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On The Corner

50-Yr.-Old Santa Letters

By VANDA KING
Editor

The newspaper is filled with Santa Claus letters from local children this week and it has been quite an experience.

Several months ago local businessman, Noah Johnson, had suggested that we publish Santa letters from 50 years ago and compare the difference in requests. It sounded like a fun idea, so I pursued it.

At first we couldn't find any letters from 50 years ago, but upon searching for the 30 year old letters, a few were found in the "Do You Remember" column.

Noah's letter was among the list, and another Cross Plains resident, N. L. Long, Jr.'s. Their letters were as follows:

Santa Claus letters from 50 years ago:

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some fire-works, also a baseball, bat and glove. Some fruit, candy and some nuts. Please don't forget the other good children.

Your friend,
Noah Sealy Johnson
Dressy School

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a basketball, air gun, a tractor and some little cars. Also a tool set, some candy, fruit and nuts.

Your friend,
N. L. Long, Jr.

Four letters were chosen from the 956 Christmas edition of the Review. The writers are all residents of Cross Plains and have children enrolled in school. The 30 year old letters are printed below:

Santa Claus letters from 30 years ago:

Dear Santa,
I am seven years old and I am in the second grade. I want a football and helmet and some little football players hat really play.

Randy Walker

Dear Santa Claus,



PRESENTATION OF CENTENNIAL CERTIFICATE — Jack Kelly, Grand Master, (left) presented R. L. Barnett, Worshipful Master of the Cross Plains Masonic Lodge, with a certificate to commemorate the 100th

I am a little girl 5 years old. For Christmas I would like to have a pair of boots, Tiny Tears doll, a piano, nurses kit and fruit and nuts. Please remember James and Jerry and all the other boys and girls.

Thanks,
Kathy Sue (Payne) Purvis

Dear Santa,

Will you bring me a bride doll with clothes and a doll suit case and some dishes, a stove and a play icebox, a bicycle, and please bring my brothers something.

MERRY CHRISTMAS,
Charlotte (McCowen) Montgomery

Dear Santa,

I want a bicycle, football helmet, a baseball and a wagon for Christmas. That is what I would like to have.

Jimmy Brown

After reading the three different age groups, you can certainly see the change in times. The 50 year letters both asked for fruit, nuts and candy, which is something rarely listed today. Today's children ask for surprises in their stockings, which usually consists of fruit and candy. The 30 year letters asked for dolls and specific toys.

The 1986 Santa letters requested monsters, Heman characters, who have really strange names, which are even more difficult to spell, and other space type toys. Even the Cabbage Patch doll has a space suit this year. Some of the items on their lists were unknown to any of us at the Review. Have you ever heard of a "Puffalump"? In case you didn't know, these are stuffed animals.

However, there was one similarity with all age groups — athletic equipment of different types. That seems to be the one thing that has remained the same. It looks as though all generations enjoy sports.

Time marches on and who knows what the toys will be like in the year 2000. One thing is for certain, little ones will always have a list of "I wants" and we will all try our best to get them.



Crowd at Yule Event



\$100 WINNER — Seven month old Nicole Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Clark of Cross Plains, was the big winner at the final drawing of the Yule Program Saturday.

Post Office Lists Holiday Closings

The U. S. Post Office at Cross Plains will be closed on Thursday, December 25, and Thursday, January 1, for Christmas and New Year's holidays.

There will be no in-coming or out-going mail for boxes or rural routes, as reported by Joe E. Hanke, Jr., Postmaster.

BEARED VISITOR — Santa Claus paid a special visit to the children of the "Learn About..." Program at the Cross Plains Public Library last Wednesday morning. The pre-school group were eager to talk to Santa and receive the bag of goodies he had brought each one. The excitement of the children and the glow on their faces makes the Christmas season a wonderful experience.

Review Closed Dec. 25-26

The Cross Plains Review will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26 for Christmas holidays.

News items, personals, etc. for the December 31 issue may be turned in Saturday by noon or Monday until noon.

WORLD'S LARGEST STOCKING WINNER — The drawing was held on Saturday, December 20, for the world's largest Christmas stocking given away by Cross Plains Exxon. The winner was Fred Childers of Cross Plains. Showa is manager, Frank Warden, presenting the 6 foot stocking to Donnie Childers, son of Fred Childers.

The nice weather contributed to a large turnout at the Yule Program sponsored by the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club Saturday night downtown.

Brian Keele, local Church of Christ minister and Kiwanian, served as Master of Ceremony for the event which consisted of intermittent drawings for cash and gift certificates.

Entertainment including a rendition of the Christmas story by Reverend John Swift; a solo song by Sheri Bennett; a trio of Connie Swift, Connie Kirkham and Billie Loving sang; and the First Baptist Church Choir performed.

Drawing winners were as follows:

Shirley Lee — \$25 Cash
Mrs. C. W. Wyatt — \$25 Cash
Jerry Lee — \$35 Gift Certificate — Johnston's Truck & Supply
Pam Glover — \$5 Gift Certificate — Good Times
Jessie Region — \$25 — Check — Cross Plains Day Care
Jack Smith — 8 Piece Chicken Basket — Town & Country
Gene Greenwood — \$25 Cash
Shirley Lee — \$25 Cash
Kelli Rogers — 18" Pizza — Tim's Pizza Co.
Jimmy Lee — \$5 Gift Certificate — Good Times
Jean Strength — \$25 Cash
Sharolyn Walker — \$25 Cash
Nicole Clark — \$100 Cash.

The Cross Plains Kiwanis Club would like to thank all the local businesses who contributed cash or gift certificates to make the Yule Program successful. Rolan Jones, President of the Kiwanians, said, "We truly appreciated the generosity shown by the community, even during

these difficult economic times."

The following businesses donated to the Christmas fund:

1. Donald Strength Paint & Body Shop \$20
2. Tom Hinkle \$10
3. Cross Plains (Oil Field Supply) \$40
4. Town & Country Food Store — One-eight Piece of Chicken
5. Dairy Queen \$20
6. KLH Oil & Gas Inc. \$50
7. Village Market \$25
8. Rose Butane \$20
9. Robertson Tires \$125
10. Triple S Roustabout \$20
11. Nell Bowden \$20
12. Floor To Ceiling Inc. \$5
13. Dairy Queen \$20
14. Stroud Shamrock \$10
15. Tim's Pizza Co. 2-18" Supreme Pizzas
16. Grider Gulf \$20
17. Cross Plains Discount \$20
18. Cross Plains Review \$10
19. Buy-Rite Store \$20
20. Pettiet Auto Parts \$10
21. West Texas Utilities \$25
22. Bishop Automotive Service \$20
23. Johnson's Dry Goods \$20
24. Neal Drug \$20
25. Bryan Variety Store \$5
26. Citizens State Bank \$25
27. Western Auto \$20
28. Polly's Beauty Bar \$10
29. Greenwood Insurance Agency \$25
30. Dal-Mar Energy \$20
31. Tim's Floral & Gifts \$20
32. Dillard Drilling Co. \$20
33. Cross Plains Locker Plant \$20
34. Higginbothams \$50
35. Cross Plains Auto Supply \$20
36. Lawrence Farm & Ranch Supply \$20
37. Olney Savings \$25
38. Cross Plains Grain & Peanut \$20
39. Sewalt Butane \$5
40. Pete Colson \$5
41. Cliff's Texaco \$10
42. Kirkham's Country Pleasures \$10
43. B&B Conoco Station \$20
44. Merryman Drilling Co. \$20
45. Lakeway Store \$20
46. Dale Crawford Water Well Service \$10
47. Amelia's House of Beauty \$10
48. Judy's Hair Place \$15
49. Ray's Barber Shop 1 Hair Cut
50. Wilson Well Service \$20
51. Skeet Walker Truck & Tractor Sales \$25
52. Johnston Truck & Supply \$35 Gift Certificate
53. Bonnie Potter Slim Gym \$25
54. Southwest Gas Systems \$50
55. Lucky "C" Electric \$20
56. Cross Plains Day Care \$25
57. Barood and Elvin Goode \$20
58. Good Times 4-95 Gift Certificates

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SANTA IN TOWN SATURDAY — Jolly St. Nick visited with local children in the Citizens State Bank. Cute little Lindsey Barnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Barnett of Cross Plains, is shown relaying her Christmas list to Santa.



ROWDEN NEWS

By MRS. N. V. GIBBS

The sun has shown only part of one day for a week. It seems like these cloudy dark days are growing even shorter and is close to the actual December 22, which by the calendar is the shortest day of the year.

One and one half inches of rain fell Thursday night in this area making dirt roads hard to drive on.

There's only four more days for shopping for that person you had forgotten on your Christmas list.

This is the most exciting holiday for little children. Santa has been told what they want most and usually they find that present under the tree.

This writer can remember one Christmas when a child. The house did not have a chimney and Santa had eaten candy from one of Mama's glass dishes from the cabinet. Now that made some children wonder how he got inside the house.

At the time of this writing, people were not home to answer the phone for their weekly news.

When the Burks family was called, Lizzie answered the phone. She reports that her sister, Susie Mauldin, of the Cross Plains nursing home was ill and entered the Brownwood hospital Friday.

Today Leona Gary took their sister, Emma Johnson, to visit her. We hope her stay there will be short.

Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin accompanied their son, Roland Mauldin, of Denton Valley to Fort Worth where they visited Gene's brother, Robert Mauldin, who is seriously ill.

Robert and Dorothy Watson and Don and Maryanna Harrell were in Baird Thursday night to attend a school Christmas program. Wyatt Watson and Leigh Harrell performed with the group.

CP Exes Defeat RS Exes

The Cross Plains Exes won the victory in a game against the Rising Star Exes with a score of 14 to 6. The Ex-Buffaloes battled the Ex-Wildcats at the Buffalo Stadium Saturday afternoon.

Cross Plains finished with 330 offensive yards and Rising Star collected 51 offensive yards.

KTAB Television Station of Abilene filmed part of the game, and interviewed Gregg Williams, Representative of Cross Plains Exes, and Claudie Fox, representing Rising Star Exes. The coverage was aired at 10:00 p.m. Saturday night.

Robert and Dorothy Watson visited his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Watson, in Fort Worth Thursday.

On Friday night, the Carl Bray family of Cisco had supper with the Watson family. Dorothy also reports that all their boys are home for the holidays.

Gundy Gunderson and his wife, Nell, returned to their home in McAllen Thursday where he will recuperate from successful heart surgery in Austin the week before.

Their son, Barry Gunderson, of Gambier, Ohio was there with them for a week.

For those who read this column each week, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Spring Semester Registration At CJC

Cisco Junior College is making preparations to begin its 1987 Spring Semester. Registration for the spring semester at the Cisco campus will be held in the Harrell Fine Arts Building from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 12 and Tuesday, January 13. Night registration is scheduled for one night only, Monday, January 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Registration is assigned by last name. It is very important that you register at the assigned time.

Dormitories will open at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 11. The cafeteria will open at 7:00 on Monday, January 12.

Classes will begin January 14 at all locations, but late registration will continue through January 23 during regular office hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:00

p.m.) at the Admissions office on the Cisco campus.

Registration for the Abilene campus is scheduled for Thursday, January 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Abilene Educational Center located at Office Park West, 209 South Danville.

Registration for the Clyde campus will be held Wednesday, January 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Clyde Educational Center located on I-20, Exit 299 in Clyde.

For more information, call the appropriate campus at one of the following numbers: Cisco — (817) 442-2567; Clyde — (915) 893-5976; Abilene — (915) 698-2212.

Registration is assigned by last name as follows:

LAST NAME	DATE	TIME
	MONDAY, JANUARY 12	
K and L		9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
I and J		10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
G and H		11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
E and F		1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
C and D		2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
A and B		3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
	TUESDAY, JANUARY 13	
R and S		9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
O/P and Q		10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Mc/M and N		11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
V and W		1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
T and U		2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
X/Y and Z		3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT

Mack Kniffen, presiding
Misdemeanor Minutes

Erroll Laverne Smith, bond forfeiture.

Kristi Dee Ann Heathington, possession of marijuana case dismissed, co-defendant pleaded guilty.

Tammy K. Dinkins, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, \$10 fine and \$105 court costs.

Motions for continuance granted in following speeding cases: Kimberly Kay Newman, Todd Wayne Jeffrey, Matthew Lee Gandy, Mary Atwood Ward, Ronald Clark, Joseph D. Hancock, Terry O. Jackson.

L. F. Coffman, plea of guilty to violation of the alcoholic beverage code, \$100 fine and \$ 05 court costs.

Randy Martin, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Tommy Dee Turner, motion for

continuance granted. Michael Lloyd Terrell, motion for continuance granted.

Following speeding cases dismissed: Derrel Davis, Dale Alan Shannon, James R. Waddell, Hector M. Ortiz, Anthony F. Ripaldi, Robert Davis, Carol Burton Dedmon Jr., Sharon Christine Ramsey, Larry Wayne Beasley, Robert Monroe Mitchell, Trent Blakey, Brent Douglas Burkhardt, Daniel C. Conley, Steven Dewey Townsend, Ann Payne, Matthew Lee Gandy, Todd Wayne Jeffrey, Donley E. Robinson, Russell Sims Boyd, Camille Jan Wheeler, Delton Ray Caraway, James William Jewell II, Kimberly Kay Newman.

