Blue Star, Fresh Frozen
FRYER LIVERS | 8-Ounce Package 39¢

Bakery Specials!

- Pennington Farm, All Varieties
STUFFING 8-Ounce Package 33¢
Kelllogg's
CROUTETTES 7-Ounce Box 35¢

- Boneless, Oven Ready, Lean Northern Pork
PORK ROAST Pound 69¢
Rath Black Hawk, Hickory Smoked
SLICED BACON Pound 89¢
Kraft's Philadelphia
CREAM CHEESE 8-Ounce Package 33¢

- Hormel's Cure '81' Fully Cooked
BONELESS HAMS Pound \$1.49
Valu-Trimmed, U.S.D.A. Choice Beef
SIRLOIN STEAK Pound \$1.09
Larded and Tied, U.S.D.A. Choice Beef
RIB ROAST Pound 98¢

HAMS Fully Cooked, Half or Whole
Hickory Smoked Flavor Pound **79¢**

- Fresh Frozen, U.S.D.A. Grade 'A'
BAKING HENS lb. 53¢
Singleton's, Fresh Frozen
SHRIMP COCKTAIL 3 4-Ounce Jars 98¢
Purina's Honeysuckle, Oven Bake-Pak, Boneless
TURKEY ROAST 2 1/2-Pounds \$3.19
Ocean Beauty, Fresh Frozen
OYSTERS 10-Ounce Can 98¢

Dairy Specials!

- Pillsbury
BUTTER FLAKE ROLLS 8-Ounce Can 37¢
Pillsbury
CRESCENT ROLLS 8-Ounce Can 37¢
Pillsbury
PARKERHOUSE ROLLS 10 1/2-Ounce Can 31¢

Christmas Dinner-SPECIALS!



College Inn
CHICKEN BROTH No. 300 Can 12 1/2¢

CRANBERRY SAUCE
Ocean Spray
No. 300 Can **19¢**

- Stokely's Finest
FRUIT COCKTAIL No. 303 Can 19¢
Del Monte, Fancy Whole
GREEN BEANS No. 303 Can 25¢
Del Monte, Fancy
SWEET PEAS No. 303 Can 19¢
Libby's Cream Style
GOLDEN CORN No. 303 Can 17¢
Kraft Miniature
MARSHMALLOWS 10 1/2-Ounce Package 19¢
C & H, Holly or Imperial
SUGAR 5 Pound Bag 49¢
Mrs. Cubbison's, Plain or Cornbread
STUFFING 13-Ounce Box 39¢

WHIPPING CREAM
Bell's
25¢
1/2-Pint
Topping
DREAMWHIP 8-Ounce Box 73¢

PECAN PIECES
Azar
8-Ounce Package
Karo Red Label
SYRUP Pint Bottle 35¢

BONNEBELLE BUTTER
Sweet Cream
1-Pound Package
Pariky
MARGARINE 1-Pound Package 25¢

CUT YAMS
Sugary Sam
No. 3 Squat Can
Kraft Jet Puffed
MARSHMALLOWS 10-Ounce Bag 19¢

GOLDEN ROLLS
Brown & Serve
Golden Krust
12-Count Package
Baldridge
HOT BREADS Each 39¢

Low, Low Prices on Frozen Foods!

- PUMPKIN PIE**
or MINCE
Johnston's
32-Ounce Pie **59¢**
Dutch Ann
PIE SHELLS 2-Pack 19¢
Silverdale
BROCCOLI SPEARS 8-Ounce Package 25¢
Holsum Parkerhouse
DINNER ROLLS 3 24-Count Packages \$1.00

THESE PRICES GOOD THROUGH
DEC. 24. Closing 6 p.m. Christmas Eve.

SPICED PEACHES
Gold Coast
No. 2 1/2 Can **19¢**
Betty Crocker, No Gift Label
PIE CRUST STIX 22-Ounce Package 45¢

Compare These Everyday Low, Low Prices!

- HAIR SPRAY**
Cinderella
Regular, Super
Unscented,
Regular 99¢ Retail
13-Ounce Can **39¢**
Crest, 6c Off Label, Regular \$1.05 Retail
TOOTH PASTE Family Size 73¢
York, 5-Grain, Regular 49¢ Value
ASPIRIN 100-Count Bottle 17¢
Cashmere Bouquet, House and Garden Decorator Color
BODY POWDER Regular 69¢ Retail Giant Size 49¢

We Reserve the Right to Limit Quantities

Garden-Fresh Produce from Piggly Wiggly!

BANANAS Golden Ripe Pound **10¢**
CELERY Crisp, California, Fresh, Large Stalks Pound **10¢**
U.S. No. 1 Mild
YELLOW ONIONS Pound 7¢
Ocean Spray, Poly Bag
CRANBERRIES 1-Pound Bag 39¢
Large Green Stalks
ROMAINE LETTUCE Each 29¢
California, Red or Green Tip
LEAF LETTUCE Each 19¢

PIGGLY WIGGLY
1st in Savings!