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A FINE PAPER FOR FINE PEOPLE



Friday evening, December 21, was a special occasion for those living at Medical Center Nursing Home When a Christmas party was held in the Dining Room. Refreshments were served and gifts distributed from the Christmas tree. Pictured are just a few of those attending. Photo by Robertson.



SCOUTS OF TROOP 33 ENJOY CHRISTMAS ICE SKATING PARTY — These youngsters had a whale of a great time Thursday night when they enjoyed an Ice Skating Christmas party at Amarillo. "I don't believe I have ever seen a group of boys have a more enjoyable time," was the comment of Scout Master Tommie Saye, who was presented a special camera gift by the Troop as he sat in the stand watching on. Many can remember Tommie breaking a leg when he joined the group on roller skates at Memphis. Photo by Saye's



Funeral Services For Mrs. Cloetel Ray

Funeral services for Mrs. Cloetel Ray, 70, a resident of Donley County for more than 69 years, were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 23, 1973, in the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Weldon Rives, pastor, and Rev. James O. Brandon, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was in Citizens Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Schooler-Gordon-Robertson Funeral Directors. Mrs. Ray died at 9:15 p.m. Friday, December 21st., at her residence. She was born April 1, 1903 at Ector, Texas and came to Donley County and the Hedley Community at an early age. She was married to William E. (Bill) Ray February 24, 1935 at Hedley and they moved to Clarendon that same year. She was a member of the Order Of The Eastern Star, and the First United Methodist Church and was active in the W.S.C.S. Survivors include her husband W. E. (Bill) Ray of the home; one sister, Mrs. Rolle Brumley of Clarendon; a niece, Mrs. Shirley Welch of Pampa; a nephew, John Carroll Brumley of Lakin, Kansas; three great nieces and three great nephews. Bearers were Glen Adkins, W. H. Cooke III, Wm. M. Porter, Clyde Martin, Willard Hudson, and Gene Alderson.

It was against the law to observe Christmas in the U.S. in 1659.

Scout Troop 33 Goes Ice Skating Dec. 20

Thirty-one Scouts from Troop 33 went to Amarillo Thursday night, December 20, for Ice Skating. There were NO casualties and all seemed to catch on to Ice Skating real fast. About half-way through, Senior Patrol Leader, James Thomas, on behalf of the Troop presented Mr. Tommie Saye, Scoutmaster, with a Kodak pocket Instamatic Camera which will be appreciated very much and will be used to take Scouting Action pictures for his scrapbook. The following Scouts attended: James Thomas, Paul Hermsmeper, Butch Blackburn, Donny Garman, LeRoy Sanchez, Rex Brown, Loyd Rasco, Chris Ford, Dewey Ford, Daniul Alexander, Terry Putman, Stan Leflew, Dan Sawyer, Kyle Hill, Dean Hawkins, Shane Swinney, Drew Thornberry, Lance Thornberry, Kelly Tunnell, Jeff Topper, Jon Nichols, Richard Sanchez, Keenan Shields, Wade Porter, Steve Rives, Rick Hayes, Dan Hall, Irvan Thomas, Gary Thomas, Gary McClellan and Billy Gardner.

GAS FUMES OVERCOME LOCAL COUPLE THURS.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott McDaniel, owners of the Greenbelt Motel, were overcome by gas fumes from a faulty floor furnace Thursday morning. They were taken to Medical Center Hospital for treatment. We are wishing them a complete recovery.

Christmas Edition Published This Week

This week's edition is the Donley County Leader's annual Christmas edition carrying the children's Santa Letters along with many greetings and messages of appreciation from your local and area merchants and others. Your next issue will be that of January 3, 1974. You are invited to turn through these pages and read the many letters and messages. We at the Leader Office, wish to express our sincere appreciation for the help given us in making this issue possible and to wish each and every one of you a most happy holiday season.

May We Have Your News Copy Early!

There will be many who are visiting or who plan to visit through the Christmas and New Year holidays. Your cooperation in submitting your news as it happens will be greatly appreciated by the Leader Staff. Rural columns should be in the office as early as possible. Only a capacity of type can be turned through our machines in a day's time. Call your community correspondent or call or bring your news to the office. Happy Holidays!

Country roads are almost always sixty-six feet wide because that was the width of the original surveyor's chain.

Donley Steer Show Set For Fri., Dec. 28

The Donley County Steer Show will be held Friday, December 28, at the Show Barn in Clarendon, according to Ronald Gooch, County Extension Agent. The judging will start at 1:00 p.m. and Don Reeves, Collingsworth County Extension Agent, will be the judge again this year. Twenty eight steers and three heifers will be shown by the following Donley County 4-H club members; Dean Hawkins, Jeffery Helms, Mary Jo and Paul Hermesmeper, David and Richard Leathers, Jamie, Lisa and Rodney McAnear, Mark Mann, Starla Mann, Phillip Moreman, Andrew, Lance and Mac Thornberry. Everyone is invited to attend the show and give their support to the boys and girls.

Special Service Mon. Nite, Calvary Baptist

There will be a special New Year's service at the Calvary Baptist Church Monday Night, December 31. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will continue until midnight. The service will include singing, duets, quartets, and special Choir singing. Refreshments and a time of fellowship will be at 10 p.m. and we will have special New Year's speakers. It will be a service that will be a real blessing to all that will attend. Where had we rather be than in the house of the Lord at the beginning of a new year. Let's start the New Year right, come bring your friends. Everyone is invited to attend the New Year services with us. All the folks of the Calvary Baptist Church extend a special invitation to you to be present. Roy W. Sullivan, Pastor

MRS. J. R. BARTLETT IN AMARILLO HOSPITAL

Friends will be sorry to learn that Mrs. J. R. Bartlett underwent surgery at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Thursday. It is hoped that she will soon be improved and able to be back at home. Her son, J. R. of New York, visited her last Sunday. Her daughter, Mrs. Roy Grider, lives in Amarillo and another daughter, Mrs. J. W. Goodman resides in California.



Chamberlain News

Mrs. Hawley Harrison

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Darby of Ft. Worth and Mrs. Mary Barfield of Granbury, also Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ballew will be spending the Christmas holidays together, also they will be with Ruth and Nell Corbin, Pete and Jake Corbin, Bertie Fay Templeton and Lola Green.

Clayton Ferris came home Wednesday for the Christmas Holidays. He will be home until January 10.

Those spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lindley are Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bollinger of Stratford, Mr. L. J. Bollinger of Dalhart and Mrs. Harold Lindley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lindley, and Mrs. G. D. Cross, all of Clarendon.

Mrs. Pauline Koontz and Judy Morgan and Jason visited Friday with Mrs. Cora Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Carter and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. Gurnis Kennard and Jennifer, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Carter of Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. Abe Turner and family of Haskell will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dingler are having their Christmas get-together with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Grimland Saturday in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Judy Morgan and Jason of Duncan, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rogers and girls of Albuquerque, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Helms and family of Lella Lake, also Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Koontz, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dingler and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Mann, Jr. and Sherril are spending Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Mann and family. This will be their Christmas get-together.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barbee of

Quitque Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mullins and boys of Houston, and Mrs. Patsy Brasher and children of Odessa are spending Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barbee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ferris were in Memphis on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cannon and Lisa of Navasota are spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Harrison, and the Dennis Harrisons attended the Christmas Party at Martin Baptist Church.

Mrs. Richard Camon will accompany them home for the holidays.

The Christmas Story

By: Weldon Elives, Pastor
First United Methodist Church

Most usually when we speak of the Christmas Story we think of those events recorded in the Gospels about Jesus' birth. How many times are children enthralled by the lovely accounts of the angels, the star, shepherd, Mary and the Wise Men. Adults are also fascinated by story in other ways, yet all focus our attention upon the New Testament events. But, is this really the beginning of the Christmas story?

The most famous musical setting of the Christmas Story is probably Handel's oratorio THE MESSIAH. It begins with a prelude followed by a solo quoting Isaiah 40:1—"Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, saith your God." Therefore, don't you see, Christmas did not begin in Bethlehem, nor with a star in the East, nor with Shepherds keeping watch over their flocks by night. It did not begin with an imperial decree that all the world should be taxed, nor even with Joseph and Mary. It began with a redemptive purpose in the heart of God. Handel knew this and concluded his oration with a mighty chorus of hallelujahs.

Theodore P. Ferris once wrote: "When God came into the world, he came out of the past, with roots in history, and he was born in a city that had a great memory. Jesus was a branch on a

full-grown tree, a shoot out of the stump of Jesse. In other words, there was a development that led finally to Jesus, through the prophets and the priest to the Master." And, through it all we come to realize that the Christmas Story is a love story; its author is love; its plot is love its, denouement is love. For in Jesus' birth, life, teachings, death and Resurrection, we have a full revelation of the Love of God, and the Christmas Story is but one part of that love. It points to mind and heart of God which was in the beginning and is until yet seeking to work out God's redemptive purpose in our lives even as he struggled with the Hebrews of the Old Testament and the Jews of Jesus' day. Therefore, this Christmas think not only of God acting in history that first Christmas Day, but as he acted in history before that event and as he has acted since then to show forth his love even when we are not loving him.

On behalf of the members of the First United Methodist Church let me wish you a very Merry Christmas in sharing with you these words of Howard Thurman:

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.
Grace and peace in Christ Jesus
THINK ON THIS: Christmas began in the heart of God and is completed only when it reaches the heart of man.
—The War Cry.

Martin News

Mrs. Raymond Waldrop

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Thomas of Perryton are the proud parents of a little girl born this week. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hearn.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lyles visited Sunday in Turkey with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cole and Shanna went to Silvertown Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Helton went to Friona Sunday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Waldrop and Colby. They will meet Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cornell for their family Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lester of Phoenix, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lester, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lester of Lubbock visited over the weekend and had Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Watson and family and Mrs. Raymond Waldrop and other relatives.

Stanley Leftew visited Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Othel Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Brunson and family of Amarillo visited Monday through Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Othel Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Helton and Brad of Leoti, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Helton and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Helton and Frona of

Arday, Colo., visited Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Helton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Martin of Dalhart, Mr. and Mrs. Shug Noble and family of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Christie of Idalou, and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Christie of Arizona spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Christie.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Jacobs of Amarillo visited Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Christie. Charlie Hearn also visited Thursday with the Christies.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reid of Claude visited Friday afternoon with Mrs. W. D. Higgins.

Mrs. Raymond Waldrop visited Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lyles.

B. H. Higgins of Amarillo visited Thursday with his mother, Mrs. W. D. Higgins.

Mrs. Maynard Lawson of Amarillo visited Wednesday with Mrs. W. D. Higgins.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DPS Urges Careful Holiday Driving

"One of the most tragic wastes of our natural resources may occur this Christmas and New Year Holiday period," said Major C. W. Bell, Regional Commander of Region 5 of the Texas Department of Public Safety in Lubbock. Major Bell said he was not referring to the fuel shortage situation, but rather to the number of human lives that may be needlessly lost as a result of traffic accidents in Texas during the holidays.

It was noted by the Commander that by not exceeding fifty miles per hour, motorists could aid in the goal of conserving fuel and possibly reducing the severity of accidents, thereby saving lives. The Major made this statement in connection with the enforcement program of Department of Public Safety officers, aimed at reducing the death toll on Texas streets and highways throughout this festive period.

Major Bell said, "The Department of Public Safety will have all available officers on the highways watching for traffic violations, especially those motorists driving too fast for conditions and those driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages." He went on to say that these two violations are contributing factors in the majority of fatal accidents noting that 39% of all fatal traffic accidents during this holiday period last year involved the drinking driver while 27% of these accidents were the result of unsafe or excessive speed.

One other suggestion made by the Major for avoiding holiday tragedy on the highway was for all motorists to use their seat belts. He cited statistics for this period last year pointing out that 97% of all vehicle occupants killed in Christmas and New Year Holiday traffic accidents were not wearing any type of restraining devices. "There are no simple solutions to the traffic death problem," Major Bell said, "but if every motorist will obey all traffic laws and regulations, practice Defensive Driving and holiday season for all this year." ing their part to insure a safe Drive Friendly, they will be do-



To our friends and patrons... we wish you a season full of all the joys of Christmas.

DAVIS RESTAURANT



Holiday JOY

Before this year is over, we want to thank our many customers for their continuing faith in us, and wish you all a very Joyous Holiday!

Greene Dry Goods Co.



