



**HOMELIGHTING WINNERS** -- These scenes show the three winners of the Chamber of Commerce contest on Christmas lighting. At left is the first-place H. L. Emert home; center is the Frank Torres home, and at right a portion of the Wilson home combined decorations. (SLATONITE PHOTOS)

# The Slaton Slatonite



A MEMBER OF MOST FAMILIES IN THE SLATON TRADE AREA

58th YEAR NO. 12

LUBBOCK COUNTY SLATON, TEXAS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1968

10 CENTS

CITY COMMISSION STARTS SEARCH FOR NEW MAN

## Slaton Police Chief Turns in Badge

OPERATION YULETIDE BIG SUCCESS

BALE COUNT NEAR FINISH

## Community Helps Needy With Christmas Baskets

The cotton harvest in the Slaton area appeared to be heading for a wrapup this week.

although some farmers may not get through before Santa Claus gets his work done.

Police Chief Glen Farmer handed in his resignation here Friday afternoon, climaxing a controversy after his wife was dismissed as police dispatcher earlier this month.

The resignation was effective immediately, and the city commission has already started the search for a new chief. In his brief letter of resignation, Farmer told commissioners and the mayor he was resigning "because of circumstances of which you are well aware."

Mayor Jonesas Cain named patrolman David Woody as acting chief, Saturday the commission met to discuss the situation, and also interviewed a man for the chief's post. The mayor reported another applicant was expected to meet with the commission soon. Cain said local Highway Patrolmen were asked and agreed to give any assistance needed in the city.

Contacted Saturday, Farmer said he had no definite plans for the future. Regarding his resignation, Farmer stated, "I couldn't persist under the present conditions. If I can't dictate the policies of my department, there's no need in staying."

Farmer's wife was dismissed as police dispatcher, by a 2-1 vote, in the Dec. 9 commission meeting. Commissioners Rudy Dominguez and Henry Bollinger, who voted for dismissal, said they didn't think it was good policy for a husband and wife to be employed in the same department.

Commissioner David Hughes voted against the action, and Hugo Mosser abstained. Hughes claimed the dismissal of Mrs. Farmer was not "the real issue," that the action was "a wedge" of force against the chief.

Farmer had been with the department since September, 1967, and had served as chief since Aug. 1, 1968. His wife had been a dispatcher since October of 1967.

## Killed In Train Crash

Train crash 4.7 miles southeast of Slaton Sunday morning left one man dead and one in serious condition. The crash was Joe Manuel Garza, 39, driver of the car. Taken to Methodist hospital in Lubbock in serious condition were Frank Torres, 39, and the other driver, Jesus Flores Jaramillo, 22. Flores and Torres were listed as residents of Slaton. The crash occurred about 3:05 a.m. Sunday. The Highway Patrol car appeared to have hung on the edge of the crossing. The train, headed southeast, hit the car. R. J. Hurst of Slaton was the witness.

## Column

BY SPEEDY NIEMAN

Division Street extends wishes for a Merry Christmas to all our readers!

Don't forget to buy your Christmas cards. Don't forget to buy your Christmas gifts. Don't forget to buy your Christmas dinner.

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Christmas will be much brighter for about 30 less fortunate families in Slaton, thanks to a community goodwill effort called "Operation Yuletide." Christmas baskets, loaded with food and toys, were to be delivered Christmas Eve to 30 families in Slaton. The project was headed by Slaton Lions Club with assistance from the Chamber of Commerce, the Ministerial Alliance and City of Slaton employees.

## CHRISTMAS HOME LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS SELECTED

Winners of the Christmas Home Lighting contests and the best commercial window were named Friday night, with the out-of-town judges saying they were "very impressed with neighborhood and street participation."

The H. L. Emert home, 830 S. 14th St., took first place in the overall contest. The Joe Brooks home, 900 W. Lubbock St., was second, and the Harold Wilson - J. M. Breland homes in the 700 block of S. 21st St., were third.

First place in the door decoration contest went to the Howard Hoffmans, 1135 W. Lubbock, and second place to the Bill Smiths, 950 W. Lubbock.

of canned goods. Radio Station KCAS put on a special appeal for funds on its K-10 Calling show Friday morning, getting \$200 in pledges. Some \$174 had previously been contributed. Other food donations had been received, including canned goods and toys from a benefit basketball game staged by The Slatonite and KCAS, and from a high school assembly program.

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Slaton Chamber of Commerce sponsored the annual contest. Cash awards of \$25, \$10 and \$5 went to the general winners, while prizes of \$7.50 and \$5 went to door winners. The Chamber presented a plaque in the commercial division.

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Following is a list on donors to "Operation Yuletide", although it may not be complete: Railway Conductors Brotherhood \$50, Max Arrants \$25, Lions Club \$25, Ministerial Alliance \$25, Auxiliary to VFW Post 6721 \$15, Susannah Wesley Class of First Methodist \$15; El Lora Motel \$10, Englund's \$10, The Slatonite \$10, Dee Bowman \$10, Carroll McDonald \$10, Bill Ball \$10, T. J. Wallace \$10, Leroy Holt \$10, Wilfred Kitten \$10, Joe and Maxine Walker \$20, Jake Wendel \$10, Clark Self Jr. \$10, White's Auto \$10, Tom Sims \$10; H. H. White \$5, American (See YULETIDE, Page 4)

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## BULLETIN

A devastating fire swept through the east part of Tahoka early Sunday morning, apparently starting in a cotton trailer in a grain elevator yard and spreading to a gin, compress and warehouses, and nearby homes.

Firedepartment units from Slaton, Lubbock and other towns were called to help battle the wind-swept blaze. Extent of damage was not known at press time Sunday, but it apparently was tremendous.

The call for assistance of the Slaton department came at 5:24 a.m. Sunday.

## Sleigh-o-Gifts Awaits Winner

Deadline on entries in Slaton's Sleigh-o-Gifts contest ends at noon today (Monday), with the lucky winner receiving free gifts from 27 sponsoring merchants.

This is the second year for the Chamber of Commerce sponsored Christmas gift contest. Idea of the contest is to guess the exact retail value of all the gifts, however, one of the gifts is a bowl of coins.

Entrants can pick up entry blanks at any participating store, go to each sponsor and determine the exact amount of each gift. The bowl of coins, donated by Citizens State Bank, is the only "unknown" in the contest. Last year's winner, Mrs. Reyes Magallanes, missed the total by only 7 cents. The amount was \$454.20 on gifts from 24 merchants last year.

Entrants are reminded to deposit their entry forms at Santaland by 12 noon today, in the event of a tie, the winner will

be determined in a competitive manner set out by the retail trade committee of the Chamber.

Entries may also be taken to the Chamber office from 9 a.m. to noon Monday.

Entrants must be 16 years of age or older to be eligible. Only two entries will be allowed per person. The sponsoring merchants and the items they are giving away are listed on the entry blanks.

The Sleigh-o-Gifts is on display at Santaland. Weaver said Santaland would be open from 2 to 6 p.m. on Dec. 23 and 24, with Santa on hand to visit with youngsters.



NEW TIGER CAR--Coach Ernie Davis was presented the keys to a new car the past week--the leased vehicle made possible by projects of the Tiger Club. Bob Kern, Tiger Club president, is shown with Davis. (SLATONITE PHOTO)



COMMERCIAL WINNER--Pauline McCoy was presented a plaque by C of C president Carroll McDonald after judges selected Pauline's Flowers window as best in the commercial division of the Christmas lighting contest. (SLATONITE PHOTO)



FIRST PLACE WINNER--The door at the Howard Hoffman home, 1135 W. Lubbock, won first place in the door decoration contest sponsored by the Slaton Chamber of Commerce. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

## Slatonite Year-End Edition on Dec. 31

The Slatonite comes early again next week, the December 1968 being published Tuesday so that the edition will reach local readers before the New Year's holiday. Features will be forthcoming in the year-end issue--the famed "Business and Finance Forecast" by Roger W. Babson, and "The Slatonite of 1968" as published by The Slatonite.

The Slatonite's forecast has become well-known in the area and has proven to be respected in news and predictions. He'll discuss such things as war and peace, recessions and inflation, business volumes, interest rates and stock market.

As this business and financial forecast makes for interesting and thoughtful reading!

"Year in Review" has become a popular feature for Slatonite readers. It will feature the headlines from the Slatonite over the past 12 months, prompting memories of the news in the community during 1968. The Slatonite office will be open Saturday afternoon to take news articles.



CHRISTMAS TEA---Members of the freshman home economics class at Slaton High School entertained their mothers with a tea last Thursday morning in the homemaking department. Pictured left to right are Dianne Denzer and Mrs. A. A. Denzer; D'Ann Carnes and Mrs. W. A. Carnes; Clara Waugh and Mrs. C. E. Waugh; Mrs. Glen Hill; Mrs. Peggy Raub, instructor; Vicki Hill; Sheronda Perdue and Mrs. Dee Perdue. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

### Bridemaids Luncheon Held In Davis Home

A bridesmaids luncheon honoring Miss Marilyn McSween, bride-elect of Robert Mitchell Orr, Jr., was held Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Robert Hall Davis home. Robin and her mother, Mrs. Davis, hosted the occasion.

Decorations carried out the bride's chosen colors, white and emerald green.

Guests included the honoree, Mrs. M. J. McSween Jr., mother of the bride-elect; her sisters, Holly, Nancy and Patricia; Mrs. Robert M. Orr, Sr. of Monahans, mother of the prospective bridegroom; his sisters, Patty and Marilyn; Judy Schwartz, Barbara Cook of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Shannon Gwin and daughter, Hannah, of Corpus Christi; Mrs. John L. Chambers of Arkansas City, Kan., grandmother of the bridegroom; Mrs. Margaret Brogdon of Austin; and Mrs. Jay McSween.

### Robin Has Own Christmas Tale

The robin, now considered a harbinger of spring, a century ago was a favorite Christmas motif on cards, and for decorative effect.

Legend connected the robin with Christ, and thus with Christmas.

The legend states that the bird, in trying to ease Christ's suffering on His way to the crucifixion, pulled a thorn from the crown. In so doing, a drop of blood fell on the robin's chest and remained there forever.

Comic robins, perky robins and robins in all types of poses were pictured by the thousands of Christmas cards in the late 19th century.



MRS. ROBERT MITCHELL ORR, JR. . . . Marilyn McSween

### Orr-McSween Vows Repeated Saturday

Double ring wedding vows were exchanged by Miss Marilyn Kathleen McSween and Robert Mitchell Orr, Jr. Saturday at 7 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Bruce Parks, pastor, officiated.

Parents of the couple are Dr. and Mrs. M. J. McSween Jr. of Slaton and Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Orr, Sr. of Monahans.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal-length princess A-line gown of white peau-de-sole, fashioned with long petal point sleeves. Peaufange lace formed the scalloped scoop neckline, accented with pearls. An overlay of lace extended down the front of her dress to the hemline. A detachable Watteau train flowed from under a lace yoke in the back and extended into chapel length. The bride's headpiece was a caplet with rows of tiny lace and peau roses held a tiered rolled edge veil of imported silk illusion. She carried a bouquet of white carnations, white roses and white orchid.

Miss Patricia McSween of Dallas, served her sister as maid of honor. Other attendants included Misses Patty and Marilyn Orr of Monahans, sisters of the bridegroom; Misses Robin Davis and Judy Schwartz, both of Slaton; and Miss Barbara McCook of Chicago, Ill.

Attendants wore identical floor length empire dresses of emerald green velveteen, fashioned with scoop necklines and self bows in the back. Their head dresses were matching looped bows of green velvet with veils of silk illusion. They carried white roses accented with green net and velvet streamers.

