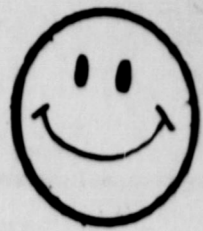


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## O Holy Night



**B**ehold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" . . . thus was the promise made, according to the book of Isaiah. "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger" . . . thus was the promised fulfilled, St. Luke tells us.

Let us rejoice anew at the wondrous message of Christmas!

**NOSIN... With Polly**

We are indeed thankful for the knowledge, honesty, and willingness of a Canadian Commentator to speak out for the GOOD OLD U.S.A. We sincerely wish other countries felt likewise and were willing to speak the truth.

A reader of this column has called our attention to an editorial by Gordon Sinclair, Canadian radio and TV commentator, recently broadcast from Toronto, which we think is worth passing on to our readers.

This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as they are the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth.

Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When the franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it.

When distant cities are hit by

earthquakes, it was the United States that hurries in to help. This spring, 59 American communities (were) flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions upon billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans.

I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplanes. Come on, let's hear it!

Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tristar or the Douglas 10?

If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the international lines except Russia fly American planes?

Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon?

You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios. You talk about Germany technocracy, and you get automobiles.

You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon--not once.



SCOTT LEE RECEIVES COTTON BOWL TICKETS ... Mrs. Polly Middleton, of the News-Sun is shown making the presentation. Lee was season winner in the Football Contest and is hoping to see the big game.

but several times--and safely home again.

You talk about scandals, and the Americans put their right in the store window for everybody to look at.

Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets and most of them--unless they are breaking Canadian laws--are getting American dollars from Ms and Pa at home to spend here.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.

I can name you 5,000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble.

I don't think there was outside

help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them kicked around.

They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles.

I hope Canada is not one of these.

The above was brought to this office by Mrs. R. C. Hyde. It was taken from the Baylor County Banner at Seymour, Texas.

Coloq: Thanks a lot, Mrs. Hyde, we appreciate articles like this and have nothing but praise for Gordon Sinclair, Canadian radio and TV commentator.

NOSIN

Who says the wind doesn't blow in West Texas? It blew so hard Tuesday night that much of the maize piled on the Earth Ag Supply lot blew across the road and into the

fields beyond. Hinchliffe, owner of the firm, said he imagined several tons of maize was prematurely "flying high" that night.

NOSIN

Time has run out and the paper must be on its way to be printed.

May we humbly say thanks to each of you for making this year a lovely one.

We wish for you and yours a truly wonderful Christmas and a year of peace and contentment.

*Party Line*

Mrs. Joe Hill and her children attended services Sunday afternoon in Hereford, conducting the services was Pastor L. V. Mays.

Marcus Messer is recuperating at home after having a severe

heart attack November 9. He is now permitted to have a few visitors each day.

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# S-E Student Caught In Possession Of Marijuana

A 17 year old Spanish-American student at Springlake-Earth school was caught in possession of marijuana Thursday afternoon at the school. The youth, a second year sophomore, openly admitted the substance to be marijuana when found on his person. However, the substance was sent to Lubbock for verification.

The Board of Trustees met in special session Friday night to discuss the problem. Parents of the youth and the student were asked to meet with them. In the three hour session that followed the youth talked freely about the marijuana problem.

He said he had been smoking it occasionally off and on for about a year, but never at school. He smoked it when in town, sitting around or riding around at night. He said it made him feel pretty good for an hour or two, but then he could miss a day or two without smoking it and it didn't bother him. He said he smoked because he was bored with nothing to do.

He willingly expressed his thinking regarding drugs in the school, and he felt this sort of thing was not widespread, that a few others might smoke marijuana occasionally but he told members of the board he felt certain there were no hard drugs going around in the school.

He was willing to talk of the problem, but not about names of people or the source for obtaining the marijuana. Names were omitted from any conver-

sation the youth had with faculty, coaches or the Board.

The boys parents were shocked when faced with the knowledge that their son was smoking marijuana. However, the couple was eager to assist in anyway possible to prevent further use of the drug in the community.

The Board expelled the student for the remainder of the semester, which had only a few days remaining in the semester. They also took his credits for this first semester of work. This is what the law allows the Board to do.