We wish to thank you for your patronage during the past year and express our wishes for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

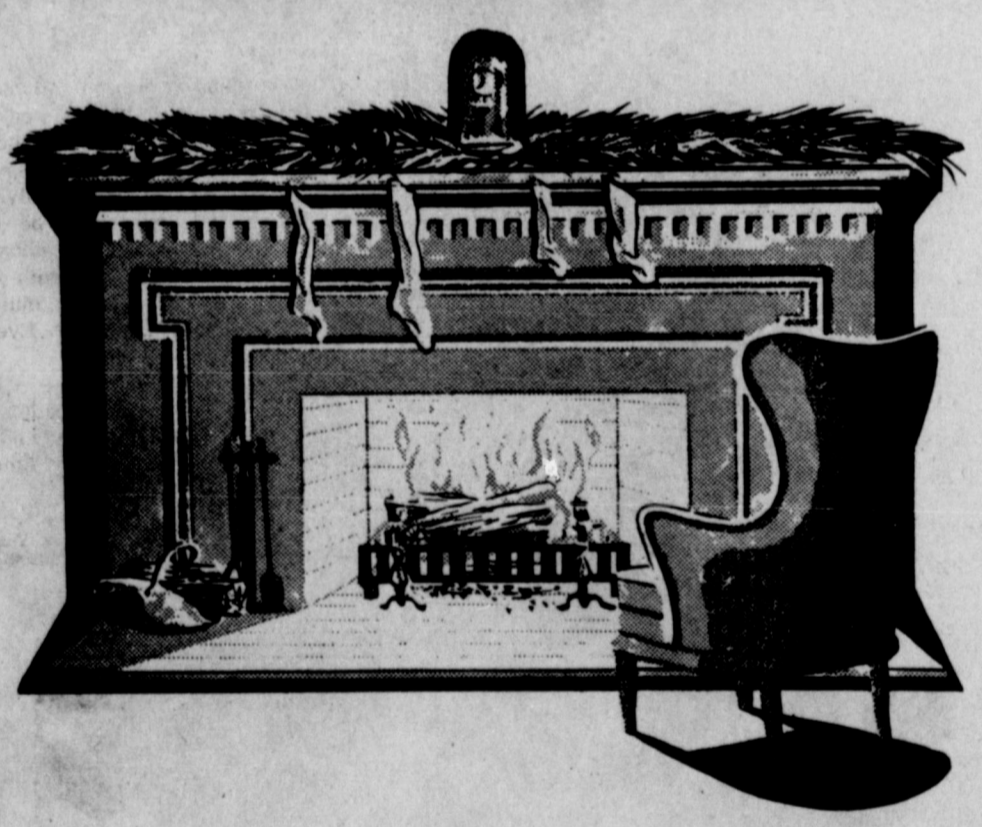
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*It's Christmas again—
May yours be a happy one*

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HENSON'S



The treasure of Christmas

Pull up to the fire. Enjoy every minute of the season. Christmas is here! What a wonderful season; one each of us treasures in his own way. In this time of the sharing of happiness among free men everywhere, we extend to you best wishes for a

Happy Christmas

JAMES OWENS - Leather Goods
BOOTS - SADDLES - WESTERN WEAR

Community Action Board Meet Held Thurs. Dec. 20

The Community Action Advisory Board met Thursday afternoon at 5 p.m. in the Community Action Building with Rev. Owen McGarity, Chairman, presiding. Reports were made by Mrs. Edna Osburn, Community Action, and Mrs. Eureda Mays, Planned Parenthood.

Current projects were discussed and it was announced that the final class period for Typing and Upholstery ended last week and the Carpentry class ended Thursday night. Other classes are to be formed after the first of the year.

Expense of operating the office in Clarendon was discussed and once again the purpose of the two programs was stressed—namely that the program is designed to help people help themselves by learning a trade, job training, etc. in any number of personal interest areas in Community Action, and in the

Planned Parenthood field to help individuals in their family life. Both programs are aimed at self improvement through education and on the job training.

If you do not understand these programs and the wonderful work being done in our community in these areas, visit the office in the former Alderson Studio on Main Street and Mrs. Osburn or Mrs. Mays will be glad to explain how your tax dollars are being used to train individuals to be self-sufficient and provide for themselves.

"I personally thank every person, family, and organization that offered to help the needy in town this holiday season. Through your efforts this will be taken care of," said Mrs. Osburn.

The local office will be closed through December 26. May all of you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ben Jonson, English poet laureate, is buried in an upright position in Westminster Abbey.

Coffee trees bear fruit for about 20 years.

Christal Announces For Re-Election As County Judge

In announcing for re-election to the office of County Judge of Donley County, I wish to express my appreciation for the cooperation and assistance you have given me in this present term. I have tried, to the best of my ability, to serve in the greatest interest of the people of this County. In our Changing Government and laws, I feel I am better qualified to meet the challenges facing our County, because of past experience. I sincerely solicit your support and vote for re-election.

W. R. CHRISTAL

Dick Risenhoover To Be Honored

Dick Risenhoover, a former staff writer for the Amarillo News-Globe and an announcer for KGNC-TV and radio, will be inducted into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame in Amarillo Sunday, January 6. The public is invited to attend the induction ceremonies to be held at 2 p.m. in Amarillo College Gymnasium.

Risenhoover, a favorite announcer in the Panhandle area, is currently serving as the "Voice of the Texas Rangers" baseball team in Dallas. He is a graduate of Childress High School and Texas University. Later he was promoted to head basketball and head baseball coach, serving also as coordinator of the summer baseball program at Childress.

Prior to his position with the Rangers he was employed as a sports announcer for KDFW-TV, Dallas. Congratulations to Dick Risenhoover!

Assembly Of God Announces Special Service Fri., Jan. 4

R. L. Leeder, pastor of the Assembly of God Church, has announced that the Gibson Trio headed by Rusty Gibson and joined by his two brothers, will be at the Assembly of God Church in Clarendon for a special service Friday night, January 4 at 7 p.m.

Mr. Gibson is from Oklahoma and last spring held a week of revival services in Clarendon. He has appeared here on several occasions with his family.

Friday's service will be one of music and Gospel singing you are sure to enjoy with this fine group of traveling musicians, stated Rev. Leeder. Everyone is invited.

When the highest section of steel is placed on a large building during construction, the American flag is displayed.

Leader-Local Rate \$4.50 a Year.

Educational Benefits Under G. I. Bill

Post-Korean veterans are down to about their last semester of eligibility under the GI Bill, but an extra year remains for those interested in farm cooperative training, apprenticeship or on-the-job training, and those qualified for advanced flight training, according to Jack Coker, VA Regional Director.

The standard eligibility period for GI Bill training for all veterans is eight years after separation for military service, Coker explained today. However, post-Korean veterans — those with service from February 1, 1955, through May 31, 1966 — were not eligible until the current GI Bill became effective June 1, 1966.

As a result, the eight-year period for this group of veterans expires May 31, 1974, for all but several forms of GI Bill educational training.

Additional educational benefits were added to the GI Bill in 1967, thus the extension of the expiration date to 1975 for these benefits.

VA officials explained that eligible veterans may qualify for flight training only when it is generally accepted as necessary to attain a recognized vocational objective. This can be in the field of aviation or where it is recognized as ancillary to the pursuit of another vocation.

Applicants for flight training must possess a valid private pilot's license and meet medical requirements for a commercial pilot's license, Coker said.

EXCHANGING GIFTS

Exchanging gifts at Christmas is one of the most time-honored of customs, and toys, dolls and games for the children have always ranked high on the gifts list.

In the not-so-long-ago, however, just one important present — a doll for a little girl, perhaps, and a toy accordion for her brother — was all that youngsters might expect at Christmas.

Though Santa is more bountiful nowadays, the gifts he brings are like those of yesteryear in at least one way. They reflect the interests and fashions of their times.

Dolls, yesterday and today, dress in the favorite styles of the moment. Toys, too, show the influence of current events.

Toy racing cars, for instance, came in with the automobile, while today more complex types of wheel toys take advantage of modern technological developments.

The alligator is the only animal whose upper jaw is movable.

Members of the white race have more hair on their heads than any other race.

Sen. Max Sherman To Serve As President Pro Tem Of Senate

State Senator Max Sherman of Amarillo has been elected by his fellow Senate members to serve as President Pro Tempore of the Senate during the first called session of the 63rd Legislature. Sherman, who is serving his second term in the Texas Senate was unanimously elected during the opening day of the special session after being nominated by a fellow North Texas legislator, Senator Jack Hightower of Vernon.

Sherman, a 38 year old Panhandle native from Borger is currently serving as chairman of the Senate Natural Resources committee and is a member of the Finance and Jurisprudence committees.

The position of President Pro Tempore is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Senator by his colleagues. The President Pro Tempore presides over the Senate in the absence of the Lt. Governor and is next in line to succession to the Governorship in the absence of the Governor and the Lt. Gov.

Senator Sherman was joined during the swearing in ceremonies by his wife Gene, who is also a native of Borger; his son Lynn, age 10; and his daughter Holly, who is 9 years old.

Cotton Clasing News

Three days of cold, windy weather slowed cotton harvest and ginning over the Greenbelt area this week, according to W. E. Cain, in Charge of the USDA, Agriculture Marketing Service, Cotton Clasing Office in Memphis, Texas. "Gin yards were already full of cotton to be ginned, so the slowdown only lasted until the skies cleared and temperatures warmed up again," said Cain.

The Memphis, Texas Office graded 35,400 samples this week to bring the season total to 113,200. This compares to 66,800 on the same date a year ago.

The predominant grade classed this week was grade 32 with 37 percent, followed by grade 41 with 23 percent, and grade 31 with 22 percent.

Micronaire readings showed 78 percent milled in the desirable range of 3.5 to 4.9 and 17 percent milled 3.4 and below.

Pressley tests showed 86 percent tested 75,000 psi or higher. The average for the week was 81,000 psi.

The Memphis area cotton market remained active this week. Demand continued strong and growers sold offerings freely. Prices at the end of the week were steady to 150 points higher than early week quotations. Prices for all grades, staple 30 and shorter, 3.5 to 4.9 mike, ranged from 3800 to 4000 points

over loan rates. Staples 31 and longer, 3.5 to 4.9 mike, ranged in price from 4500 to 5000 points over loan rates.

The average price paid farmers for cottonseed at the gin was \$100.00 per ton.



I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for your prayers, your many kindnesses, the cards, letters, phone calls, and visits during my recent stay in Hall County Hospital. I also thank the doctors and their staff for their care.

Charlie Hearn

Christmas

May the true meaning of Christ Jesus be with you all this Christmas season.

The continuation of "Which Church is the Right Church" will be in the next issue of the Leader, if the Lord is willing. United Pentecostal Church Lawrence Thompson, Pastor Phone 874-3756

AT HOME

Mrs. H. S. Richardson was able to come home Saturday after vascular surgery at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. She is doing well. The Richardson's sons John and Steve of Houston, have been here with their parents. Steve returned to Houston Thursday. We are wishing Dora Lucille a rapid recovery.

Louisiana is the only state whose laws are not based on English common law.

CRITICALLY ILL

Mrs. John Rhoades is critically ill at Medical Center Hospital at the time of this writing. Her daughters are here to be with her.

General Telephone Announces Rate Drop

Telephone bills will reflect a one per cent decrease for the second year beginning in January.

The reduction is the second scheduled step to eliminate the Federal Excise Tax paid by telephone customers and collected by telephone companies on telephone service. The tax was reduced during 1973 from 10 per cent to 9 per cent and will be reduced to 8 per cent during 1974.

The Federal Telephone Excise Tax was first passed as a "temporary" tax during the Korean Conflict in 1953. It was an easy tax to assess, even easier for the government to collect since telephone companies did the collecting for the government free of charge.

Despite continuing efforts to remove the tax, felt by many to be unfair, it has continued since the end of the Korean Conflict.

The tax is levied on both local telephone service and long distance calls.

President of the United States receives his salary once a month by check.

Hawaiian language has only 12 letters.

Greetings



BOBS BARGAIN STORE

For Your Last Minute Gift Selections I Will Be Open DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE



...may your holiday celebration be filled with the gaiety and happiness of the season. Thanks for your patronage.

We Will Be Closed December 25th and 26th GOODMAN FURNITURE



Have a Cheerful Holiday

May this Christmas bring all the best for you and your family and follow you thru the new year.

PARKER - PERKINS



SEASON'S BEST TO ALL

We wish you and your loved ones

a very bright,

festive and fun-filled holiday celebra-

tion! Greetings from

PITTMAN'S CLEANERS

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pittman

Warmest Wishes



...to all our patrons, whom we have had the pleasure of serving throughout the year. May this joyous holiday season find you all in the best of spirits and all your wishes come true. Thank you for your continuing patronage.

JUNIOR'S FOOD MARKET

Society

Mrs. G. W. Estlack, Society Editor
— Phone 874-2043 or 874-3606 —

1919 Study Club Met For Christmas Party Wed., December 19

The Hedley Lions Club Den was the setting for the 1919 Study Club's Christmas Salad Luncheon and gift exchange December 19. The group gathered at 12:30 noon.

During the business session Mrs. Lon Harmon was voted a new member. Welcome to our club, Neta. A gift was sent to Gristown.

The buffet table was laid with a white cloth, Christmas napkins and centered with a Christmas Carol arrangement from which trailing garlands of poinsettias extended down the center. Decorating the arrangement were gold decorated Bois D'Arc balls.

Thirteen members heard a wonderful Christmas Story Book Review, "Anniversary" by Marguerite Sangster which was presented by Mrs. Royce Williams. Rep.

NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Monte D. Stephens of Canyon, Texas announce the arrival of April D'Ann December 5, 1973. The young lady weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Myers of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stephens of Matador. Monte is a former resident of Clarendon and attended Clarendon College. He is now an agent with First Pyramid Life Insurance.

QUALITY PRINTING
AT THE LEADER

Kil Kare Klub Has Christmas Luncheon

Mrs. Lilac Lowe entertained the Kil Kare Klub in her lovely home Wednesday, December 19, 1973 with a Christmas luncheon. Turkey was served with all of the trimmings.

Grace was offered by Genoa Lowe. Beatrice Rodgers gave a Christmas reading and the Christmas story was told by Genoa Lowe.

Officers for the coming year will be as follows: Ella Simmons, President; Eva Phelps, Secretary; and Leona Quattlebaum, Reporter.

A Christmas tree was enjoyed will all of its lovely decorations. Gifts were exchanged among the members.

Members attending were Edna Hudson, Ella Simmons, Lilac Lowe, Nora Leathers, Beatrice Rodgers, Eva Phelps, Leona Quattlebaum, and one visitor, Genoa Lowe. Rep.

NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Thomas of Perryton, Texas announce the arrival of a daughter, December 17, 1973 at Perryton. The little miss weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and has been named Holly. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hearn of Clarendon and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Thomas of Washburn. Great grandfather is Frank Lyle of Clarendon.

GI Bill enrollments in fiscal year 1973 edged past 2.1 million to the highest level in 22 years, the Veterans Administration reported recently.