Serving as best man was Paul Donnelly of Boston, Mass. Groomsmen were Bill Orr of Monahans, brother of the groom; M. Jay McSween, Jr. of Slaton, brother of the bride; Phil R. Sloan of Monterey, Calif.; Richard Russell of Monahans; and Barton Chamber of Shreveport, cousin of the groom.

Mrs. Webber Williams, organist, and Mrs. J. A. Wright, pianist, played traditional wedding music accompanied soloist Don Edwards.

M. Jay McSween IV, nephew of the bride, served as ring bearer.

A reception followed the ceremony in Fellowship Hall of the church. The couple will be at home in San Angelo after a wedding trip to New Mexico.

The bride is a senior student at the University of Texas School of Nursing in Galveston. The bridegroom attended the University of Texas and is now in the U. S. Army Languages School in Monterey, Calif. and will be transferred to the air base at San Angelo.

#### Rehearsal Dinner

Miss Marilyn McSween, Robert M. Orr, Jr. and their wedding party were honored with a rehearsal dinner at 8 p.m. Friday at the Holiday Inn, Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Orr Sr., parents of the bridegroom, were hosts. Special guests were Dr. and Mrs. M. J. McSween, Jr., parents of the bride, Mrs. M. Jay McSween Sr. of Austin, her grandmother, and Mrs. Shannon Gwin of Corpus Christi, her aunt.

Other special guests were Mr. and Mrs. John L. Chambers of Arkansas City, Kan., grandparents of the bridegroom, and Mr. and Mrs. John B. Chambers of Shreveport, La., his aunt and uncle.

#### Iron On

You'll have best success with iron-on tape if you use it on medium-weight straight skirts. The tape is fine with lightweight fabrics, but the line of bonding is apt to show through the fabric. Before using try a small piece of tape on the fabric to see if the line is conspicuous.

**THIRTEENTH MONTH SALE !!!**  
It's the week after Christmas and we are paid up for the year. . . the rent's paid . . . all salaries are paid. . . the light and water bills are paid. Beginning Dec. 27th--any profit we make over cost is net profit. Plus, we won't have to pay the State's inventory tax that's imposed as of December 31st, so it all adds up to big savings for you.

**BLAND'S FURNITURE**

**ITEM:** Before repainting in mildew problem areas, wash the mildew area with a quality mildew cleaner. Merely painting over the area will not kill the fungi and will result in poor paint performance. Mildew cleaners are available in various forms such as liquids, powders, and small tablets to be dissolved in water. Many all-purpose mildew cleaners may be used on painted surfaces, roofs, tile, canvas and cement blocks and will renew these surfaces while killing any mildew infection.

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### Shower Held Sunday For Miss Kendrick

LaRue Kendrick, bride-elect of Alan Reasoner, was honored at a bridal shower Sunday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Tommy Davis. The couple plan to wed Friday, Dec. 27 in the First Christian Church.

Greeting guests at the door were Mrs. Davis, the honoree, her mother, Mrs. J. T. Kendrick, and mother of the prospective bridegroom, Mrs. L. A. Reasoner.

Refreshments of hot spiced tea, coffee and cookies were served from a table laid with a white cloth. The table was centered with an arrangement of deep pink Happiness Roses with white Candy-tuft. Silver appointments were used.

Hostess gift was an electric appliance.

Hostess for the occasion included Mmes. Oree Glasscock,

Charlie Brake, Kay Marinell, Jay McFord, Edd Caldwell, Boudens.

Others were Sanders, George Hatchett, Phillip G. R. Brake, Bill Harry Stokes, Starroll McDonald, Roy and Roy Holt.

Mmes. Dolly Guelker, T. W. Drewry, M. H. Davis, Leroy Poe, Carter Caldwell, Joe Belote and Ed

Eddie Dean, Mr. and Mrs. G came home Thursday leave from Pe

Mrs. O. D. Kendrick surgery about a is a patient in M

### Party Honors Miss Kendrick

A salad supper was given Sunday at 7 p.m. in honor of Miss LaRue Kendrick, bride-elect of Alan Reasoner, in the home of Mrs. Bud Englund.

The Englund home was decorated with Poinsetta balls.

Guests included the honoree, her mother, Mrs. J. T. Kendrick; mother of the prospective bridegroom, Mrs. L. A. Reasoner; Mrs. Don Kendrick and daughter, Karla; Mrs. Nora Kirk, Cheryl Clark, Holly McSween, Marsha Holloman, Becky Ford, Mrs. Aileen Kendrick of Ralls and Mrs. Mike Ellison of Lubbock.

The hostess presented Miss Kendrick with a gift of silver.

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### Club Has Christmas Dinner

Christmas turkey dinner when members of the Culture Club met at Mrs. Arthur Scurlock's home, Dec. 18. Mrs. Scurlock was co-hostess. The program brought in \$10.00 for the Christmas fund. The program brought in \$10.00 for the Christmas fund.

derson, B. H. Crandall, Kenneth Davies, M. L. German, R. C. Hall, C. L. Heaton, Fred Schmidt, R. H. Todd, H. V. Wheeler, Saage, Legg and Scurlock.

### NOTICE

The January Calendar of Coming events will be run in our new year's paper on Dec. 31. Anyone knowing of events that should be in it are asked to call the event to The Slatonite office Monday, Dec. 23 or Saturday, Dec. 28.

The calendar is sponsored each month by Slaton Savings & Loan as a public service.

Mrs. J. E. Beard of Hamlin, mother of Lindol Beard, and Mrs. Drucella Ward of Mineral Wells, mother of Mrs. Lindol Beard, are visitors in the Beard home. Mrs. Beard's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Ward and Susan of Odessa, will be here for Christmas.



LETTER TO SANTA--Ronnie Dean Hopper, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hopper, was spotted last week mailing his letter to Santa Claus. Santaland was closed so he mailed his in the outside box. Santaland will be open from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

### Cotton Official Guest Speaker At Rotary Club

Pete Brown, a representative of the National Cotton Council, was guest speaker for the Slaton Rotary Club's weekly luncheon meeting Thursday in the clubhouse.

Brown, a former Slaton resident and teacher here, discussed the research and promotion being accomplished by the Council and the Cotton Producer Institute on behalf of the cotton market. He used slides to illustrate the program.

The speaker briefly discussed some of the 76 projects being financed by the cotton industry to cut costs and to improve quality in order to compete against man-made fibers. Brown was introduced by Dr. P. L. Vardy.

J. S. Edwards Jr. presided at the meeting in the absence of club president Claude Cravens. Several guests were introduced. Rotarians will not hold a meeting Dec. 26.



CHRISTMAS TEA--Members of the Slaton Young Homemaker Chapter held a Christmas tea for the Future Homemakers of America at Slaton High School Wednesday afternoon after school. Those assisting at the serving table are pictured above. They are, left to right, Mmes. John Grantham, James Stubblefield and Cecil Stolle. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

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### CARROLL OIL COMPANY



SMITHS WIN SECOND--In the door decoration contest sponsored by the Slaton Chamber of Commerce, the door at the Bill Smith home, 950 W. Lubbock, was judged second place by out of town judges. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

### States Claim Christmas Plants For Their Very Own

Santa Claus, Indiana is the most famous of all towns bearing names associated with Christmas.

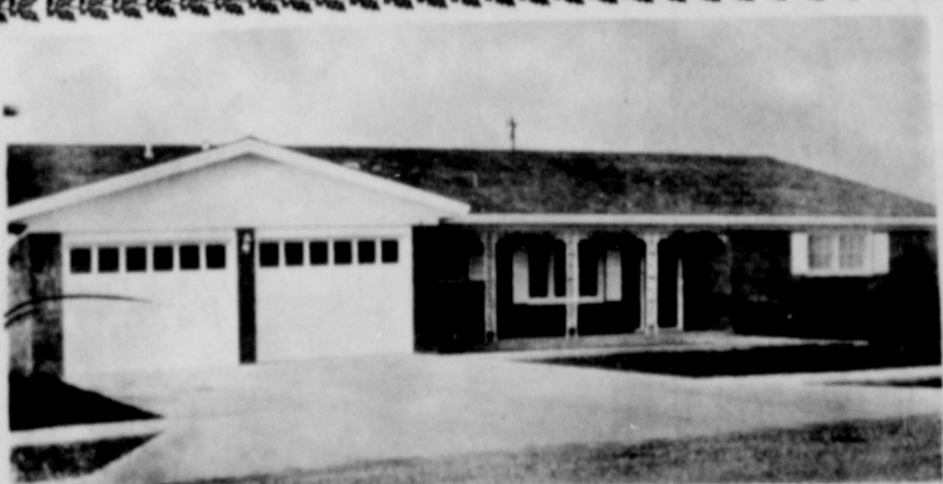
Except for a coincidence, the name of the town may have been any of a number of less colorful names.

Originally, the name desired was Santa Fe, but officials in Washington suggested the town be given another name, since there was already a Santa Fe in New Mexico.

On Christmas Eve, 1882, the townspeople gathered to select another name, but one name after another was rejected, until "Santa Claus" strode into the meeting to get warm. He was in costume, and with his arrival everyone knew what the name of the town would be--Santa Claus, Indiana!

Our Christmas Wish--  
*If we were granted just one wish  
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# ROOSEVELT NEWS

KATHY WALTER

## Alexander 'Teacher Of Month'

Coach John Alexander has been selected "Teacher of the Month" for December by the Roosevelt FTA Chapter. The selection was made on the FTA members' ideal teacher requirements.

Alexander graduated from Wayland, where he played basketball for the Pioneers. He also taught at Wilson before coming to R.H.S.

At Roosevelt he teaches health, physical science, civ-

ics and is boys' basketball coach. Thus far this year, he has piloted the team to a 10-3 record, including a tournament championship and a 1-0 district record.

**SC WINS**  
The annual Student Council-sponsored door decoration contest was won this year by Coach Don Black's World History room. The class used the window in the door to create a three dimensional room of a house. Their theme was "The Night Before." Charles Lunsford, sophomore class president, served as chairman for the project. Mrs. Estelle Work and Mrs. Juanell Johnson served as judges.

Senior play try-outs were held last Wednesday at R.H.S. Judges for the event were Mrs. Donna Waggoner, English teacher at Roosevelt; Mrs. Linn Duncan, speech teacher at R.H.S.; and Mrs. Bernice Walters, speech teacher from Idaho.

Parts were awarded as follows: Roger Guess, Ellsworth Laron; Wendy Wooley, Claribeth Harris; Ray Campbell, Dick Martin; Bud Barnett, Jay Manson; Jo Ann Sherman, Dora Dean; Carla Crumley, Margaret Allison, Kathy Walter, Annie Goopy; Jimmy Fikes, President Hartman; Lloyd Mains, Inspector Burke; and Pat Pounds, Swenson.

The play will probably be presented during February. It is "Mystery in the Library" by Helen Hines.

Congratulations to the Eagles who topped Shallosater in the first district game of the year. The girls, plagued with illnesses, were defeated by Shallosater in a double header at Meadow Dec. 30.

Duane Walter is home on leave from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Walter.

### YH PARTY

The Roosevelt Young Homemakers served refreshments and sponsored a Christmas party for the special education classes of Roosevelt last Friday, Dec. 10 in the YH held a Mexican pot luck supper to celebrate the Christmas season. They also had pinatas for their children. The next Young Home-maker event will be the State Meeting in Dallas Jan. 3 and 4, at which time Carla Crumley, R.H.S. senior and District Little Sister, will compete for the State Little Sister title. The next regular meeting of the Homemakers will be the second Tuesday in January.

A group of carollers from Posey's Lutheran Church went carolling last Friday night. In the group were Melvin Walter, Mrs. Jay Johnson and Rose Marie Johnson, of this community. Also Mark and Debbie Ehlo of Cooper, and Pastor Jimmy Leuders and Carol Smith of Lubbock.

