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News of Baird PEOPLE & THINGS

By E. M.

ALL OF BAIRD is justly proud of the high school girls basketball team which took the championship of the Dyess Air Base tournament Saturday night. They downed Trent in the finals 59-57. In three games in which Baird and Trent have met so far this season there have been only four points difference in the total points. In the first two games Baird won by one point margins, and then by two points at Dyess. So far this season the Baird team has won 12 games and lost none. They are a team, and they don't care who gets the credit as long as they keep on winning games.

EARLY IN THE YEAR the team decided they would like to enter the tournament at Duncanville during the Christmas holidays, even though they knew that the school would not pay their expenses. They wanted to play and were willing to pay their own way. Some fans have come up with the idea, and it is an excellent one, that the folks in town chip in and help share the load. Mr. C. Z. Anderson, one of the most ardent fans, started the fund with a nice contribution to Mr. Anderson, or to one of the employees of the City Drug, C. H. Lunceford or to Mr. L. B. Howard, school superintendent and coach of the girls team.

A DRIVE AROUND town will be rewarding to those who like pretty Christmas lighting and decorations. There are a number of outstanding decorations and we will mention a few. Of course we will leave out some which should be mentioned, but that, of course, is par for the course as far as newspapermen are concerned. There are several interesting ones on Cheryl Street. The Jon Hardwick home has attractive outside and inside decorations and the Col. Dyer home is a thing of beauty. The Roy Glibbreaths have a pretty tree and the Roscoe Shelnutts have some pretty lights as do the Higginses. On up the street the Dr. McGowens have some pretty outside lights as do the Terrell Williams. The Oscar Stiffers and the Dr. Stubblefields have attractive doors. The G. C. Curtis family has a well decorated and well lighted house. The Clyde White home is always attractive, but more so at this time of year. Other homes you will want to see are: The Ben Russells, the John Sunigas, the Cobby Stricklands, the Forest Frankes, the Billie Cummings, Mrs. Helen Brown, Mrs. John Alexander, the Eldon Dunlaps, the M. L. Hughes, the Fabian Bells, the Lloyd Joneses, the Harry Varners, the Charles Walkers, the Dale Browns, the Sonny Burlesons, the Charles Hounshels, the Fred Harts and the C. K. Meadows.

THIS IS OUR ANNUAL Christmas issue and most of the merchants of the town have joined to make it one of the biggest ever. They all join in wishing to everyone in the Baird area a very merry Christmas, and they express appreciation to you all. The merchants of the community merit your support.

THOSE OF YOU who have visited the offices of Dr. Vernzobro will have noticed the attractive drapes on all the windows. A few women of the community got together and made them. Pat Dyer, Mary Black and

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Baird Grabs Title In Dyess AFB Annual Girls Basketball Tourney

Baird High School's high riding girls basketball team won the Championship trophy in the annual Dyess Air Force Base basketball tournament played at the base gym by downing arch rival Trent in the final game 59-57.

The Baird team trailed Trent to the final by downing Merkel 88-28 Thursday night, Avoca 76-71 Friday night and Haskell 59-48 Saturday afternoon.

The Baird team trailed Trent

most of the way Saturday night. They were behind 12-17 at the end of the first quarter and 28-35 at the intermission. At the end of the third quarter they were behind 41-47. The Baird girls came alive at the beginning of the fourth quarter and outscored the Trent lassies 18 points to 10. Paula Corn slipped in a field goal in the final five seconds to put her team ahead 59-57. Corn made 33 points in the Trent game to lead in scoring. Karen Bearden added 25 points for Baird and nosed out Dolores Bain for second place. Bain had 24 points. Corn scored 155 points in the tourney for a game average of almost 39 points per game. Bearden had 68 points for Baird and Elaine Hass had 37.

Clyde won the consolation championship by beating Hamlin 51-49 in the consolation finals Saturday night.

Callahan County teams took the majority of the honors and trophies in the Tournament. Baird took the handsome first place trophy, placed three on the all tournament team and Guard Peggy Payne was named one of the two princesses in the queen's court. Clyde won the consolation trophy and was awarded the Col. Walter C. Stewart Sportsmanship award. Attractive Freda Hickman of Clyde was named Tournament queen and Clyde had one player on the all tournament team.

Making the All Tournament Team from Baird were Paula Corn, Peggy Payne and Karen Bearden. Lanell Pettit made the team as the Clyde representative. In addition each member of the Baird team was presented a gold championship bracelet.

During the Christmas holidays the Baird team goes to Duncanville where they will meet some of the stronger teams in the state. The tournament is to be played December 26, 27, 28.

ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the Water District office in the City of Baird, Callahan County, Texas, on the 14th day of January, 1964 for the purpose of electing two Directors of Callahan County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.

The officers for said election are:

Election Judge, Mrs. Homer Driskill.
Assistant Judge, Mrs. L. G. Kerby.
Clerks, Mrs. G. W. Crutchfield and Mrs. F. E. Mitchell.

All person who are qualified voters and who pay taxes in said District shall be entitled to vote in said election.

Lloyd K. Jones
President
Callahan County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 51-3-c

Joe Lynn Ault of Galveston will arrive Friday to spend the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ault, and Edwin.

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Santa Claus Will Be In Town Saturday

All boys and girls in the Baird area have been invited to Baird Saturday to meet Santa Claus.

The jolly old gentleman will be in the downtown area Saturday where he will go up and down the street from store to store and meet and talk with all boys and girls.

Santa's bag will be filled with candy, and he will distribute it to the boys and girls. The merchants committee of the Baird Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Santa's visit.

Baird Schools Start Holidays On Friday

Baird's schools will dismiss for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 20, following regular classes, Supt. L. B. Howard reported. Classes will have their Christmas parties during the day and special programs have been planned.

Classes will resume on Thursday, January 2, with a full schedule, Supt. Howard said.

Everyone Urged To Use Christmas Seals

Mrs. Lea Macdonald, Chairman of the Callahan County TB Association, urged everyone to send in their contribution to the annual Christmas Seal drive which is now underway. She urged everyone to use the seals in mailing letters, cards and packages in order to publicize the work being done by the organization.

She reported that sales of the Christmas Seals were lagging and that a double effort would be needed if the goal was to be reached.

Anson & Baird Each Win One In Games Tues.

Basketball teams from Baird High School won one game and lost two out of the three played against teams from Anson High School Tuesday night.

The Baird girls won their 13th contest of the year when they coasted to an easy 55-39 win. The strong Anson quintet beat the Bears 55-39 and the Anson girls "B" team won over the Baird "B" team 26-28.

In the boys game Tommy Barton made 12 points to lead the Bears in the scoring column. Dennis Cooley made a like amount for the victors. Friday and Saturday the Bears will be in Brownwood for the Brownwood High School tournament.

Peggy Gordon led Baird's "B" team in scoring with eight points, but they were nosed out by Anson 26-28. They were ahead 13-12 at halftime, but made only three points in the third quarter to drop behind and to stay behind the rest of the way. Diana Morrison made 16 points for Anson. Shirley Simmons made seven for Baird; Joyce Howard made six and Maggie Westbrook made five. Others playing were Nadine Shelnut, Ann Barry, Cathy Townsend and Judy Deason.

In the girls "A" contest, Paula Corn made 33 points to lead the Baird team to its 13th win. Coach Howard played his alternate team for about half the game to keep the score down.

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Albany Dominates District 10-A Offensive And Defensive Teams

District Champion and state semi-finalist Albany dominated the District 10-A 1963 all district team when coaches of the district made their selections in a meeting Wednesday night.

Albany placed seven men on the offensive team and seven on the defensive team.

Richard Windham, 200 pound fullback on the Bear Eleven was selected to the first offensive team while Clyde was represented by Tommy Koneczak at a tackle spot and Rick Dennis at a backfield position as the only Callahan County representatives.

On defense, Bruce Bell, 150 pound hard hitting Baird line-man, was selected at end and George Dyer and Rick Dennis were Clyde's representatives.

The All-District selections were as follows:
Offense
Ends: Ronnie Hinds, Ranger and Larry Barte of Albany; Tackles, Tommy Koneczak, Clyde and Jim Sullivan, Albany;

Statement Given By Sheriff Price On Candidacy

Sheriff Homer Price yesterday made official announcement of his candidacy for reelection, subject to action of the Democratic primaries.

His introductory statement to voters appears hereunder.
In coming to the people to ask their support in the forthcoming campaign, I wish to first express myself forever in their debt for votes of confidence in the past. Too, I wish it known that I am genuinely grateful to those fine citizens who have so frequently cooperated with me toward the objective of keeping our county law-abiding and a desirable place in which to live.

If reelected I will continue to devote my entire energies toward this end.

I feel that experience gained in the Sheriff's office now renders me capable of serving you completely and more efficiently during the four years ahead. Having worked and associated with most every arm of our law enforcement agencies, from the F.B.I., Texas Rangers and State Department of Public Safety, through other Sheriff's departments and special officers, I have developed an acquaintanceship that is invaluable in getting the aid or assistance of others in time of need. Cooperation of this kind is vital in the apprehending of criminals and often results in huge savings to our tax-payers.

Keeping myself ever-available, subject to call 24 hours in the day, makes it impossible for me to conduct as thorough a campaign as I would like to undertake. I, therefore, ask your indulgence if I seem tardy in personally contacting you in the interest of my candidacy. Your investigation of my record in office, reputation with other officers and general demeanor in the people's behalf is invited.

I have enjoyed serving the people of Callahan County and if reelected will continue to do so with all the energies and abilities that I possess.

Sincerely,
Homer Price

Honorable mention: Danny Ross, Baird; Jay Hutchins, Cross Plains; Newham, Ranger; McGee, Ranger; Cooper, Eastland; Hise, Albany and Gary Barte, Albany.

Defense
Bruce Bell, Baird and Charles Brewster, Albany at ends; Tackles, Willard Boyett, Albany and Bobby Oliver, Albany; middle guard, Joe Tucker, Albany; inside linebackers, Johnny Woodward, Albany and Dick Shelton, Albany; corner linebackers, Joe Cooper, Eastland and George Dyer, Clyde; Halfbacks, Rick Dennis, Clyde and Gary Hise of Albany.

Honorable mention: McGee, Ranger; Koneczak, Clyde; Browning, Ranger; Hutchins, Cross Plains; Buddy Howe, Clyde; Reteria, Ranger; Barte, Albany; Danny Blanks, Clyde; Moylan, Eastland; Griffin, Eastland; Stover, Cross Plains; Wally Harris, Baird; Eddie Childers, Baird and Freddy Alexander, Baird.

G. F. Waggoner Dies On Friday

George Franklin Waggoner, 80, died about 11:45 p.m. Friday at his home in Seagraves. He had been in ill health for several weeks. He was a resident of Clyde for a number of years, and had relatives in Clyde and Baird.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday at 12th St. Church of Christ in Seagraves with Virgil Cullum, minister, officiating. Burial was in Seagraves Cemetery under direction of Webb Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 9, 1883, in Nashville, Tenn., and moved to Texas in 1890 and settled near Clyde with his family. He married Frankie Lee Moseley of Clyde. The family moved to Plainview in 1912 and to Seagraves in 1946. He was a retired cement contractor.

Survivors are his wife; a daughter, Mrs. D. L. Moody of Seagraves; three brothers, Thomas of Clyde and Houston of Abilene and A. G. of Baird; four sisters, Mrs. Werner Lindquist of Milwaukee, Wis., Mrs. Florence Rye of San Diego, Calif., Mrs. Frank Rowland and Mrs. Myra Christian, both of Clyde; one half-brother, W. H. Burnett of Tucson, Ariz.; and two half-sisters, Mrs. Viola Vestal of Morton and Mrs. Etta Waggoner of Clyde; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. C. B. Holmes and C. B. will spend Christmas in Silver City, New Mexico, with Mrs. Holmes sister.