Richard Serenil, possession of marijuana case dismissed in interest of justice.

Larry Glynn Ash, order granting probation of 30 day jail term in DWI case, \$350 fine and \$105 court costs. Santos Ramos, order granting probation of 30 day jail term in DWI case, \$350 fine and \$105 court costs.

Robert Eugene Davis, motion for continuance granted.

Jonathan Jay Kirby, plea of guilty to DWI, \$100 fine and \$105 court costs and 3 days in jail.

Following traffic cases dismissed: Trent Blakey, Brent Douglas Burkhardt.

Edward Gwane Honeycutt, plea og guilty to DWI, \$100 fine and \$105 court costs and 3 days in jail.

David Lee Lorange, motion to substitute counsel granted.

Michelle Wistl Mobley, order granting probation of 30 day jail term in DWI case, \$250 fine and \$105 court costs.

Jose Luis Hernandez, order granting probation of 30 day jail term in DWI case, \$250 fine and \$105 court costs.

Donald Ray Teague, order granting probation of 30 day jail term in DWI case, \$200 fine and \$105 court costs.

Byron Admiral Meek, bond forfeiture.

Jason Martin Sheen, DWI case dismissed, defendant pleaded guilty to a felony charge in San Angelo.

Following discharged from probation: Clinton Lee Dial, Tommy Ray Lee, Jamey Dean Reagan, Ricky Joe McMillian.

Terry O. Jackson, motion for continuance granted in traffic case.

Phyllis Bolton Putnam, motion to revoke probation.

Dorothy Trotter, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, \$10 fine and \$105 court costs.

MARRIAGE LICENSE
Armando Castillo Jr., Abilene, and Pamela Sue McNeill, Abilene.

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Grateful For Local Cooperation

By ANN LONG

There are so many people who have contributed so much to help make the Beta Sigma Phi Parade of Homes a huge success this year.

First, the Sorority and all its members wish to say a great big "Thank You" to Guy and Elsie Stroud, Dan and Nancy Childress, Gene and Bettye Greenwood and Dora Smith for their gracious hospitality in opening their homes and making them available for the tour.

Second, to the Cross Plains Review, our good ole Hometown Newspaper, and to all its employees for being so much help with the publicity, and keeping our weekly articles on the front page. This created interest and we could not have done it without you.

Third, to Joyce McCoy, Chairman of the Parade of Homes, for her continued interest and many hours of work taking care of every last detail and making sure all was correct.

Fourth, to Susan Sharpe, President of the Cross Plains Chapter, for her leadership and guidance in all our Chapter's undertakings.

Fifth, but certainly not last, to all our friends and neighbors who cared enough about our community and one of its organizations to purchase tickets, and attend the tour. Thanks for caring!

Through your generosity in the form of monetary donations or other services we have been able to help the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service, Cross Plains Meals on Wheels Project, Cross Plains Friends of the Library, the area Blood Bank, many Cross Plains School organizations, as well as an annual scholarship for a graduating Senior.

Without your support we can not possibly continue to help make Cross Plains the best place to live.

Shianne Michelle McConal Born In Austin Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. Mack McConal are proud to announce the birth of their new granddaughter, Shianne Michelle. She was born December 16, at Seton Hospital in Austin. She weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Her parents are Griff and Pamela McConal. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Griffin of Cosby.

PIONEER NEWS

By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

On December 16, there was a good attendance at the AARP Christmas party — the Center was just packed — there was more food than you can imagine. The musical program was great, too.

I was pleased to share a table with Oliver and Frankie Smith, and Ray and Mary Parrish. I appreciated their invitation. Also present were John and Irma Miller, Jean Fore, Jewel Foster, and others from the Pioneer area, I'm sure.

On Thursday, my favorite insurance man called — he had just found in his box a letter of inquiry which I had mailed to him last October — isn't that something! Then we "moaned" over the "Condition" of the Dallas Cowboys. They were a sad bunch last Sunday.

Last week I received a letter which brightened my life to an unbelievable degree — a Christmas greeting from a dear lady who was my S.S. teacher in the early '60's. I'm going to read it over and over, for solace, ego-boosting — and sheer joy. She is so sweet!

Another letter came from Imogene Cox in Louisiana — she enjoys this column, bless her heart. She is doing well, still working.

Jerri Taylor of Lampasas was in town one day, on business I think. It was good to see her.

I've had Christmas messages from both of Mr. Mac's daughters. Marion (in Calif.) sent a huge box of "goodies" — she sent a huge box of gifts to Lisa Dawn and the family also. We are about the only "family" she has — we love and appreciate her.

My son has been offered a job in Michigan — I hoped he wouldn't take it — but he really has no choice — there are no jobs where he is.

At First Baptist Church, we have enjoyed three Sundays of the most beautiful display of Poinsettias that I've ever seen — between 35 and 40, I'm sure — also red and white carnations and white candles on the Lord's Supper table. Last Sunday there were 14 candles lighted on that table.

Sally Roody went to Brady last Friday and picked up their grandson, Charlie, to spend the holidays with them. They shopped in Brownwood, and then in Abilene. They picked up son, George, at the airport — he has off until January 11.

On Saturday, the Roady's attended a family Christmas party at Sue McNeill's in Baird. Mrs. Nettie Roody

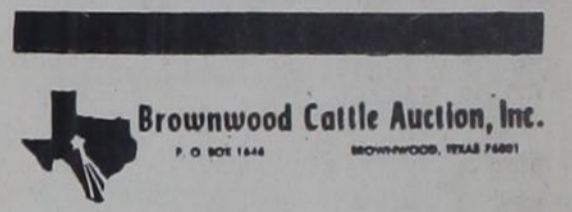
went with them. They visited Mr. Howard Hicks in the nursing home on Sunday.

Mrs. Rufus (Lou) Wilson visited Nell and Joe Fleming on Saturday morning. Joe received a good report from his last visit to the doctor's office. Nell attended both Sunday School and Church on Sunday — she has not been able to do that much recently.

The Herschel Dunn family of Bolivia, S.A. have been guests of the John Millers recently. They will return to their home the middle of this week. Mr. Dunn was at the AARP dinner with them last week.

Several neighbors did not answer this Monday morning — and Mrs. Ethel Brown's phone is out of whack — also Mrs. Tillotson's.

Merry Christmas to each and every one of my good neighbors — I love you, and appreciate you.



The country is a mud ball and it was too messy to get cattle moved. We sold 330 cattle. Slaughter cows were \$1.00 to \$2.00 higher. Feeder steers and heifers fully steady to spots \$1.00 higher. Stocker steer and heifer calves were steady. Stock cows and pairs were scarce.

Don Early, Bangs, Holstein cow 1120# at 41.00
Billy D. Dillard, Cross Plains, Spotted Steer 785# at 58.00
Dewayne Montgomery, Gustine, Blk. Mf. heifer 600# at 58.00
DaLin Wheelless, Brownwood, Blk. Wf. Steer 330# at 70.00
J. A. Clevenger, Brady, Red Steer 635# at 62.50
Nick Sublett, Rising Star, Red Steer 455# at 66.00
Midway Cattle Co., Brookesmith, Blk. cow and calf 1225# at 590.00
Tom M. Agerton, Brownwood, Red Wf. Hfr. 405# at 60.00
Bud Kingston, Bangs, Blk. Hfr. 665# at 55.50
Ernest Fisher, Mullin, Char. Hfr. 685# at 58.00
Gainer Boyd, Brownwood, Blk. Wf. Steer 540# at 64.00

No sale Dec. 24.
Our next sale will be Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1986.

Merry Christmas

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Art Lawler



Nobody likes every kind of weather.

Nobody that anybody can stand, anyway. Maybe a few fluffheads. A few pom-pom girls. Mr. Greenjeans and Norman Vincent Peale. For the rest of us, weather can be a pain.

Personally, wind has always drawn my criticism - not that it ever stopped blowing because of it. But you know what I mean.

It's true, you have to have wind to keep the rocks weathering. Without wind you'd have no evaporation. And without evaporation, you'd have no clouds. And without clouds, you'd have no rain. Without rain, you'd have no crops or vegetation. And without vegetation, nobody would eat. And without food, nobody would run marathons.

The problem is that wind is always throwing its weight around. It's not modest like snow and rain, elements that would never harm anybody if wind would just mind its own business.

Hurricanes are a good example. Tornados aren't bad, either. You couldn't have a good spaghetti western without wind to make Clint Eastwood's face dirty.

Wind, they tell us, is what made it possible for would-be Americans to get out of Europe. Without it, they'd still be paddling in the Atlantic. Wind causes skirts to fly in the air, thereby exciting sick men - not to mention the rest of us.

Without wind, there'd be no chill-factor, or wind-aided times in the 100-meter dash. Wind blew Dorothy into the land of Oz, and made Judy Garland enough money to overdose on life.

Like all super stars, wind is cocky. Its arrogance can be felt almost any day this side of Tulsa. It can make the faces of women look like men - and men look like catcher's mitts.

It can make dogs walk sideways, and carry a child's favorite balloon around the world and back again.

Wind can make a mess out of people's yards. It can also blow the leaves into another county, sparing you from even having to make use of a rake.

Wind can blow a perfectly placed field goal attempt wide to the right. It can also blow a perfectly pitiful kick through the center of the upright, laughing at justice all the way.

Without wind life would be predictable, point out its supporters. Admittedly, some of the most depressing mental pictures of heaven other people paint in your mind, consists

of a land with a perfect climate.

Big deal. Go inside any modern home and turn the thermostat to 72 degrees and you've got a perfect climate. You hear stories about people in Montana and Wyoming wasting themselves because the sun stays hidden for too long, and it's too cold to do anything but die.

In California, people stay in the sun too long, and that, we're told, explains Californians.

So perhaps wind is essential for mental and emotional health - as long as it doesn't drive you crazy.

The next time you're out on your hang glider and the wind doesn't blow after you leap off the cliff, don't call snow and ask it to bail you out.

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Anyone wishing to address his, or her, comments to this columnist, should write P. O. Box 432, Buffalo Gap, Texas - 79508.

BURKETT NEWS

By FREEDA BURKETT

The sun is shining and it's a beautiful day, Friday, December 18, following a week of a cold, cloudy and rainy week with about 1½ inches rain.

Latest donations to the Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association were two anonymous gifts. One for \$20 in memory of Paul Golson and the other a \$10 gift. As Secretary-Treasurer of this association, I want to say "Thanks" for these and every gift to this fund for the upkeep of our cemeteries.

Sympathy goes to the family of Barry Day who passed away a week ago Saturday. His wife is LaQuitta (Burkett) Day, and children, Kenda, Lacy and Dustin. LaQuitta is the daughter of Jim and Edna Burkett.

Anna Golson celebrated her birthday Saturday, December 13. Those on hand to help her celebrate the occasion were Gacia Burkett and Jay and Jean Chambers of Lampasas; Pete Golson of Rankin; Randy Golson of Big Lake; Hope Golson; Tiffni Bird; Beth Kleiber, Dawn and Steven; and Low and Liz Golson.

Pete and Randy Golson attended the Big Lake and Mart football game at Brownwood Saturday night.

The Quilting Club met Tuesday of last week with Freeda Burkett, hostess. Those present were Willie Mae Wilson, Iola Terry, Addie C. Rhoads, Lucille Cross, Wilda Tomlinson, Doris Walker and the hostess.

Virgil and Freeda Burkett helped deliver Meals on Wheels last week in Coleman, sponsored by the National Association of Retired Government Employees Association of Coleman County.

Congratulations to Sally Walker who was elected 1986 Big Country District FFA Sweetheart at the FFA Banquet held at Ballinger Monday night, December 8. Sally, a student at Panther Creek High School and Panther Creek FFA Sweetheart, was one of about 20 girls representing FFA organizations. Her picture appeared on the front page of the Coleman Chronicle and Democrat Voice December 11. She is the daughter of Bill and Addie Walker of Burkett.

Cleo Porter spent Tuesday of last week in Abilene to be with her sister and husband, Mary Jo and Pete O'Brian, when he was hospitalized for asthma and pneumonia at Hendrick Medical Center. He was expected to be dismissed by the end of the week. We send get well wishes to Pete.

Wilda Tomlinson and Virgie Adams visited Virgie's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tomlinson and their daughter who underwent surgery at the hospital in Coleman recently.

Lillian Brown was dismissed from Brownwood Regional Hospital Wednesday of last week and is recuperating at the home of her son and wife, Tye and Brauna Lou Brown of Coleman.

Jack and Zora DeBusk and Jo Davee attended the Cross Plains Garden Club dinner at the Club Center recently.

Addie Newton of Coleman spent Wednesday of last week at her house here and visited relatives and friends. She was going from here to Big Spring to spend the Christmas holidays with her son and wife, James and Frances Walker.