Wondering what to give for Christmas? How about -

- To your enemy, forgiveness
- To an opponent, tolerance
- To a friend, your heart
- To a customer, service
- To all men, charity
- To every child a good example
- To yourself, respect.

May each of your hearts be filled with serenity and joy and the true Christmas spirit.

### THIRTEENTH MONTH SALE !!!

It's the week after Christmas and we are paid up for the year... the rent's paid... all salaries are paid... the light and water bills are paid. Beginning Dec. 27th--any profit we make over cost is net profit. Plus, we won't have to pay the State's inventory tax that's imposed as of December 31st, so it all adds up to big savings for you.

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## Best Wishes



May Your Home be Filled with every Joy

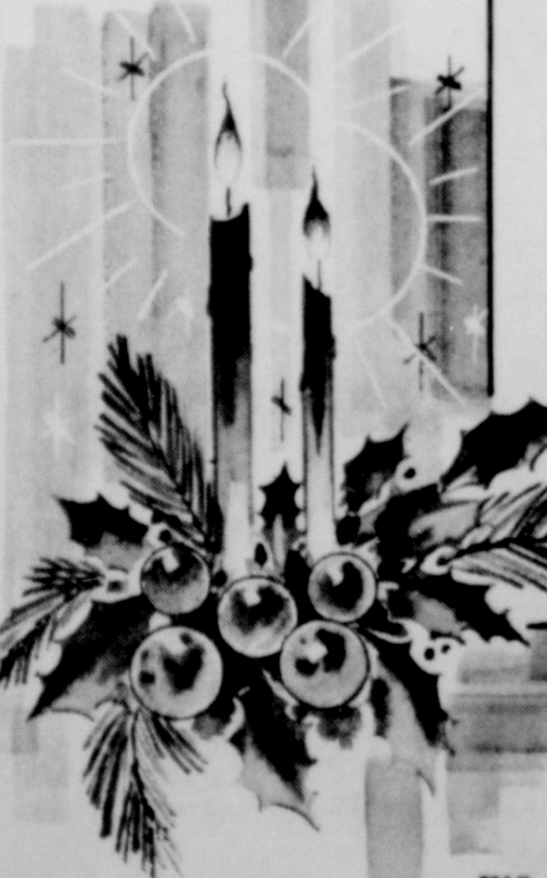
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## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

We pray that the Infant Jesus will bless you and yours at Christmastime and always.

**HESTAND GROCERY**

## Season's Greetings



With thanks to our many friends we say A Happy Holiday.

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EIGHTH GRADE TEAM--R. G. Copeland, coach at Slaton Junior High School, is shown with the 11 members of his basketball team. They are, front row, left to right, Teddy Scott, Bruce Scott, Mike Bradford, Bruce Jones, Pat Bradford and Mike Lewis. Back row, Copeland, David Gossett, Steve Nieman, James Hensarling, Curt Woolver and Randy Green.

## Choate, Lamb On 3-AAA Team

Two Slaton Tigers were named to the District 3-AAA coaches' all-star team announced Sunday, while six more drew honorable mention.

Randall Choate, 6-2, 220-pound senior, was named as an offensive tackle and drew honorable mention as a defensive guard. Brent Lamb, 6-0, 180, was named on the defensive team as a cornerback.

Tiger quarterback Jimmy Williams and full-back Richard Washington were honorable mention on both the offensive and defensive teams. Halfback Larry Moore and end Randall Partain

were honorable mention on offense, while line-backer Buddy Pettigrew and tackle Roy King got honorable mention on defense. Moore was the only Slaton junior honored.

Due to the large size of the district, 22 players were named on the offensive team and 23 on the defensive unit.

The first team offensive backfield included quarterback Kenneth Wallace, Estacado, and Aubrey McCain, Sweetwater; backs Frank Judie and Mames Mosely of Estacado, A. G. Perryman of Dunbar, Dan Steakley of Colorado City, David McGinnis of Snyder and Benjie Kemp of Sweetwater.

## 3-AAA All-District

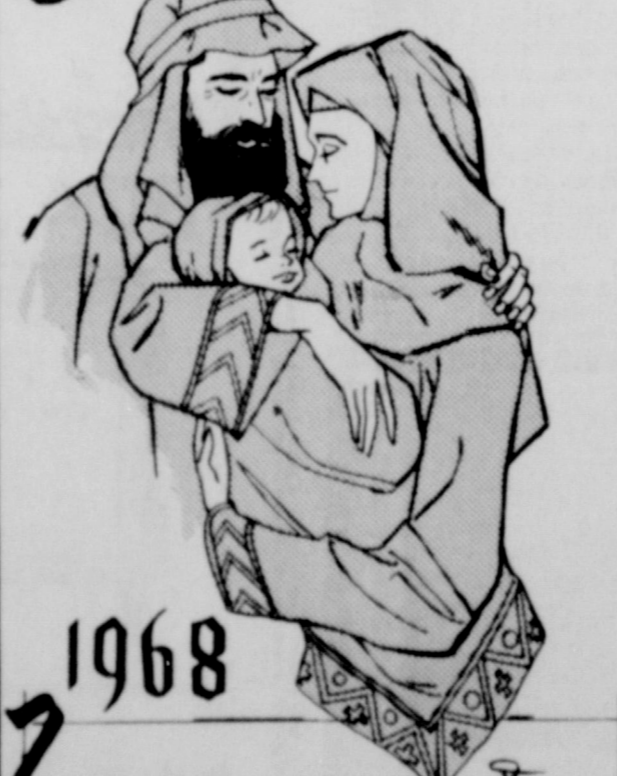
### OFFENSE

- QB--Mike Wilson, Dunbar, 6-5, 170
- RB--Tommy Sprague, Estacado, 6-1, 170
- RB--Randy Parker, Colorado City, 6-4, 170
- RB--Steve Burnett, Lamar, 5-10, 160
- RB--Honorable Mention--Clyde Garcia, Sweetwater; Ed Smith, Brownfield; Jim January, Houser; Jim Inacker, Colorado City; Kim Johnston, Lamar; Earl Perry, Park.
- TE--Dale Reed, Lamar, 6-7, 210
- TE--Perry Thompson, Sweetwater, 6-4, 200
- TE--Randy Olson, Houser, 6-1, 200
- TE--Larry Moore, Brownfield, 6-2, 210
- TE--Honorable Mention--Johnny Tyson, Sweetwater; Ray Alford, Houser; Robert Hoxa, Estacado; Leslie Ellis, Colorado City; Gary Eason, Brownfield; Pat Simpson, Lamar; William Hall, Colorado City; Jerry Pague, Littlefield.
- DE--Eddie I. Bonka, Estacado, 5-10, 160
- DE--John Combs, Houser, 5-11, 160
- DE--Randy Hazzard, Brownfield, 5-11, 160
- DE--Terry Miller, Lamar, 5-10, 160
- DE--Honorable Mention--Sam Myers, Colorado City; B. Leroux, Estacado; Gary Padgett, Brownfield; Robert Mendenhall, Sweetwater.
- DE--Jesse Hays, Brownfield, 6-5, 200
- DE--John Matthews, Colorado City, 6-5, 200
- DE--Honorable Mention--Joe Doss, Estacado; Clarence Egan, Dunbar; Larry Smith, Sweetwater.
- QB--Kenneth Wallace, Estacado, 5-11, 170
- QB--Aubrey McCain, Sweetwater, 6-0, 170
- QB--Honorable Mention--Carrad Travis, Dunbar; Bobby Frank, Brownfield; James

### DEFENSE

- QB--James Moore, Estacado, 5-10, 170
- QB--Tom Alford, Houser, 6-5, 200
- QB--Eddy Baker, Sweetwater, 6-6, 210
- QB--Larry Moore, Brownfield, 6-2, 210
- QB--Honorable Mention--Walter Hobbler, Estacado; Johnny Moore, Sweetwater; George Scott, Dunbar; Roy King, Flaton.
- LB--Paul Wade, Lamar, 5-8, 150
- LB--Randy Hazzard, Brownfield, 6-1, 170
- LB--Kim Southright, Sweetwater, 5-8, 150
- LB--Fred Stephens, Estacado, 5-8, 150
- LB--Honorable Mention--Clayton Mason, Dunbar; Tony Bettram, Estacado; Larry Fink, Colorado City; Ed Washington, Levelland; Wendell Ashley, Littlefield; Randall Osborn, Slaton; Larry Ellis, Colorado City; Eddie McClain, Houser.
- LB--A. G. Perryman, Dunbar, 6-5, 200
- LB--Bruce Lewis, Sweetwater, 6-0, 170
- LB--Randy Ellis, Colorado City, 5-10, 160
- LB--Fred White, Estacado, 6-1, 180
- LB--Robert Bostick, Estacado, 6-2, 180
- LB--Gary Barcus, Brownfield, 6-4, 200
- LB--Honorable Mention--Gusie Mearth, Dunbar; Mike Stamler, Levelland; Fred Smith, Sweetwater; David Moody, Estacado; Buddy Pettigrew, Slaton.
- LB--Shirley Thomas, Dunbar, 6-0, 170
- LB--Brent Lamb, Slaton,

## Holiday Greetings...



To all of our friends the peace and joy of this beautiful season.

**Eblen Pharmacy**

YULETIDE----- (Continued from Page 3)  
Legion Auxiliary \$5, Glen Akin \$5, Ken Henderson \$5, Caprock Credit Union \$5, Rush Wheeler \$5, Johnnie Moore \$5, Slaton Printing \$5, Nestor Kitten \$5;  
Ted Weaver \$3, Bill Gerber \$3, Bill J. Bohannon \$3, Anonymous \$2, Ted Carson \$1 each; Carson W. Lasater, T. A. Worl, Neilmier, Gerald M. M. Stephens, Ansl O. He Nesbitt, Frank Dick Hartman, anonymous \$2, Ted Carson \$1 each.

**Greetings**

to our many friends and families  
May your Christmas be merry and bright

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**Greetings**

To all our friends and their families. We want to wish you the merriest Christmas ever and bounty of holiday cheer.

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WILSON NEWS

MRS. TED MELUGIN

# Classes Will Resume Jan. 2



JOSE' GARZA - JUNCO EXCHANGE STUDENT

him to Lubbock last October. Joe's father is connected with Reynolds Aluminum in Monterrey. While visiting in Wilson, Joe's parents met a number of faculty members and Wilson residents. This is Joe's second trip to the states, but was his first to Texas. He attended the University of Michigan last spring for a six weeks course in English.

Joe completed courses at WIS in junior and senior English, and took junior and senior courses in vocational agriculture.

Mrs. Green stated that Joe was surprised about everything in the states being run by machines, like the cotton pickers in action, which he had never seen. Joe, said, "Everything in Mexico is done by hand." He was fascinated by the new telephones with the dial on the receiver, and wanted to buy one to take home. Mrs. Green explained they could not be bought, but only rented in this country. She asked him if he wanted to tell about being cast in a film this summer? Joe explained that while out riding on his horse, he came upon a group from MGM movies making a film starring Shirley McClain and Edmund O'Brien. The movie, entitled, "Sun-Rise", is to be released sometime next year.

Joe was employed by the director after a friend told of his fine horse-riding ability. He was cast in the film riding his horse, herding the cattle. Joe explained that he received a nice fee for three days of filming.