ATTENTION LEGIONAIRES

Please pay your American Legion dues for the coming year (\$6.00) as soon as possible. You may pay James Eubanks at the Bank, Jerry Loper at City Drug or me. C. H. Lumsford, Commander We meet on third Thursday of each month



**And Unusuals
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By Veda Yarbrough

Hi neighbor, we have had a week of cold damp rainy, snowy, sleeting and icy weather. But I am not complaining for I was anxious for hot weather to stop. There was a little snow and sleet on the mountain side late this afternoon as we came

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home from Mrs. R. D. Williams. Our club meeting, which was Monday, was the Christmas Party in Mrs. R. D. Williams home in Baird, it was a real nice party and old Santa was real good to all of us girls. Was good to meet in the very lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams. Was good to get to see Mrs. Ross of Abilene, who is Mrs. Williams mother. We can't realize yet that the Williams have left us, we sure do miss them. They are not so far away but they could still be Putnam folk, we wish they would. We need them so, we still claim them.

Bro. Stan Blevins, wife and little son, Ron, had Sunday dinner with Burette and John-

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ny May Ramsey. Little Ron didn't want to go home. Burette took him out and let him sit on the tractor and was he thrilled.

Bill, Retha and little Nevin Brown of Abilene spent the week end with Mark and Ollie Burnam.

Last Thursday afternoon Johnny May Ramsey and I went over to Moran, did quite a bit of Christmas shopping. Also went out to Bud and Adah Booths a while. Bud has been in Abilene Hospital twenty-nine days, he came home last Wednesday afternoon. Glad to see him home and doing pretty well, but I doubt if he is out plowing any way soon but good he is able to be home and about.

Mrs. Nancy Chatman gave Mrs. Ralph Wagley a pink and blue shower last Friday night, it was such a bad night there were not many ventured out, sorry it was such bad weather.

I went down to the Chatmans about noon Friday, they had their Christmas tree up, the lights and decorations were real pretty.

Old Santa Claus came to see D. A. Yarbrough real early, I guess he has been a real good little boy. Santa brought him a TV. It is a real nice looking and good one. D. A. visited Sunday in Baird with his sister, Mrs. Onie Abernathy. We were so sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Noma Derk, she was the step-daughter of Mrs. Onie Abernathy. Noma was injured Monday of last week in a car wreck. She lived a few hours after the wreck. She and her husband lived in Groves, Texas. Our deepest sympathy to all the brothers, which are the Abernathy boys and to her own family, her mother, Mrs. Onie Abernathy. We have known Noma fifty some odd years.

We are sorry to say Mrs. Lillie

Eubank fell early last Wednesday morning. She stepped outside to throw out the coffee grounds, the steps were frozen over, but she didn't know it so her feet went out from under her. She went down, she got quite a jolt, hurt her back so she could not get up. Now this was about five in the morning, I don't think Mr. Marvin had gotten up yet, anyway she called and called him. He came and tried and tried, finally got her pulled back inside of the house. She said she believed she would have been better off if she had waited for someone to have helped Mr. Marvin get her in the house. We are glad she had no broken bones. She is still pretty sore but she went to Sunday school and taught her class Sunday and also went to our club Christmas party this afternoon. She was on the program and she did well, we are glad she has such determination, not to let it get her down. Lillie and Ollie Burnam went with me, was glad to have them.

Leonard and Myrtle Alvy visited Monday night with the Burette Ramseys, I imagine they played some 42 or 84. I hope all of you have a good Christmas, this is my Merry Christmas Card as I am not sending cards as I usually do. hope you have been good and Santa will be good to you and you to him. Hope to see you next week so be careful.

The Wednesday Club met Dec. 11, with Miss Isadore Grimes. Invocation was given by Mrs. Homer McIntosh. Fifteen members answered roll call with "a gift for patients at the Abilene State Hospital." A donation of money was also sent to the State Hospital at Big Spring.

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Subject for the day was "Public Affairs." Mrs. D. F. Short brought some clippings on President Kennedys Civil Rights bill. Pledge to the Flag was given. Mrs. L. B. Lewis gave the club counselors report.

Miss Grimes served a delicious refreshment plate to the following members: Mmes. W. P. Brightwell, Lee Ivey, E. J. Hill, V. E. Hill, Ace Hickman, Clyde White, W. A. Fetterly, L. B. Lewis, M. L. Stubblefield, Frank Cunningham, H. McIntosh, D. F. Short, I. E. Warren, A. E. Dyer and Miss Grimes.

Taber Bearden Is In Tech Organization

LUBBOCK — Taber Bearden of Baird was one of sixteen Texas Tech men who have been announced as spring pledges of Saddle Tramps, campus spirit and service organization.

Accepted were the following: Robert Arnold, Mt. Pleasant; Kenneth Baker, Albany; Jerry Bawcom, Wickett; Bearden, Baird; James Roy Brown, Silverton; Bob Colvard, 1805 Wilson, Wichita Falls; Bob Fillpot, Childress and Bill Honey, Lubbock. Also selected were John Ireland, 4405 University, Wichita Falls; Joe Murfee, Lubbock; Jim Petrosky, Georgetown; Richard Purcell, 4809 Arden Road, Amarillo; Johnny Ramirez, Cana-

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Indian, Spanish and American cultures all contribute to the ways of celebrating Christmas in New Mexico.

"Prayer dances" performed by the Indians unite their ancient ceremonials with their present Christianity. Following midnight mass on Christmas Eve, they hold four days of prayer dances. At Taos Pueblo, Indians conduct a "procession of torches" during Christmas week.

The candles known as luminarias are a Spanish contribution. Put up early in December, they are used to outline walls of houses and stores, as well as curbs and driveways.

Then there is the ceremony of the posada. For nine days, the story of the Nativity and the holy family's search for shelter is acted out by churches, hotels, social groups and families.

And, along with all the festive and religious observances of Christmas in New Mexico, it's certain that the American contribution, jolly old Santa Claus, is well remembered.

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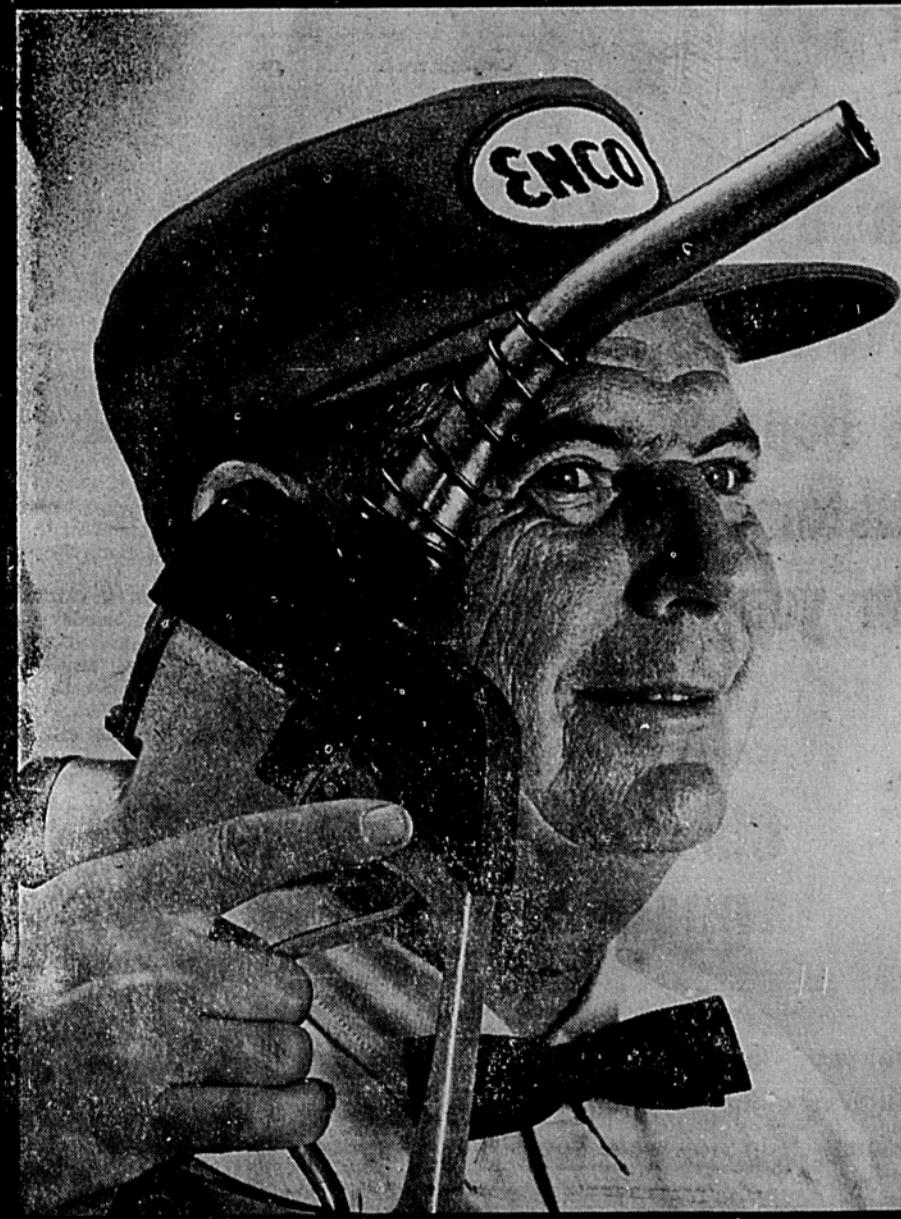
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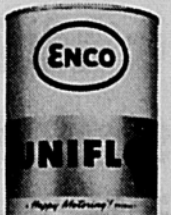
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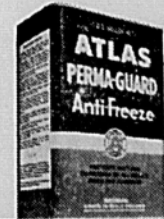
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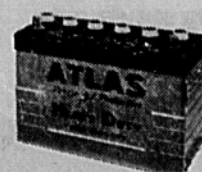
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NEWS OF MORAN

LUNCHEON CLUB

Mrs. Tim Hamilton and her group served a delicious baked turkey and dressing with all the trimmings to 50 members and guests of the Moran Luncheon Club, last Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Frank Pruitt of the Abilene Reporter News was a guest.

Kathryn Duff of the Abilene Reporter News brought a very interesting and informative talk.

Wiley Williams, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, submitted the following officers for 1964: President, Tim Hamilton; Vice President, Bob Burton and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Alton Burton. They were elected as officers for the coming year. L. L. Walker, Wiley Williams and Morris Cottle were elected as directors for 1964.

The next meeting of the club will be Wednesday, January 8.

Mrs. Lynn Williams received treatment in Hendricks Hospital in Abilene this week.

STORES TO CLOSE

The business houses of Moran will be closed two days for Christmas, Wednesday and Thursday, December 25 and 26. People are asked to keep this in mind and get enough supplies to last the two days. The merchants ask your cooperation.

SNOW

The people of Moran and community awoke Saturday morning to find the ground covered with snow and sleet. The streets and roads were hazardous for driving, but no accidents occurred.

FFA SWEETHEART

Judy Cottle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Cottle, has been elected the FFA Sweetheart for the 1963-64 year. Miss Cottle, a Sophomore, will be the Moran Chapter representative in the Area Sweetheart contest in Abilene in January.

SCHOOL DISMISSES

According to Supt. Robert H. Hunt the Moran Schools will dismiss on Friday, December 20 at 2:30 p.m. for the Christmas holidays. Schools will resume on Thursday, January 2.