The H. C. Easterlings To Observe 50th Anniversary December 30

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clyde Easterling will observe their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Sunday, December 30, 1973 from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Restaurant, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Easterling were married December 22, 1923 in Clarendon, Texas. They lived in Texas until 1944 when they moved to Bentonville, Arkansas.

Serving as hosts for the reception will be the couple's daughters: Mrs. Jerry Coffelt of Rogers, Arkansas, Mrs. Clyde Wood of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Mrs. Bill Simpson of Amarillo, Texas and Mrs. Lee Christie of Idalou, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Easterling have seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

An invitation is extended to friends and relatives to attend.

Homemaking Courses In January At AC

A new schedule of Amarillo College adult homemaking classes has been released by Mrs. Barbara Truitt, coordinator-instructor of the adult homemaking programs.

Beginning Jan. 9 is a class in household sewing which includes sewing bedspreads, table cloths, decorator pillows, curtains, and many other items for the home. The class meets from 1-3 p.m.

"With shortages facing us, and the high cost of buying, this course is becoming quite popular," said Mrs. Truitt.

A class in tailoring women's garments for those who have completed the basic bishop sewing

class is slated from 9-11 a.m. Jan. 10.

An upholstery class begins Jan. 11. Students bring a piece of furniture and re-upholster it in class while learning the basis of upholstery.

"These classes are limited," Mrs. Truitt said. Meeting time is 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Tailoring men's suits will begin from 9-11 a.m. Jan. 14. Women or knitted fabrics may be used.

Two classes beginning Jan. 15 are basic bishop sewing from 9-11 a.m. and beginning and basic bishop short-cuts from 7-9 p.m.

Registration and fees will be completed at the first class meeting. All classes will meet at the School of Vocational Arts, 6222 W. 9th, Room 103 of Building C.

A fee of \$7.50 is charged for all classes except upholstery which is \$10.

Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Truitt at the SVA campus

Accent On Health

J. E. Peavy, M.D.,
Commissioner of Health

Diabetes, one of the top 10 killers, is being attacked full scale in portions of the Rio Grande Valley.

A massive screening program, along with a public awareness campaign, is being conducted in Starr and Hidalgo Counties through local health departments, the medical society and backup support of the State Health Department.

Diabetes may strike anywhere, but in the Rio Grande Valley it is more prevalent among those in the high risk group. Who composes this high risk segment of society? You are in it IF — if you are more than 45 years of age; if you are 45 or older and a close blood relative of a diabetic; if you are 45 or older and you are very overweight (obese); and if you are 45 or older and the parent of a newborn baby weighing nine pounds or more.

Some private physicians and local health departments screen patients for diabetes routinely if they fall into the high risk category. In Starr and Hidalgo counties, with a strong assist from television stations, those who are most susceptible are being sought out.

Through use of four specially produced television films from the State Health Department, the message is being carried to all viewers. They are being asked to have screening blood tests made at a health department clinic, or from a private doctor if they are in the high risk group. The blood samples are then sent to the State Health Department Laboratories for evaluation. Local health department personnel will follow up on persons whose tests were positive.

Studies done in Starr County and elsewhere in the Valley have indicated that diabetes mellitus is much more prevalent in South Texas than elsewhere in the na-

tion. Dr. Mario Ramirez of Roma said about 20 per cent of his patients at high risk have diabetes. Oftentimes, those with diabetes don't report to a physician until complications from the disease force them to seek medical aid.

Some of the complications from diabetes are blindness, gangrene, damage to kidneys, blood vessels and nerves, heart attack and stroke.

Early detection and treatment, so important in other diseases, is just as important if you have diabetes.

It is estimated that only about half its victims are aware they have the disease. In the other half it is hidden. Programs such as the special effort in the Valley may insure a healthier future for those in whom the disease is found.

Diabetes is a chronic, metabolic disease which is a worldwide problem. It has been known for thousands of years. The oldest known document, an Egyptian papyrus of 1500 B.C., contains the earliest reference to what was probably diabetes.

Although diabetes affects people of all ages, in this country it is 10 times more prevalent after age 45.

Despite research through the centuries, no cure is yet known. However, the introduction of insulin therapy during the 1920's, followed by oral drugs in the 1950's, greatly improved the prognosis for diabetes. Today the life expectancy of a diabetic is much greater than it was 50 years ago when insulin was first administered to a 14-year-old boy in Toronto. The boy recovered from a deep coma. Since that day, insulin has saved the lives of millions of people.

Simply put, diabetes is too much sugar in the blood. Blood sugar - glucose - isn't broken down into body fuel as it should be because of a malfunction of the pancreas.

A person with diabetes may have these symptoms: excessive thirst, frequent urination, excessive hunger, weight loss, failing eyesight, intense itching, pain in fingers and toes, weakness, tiredness and drowsiness.

A blood test can detect sugar in the blood, and many persons learn of the disease while undergoing regular checkups or being treated for another illness.

Prevalence in this country is increasing and probably is attributable to many factors. People, in general, are living longer. The life expectancy of diabetics has increased.

Finding of the diabetic is important, and finding the hidden diabetic is doubly so. The earlier diabetes is detected, the easier it can be controlled and a person put on the proper diet and medication, says the Health Department.

The Veterans Administration reports that California, with 3.23 million veterans, maintained its position in fiscal year 1973 as the state with the most veterans. New York ranks second with 2.52 million veterans.

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Candles Light The Way To Christmas

Long before the world knew Christ, man associated the light of the candle with spiritual longings. The Old Testament refers frequently to the candle as a symbol of spiritual light.

The Christians were quick to adopt the candle as a symbol especially suitable to their beliefs. Thus the candle is close to the heart of Christmas. It is a beloved tradition in many aspects: candles in the windows, Christ-Child

to light the coming of the Christ-Child on Christmas Eve; the Christmas candlelight service; candles on the Christmas tree for centuries, before they were replaced, for safety's sake, by electric bulbs.

And because Christ had referred to Himself as the Light of the World, and asserted that every Christian was a light, the Christmas naturally placed candles on their altars to remind

them of this teaching. For the Medieval church, tradition dictated that candles be made of beeswax. This idea had its origin in the belief that bees came to earth direct from heaven. Throughout the Middle Ages it was common to keep swarms of bees at religious establishments.

Candlemas Day, still observed in some churches on February 2, was instituted in the 11th century. On that day, candles were blessed and Scripture was read describing the candle as the symbol of the Christian's love for the Christ that dwells within him.

AT HOME

Friends will be glad to learn that Bill Skiles is able to be at home after spending several weeks at Veterans Hospital in Amarillo. It is good to have the Sickles back with us and to know that both are feeling better.

Attend The Church of Your Choice This Sunday.

THP Investigated Six Accidents In Donley For Nov.

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated six accidents on rural highways in Donley County during the month of November, according to Sergeant J. R. Smith, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in no persons killed and four persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first 11 months of 1973 shows a total of 72 accidents resulting in two persons killed and 53 persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for the 60 counties of the Lubbock Department of Public Safety Region for November, 1973, shows a total of 606 accidents resulting in 25 persons killed and 349 persons injured as compared to November, 1972, with 504 accidents resulting in

14 persons killed and 265 persons injured. This was 22 more accidents, 11 more fatalities, and 84 more injured in 1973 at the same period of time.

The 25 traffic deaths for the month of November, 1973, occurred in the following counties: three each in Oldham, Clay and Lubbock; two each in Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Wise; and one each in Garza, Stonewall, Young, Lipscomb, Parmer, Randall, Swisher, and Wilbarger.

Social Security

Q—I have read that because I receive social security disability benefits I can become entitled to Medicare. How would these benefits differ from the Medicare benefits received by my friends who are over 65?

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A—The first month for which any disabled person under age 65 could have become entitled to Medicare was July 1973. After you have been entitled to disability benefits for 24 consecutive months, you are automatically entitled in the 25th month to both Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance).

Q—Do I have to enroll in Part B of Medicare and pay the premium for these benefits?

A—No. If you do not want Part B, you will have ample time after a notice has been mailed to you in which you may notify the social security office of your decision. This first opportunity to enroll for Part B is called your initial enrollment period.

Q—If I refuse the Medical Insurance during my initial enrollment period, will I have a later opportunity to change my mind?

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Yet, through the very meaning of Christ's coming, every man, of every persuasion . . . whether "Christian" or not, can take Christmas to his heart and profit by it.

For Christ personified brotherhood, abiding love, tolerance; if Christians have gotten away somewhat through the "outward and visible signs," the ceremonials and the trappings — perhaps this is the year to come home to Christ.

Whatever the rest of the world is doing, let each of us celebrate Christ's birth in our individual, personal ways.

Let us forget self, let us truly open our hearts, to genuinely offer friendship and brotherly love.



Let us "do" for others, not just through organized charities, or group efforts. Discover the thrill of assisting some less for-

tunate person, someone who may have much of this world's goods, but be impoverished otherwise.

This is the Christmas to relinquish those petty grievances, and perhaps the important ones, as well.

This is the Christmas to really show those you love that you do love them, in important, little ways . . . and in large ways, too. It is so human to take care of the vital, "large" ways, and overlook the small, also vital ways! This is the year to do something about that.

Christmas Creche Has Tradition

We do not know when the first creche was set up as a tableau to illustrate the nativity, but church records indicate that St. Francis of Assisi received special permission from the Pope to reconstruct the scene in the Bethlehem stable.

Today the crib, surrounded by figurines of the Holy Family, the Three Wise Men, shepherds, angels and farm animals, is to southern Europe and Catholic countries what the brightly decorated Christmas tree is to America.

In the Southern Hemisphere Christmas is celebrated in mid-summer heat. They will have the traditional turkey dinner. Families often go to the seashore or the hills for a picnic.

Veterans are advised by the VA to keep their families informed on the location of birth and marriage certificates, military discharge papers and other vital documents required in filing for VA benefits.

Veterans and servicemen are cautioned to investigate VA eligibility of correspondence schools before enrollment. A recent law enacted by Congress governs correspondence schools under the GI Bill.

Minerva was the goddess Europa.

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GREETINGS

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It's fine to "go all out" for children, at any time, as long as it is in proportion to the event, and if the children's well-being is taken into account. But sacrificial or extravagant giving can be harmful to the children, give them a false sense of values, and of course cause the giver hardship, for no good purpose.

Let us take an adult look at Christmas. Let us think of the strong, virile Christ when we think of Christmas, not merely the helpless Babe. Let us think of this mature man-God, with his adult convictions, his adult compassion, his adult physical strength, and honor these qualities.

Let us put this true evaluation of Christ into Christmas. As adults, it is we who must do this. And in doing this, we take not a whit away from the children's pleasure. But we add significance, immeasurably, to our own.

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Hedley News

Mrs. Mabel Bridges The Hedley Lions Club will have a business meeting this Thursday night at the Lions Den beginning at 7 p.m. Members are urged to attend. There is a lot of year-end business to be taken care of.

The Hedley High School Basketball teams were entered in the Claude Invitational Tournament, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. The Hedley girls played Vega at 9 a.m. Thursday morning with the Hedley boys playing Vega at 10:30 that morning.

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People, Spots In The News

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PIGTAILED Terri Bittner, 11, is first female Little League umpire, callin' 'em at Williamsport, Pa.



RECOGNIZING its long association with film industry, Kodak has made grant making possible "The Men Who Made The Movies" as a Public Broadcasting Service series on famous directors, starting Nov. 4. Richard Schickel, producer, and Jack Maynard of Eastman check some footage.

Adell Myers of Pampa was a visitor. Hedley visitor last Thursday. Dr. and Mrs. Ben Blackwell of Amarillo visited Mrs. J. B. Pickett Friday of last week. Mrs. Maureen Doherty and daughter, Lenita of Jacksonville, Texas were Hedley Christmas visitors. Merry Christmas to all! Sell what you don't want and need through the classified ads. Lew Wallace, author of Ben Hur, was a Union General.

NEWS FROM Congressman Bob Price

13th District, Texas

Congressman Bob Price of Tex. Tuesday asked Federal Energy Administrator William Simon to amend oil allocation regulations to insure the encouragement of increased domestic oil exploration.

Last week, Price wrote Simon asking that the allocations not be applied at the producer level. Today, in another letter to Simon, Price said he was "still concerned that the proposals will discourage exploration" even though he was "encouraged to see no specific allocation allotments at the producer level."

Price was commenting on new proposals published in the Federal Register Dec. 13th. "Any action which discourages new oil and gas exploration will prolong our energy shortage," the 13th District Texas Congressman said.

"The proposed allocation system requires that refiners having crude oil in excess of their allocation sell that excess to refiners in short supply at a fixed 'weighted average price,'" the Congressman wrote. "This price no doubt will be less than the current price at which producers are able to sell the new crude supplies on which the Cost of Living Council recently lifted controls. Under the proposed FEO regulations, refiners in short supply will have little incentive to pay current new crude prices since they are guaranteed their allotment at the 'weighted' price. This would become a discouraging factor to new producer exploration."

"I suggest the proposed FEO regulations be adjusted to exclude from estimates of the amount of crude available for refining the supplies of crude no longer covered by price controls, and to allow refiners to process this crude in addition to their regulated allocation. Since the refining allotment is based on a percentage of available crude in relation to refining capacity, my suggestion would reduce the percentage of refiner allocation, but price competitiveness for new crude not covered by price controls would remain viable. Thus, the nation's 10,000 independent producers who drill some 80% of the nation's exploratory wells would continue to be encouraged to step up their exploration," Price wrote.

Sen. Bentsen Reports Transition Is Ahead In coming years, our country will make the painful transition from a period in which we have had such plentiful supplies of petroleum that we could afford to waste it, to a time of scarcity, during which our energy supplies must be carefully conserved.