Get well wishes go to Phelix Watson of Abilene who underwent

surgery Monday a week ago.

As your correspondent, I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Farmers Coop Meeting

The Pioneer Co-op will have a short meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 2, at the Lakewood Recreation Center at Pioneer.

Representatives from the Southwestern Peanut Growers Association will be on hand to discuss the 1987 peanut program.

Teenagers Helpful

Fay Chambers of Cross Plains reported an incident where teenagers were indeed helpful. She had a blowout just one mile out of Coleman on Highway 206. It was already dark and she had her grandchild with her.

Two cars with teenagers came to her aid. They offered assistance and Mrs. Chambers asked if they would call her daughter.

The young people told her to get into her car and lock the doors and they would make the call.

In a short while Mrs. Chamber's daughter arrived. She appreciated the courteous and caring attitude displayed by the youths and wanted others to see another side of teenagers which rarely get any publicity.

OBITUARIES

Lora Ellis

CISCO — Lora Ellis, 81, former Moran resident, died Wednesday morning at a local nursing home.

Services were held 2 p.m. Friday at Kimbrough Funeral Home with the Rev. Ken Diehm officiating.

Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery. She was born in Cottonwood and had lived in Cisco about six years and was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Fred Ellis of Cisco; brother, O. L. Coats of Midland; grandson, Alan Fannin of Hawkins; and three great-grandsons.

Ely Kelly

COLEMAN — Ely Kelley, 90, died Monday at a Santa Anna nursing home.

Services were held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Stevens Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Gary Boyd officiating. Burial was in the Coleman City Cemetery.

He was born in White Chapel and was a lifelong Coleman County resident.

He was a bookkeeper for the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. and a member of the First Baptist Church.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War I.

Survivors include his wife, Amanda Hudson Kelley of Coleman; a son, Kenneth Kelley of Houston; two daughters, Dorothy Quinn of Odessa and Myrna Steward of Coleman; a brother, Clyde Kelley of Cross Plains; two sisters, Bessie Murphy of Aransas Pass and Ruth Mae Rutledge of Big Spring; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Willie Mae Bennie

COLEMAN — Willie Mae Bennie, 76, of Coleman died Thursday, December 11, at a Coleman nursing home.

Services were held at Walker Funeral Home on Friday. Burial was in Coleman.

She was a nurse for over 30 years, employed by Overall-Morris Memorial Hospital the majority of the years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors are one brother, W. G. Vaughn of Cross Plains; one sister, Geneva Andrews of Coleman; one step-brother, R. E. Calhoun of Jacksboro; one son of California; and several nieces and nephews.

C. P. Student Review

By Mass Media Class
Carol Archley, Instructor

BASKETBALL SUMMARY

By SHEILA PAYNE

Cross Plains JV Girls vs Wall
Score:

Cross Plains — 27
Wall — 46
High Point: Pam Helms — 8
Stacy Schlittler — 7
Pam Strength — 6
Kristy Pointer — 2
Shana Strickland — 2

Cross Plains — 52
Wall — 75
High Point: Beth Wood — 19
Melissa Montgomery — 14
Sheila Payne — 10
Tina Evans — 5
Deana Conlee — 2
Carol Morgan — 2

Girls Varsity vs Wall
Score:

Date	Opponent	Team	Cite
Dec. 26, 27, 29	Eula Tournament	V Girls/Boys	Eula
Jan 2	Rising Star	V Girls/Boys	Eula Time 6:30
Jan. 6	Winters	Jv/V Girls/Boys	R. S. Time 5:00

Below is listed the schedule for the high school basketball teams during the Christmas break which lasts from December 20 to January 5.

Handmade Christmas Ornaments

By SHEILA PAYNE

Over the past few weeks, Mrs. Stambaugh's 4th grade class has been making several different types of Christmas ornaments. One of them is their red, white and blue Texas sesquicentennial tree ornaments. Each student made their own so they would have a handmade, personalized decoration.

They also made another Christmas tree ornament out of styrofoam balls wrapped in green netting and tied with colorful bows. Their third Christmas project was a book marker made with construction paper and decorated with Christmas designs and then laminated to make them permanent.

Ag Classes Working On Traps

By JAMES AMES

The FFA Ag Mechanics class is in the process of a very interesting project. They are building live traps. These traps are made of rebars and with wire wrapped around them. When they are completed, their strength is tested by dropping them off the second floor of the Ag shop onto the concrete floor below.

The traps were made for several different people that wanted one. They sold for about \$15 to \$20 per cage.

They should complete the projects by the end of the week.

All the kids have a good time making their Christmas projects and being able to take something home that they made themselves.

Students Council Receives Gifts

By ROBBIE WHEELER

Welcoming the Cross Plains Student Council to the new II-A district this year were 3 of the member schools. Each of the 3 schools sent our Student Council friendship gifts.

Goldthwaite sent an ink drawn buffalo picture on a gold background. San Saba sent a wooden plaque with a brass plate that says "San Saba High School Gift of Friendship to C.P.H.S." Winters sent a potted ivy plant.

These items are currently displayed in Mrs. Segars room (one of the C.P. Student Council sponsors). Our Student Council has thanked each of these schools for their thoughtful gifts.

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LIBRARY NEWS

The "Learn About..." Program could use some rhythm band instruments, puzzles for young children and telephones (play or otherwise).

The attendance each week is from 32 to 35 and more activities are needed.

If Santa Claus brings a lot of new toys and you are discarding one of these items, remember "Learn About..."

Donations were received from Clara Nell Spencer, Connie Swift, Billie Loving and Mothers of the "Learn About..." Program and Dan T. Childress of Los Alamos, New Mexico and R. E. Burke of Houston.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Alexander of Lamesa, California visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Vaughn, Marie Dillard and Dessa Higgins of Cross Plains. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Turner of Clyde. Mr. Turner was a patient at Humana Hospital in Abilene.

Weekly Health Tip

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Community Calendar

DECEMBER 28

Colonial Oaks Nursing Home church services will begin at 3:30 p.m., conducted by Jesus Name Pentecostal.

DECEMBER 30

A Blood Pressure Clinic will be held at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center on Tuesday, December 30, between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mary Dunn, Registered Nurse, will be in charge of the clinic. Note the change from Thursday to Tuesday due to the holidays.



PEACE ON EARTH... GOODWILL TO MEN

Throughout the distant reaches of the Christian world, worshipers rejoice in the glorious rebirth of hope and faith as the celebration of the Birth of Our Savior begins. May this spiritual communion, inspired by the true meaning of Christmas, prevail everlastingly and guide us to peace through sharing love, compassion and understanding with our fellow man.

CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

Alan Tom

Vanda King

Lee E. Monus Jr.

Mary Morris

Becky Odum

You Tellum!

By Art Lawler

Should Tom Landry retire from professional football?

After all these years, isn't it true the younger fellas are passing up the old man? Never mind all those years of winning seasons as head coach of the Dallas Cowboys.

Have you stopped to think how long it has been since the Cowboys won a Super Bowl, much less played in one? Here's a coach with players like Herschel Walker and Tony Dorsett, and he can't even win 50 percent of his games.

You knew that sooner or later it was bound to happen. Dallas fans have finally gone to the "Cowbags," to hide their embarrassment over what they once referred to as "America's Team."

Wouldn't you say it's time for a change?

Not me. I don't care how many Herschel Walkers and Walter Paytons and Eric Dickersons you put in the backfield. With an offensive line like the Cowboys they're not going far - give or take an 84-yard run, here and there.

The Cowboys defense is old and weary. The linebackers were never better than ho-hum, even in their prime.

You Cowbaggers will argue, of course. You'll say it's Tom's fault for

not replacing old players, and for not coming up with better selections at linebacker, and in the offensive line.

The people who have the Mike Singletarys now, though, were the people who were losing to the Dallas Cowboys for almost a quarter of a century. Everytime Dallas won the losers would go back to the draft and find another good football player.

As a reward for success, Dallas was allowed to pick through the leftovers.

Eventually the Staubachs and the Lillivs and the Howleys and Renfros and the Jordans and the Hayesses and the Pearsons got old. The leftovers - with the exception of a few Walkers and Dorsetts, have filled the gaps. The Cowboys still look the same, they just don't play the same.

That's not Landry's fault is it? Isn't it the fault of a system which encourages failure and penalizes success through the draft?

Look at the teams that slipped this season. Dallas, Pittsburgh, Miami, Minnesota. This was the "Who's, Who" bunch of the seventies and early eighties. Chuck Noll, Don Shula and Tom Landry didn't forget how coach did they?

But there I go doing all the talking again. Why don't you tellum.

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Happy Birthday

DECEMBER 25

Leanne Gibson
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Donald Stover
Mrs. R. L. Moon
Leslie Reed
Karin Sabaitis
Wesley Webb
Mrs. Evans Watkins
Brent Hutchins
Blanche Thrasher
Charlotte Brown
Roger Crawford
Mrs. Cal Long

DECEMBER 26

W. F. Kilgore
Ethel Anderson
Jay Ringhoffer
Mrs. Joe Bryson
Bill Slate
Richard Keith Ilingworth
Tom Robinson
Loy Thompson
Lisa Sims

DECEMBER 27

Mrs. Jack Little
Mrs. Elmer Wilson
Dickie Nowell
Bobby Lawrence
Mrs. Mickey Bush
Avis Sexton
Barry Miles
Norma Proctor

DECEMBER 28

Tami Gwen Woody
Brian Sibley
Mrs. Katherine Swindle
Marion Perry
Mrs. Glen Vaughn
Michael Ingram
Mrs. Billy Paul Golson
C. A. Walker
Pauline Collins
Karen Fletcher
Mose Green

DECEMBER 29

Dianne (Johnson) Hail
Mrs. Earl Allen
Johnnie Strickland
Kenneth D. Brown
Frances Knott
Vicky (Moore) Worley
Michael Blake Foster
Glenda Chandler
D. J. Roe
Jacob Strickland

DECEMBER 30

Kenneth Hopson
Keith Hopson
Carol Bates
Eric Lovell
Oddie Dawkins
Mrs. Bob Dean
Christopher Hamer
Gertrude Johnson
Royce Lawrence
Wanda Jennings
Milton Baty
Billy King
Lawrence S. Lee
Nancy Sheppard
Don Edington
F. L. Merrill
Sambo Fleming

DECEMBER 31

Kathy Denny
Eldon Gregg
Mrs. Lela Foster
Sam Hill
Shirley Emmons
Mrs. Norman Farr
Danielle Webster
Mrs. M. L. Foster
George Randall Dickey
Vickie (Hickman) Walker
Billy Spoon
Paul Golson

Dillon Cole Heath Born At St. David's Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Heath of Austin are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Dillon Cole, born Wednesday, December 17, at 12:35 p.m. at St. David's Hospital.

He weighed 7 pounds, 14½ ounces and was 20½ inches long. Dillon was welcomed home by his sister, Chandra, age 5.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Odom of Cross Plains and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Heath of Amarillo.

Great-grandmothers are May B. Odom of Cross Plains and Mrs. Polly Scown of Amarillo.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—More parts were added last week to the engine that will power the latest model of Texas government, though it still needs gas money.

Gov.-elect Bill Clements announced two top campaign officials as his new secretary of state and Capitol office assistant. And several lawmakers unveiled their plans to bail out the beleaguered state budget with a minimum tax increase, or none at all.

Meanwhile, the embattled director of the prison system, O. L. McCotter, resigned rather than fight pressure to let Clements appoint his choice.

Clements tapped Houston executive Jack Rains as secretary of state, an individual who promises to be heard in Texas politics for the rest of the decade, despite protestations to the contrary.

New Secretary of State

Rains was about to run for governor himself, but Clements threw his hat back into the ring, and instead he served as state co-chairman of the Clements campaign. Their relationship goes way back. In Clements' first administration, he appointed Rains to the School Land Board, which oversees the land-rich public school trust.

When Clements was asked if Rains might use the post as a launching pad for future public office, he replied that wasn't the idea. Maybe not, but that's the tradition, and if Rains runs for office in 1990 he won't be the first secretary of state to do so.

Governor Mark White held the post once, as did Comptroller Bob Bullock. Clement's choice was George Strake, who became an unsuccessful running mate in 1982, but who could still grace a ballot someday with the clout he has built as GOP state chair.

Clements named his campaign manager George Bayoud as executive assistant to direct the political side of his office.

\$3 Billion Savings?

The big question awaiting the Legislature in January is whether the state budget can be balanced without a tax increase. Probably a majority of well-informed Capitol watchers believe it cannot be done.

But a special task force put together by Clements to tackle the budget says it has already identified some spending reductions that could save \$3 billion in the coming biennium. The Comptroller predicts a \$4- to \$5 billion shortfall. Meanwhile, the task force is keeping its program to itself until Clements can be fully briefed prior to his Jan. 20 inauguration.

Higher Education Plan

White's higher education task force recommended a sweeping revamp of the state college governing system which would replace most of the current 15 boards of regents with five big boards.