FHA SPONSORS PARTY

The FHA girls of Moran High entertained the student body and faculty with a party on Thursday night, Dec. 19.

HOME FROM NAVY

Tommy Burton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Burton, is visiting his parents for two weeks, on leave from the Navy in San Diego, California.

ATTENDS TEA

Mmes. Glen Cottle, W. G. Jones and B. A. Elliott attended a Christmas Tea in the home of Mrs. Briggs Todd in Abilene, Thursday, December 12.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shelton of Abilene spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Shelton, and other relatives.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY

The Dorcas Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met in the Fellowship Hall of the church, Dec. 14, for their Christmas Social. Their husbands were guests of the class.

The meeting was opened with the singing of "Silent Night". Mrs. Fred Bankston, teacher, gave the opening prayer.

Mrs. Gladys Loudder brought a very interesting Christmas devotional. The closing prayer was led by the Vice President of the class, Mrs. Glen Thames.

Refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Agnew, Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Oran Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Clell Prestidge and Mmes. Thurman Wood, C. S. Barrow, Glen Thames, Chester Allen, Cecil Harper, Sr., Gladys Loudder and Fred Bankston.

A good social hour of games was enjoyed by all and gifts were exchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raymond of Abilene visited with their parents, E. M. Raymond and Sam Parrish, Sunday.

Letters To Santa

ASKS TOYS FOR BROTHER

Dear Santa,

I want you to get something a baby would like. I have a little brother that is one and going on two. He likes pictures in the Christmas Books. One I would like for him is a musical TV phonograph.

Your friend,
Johnny Viertel, Moran

WANTS FOOTBALL SUIT

Dear Santa,

Thank you for what you gave me last year. This year I want a shotgun and football suit and football, and a Buddy L Horse Van. Alphabet Block set and also a brick building. Come to my house.

Love,
James C. Garrett, Jr., Moran

ASKS FOR CAVALRY SET

Dear Santa,

I want a Fort Apache Cavalry Set, a King Zor, a helicopter and a Dick Tracy Two-way Wrist Radio. I would like you to bring me Dandy, the Lion, a beginner Trap Drum Set, a Bug Bunny Knock'em Down and a noddogg. Last of all I want a Rabbit Hunt and a Heavy Duty Electric Drive Kart.

With love,
Kyle Viertel, Moran

WANTS BARBIE EXTRAS

Dear Santa Claus

I want a Ballerina outfit and a Barbies room and bedroom and car for Barbie and Ken. I want Barbie wardrobe. I want a Sears Fiberboard play. I want a Deluxe jumping stick, too. I want a argus action movie-viewer and Chap the dog that comes when you call. I want some one coil jumping shoes, too. I want last of all a Saxophone, a little Miss Echo and an electric sewer-master and Ken's wardrobe.

Truly yours,
Melinda Viertel, Moran

P.S. I want to get my brother Mark, some two coil jumping shoes, My brother Kyle some one coil jumping shoes.

WANTS ELECTRIC KART

Dear Santa,

I want a Heavy Duty Electric Drive Kart. I want a Roy Rogers suit, too. I wish I could have a Dick Tracey Two-way Wrist Radio. I want the Hand-painted Animal Sets, too. I want a Fort Apache Cavalry Set and a Haunted House. Last of all I want a Bonga Set.

Your true love,
Mike Viertel, Moran

ASKS FOR KING ZOR

Dear Santa,

I want a King Zor. I want a Wen-Mac RAF Fighter. I want a Danny O'day and a Photo-Telescope. I want a Broadcasting Set, too. I want a Deluxe Pogo Stick. I want the jumping shoes that have two coil springs. I want a Bop-a-Bear and a Color Key Clarinet. Last of all I want a Fort Apache Cavalry Set.

Your friend,
Johnny Viertel, Moran

MORAN TEL CLASS

The TEL Sunday School Class of the Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. J. M. Townsend, December 13.

Nine members and one guest answered roll call with Bible scriptures.

Mrs. Maggie Hopkins, secretary reported that cards had been sent to the sick and bereaved. During the business session the class voted to give \$5.00 to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions.

Mrs. Will English brought a timely devotion using the title of "Ready for Christmas". The scripture was taken from Luke 2nd chapter and stressing the 7th Verse, "There was no room for him in the Inn". Mrs. Etta Terry gave the "Christmas Story That Never Grows Old". Mrs. English conducted contest in keeping with the season.

The exchange of gifts from the Christmas tree concluded the meeting.

The hostess served refreshments. Those present were Mrs. Olin Elliott, guest and Mmes. Maggie Hopkins, J. V. Roberts, R. H. McKelvain, F. S. Kirkpatrick, Ben P.nell, Roy Murry, Will English, Etta Terry and the hostess member.

Jackie Dennis of Murry College spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dennis.

PEOPLE AND THINGS . . .

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Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Shaffer of Freer spent a few days last week with their niece, Mrs. R. L. Tonne, and family.

Diekie Clinton visited with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Elliott and Mrs. W. L. Clinton over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harper, Sr. and Gene visited with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Bill Stegall, and family in Haskell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Huskey III and children of Big Spring spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Huskey, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wheeler and children of Abilene spent Monday and Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harper, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Grisham of San Angelo visited with his father, Henry Grisham, and with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cannon and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hudman, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cline and daughters of Texas City spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cline and Mrs. John Williams, and other relatives in Moran. Mrs. John Williams returned home with her daughter and family to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Maggie Hopkins left Tuesday to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Frank Perdue in Sweetwater and Mrs. W. P. Grace in Abilene and their families.

Week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thompson were Mr. and Mrs. Edd Phillips and Barbara Reese of Houston and Mrs. Cliff Sill and baby of Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Sill and baby remained for a longer visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

ANSON & BAIRD BASKETBALL

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Baird led 15-5 at the quarter and 35-15 at the intermission. The Baird girls were ahead 43-28 to begin the final quarter and 55-39 at the end of the game. Elaine Hass made eight points. Karen Bearden made 10, Vicki Jones made two and Yvonne Shelnett made two. Others playing were Sally Green, Sue Howard, Betty Corn, Peggy Payne, Sharon Jeter and Dana Corn.

HAVE NEW SON

Mr. and Mrs. John Carter of Farmington, New Mexico, have announced the birth of a son, Andrew Curtis Carter, on Thursday, Dec. 12, at Farmington. He weighed seven pounds and 12 ounces at birth. Mrs. Carter is the former Carolyn Allphin, daughter of C. C. Allphin of Baird.

Karen Towler and Kistsie Ross, students at Abilene Christian College, are spending Christmas holidays with their parents in Baird.

Interior also draped in black. Pinkie and Mary are ardent Albany fans, second only to Baird. It is natural, however, since Mary is an Albany native . . . Pop Whitaker learned a new lesson in etiquette one day last week from a group of little first grade girls. He delivered something to their room and one of them said "Thank You". Pop didn't reply and one reminded him that he was supposed to say "You are welcome," when he was thanked. One little first grader reminded her friend that such rules were only applicable to school kids, and the third chimed in and said, "Yeah, and he never even went to school." Joy Corn, who did the work, should take a bow. They did a good job and merit thanks from everyone. The new clinic and Baird's new doctor should prove to everyone that a little working together can go a long way toward making the town a better place in which to live.

FRIENDS AND employees of Pinkie Black, well liked Baird Grocer, prepared a wake for the ardent Albany fan after the Lions were defeated by Petersburg in Lubbock Friday night. When the Blacks arrived home Saturday a.m. they found their front door draped in black. When Pinkie arrived at the store he found the store door and the

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a smoke gun and any other toys you have for little boys.

Love,
Tom Walker

P.S. I have my tree in the front room. I will leave the light on so you can find my house.

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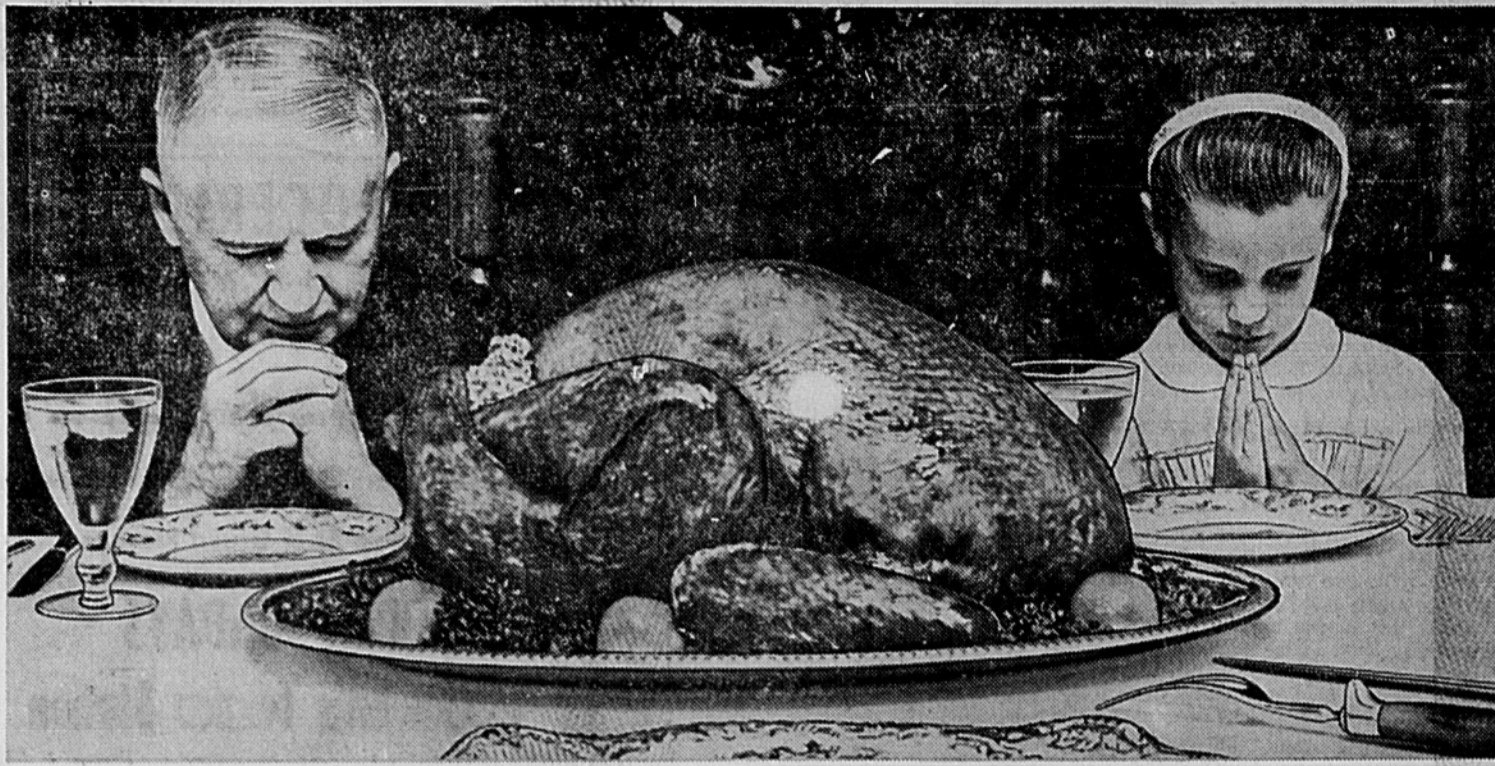
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Flour GLADIOLA 10 lb. bag **89c**

Fruit Cocktail LIBBY'S no. 2 1/2 can **33c**

Marshmallow Creme KRAFT'S pint jar **19c**

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Apples EXTRA FANCY RED DELICIOUS pound **15c**

Celery CRISP GREEN extra large stalk **10c**

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Baird, Texas

Santa Gets His Garb From Poem, Cartoon

Santa first appeared in his now-traditional guise as a plump, jovial, white-bearded and pipe-smoking old gentleman — "a right jolly old elf" — in the poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," written by Dr. Clement C. Moore in 1822.