I am offering three legislative initiatives which, I believe, will help us become energy independent, and protect jobs and maintain production during the crisis. One bill increases the American taxpayer's share of the receipts from oil and gas produced under new leases of Federal lands from 16-2/3% to 65 percent. It would not affect existing leases. The new percentage would be comparable to the amount the people of Indonesia or Nigeria or The Philippines are now receiving in royalties from American oil companies.

I feel my proposal is far more sound than another bill before the Senate, which seeks to establish a government corporation to develop these Federal lands. Development of oil and gas resources is a high-risk business, requiring a lot of expertise. It is not something that lends itself to government involvement.

The boost I am seeking would mean billions of dollars in additional revenue to the American people from these public lands, while still offering an incentive to the oil companies to use their experience in exploring and developing the resources.

At current higher oil prices, the hike would mean over \$300 billion a year in payments to the government from only one of three lease sales scheduled for next year. This compares with the \$300 million which all existing oil and gas lease payments now bring into the treasury.

Speed Energy Exploration and Development

And boosting the taxpayer's share of the production receipts should result in lower initial bids for the leases from federal lands. Lower bonus bids will free more capital for drilling and will enable more independent producers to get in on the action. These steps would speed exploration and development of these petroleum resources.

A second measure I am offering removes the foreign oil and gas depletion allowance in all countries except those of North America. Under present law our tax code allows the same depletion allowance for production in the Middle East as for production in the U. S.

If our nation is to move toward the goal of self-sufficiency, then a depletion allowance that encourages oil exploration and production outside North America would be self-defeating. Ease Impact of Shortage My third bill seeks to establish the Agency for Energy Adjustment to administer a program

of guaranteed loans that will help industry install energy saving equipment, or convert from petroleum and natural gas to more abundant forms of energy, such as coal, or convert to new lines of goods and services less dependent on energy. This program would help factories and plants open, production lines moving, and American works on payrolls instead of unemployment compensation or welfare rolls. It would assist in our efforts to conserve energy.

I am taking these initiatives to help move our nation toward energy self-sufficiency and economic security. Undoubtably other measures will be needed to achieve these goals and the transition of our economy. Of one thing I am certain: Government must not delay by failing to provide leadership. The cost of doing nothing — the cost of waiting jobs to be lost and factories close — is unacceptable. The price of failing to conserve energy supplies and working

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Operation Motorcide Thru Holiday Period

Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, announced today that changing travel patterns brought on by the national energy shortage make it impossible for the DPS to validly estimate the number of traffic deaths which might occur in Texas over the upcoming holidays.

He said, however, it was hoped the traffic death count would fall below the 14.5 daily average observed during last year's Christmas period, and below the 18.5 daily average recorded for the last New Year holidays.

Speir said it is impossible to compare total deaths between this year and last because the current holiday periods are both 102 hours as compared to 78 hours periods twelve months before.

The DPS director said factors expected to affect auto travel include driving curtailments

which might result from lower speeds, weekend service station closings, higher gasoline prices and the possibility of spot fuel shortages.

Reduced travel might normally result in some reduction in traffic deaths. But Speir warned that if a substantial number of drivers have reduced their speeds while a high percentage of others are still driving at high speeds, the number of deaths could be considerably higher because of accidents possibly resulting from more pronounced speed differences.

He reminded motorists that Texas law requires drivers going less than the prevailing traffic speed to keep right on multi-lane highways.

Speir urged drivers to avoid drinking if driving, noting that alcohol traditionally has been a major factor in the holiday accident problems.

And he pointed out that the apparently growing trend toward motorists carrying spare containers of gasoline in their vehicles might boost the toll-

Public School Issues Guidelines During The Nat. Energy Crisis

Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District will adhere to the best of its ability the guidelines set forth by the Governor and Texas Education Agency to the Energy Saving Program during the designated period from January 1, 1974 and extending through March 31, 1974. They are as follows:

1. A 15% reduction in energy consumption.
2. Set all thermostats at 68 degrees during cold weather.
3. Reduce the setting of all thermostats to 65 degrees a half hour prior to the departure of students from a building and reset the thermostats to 68 degrees one hour prior to the arrival of students in the morning.
4. The school day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:55 p.m. (Daylight Saving Time - 10:00 a.m. to 4:55 p.m.)
5. Schedule all student activities to the extent possible, including athletic events, in the afternoons during the months of January, February, and March.
6. Turn off all unnecessary lighting.
7. Close off and reduce heat to the minimum in all portions of

particularly if one of the containers should catch fire as the result of leaking fumes or spilled contents.

The Christmas period begins this year at 6 p.m. Friday, December 21, and ends at midnight Tuesday, December 25. New Year will start at 6 p.m. Friday, December 28, and terminate at midnight Tuesday, January 1, 1974.

During both periods, Speir said the DPS would place all available uniformed personnel on duty in a concerted effort to reduce accidents and save lives. He noted that patrolmen would be especially watchful for drinking and reckless drivers.

In addition to its enforcement activities, the DPS will be cooperating with local law enforcement agencies and the news media of Texas in a program called "Operation Motorcide." Information on fatal traffic collisions will be tabulated in Austin and released three times daily throughout the holidays in an effort to focus public attention on traffic safety.

buildings not necessary to the instructional program.

8. Maintenance and custodian work will be done during the day.

Daylight Standard Time Lunch period would be adjusted accordingly with the class schedule. Reasons for time change are the length of bus routes and time bus students would be picked up.

The above energy saving guidelines were discussed and approved by the Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District school board on December 13, 1973. Jeff L. Walker, Superintendent.

AC Nursing Exams Slated For January

Pre-testing dates have been set for administering vocational nursing exam Jan. 9-11 and 15-17 at the Amarillo College School of Vocational Arts, 6222 W. 9th.

Applications for the 12-month program are available from Mrs. Sue Ann Hicks, coordinator-instructor of the AC vocational nursing program.

Tests will be given in Room 204 of the Administration Building at the SVA campus beginning at 8 a.m.

The next 12 month vocational nursing class will begin Feb. 11, 1974, said Mrs. Hicks.

The first five months of training are pre-clinical to orient the prospective nurse with practices, procedures, and responsibilities associated with the nursing profession.

Seven months of clinical experience follows under the direction of a licensed physician or registered nurse. After this training is complete, students then prepare for state board examinations which, if passed, make them a licensed vocational nurse.

Hospitals that cooperate with the college in its endeavors to train students in the nursing field are Northwest Texas, High Plains Baptist, and St. Anthonys.

It is said that when President Roosevelt asked all governors in the Thirties to declare 35 miles an hour the legal limit in order to save tires and fuel Gov. Coke Stevenson refused. . . . When asked why, he replied: "When you drive 35 in Texas you never get there." Have you tried driving at 55 . . . It does seem that way for a fact.

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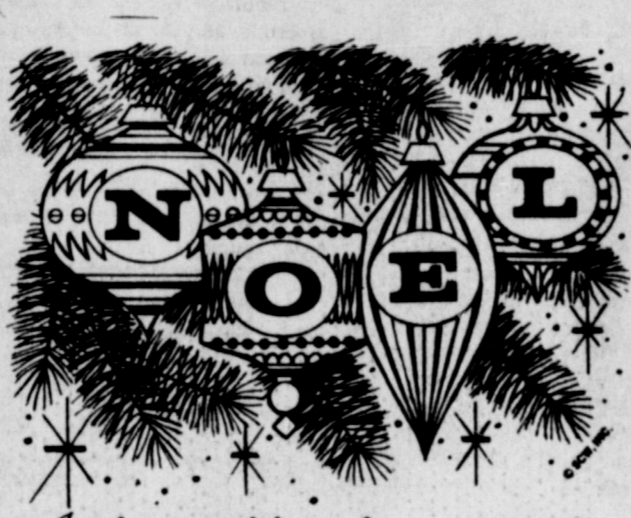
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May your holiday abound with lasting happiness - And your heart be filled with the greatest gladness.

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In the spirit of friendship and good will that is Christmas... we thank our many customers for their continued patronage! To all, our sincere wishes for holiday joy!

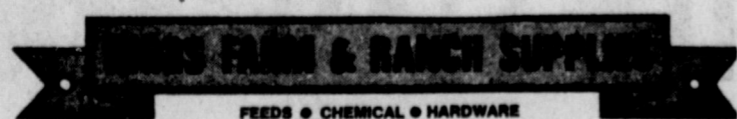
DONLEY COUNTY ABST. CO.

Merry Christmas!



With all warmth and sincerity, we send our wish for an old-fashioned Merry Christmas. May the season be filled with a joy and happiness that will grow in all the days that follow. To you, our sincere appreciation and a very Merry Christmas!

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Adams Rites Held At Memphis Thurs. 20

Funeral services for Mrs. Besie Ann Adams, 91, mother of Mrs. W. S. Greene of Clarendon, were held at the First Baptist Church in Memphis Thursday morning, December 20, 1973, at 10 a.m. The Rev. C. H. Murphy, pastor, and the Rev. Owen McGarity, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Memphis, officiated. Interment was in Fairview

Cemetery at Memphis.

Mrs. Adams died Tuesday afternoon at Turner Nursing Center in Childress. She was born in Arkadelphia, Ark. and moved with her family to Montague County in 1887 moving to the Lesley Community in Hall County in 1905. She married J. O. Adams in 1914 in Wellington. Mr. Adams died in 1957.

Surviving are a son, J. O., Jr. of Lesley; three daughters, Mrs. Paul Montgomery and Mrs. Joe Montgomery, both of Mem-

phis, and Mrs. W. S. Greene of Clarendon; two sisters, Miss Lula Lay and Mrs. Eula Belle Chappell, both of San Angelo; ten grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Leck Stevenson of New York State visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Richerson at High Plains Baptist Hospital. It was their first visit in 20 years. The Stevensons are to visit relatives in the area through the holidays.

Funeral Services For Elbert Dolman II

Wilson Elbert Dolman II, 53, of Odessa and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Harrison of Clarendon, died Sunday night, December 16, 1973 at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 18, at 4:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church of Odessa with Rev. Joe Brown, pastor, officiating. Burial was at Odessa.

Mr. Dolman, a former Clarendon resident, was born March 29, 1920 at Wichita Falls, Texas. He married June Harrison January 5, at Wichita Falls. During World War II he served with the U. S. Armed Services.

Surviving are his wife, June Corrine of the home; two sons, Wilson Elbert Dolman III of Austin, Texas and Ronald Roy Dolman of Moffitt Field, California; three daughters: Paula Marie Berg of Dener, Colorado, Suzanne Jane Guyton and Deborah Janet Morris; one sister, Mrs. Marie Hill of El Paso; three grandchildren, a niece, and two cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Harrison of Clarendon, also H. A. Harrison, Jr. and Lee of Heyburn, Idaho were among those attending services.

VISIT PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Stone arrived by plane Thurs. from Middleton, Wis., to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Palmer, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stone.

Willard O'Neal Rites Held Saturday P.M.

Funeral services for Willard O'Neal, a former resident of Clarendon, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon in Schooler-Gordon Colonial Chapel in Amarillo. The Rev. B. L. Davis, pastor of San Jacinto Baptist Church officiated. Interment was in Llano Cemetery.

Mr. O'Neal died Thursday morning at his home in Amarillo. He had been a resident there for the past 33 years and was a salesman for Wallace Monument Co. He was born at Jacksboro and was a member of the San Jacinto Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Iva-Jou; two daughters, Mrs. Linda Kay Eddy and Mrs. Sandra Lou Richardson, both of Amarillo; a sister, Miss Peggy O'Neal, and a brother, Glen O'Neal, both of Clovis, New Mexico; and three grandchildren.

Youth To Collect Paper Sat., Dec. 29

Young people of the United Methodist, First Presbyterian, and Episcopal Churches in the Cooperative Youth Program will collect NEWSPAPERS Saturday, December 29, 1973, weather permitting.

Please place your papers on the porch, the curb, or the walk where they can be seen from the street. They will be picked up during the morning hours. The youth do not have an outlet for magazines so please make your bundles NEWSPAPERS ONLY.

Clarendon College Offers Safety Class For Hunters In Jan.

Clarendon College in cooperation with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will offer a Hunting Safety Class. The class will consist of two sessions, three hours each, starting January 22 to be completed the following Tuesday, January 29, 1974. Class time will be 6:30 until 9:30 in room 102 Academic Center Clarendon College.

Students completing the program will pay a fee of \$1.00 to be certified as a Safe Hunter of Texas. The class will be taught by Mr. Bill E. White who holds a Safe Hunter Instructors Certificate. Mr. Carl Carter, the local Game Warden, will supervise the instruction and assist with field practice sessions.

All interested hunters are urged to be a part of this life saving program.

FAMILY DEATH

Funeral services for Robert Tolle Jinks, 78, of Lefors were held Saturday afternoon in the Lefors Church of Christ with Ron Lamb, minister, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa. Mr. Jinks was the father of Tom Jinks of Muleshoe.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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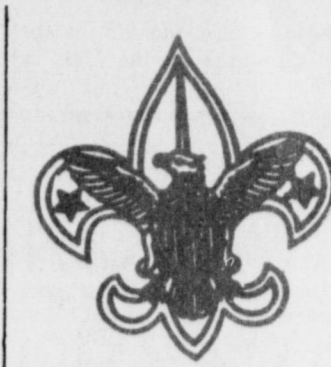
For County & District Clerk
P. C. MESSER

For County Treasurer
NINA DALE

County Judge
W. R. CRISTAL

RETURN HOME

H. A. Harrison, Jr. and his son, Lee, arrived at their home in Heyburn, Idaho Friday night. Lee had been here several weeks helping Dennis Harrison gather Cotton and visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Harrison. H. A., Jr. flew down to attend funeral services for his brother-in-law, Elbert Dolman at Odessa, and came back by to visit a short time with his parents, the H. A. Harrisons.