Unfortunately for that plan, none of the five legislators on

City Sales Tax Report

Bob Bullock, Comptroller of Public Accounts, reported the following results concerning City Sales Tax in Callahan County.

Clyde still remains in the lead with a 4.31 percent increase. 1986 payments to date were \$86,436.26 compared to \$82,860.93 in 1985.

Baird follows with 1.10 percent increase with the 1986 payments to date being \$31,494.77 compared to \$31,153.51 in 1985.

Putnam shows the 1986 payments to be \$11,511.69 compared to \$12,996.27 in 1985 resulting in a 11.42 percent decrease.

Cross Plains reported \$52,394.06 in city sales taxes in 1986 compared to \$63,761.46 in 1985 resulting in a 17.83 percent decrease.

the task force voted for it, so chances of passage this session are rated slim to none.

Scrapped for now is the plan to merge some six colleges into three, including Texas Southern University and Texas Woman's University.

Two Houston-area lawmakers plan legislation which will force Houston to create a citizens watchdog committee to monitor police misconduct there. Their action comes on the heels of the disclosure that several instances of police misconduct went unreported to state watchdog authorities.

Supreme Action

Texas Supreme Court Justice Franklin Spears, who last month publicly criticized Chief Justice John Hill for dominating the court, has now put himself on a collision course with Hill's push to select Texas judges by appointment instead of election.

Spears has recruited some big names for the new Committee of 250 which supports judicial elections. Besides six sitting high court justices, also included are justice-elect and former State Sen. Oscar Mauzy, three Texas appeal court justices, Attorney General Jim Mattox, Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower (a non-lawyer), and Texas Democratic Party chairman Bob Slagle.

State Sen. Ray Farabee has drafted a bill to substitute elections with the appointment

procedure.

Other Highlights

• Comptroller Bob Bullock suspended 18 bingo licenses in the Fort Worth area for multiple violations of state bingo laws, pending hearings.

• Land Commissioner Garry Mauro put on quite a demonstration to the press after one newspaper questioned the profitability of his new land trades program. Mauro was faulted for trading several thousand acres of West Texas land, predominately idle, for a few acres of commercial land in urban areas. Mauro's detailed charts showed the overall monetary gain to the state was millions more because of the switch in emphasis from rural to commercial assets.

• A Washington report indicated that in the next 50 years, Texas' population will grow four times faster than the rest of the nation with one result being relatively equal numbers of Anglos and Hispanics. The prediction is that no one ethnic group will claim a majority.

• State employees in record numbers are applying for food stamps because a new state budget-saving law will leave them without a paycheck from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day.

The state decided to issue paychecks on the first of the month instead of the last day of the month. Thus, the paycheck due Dec. 31 will actually arrive on Jan. 2.



JAMES SCHAFER AND DANA PHILLIPS

Who Is That Executive In Overalls? A Farmer

(The following ode to farmers was written by Bud Lee who retired last year from the Extension Service in California. It was reprinted recently by columnist Ann Landers. Hadden Payne, local farmer, suggested that we publish the article).

"Who is that Executive in Overalls?"

What is a farmer?

Farmers are found in fields—plowing up, seeding down, rotating from, planting to, fertilizing with, spraying for and harvesting if.

Wives help them, little boys follow them, city relatives visit them, salesmen detain them, meals wait for them, weather can delay them, but nothing can stop them.

A farmer is a paradox. He is an overalled executive with his office in his home. He is a scientist who uses fertilizer attachments, a purchasing agent in an old straw hat, a personnel director with grease under his fingernails, a dietician with a passion for fresh fruits and vegetables, a production expert faced with a surplus, and a manager battling a price-cost squeeze.

He likes sunshine, good food, county fairs, dinner at noon, auctions, his neighbors, his shirt collar unbuttoned and above all, an above-average rainfall.

He is not much for droughts, ditches, freeways, weeds, the eight-hour day, dusty roads, development, insects, diseases, freezing weather or helping around the house.

A farmer is both a man of faith and a fatalist. He must have faith to meet the challenges of his capacities amid the ever-present possibility that an act of God (a late spring, an early frost, flood, drought) can bring his business to a sudden halt. You can reduce his acreage but you can't diminish his optimism.

Might as well put up with him. He is your friend, your competitor, your customer, your source of food and fiber. He is your countryman—a denim-dressed, business-wise statesman of stature. And when he comes in at noon having spent the energy of his hopes and dreams, he can be recharged anew with the magic words—"The market's up!"

Schafer-Phillips To Exchange Vows January 15

Miss Dana Lynn Phillips and James Dayton Schafer will be married January 15, 1987, at the Lake Brownwood Church of Christ at 7:00 p.m.

Miss Phillips is a Senior at Cross Plains High School where she will graduate in May. She is currently employed by the Dairy Bar in Cross Plains.

She is the daughter of Ronnie and Betty Thomas of Grosvenor and Tommy Phillips of Cross Plains.

Schafer is a graduate of Early High School. He is employed by Winn Dixie of Brownwood.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schafer of San Angelo and Kay Davis of Amarillo.

The couple plan to make their home in Cross Plains following the wedding.

Friends and family are cordially invited to attend the nuptial ceremony.

Personals

Larmon McMillan and his wife visited his mother, Lillie McMillan of Cross Plains.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Dill were Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Walker, Jay Kirkham, Clint Brashear, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Breeding, Leo Thompson and L. A. Richardson.

Those from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Young Hall of Sweetwater; Howard Shanks of Big Spring; their son, Fred Dill of Irving, and grandson, Tim Dill, and Joe Houser of Tye.



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C.C.H.S. Ends Successful Year

The Callahan County Historical Commission recently held its final meeting of 1986. They concluded one of the most successful and active years to date.

The publishing of the County History Book was the largest undertaking. Historical markers were placed at the Hittson Ranch Headquarters (east of Putnam); First Baptist Church in Baird; and the T. P. Railroad Depot in Baird.

Numerous activities were also held throughout the County in conjunction with the State's Sesquicentennial Celebration.

The Historical Commission wants to say "Thanks" to all of you for your support throughout this eventful year.

The Callahan County Historical Commission would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Commission Chairman, Mrs. John Berry of Clyde. She is a Charter Member of the Callahan County Historical Commission, and has served as Chairman since 1971.

Under her guidance, Callahan County has had one of the more active Commissions in Texas and they have been fortunate to have had her serving in this capacity for so long.

Mrs. Berry has requested to step down as Acting Chairman, and she was honored by Commission members at one final 1986 meeting. Mrs. C. B. Snyder presented a plaque on behalf of all members to Mrs. Berry with recognition of her accomplishments throughout the last 24 years. She will continue to serve as a member and Honorary Chairman.

New officers nominated for the 1986-87 term are:

Chairman: Jud Gilliland, Baird
Vice-Chairman: Hicks Turner, Eula
Secretary: Mrs. James (Alleen) Briscoe, Clyde
Treasurer: Mrs. Archie (Maurine) Nichols, Baird
Historian: Mrs. Hicks (Jamie) Turner, Eula
Archives: C. B. Snyder, Baird.

These nominations will be given to the County Commissioner's Court for approval in January. The Commission hopes to continue preserving our rich heritage in Callahan County in the coming years, and they ask for your support in this endeavor. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to You All!

Remember Pets At Yuletide

Christmas can be a magic time for children and adults, but without caution, it can be a tragic time for pets.

The Animal Protection Institute in Sacramento, California suggests pet owners carefully think out Christmas plans involving pets.

It is important to place holiday decorations out of the reach of pets. Holiday plants, such as mistletoe, holly and poinsettia, are poisonous to pets. Artificial snow can make your pets ill if they lick it.

Be sure to stabilize your tree so an accidental bump doesn't bring it tumbling down. Fragments from broken baubles can perforate a cat's intestines. Make sure all small ornaments are placed high on the tree so cats cannot knock them off and get them caught in their mouths. Keep an eye on your animals so they don't chew through the tree light cord.

If a new puppy or kitten is coming into your household near the holidays, try to introduce the pet to the family before the holiday sets in or afterward. The excitement of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day can be a happy occasion for humans but terrifying to a tiny creature.

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Beta Sigma Phi Met December 15

The annual Christmas meeting of the Alpha Rho Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met Monday, December 15, at the home of Margaret McNeel.

A delicious pot luck dinner was served, with each member bringing a dish.

After the meal Christmas gifts were exchanged by following members: Debbie Childers, Mary Dunn, Bobbie Johnston, Kala Key, Joyce McCoy, Nora Odom, Pauniece Oglesby, Dorothy Petty, Janice Phillips, Susan Sharpe, Dora Smith, Vernelle Bishop, Sarah Brashear, Barbara Brown, Barbara Callaway, Linda Cooper, Cathy Permenter, Paula Winfrey, Holly Wren, and the hostess, Margaret McNeel, and one guest, Susan McNeel.

Everyone enjoyed the fun and fellowship of the Christmas season. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a very Happy New Year. Our thanks go to everyone who has helped the Chapter in any way during the past year.

SS Rep. In Cross Plains Eliminated

The Social Security office in Abilene sends representatives into neighboring counties on a regular basis. We have been going to five locations in Eastland County—Rising Star, Gorman, Cisco, Ranger and Eastland. Representatives were previously sent to two locations in Callahan County—Cross Plains and Baird. Effective January 1987, this level of service can no longer be maintained.

They will no longer visit Cross Plains, Rising Star and Gorman. There will be no change in the schedule for Cisco, Ranger and Eastland. Baird will now be visited on Tuesday afternoon instead of Thursday morning.

People in Cross Plains, Rising Star and Gorman may wish to visit the Social Security representative in Cisco, Ranger, Eastland or Baird. A complete schedule can be seen in any post office, courthouse, senior citizen center and other public places.

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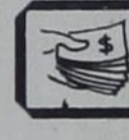
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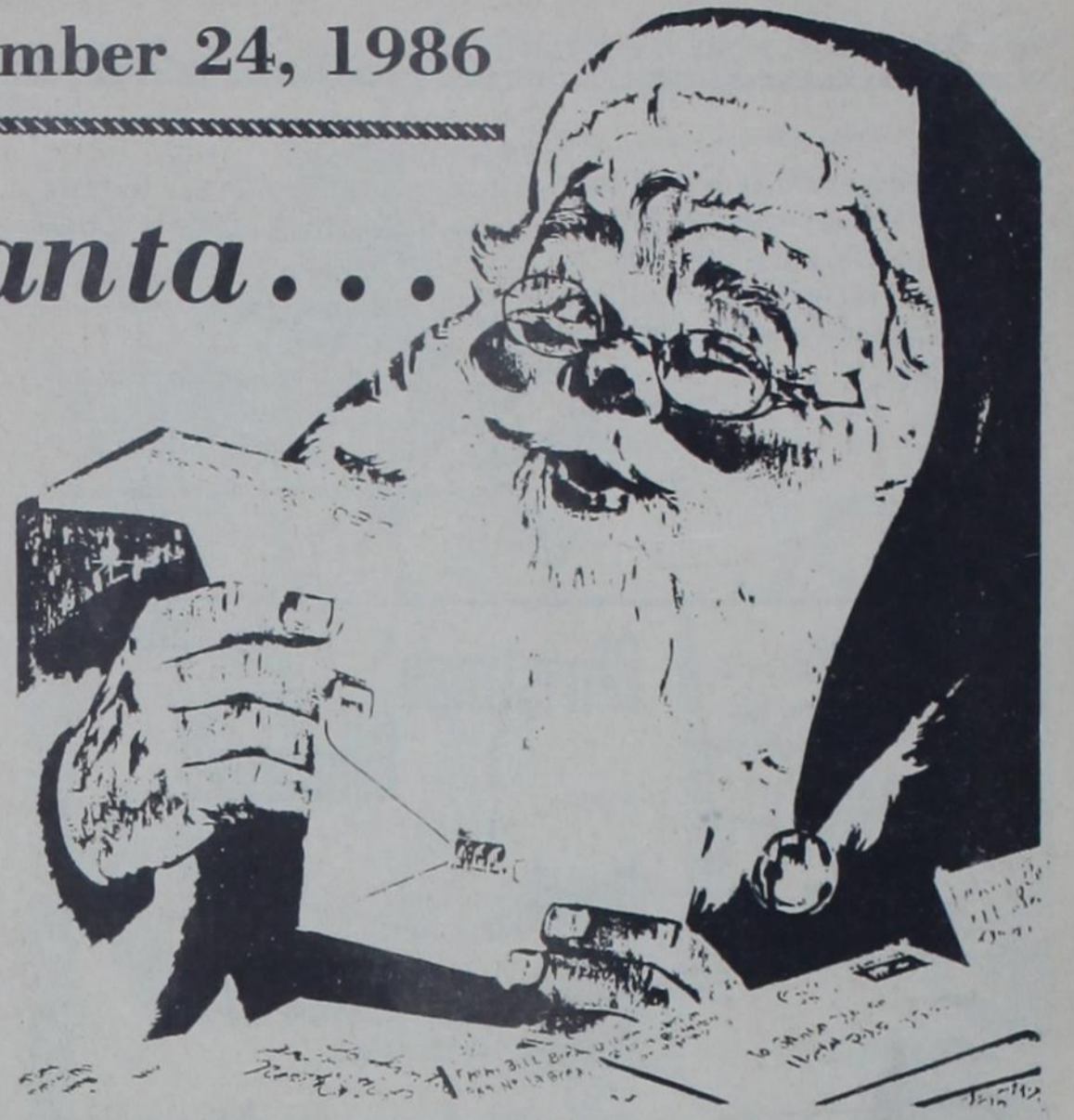
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Hello!
I think I was good. I know you will bring me a bunch of toys. I wish Christmas was every day.