When Joe was asked what he liked most about Wilson, he replied, "The boys were friendly and I enjoyed the football games very much." He was asked about the girls. He laughingly replied, "They're nice, too." Joe said he enjoyed visiting the different farms in this area and working with the

come to the United States and enter a university as well as his dreams of becoming a rancher. He presently owns 16 head of cattle which he keeps on a friend's 140,000 acre ranch. Joe wants to enlarge his herd and buy a ranch in Mexico someday. He is a 1964 high school graduate and attended the University of Chihuahua, Mexico. Upon learning that Joe needed additional English studies before being accepted into a university in the United States, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Green invited him to reside with them at their home in Lubbock and arranged for him to be an exchange student at Wilson High School. Joe's parents consented to the arrangement and brought



COTTON BOLL TREE--Anywhere else, this Christmas tree might appear very unusual with cotton boll decorations, but folks around Wilson are not surprised at all when they see the pretty tree in Wilson State Bank. The tree has about 400 cotton bolls and was decorated by Mrs. Dan Cook, the bank president's wife, and Mrs. Johanne Cook, his mother. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

## Tigers Dropped In DC Tourney

The Slaton Tigers were eliminated from the Denver City Tourney Friday night when Colorado City won a close 54-49 decision.

Slaton opened with a 71-65 win over Lovington Friday night in the first round of action. Richard Washington led Slaton scoring in both games, hitting 25 in the victory and 26 in the loss to Colorado City.

Lamesa won the title for the third time, beating Denver City in the finals. Washington was selected on the all-tourney team.

The Tigers resume action Jan. 3 when they play Tula here. The Tigerettes are entered in the Duncanville Tourney Dec. 26-31.

Teams competing in the Denver City, Kermit, Seminole, Brownfield, Morton, Plains, Lovington, Jal, and Estacado.

### Popular Spot

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, was the most popular Caribbean cruise ship port last year. In a list of the top ten cruise ship destinations reported by the Caribbean Travel Association, St. Thomas led Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Martinique, Curacao, Barbados, Haiti, Aruba, Guadeloupe and Grenada.

### Costly Pickup

It costs United States taxpayers \$500 million a year to pick up the litter dumped on streets, beaches, parks and other public property.

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Several neighbors managed to turn the trailer over which was filled with cotton. The trailer chassis was all that was spared. The machine belonged to Weldon Meador.

In another fire Monday on the Paul Dworaczky farm, a cotton trailer became inflamed when a stripper touched a high-line pole. Melvin Wuensche, the driver, was uninjured in the mishap.

### PICTURES

Group and individual pictures of students in sports and clubs, and pictures of honor students will be made soon after the holidays when school resumes.

Seniors should turn in to the office, as soon as possible, their write-ups and photos for use in the newspaper. They may also be given to the Wilson reporter. Photos will be returned.

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" and may the spirit of goodwill remain in the hearts of all readers throughout the new year.

Call Wilson News -- 628-2956.

## Plainview Tops Slaton Teams

Slaton's Junior High and Freshman teams lost to Plainview squads here Thursday evening, while the junior high girls divided with St. Joseph's. Plainview took a close 59-53 win over Slaton, landing the local team its first loss of the season. Darrell Eastman was high-point man for Slaton.

The 8th grade boys lost a 26-22 decision to Plainview, and Curt Woolever led Slaton with 9 points. The 7th graders lost by a 37-21 count with Parks and Neill getting 7 each.

The 8th grade girls lost a 27-17 game to St. Joseph's, and the 7th grade girls won by a 14-8 count. The junior high teams are in action again Jan. 6, hosting Idalou teams.

### Not Venetian

Venetian blinds were actually invented in early Egypt but it was much later that the Venetians recognized their potential as window treatments.

### Wax & Floors

It is important to make sure that floors are finished before you put wax on them. Wax applied to unfinished floors soaks in and is thus difficult to remove.



MERRY Christmas  
May your day be bright with the joys of Christmas.

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Machine Shop

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Future Farmer students and teacher. He expressed deep gratitude to the Wilson faculty and for Mr. and Mrs. Green's hospitality and efforts in giving him the opportunity of becoming an exchange student in Wilson.

During Joe's stay here, he was an invited guest speaker to the Intermediate Baptist Girls' Auxiliary and to the WIS History classes, showing color slides of his homeland. Since his arrival in this area, Joe has made many friends at Texas Tech where he became a member of the International Club and was accepted on the Soccer Team. It was learned that "Soocer" is the most important sport played in Mexico.

Mrs. Green also stated in the interview that Joe would be missed by her and her husband and his many friends, and that his knowledge of the English language had greatly improved, as well as her knowledge of Spanish. Joe hopes to enter either the University of Kansas City, or Texas Tech in the fall semester.

After the interview, Joe joined his new friends in the Wilson High School auditorium to watch a magician perform on stage. "Laughter is a language, understood by people of all nations, Joe." The people of Wilson invite Joe to return, and thank him for bringing the message by his visit - a better understanding between countries, customs and people.

46th ANNIVERSARY  
Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Gumm of Rt. 2, Wilson will observe their 46th wedding anniversary Thursday in their home. They expect their children and grandchildren to be present. Their daughters are Mrs. Gilbert Kaatz of Lubbock and Mrs. Edwin Martin of Rt. 2, Wilson. Their son, John T. resides with his parents. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gumm on this anniversary.

CHRISTMAS PARTY  
Thursday night the Wilson High School students met in the school cafeteria for a Christmas party. They played games, exchanged gifts and then went caroling around town. Sponsors for the classes were also present for the party.

NEW ARRIVAL  
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Melcher of Rt. 2, Wilson on the birth of a son, born Dec. 14 in West Texas Hospital in Lubbock. The infant weighed 5 lbs., 8 oz. The couple has three other children. The father's occupation is farming.

INJURED  
L. H. Moore Jr. of Rt. 1, Wilson, was listed in fair con-

dition in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital following an auto accident in Lubbock Tuesday. He is the father of Glynn Moore, Rt. 2, Wilson.

FAMILY VISITS  
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Davis and sons of Lubbock visited at the Tuesday night basketball game between Wilson and Meadow. Davis was formerly head coach at Wilson and was named Coach of the Year in "B" district while here last year.

Meadow won over Wilson Tuesday night and will host Petersburg Dec. 31.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS  
Wilson students were dismissed at 2:30 p.m. Friday for the Christmas holidays and classes will resume Thursday, Jan. 2. The basketball teams will participate in the Jayton Tournament beginning that day and continuing through Jan. 4.

SEVERAL FIRES  
Tuesday afternoon the Wilson Volunteer Firemen were called to a location east of Wilson to extinguish a cotton trailer fire.

Merry Christmas  
AND  
Happy New Year '69  
Greetings and sincere good wishes to all.  
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Peace be with you during this holy season  
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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**  
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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*Season's Greetings*

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*Season's Greetings*

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

**DREWRY INSURANCE AGENCY**

**Father Of Slatonite Dies In Lubbock**

B. J. Smith, 76, died Tuesday afternoon at his residence in Lubbock. He was the father of Mrs. Anna Belle Hardesty of Slaton.

Services were held for Smith at 11 a.m. Thursday in the W. W. Rix Chapel in Lubbock with the Rev. Paul Earp, pastor of the Lubbock Bible Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was held at 2:30 p.m. in the Jayton Cemetery under direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

He was sheriff of Kent County from 1934 to 1942. He operated a barbecue business in Lubbock from 1949 until 1958.

Smith came to Stonewall County from Azle in a covered wagon in 1899 and worked for 23 years on the J. D. Patterson ranch near Aspermont. His family ranched in the corner of King and Kent counties in the early 1900's. He was a veteran of World War I.

Survivors other than Mrs. Hardesty include two sons, a daughter, two sisters, two brothers and seven grandchildren.

**Former Slaton Man Receives S-Fe Promotion**

T. H. Bickerstaff, superintendent of air brakes for Santa Fe Railway at Topeka, Kan., has been promoted to manager-mechanical department, Western Lines, at Amarillo, Tex., effective Jan. 1, H. N. Chastain, general manager - mechanical department, Chicago, announced today.

He succeeds L. L. Luthey who is being transferred to the road's Eastern Lines with headquarters at Argentine, Kan. Bickerstaff, who was born at Amarillo in 1915, but raised at Slaton, Tex., returns to Amarillo after an absence of 23 years. Following attendance at Texas Tech at Lubbock, he entered service as a locomotive fireman on the Plains division at Amarillo in 1937. He was promoted to locomotive engineer in 1943, but resigned in 1946 to work for the Westinghouse Air Brake Co. in Pennsylvania and Chicago.

In 1951, he left Westinghouse and returned to the Santa Fe as general air brake supervisor at Topeka. He was promoted to superintendent of air brakes there in 1964.

He and his wife, Verna, have a married son, Troy Richard, who is employed by General Dynamics at Ft. Worth, Tex.

**T. H. BICKERSTAFF**

**Painting Blocks**  
Solvent-thinned rubber base paints are recommended for painting cinder or slag blocks. Acidity, iron content and alkalinity must be considered, and the rubber base paints are the best insurance against future staining.

May the Star of Bethlehem be your guiding light, now and in days to come!

**BEST WISHES**  
**HUSER FEED & SEED**

*A Greeting*

I salute you: There is nothing I can give you which you have not; but there is much, that, while I cannot give you, you can take... No heaven can come to us unless our hearts find rest in it today. Take Heaven... No peace lies in the future which is not hidden in the present. Take Peace... The gloom of the world is but a shadow; behind it, yet within our reach is joy. Take Joy... And so at this Christmas time, I greet you, with the prayer that for you, now and forever, the day breaks and the shadows flee away.

*Fra. Giovanni, A.D. 1513*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**DECEMBER 26**  
Jeffie Johnson  
Mrs. Junior Becker  
Mrs. Jim Sain  
C. E. McCoy  
Herman Schilling  
Deborah Hunter  
C. V. Lipps  
Ronald Ratliff  
Glenna Smith

**DECEMBER 27**  
Noel Lee Dickson  
E. J. Kahlich  
Mrs. Norbert Kitten  
Mrs. E. E. Williams  
Mrs. Earl Reasoner  
Velma Jenkins  
Debra Diane Montgomery  
Billie Sherre Pointer  
Joe Date McCallister

**DECEMBER 28**  
Mrs. Alton Kenney  
Tommy Bickers  
Mrs. Leon Kenney

**DECEMBER 30**  
Leroy Kitten  
Mrs. Gordon Tompkins  
J. C. Smith, Jr.  
Mrs. Melvin Wall  
Glendon Attip  
Teresa Gentry  
Sylvanus Ragland  
Jim Gray

**DECEMBER 31**  
Mrs. Ted Melugin  
A. P. Hinkle  
Lucille Martin  
Diana Gamble

**JANUARY 1**  
Ira McCarver  
Mrs. Leroy Poer  
Wayne Heinrich  
Laverne Schwertner  
Carl Crossland  
Pat Williams

**DECEMBER 29**  
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Marian Townsend  
Darryl Heinrich  
Byron Jay Weir  
Tyra Diegs

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**Rose Nesbitt's Funeral Monday**

Services for Mrs. Rose Nesbitt, 65, of Slaton, who died Saturday morning in Highland Hospital at Lubbock, will be at 11 a.m. Monday in St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Msgr. Peter Morsch, pastor, officiating.

Rosary will be read at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in Englands Funeral Chapel.

Burial will be in Englewood Cemetery under direction of Englands Funeral Chapel.

Survivors include a son, J.C., address unknown; two brothers, R. J. Hope of California and Leo Hope of Rumsey, Ky.; five sisters, Mrs. Robert Shumm of Slaton, Mrs. Maymie News of Rumsey, Ky., Mrs. Ella Schellenberger, Mrs. A. L. Borho and Mrs. Fred Shaffer, all of Lubbock.

Palbearers will be members of the Knights of Columbus.

**Westview Plans New Year Party**

All high school students are invited to a new year's party planned by the Westview Baptist Church.

The group will gather at the church at 8 p.m. Dec. 31 and then go bowling. After bowling, the group will return for refreshments and movies.

According to Clinton Eastman, pastor, there will be inspirational time, games and a lot of fun throughout the night.