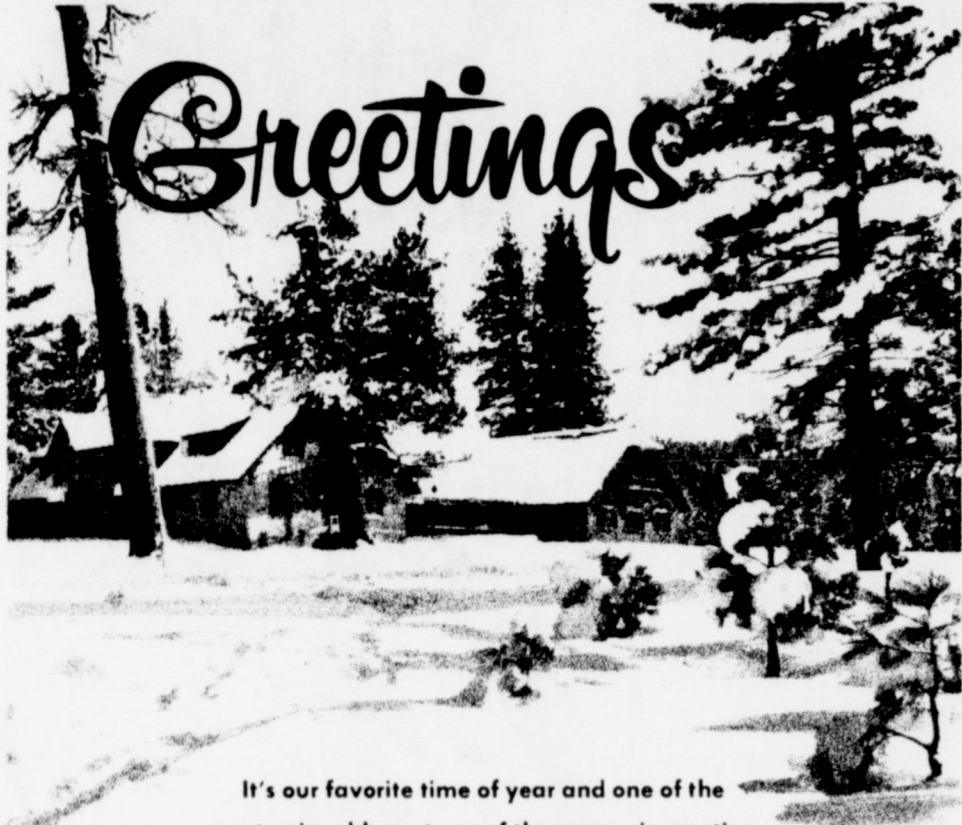
BE A SCOUT JOIN TODAY

Join Troop No. 33 while
the Round-up Drive is
Still On.

He reported a 2½ inch snowfall Friday night.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Ava Vinson, a student at West Texas State University, is at home for the holidays to visit with her mother, Mrs. Herman Vinson and other.



Greetings

It's our favorite time of year and one of the most enjoyable customs of the season is greeting our many good friends and patrons and wishing them the best that life has to offer. Merry Christmas to you all!

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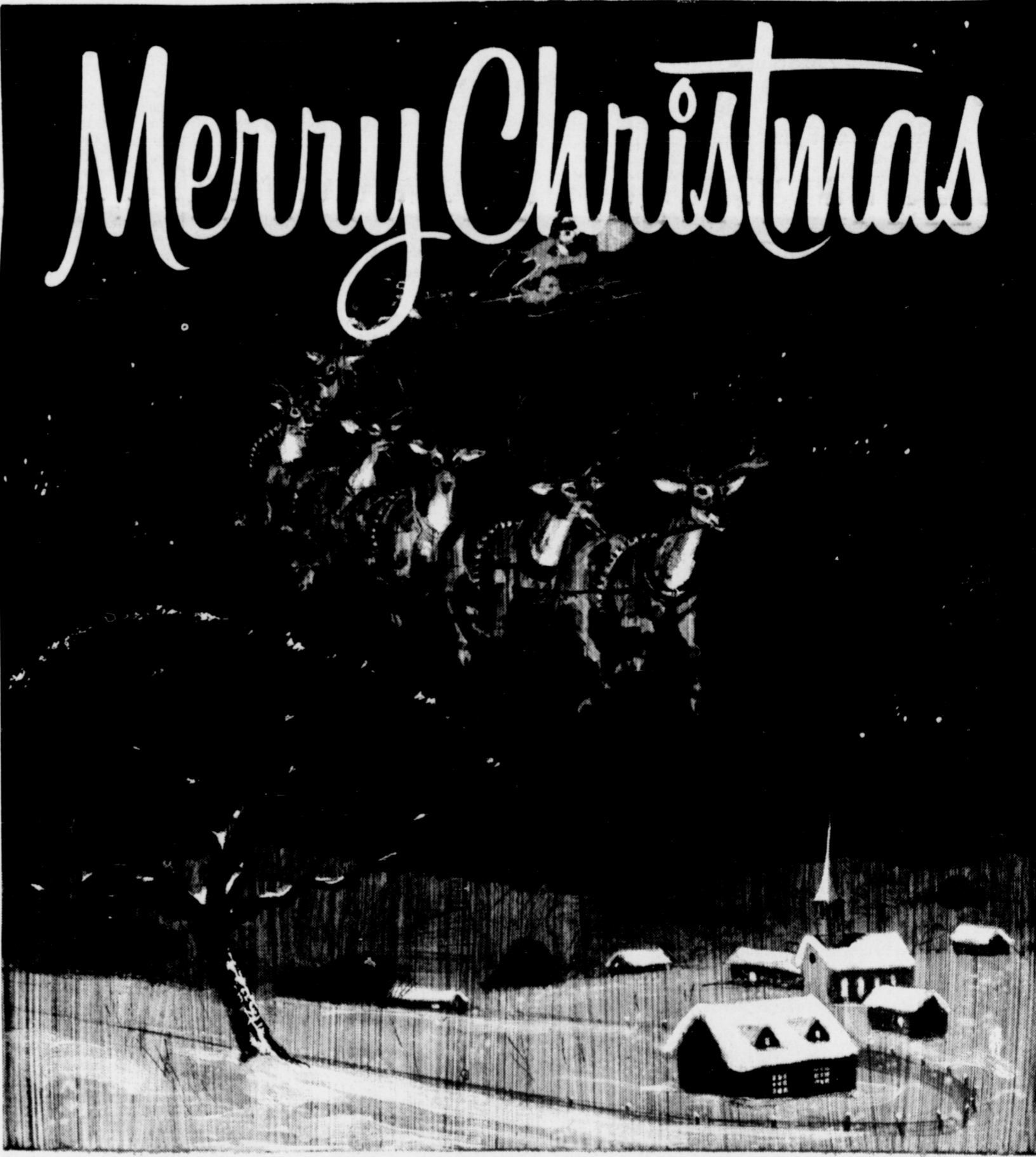


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Christmas Day



One of the joys of the holiday season is remembering wonderful folks like you, our customers. It's always a pleasure to pause and wish you happiness and prosperity. Sincere holiday greetings from those who serve you at

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Hedley, Texas



We have seen His star

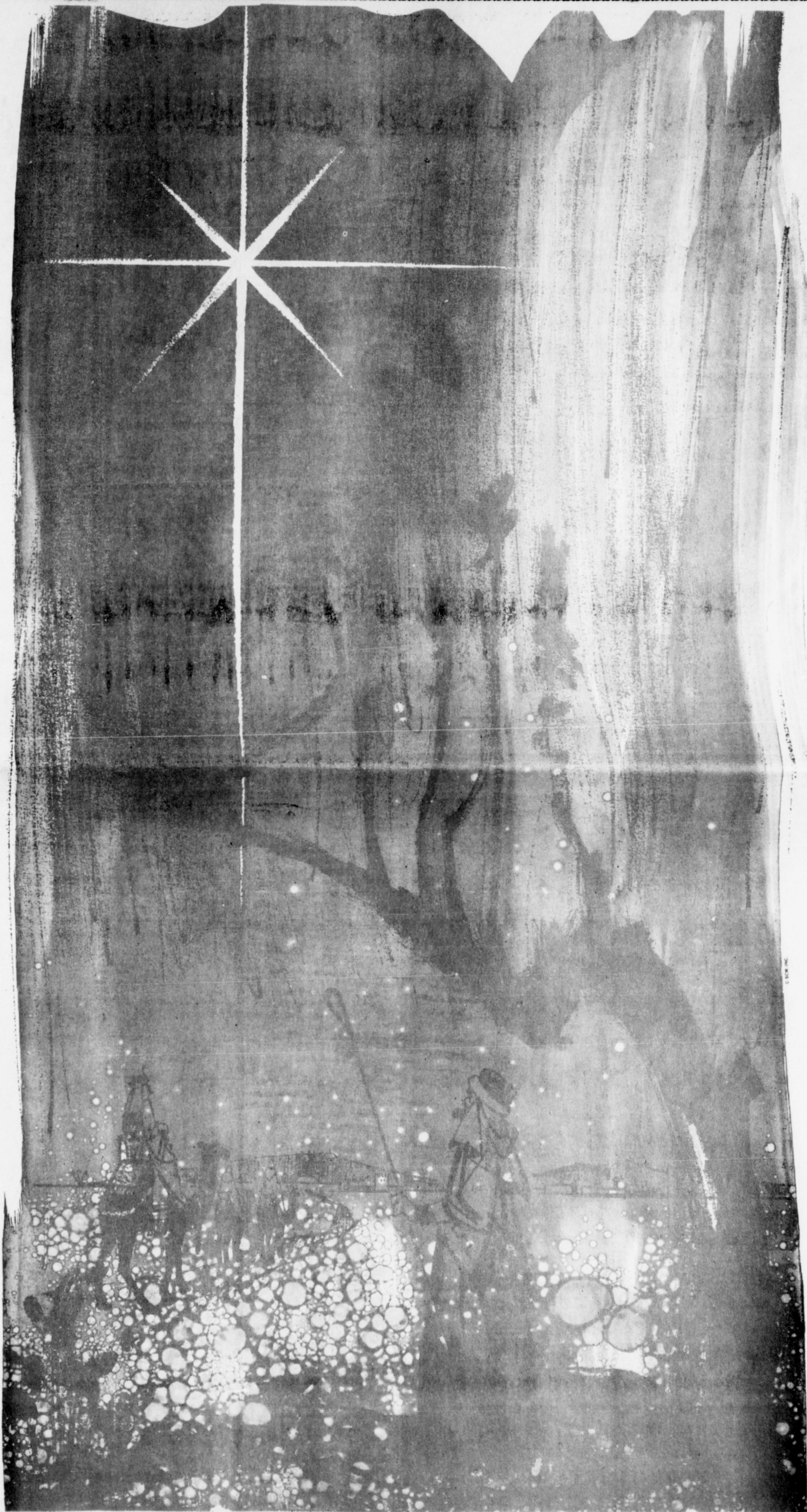
...and are come to
worship Him. Such
was the message of
the Wise Men who
laid their gifts
before the newborn
King. Now, at Christ-
mas, the star of Beth-
lehem shines before
us more brightly than
ever. Let us follow it
to lasting peace.

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Here's an old-fashioned wish that is still right for today: may the holiday season extend to you and your family every joy and blessing that is possible. We wish to thank you all for your patronage throughout the year...we look forward to serving you again in the future with pleasure. Have a very merry Christmas and a wonderful year to come!

ERNEST KENT

Your TEXACO Consignee



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

To you, our friends and patrons, sincere best wishes for a truly joyous season.

VOGUE BEAUTY SHOP

Letters to Santa:

Dear Santa,
I want Barbie Friendship Airplane, Barbie Dishes, Barbie Clothes, Cowboy Spurs, and Red Cowboy Hat.
Love,
Gina Spier

Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Bubble Gum Machine.
Please remember my sister. Bring our things to Granny's house. I am 5 and my sister is 8 months old.
Thank you,
Christina Leathers

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old and in the 3rd grade. For Christmas I want a Dianah-mite doll and a Mod Hair Ken. I also want a Bear from the Greenstamp Book and the Campbell Kids and a stocking full of Candy. Don't forget anyone.
Love Always,
Melinda Barker

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. Please bring me a Walkie Talkie with a Morse Code Key and a Harry Canary Stunt Plane.
There will be a Coke and a donut for your snack.
Love,
Lynn Alderson

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a big doll and some clothes for Christmas. Thank you.
Love
Regina Phillips

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Doll, an Electric Blanket and a new pair of Gloves.
Love,
Diane Hammons

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a set of Walkie-Talkies, a pair of House Shoes. Sweet Cookie, Barbies Camper, and Taperecorder.
Please do not forget. I love you.
Love,
Dyanne

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a very nice little girl. I am 6 years old, and have 3 brothers.
I want a Stereo and a Doll.
Thank you,
Christina Jaramillo

Dear Santa Claus,
Could you bring a Sewing Machine? My Sister wants a Barbie Beauty Center. Love,
Thank you,
Tracira Byrch and Lisa Dawn

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. I would like a Bicycle and a Hi-Dottie Doll. Please bring Fruit and Candy. Don't forget Wayne.
Love,
Lori Mays

Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I have been a pretty good girl this year. Will you please bring me a stuffed Santa Doll, and some new clothes, and a Ragedy Ann and Ragedy Andy.
Love,
Dolly Kay Dunn

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year.
I am five. I would like a New Baby Doll, Bike and Tricycle. And for you to remember all the boys and girls around the world. Especially Mary Ann and Piejke in Bilthoven, Holland.
Love,
Laura

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be good all year. And this is what I want. A Doll called Mimi, a Record Player, a Raggesly Ann Toothbrush, an Operation Game, and some Clothes. And my sister wants a Barbie Doll, a Barbie Friendship, a Doll, a Barbie Car and Tent, a Barbie House.
Love,
Shalan & Stewart Chamberlain

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 5 years old. For Christmas I would like a racing car Set, a Woodchopper and a View Master. I will try to be good.
Love,
Todd Ellis

Tradition Has It That Yule Tree Began in Egypt

The Christmas tree, now almost a universal symbol, probably came to America from Germany, although tradition has it that Christmas trees originated in Egypt. The palm tree is supposed to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree, with 12 shoots on it, was used in Egypt.