Earlier, "Santeclaus" had been pictured dressed as a bishop, in a book called "The Children's Friend," and in Washington Irving's "Knickerbocker History of New York," published in 1809, Santa was said to wear a

broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches.

Even Dr. Moore's poem did not, apparently, clothe Santa in a red suit. "He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot," says the poem.

Santa as he looks today was first sketched by cartoonist Thomas Nast, in 1869. The cartoon showed Santa in his familiar red garb, smoking a pipe.

IN BETHLEHEM, GA.

A 60-foot star lights the countryside around Bethlehem, Ga., at Christmas. A carol service is held beneath the star on Christmas night.

Warding Off Witches Led To Candy Canes

One of the most popular symbols of the Christmas holidays, candy canes, began with an old superstition during the Middle Ages. Europeans of that period carried glass canes filled with colored candies to distract evil witches.

Belief was that the evil ones become so interested in sorting the candies that casting of evil spells was forgotten, reports the Candy, Chocolate and Confectionary Institute.

Holly Holds Sway

The holly tree and its brightly berried branches hold an important place not only in holiday decorations but in the legends and lore of Christmas. An old belief in England and Germany was that there are "he" and "she" hollies — the "he" hollies with spined leaves, the "she" hollies smooth-leaved. The varieties brought into the house at Christmas supposedly showed who would head the household for the coming year — "he" or "she." A variation on this custom said that if the holly was brought into the house in fair weather, the wife would rule, but if the weather was bad, the husband would be master. Holly was credited with many magical and medical powers. It was believed to cure toothaches, banish rickets, and even foretell to girls the names of their future husbands.

Of Carols . . .

In England and France the custom of carol singing at Christmas stemmed from the songs sung between the scenes of the medieval "mystery" or "miracle" plays, which were created to teach the Bible to the people of the time, few of whom could read.

The early miracle plays portrayed the coming of Christ, in simple drama. Later plays became more elaborate, with fictional scenes added.

HEARD IN APRIL

Handel's "Messiah," often heard at the Christmas season, was begun in August, finished in September and first performed in April.

TRIMMING TREES

Trimmed Christmas trees first appeared in the United States probably during the American Revolution. Hessian soldiers with the British forces started the practice to relieve their nostalgia for their homeland.

An early diary, written at Fort Dearborn, Ill., in 1804 relates the practice of trimming the Christmas tree with ornaments of the time.

IN DENMARK

A Danish Christmas custom is the "Jul-bock," a long pole with a goat's head, whose duty it is to butt in when the children misbehave.



Carols ring out . . . gladness fills every heart and the air is astir with the lively spirit of the Christmas Season. May you enjoy all of it to the utmost!

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Pruitt and Girls and Mrs. Pruitt



May ALL THE Blessings OF Christmas BE YOURS

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gilbreath and Kay



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Greetings of the Christmas Season

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We take this opportunity to extend warmest wishes to our many friends. Hope you are heading for the happiest holiday season ever!

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Faye and Smitty

Hi!
and
Merry
Christmas
to
Everyone!



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To wish you every Joy and Blessing for Christmas

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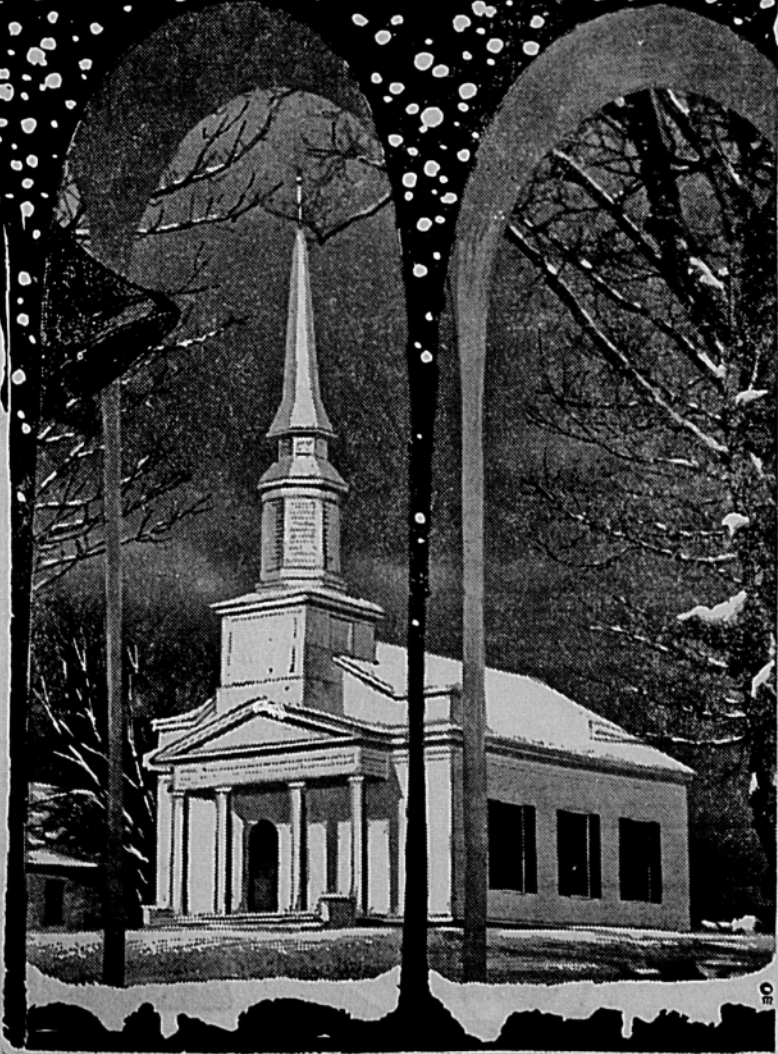


GREETINGS



...and good wishes to all

At the Yuletide, one of our greatest pleasures is to greet our many good friends with warm wishes for a season rich in the quiet peace of a winter landscape . . . the jubilant joy of a ringing bell. And may all the happiness of Christmas be yours.



THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT & POWER PLANT

Letters To Santa

GIVES SANTA CHOICE

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Tiger Joe or a bicycle, or a gasoline truck.

Your friend,
David Barron

WANTS A WIG

Dear Santa,
I would like a wig. And thank you for all the things you brought me last year. I like that watch too.

Your friend,
Debra Williams

WOULD LIKE DOLLS

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll and a doll house. You would like to know what kind of doll, here it is. The doll I want is Chatty Kathy and a Barbie Doll.

Your friend,
Lerhone Simmons

ASKS FOR BIKE

Dear Santa,
I would like to get a bicycle and a go cart, a football suit, number 33, and Tiger Joe and battle wagon and glow master and a walkey talkey.

Your friend,
Wayne Fiedler

SKATES AND A DOLL

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie Doll and a pair of skates.

Your friend,
Darla Morrow

RACE CAR WANTED

Dear Santa,
I would like a Race Car set! And Go Cart and a Winchester.

Your friend,
Tommy Neal

DOESN'T ASK MUCH

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Buffalo hunting set and a vacuform and I guess that is all I want for Christmas.

Your friend,
Bill Chas Hatchett

JO LIKES DOLLS

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a Chatty Kathy, Baby and Chatty Kathy brother. A Vacuform and transistor radio, Mitch doll and Ken's case.

Your friend,
Jo Kennard

SHE LIKES DOLLS

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Chatty Kathy and a bicycle and a Midge doll with a wedding dress and her children and Ken and some clothes for all of the dolls. And one thing I want is the doll that has the hair dryer and scissors with her.

Your friend,
Lurene Richardson

HAS BIG LIST

Dear Santa,
I would like an Orville-Octopus, a Haunted House, a Mouse Trap Game, Buffalo hunting set, a Vacuform, a Go Cart, a Robot Commando and a Race car set. And an electric train, a machine gun and a football and football suit (with shoulder pads and all).

Your friend,
Robert Vineyard

WOULD HUNT BUFFALO

Dear Santa,
I would like a Buffalo hunting set, Go Cart and a Vacuform and a Monopoly Race Car set.

Your friend,
David Jaggars



Greetings

Here's to a holiday merry and bright, with bells ringing, carol singing, greetings and treatings, gifts and gladness galore.

And here's to you! We sincerely wish you the season's best, and gratefully express our appreciation for your friendly patronage.

WEEK'S BARBER SHOP

BAIRD, TEXAS



Greetings

As Christmas bells ring out the age-old message of peace on earth, good will to men... we chime in with our very best wishes for a holiday season rich in all the things your family holds dear. May the joy and happiness of Christmas echo in your hearts now and throughout all the days to come.



and
the
Wise Men
came.....
and found Him
lying in a manger.
May your holiday
be filled with
the peace and
contentment of
that first
Christmas...

WORK'S DRY GOODS

BAIRD, TEXAS



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Letters To Santa

WANTS PENNY POODLE

Dear Santa,
Please bring me the following things for Christmas: a Penny Poodle, furniture for doll house, musical rocking chair, play-doh maker, a Puncho, a French doll and doll clothes, a baby doll and doll clothes, Tressy doll, a Midge doll, a washing machine, a dress-

er and bench set, a Tin Lizzie Cat, Mattels Talking horse puppet, a garage for cars, Thumbelina doll, a record player, a Chap dog, a China Closet, a musical clock, a Remco Firebird, a nurse set, a red dress, a village set, records for a record player, high heel shoes.

Thank you,
Vicki Bradley

WOULD LIKE GUNS

Dear Santa,
Please bring me the following things: A quick draw single holster set, a three-speed bicycle, a record player, an atomic aircraft carrier, an anti-tank bombing plane, a station wagon with boat and trailer set, an army vehicle set, Ideal's Mouse Trap Game, mobile crane truck, bulldozer.

Thank you,
Kenny Bradley

WANTS BIKE

Dear Santa,
I would like a bicycle, and thank you for all the things. I would like a Vacuform and I would like a watch and a Grocery Store set, and some tricks and cars and a Go cart and some boats and an army set.

Your friend,
Paul Stanley

BOOTS ON LIST

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl five years old. I would like for you to bring me some boots and a puppet.

I have a sister named Patricia that is in the first grade. She would like for you to bring her a talking horse puppet and a pair of boots also.

My little brother, Bill, wants a football helmet and guns.

I love you Santa. I have my Christmas tree up.

Love,
Jan Earp

WOULD LIKE VACUFORM

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a vacuform and a football kicknet.

Your friend,
Guy Curtis

CHECKERS ON LIST

Dear Santa,
I would like a gasoline truck and a checker set, also a B.B. gun too. I would like a picture of us all too.

Your friend,
Benjamin Mendez

PREFERS RADIO

Dear Santa,
I would like a transistor radio. I would like to have a Race Car set.

I would like to have a Go Cart. I would like to have a white Christmas.

I would like to have a happy New Year and a happy Christmas.

Your friend,
Darden

GAY ASKS FOR DOLL

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll and a bottle. I would like a play house and some dishes. I would like a transistor radio. I would like a bonnet and a dress. I would like a blackboard and some chalk.

Your friend,
Gay Sadler

GIRL WANTS FOOTBALL SUIT

Dear Santa,
I would like a football suit for Christmas. My grandmother got me some boots. I have been wearing them to school. I like them very much. I have been very good, and I am learning very good in school too.