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**Attend The Church of Your Choice Sunday**

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**These Church Listings Presented as a Public Service By The Above Merchants**

**Slaton Churches**

FIRST BAPTIST 255 South 9th Rev. J.L. Cartrite	MT. OLIVE BAPTIST Corner of Jean & Geneva Rev. L.L. Wyatt	L.M.E. METHODIST Rev. W.D. Atkins	FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD 14th & Jean Rev. John K. Pratt
WESTVIEW BAPTIST 830 South 15th Rev. Clinton Eastman	FREEWILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST Rev. F.D. Conwright	ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 19th & Lubbock Msgr. Peter Morsch	PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS 105 West Knox Rev. Mrs. J.L. Jolly
BIBLE BAPTIST 525 West Panhandle Rev. H.E. Summar	TEMPLO BAUTISTA (Latin Baptist Mission) East Panhandle	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE 710 South 4th Rev. James Erickson	CHURCH OF CHRIST 11th & Division C. L. Newcomb
21st ST. BAPTIST 1010 South 21st Rev. Jack Bell	FIRST METHODIST 305 West Lubbock Rev. Bruce Parks	GRACE LUTHERAN 840 West Jean Rev. Robert C. Richardson	CHURCH OF GOD 206 Texas Ave. Rev. Clifford Hilton
TRIOPH BAPTIST East Geneva Rev. M.A. Brown	TRINITY EVANGELICAL METHODIST Rev. Lisan Prentice	FIRST CHRISTIAN 22nd & Division Rev. Johnnie Moore	CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Rev. Freddy L. Clark
	AFRICAN METHODIST Rev. R.E. Brown	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN 425 West Lubbock	CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 635 West Scurry

**Area Churches**

WILSON St. Paul Lutheran Rev. Francis Koessel St. John Lutheran Rev. Fred G. Hamilton Wilson Baptist Rev. Benny Hagan Wilson Methodist Rev. Roscoe Trostle	GORDON Church of Christ Stephen Mazurek	ACUFF Church of Christ Robert Tompkins Roosevelt Baptist Rev. L.D. Reagon	POSEY Immanuel Lutheran Rev. Jimmy C. L...
PLEASANT VALLEY Baptist Church Rt. 1, Post Rev. Sherman H. Ervin		CANYON CHURCH Baptist 1st & 3rd Sunday Rev. Curtis Jackson Methodist 2nd & 4th Sunday Rev. Joe B. Allen	SOUTHLAND Southland Baptist Rev. William T. ... Southland Methodist Rev. Grady Adcock

**Kirkland R Set Monday**  
Services for Mrs. Kirkland R. Set Monday...  
Burial will be in Englewood Cemetery under direction of Englands Funeral Chapel.

**Daily Bible Reading**  
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Dec. 30 -- Luke ...  
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# SEASON'S GREETINGS!

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## Artistic Ambition Becomes Reality For Mrs. Ada Kitten

BY VON NIEMAN

Have boys in your family? If you love baseball, you have become acquainted with new friends at Pee Wee League baseball in the summer time, along with Babe and American Legion seem to be the most places in Slaton during the season.

twin sons, Lloyd and Floyd, on the Yankee team and this was our favorite team, also

Some mothers were "just too busy" to watch their sons play (or sit on the bench), but not Ada Mae. Even though she is the mother of eight children, and usually brought a grandchild or two along, she took the time.

This story started on the baseball theme because at the end of her sons' last year in Little League, I found out that

Ada Mae also is an artist. She painted a picture for the Yankee manager, Bobby Taylor, of two bats, two baseball caps and two baseballs.

Later, when three beautiful paintings appeared on the walls at Citizens State Bank, I found they were painted by Ada Mae. Recently she has had three classes, teaching techniques.

The pictures at Citizens State Bank fascinate me and also prompted me to find out more about the artist, (except that she was the mother of Lloyd and Floyd), and why she chose the three scenes to paint.

Ada Mae tells me that she enjoyed coloring with crayons as a child and has always enjoyed drawing, using any media to express herself in pictures.

Her first introduction to oil painting was given by her fifth grade teacher, Miss Evva Faye Huffaker. Ada Mae was about 10 years old, and Miss Huffaker roomed in an upstairs room in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Houston in Wilson.

"There is where I painted my first picture", she said. "I will never forget the excitement and surprise I experienced with this first attempt with oil paints".

Her canvases were cut from the heavy cardboard that bolts of material came on, and then glued on canvas from old window shades. These canvases were durable, inexpensive and a good surface to work on.

She studied under Miss Huffaker for about four months and then she accepted a position elsewhere and Ada Mae's art instruction came to an end... she thought.

She graduated from Wilson High School and then married. She completed a few paintings with the ever-present desire to take art lessons "someday".

"When the youngest of my eight children (twins) were 10 years old, I felt I might have time to take art instructions at the Municipal Garden and Art Center in Lubbock", she said.

Her first three oil painting sessions were under Dorothy Irwin and then she studied under Conny Martin, taking several courses of oil painting and composition and design. She took two workshops under Dr. Emilio Cabellero, instructor of art at West Texas State University, one a water-color, and the other a technique workshop using all media.

Glenna Goodacre was her instructor in a portraiture class, and the most recent workshop she attended was given by Mrs. Helen Van Wyck of New Jersey.

A few years ago, the Chamber of Commerce, sponsored a community meeting asking for suggestions on what would improve Slaton. One of the suggestions was that art could be taught here for anyone desiring to study. Ada Mae made this a realization last summer when she started a class of eight students, teaching techniques. She enjoyed the new experience so much that she continued with two fall classes.

In the spring of 1967, Ada Mae was commissioned by the Slaton Co-Op Gin for a painting utilizing the gin plant on the Wilson highway. "I felt close to this subject, having had contact with cotton gins all my life. My dad worked in the gin at Wilson in the fall, when I was a very young child, and I would take his lunch to him and watch wide-eyed as the belts and saws whirred a noisy tune", she said.

In December of the same year she was commissioned by Citizens State Bank for three paintings. "I felt these paintings



SLATON ARTIST---Ada Mae Kitten is shown by one of the paintings in Citizens State Bank that she painted, depicting three different phases of Slaton community life. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

should record subjects dear to the hearts of Slaton community residents", Ada Mae said.

My favorite is the picture of the bandstand. This was selected as her first painting of the three because it held so many outstanding memories for her.

She entitled it "Oh, Say Can You See", because many years ago Slaton High School band played weekly Saturday night concerts with "The Star Spangled Banner" always a favorite. People gathered on the "square" to enjoy the music.

She decided one painting must deal with the railway industry. After some study and research, she chose the picturesque caboose and the station that was originally the Harvey House. The Reading Room and Harvey House were gathering places for railroaders and many other people as well.

Knowing she must make one of the paintings of a rural nature, she said she thought it worried her the most. "Since I'm so familiar with this subject, I am very critical of any rural scenes which I depict. I could not come up with a suitable subject. I mulled over the idea of using the Robertson Ranch or the Klattenhoff homestead. I decided on the Klattenhoff hill, because it has been a familiar landmark since 1918", she told us.

In the picture she recorded the latest farming equipment, picturing the two most important factors to the rural

way of life - namely electricity and irrigation. She pictured a bumper cotton crop which all farmers are hoping to get "next year", being gathered with the

latest stripping equipment. Since the weather is always a factor in the success or failure of a crop, she put in the huge thunderhead.



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## Posey Woman Creates Unique Christmas Decorations

If you are guilty of discarding green bottles, you may have wished you had saved them after you read what Mrs. W. A. Wilkie of Posey created from a collection of green bottles. It is one of the most interesting and unique Christmas decorations we have seen this year.

Her "helpers" in making four Christmas trees from the glass were her four grandchildren, Denise, 3; Karen, 6; Cindy, 8; and Mike, 9. She and her husband live one fourth mile south of Posey and her husband is engaged in farming.

The Christmas trees are less than two feet tall, but weigh nearly 20 pounds. She learned of the hobby from a friend in Lubbock last October. Since that time, Mrs. Wilkie has collected material -- seven gallon jugs and seven quart bottles per tree--to make the four trees.

She has collected one particular collar of green glass found only at soft drink outlets such as drive-ins and soda fountains.

After obtaining the glass Mrs. Wilkie cleans it, places it in a shallow pan and puts it in her oven, heated to 500 degrees, for one hour.

At the end of an hour the glass bottles are taken from the oven and dropped into cold water. Mrs. Wilkie fills one side of her double sink with cold water and drops the bottles in from a distance.

The bottles shatter and the pieces of crystalized glass are saved and sorted. Bottoms and necks of the bottles must be discarded because they are not usable for the decoration.

For her last tree, Mrs. Wilkie used a styrofoam cone 18 inches tall. She placed miniature lights on the cone and then from the top began sticking pieces of the broken glass in the cone, gluing each piece to hold it firmly in place.

Mrs. Wilkie breaks small hairpins in half and uses the pieces of wire to attach the strings of miniature lights.

The smallest pieces of glass

are used at the top and larger ones at the bottom, giving the decoration a realistic tree-branch effect.

Cost of the tree? About \$6, according to Mrs. Wilkie.

The Posey woman said she finds making the decorations a way of relaxation. She said that after working in her house all day, she worked on the tree as a way of "unwinding."

Mrs. Wilkie wanted to mail some of the trees to friends, but said that because of the weight it was nearly impossible.

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Yuletide is here,  
Yuletide is here,  
Now the holly leaf is green-o!  
Easter would come when Yuletide is done,  
If Lent didn't come between-o!

— Old Carol



GLASS CHRISTMAS TREE---Six-year-old Cindy Kincer is pictured admiring a glass Christmas tree her grandmother, Mrs. W. A. Wilkie, made from bottles. This tree was especially made for her daughter, Mrs. Barbara Kincer, and her four grandchildren. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

## CANDLES LIGHT UP MAN'S CELEBRATIONS

It is difficult to imagine Christmastime without candles.

Long before Christ, man associated the light of the candle with his spiritual longings. The Old Testament refers to the candle often.

As civilization dawned, man came to guard the flames he discovered he could make by friction of sticks or flint. Crude torches let him hold the light a little longer and to lengthen his days so that he might pursue his labor and his quest for knowledge.

The Romans were probably the first to make candles, which they burned before the altars of their gods, to light their banquet rooms, and to light their pageants and carnivals. It is interesting to note that while pagan Rome used the candle for merry-making, the Christian martyrs used it to light the catacombs.

It was natural for Christians to adapt the candle to their way of life, for

Christ had referred to Himself as the Light of the world. More, He had assured them that each Christian was a light.

The Middle Ages found the candle at its zenith. Made of tallow, by the dipping process, the candle was widely used for light, on up till the 19th century.

The Medieval church made sure that candles were made of beeswax... an idea founded in the belief that bees came to

earth directly ven. Throughout the Ages it was cared for near establishments.

Some of the thick and tall over the heads of people and cast a light in a royal cathedral. These candles weighed 300 pounds.

The custom of lit candles came from Luther's time, when candles of fire from the church were an accepted of life itself.

The idea of light the tree is still by modern man.

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## Ceremonies Thru'out World Celebrate Twelfth Night

Twelfth Night, or Epiphany, is marked with many customs, ceremonies and legends throughout the world. French and Swiss children, for example, look forward to the pastry they receive on that day, in which a bean, coin or china figure is hidden. Whoever gets the prize, is crowned king of the family.

Epiphany means "appearance" and commemorates the visit of the Three Wise Men to the Infant Jesus. Their arrival was proof to believers that Christ the Saviour was born.

During the Middle Ages, Epiphany or Twelfth Night, was commemorated with plays presented in churches. Solemn observances largely disappeared in Elizabethan England, and this became a time for revelry.

Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" reflects this mood. Historians say it was probably presented in a command performance at Whitehall Palace on January 6, 1601.