German writers mention the tree as early as 1605. The German prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the Christmas tree in England when he had a tree for his daughter.

Shaving was originally a protective measure since long beards were easy for opponents in combat to seize.



May your hearth be warm and your home filled with happiness this holiday season. We wish to thank you for your patronage during the year and look forward to serving you in the future.

CORNELL TEXACO

Mr. and Mrs. Dood Cornell

merry Christmas

To friends old and new we send our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas, filled with the joys of giving and receiving. Our thanks to you.



Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority

JAMES L. KUHN, Manager

Letters to Santa:

Dear Santa Claus, I sure would love to have a Childrens Living Bible, and a Doll named Sausy, and Clothes.

Dear Santa, I want a pair of GoGo Boots, a Barbie that talks, a pair of Hip Hugger Pants, a Miss America Game and a Sesame Street Game.

Dear Santa, I love you! I would like to have a Lively Baby, Ironing Board, a Projector, Perfume, and Nail Polish.

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you don't mind me writing for my Little Brother too. First of all, I would like a Baby Doll, Diaper Bag with Bottles, Diapers, and everything that goes with a Real Baby.

Dear Santa, My name is Stan and I am seven years old. Please bring me a B B Gun, a Vertibird on a Ship, and any games you might have.



We Will Be Closed MONDAY & TUESDAY Open WEDNESDAY as Usual to Serve You JOHNSTON CLEANERS BILLY RAY JOHNSTON, Owner & Manager

Kevin, my little brother, is three and he would like a new Tricycle, Trucks, Football and Helmet. He also would like a See and Say."

We hope boys and girls, all over the world will have a nice Christmas. Love, Gwendy and Kevin Kerlee

Dear Santa, We have moved to Amarillo since we saw you last Christmas, but everyone tells us that you visit the good boys and girls here too.

We are Keith and Karen Horton and although it has been very hard we have tried to be good. If you think we deserve anything, we'd like to drop a few hints such as a Bicycle and baby doll and buggy and perhaps a new gun would be nice too.

Please remember all of our friends! Love, Keith and Karen Horton Amarillo, Tex.

Dear Santa, If you think I've been good enough this Christmas, please bring me a Sneek-Worm, a Cowboy Vest, a Stuffed Monkey, and bring my brother Craig a Pellet Gun and please be good to everyone else. I love you, Audie Shields

Dear Santa, I want a B B Gun, and a Dump Truck, and Bike, and some Clothes. That's all I am asking for I have been a very good boy, I've got to go now. Your friend, Kenneth Calloway

Dear Santa, I am a little girl seven years old. I have tried very hard to be good all year. I only want one thing this Christmas. I would like a Mother Goose Doll that talks. Don't forget my little brother and sister. I Love you, Zandria Edwards

Dear Santa, Even though I talked to you in Amarillo, I thought I would drop you a letter also. I would like for you to bring me a Bicycle, Baby Doll, and Hoppity Hop. Don't forget my brothers, friends and cousins. I will try to be asleep early so you won't have to stay out all night. Love, Shanna Cole, age 4

Dear Santa, My name is Tim Cole. I am six years old and in Mrs. Brandon's first grade. This year for Christmas I would like to have a Train with real chugging sound, a Bicycle, and a Pogo Stick. Anything else I might like. Please don't forget my sister and brother, all my cousins, and friends. Thank you very much Santa. Love, Tim Cole

Dear Santa, What are you and your Elves doing? I am 5 years old almost 6. I go to Kindergarten. My teacher is Mrs. Cornell. I have tried to be very good. I would like to be very good. I would like a New Born Baby Tender Love, Sweet April, a Sew Magic, a Wedding Gown for Barbie, and Clothes for Ken.

Santa, I'll leave some cookies by the fireplace be careful Christmas. Love, Jill

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Van Brett, I am 5 years old and in Kindergarten this year. My teacher's name is Mrs. Cornell. I have tried to be a good boy this year. So, will you please bring me a Car Race Set, a Airplane, a Bicycle, Smash up Derby Set, and a Train. Also nuts and fruit. Don't forget all the other boys and girls. Will leave you some cake and milk out. I love you, Van Brett

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Jan Kidd, I am three years old. For Christmas I would like to have a Baby Doll, Baby Buggy, Snowcone Machine and some new Clothes. My little sister Jill Dawn would like some Pull Toys and Baby Rattlers. Love, Jan and Jill Kidd P.S. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls.

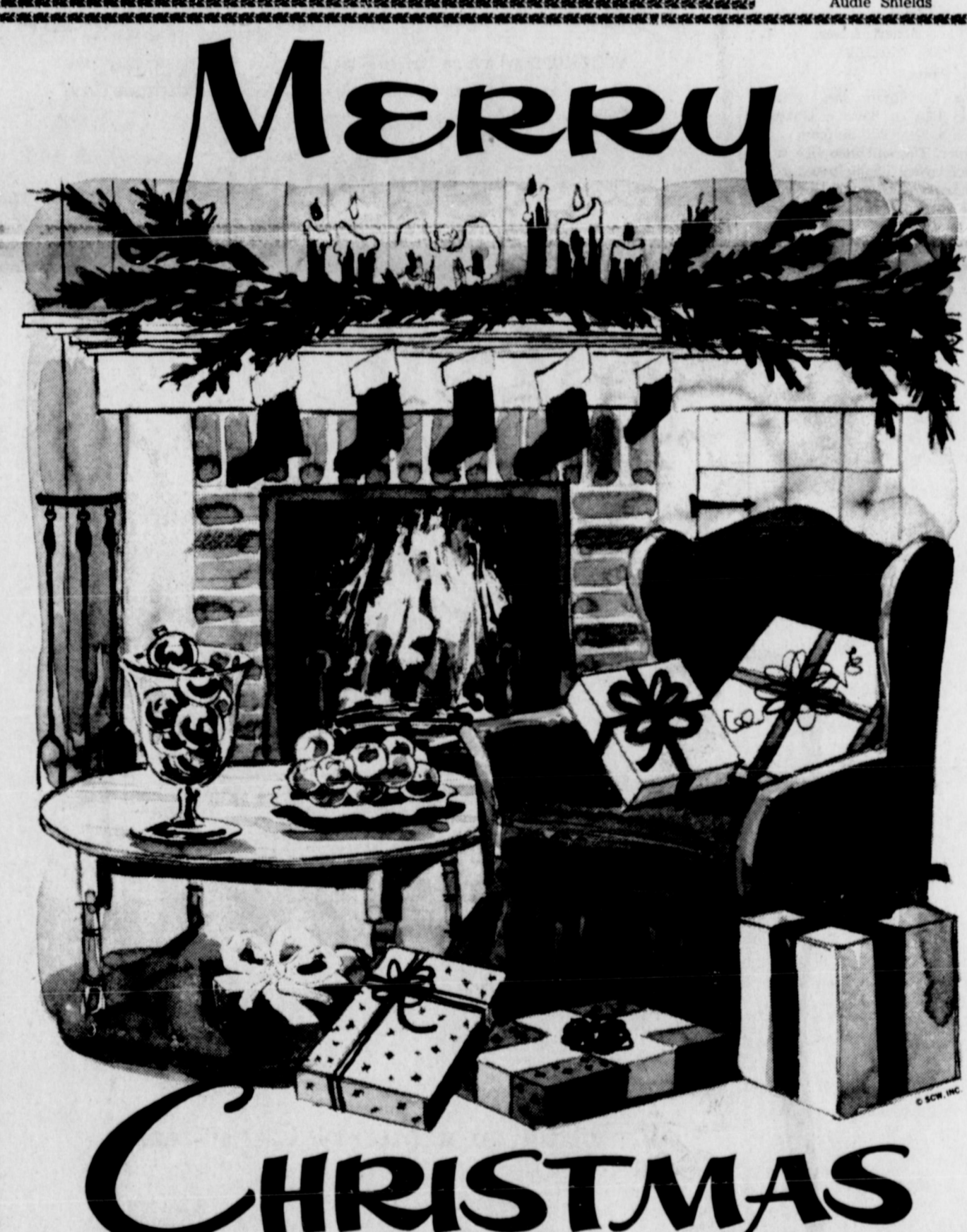
Dear Santa, I have been a good little boy most of the time. I would like to have a Kool-Aid machine, pistol with Play Bullets, Toy Power Saw, and some New Outfits for my G. I. Joe. Please Santa, don't bring me a Baby Tender Love, remember the other boys and girls because they have been pretty good too. Love, Dan Nichols

Dear Santa Claus, I am 8 years old in the third grade. For Christmas I would like a Ten Speed, Tape Recorder. And don't forget all the other boys and girls too. Love, Stephanie Anderson



...to all our friends and patrons. May the happiness of the season follow you into the new year...we hope we will have the pleasure to serve you again soon.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS We wish you great joy this Christmastide...may love and peace abide with you and yours all through the holiday season and in days to come.

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It adds much to the enjoyment of the season
to extend to our friends and customers
our best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS...

STEVE'S AUTOMOTIVE & INDUSTRIAL

may the
PEACE
of God, that passeth
all understanding,
keep your hearts and
minds in the knowledge
and love of God,
this day
and evermore.

The First American Xmas Tree

Christmas traditions date back thousands of years... to the Druids and ancient Rome and beyond, but the first Christmas tree in America was brought into being comparatively recently... in 1847.

The place was Wooster, Ohio. A young German immigrant, August Imgard, a youth of 21, is said to have introduced the Christmas tree to America.

As Christmas drew near that year, it proved to young Imgard a season of somewhat dismal anticipation. He missed the fund of entertainment and observance which marked the Day in his homeland. So he decided to have one like those in Bavaria.

Two other reasons, very personal ones, were his nephew and niece. He wanted to bring added joy to their Christmas, and make it one they would never forget.

Young Imgard went into the woods and chopped down a spruce tree. From the village tinsmith he obtained a twinkly tin star. The family made paper decorations, and thus the Christmas tree, as most of us know it, came into being.



The townsfolk gathered 'round to admire it. Before long, the word had been spread far and wide, about the beautiful tree in Wooster, Ohio. It became an American custom.

America honors August Imgard. His tomb stands on Madison Hill in Wooster. This year, as in previous years, a lighted Christmas tree will probably stand at its door, a tribute to the man who first brought to America the symbol of joy and peace and love that should be Christmas for us all, all over the world.

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Letters to Santa:

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like a Barbie Doll, a Barbie Beauty Center and a play School House. My sister has been a good girl, too. She wants a Baby Doll, a Play House and an Alphabet Phone.

Tish and D'Lisa Robinson

Dear Santa,
Thanks for last years Toys. This year I would like a Ten Speed Bicycle and some nuts.

Love,
Terry Cole

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Doll, Dishes, a Dadora Friend Ship.

Thank Santa Claus.
Love,
Linda Jean Weatherton

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to thank you for all the gifts you brought to me last year. This year I would be thankful if you could bring me a Barbie House, Furniture, Clothes and a Case for my Barbie Doll. I would also like a Baby Bean and a Beauty Parlor. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Dondra

Dear Santa Claus,
I want, a Barbie House, Barbie Furniture, some Barbie Clothes, Baby Beans, a Big Barbie Case, and a Beauty Parlor.

I will be thankful for anything you will send me. Hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Dondra

Dear Santa,
I would like a Electric Race Car Set.
My little brother David would like a Little Train.
We live in the country, I hope you can find us.

Love,
Steve Shaller

Dear Santa,
I am Doug Burleson. For Christmas I want a Rifle, Motorcycle and Johnny West Indian. Remember the other boys and girls. Thank you.

Love,
Doug

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a B B Gun for Christmas and a package of BB's.

Love,
Lloyd



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Sincere holiday greetings from the folks at

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Your Ford Dealer



...To all of you whom we have so enjoyed serving: we say thanks for your patronage -
And, may everything that's bright and gay,
Bless your household on Christmas Day!

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GEORGE HENRY, Manager

MERRY CHRISTMAS



We wish to thank you for your patronage during the past year. Merry Christmas.

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Beulah and Scotty Lindley and Employees



Wishing you - our friends - the happiness of Christmas time!

MR. and MRS. TRUETT HALL

Letters to Santa:

Dear Santa,
My name is Geraldine Smith. I am 8 years old and I have been a good little girl. I want a Doll that dances. I want a Wrist Watch, a Baby Tender Love, and a Bab Doll. I want a Doll that comes with a baby bottle, a Swinger Doll that comes with baby food and a Baby Bottle.
Love,
Geraldine
P.S. Please don't forget to bring me a 10 Speed Bike.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Mini-bike, and a Dress Suit.
My little sister would like to have a Baby Tender Love.
Sincerely,
Tommy Stevens

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie Camper, a Sew Magic Sewing Machine, and a Record Player. If it isn't too much trouble I would like nuts in my stocking. Please give the other children some nice toys, too.
Love,
Cara Cornell

P.S. Please don't forget my brother Bill. He would like a Ten Speed Bike.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am writing to tell you Hi, and I would like a New Born Tender Love Baby, and some Baby Clothes for her. Also Rusty, my brother would like a Wreck-Truck for Xmas. Will be looking for you down on the Ranch Xmas Eve.
Love,
Danielle and Rusty Stevens

Dear Santa Claus,
I am seven years old. I have a five-year-old brother. For Christmas I want a Barbie Center, New Born Baby Tender, Barbie Friendship, and a Set of Dawn Dolls.
Love,
Paige Ellis

P.S. My brother's name is Todd.