I would like an Etch-A-Sketch, an electric train, and Leader I Go-Bot. How do you sneak in every time?

Thank you,
Doug Segars

...

Dear Santa,
I would like to have this for Christmas. I would like a motorcycle, some new shoes, a bat and ball, and an electric race car set, some transformers and a dump truck.

James Chance

...

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and in Mrs. Edington's room I have been good this year so I hope you will give me some gifts. I would like a Tropical Miko, a Teddy Ruxpin, and a black and white pound puppy. If you are out of these I will like anything you bring.

Please remember all the people I love, especially my mama.

Love you,
Danielle Rae Wills
Kindergarten

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Dear Santa,
My name is Laci Key and for Christmas I want a watch, Jem barbie dolls and rockers, a play camera, swing set, a play house and mini, a pair of gray boots and that's not all, a Cabbage Patch baby bed, and a wagon.

Sincerely,
Laci Key

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Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. My mom and dad says I've been pretty good this year. Hope you think so too. For Christmas this year I would like a pound puppy and a Kris Krinkle. I would also like a tiger skate board. Bring all the other boys and girls something also. I love you.

Jody Don Gosnell

...

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? Have you had a nice summer?

I would like to have a My Child Doll with hair like mine; a Puff-a-Lump Cow; a watch; an etch-a-sketch; a organ; a slumber bag; and Molly and Baby Sundance; and a My Child Aprica Stroller.

Remember to bring my sister and brothers something, too.

I hope you have a nice Christmas.

I love you, Santa,
Amanda Dillard
Age 6

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Dear Santa,
I would like a Cabbage Patch doll, Pound Puppy, motorcycle and shoes. And my baby sister a baby doll.

Tabby

...

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been very good this year. I help my momma and daddy a lot. Please bring me a skelator helicopter and a bunch of Heman Snakemen. I would like anything of Heman's. Thank you and have a safe trip.

Love,
Craig Rogers

...

Dear Santa,
I want a silky, Cabbage Patch, a pound puppy. I love you, Santa.

Love,
Mindy

...

Dear Santa,
How are you? I was wanting to know if you are O.K.

I would like a jewelry box, jewelry, a "get in shape girl" a barbie set, and a bicycle.

I hope you have time to stop at my house.

I love you,
Becky

P.S. Also I want a Pound Puppy.

...

Dear Santa,
I want a walkie talkie, gun, coloring book and books.

I have been a very good boy and will keep being good.

Please remember all the other boys

and girls and my sisters too.
Matt McGowen

...

Dear Santa Claus,
I will be 3 years old on Christmas Day, and I have tried to be very good this year. Would you please bring me a Teddy Ruxpin, a Winnie the Pooh, a Smurf, some new books and puzzles, and some candy and surprises for my stocking. We will leave some milk and cookies for you by our tree.

Thank you,
LeAnne Gibson,
McCaulley, Tx.

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Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Puffalump, a Little Tyke First Truck, some books, stuffed animals, and some toys and candy for my stocking. I am 11 months old, and I am excited about my first visit from you!

Thank you,
Colby Gibson
McCaulley, Tx.

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Dear Santa,
I would like a Cabbage Patch cornsilk doll, and a Wrinkles. Also, I would like a Barbie doll dream house.

Jill Potter

...



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Dear Santa,
I really enjoyed sitting in your lap, and having our picture made! Would you please bring me a baby doll, a Puffalump, some books, stuffed animals, and some candy and toys for my stockings.

Thank you,
Courtney Gibson
McCauley, Tx.

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I bet it is cold at the North Pole because it is cold here.

I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table.

Will you bring me a Basketball and a goal. Please don't forget my sister, Keali, and my brother, Mike.

Remember all the other boys and girls.
I love you.

Thank you,
Candice Eppard

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a big remote controlled Big Foot. I wish I had a Laser tag and a red jogging suit and a new pair of red longhandles and overalls. I want camoflaged shirt and pants and army guns, a Rambo cycle, too. My brother, Cody, wants a pound puppy, a Rambo cycle, a big blue pickup that has to be remote controlled. We will leave cookies and milk and try not to forget them this year. Tell Rudolph, Hi!

Troy and Cody Knowles

Dear Santa,
I want a b.m.x. bike, and a transformers all of the set. How are you doing? I hope you have a nice Christmas.

Jeremy Barnett
627 E. 9th St

Dear Santa,
I want a football, that computer that play games, a Nurf golf set, Danta Bear, a mask car, out Law, some candy, a tape.

Love,
Shawn

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a cabbage patch kid and a sports car and a office and a airplane and some makeup. And also I would like for my whole family to have all the things that they would like.

By Emma

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a new horse and a four wheeler and a motor scooter, lambergene and a swimming pool, cornsilk kid.

Love,
Andrea H.
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good. I want a Transfomer and construxs. And also a codrastun, dread noks and Thunder machine. Please bring my brother a gun and sword. P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Willie and Jake

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like to have Kimber and Rio of Jem and the Hologramse. I want the Jem Rock'nRoadster. I want the Sears Celebration Barbie.

Love,
Amanda Clausen
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a pack of B-Bs. I want a Train Set. I want a model plane. I want a trd train. I want a horse.

Sean Jones

Dear Santa,
My Mom needs new clothes. And Dad need a riding lawnmower. My sister needs a baton, talkingbaby, catseye game. I would like to have a football, soccerball, trouble game, checkers game and pig pong game, shoes, pound puppie, belt, gluve, dog kite.

Dustin
Mom Dad Sister

Dear Santa,
I wish you can come to my house and give me a cabbage patch and some clothes with it. It will be fun. I like it when it is Christmas time then I can upin my present. I hop gite want I want.

Billie Jo

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a BB gun, truck, a big tractor and most of all Christmas I want a little cat in a box, a real cat. And I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Roy Turner



Christmas Blessings

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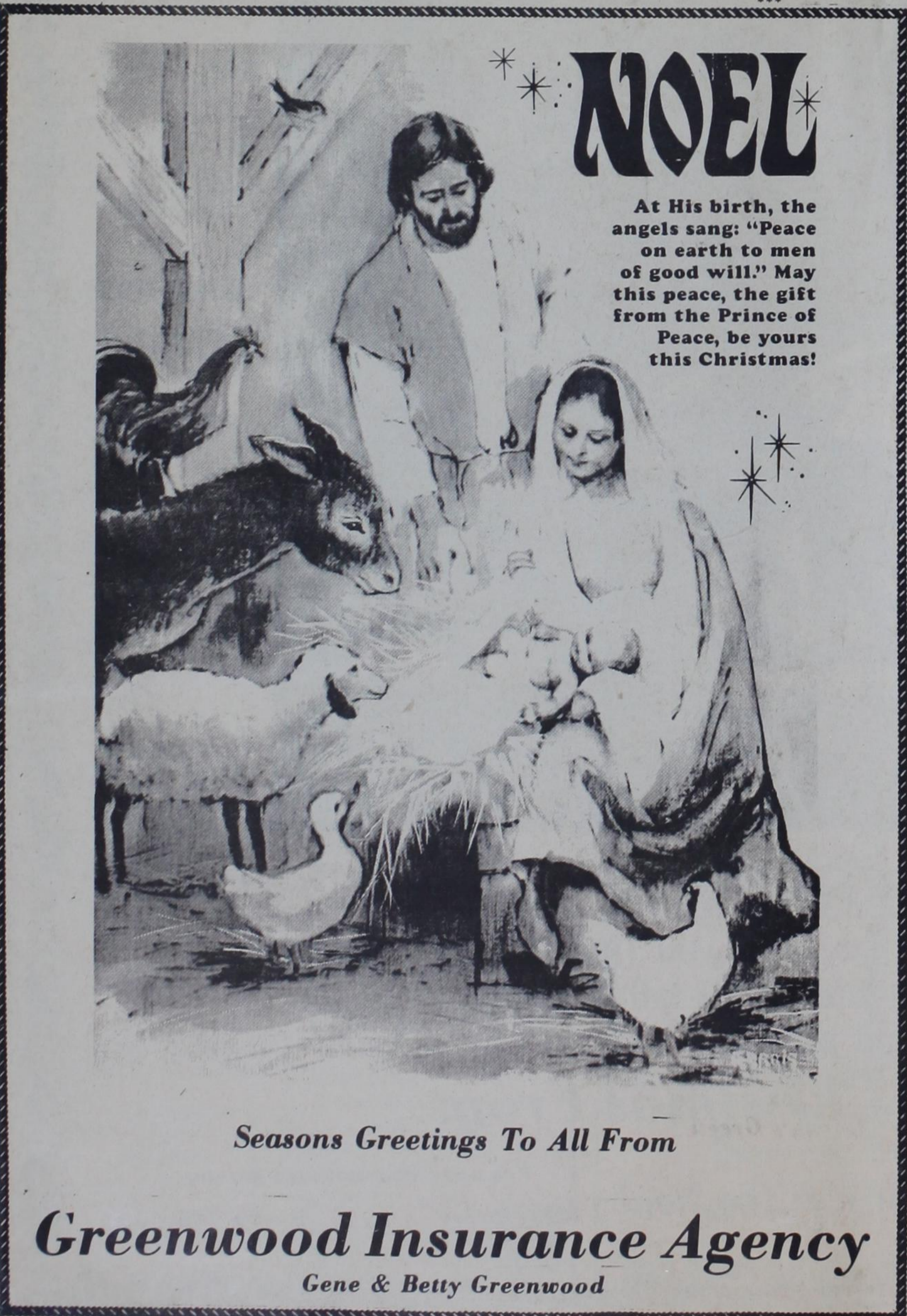
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From All at
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From All At
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Dear Santa,
I want a new bike. And a Popple a pair of boots, a TV for my room. Jennifer would like to have a Zuggy Monster and a doll. Jason wants a gun and a little boy doll.
I try to be good and help my mom most of the time.

Latrishia Carroll

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike, a black Pound Puppy, basketball and a B.B. gun. My little sister, Kristin, would like a white Pound Puppy and a baby doll.
We will leave you some snacks to eat.

Leif Hunter

Dear Santa,
I want some G.I. Joes and cobras. Even some guns and some clothes and a puppy. Even some snow boots.

Kenny Bates

Dear Santa,
I would like to have some GI Joe men and some Cobramen and toy gun.

David Reed

Dear Santa,
I would like to have an off-road racer, jet fire transomer, remote controlled pick-up, a colossal construx set, radio with head-phones, remote controlled 4-wheeler and a camoflouge tent. But, I mostly want the off-road reacer.

Jody Fortune

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Jared and I am sixteen months old. My Mommy says I have been a fairly good boy this year. For Christmas I would ask you to bring me an electronic Yamaha Spring Motorcycle, a pair of overalls, building blocks, and something good to eat. My sister, Becky, has been good also. Please bring her something that little girls like and bring her some good eating things, too. Please

remember all the other girls and boys, young and old alike.

Trying to behave,
Jared C. Wooten

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a fairly good boy this year. All I really want for Christmas is a pen pal!

Your friend,
Teddy Ray

Dear Santa,
I want some clothes and some boots. I would also like a new bike, Big Foot and Pound Puppy. I really want a pet monoster. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Jeff Yates
Age 4½

Dear Santa,
I've been a pretty good girl this year.

I'd like to have a Teddy Ruxpin and a whole bunch of other toys.

My brother, Cody, wants a four-wheeler. Can you bring us one? He's been pretty good this year, too.

I'll leave you some milk and cookies on the fireplace. I love you.

Your friend,
Emily Winfrey
Age 2

Dear Santa Claus,
I really have tried to be a good boy this year but sometimes I'd slip up. I would like for you to bring me a new bike, My Buddy, and a firetruck! Please don't forget my sister, Candi, bring her a Kid sister.

Don't forget the other boys and girls. I'll leave you some milk and cookies by the tree. I love you.

Your friend,
Clint Bailey
Age 5

"Politeness is a liberating constraint. It makes it possible to say everything that rudeness couldn't."
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Joy

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Merry Christmas



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Happy Holidays From Dorothy & Eddie
 Petty And Everyone At
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Dear Santa Claus,
 I really have tried to be good but it's hard when your in your terrible two's. Could you please bring me a baby doll, baby highchair and cradle, and a bike so I can ride with my brother, Clint, he needs a new one, too. I would really like to have some make-up like my Dell has.
 Please remember all the other boys and girls. I'll leave you some milk and cookies, too. I love you.