### Realism Reflected at Christ's Birthplace

In the Middle East, where Christ lived, Christmas has a touch of realism. The patriarch comes from Jerusalem with a troop of cavalry in gorgeous array. The service lasts from 10 p.m. until long after midnight.

After the reading of the gospel the clergy and congregation leave the church and journey to the Grotto of the Nativity.

The Twelve Days of Christmas were set aside by Alfred the Great of Britain.



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# Yes, Virginia



New York, N.Y.  
September 8, 1897

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth—is there a Santa Claus?

Yours truly,  
Virginia O'Hanlon

"Yes, indeed!  
"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they see—they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.  
"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

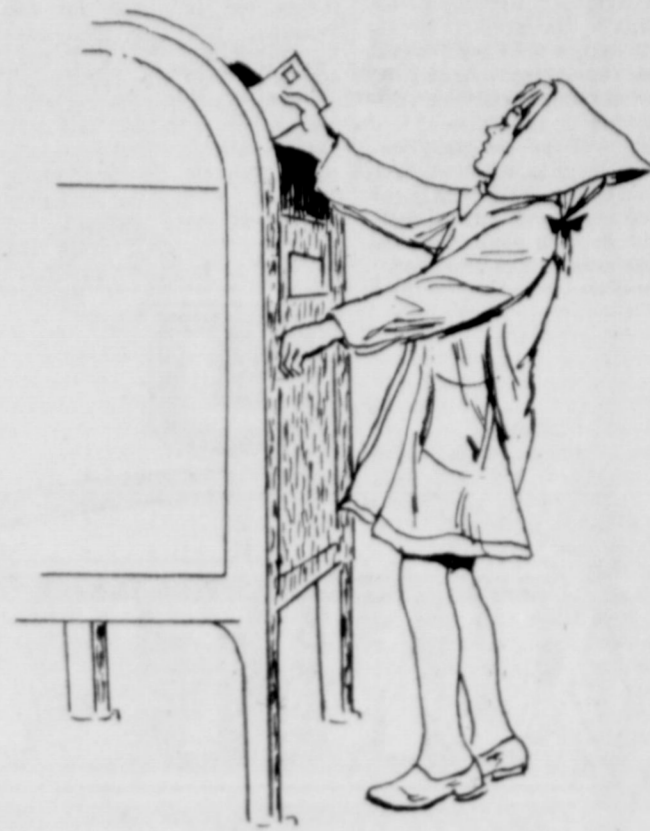
"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus—the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there—nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men, that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty of all glory beyond.

"Is it all real?—ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever—a thousand years, from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the hearts of childhood."  
—Francis B. Church  
The New York Sun



To Wish You a  
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## 'Adeste Fidelis' Translated Into 120 Languages!

"Adeste Fidelis" (O Come, All Ye Faithful) is one of the best-known Christmas carols in the world. It has been translated into more than 120 languages and dialects.

Some scholars believe it may have been known to Francis of Assisi and that it might have been sung while the people gathered around the first creches.

Still others say that the great carol was written by St. Bonaventure, a contemporary of St. Francis, in the 13th century.

Be that as it may, it is affirmed that the carol changed through the years, and was popular in Germany and France as early as the 17th century.

The earliest recorded words and melody of "Adeste Fidelis" are found in "Cantus Diversi", a collection of hymns (1750) by John Francis Wade.

The carols, hymns and songs that so enrich our Christmas season today are the products of many countries and many centuries.

This beautiful music came to America with the early settlers.

The Germans brought Luther's hymn for children, "Away In A Manger." "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" came from England. The French gave us "Cantique de Noel" or "O, Holy Night."

American composers began early to fill the roster of Christmas favorites.

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The word "wassail" is derived from the Old English wass hal — a toast meaning "be whole" or "be thou well."

## Kissing Ball an Old Custom

Among the more popular aspects of a secular celebration is the Kissing Ball.

Many years ago every home featured at least one of these beautiful decorations, hung from an archway or chandelier.

The Kissing Ball was sometimes a pomander, sometimes a blown egg, sometimes a ball of cotton. Plastic foam is the favorite material today.

The ball is brightly painted or gilded, wrapped with ribbon and braid, and set with mock jewels, sparkling beads and sequins.

A ribbon suspends two or three in place and a sprig of mistletoe is secured at the top.

Young ladies who pass beneath may expect a kiss from some daring swain who waits nearby.



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# SWPS To Invest \$16 Million In Service Area in 1969

A 1969 construction and improvement program which will add nearly \$16,000,000 to the company's investment in its 45,000 square mile service area has been announced by Roy Tolk, president of Southwestern Public Service Company.

"1969 will be the 22nd consecutive year in which we have increased our investment in our service area by 10-million dollars or more a year, with the average annual investment dur-

ing the last 10 years being more than 20-million dollars. This investment is made for two reasons, both of them customer-related. The first reason is to stay ahead of the demand for electric service, while the second is to keep that service as efficient and economical as possible. Ever-increasing inflation is making economy more and more difficult, but we are taking every step that we can to keep our expenses

down," Tolk said. Transmission lines and substations will account for a little more than 6-million dollars of the 1969 program, slightly less than 5-million will be for new distribution facilities, the lines and equipment which bring service to the customer, while a little less than 4-million will be for power plant additions and improvements, including the start of construction on a new generating station near

Lubbock with an original capability of 210,000 kilowatts. The major transmission line project will be construction of a 230,000 volt line from the Tuco Interchange, north of Abertathy, to the South Lubbock Interchange. In addition to providing another major power source for the South Plains area, the new line will be constructed so that it can be used as the first transmission circuit when the new generating

station near Lubbock goes into service in 1971. The new generating station will be called Clifford B. Jones Station in honor of the West Texas civic leader and President - emeritus of Texas Tech, who has been a director of Southwestern Public Service Company for more than a quarter-century. Once again the company will contribute to the water conservation efforts of the area by

using sewage effluent purchased from the City of Lubbock as cooling water when the new plant goes into operation. Nichols Station, near Amarillo, was the first of the company's generating facilities to utilize sewage effluent for this purpose.

"We anticipate saving about \$30,000 a year on our fuel costs with this equipment, so it will soon pay for itself. Normally, you can't just shut down a generator when you don't need it, because it takes too long to get it back on the line when you do want it. So, normally, you keep the things running with a minimum load, which is the most expensive way of operating, until you need more production. With this new equipment we'll be able to completely shut down the two generators, load the units still in service at the most economical level and still, and this is the part

that's important to consumers, keep adequate reserves in the event you lose a generating reason or another. Speaking of reserves, our company anticipates a load of 1,464,000 kilowatts, which will meet it with a capability of 1,464,000 kilowatts, providing a reserve capacity of 373,000 kilowatts. The largest generating system has a 210,000 kilowatt reserve capability enough to handle the largest unit and maintain a 150,000 kilowatt

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# Danger In 'Empty' Chemical Containers

Through the season for pesticides, herbicides and other chemicals is over, an inherent danger exists from materials and containers.

Over chemicals should be stored under lock and key in a well-ventilated building," says Dr. Dudley Smith, control scientist at the

Texas A & M University Agricultural Center north of Lubbock.

These chemicals should not be stored near foodstuffs, feeds, seeds or fertilizers.

Periodical checks should be made for deteriorating containers. The label on the container should be protected as the information it bears will

be important next year. Certain chemicals must be protected from freezing temperatures since freezing renders them ineffective for further use.

Chemicals may be disposed of by pouring them into a hole at least 18 inches deep in a flat area away from buildings, wells and cropland. Cover and mark

the area and rinse each container thoroughly at least three times, pouring the rinse water in with the left-over chemical.

"Empty" chemical containers can be a source of danger to humans, livestock, future crop production and wildlife," warns the scientist. "Don't attempt to convert 55,

30 or 5-gallon drums that once contained chemicals to other uses. They can be sources of long-term contamination no matter how thoroughly they have been rinsed."

Large containers may be disposed of in three ways: return them to the supplier; sell them to an authorized firm dealing in drums; or take the

containers to a sanitary land-fill type of dump. Operators at the dump should be informed that you are disposing chemical containers.

Holes should be punched in these containers to prevent their re-use by others.

Small containers can be buried on the farm in holes at least 18 inches deep. Or they can be thrown on the regular dump after holes have been punched in them. Containers should not be thrown in

pasture dumps or areas that drain into pastures, lakes or cropland.

Paper or cardboard containers can be burned provided the label does not warn against this practice, points out Smith. However, smoke from such a fire can be dangerous. These as well as other containers can be crushed and buried at least 18 inches deep.

Smith also suggests a thorough cleaning of any

equipment used to apply chemicals this past season. Sprayers last longer and are safer if thoroughly washed and decontaminated after applying chemicals.

A light coating of motor oil or diesel oil will prevent rust and corrosion in metal tanks and sprayer parts.

THE SHARING of gifts at Christmas time is the Christian world's emphasis upon giving as an expression of God's love.

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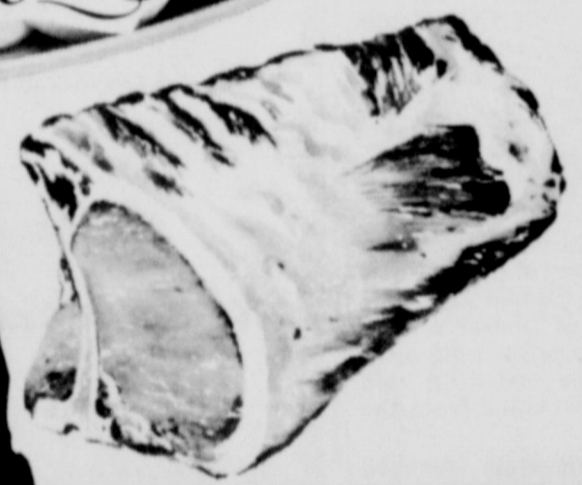
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# Cost of Money Boosted To Highest Level Ever

The spiraling inflationary trend last week pushed the cost of money to the highest level in history, according to national news reports.

Major banks across the nation, forced to pay more to borrow from the government, hiked their prime interest rates to 6.75 percent. The "prime" rate is the one charged the most credit-worthy customers of the major banks. Other interest rates are scaled up from the prime rate.

The boost in prime rates of interest is not expected to affect the local situation, at least

## CANDLE LEGEND

If you burn a bayberry candle during the Christmas holidays, and the candle burns bright and clear, legend says that you will have good luck throughout the year and a long and happy life.

The Puritan Government banned the celebration of Christmas in England in 1643.

for the present, according to an Associated Press survey of Texas banks.

However, one banker pointed out that the increase indicates the "tightness" of money that has developed the past month.

Although the action was reported as a surprise by some sources, it was expected among bankers and economists. T. J. Wallace, president of Citizens State Bank, said this week the action was not simply a matter of loan demand, but a matter of the high cost of acquiring deposits. The banks are caught in the cost squeeze just like everyone else.

Many economists still predict easier money and lower interest rates by spring, according to some publications. The thinking seems to be that the tax hike will have a curbing effect by the spring.

Other factors which could lead to easier money include the increase in social security taxes, the Treasury will be doing less borrowing, and so will corporations. Some economists, however, think any reductions in money costs this spring would be only temporary and brief.

The surtax on individuals apparently has been far offset by

pay increases for white collar workers over much of the nation. Many observers agree that the new Administration will have to take strong -- and probably unpopular -- steps if inflation is to be curbed and money costs lowered.

Whether or not mortgage rates go up remains to be seen. Some top economists predict nothing better except they will not go up any further. Investors may be willing to commit funds for mortgage lending, but not for any lower rates.

The degree of unemployment has been pointed to as another big factor in the cost-price squeeze. While there is a continual campaign to get everyone employed, it would help halt the inflationary trend if slightly more people were unemployed.