Dear Santa,
I want a Sew Magic Sewing Machine, and some Paints.
Love,
Carol Ford

Dear Santa Claus,
I am just a little girl. I want a Little Doll that cries. I want Barbie Dolls and some new Clothes and a Hair Dryer.
Love,
Darlene

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a Police Car and a Shooting Gady and a Football Uniform.
Love,
Bobby Hicks

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a B B Gun for Christmas and a Red Watch and a package of BB's, also I want a Football.

Dear Santa,
I want some Boxing Gloves, a Telescope, a Daniel Boone Gun, a Big Jim and View Master, and Shaps.
Your Friend,
Dennis Braddock

Dear Santa,
I want some Dishes. I want a Doll.
Please bring by brother some Toys.
Love,
Robbin

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a Lite Bright and a Busy Barbie and a new Ken.
I am 5. I love you.
Love,
Janet Risley

Ancient Hebrew Prayer
A Prayer For
The New Year

May it be Thy will,
Our God and God of our fathers,
That this coming year be unto
all Thy people:

A year of plenty,
A year of blessings,
A year of assembly in Thy
sanctuary,
A year of happy life from Thee,
A year of dew and rain and
warmth,
A year in which Thou wilt
bless our bread and water,
A year in which Thy mercies
will be moved toward us,
A year of peace and tranquility
in which Thou wilt set a
blessing upon the work of
our hands.

Dear Santa,
My name is Michelle. I am 5 years old and I go to Kindergarten. I would like you to bring me a Doll that walks for Christmas and also a Big Wheel. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Michelle Fricks

Dear Santa,
I want a Big Jim, Race Car, Hat Waollet, the game of Pivot Pool, Bike and some candy and nuts and fruit.
Love,
Doug Flores

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old and I would like a Bean Bag Doll, and a Barbie Swinging Pool Set, Chalk Board, Tape Recorder, and a surprise gift from my Mother and Daddy.
Love,
Carrie

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie Friendship Plane or a Tape Recorder for Christmas and that is all.
Love,
Patrice Shields

Dear Santa Claus,
Mr. name is Ray Crump 9 years old. I would like to have a Train, Hat, some Chaps, a Johnny West, Boxing Gloves, a Bible, Gun Fight at O. K. Corral, a Telescope, and a Blowrope.
Love,
Ray Crump

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you are true, I want a Doll that don't have no body and some Dishes to go with the Doll.
Love,
Michelle

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a Boat, and a Pool Table and a Police Car.
Love,
Tommy Leroy Hicks

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Doll that tells time, and a Set of Dishes, and a Table to play Dolls with, and me and my friends to.
Please be nice to my friends.
Love,
Carmen Kay

Dear Santa Claus,
I am just a little girl. I want a Little Doll that cries. I want Barbie Dolls and some new Clothes and a Hair Dryer.
Love,
Darlene

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a Police Car and a Shooting Gady and a Football Uniform.
Love,
Bobby Hicks

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a B B Gun for Christmas and a Red Watch and a package of BB's, also I want a Football.

Dear Santa,
I want some Boxing Gloves, a Telescope, a Daniel Boone Gun, a Big Jim and View Master, and Shaps.
Your Friend,
Dennis Braddock

Dear Santa,
I want some Dishes. I want a Doll.
Please bring by brother some Toys.
Love,
Robbin

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a Lite Bright and a Busy Barbie and a new Ken.
I am 5. I love you.
Love,
Janet Risley

Ancient Hebrew Prayer
A Prayer For
The New Year

May it be Thy will,
Our God and God of our fathers,
That this coming year be unto
all Thy people:

A year of plenty,
A year of blessings,
A year of assembly in Thy
sanctuary,
A year of happy life from Thee,
A year of dew and rain and
warmth,
A year in which Thou wilt
bless our bread and water,
A year in which Thy mercies
will be moved toward us,
A year of peace and tranquility
in which Thou wilt set a
blessing upon the work of
our hands.

Saint Luke

Chapter 2, Verses 1 Through 17

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house of lineage of David;) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying . . . Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

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Just a light hearted greeting to wish our friends and patrons a Merry Christmas and a Holiday Season that's cheery and bright.

HARLAN'S FLOWERS

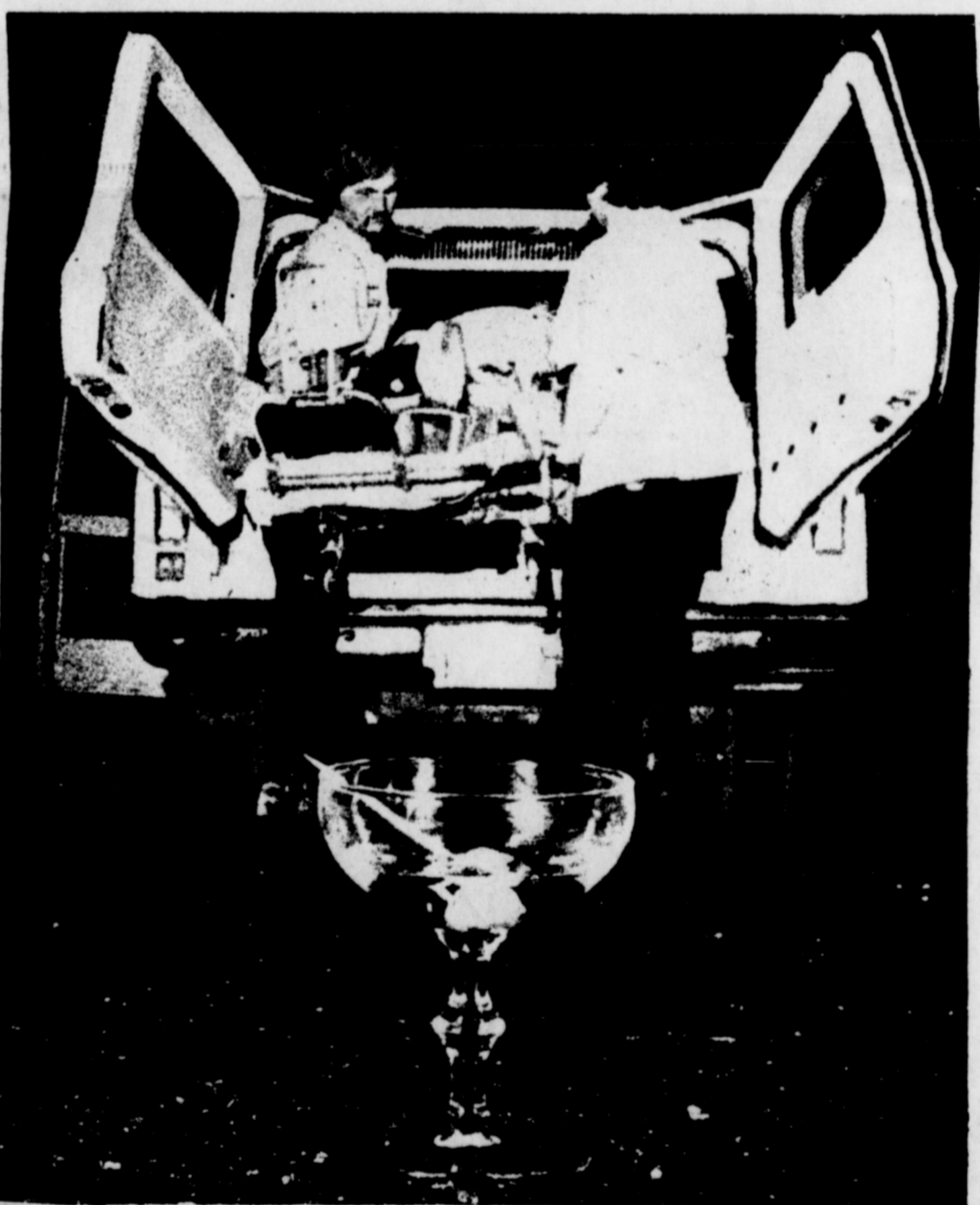
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May the Christmas Season be a memorable and joyous time filled with blessings and love for all.

DALE HILL BELL STATION

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T'was The Season To Be Jolly

'Twas the season to break his three-drink limit, too. What the heck, though, the Christmas Season comes but once a year, right? Sure it does. Assuming you're around to see it just remember, some people have a lower tolerance to alcohol than others.

For them, one or two drinks can be trouble when they try to drive. If you're feeling a little too jolly after this year's big party, call a cab or get a sober friend to take you home. It could have a lasting effect on your happiness.

KNORPP INSURANCE AGENCY

WALT KNORPP

Christmas Joy



It's that time of the year again! May your home be filled with old-fashioned holiday cheer at Christmastime...and your hearts filled with the joy of greeting friends and being with loved ones. Best wishes from the folks at

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The halls are decked with holly and the tree is trimmed... time to say we hope your holidays are merry and filled with many good things!

DON'S EXXON
Mr. and Mrs. Don Wooten



It is said that a fellow who brags that he is the boss around his house will lie about other things also . . . One of my good readers puts it this way: "If a man says, he's the boss, just follow him home."

We always enjoy our issue of the Christmas Boys Ranch paper. Just think pictures of nearly 400 young men, and not even one that needed a haircut. Thanks boys and Merry Christmas.

Heard of a pastor who came into his pulpit with a cut face. He proceeded to explain that while he was shaving he was studying about his sermon and cut his face. One lady replied; "You should have been studying about your shaving and cutting your sermon. This may

cause us some repercussions.

The four-line poem we asked about recently was mailed in by our several time mentioned authority on English and Literature. It goes:

He drew a circle and shut me out—
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But love and I had the wit to win;
We drew a circle that took him in . . . Edwin Markham

Thanks to this Reader, and how we pray that we could always follow this thought in all our dealing with our fellowman.

Some of the Weeklies are already out with their Christmas issue, and Uncle Zeb failed to properly wish everyone a Merry Christmas. We usually run late, even with our Christmas cards. Anyway, the New Year is coming up and we can send good wishes for the Both. So many good things have happened through the nearly twenty-eight years we have written this column . . . We hope that it has been nice both ways.

MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU'ALL THIS CHRISTMAS.
MAY THE NEW YEAR BE JUST WONDERFUL TO YOU AND YOURS.

The First Christmas Music Over Fields Of Bethlehem

Hymns and carols to celebrate the Child's birth have come down to us through the ages. Mortals from many different ethnic origins have expressed their love, awe, joy and praise, the music varying according to their particular culture and the customs of the day. Certainly inspired, the beloved favorites still retain all their charm and appeal, probably because of their simplicity and sincerity which generations identify with, through the ages.

Carols are primarily folksongs, even if motivated by religious impulse. As such, they are often in the popular vein, and some are even comically unrestrained.

Hymns, on the other hand, are songs of praise for God, according to St. Augustine. To quote the Saint, writing about hymns by St. Ambrose: "I wept at the beauty of thy hymns and canticles . . . the truth streamed into my heart; so that my feeling of devotion overflowed, and the tears ran from my eyes, and I was happy in them."

Every century has contributed to the treasury of Christmas carols. From the earliest recorded hymns and carols of the 4th century to the late 19th century and the present time, the world is richer because of the many heart-felt, sincere expressions of devotion, joy and praise.

A Prayer For All At Christmas

Give us the faith of innocent children, that we may look forward with hope in our hearts, to the dawn of happy tomorrows.

Reawaken the thought that our most cherished desires will be realized, the things closest to our hearts — that we may come to an appreciation of the limitless joys and bountiful rewards of Patience, Charity and Sacrifice.

Above all, endow us with the spirit of courage, that we may face the perplexities of a troubled world without flinching, imbued with the child-like faith which envisions the beautiful and inspiring things of life . . . and restore the happy hours and experiences so many of us foolishly believe are lost forever.

Give us faith in ourselves and faith in our fellow man . . . then, the treasures and beauties of life that make man happy will spring from an inexhaustible source.

And at Christmas, when the hearts of the world swell in joyous celebration, let us cast aside the pretense of sturdy men and live, if only for a day, in the hope and joy we knew as children.

Our sincere thanks to the unknown author.

When Families Gather It's Christmas!

Through the years, the ways of celebrating Christmas have taken on many different forms.

Today's Christmas tree is apt to be plastic or aluminum, rather than nature's own fir, spruce or pine. The glow of tiny beeswax candles on a tree is only a memory, replaced now by strings of twinkling electric lights.

Jolly Santa, once transported only by reindeer - dawn sleigh, may now arrive by helicopter or jet plane.

But in spite of changes, the essence of the season, the basic spirit of Christmas, stays the same.

Christmastide is, above all, a time for togetherness and rejoicing. And a modern Christmas, just like an old-fashioned Christmas, calls for gatherings of family and friends, with much merriment, fun and feasting.

Right now in this community, families are celebrating the holiday with just such gatherings, such merriment, fun and feasting.

Like families of yesteryear, they celebrate with gifts and greens, with the warmth of a glowing hearth and the gleam of a lighted tree, with stockings hung by the chimney with care and even with candles, though these beckon brightly from candleholders rather than from the tree.

All these ways of celebrating are part of the legend and lore of Christmas.

Joyous Bells!

One of the most joyous symbols of Christmas is the ringing of bells. The mellow, sweet-toned one in church steeples and belfries have heralded the coming of Christmas since the Middle Ages.

In addition to the bells that ring with solemn grandeur from cathedral and churches there are the secular types that hail the pure joy of the occasion.

Christmas had become well established before bells became an important part of the celebration. The first large bell for a Christian church is said to have originated with a bishop in Italy, in the fifth century, A.D.