Your friend,
Julie Goble

RUBY WANTS BIKE

Dear Santa,
I would like a bicycle and a gun for Christmas and a trick, a football, a B.B. Gun, a helmet and that is all.

Your friend,
Ruby Gonzales

LIKES TO HUNT

Dear Santa,
I would like a B.B. gun and a J.C. Higgins bicycle and a Vacuform and a helmet.

Your friend,
Bill Trowbridge



O, Holy Night

May the blessings of the night when Christ was born enkindle in your heart a happiness that shines ever brighter throughout all the days to come.

PEEK'S FASHION CLEANERS



MERRY CHRISTMAS
Here's Santa with our very best wishes for all.

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Peace

As we celebrate the glory of His birth, let us also remember how He taught that love of mankind is the true path to Peace on Earth.

BEST WISHES FORM ALL OF US AT
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BEST WISHES FOR Christmas

To all our good friends, the very happiest of holidays.

To Our Friends, Neighbors and Relatives, One of the Happiest Holiday traditions is wishing you may have a season filled with Merriment and Good Cheer.

ODE and LOLA BERRY

Greetings



We wish you the greatest joys of the season... a festive holiday in a happy home where family and friends gather to exchange gifts and greetings, to light the fire, trim the tree, bask in the warmth of real affection.

RANDALL C. JACKSON
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

There's no season quite like Christmas... no custom quite so happy as the old tradition of exchanging greetings. With real appreciation for our cordial relations, we thank you and wish you a most joyful holiday.



FROM ALL OF US AT
Sutphen Insurance Agency And Sutphen & Wristen

Clyde Downs Baird In Games Monday

Clyde's junior high school boys and girls downed Bairds junior

high teams in the Clyde gym Monday night to take both ends of a double header. The little Bulldogs downed the Bear Cubs 32-19 and Clyde's girls downed

Baird 22-9. Thursday night the Clyde boys go to Cisco for "A" and "B" games and the girls are entered in the Merkel tournament. They will meet Trent in the opener Thursday night.



GREETINGS

OLD-FASHIONED Christmas sentiments coming to you with sincere gratitude for your kind patronage.

IVEY PACKING PLANT
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ivey

Baird's next game is with Eula in Eula on December 16.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE

First National Community Christmas Tree in the U. S. was placed on the White House lawn in 1923, while Calvin Coolidge was president. The tree was a spruce from Coolidge's native state, Vermont.

In the following year Coolidge presided at a ceremony under the sponsorship of the American Forestry association to urge the use of living Christmas trees.

WHEN ORGAN BROKE

"Silent Night" was first sung at Christmas 1818.

The church organ in an Austrian village had broken down — impaired by mice, so the story goes. Father Joseph Mohr wrote the poem and his organist, Franz Gruber, composed the music.

The congregation, which had been saddened because there would be no music for Christmas, sang "Silent Night" to a guitar accompaniment.

SETTING THE DATE

December 25 was first assigned as the date for the celebration of the Nativity in about the year 320 A.D. Since the New Testament was written as religious instruction rather than history, the exact date of Christ's birth is not known.

The present day was selected as a means of unifying the observances of Christmas, "the mass of Christ."

IN NORWAY

Norwegians hide an almond in the Christmas pudding. Tradition says the finder will be married in the next year.

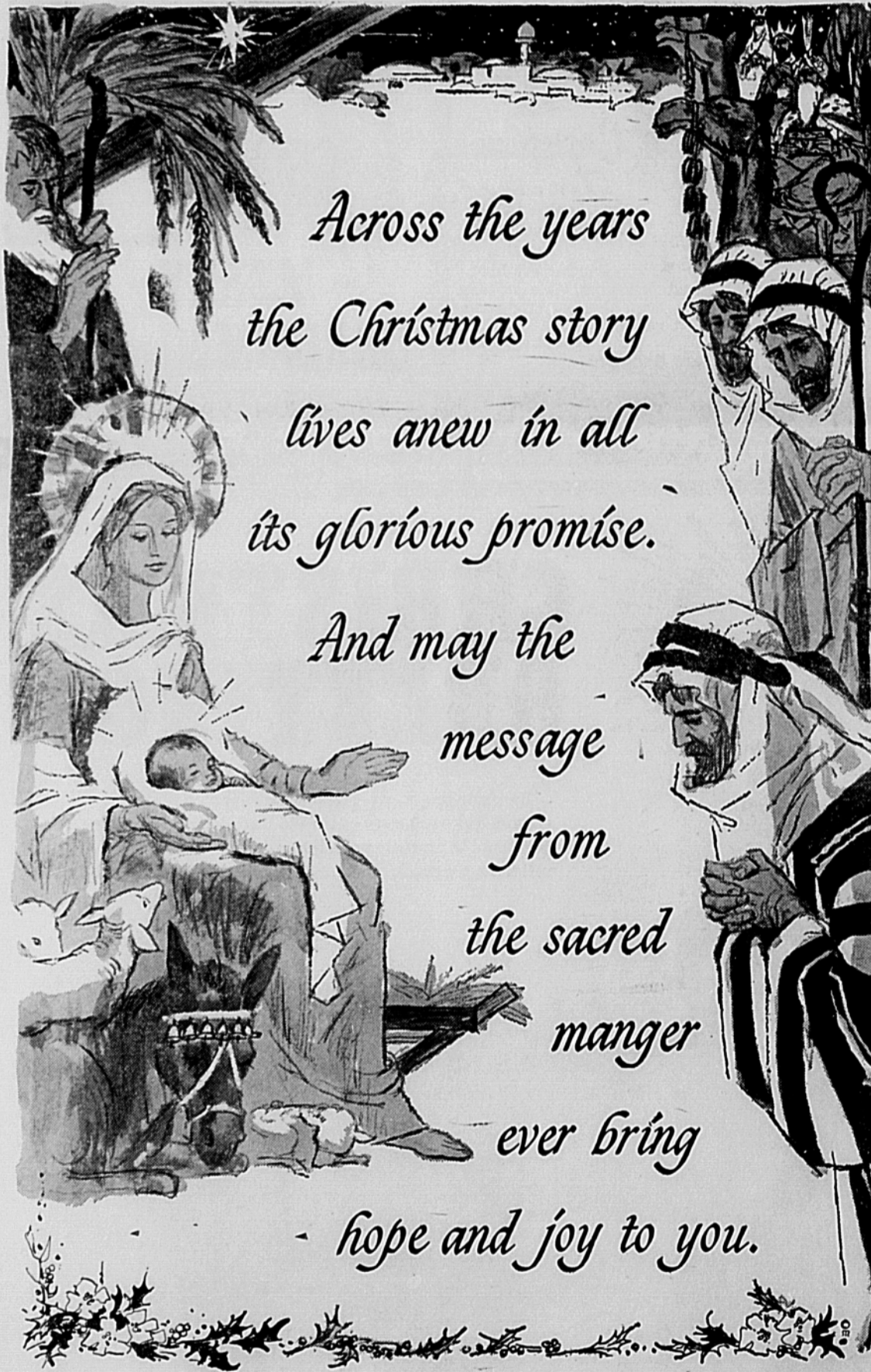


Naming Santa

Santa, the giver of many gifts, is a man of many names, too. While he is becoming almost universally known as Santa Claus, Santa or St. Nick, many European children still wait for the arrival of St. Nicholas.

St. Nicholas was the first of Santa's names and came from a real bishop in the fourth century, A.D. He is said to travel not by reindeer but on horseback, and wears bishop's robes.

Over the years, Santa has gained still other names. In France he's Pere Noel, in Finland Father Christmas, in Germany Kris Kringle, in Russia Father or Grandfather Frost.



*Across the years
the Christmas story
lives anew in all
its glorious promise.
And may the
message
from
the sacred
manger
ever bring
hope and joy to you.*

HOME TELEPHONE & ELECTRIC CO.

Bells, Bells, Bells

Through the ages, bells have served many purposes — announcing the approach of vehicles, for instance, or signaling the beginning of curfew. Early associated with churches, by medieval times the pealing of the bells had come to signify the rejoicing of the Christmas season.

An early custom was the tolling of church bells on Christmas Eve, during the hour before midnight. The tolling announced the death of Satan, and at midnight joyous peals told of the birth of Christ.

In England, where bell-ringing is an honored, family-taught art, the tuneful bells ring out at seven-thirty on Christmas morning.

It takes years of training and practice to learn the ringing of complex "changes," as the different chants and tonal combinations are called.

Thorn Tree Blooms In England, D.C.

A phenomenon occurs every Christmas, not known by many, that may be witnessed by anyone in the Cathedral of the Close in Washington, D.C. or Glastonbury, Somerset, England.

It is the story of the Holy Thorn Tree that blossoms in England every December 25th and in Washington some time during the same month.

The legend relates that two days before Christmas, St. Joseph of Arimathea approached Glastonbury. He carried with him the Holy Grail used at the Last Supper.

As St. Joseph came toward the town, he stopped to rest on the crest of a hill. He drove his staff into the ground and it took root immediately.

The next day, Christmas Eve, it had become a Thorn Tree and was covered with blossoms.

Greetings

Here's to a holiday merry and bright, with bells ringing, carol singing, greetings and treatings, gifts and gladness galore.

And here's to you! We sincerely wish you the season's best, and gratefully express our appreciation for your friendly patronage.

Bowman Lumber Co.

CLYDE, TEXAS

CHEERFUL Greetings

May the best of Christmas cheer fill the homes and hearts of our friends and patrons during the holiday season. It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve you all during the past year.

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TEXACO SERVICE**

West Highway 80

Traditionally, the first Christmas feast in England was held at the Round Table of King

Arthur. While the specific date is undetermined, references to the famous king in medieval legends have been traced back to as early as 600 A.D.

Pecan Show To Draw Big Crowd

RANGER — The 11th annual Eastland County pecan show Dec. 13-14, is expected to attract a large attendance, not only from Eastland but from adjoining counties as well, it was said by show officials.

The show is to be held in the Joseph building on Main Street in Ranger, according to Col. Roy Plumley, manager of the Chamber of Commerce.

Plumley said his organization, together with the Eastland County pecan Growers Association are sponsoring the two-show. C. E. Smith of Rising Star, is president of the association.

About 30 varieties of paper-shell pecans will be in the show. Some 200 to 300 one - quart entries are expected.

The nuts are judged on size, color, appearance, shell thickness, cracking quality, kernel quality, weight, attractiveness and other factors. Judges will be from the horticultural department of A&M University. Winning entries will be entered at the Texas pecan state show at College Station the following week.

A pecan queen contest will be held Thursday, Dec. 12 in the high school auditorium, sponsor-

ed by the Ranger Junior College. A bake contest will also be held under the direction of the Band Boosters Club. The centerpiece contest will be under the Ranger Garden Club. The Band Boosters Club will also have the concessions at the show.

HANGING STOCKINGS

The story of the first Christmas stocking is associated with the real St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop known for his many kind deeds. Wish to present an anonymous gift to

help the daughters of an impoverished merchant, he threw a bag of gold down the chimney where it fell into a stocking hung up to dry.

The legend is reflected in today's custom of tucking "gold" — an orange or tangerine — into the toe of a Christmas stocking.



Peace and Happiness

As the Star shone on the Babe of Bethlehem, so may the peace and promise of His wondrous message shine brightly on you and yours, this Christmastide, bringing happiness in abundance.

"Rabbit" Jones Premier Service

West Highway 80



Greetings

Glowing as a cheery hearth, bright as a gaily-lighted tree are our warm-hearted wishes for your joy and contentment at this happy holiday season. We greatly enjoy our pleasant business relations with you and hope that they may long continue. To you, our most grateful thanks.