As one banker puts it, there are going to be more people with superior ability and training to hit the market, increasing output and production at lower cost, thus bringing about a higher degree of unemployment.

In the vicious circle, however, the question then arises as to how much higher governmental expense will be for unemployment benefits.

## STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights by Vern Sanford

AUSTIN, Tex.—A drastic plan to overcome the state's shortage of physicians will be presented to the 1969 Legislature.

Proposal will come from the Coordinating Board, which is responsible for administering public education in Texas beyond the high school level.

Their multi-pronged program would include doubling first-year enrollments in existing state medical schools in Galveston, Dallas and San Antonio—to a minimum of 565 freshmen by 1980—and giving tax subsidies to the Baylor University College of Medicine in Houston so that it can educate as many doctors for the state as it does privately.

Then, if the Legislature agrees, a new state medical school would be established in the Texas Medical Center in Houston. Also, Texas Tech would be authorized to start planning for a West Texas medical school, using the facilities of the Amarillo Medical Center and the expertise of Lubbock, Midland and Odessa hospital authorities.

"Should the need for the establishment of another additional medical school develop in the future," the Coordinating Board said, it will consider putting one at the University of Texas in Austin.

Meantime, all medical educators will be urged to explore possibilities for clinical and post-graduate capabilities in medical centers in El Paso, Temple and Tyler.

To be considered also is the dental shortage. A new state dental school is proposed for San Antonio, as well as tax subsidies for the Baylor School of Dentistry in Dallas. If Baylor can't help, then expansion of the UT Dental School in Houston will be considered.

To meet North Texas' growing educational needs, a college for junior, senior and graduate students is proposed in Dallas; acceptance of Southwest Center for Advanced Studies—to be renamed The University of Texas Center for Advanced Studies in Dallas; a "federation" of North Texas State, Texas Woman's and East Texas State Universities to upgrade the quality of programs; and upper-level colleges for Houston, Midland-Odessa, and Corpus Christi, in addition to a 4-year college in San Antonio.

Campaign statements, as well as current ones, made by Gov.-elect Preston Smith and Lt. Gov.-elect Ben Barnes indicate that they will lend strong support to the recommendations.

SCREW WORMS GALORE—Texas confirmed 4,400 screw-worm cases during October, compared to 4,219 in Mexico, 75 in Arizona, 29 in California and 11 in New Mexico.

To combat the disease, 456, 086,000 sterile flies were dropped over Texas. Mexico get

432, 254, 000. Arizona, 50, 590,000. California 8,300,000 and New Mexico 9,534,000.

Still, a joint report of the Texas Animal Health Commission and the U. S. Department of Agriculture said there were no cases of scabies or no suspicious outbreaks of hog cholera in Texas during October.

PARK STUDY—Senate Interim Committee To Study Park and Recreation Facilities had decided on at least two recommendations: (1) expediting the proposed Conquistador highway from El Paso to the Big Bend and (2) restoration of Camp Verde in Kerr County.

Conquistador Trail has been proposed by Trans-Pecos groups at least three times but the Texas Highway Commission has pleaded a lack of money. Highway would follow the Rio Grande into the Big Bend National Park.

Camp Verde quartered that famous Texas experiment in the use of camels before the Civil War. Later, the animals were moved farther west, to Fort Davis.

LEASE SALE SUCCESSFUL—School Land Board's last oil and gas lease sale of the year added \$2,197,315 to the Permanent School Fund, bring the total in that fund to \$782, 672,731.

Board leased 49,868 acres at an average price of \$44 per acre.

Atlantic Richfield was the high bidder, with an offer of \$186, 782.40 on Marginal No. 411 covering 1,440 acres in the Gulf of Mexico, Jefferson County.

## Oldest Christian Church Looks Like a Fortress

The oldest church in Christianity is reputed to be the Church of the Nativity, built upon the spot where the stable stood. It was erected by Emperor Constantine the Great, in 330 A.D.

The church looks like a fortress. Its original stately portal has been walled up and replaced by a low and narrow entrance. There was a reason for this. In the first place, it compels the many pilgrims to bow before they enter. In the second place it was designed to keep the infidels from riding in on horseback or camel.

The interior of the church is dignified and simple, set off by beautiful Corinthian columns of native red sandstone. The roof is of massive oak. Silver lamps burning olive oil are suspended on gold and silver chains from the beams.

A silver star, fastened to a simple altar with silver nails, marks the exact spot where the infant Jesus was born.

Three steps lead down to a small cave-like recess, the Chapel of the Manger. Beautiful tapestries and rugs are draped across the walls.

## Guest Editorials Unemployment . . . . . A Problem ?

(NOTE TO READERS) Our associate in the newspaper business, James Roberts over at Andrews writes a column called "Drifting Sands" that is perhaps one of the most widely read in the state.

Recently, Roberts expressed his opinion on unemployment that hit the old nail right on the kisser. Let us pass on a few of the observations of this veteran newspaper man who dearly loves his American freedom, his country, his community and his fellow man. You'll find yourself nodding in agreement.

Talk to any contractor and he'll tell you he needs hands.

Talk to a retailer and he'll tell you that what his place needs more than anything else is a solid No. 2 man.

Talk to wholesalers, salesmen, jobbers, suppliers from anywhere in the Southwest and the story is the same .... not enough male help to go around.

And extend it a little further ... and you'll quickly realize that the whole country is desperate for help ... both female and male.

The department of Labor figures show that in recent months the unemployment rate is less than two per cent ... and all time high.

That's the reason we get so burned up at the news stories concerning the demands of minority groups and the fresh planks in both the Democratic and Republican party platforms.

The whole cockeyed nation is crying for people to fill jobs and the Reverend Abernathy says that the only thing that will stop riots and disorder in this nation is for the government to provide jobs for the jobless.

And both the Republicans and the Democratic candidates are shouting promises to the rooftops that jobs will be available to the jobless.

We've got a sneakin' hunch that the only people who don't have jobs nowadays are people who simply don't want to work.

We were talking with a major oil company pumper the other night and we came up with some rather odd statistics .... he's an old hand with the company, works 40 hours, has six-weeks vacation, takes the usual number of holidays.

We took a pencil and figured out that of the 365 days in a year, this man actually worked only 205 days a year ... and the same thing is true in most primary industries.

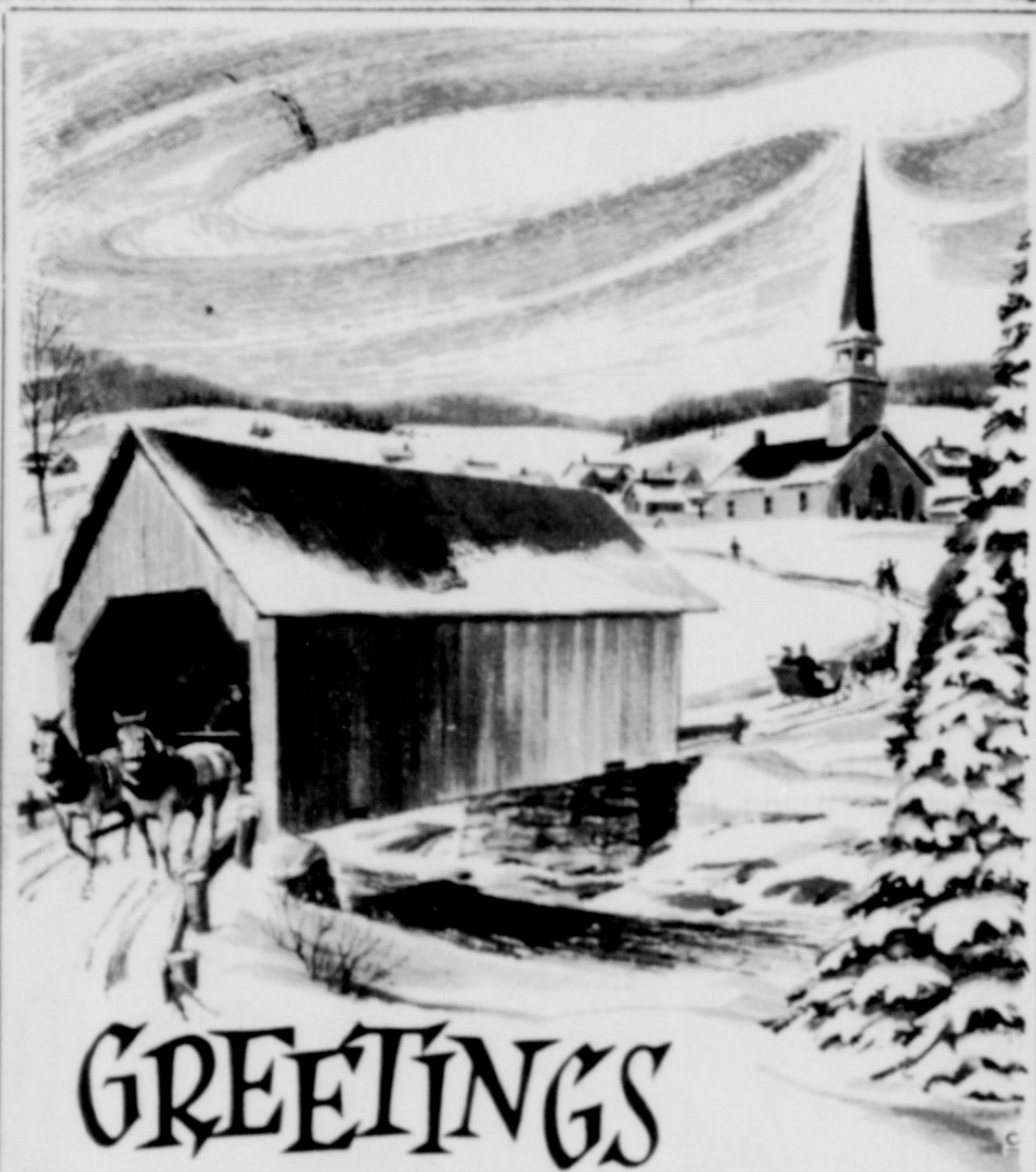
Take the primary workers, add the men currently on the roll of the armed forces, stir in all the men who are on welfare and it's rather easy to see why the nation is short of help.

Personally, we are all for providing unemployment wages to any able-bodied man who is temporarily out of a job. But with jobs going begging all over the nation in every field of endeavor, it's hard to see how any government or political subdivision can justify doling out money to any able-bodied man who refuses to work.

We wish it were possible to try a novel experiment ... take away the vote of any man or woman who spends more than six months out of the year on welfare..... and see how quickly the fellers in Washington lose interest in adding to the rolls at every turn.

The number of people on welfare is growing faster than the number of people joining the work force each year ... and unless the trend is reversed soon, the old saw about all the work coming to rest on your shoulders may not be too far off.

Maybe one of these days a candidate will have enough gumption and courage to stand up and run on a platform of putting every able-bodied man in the country back to work ... and dollars to doughnuts, he'll receive a standing ovation from the brow-sweaters of the nation.



## GREETINGS

Here's wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas, filled with all the joys of fellowship and good cheer, and a holiday season brightened by many merry moments for your entire family.

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# Danish Postal Clerk Originated Xmas Seal; U.S. Newspaper Launched Crusade

For more than just a little sticker to attach to cards and gifts, the Christmas Seal epitomizes a mighty crusade for health and happiness. The Seal originated in Denmark in 1904. A kindly postal clerk, Einar Holm, brooded over the suffering of sick children and tried to think of a way to help them.

Christmas mail he was struck by the idea of a stamp which people would buy, use at Christmas, and which would benefit sick and needy youngsters. The postmaster liked the idea, so did the King of Denmark, and so did the warmhearted Danish people. Soon enough money came in to build a children's tuberculosis hospital.