Church bells have called people to worship, they have told the time of day, they peal for weddings and toll for deaths, they have been rung to warmans, so long ago.

of enemies and disasters and to celebrate happy events of many varieties. But the high point of every year has been the ringing of church bells during the Christmas season. In England, especially, this became a tradition, during the Middle Ages. The joyful clangor started at vespers on the first Sunday in Advent, and repeated on the following Advent Sundays. On the three mornings before Christmas Day, happy peals were rung as a reminder. At sunset on December 24th and every hour thereafter until sunset on December 25th bells pealed joyously. On Christmas Day bells would be rung spontaneously, at any hour.

In the melodious tones of their church bells people believed they heard "the songs of the angels" on that first Christmas.

DECORATING THE TREE

Many ancient legends associate trees with Christmas. One is that on the first Holy Night, all the trees of the forest blossomed and bore fruit.

The idea of adorning the Christmas tree with ornaments may have started with an attempt to create the effect of snow on the branches. Strings of popcorn and tufts of cotton were used.

LIGHTING THE TREE

Martin Luther started the custom of lighting the tree, legend says.

To symbolize stars glowing forth on a snow-filled winter's night, he placed lighted candles on his family's traditional Christmas tree.

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It's time to greet all our friends...and wish them the very best — good health, good friends and good times! Thank you for your patronage.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Ray

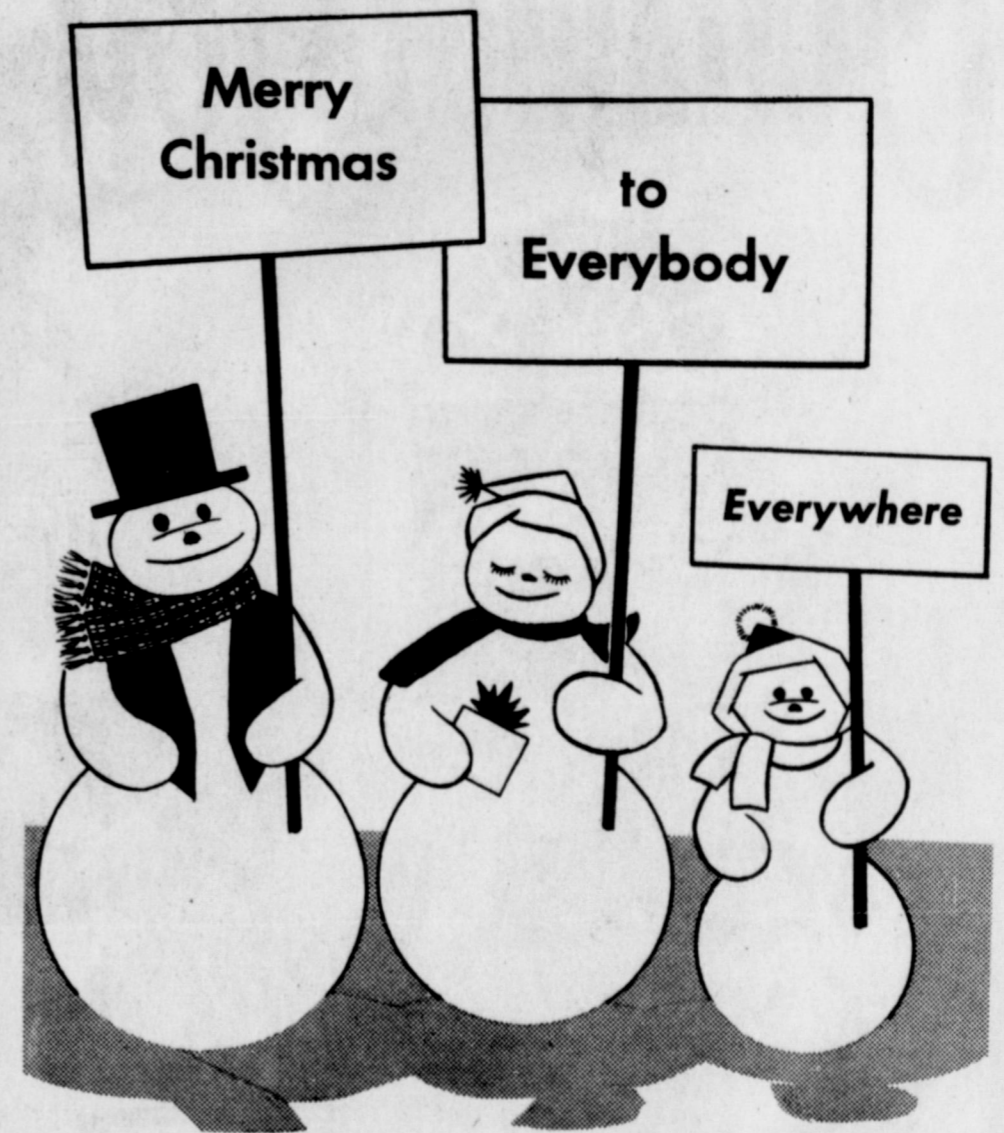
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May all the joy and gladness of Christmas come to you and yours this Holiday Season!

ALDERSON CHEVROLET

A Friendly Place To Trade



We've enjoyed serving each and every one of you this past year. Your friendly patronage has made our friendly service a real pleasure.

So . . . have a nice Christmas, won't you? And in the days to come . . . we'll look forward eagerly to serving you again.

H. T. WARNER



As we make joyous preparations for the holiday season, we'd like to take this opportunity to greet our many good friends and patrons. We sincerely hope your Christmas is filled with the best of everything.

LOCKHART PHARMACY

BILLY LOCKHART
Memphis, Texas

O TANNENBAUM!
This Year Choose A
Living Christmas Tree

This Christmas most of us are concerned with the environment, the ecology on which all living matter depends.

If you want to extend the joys of Christmas for years ahead, environmentalists recommend that you choose a living tree, set in a pot of earth, as a Christmas tree, and later put it in the ground outside your home.

Among the best varieties are the Douglas fir, balsam, spruce, cedar, hemlock and a host of pines. Probably the most popular Xmas tree is the Douglas fir, with its dense green and blue-green needles.

A fresh tree is usually darker, and one way to test its freshness is to tug gently at the needles. If they come out readily the tree is not at its best for several weeks' "imprisonment" inside a heated house. In a young tree, needles are about 3/4 inch long.

Another popular tree called the Silvertip is really the Red Fir. Silver-gray and green needles grow straight from its symmetrical branches making it a formal, stately tree. The bark is gray-white

while that of other Christmas trees is usually brown.

The long needled Scotch Pine is a handsome tree, not quite so thick as other Christmas trees. Young Scotch Pines hold their pyramid shape, but as they get older become more irregular. Blue-green needles reach three inches in length and give a soft look to your living room.

Invest in a living Christmas tree, bring it inside during the holidays and enjoy its evergreen splendor in your garden for the rest of the year. Walk through the nearest nursery and check the Ponderosa Pine, which is very hardy Colorado Spruce, and loves containers; Austrian Black Pine, a fine small tree for table-top; Monterey Pine, more irregular; and Alberta Spruce. The Alepo and Japanese Pines are also recommended.

After Christmas, when you are ready to plant your tree outdoors, check your local nurseryman to see what procedure is best for that particular variety. And then give it all the love it deserves.

Letters to Santa:

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy. I am seven years old. My name is Kyle Allen. I want a 5 speed Bicycle if you have one but a 3 speed would be alright, and a Maroon or White Watch with numbers and holes in the band, and some surprises. Put something in my stocking please.
Love,
Kyle

Dear Santa,
I want new born Baby Tender Love, Barbie's Friend Ship, Twistee Glamour Fashions, and Custard Making Kit.
Love,
Kim Martin

Dear Santa,
I have tried very hard to be a good girl this year. Please bring me a Barbie Set, a Purse, and some Clothes, also lots of nuts and Candy, and some Shoes.
Love,
Connie

Dear Santa,
I want a Denim Scout Set, Frontier Town, Lone Ranger and Tonto, with Clothes, Lone Rangers Holster and Rifle Set.
Love,
Douglas Walker

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Friend Ship, a Doll that you think I would like, and some new gloves.
Love,
Shay Selvidge

Dear Santa,
I am Ronald Burieson, for Christmas I want a Tonka Pick Up Camper, a Rifle, and Toy Chest.
Love,
Ronald Burieson
Thank You.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a BB Gun.
Love,
Glenn Weatheron

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Geronimo and a Johnny West Horse. Also I would like to have a Smash-Up Car Derby.
Your Friends,
Doug Hawkins

Dear Santa,
I want Mickey Mouse, Bicycle, Guitar, Doll, a pair of House Shoes, Baton, Baby Tender-love. Dear Santa I love you so much I could kiss you like a sweet-heart.
I Love You,
Missy Johnston

Dear Santa,
My name is Kari Allen and I am four years old. I live in Hart, Texas. I have been good this year. I would like a Talking Baby Tender Love, and a Football Tee and some surprises—don't forget to put some things in my stocking please. I love you.
Love,
Kari

Dear Santa,
I want a Vanity Case and a Baby Baby A Live. Will you please bring me a New Born Baby A Live. Will you
Love, From
Mary Katherine Hayes



MAY THE JOY AND PEACE
OF CHRISTMAS BE WITH
YOU TODAY AND ALWAYS

SHIELDS CONOCO SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Shields



Love is the heart of Christmas; its spirit is peace, and hope the gladness. May you and yours be blessed with these joys and every other happiness for which you are wishing.

CLARENDON MFG. & DIST. COMPANY

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Leffew and Employees



It's that time of year when homes are aglow with festive decorations and sounds of Noel fill the air... a time to pause and think of our many wonderful friends. Merry Christmas to everyone!

J & W LUMBER and SUPPLY COMPANY

BUDDY FORD, Owner

JIMMIE McELROY, Mgr.

Letters to Santa:

Dear Santa,
I would like a New Born Tender Love Doll, a Colonial Doll House, Plastic Tea Set and a Circuit Rocker.

Love,
Delisa Martin

Dear Santa,
I want a Wendy Doll and her pretty Pink Crib. And if it's not too much, please, send her some Clothes.

Thank you for all you gave me last year. I really did like the fruit, nuts, and candy.

I Love You,
Rebecca Sowers

Dear Santa,
My name is Ray Brown. I live in Clarendon, Texas.

I love you. Here is my Christmas list:

- Big Wheel
- Dingo Boots
- Big Jim
- Cowboy Suit & Guns
- Bow & Arrow
- Indian Headband
- Evel Kneivel Jump Set

Your Friend,
Ray Brown

Dear Santa,
I am six years old and in the first grade. I have been a good girl all year. I would like you to bring me a Doctor's Set, a Baby Doll and a Barbie Doll.

I will leave you an apple and a glass of milk.

Love,
Kay Diahn Bell

Dear Santa
I am three years old. I have been a very good little girl. I want a Fiddle, Baby Doll and a Barbie with a Swimming Pool.

I love you Santa Claus!

Love,
Tanya Nicole Bell

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Record Player Stand and a Typewriter.

I have tried to be good and I help my mother.

My sister Amy would like to have a baby Doll and Doll Bed.

Thank You,
Mitch Johnson

Dear Santa
I'm a little boy three years old. Please bring me a Toy Horn and a Toy Driver Set with a Radio like Daddy's. Dad says he's been a good boy this year, so please put something in his stocking, too. Thank you.

Love,
Roger

Dear Santa Claus,
We have been pretty good boys this year and would like to ask you for a few things for Christmas.

For me, David, I would like a cattle truck, a new pair of Boots, and some Clothes.

My brother Bobby wants a Race Car, some Boots and Clothes, too.

We would also like to have a Toy Chest.

Thank You,
Love,
David & Bobby Brooks

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Coat, and two pair of Fringed Indian Boots.

Love,
Nelda Burrow

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a BB Gun.

Love,
Neal Johnston

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Tammy White. I am seven years old, and this is what I want for Christmas. I would like very much to have a Baby Crissy, and a, Buffy Time Teacher Watch. I would like to have a Doll Blanket, Shoes and Socks, Brush and Comb for Crissy, and bring Sister something to.

Love,
Tammy White

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Becky, and I'm 2 1/2 years old. My brother Robin is four months old. We will be hanging our stockings at Granddaddy Antrobus' this year, so please leave our presents there.

Robin wants a Cradle Gym and I want a Doll and Doll Bed. We will leave you some cookies on the mantle.

Love,
Becky & Robin Kendall

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Bicycle Mirror and a Battery Powered Airplane and a Bicycle Lock with a key to it.

For Teresa, please bring a Fisher-Price Doll House. I'm in the first grade and I'm learning to read real good.

Love,
Miles Kevin Risley

Dear Santa,
Thank you very much for the things you gave me last year. This is what I want this year: Football Set, Train Set, Smash up Derby Set, and Football Suit. Please remember the other boys and girls.

Love,
Arlis Thomas

Dear Santa,
I am 9 years old and I would like for you to bring me a G. I. Joe Camping Set. I would also like a Pellet Gun, and some Games to play inside.

If you have one I would like a Binker for my Bike. And lots of candy and nuts.

Love,
Jerry Wayne Hicks

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy, my name is Ramon. I am a real good boy. I am in the third grade.

I want a Beginner's Tap Drum Set. And a complete Chicago Bear Uniform.

I want an Official N. F. L. Football at a great low price.

Love,
Ramon

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Randy. I am 5 years old. I have been a pretty good little boy this year. Would you please bring me a Train, a Knuckle Buster Set, a Mickey Mouse Toothbrush, an Electric Shot, Boxing Gloves.

Love,
Randy Crump

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Will you please bring me a Dump Truck and a Race Car and some new Clothes, and a Stuffed Santa Doll. And please bring some nice things for my little sister.

Thank you,
Love, Robert Fresson

Blessings of Christmas



May the spirit of Christmas abide with you and yours...may it bring you happiness, peace, and all the good things that life has to offer. And while we're wishing you the very best, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your loyal patronage in the past. We look forward to serving you again in the future.

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