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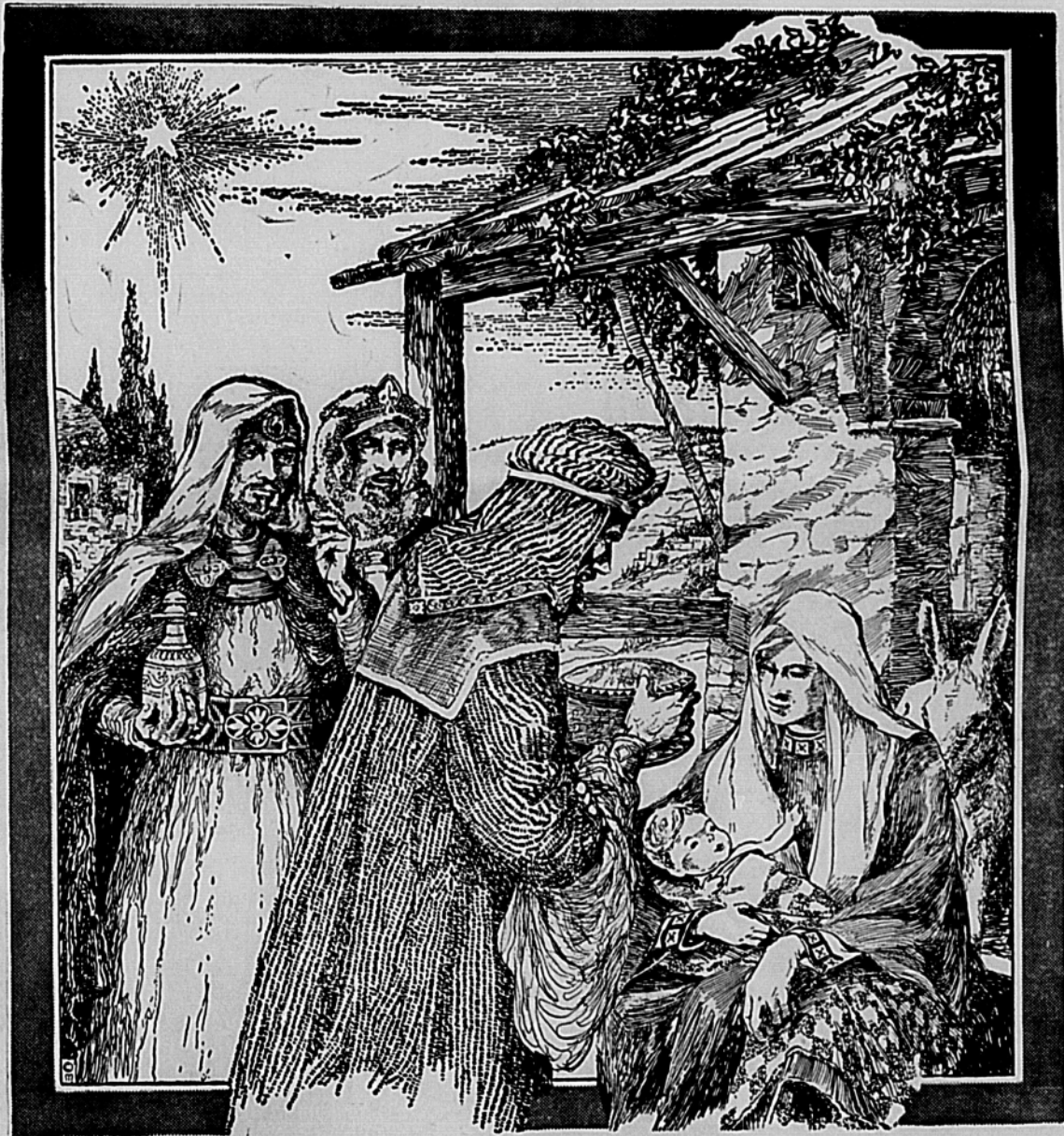
BAIRD, TEXAS



MERRY CHRISTMAS

'Tis the season to be jolly, and to wish you and your family a Yuletide filled with every happiness.

BAIRD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



A Christmas Message

Reverently, we remember a night of awe and wonder, when angels sang, shepherds watched and a shining Star guided Wise Men to the manger where a Child was born. We celebrate this holy holiday with thoughts for all our good friends everywhere, and with the hope that for you, the meaning of Christmas may be ever deeper, its joys ever greater.

YOUR COUNTY OFFICIALS

- Roscoe Shelnett, Commissioner Prec. 1
- L. C. Cash, County School Supt.
- Alton White, Commissioner Prec. 3
- Byron Richardson, County Judge
- James Paul Shanks, County Attorney

- Pat Garner, County Agent
- Beatrice Deal, County Clerk
- Albert Lovell, County Tax Assessor-Collector
- Homer Price, Sheriff
- Hazel Reynolds, County Treasurer



Merry Christmas

Up hill, down dale we go to spread glad tidings of joy and festivity! It would take ten coaches to hold all the good wishes we have to give our good friends and patrons for a most happy and hearty holiday season and many, many more still to come!

TEXACO, INCORPORATED

Emil Ringhoffer, Consignee

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY

"And those that walked in darkness saw a great light... The Star of the Prince of Peace"

Listen to the Salutation of the Dawn!
Look to this day!

For it is life, the very Star of Life.
In its brief course lie all the varieties and realities of existence;

The bliss of growth;
The glory of action;
The splendor of beauty;
For yesterday is already a dream,
and tomorrow is only a vision.

But today, well lived, makes every yesterday
A dream of happiness, and every tomorrow
a vision of hope.

Look well, therefore, to this day!
Such was the salutation of the 'Star of Dawn
on earth!

Merkel, Wylie Win First in Local Tourney

Merkel's boys and the Wylie girls were the winners of the Baird Junior High School basketball tournament held last week end at the Baird gym.

Merkel defeated Baird in the final contest 40-30. They gained the finals by defeating Clyde and Wylie. Baird made the finals by defeating Putnam and Cross Plains.

Clydes boys won the consolation prize by downing Putnam 37-28 in the final game.

The Wylie girls defeated Cross Plains 25-5 in the final game to take the first place trophy in the girls bracket. They had previously defeated Eula and Clyde. Cross Plains had won over Moran and Baird to enter the finals.

Merkel won consolation by defeating Moran in the final game by a 22-12 score.

West Texas Man To Join Lone Star Gas

DALLAS — Forrest E. Caraway of Stephenville, Texas, has joined the Chemical Division of Lone Star Producing Company as a salesman, according to Roy

E. Jury, Chemical Division vice president, and H. G. (Mike) Wells, manager of marketing, Chemical Division.

A graduate of Texas A&M with a B.S. degree in Agronomy, Mr. Caraway will handle dealer sales of LSP brand chemical fertilizer products in West-central Texas. He is a 16 - year veteran of chemical fertilizer sales. His appointment became effective November 15.

Mr. Caraway and his wife, the former Julia Ann Curlee of Blum, Texas, reside at 210 Meador Lane in Stephenville. They have two children.

DOESNT ASK MUCH

Dear Santa,
I would like a racing car set.
Your friend,
Jay Mike Reeves

Mrs. Carrie Dunaway spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Luke Huskey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bartee and sons of Albany visited with their parents, Mrs. Buck Bartee and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brooks, during the holidays.



JOYOUS GREETINGS for a blessed Christmas.

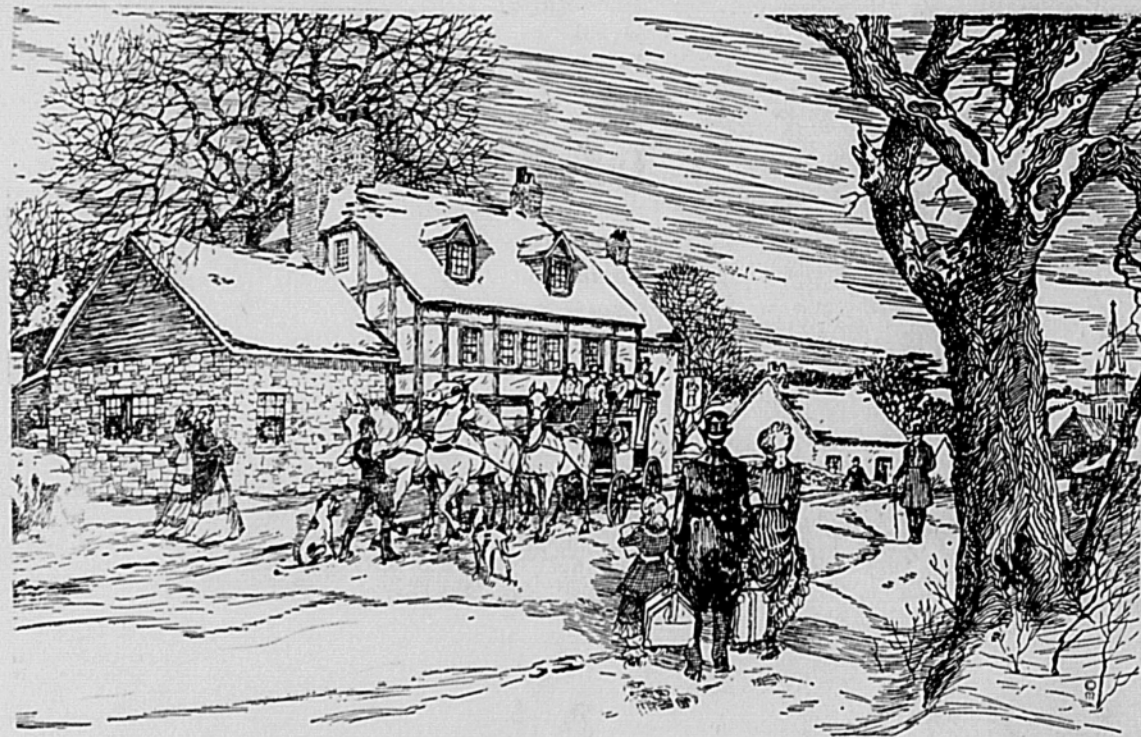
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GREETINGS

May all our friends have a very merry Christmas!

KERBY MATTRESS
Mrs. L. G. Kerby



GREETINGS

In the true spirit of the season, we wish you all the "old-fashioned" joys of the holidays... the ever-new delights of good friends around you, good times and good cheer, and the gladness of exchanging gifts and greetings.

And, in a spirit of sincere gratitude, we wish to extend our thanks for your favors and friendly good will. Each day in our business life makes us appreciate more deeply how much our pleasant association means.

McELROY'S

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. McElroy and Employees
BAIRD, TEXAS



Greetings.

To all our friends,
best holiday wishes.

We extend our grateful thanks for your friendship and good will.

SAM AND STELLA GILLILAND



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

*Festivity fills the air
all about us...
spirits soar and the
mood is joyful as Christmas
is greeted once more.
Happily, we participate in
the celebration to let
each and every one of you know
how wonderful a year you've
made it possible for us to have...
and how very much we appreciate
your loyalty and friendship.*

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 Large Pralines, 20c each
 For Advance Orders Call
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WANTS HELICOPTER
 Dear Santa,
 I want a helicopter for Christmas and I want a rifle. I want a bicycle.
 Love,
 Stephen Petty

BIG 4% ON SAVINGS

THE PEOPLES STATE BANK
 CLYDE

St. Francis of Assisi Originator of Church Christmas Carol Singing

Regardless of the derivation, it was St. Francis of Assisi who was credited with having given popularity to carol singing when he is said to have conducted a Christmas service singing the Gospel and giving a sermon in song.