Some of these seals reached America. A Danish-American writer, Jacob Riis, received one on a letter. Knowing the tragedy of the disease firsthand (6 of his brothers had died) he wrote an article, pleading for someone to take up the cause in the United States.

A doctor serving at a shack set up as a TB hospital in Delaware, desperately trying to save the little hospice, asked help from his cousin, Emily Bissell, who raised funds for good causes.

\$300 was urgently needed, at once.

Miss Bissell, having heard of Denmark's success with the stamps, resolved to bring it to life in this country.

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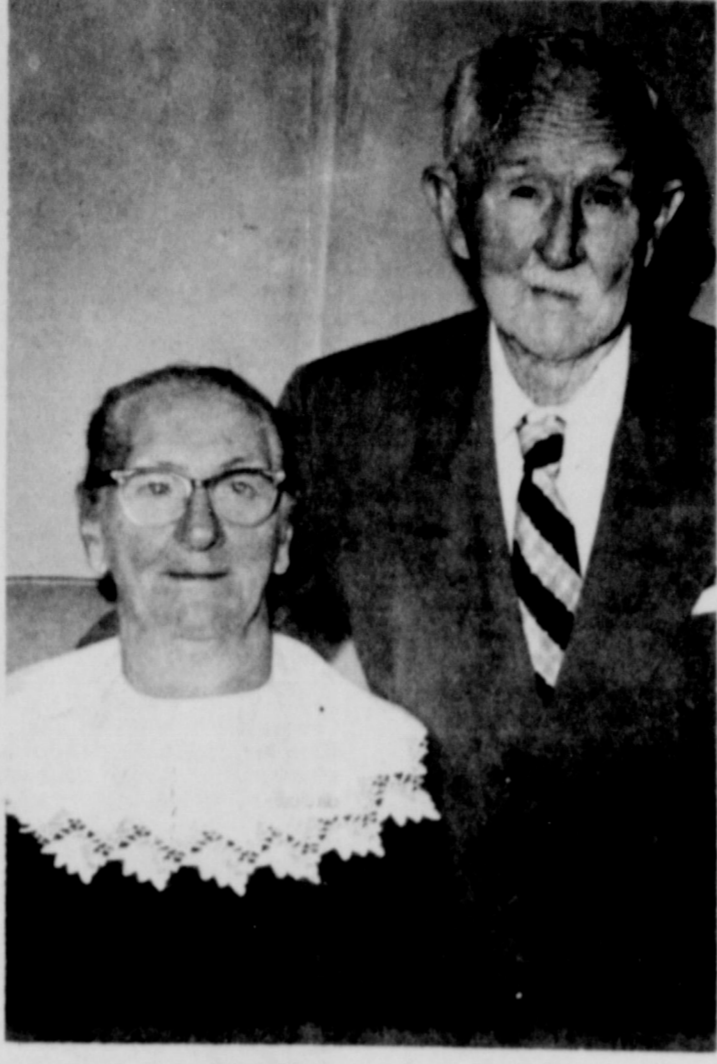
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**GREETINGS**

Here's hoping your Christmas Day arrives just filled with all the happiness the season can bring.

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## PARENTS OF SLATON WOMAN MARK 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Windfield Ritter of Marlin, parents of Mrs. E. A. Foster of Slaton, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 8, with a reception at the Primitive Baptist Church in Marlin.

They have eight living children, all of whom were present for the occasion. The couple has 24 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Ten of their grandchildren served in World War II without injuries.

The Ritters have spent most of their married life in the Marlin area. Mr. Ritter is 93 and his wife is 85. They have excellent health and live alone, with only part-time help. Approximately 75 relatives and guests attended the anniversary observance.

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On an impulse she stopped in to see a writer whose work she admired. His name was Leigh Mitchell Hodges. When he saw the sheet of bright red seals his vision and sense of humanity were ignited; he saw the seals as a flaming banner to lead a fight against suffering and death.

His editor "caught fire" too. He instructed Hodges to give the story full play. He even asked Miss Bissell to send the newspaper 50,000 of the Seals.

Incredulous, but thrilled, Miss Bissell had more seals printed, to meet his enthusiasm.

Through the vast power of this newspaper the story of the Christmas Seal was told, and retold. The crusade gathered momentum. From every walk of life, people came to buy the Seals.

The rest of the story is familiar. We all know how much a part of Christmas the Seal is. But maybe when we use them this Christmas we will remember how hard its advocates

struggled to "put it on the map"; maybe we will remember what a great fight it is continuing to wage.

For the dread disease is relentlessly, cruelly still with us, though to a much less degree.

To relax our efforts would be tragic. Remember to buy, and use, your Christmas Seals . . . as many as you can afford.

### Country's Freedom: Christmas Gift, Too

The foundation for the preservation of the freedom to celebrate such Christian beliefs as Christmas — this was the gift to our country on that very day in December 1776.

It happened when George Washington and his men won the battle at Trenton, Pa. That was the beginning of a long line of victories that eventually led to ultimate victory and total independence.

The flower most symbolic of Christmas, the poinsettia, was named for Joel Robert Poinsett of South Carolina.

With Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season

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## how to genuinely celebrate Christmas

This Christmas, mend a quarrel . . . Seek out a forgotten friend . . . Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust . . . write a letter . . . Share some treasure . . . Give a soft answer . . . Encourage youth . . . Manifest your loyalty in word and deed . . . Keep a promise . . . Find the time . . . Forego a grudge . . . Forgive an enemy . . . Listen . . . Apologize if you were wrong . . . Try to understand . . . Reject envy as unworthy . . . Examine your demands on others . . . Think first of someone else . . . Appreciate others . . . Be kind; be gentle . . . Laugh a little . . . Laugh a little more . . . Deserve confidence . . . Take up arms against malice . . . Decry complacency . . . Express your gratitude . . . Go to church . . . Welcome a stranger . . . Gladden the heart of a child . . . Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth . . . Speak your love . . . Speak it again . . . Speak it still once again . . .!

Christmas is celebration, and there is no celebration that compares with the realization of its true meaning . . . with the sudden stirring of the heart that has extended itself toward the core of life. Then, only then, is it possible to grasp the significance of that first Christmas . . . to savor in the inward ear the sweet music of the angel choir; to envision the star-struck sky, and glimpse, behind the eyelids, the ray of light that fell athwart a darkened path and changed the world.

... AUTHOR UNKNOWN

☆ The number of mince pies you taste at Christmas indicates the number of happy months you'll have during the coming year, according to an old English belief.

☆ For three centuries following His birth, Christ's nativity was celebrated at various times in January, March, April, May, September, and October by Christian groups.

## Christmas Creche Has Age-Old 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.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

We thank you for your friendship and we hope that only good things will come to you this holidaytime.

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Dear Santa,  
I want a Tipetoes with her trike and pony, and surprises. Rob wants a football helmet and a guitar.  
Thank you,  
Love,  
Phyllis and Rob Martin

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good little boy. If my big brothers Bobby and Jerry and my sister Susan wouldn't be tacky to me I would not have to fight back at them.  
Please bring me a tractor, and a record player. Do not forget all the other little children.  
Be nice to my brothers and sister, because they are good most of the time.  
Love,  
Ronny Hopper

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the pretty doll you brought me last year.

Please bring me a Mrs. Beasley doll.

Thank you,  
Saleta Ann Duff

Dear Santa Claus,  
Are you going to say "Jingle Bells all the way - what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh?"

Would you bring me a doll that lays in bed and has a rattler, a monkey, and a Baby Small Talk?  
I am 2 1/2 years old.  
This is all my letter to you.  
Thank you,  
Terri Copeland

Dear Santa Claus,  
Would you please bring me a football for Christmas. And I would please like a bb gun. And would you please say hi to the other Reindeer and say hi to the helpers.

Thank you,  
Barry Copeland

Dear Santa,  
If you would be so kind as to bring me a Robot and a football - suit I sure would appreciate it.  
Leon Enloe

Dear Santa,  
I try to be a Good boy So would you please bring me a Barby doll thank you in advance.  
Tim Enloe

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very sweet girl this year. Please bring me a doctor kit, dolly iron and a telephone. I will have a piece of Cherry Pie waiting for you Christmas eve.  
Love,  
Tracie Newhouse

Dear Santa,  
I have tried very hard to be a good boy this year. Please bring me some trucks, a gun and holster and don't forget my daddy he needs his own football to play with.  
Love,  
Skipper Newhouse

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me Tippy Toes, Suzy Homemaker Grill and a Doll House with stairs. Don't forget the other children on Christmas.  
Love,  
Jill Basinger



**MAKING CHRISTMAS GIFTS--Mrs. Kate Nieman is working on hot pads she plans to give to loved ones for Christmas. She resides at Slaton Nursing Home and watching her as she crochets the trim is her roommate, Mrs. Ludie Geer. Mrs. Nieman is a pioneer resident of the Wilson area and Mrs. Geer came here in 1941.** (SLATONITE PHOTO)

**CHRISTMAS: MESSAGE OF HOPE FOR WORLD**

In a world torn with violence at almost every level, through formally or informally declared war, in rioting, anarchy, in cruel discrimination, it is difficult for thinking people to truly experience Christmas '68.

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, even to those who seem least receptive.

There are about 180 species of Holly.



who may have met this world's goods, be impoverished otherw

This is the Christ to relinquish those grievances, and per the important ones well.

This is the Christ really show those you that you do love the important, little way and in large ways, to is so human to take ca the vital, "large" and overlook the s also vital ways! This year to do some about that.

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

**Season's Greetings**

You have been v thoughtful and generous and in extend the greetings of the season to you, we w to include our hearty thanks for everyth

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May God Bless you all.

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Dear Santa,  
I am 3 years old and I am real excited about Christmas. I have been a good little boy and would like to have a road grader, concrete mixer, loader, and dump trac unit for my tractor. I would like to have some candy and cookies in my stocking too.

Please remember all the other children in the world. Merry Christmas to everyone.  
Love,  
John Scott Moore

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Belinda, I want a easy bake oven and a pair of boots and a little tiny talk for my sister. I love you so much Santa. Some drums and a guitar for my brothers I have 2 brothers and 2 sisters, a doll, and a piano.  
Belinda Rodriguez

A Letter to Santa  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me two 6 - transistor walkey - talkey and 2 Krazy Kar and a 2 race cars. Thank you Jolly Santa.  
Love,  
Calvin Ray Roberts  
8 years old Girl

Dear Santa,  
I want some  
1. skates.  
2. the game called twister.  
3. a watch.  
4. and the doll Mrs. Beezley.  
Your friend,  
Dee Dee Preston

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a roadgrader, sander, airplane, tunnel garage and a wagon. Please bring Kevin some toys too.  
Thank You Love,  
Bradley Lewis

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a crazy car, sprograph, play type - writer, a house coat and some house slippers.

Please bring my four brothers the things they want too. I will have some cookies for you.  
Love,  
Linda K. Lewis

Dear Santa,  
I am 7 yrs old. Would you please bring me a doll and a hair curler set. Also don't forget my little sister, Coleta Ann. We have been good girls and love you.  
Conda Kay Bruedigam

Dear Santa,  
Would you Please bring Me a hot wheel car and track for Christmas and I will love you a plenty.  
Leo Enloe

**SCD Announces Essay Contest**

The Lubbock County Soil and Water Conservation District has announced a local essay contest for junior high and high school students.

The title of the essay is "How Conservation Helps Texas". Local essay winners will receive cash awards of \$25, \$15 and \$10. Prize money is being contributed by Lubbock Production Credit Association.

The essays must be mailed by Feb. 3 to Lubbock County Soil & Water Conservation District, 1616 19th St., Lubbock, 79401. Include your name, address, school.

All essays will be forwarded to the Fort Worth Press Awards Contest for consideration in state competition on Feb. 15.

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