## Boy Scouts Organized, 11 Members Signed

The Earth-Springlake Boy Scout Troop was recently reorganized for boys 11 years of age and older.

Scoutmaster for the group is Jesse Green, industrial arts instructor at Springlake-Earth schools. He will be assisted by Joe Schoenenberger.

The two men have completed their cornerstone for scouting.

They were instructed in the basic fundamentals and foundation of scouting by a representative from South Plains Boy Scout Council.



THE ROOM HAS BEEN DECORATED and its hard to concentrate on anything except Christmas. Kindergarten is fun, but Christmas time is a most wonderful time for all youngsters.

At the first meeting of the group Brian Scott, Kirk O'Hair, Jimmy Robbins and Brian Taylor joined the troop.

Another organizational meeting was held Friday, December 14 in the school cafeteria.

Boys joining the troop at this meeting were Rexie Fennell, Alfred Lee Hemphill, George Gauna, Rene Gauna, Robert Wimberly, Lexie Fennell and Reuben Gauna.

Parents of the boys who were present were Leon Fletcher, Doyle Wimberly and Dolan Fennell.

Also present for the meeting was South Plains Council of Scouting representative C. W. Wright of Littlefield who presented an informative program entitled "Scouting and Parents" stressing the point that to make a scouting program successful, parents should get interested and involved with the scouting program.

To be eligible to become a boy scout, the boy must be 11 years of age or have completed the fifth grade.

Several activities are being planned for the future, including a trip to the Muleshoe Wildlife Preserve, a week-end camping trip to Palo Duro Canyon and a swim meet in Leveland.

The troop will meet at 7:30 P.M. each Wednesday evening at the industrial arts shop at the school.

All boys 11 years of age and over are invited to come to the meeting and join the troop. Green said they had room for more members. He hoped to have a well planned program and make it interesting and well worth while being a boy scout.

## Fruit Sales Going Great

Melvin Chisum, Springlake-Earth vocational agriculture instructor and the FFA boys are extremely pleased with the progress of the annual fruit sale.

To date, they have sold over 600 boxes of fruit and expect to sell at least another 100 boxes before they complete the project.

Chisum said, they would make a profit of approximately \$700 this year.

"The funds," he explained, "will be used for paying for the improvements made at the ag pens, equipment, and they hoped to help boys who have lost animals recently due to the dogs getting in the pens and chewing them up and any other expenses that the chapter may encounter during the year."

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## Vassar Infant Dies Friday

Ladonna Naddie Vassar, 1-day old infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Vassar of Earth, died at 7 a.m. Friday in Littlefield Hospital.

Graveside services were at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Earth Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. David Hartman, pastor of

the First Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Parsons-Ellis-Singleton Funeral Home of Earth.

Survivors include grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carr of Earth and Mr. and Mrs. John Vassar of Cleburne; and great-

grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Conner of Denison, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pruett of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vassar of Cleburne.



# O Holy Night

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## United Methodist Women Has Christmas Party Monday

Thirty eight guests gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melton Welch for a joyous Christmas occasion Monday evening at 7 P.M.

Numerous entertaining games including name bingo, Christmas carol group singing, Christmas story games were played and enjoyed by the entire group. A Christmas playlet portraying Elizabeth and Mary was presented by Mattie Axtell and Beadie Welch followed by the staging of Christmas carols. June Parish directed a game in which gifts were exchanged between each guest.

Refreshments were served from a table centered with a red and white candleabra trimmed in gold and surrounded by lighted Christmas angels. Dainty cookies, homemade candies, dips, sandwiches, cake, dainty crackers, spiced tea and coffee were served.

The entertaining rooms were decorated throughout the home. The Christmas tree decorated in pink, blue, and gold was accented by other decorations throughout the room in the same colors. Another room of entertainment was decorated in gold and red where the guests were served. Other rooms in the home were decorated with blends of the same colors.

Two special guests from the United Methodist Women's Plainview District were pre-

sent including Mrs. Janie Sims from Petersburg, President of Plainview District and Eulene Needham from Hale Center (Parliamentarian of District). Other out of town guests were Frances Glasscock and Diana Browning. Another special guest was the local Pastor of the church, Rev. Charles Dunnam.