When minstrels and folk singing swept the land back in Richard the Lion-Hearted's day, carols were kept alive through the simple folk in community after community, who passed them down from generation to generation. But it was not until the 15th Century when the custom finally broke away from the austerity and sombre chants of the Church and reached its popularity and magnificence.

But then came the Puritans in the 17th Century who sternly forbade joyous celebrations at Christmas, and the singing of carols went into a decline.

It wasn't until the 19th Century before the singing of carols again came into open public popularity. And this was only made possible through the illicit printing and singing of carols in the privacy of the homes of the people who loved them dearly.

In 1840, the world famous, "Silent Night" appeared in print, and today its beauty resounds the world over in every Christian land at Christmastime.



WOULD LIKE ANDY DOLL
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I want an Andy doll for Christmas and some clothes for Andy.
 I want some clothes for Annette. I want one pair of pajamas for Annette and I want one gown for Annette.
 Love,
 Kathy Jones

FATHER WANTS FLAG
 Dear Santa,
 Will you bring me a Barbie Dream House. Will you bring my Father a Flag? Will you bring my Mother some dishes. And Mike would like a jeep.
 Love,
 Janet Eklund

SHEILA WANTS BATON
 Dear Santa Claus,
 Bring me a Barbie doll for Christmas and I want a Barbie suitcase for Christmas too and bring me lots of Barbie clothes too and Baton too for Christmas.
 Love,
 Sheila Saunders

"CHRISTMAS TREE LANE"
 Important part of the holiday season in California is the famous ceremony of "Christmas Tree Lane" at Altadena. Huge deodar cedars border a public throughfare in this city,

The Baird Star, Baird, Callahan County, Texas, December 20, 1963

and at Christmas it is transformed into "Christmas Tree Lane." The trees are lit with thousands of bulbs, turned on at dusk on Christmas Eve, and motorists celebrate the spectacle by driving slowly along the lane.

The tall, graceful deodars were brought to California by Captain Frederick J. Woodbury who, while visiting in India, saw them growing on the slopes of the Himalayas. He returned with deodar seeds, which he planted on his ranch.

In 1885 his sons transplanted the young trees along what was then the principal roadway to Woodbury ranch.

A&P GROCERY

A jolly salute to all and a hatful of cheery greetings for Christmas! May we extend our thanks and say, once again it's been a pleasure to serve you.

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Best Wishes to all for a Merry Christmas.

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Letters To Santa

WANTS FOUR THINGS
 Dear Santa,
 I want a Danny-O-Day, I want a Dr. Kit too. I want a train. I want a B.B. gun.
 Love,
 Larry Newton

LOOKING FOR BIKE
 Dear Santa,
 I hope that you have a bike on your list for me. I want a Tommy Robot and I want it to pick up sticks. That is all.
 Love,
 Timothy Meyer

BARBIE CAR
 Dear Santa,
 I want a Barbie car. Mother won't tell me what she wants. Daddy won't tell me what he wants. Momma wants some hose. Corinne wants a clock.
 Love,
 Ellamae Evans

REMEMBERS FAMILY
 Dear Santa,
 I would like a Midge and a Ken, Barbie and Midge case. My brother would like some little cars and trucks, Dickie would like a set of guns and Freddy would like sheep stuff. My sister would like a doll and a bottle and clothes. My mother would like a rug or two. My father would like slacks and shirts.
 Love,
 Cheryl Anne Greenway

MIKE WANTS BIKE
 Dear Santa,
 I want a bicycle and a gun. I want a Dr. Kit and a gun. I want an electric car and boots. I want a B.B. gun too and a play gun. I want a dinosaur and a Danny-O-Day.
 Love,
 Mike Tollett

WANTS 410 SHOTGUN
 Dear Santa,
 I want a football and a 410 too. Rena wants a doll and a doll car and a doll house. I want a book to read.
 Love,
 Mike Black

SPEAKS FOR FAMILY
 Dear Santa,
 I want a Barbie doll with there wigs. My sister wants some Barbie clothes. My brother wants a gun. My Mother wants a new TV. My Daddy wants a TV too.
 Love,
 Terri Bureson

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Have a Happy Christmas!

We wish you your merriest Christmas, and a holiday season filled with cheer.

Fannie's Drive-In
 Fannie Smith - Dale Carver

Best Wishes for Christmas

THE DUTTONS
 Baird Radio & TV Service

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas

MAY Christmas Day be an especially merry and bright one, bringing you full measure of joy, peace and contentment.

S. N. DUNLAP, TEXACO STATION

GREETINGS

Best holiday wishes and sincere thanks to you all!

EARL BLAKLEY
 Dirt Contractor

GREETINGS

At Christmastime, we raise our voices to wish you all every happiness, and express our sincere gratitude for your kind patronage and good will.

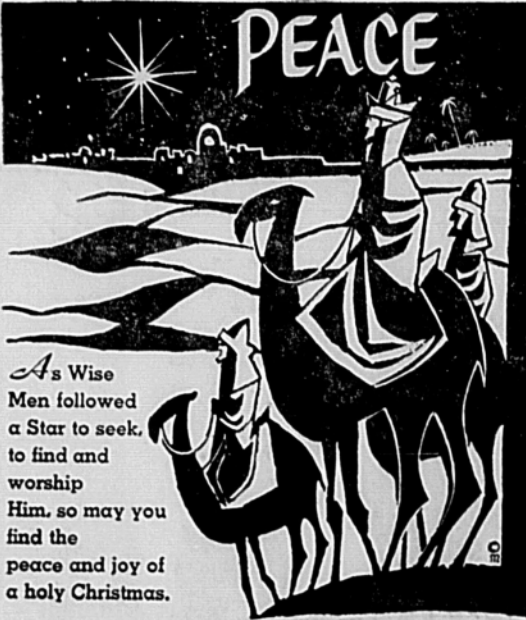
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Joy to the World!

Let us hold in our hearts the happiness of that first Christmas when a Babe in a manger brought joy to a waiting world.

A. V. CURTIS EL PASO SERVICE

JUST WANTS RECORD PLAYER er. That is all I want.
Dear Santa, Love,
Please bring me a record play- Craig Franke



As Wise Men followed a Star to seek, to find and worship Him, so may you find the peace and joy of a holy Christmas.

REESE HUMBLE SERVICE

Letters To Santa

ASKS FOR CLOTHES
Dear Santa,

I want some doll clothes and I want some clothes for me, and my sister wants some doll clothes too, and my brother wants a gun. I want some house shoes, and I want a scrapbook.

Love,
Karen Barton

ASKS FOR OTHERS

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a sketchograph. Please bring my Mother and Father an electric blanket. And will you bring my sister, Sherry, a doll bottle? Lynn is my sister, too, and she wants a Barbie. Debbie, well, she wants a doll.

Love,
Vanissa Favor

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WANTS TINY CHATTIE
Dear Santa,

Ronny wants a ship for Christmas. I want a Tiny Chattie baby, Robby wants a telescope, Daddy wants some pants, and Mother wants a blanket.

Love,
Marsha Talley

BARBIE IS ASKED FOR

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll for Christmas. Get my daddy a pair of house shoes and get my brother a new bicycle for Christmas. My mama wants a pair of new shoes.

Love,
Vickie Ringhoffer

HAS BEEN NICE
Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Barbie suitcase for Christmas, my name is Doris C. I am nice, I love God and I like you too.

Love,
Doris Correll

WANTS DOLL DEAR SANTA,

I would like you to bring me a Midge doll, Barbie dream house and a Barbie and Ken car. My little brother wants a little red wagon and a little toy car.

Love,
Sug Walker

WANTS AN ARMY SET
Dear Santa,

Will you bring my mother some shoes. And bring my father some shoes too. And bring me an army set.

Love,
Junior Myers

WANTS JEANS - PETTI-PANTS
Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a Barbie doll, 2 pairs of jeans, 2 pair of petti-pants and a can-can. And remember the other boys and girls.

Thank you.
Love,
Sonia Loyce Walker

ANDY WOULD LIKE BALL
Dear Santa,

I would like to have a football for Christmas. Please get my daddy some underwear.

My family wants a Johnny Reb Cannon.
Love,
Andy Vestal

LOVES SANTAS BLUE EYES
Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me a bicycle and my mother one. I love you, dear Santa. You have blue! blue! eyes.

Love,
Suzette Freeland

LIKES ARMY THINGS

Dear Santa,
I want an army set, a sky diver plane, and a fire truck set, an army gun, a mighty mobile and a big shot. Good-by Santa.

Love,
David Smauley

MOTHER WANTS WIG

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Dream house and I want a Barbie Queen head with the three wigs. So I will not have to buy the whole doll.

Daddy wants two Fords and a tape recorder. Oh, yes, and I want a record player. Mother wants a wig, too.

Love,
Christina Marie Maxwell

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May holiday happiness shine brightly in your heart. Our best wishes for a Christmas glowing with cheer.



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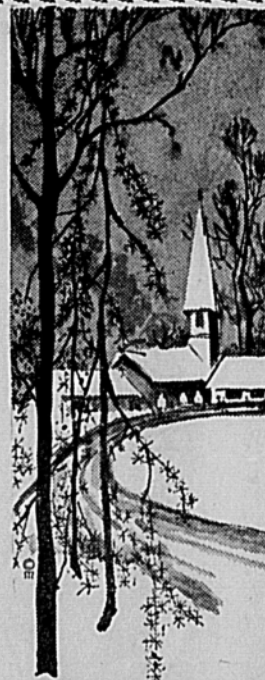
Christmas Tidings

"Bearing gifts we traverse afar . . ."
As the Wise Men responded to the joyful tidings with gifts for Him, so Christmas today is a time of giving and sharing. May you be gifted with happy hours, glad memories, a contented spirit.



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Greetings AND BEST WISHES FOR THE Christmas Season

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Old-Fashioned Wishes

We take this opportunity to wish all our friends a wonderful Christmas holiday!

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Greetings



We welcome this opportunity to extend holiday wishes to our friends. Thank you for your patronage, good will and loyalty.

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Letters To Santa

BILLY WANTS GO CART
Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a Go Cart.
Your friend,
Billy Windham

SEES GIFT ON TV
Dear Santa,
I would like a Winchester Rifle Metal, that is the one I like. I see it on TV. I would like a Go Cart, a Buffalo hunting set, a Vacuform, a Race car set, a football set, a transistor radio, a bicycle and a gasoline truck.
Your friend,
Randall Roach

SISTER WANTS DOLL TOO
Dear Santa,
I would like to have a tiny Chatty baby and my sister would like to have a tiny Chatty brother. Dear Santa, I have to close, I said what all I wanted to say.
Your friend,
Joann Alexander

SHOTGUN ON LIST
Dear Santa,
I would like a shotgun, three speed bicycle, Bombs-a-way, Go Cart, B.B. gun and thank you for all the things you brought me last year.
Your friend,
Kenny Bradley

LIKES GAMES

Dear Santa,
I would like a monopoly set and a B.B. gun. I would like a Vacuform and a bicycle.
Your friend,
Brian