Your friend,
 Candi Bailey
 Age 2

To Santa,
 I want a four wheeler and a scooter a telephone and give everybody a present. Thank you.

With love,
 Misty Strickland

Dear Santa,
 I want a My Child doll. And a real pretty horse. And my own telephone. And my own tv. And a brand new saddle for my pretty horse.

Love,
 Brandi Adams

Dear Santa,
 I guess you could say I've been good this year, well maybe most of it. I would really like for you to bring me a make up mirror and a baby doll. Don't forget my sister, Janeal, bring her a sweet secret baby.
 I leave you some milk and cookies. I love you.

Your friend,
 Erin Stephens
 Age 2½

Dear Santa,
 I want a football suit and a trampoline and if that is too hard just send money, tens and twenties will be fine.

From Landon

"In a good play, everyone is in the right."
 Friedrich Hebbel



All the blessings of the season to you and your family. We hope that you will find peace and contentment this Christmas and always.

Seasons Greeting from
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Noel

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Best Wishes From
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 833 Main Street

Dear Santa Claus,
 I have been a good boy this year and would like for you to bring me a Rock lord, talking Robot, and G.I. Joe tent. Don't forget Nici, bring her a baby.

Your friend,
 Sean Holden
 Age 3

Dear Santa Claus,
 I have tried real hard to be good, Gran Gran said I've been real good though. Would you please bring me a Cabbage Patch baby, Kitchen Center and a My Pony. Please bring Sean a car.

I leave you some milk and cookies.
 I love you,
 Your friend,
 Nici Holden — age 2

Joy

To all who are young in heart: Warmest holiday greetings for the best Christmas ever!

From Dick, Charlie and
 All The Boys At ...
Grider Gulf
Station



Rejoice! May this holy time recall His clear message of Christmas love to all!
Taylor County Electric
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Dear Santa Claus,
 I have tried really hard to be good but sometimes I had a little more energy in me. Would you please bring me a talking baby, some clothes, and a baby doll.

I leave you some cookies and milk. Don't forget Jacey and Ashley. I love you.

Your friend,
 Blakeney French — Age 2½

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing? Please bring me all of the transformers. And bring me a car. And please bring my sister a bike, and please bring me a b.m.x. bike. And I will leave you some milk and cookies like you always say.

Merry Christmas to all. And to all a good night.

Signed,
 Jeremy Barnett

Dear Santa,
 I want a new Christmas star to put on the top of my tree. I want a Cabbage Patch shirt, a new book, and new crayons.

Your friend,
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CHRISTMAS

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Merry Christmas From All At
Triple S
Roustabout

Dear Santa,
I want some clothes and any kind of toys you want to bring me.
Love,
Billy Higgins
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good little boy this year. For Christmas this year, I would like a bike and toys.
Love,
Jamey
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good little boy this year. For Christmas this year, I would like a basketball and a basketball goal. I would also like a Heman, his name is Mannon Arms. I would like some ostrich boots, play hot gun, kid spurs, and a wrestling ring with wrestling monsters. I want a new cowboy hat.
Love,
Shawn Thayer
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want some new new colors, glue, and a new school box. I want a Rainbow Brite doll, new pictures to color and kite. You can bring me a surprise in my stocking. I want a chalk board and chalk, too. I need some new shoes, a new bear and a Christmas tree ornament.
Love,
Serena Fry
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good little boy this year. For Christmas this year I would like some real drums.
Love,
Chris
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good little boy this year. For Christmas this year I would like a John Deer hay baler. I would like a soccerball. I would like a pick-up. I would like a tractor. I would like a car.
Love,
Lee Wayne Wheeler

Dear Santa,
I love you and I want a football suit and a transformer watch and I want a neat guitar like the one I saw at Brownwood at the Mall. It was white and had kind of different colors at the front. And I want some snow Skis in case it snows again. Thank you for wrapping presents for me.
Love,
Lance Connelly

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good little girl this year. For Christmas this year, I would like to have a jump rope and some gloves and a pound purry and a bunch of other stuff.
Love,
Sabrina
2nd Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
When I saw you in Brownwood, you were real busy. I want to remind you again what I want, just in case you forgot. I would like for you to bring me a bunch of trucks and bears. I would also like some tools just like my Daddy's. You can bring my sister something pretty. She always wants some new clothes. She would also like a camera (so she can take pictures of me, I'm sure!) Daddy and Mama want some new furniture for our house. Be sure to remember to bring my Grandma a special gift, because she is so special. Also, remember all my friends, cousins, aunts and uncles.
Byron McNutt
Age: 2 years

Dear Santa,
I am just going to ask for a bike because you got so many children to deliver to. Don't think we are going to be in Rising Star. I am just going to remind you that we will be in Plains. I want a train that glows in the dark. I have been very good.
Calley

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good little girl this year. For Christmas this year, I would like a bike and a basketball.
Love,
Crystal
2nd Grade

Angels in the sky,
Blowing their horns
Wings so bright
Singing so pretty
In the night.
Calley to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas Santa Claus. Our tree is pretty.
I would like to have a typewriter, Cabbage Patch, a new bike, candy, Casey Crickett, computer, waggon, Pound Puppy, crayons and cloren book, and red back pack.
I love you,
JaDeana Nolan
P.S. I will leave cookies and milk out for you.

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good little boy this year. For Christmas this year, I would like a stereo, a remote control car and a drum set. I hope you can bring them.
Love,
Bobby

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a pretty good boy most of the year. I would like to have some games and an electric train. I have a new baby sister so please don't forget her. I will leave you a glass of milk and some chocolate chip cookies on the table.
Zachary Edington

Dear Santa,
I would like a Teddy Ruxpin and a Poppo. Thank you very much.
Dani Webster
Cross Plains, Texas

Dear Santa,
Hello, jolly 'ol Santa. I've tried being a good boy. Please bring me a slime Pot Monster and baby AC.
Love ya,
Kyle Malone

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good little girl his year. For Christmas this year, I would like a pack of markers, a camera and a jump rope. I would like some new clothes and some new shoes.
Love,
Marcella
2nd Grade
P.S. You can get me anything else!

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good little boy his year. For Christmas this year I would like a toy gobot and transformer.
Love,
John
2nd Grade



We wish you a season of beautiful Christmas moments and lasting memories to treasure always.
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A Special Thanks

... because it is Christmas, and tomorrow because it will be the day after, and so on throughout the year. We may not be able to tell you about it every day, but that makes no difference, the thought and the wish will be here just the same.

*May the joy and peace of Christmas
be with you today and always*

Joy

Let us spread His message of love and peace throughout the land. To all men of good will — a blessed Christmas!

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Shurfresh Self-Basting Grade "A"



16-22 lb. Avg. Wt.

69¢ pound

Ham

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Shank Portion

\$1.28 pound

Ham

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Swift's Butterball All Sizes



89¢ pound

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| TURKEYS Sunday House Smoked | \$1.29 lb. | DUCKLINGS USDA Grade "A" Young | 99¢ lb. | HAM Shurfresh Classic Boneless Whole | \$2.28 lb. |
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Crisco Shortening



Regular or Butter

Limit 1 with \$10 or more

\$1.99

Cake Mixes




Betty Crocker

18-18.5 oz.



79¢

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Maryland Club

1 lb.



\$2.69

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| FROSTING Betty Crocker 16-16.5 oz. can | \$1.49 | SNACK CRACKERS 7-10 oz. | \$1.29 | CINNAMON Shurfine 3.5 oz. can | 99¢ |
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Sugar

Imperial 5 lb. bag

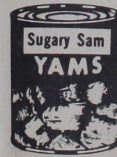
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Corn Oil

Crisco 48 oz. bottle

\$1.99



Yams

Sugary Sam Cut 29 oz. can

79¢

Broth

Swanson Chicken or Beef

14 oz. size

2 for **89¢**

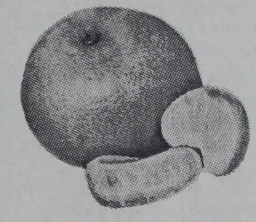


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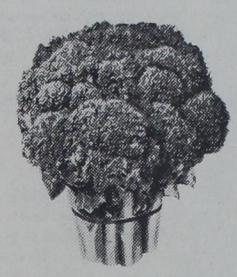
39¢
 pound

Tangerines
 California



69¢
 pound

Broccoli
 Fresh



99¢
 bunch

Mixed Nuts
Walnuts
Pecans




\$ 1 09
 pound

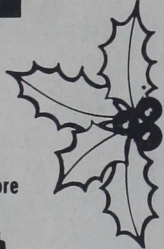
ORANGES California Navel **39¢** **ONIONS** Yellow **\$ 1**
 5 pounds for

CELERY California stalk **2 for 89¢** **PEARS** Bartlett **69¢**
 pound

Flour



Gold Medal
 5 lb.
 Limit 1 with \$10 or more



79¢

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Shurfresh
 Brown & Serve
 12 oz. size

2 for \$ 1

Potato Chips



Ruffles 15 oz. bag



\$ 1 99

Bakery Special

PIES Lemon Chess **\$ 1.99**
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MARGARINE Parkay 1 lb. quarters **2/\$ 1**
CREAM CHEESE Shurfine 8 oz. size **79¢**
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SOUR CREAM Shurfine 16 oz. size **\$ 1.35**
PIE CRUST Pillsbury 15 oz. size **\$ 1.49**

Cranberry Sauce



Shurfine 16 oz. can

49¢

Milk



Eagle Brand
 14 oz. can

\$ 1 33

Coca-Cola



2 liter



99¢


Toilet Tissue



Delta 4 roll package

99¢


MERRY CHRISTMAS



Lots of laughter, lots of cheer, that's our wish for Christmas and New Year to all our good friends and patrons. We enjoyed serving you and look forward to seeing you soon.

Balinda, Dee, Barbara, Steve,
Jamie & Scarlett
Lakeway Grocery

HOLY NIGHT



may it live in men's hearts!
Manager & Employees
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NOEL

May the season bring both spiritual and material blessings to you

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Phone 725-7512 Cross Plains

PEACE

The best gift at Christmas time is the gift of love! Merry Christmas!



Merry Christmas
Cross Plains Exxon

Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
Please bring me table, icebox, vacuum cleaner, racing car and pound puppy sleeping bag.
Please bring brother a racing car and a rocking chair.

Love
Amanda Goble

Dear Santa
My name is Heath Walker. I am 4 months old. I don't know what all this Christmas and Santa Claus stuff is, but I hope you'll come by my house. Mommy will leave you a nice snack of Rice cereal and applesauce.

Love,
Heath Walker

Dear Santa,
My name is Stephanie Edington. I have an older brother, Zack. He is five years old. I am only 3 months old. He is all excited about Christmas. I can't wait to see what all the excitement is about. I would like some new rattles and maybe a crib gym. We will see you soon with a nice snack.

Love,
Stephanie Edington

Dear Santa,
My name is Kyle Hartman. I am 15 months old. I've been told that Christmas is going to be great fun this year. I have a few toys I really would like to have. A bubble blower lawn mower, a toy box, a cookie Monster piano and some books. Mommy will leave some nice treats for you.

Love,
Kyle Hartman

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy this year. I guess as good as a 18 month old can be. My name is Kevin Scott. I would like some new books. I really like books and anything else you would like to bring me.

Thank you,
Kevin Scott

Dear Santa,
My name is Kevin Cheshier. I am 20 months old. I am fascinated with lights. I would like a glow bug or worm, a play shopping cart and anything else you would like to bring me. Mommy will leave you some of my favorite snack.

Love,
Kevin Cheshier

Hi Santa,
My name is Lisa Fortune. I am almost 2 years old. I love baby dolls and I would like a new baby doll and stroller.

Love,
Lisa Fortune

Dear Santa,
My name is Sunny Westerman. I am almost 2 year old. I've been a really good girl. I would like a Little Tikes Kitchen Carosel and a baby doll.

Love,
Sunny Westerman

Dear Santa,
My name is Amanda Sims. I am 2 years old. I've been pretty good girl. I am a little tomboy and I would like anything you would bring me. I'll have a special snack waiting for you.

Love,
Amanda Sims

Hi Santa,
My name is Amanda Kitchens. I am 2 years old. I would like a ball, a new baby doll and a shopping cart. Thank you.

Love,
Amanda Kitchens

Dear Santa,
My name is Keith Permenter. I am 2 years old and I have been good this year. I wish you would bring me some

books, a ball and some trucks. Mommy will leave you some cookies and milk.

Thank you,
Keith Permenter

Hi Santa,
My name is Bo Harris. I am almost 3 years old. I've been good this year. I would like some GI Joes and a play gun.

Thank you,
Bo Harris

Dear Santa,
I am 2 years old and my name is Carri Fritz. I would like it if you would bring me a Care Bear, play Kitchen Carousel, play dishes and a new baby doll.