Others attending included Mrs. H. H. Hamilton, Naomi Burgess, Minnie Bulls, Bettie Sulser, Gayle Littleton, Pansy Byers, Roberta Cowley, Marie Ross, Bea Hinson, Beula Coker, Beulah Newton, Bessie Cearley, Gladys Goodwin, Norma Dawson, Judy Been, June Parish, Mary McIntroe, Lillian Holland, Evelyne Needham, Janie Sims, Vivian Parish, Mattie Axtell, Frances Glasscock, Ida Allen, Ruby Jones, Elaine Been, Betty Dunnam, Charles Dunnam, Blanche Hudson, Lovelle Harris, Marie Stover, Alma Ott, Diana Browning, Gladys Parish, Beadie Welch, Georgia Bahlan, Golda Belew and Jessie Sanders.

### PARTY LINE

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Sanders and children of Katy will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Prather. He is the football coach for Katy Public Schools.



MR. AND MRS. GUY KELLEY

## Local Couple To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kelley will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, Sunday afternoon, December 30, from 2 to 5 P. M. in their home at Earth.

The couples sons and daughters and their spouses will host the reception. They are; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodburn, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Flowers, Edwards, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Guy F. Kelley and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kelley of Earth; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hill, Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chapman, Dallas. The couples grandchildren will assist with the hospitalities.

The former Miss Fay McCord and Kelley were married December 25, 1923 at Wheeler,

Texas. They lived in Meridian, Okla. until January 1928. They moved to Lamb County where they engaged in farming until 1970. They are long time members of the First Baptist Church at Earth. They have 18 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Decorations for the celebration will be the traditional gold and white. A three-tier wedding cake, punch and coffee will be served by the granddaughters. Registering guests will be the couple's grandsons and granddaughters.

They have lived in Lubbock part-time since 1964 and are fans of the Texas Tech Red Raider Teams.

## Springlake Newcomer Feted With Party

Mrs. Myrtle Steinbock, a newcomer to Springlake was honored with a Get Acquainted Dinner in the Springlake Community Building, Tuesday night. Mrs. Steinbock recently purchased the home of Mrs. Dimples Sanders and moved to Springlake from Lubbock.

The event was hosted by several ladies of the community. The event was held in order

to assist Mrs. Steinbock to get acquainted and enjoy her new home in Springlake.

The guest played a very comical get acquainted game with everyone participating. The men and women put their names in separate boxes. Then one by one each person would select a name and describe this person in such a manner that the one described would recognize themselves by the description, then rise and introduce themselves.

A covered dish supper was served on a banquet table covered with a lovely Christmas tablecloth.

Approximately 50 people attended. Among those attending were Reverend Glen Smith of the First Baptist Church in Springlake and Gary Middlebrook, Minister of the Church of Christ.

## Troop 373 Has Session Of Caroling

Troop 373 had their Christmas meeting Tuesday in the Springlake Community Building. The group divided into two patrols and had roll call and collected dues.

Donna Fullenwider led the pledge. The promise was led by Teresa Lunsford.

Following the brief session, the troop went caroling around the town. They returned for refreshments of sandwiches, chips, cokes, and Christmas decorated cookies.

Those attending were Keri Neimast, Amy Gonzales, Delma Gonzales, Sylvia DeLaGarza, Twila Eagle, Elma Gauna, Mary Hausmann, Teresa Lunsford, Carolyn McGowen and Denise Ray.

Before ending the meeting the scouts exchanged gifts.

## Tommie Green Feted On 8th Birthday

Tammie Green was honored with a birthday party on Saturday December 15 in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Green. Tammie will be 8 years old on December 20.

The serving table was covered with a white lace cloth and centered with a lovely birthday cake iced in white and decorated with red rose buds and 8 red candles. The serving plates carried out the colorful birthday theme with bright red flowers. Along with birthday cake guests were served Santa cookies, ice cream and spritz.

Various games were played during the party time, included in these were "Pin the Tail on the Donkey," "T.C.s," "Cards" and "Cootie."