GO CART & GUN

Dear Santa,
I would like a Go Cart and a Winchester.
Your friend,
Joe Collins

BEAR FOOTBALL SUIT

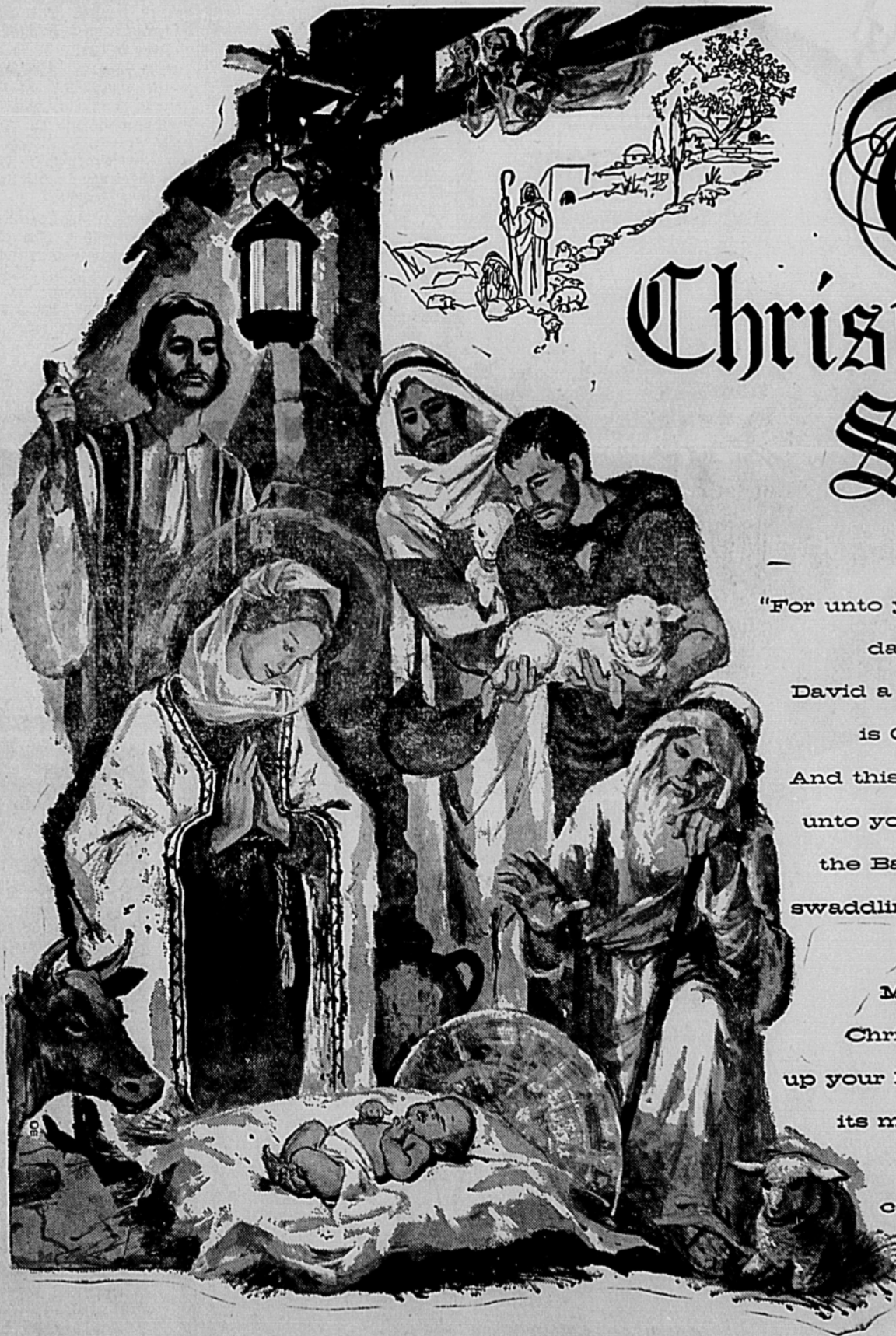
Dear Santa,
I would like a Buffalo hunting set, and B.B. gun and Vacuform and Racing Car set and Tran-

sistor radio and bow and arrow set and football suit like the Baird Bears football.
Your friend,
Dicky Greenway



We've wrapped up best wishes for a very Merry Christmas, along with our sincere thanks for your kind and generous patronage.

WARREN'S MODERN TAILORS STEVE WARREN



The Christmas Story

"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."
May the glorious Christmas story lift up your hearts and may its message bring to you enduring comfort and joy.

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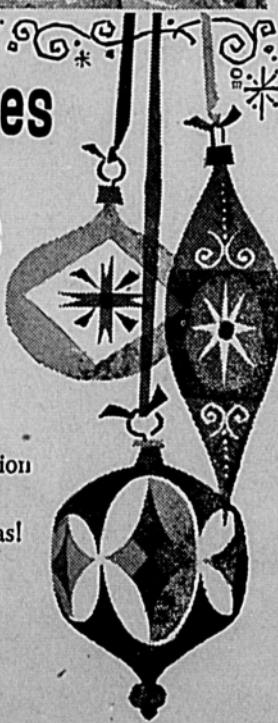
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Good Wishes FOR Christmas

'Tis the season when we pause to say "Thanks" to you, our friends, for our pleasant association during this past year. Merry Christmas!



**JERRY LOPER
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GREETINGS

Glad tidings to all and our warmest wishes for the happiest of holidays. Please accept our sincerest thanks for your friendliness and patronage this past year. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

**MILLER'S
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Mistletoe Said To 'Father' Romance

Mistletoe, long a symbol and signal for kissing whoever is caught standing under it, actually is a predatory plant that entwines itself around a tree, strangling and killing it. Hardly what one might term an affectionate plant!

The ancient Arabians showed their devotion to their gods by kissing; the Romans too accepted the kiss as a sign of reverence and respect.

The Druids too, embraced the mistletoe, and from them perhaps, came the custom of hanging pieces of it over the doorways of their homes.

The custom of hanging the mistletoe was also widespread among the Scandinavians.

In many countries from time to time, the plant was considered a cure-all for almost every kind of ailment, but that was before modern medicine.

Today, of course, the mistletoe isn't a cure for anything, except perhaps a shy boy or girl.

But the mistletoe is a part of Christmas, and if custom decrees that being kissed if caught under it is par for the course, who can argue with tradition?

"O Christmas Tree" Means Fir To Most

Traditional for trimming, the fir is the tree most people think of when they sing "O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, how lovely are thy branches."

Although there are close to 40 species of firs found in Central and Southern Europe, Asia north of the Himalayas, and North America, the holiday favorite — the Douglas fir — is not even a true fir.

Originally named false hemlock with yew-like needles, the Douglas fir is neither a yew, hemlock, spruce nor fir. But it does have some of the character-

istics of all four evergreens, and its identity confused botanists for years.

The Douglas fir's graceful, up-turned growth and ability to hold its needles when cut have put it in the top spot for Christmas use. It also produces top-quality lumber. The state of Montana is an important source of Douglas firs.

Next popular Christmas tree is the balsam fir. Also called Canada balsam or Balm of Gilead, according to The Encyclopedia Americana, balsam grows from Newfoundland to Virginia, west to Iowa and north and west deep into Canada.

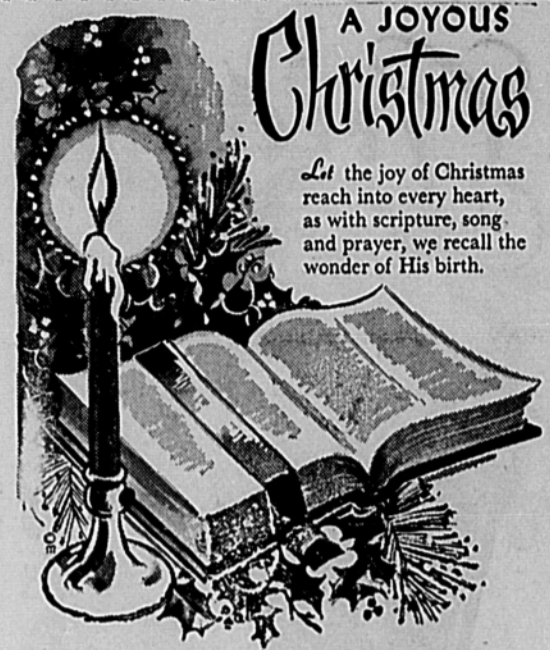
Balsam retains needles well and gives off a pleasing fragrance. It is especially well liked in the Eastern United States.

Included among the many other Christmas choices are the Eastern red cedar, black spruce and Scotch pine.

Canadian Christmas trees, from seven provinces, are part of the holiday scene in many countries. The United States, alone, accounts for about 90 per cent of Canada's annual production of trees. Still other are shipped abroad, from Ethiopia to Venezuela.

ROASTING PEACOCK

Roast Peacock was a Yule delicacy in medieval England. An early recipe directs careful removal of the peacock's head and skin so that the roast bird can be sewn back into it before serving.



A JOYOUS Christmas

Let the joy of Christmas reach into every heart, as with scripture, song and prayer, we recall the wonder of His birth.

HUGHES PHILLIPS "66" SERVICE
Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hughes and Lloyd Ray



With all Good Wishes for Christmas

The scene is set for gladness and cheer... so we send our brightest wishes with a happy

"Thank you" for allowing us to serve you

Margies Beauty Shop

Margie, Leotis, Donna

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WISHING ALL OUR FRIENDS SINCERE AND HEARTY GREETINGS FOR

CHRISTMAS

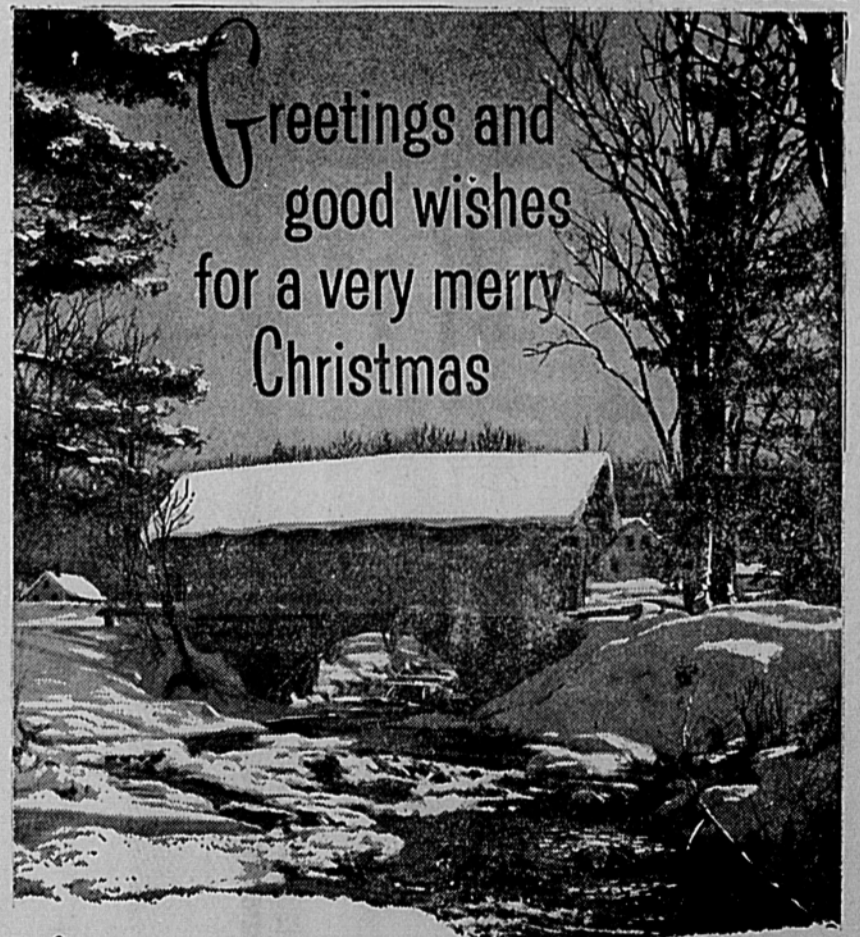
AND EXPRESSING

OUR GRATITUDE FOR THE WONDERFUL YEAR

THEY HAVE GIVEN US.



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Greetings and good wishes for a very merry Christmas

in life's journey, one of the great rewards is the good will of our friends. We thank you heartily and wish you a most Merry Christmas.

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