Love,
Carri Fritz

Hi Santa,
My name is Keali Eppard. I am 2 years old. I've been very good this year. I would like a new baby doll and a doll stroller and a play shopping cart. Thank you.


Keali Eppard

Dear Santa,
I am almost 3 years old. I've been very good this year. I would like you to bring me some new trucks and a tractor, a play gun and a shopping cart. See you soon.

Love,
Seth Fortune

Dear Santa,
My name is Tony Beggs. I am 3 years old. I've been pretty good this year. I would like a fire truck with a ladder, a house and a motorcycle, and some GI Joes. Mommy will make you some chocolate candy and leave you a coke.

Thank you,
Tony Beggs




Come, Let Us Adore Him
Polly's Beauty Bar
Polly Beeler, Lillie Dillard and Leslie Bishop

Happy Holidays

Wrapping up best wishes of the season for you and yours! We enjoyed serving you in the past and hope to see you again soon.

From R. L. and Billie Barnett At
Barnett Garage
Cross Plains



Joy to All



In every home, in every heart, the lights of friendship glow! Merry Christmas!

Best Wishes From Everyone at . . .

Cross Plains Grain & Peanut Co.

Dear Santa,
 My name is Shena Jo Thomas. I am 3 years old. I hope you will bring me, My Child baby doll, Barbie doll, and Talking baby doll and a play vacuum cleaner. I will bake you some cookies and leave you some milk. See ya soon.
 Love,
 Shena Jo Thomas

Dear Santa,
 I am Joe Dillard. I am 3 years old. I wish you would bring me a GI Joe sleeping bag, GI Joes, GI Joes Army tank, GI Joe tent.
 Thank you,
 Joe Dillard

years old. Please bring me a airplane, a boat, and some transformers. Thank you.
 Love,
 Chris Kitchens

a glass of milk.
 Thank you,
 Rande Wren

Dear Santa,
 My name is Blake Dunn. I am four years old. I've been a good boy this year. I would like some GI Joes and a GI Joe Army tank, and a GI Joe sleeping bag.
 Thank you,
 Blake Dunn

Dear Santa,
 My name is Jaden Winfrey. I am 5 years old. I've been a good boy this year. Would you please bring me a rechargeable red jeep and Care Bear and some Hemen. Mommy will make you some Rice Crispy treats and milk.
 Love,
 Jade Winfrey

Dear Santa,
 My name is Nicholas Ryan Dimitri. I am 3 years old. I've been a good boy this year. I would like you to bring me some Hemen and a Threewheeler. I have a new baby brother, Thomas Aaron. He would like some new baby toys, too. We will leave you some cookies and milk.
 Thank you,
 Nicholas Ryan and
 Thomas Aaron

Dear Santa,
 My name is Tabatha Franke. I am 3 years old. I've been pretty good this year. I hope you will bring me a Talking baby, a baton, and Cat's Eye, a clock, radio and telephone. I will leave some cookies and coke.
 Love you,
 Tabatha Franke

Dear Santa,
 My name is Kristin Hunter. I am 4 years old. I wish you would bring me a Pound Purry and a Talking baby doll. See ya soon.
 Love,
 Kristin Hunter

Dear Santa,
 My name is Cody Reed. I am 4 years old. Would you please bring me a Big foot and a play car? I will leave you cookies and milk.
 Love ya,
 Cody Reed

Hi Santa,
 I am Toby Conners. I am 4 years old. I've been a good boy this year. I would like a Remote control car, a basketball and a football. Mom will leave you a snack.
 Love,
 Toby Conners

Dear Santa,
 My name is Rande Wren. I am four years old. I've been a good girl. I would like you to bring me a Barbie carrying case, a ball and a play Kitchen, some dishes and pots and pans, and a crying baby doll. I will leave you some Christmas cookies and



Here's hoping jolly old Santa has you on his list. We're pleased to have you as our customers.
 Holiday Greetings from Lonnie & Martha Switzer
The Party Factory


NOEL



May the spirit of Christmas abide in every heart
 Callahan County

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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 A Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am 9 months old and have been a pretty good boy most of the time. I am learning to walk so please bring me a push toy and a Sesame Street riding toy.

Don't forget to bring my sister, Mande, a Teddy Ruxpin bear. And also bring my cousins, T. C. and Toni, something.

Have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Landon Westerman

...

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a pretty good girl

sometimes this year. I am 4 years old and I want a Sno Cone maker so I can make everyone Sno Cones. Also please bring me a Teddy Ruxpin bear and some tapes and clothes for it.

My baby brother, Landon, wants something to ride on so I can push him on it. Please bring T. C. and Toni something, too. They are my cousins and will be at Nanny's house.

I will leave you some milk and cookies. Have a Merry Christmas.

I love you,
Mande Westerman

...

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike. Also Barbie

and the Rockers. Jem Barbie and the misfits, My Little Pony Castle, and six My Little Ponies, and clothes. I've been very good this year. Also my brother wants the animal swamper. He has been good this year too.

Melissa Clark

...

Dear Santa,
I would like a Big Foot Army tank, bike. Also a pair of boots, pants, and a shirt. Please bring my brother, Jeff, a Pet Monster. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Chris Yates

Dear Santa,
Please can I have a Toy Animal, a Teddy Bear, G.I. Joe, transformers, a Heman, Mask toys and a few more of the TV heroes?

Please bring my sister some Barbie dolls and some stuffed animals.

George Ridens

...

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a shot gun, a G.I. Joe Set, survival knife, roll skate, Flex and Tent.

Please bring my sister a vacuum cleaner and icebox.

Love,
Joshua Goble

...

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a tent for camping, a Rambo knife, and a Go-bot.

Can your elves make any GI Joe men?

Be good to my sisters and all the other kids.

I have been a good boy.

Love,
Dusty

...

Dear Santa,
I would like a 12-gauge and a Pound Puppy.

Ray

...

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a play gun and a jeep. And a Santa Bear. And a battery operator airplane. And jam box. And a boomerang.

Thank you,
Jason Bennett

...

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a B.B. gun, Sky Link, and Dinabot, Cremlock. We will leave you some cookies.

Love,
Carlton Thomas

...

Dear Santa,
I want a superpower hero and Heman. I would like some crayons and a transformer. I would also like to have a Nerf pop gun.

Please don't forget all the good boys and girls.

Love,
Brooke

...

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some new clothes and please bring me a toy vacuum cleaner. And also my little sister would like to have pompoms.

Love,
Julie Bishop

...

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Teddy Bear and an old-time train, and a lego airport.

Nathaniel

...

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Poppo and a big foot truck, and a bicycle. My brother, Jody, would like a Poppo also. He also wants a football and soccerball. My sister, Jenny, would like to have a Poppo and a bed for her babies and maybe a new baby. I have done well in school and am trying to do better at home.

Love,
Jeremy

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good little girl this year. For Christmas this year, I would like a swimming pool 3 foot deep, and a doll house and a big big present! I need some new shoes.

Love,
Ashley
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good little boy this year. For Christmas this year, I would like a real knife. I would like a Krate man with a sword. And a 22 rifle with bullets.

Love,
Justin Storch
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good little boy this year. For Christmas this year, I would like a dog and play truck and some cars. I would like a football and a basketball.

Love,
James
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good little girl this year. For Christmas this year, I would like my dog Smoky back and for everyone have a Merry Christmas. But most of all I wish that people that don't have a Merry Christmas at least one can of food for Christmas dinner and to have one present.

Love,
Ginger Kelley

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good little girl this year. For Christmas this year, I would like a "My Child Doll," and a "pound puppy." I would like my brother to have a glow worm Jack in the Box and some blocks.

Love,
Connie Stout
2nd Grade



Our wish is one that isn't new... but still we'd like to say to you: Merry Christmas!

All The Folks At ...

Cross Plains Locker Plant



Best Wishes From Everyone At ...

Higginbotham's Cross Plains

Season's Greetings



We wish you an old-fashioned holiday filled with love and laughter and all the special delights of the season.

Merry Christmas from

Rose Butane

Don & Debbie Strength & Family

Merry Christmas



Chiming in with best wishes of the season to all our friends. We hope you have a happy Holiday and a very healthy and prosperous New Year.

Sylvia's Hair Shack

Sylvia Switzer, Owner

Phone 725-6333

GREETINGS

Here's wishing you the best of holidays with friends and loved ones all around you!

Frank Robertson
Davy Jones
Joe Olvera

Robertson Tires



JOY TO ALL

Having fun and laughter is our game every day of the year! Merry Christmas and the Season's best wishes to all!

EXTENDED HOURS
THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAYS
GIFT CERTIFICATES
AVAILABLE

Good Times
Family Game
Room



Happy Holidays



We hope Santa is good to you and brings you the best of everything. Thanks for your patronage.

Merry Christmas From ...

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GREETINGS



'Tis the season to be jolly! We wish all our friends the best!

Tim's Pizza Co.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a pretty good little girl this year. For Christmas this year, I would like a new bike and a jump rope. There will be milk and cookies waiting for you.

Love,
Brandi
2nd Grade

...

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good little girl this year. I would like a new bedspread and some decorations. My brother would like a dump truck. My mama would like the kitchen painted. My daddy would like some briches. My grandmother would like a dress and my grandfather would like a new tool box. My grandma would like a new house and my grandpa would like some cover alls.

Love,
Jaonna Harris
Second Grade

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Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Becky. I am seven years old and am in the second grade. I think I have been very good this year. I would like for you to bring me a Cabbage Patch Space Shuttle Doll, a My Little Monster, and, if at all possible a B.B. Rifle. I have a brother, Jared, who needs something also. I sometimes think he's a brat but Moma says he's been good. Please bring Mrs. Layman something extra

nice. Also all the other kids who write to you. We always have good stuff to eat so help yourself. Just be quiet so you won't wake up Jared. Leave something for my Moma. She likes everything but try to leave something special. Also fly over to Granny's and slip something under the door for her and Johnny. And Aunt Barbara lives by the T&C Store. Uncle Weasel needs a job if you need any Elves from Cross Plains.

Your well behaved friend,
Becky Foster

...

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like to have the Predacons, Steel Jaw and Ramhorne and mady Blaster. Then if you can please bring Rodimus Primes. Thank you very much.

Jason Clausen
2nd Grade

...

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a Cabbage Patch doll, some new clothes, earrings, a necklace, a baby doll crib, a new ring for my mother and a new nightgown and a billfold.

Love you!
Nikki Begg
2nd Grade

P.S. Santa, please bring my brother Tony some new toys.

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year and would really like for you to bring me a Pony Paradise, My Child with red hair and brown eyes, and a cornsilk Cabbage Patch.

Don't forget the other boys and girls. Remember that we moved. I leave you some milk and cookies by the tree. I love you.

Your friend,
Janeal Stephens
Age 8

...

Dear Santa,
I would like a skate-bike, transformers, electric train and a Mask vehicle and a clubhouse. Merry Christmas.

Dusty Hinkle

...

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas, I would like you to bring me a Cabbage Patch, three-wheeler, a radio, a mop and broom, a rake, some nice clothes, and a My Child doll.

I love you, Santa,
Ashley Beggs
Kindergarten

P.S. Please bring my brother, Tony, a new three-wheeler.

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Dear Santa,
I would like some toys. Also a Cretchet Doll. I have been good this year. Please bring my sister a baby talker.

Love,
LeaJean Wyatt

...

Dear Santa,
My name is Jessica Childers and I am 5 years old.

I have been pretty good this year and would like for you to bring me a Baby Bonnet School of Dance, My Child baby doll, some Pretty Pony things, Get In Shape Girl, a Keyper, clothes and new cowboy boots. Please bring my big brother, Coby, some clothes and ring and he sure needs a new pair of cowboy boots.

Love,
Jessica Childers
Mrs. Winfrey's Kindergarten

...

Dear Santa,
I want 2 Teddy Ruskins, (1 for my sister, Kathryn), a Baby Talks, a Barbie doll, and baby Barbies, and a Pony with pony clothes.

I will leave you candy, cookies, and milk.

Also please bring me some new clothes, dresses, a weewok. 2 — new crayons and 2 coloring books. I want a new school box.

I love you, Santa,
Elizabeth McCarty
P.S. My sister wants all these things also. We want a surprise in our stocking.

...

Dear Santa,
My name is Jolena. I am six years old. I have been a good girl.

I would like a new sleeping bag, a B-B gun, and some surprises. Please remember my two brothers.

Love,
Jolena

...

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a doll and a Teddy Bear for Christmas. I also hope you can bring all the other kids what they want too.

Thanks Santa,
Christine Hargove

...

Dear Santa,
I want 22 GI Joe men and a gun. I want some boots and a cowboy hat. Some Tonka trucks. I want a bike most of all.

Cooter Nickerson

...

Dear Santa,
I would like to have My Pet Monster. I would also like a snake car, and trainset. For my biggest present I would like to have a real robot. I will leave some cookies and milk for you.

Love you,
Nick Graves

...

Dear Santa,
My name is Crystal. I hope you and Mrs. Claus has had a good year. It's almost time for Christmas and I have been very good this year. Would you please bring me a My Little Pony Set and a Barbie set and a Space Cabbage Patch and a set of play make up and a preme and Santa don't forget my little brother and my sister and all the other little girls and boys.

Thank you, Santa.
I love you,
Crystal

...

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I have a little list of things I wood like to have. A Laser tag, Skate Board, Mean Machine, Baseball Bat, Big Foot, A-G Bear there was more but mama said that was Enwgh. Also I have a new little sister. Please bring her and my brother some toys too!

Jarad Richards

...

Dear Santa,
I am six years old. I want a desk, Laser Tag, and a TV. I also need my two front teeth. I have been good part of the time. Don't forget my sister.

Love,
Joseph Turner

...

Dear Santa,
I want a Laser tag academy set and a Battlecat. I also want a snake mountain. And a pair of Hi-tops. And a pair of walkie-talkie's. I want a new TV for my room. I want a Happy Christmas. I love you Santa.

Benji Blackstock

...

Dear Santa,
I want red ropers, a pink sweat shirt with teddy bears, a toy typewriter, doll playpen, girl cobbage patch stroller, and a musical swing. Please bring Nicky and Cory something too. We have been good. Merry Christmas Santa. Thank you.

Chancy West

...

Dear Santa,
I want a toy truck, a toy fire truck, and most of all Lazer tag academy. I would like to have a tv. Santa, please do not forget my bother and my sister, Kyle and Shanda.

Michael McClure

...

Dear Santa,
My name is Jamee and I have been sort of good. I am better now. I hope you won't be mad cause I acted a little bad. Please bring me some pretty Christmas presents. I want a Tropical Barbie, Teddy Ruxpin, and some boots.

Please remember my friend Maria, she is very good.

Everyone at our house loves you. Merry Christmas.

Jamee Lynn Wills
2nd Grade
Mrs. Higginbottom

...

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy this year. Please bring me a Dallas Cowboy suit. I would also like an electric football game and a guitar. My brother Roger would like a punching bag. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

Love,
Jason Carey

...

Dear Santa,
I want a tape, a new doll, a new rainbow brite bedroom suite, baby skates, barbie dolls, a big truck, my buddy, little cres.

Genie Johnson
Eric and Danyell

...

Dear Santa,
I will like to come to are home. If you like chid then you like us to. My siter like to you brig a doll. She like two dolls. And brig me a doll that rile talk. Thak you Dear Santa.

Maria Reyna

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JOYEUX NOEL

Our holiday prayers wish you peace on earth, good will to all men.

Happy Holidays from
Jann Wren and
Jim Hughes

Floor To Ceiling, Inc.



Holy Night

Joyfully we celebrate this holy holiday in the true spirit of love, and good will. To all our many friends go our wish for a happy, healthy Christmas.



Mery Christmas From All Of Us At ...

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Greetings To Patients And Friends From
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Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine.
Please bring my baby sister a doll for Christmas.
Please bring a toy for all the poor children in the world who do not have any toys.
Please bring me a set of overalls for Christmas.

Thank you,
David Fritz

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Rudolf, a shotgun, a football and kickstand, and a Washington Redskin football suit. I've been a good boy sometimes. Don't forget to bring me a bike.

Love,
Josh Thayer
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are Rudolph and all the reindeer rested up for Christmas?



Deck The Halls

Your friendship and support mean a lot to us. Have a very, Merry Christmas!

Hillcrest Motel

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sexton

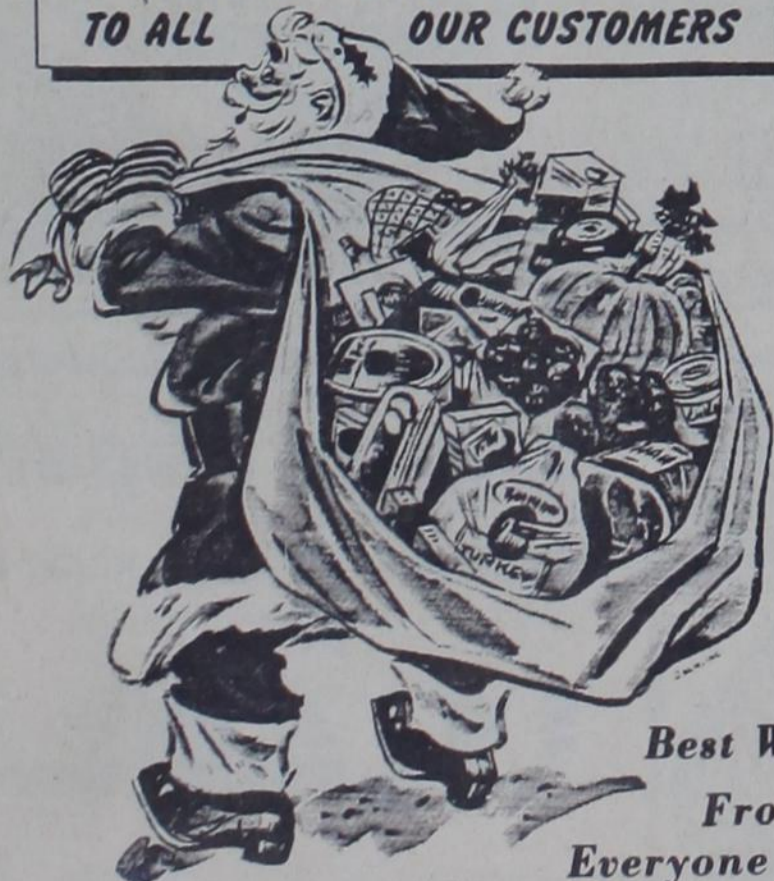
Although it's been said many times, many ways ... Thank you and Merry Christmas!

From Ray Purvis & Family

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Best Wishes
From
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I've had a few good days. Hope you come to see me.

I would like a Dallas Cowboy football outfit, a football, a Rambo machine gun, a field goal game and clothes.

Please visit all the other children.
Love you,
Kye King

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you and Rudolph doing? I have been a good boy, and so I think I need some goodies.

I want a bicycle, a Monster Machine truck, a Flex truck, and a Mr. Gaspump.

Also my baby sister, Cady, would like a My Little Pony and a baby doll. And my Mom might like a nice surprise from my Dad! Hint, hint. Hope to see you soon.

Love,
Caleb Taylor, 5 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
I haven't met you yet because I am only four months old, but Mommy promised to take me to meet you when we go Christmas shopping and I can hardly wait to sit on your lap.

I would like to have a Glo-worm Jack-in-the box and some blocks for Christmas this year. Also, could you bring my big sister, Connie, a new tape player? Her old one is broken.

We'll leave you some milk and cookies and fudge on the table.

Thank you, Santa.

Love,
Joshlin Nelson

Dear Santa,
I want a Krate man. Also a C.I. Joe, too. And a new pair of shoes. And a new bike. And a football uniform. And a new shirt. Ho, ho, ho Merry Christmas to all and good night.

P.S.: I love ya.

From Taylor Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy, six years old, and I have been pretty good this year. I have a little sister, two years old, and she has been pretty good, too.

What we hope for the most is that you will help all the boys and girls in the world have a Merry Christmas.

If you can, would you please bring me a GI Joe H.A.V.O.C., a GI Joe Conquest X-30, and a new stereo (because my old one broke)? Please bring my sister a Cricket doll and some things for our stockings, too.

My dad needs some new work boots and my mom needs some new tennis shoes, if you have their sizes.

Thank you for everything you do for us!

We love you Santa Claus
Sam and Sarah Nixon

Dear Santa,
I've tried to be a good boy this year for you and if you think I have, here's my list of things I would like to have for Christmas. A Laser Tag, Skate Board, A-G-Bear, Mean Machine and Trailer, and a Flashlight. Santa, I have a new little sister. Please don't



A Child's Christmas



Story of the little match-girl

BY HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

In the cold and gloom a poor little girl, bareheaded and barefoot, was walking through the streets. In an old apron she carried a number of matches and a bundle of them in her hand. No one had bought anything of her all day!

Her little hands were almost benumbed with the cold. Ah, a match might do her good, if she could only draw one from the bundle and rub it against the wall and warm her hands at it. She drew one out. R-r-atch! How it sputtered and burned! It was a warm, bright flame, like a little candle, when she held her hands over it. But the little flame went out... and she had only the remains of the burnt match in her hand.

A second was rubbed against the wall. It burned up, and when the light fell upon the wall it became transparent like a thin veil, and she could see

forget her and my other friends. I love you, Santa.

Your friend,
Coby Ryan Richards

P.S.: Take care of Donar and Rudoff.

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a Baby Talk. I wish you would come here now. It's almost Christmas Dear, come here. I have my Christmas tree up. Please bring me a Big Bird Talk, a Popples, and a Pound Puppy watch. All the time I have been a good girl.

Please bring my baby brother a doggie, and whatever toy you want to get him. He has been a pretty good boy.

I love you, Santa.

Kristin Burkett
Age — 3½
Midland, Tx

P.S.: I will leave you 5 gingerbread men, a diet coke and a candy cane on the tree.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl all year. This year I would like to ask you to please bring my mommie a new Sunday dress and my dad a day off. I think they have been good too and really deserve one. As for me, all I ask for this year is one thing, make him tall, smart, lovable, and handsome and also, Santa, let Dad like him, too. As for my bestest friend, Deana, bring her one, too.

Thanks, I love you,
Beth

Dear Santa Claus,
How have you been? We are fine. Will you please bring me a new rope, a flying fist Heman, a transformer and clothes? Also will you bring my sister, Brandi, the My Little Pony Lullabye nursery, the Baby Bonnet School of Dance and some Clothes.

Thank you,
Justin Richey

Dear Santa,
All we want for Christmas is some money to pay for Sr. pictures and our diplomas.

We have been "sort of" good.
We love you,
The Senior Class of '87!

Dear Santa,
My name is Jodi. I am 4 years old. I have been a pretty good girl this year. For Christmas I would like the Heart family, a My Little Pony Case, Baby Popple and a Barbie carrying case.

Thank you
Love,
Jodi Payne



KIDS! COLOR THE CHRISTMAS WREATH!

The best Christmas gift of all!

Sally's brother Timmy was writing a letter to Santa, when she asked him, "Timmy, would you write Santa a letter for me, too?" Sally didn't know how to write, you see.

"All right," said Timmy. "What do you want Santa to bring you?" Sally thought and thought. "I don't know what to ask for," she told her brother. "That's easy," said Timmy. "Why don't you ask for a fire engine?" "No, I don't think I want a fire engine," Sally said. "Then how about a transformer?" said Timmy. "No, I don't want a transformer."

Timmy was getting annoyed with his little sister. "You'd better decide what you want to ask Santa first. I have to write my own letter now!"

Sally looked at all her toys. She had two dolls, a toy stove and sink, a dollhouse, crayons and a coloring book, and lots and lots of stuffed animals.

She thought about it every day until it was Christmas Eve, and she still had not thought of something she didn't already have.

For the first time she could remember, Sally was not excited as she and Timmy hung their stockings over the chimney.

On Christmas morning, Timmy was the first one out of bed. He dashed into the living room and soon he came running into Sally's room to wake her up. "Sally!" he said, "Come see what Santa brought you!" Sally jumped out of bed and ran to the living room. There, under the tree, was a big box marked "To Sally from Santa."

Sally ran to the box and looked in. Inside was an adorable puppy! Sally scooped the puppy up and hugged it. The puppy licked Sally's face and wagged its tail happily.

Just then, Sally's parents came into the living room. "Look what Santa

brought me," Sally said, showing them the puppy. Sally's mother smiled. "I guess Santa knew there was something you didn't already have." "Yes, and it's the best present ever!" said Sally, hugging her new puppy.



Have a Happy!



You've made our Christmas merrier by being there. Many thanks.

Holiday Greetings from
Buffalo Plumbing
Benny & Gaynette

through it into the room. On the table a snow-white cloth was spread; upon it stood a shining dinner service; the roast goose smoked gloriously, stuffed with apples and dried plums. Then the match went out and only the thick, cold wall was before her. She lighted another match. Then she was sitting under a beautiful Christmas tree. Thousands of candles burned upon the green branches. The little girl stretched forth her hand toward them; then the match went out. The Christmas lights mounted higher. She saw them now as stars in the sky; one of them fell down, forming a long line of fire.

"Now someone is dying," thought the little girl, for her old grandmother, the only person who had loved her, and who was now dead, had told her that when a star fell down a soul mounted up to God.

She rubbed another match against the wall; it became bright again, and in the brightness the old grandmother stood clear and shining, mild and lovely.

She took the little girl in her arms, and both flew in brightness and joy above the earth, very, very high, and up there was neither cold, nor hunger, nor care — they were with God.



The Everlasting Night



In the Christmas Spirit of peace on earth, good will to all, may we wish one and all an especially Joyous Noel.

Season's Greetings from
Amelia's House of Beauty
Ernest, Amelia, Joe & Erlinda
Paul, Bridget & Mandy

Season's Greetings

We wish you peace and joy at this time and for always!

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