Those attending were Jolitta Schoenberger, Danny Cooksey, Twila Eagle and Robin Lawrence.



Thank you friends and loved ones for all your kindnesses during my illness. The prayers, cards, flowers, food and each deed mean much.

Edgar A. Guest, expresses my deep desire: I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me; I'd like to be the help that you've been always glad to be; I'd like to mean as much to you each minute of the day as you have meant dear friends of mine to me along the way.

Eula Maye Kelley

We wish to thank all the lovely friends, neighbors and relatives for the many kindnesses shown us during the loss of our darling daughter, and granddaughter.

For the flowers, prayers, food cards and words of sympathy we say thanks million. May God bless you all.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Vassar  
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Carr  
Mr. and Mrs. John Vassar



Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tindol of Beeville are the parents of a daughter born November 19 in a Beeville Hospital.

The tiny Miss weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and has been named Sandra Ray. Mrs. Tindol is the former Eva Ray Hawkins, a former member of the Springlake-Earth faculty.

## Roping Club Has Party

Members of the Earth Roping Club and their families met Saturday in the Earth Community Building for their annual Christmas Banquet.

A delicious Bar-Be-Que with various kinds of salads and desserts were served.

The group enjoyed a delightful evening of visitation and games of 42.

Approximately 40 people attended the event.

## Tops Club Meets

The Tops Club met Thursday, December 13. Vice President, Elaine Been presided at the meeting in absence of President Pauline Hucks. The Tops Pledge was said by the group and roll was called by each member present giving their weight loss or gain. Wilma Terrill was named Queen of the Week with highest weight loss. Runner-up was Elaine Been.

There were 8 members present. They were Mrs. Lois

## NOTICE

The marriage of Miss Ronda Clayton and 2/Lt. Carey Alvin Leech is set for 6 P. M. on Saturday, December 29 in the First Baptist Church in Earth. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The Tea Room will be closed Friday, December 21.

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JACQUE McASHAN

### McAshan-Barton Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McAshan of Hope, New Mexico announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jacquie, to Craig Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Barton of Earth.

Wedding vows will be exchanged at 2 P.M., January 5 in the First United Methodist Church in Kermit, Texas, with a reception to follow in Miss McAshan's Grandmother's home.

### Troop 308 Make Tree Decorations

Troop 308 met in the Community Building Tuesday and had a delightful time making Gingerbread decorations for the trees.

The troop formed the Brownie ring, and sang the Brownie song and repeated the promise.

They had a delightful time making Gingerbread decorations for the trees. The troop decided to meet the following day and exchange gifts. Either homemade or store

## 28 Attend Ladies Christmas Party Thursday

Twenty eight ladies were present Thursday night for the annual Christmas party for widowed ladies of the area. The event was held in the Earth Community Room.

The room was beautifully decorated using the Christmas theme. The tables were centered with miniature Christmas trees decorated with gold Christmas balls. Candles were also used to enhance the tables. The lighted Christmas trees were placed in the center of two tables with gifts piled high around them. Other decorations included two miniature Santas and a large flowering poinsetta. The ladies enjoyed a delightful dinner and an evening of visitation.

Those present for the event were Amanda McNeill, Venona Lee, Almer Barton, Minnie Parish, Ruby Hodge, Naomi Burgess, Carra Morgan, Beulah Danforth, Lucille Henderson, Minnie Pate, Jackie Denham and Elsie Hawkins.

Also Mae Hamilton, Ruby Jones, Estelle Bearden, Joe Lee Trueblood, Ida Allen, Annie Runyon, Alice Martin, Beulah Newton, Eula M. Kelley, Lena Hite, Marie Ross, Lucy Lewis, Opal Lowe, Gladys Parish, Henrietta Armstrong and Lucille Campbell.

bought gifts with a maximum of 50 cents to be paid for the gifts. They also stamped Christmas cards they made last week and got them ready to mail.

To conclude the session the group played a game of Listen and Guess.

Mrs. James Jones served refreshments of cokes and Christmas cookies to Joy Parish, Tammie Green, Angela Laymon, Melinda Zamora, Belinda Zamora, Jennifer Pellham and Michael Field and Leaders Mrs. Troy Layton and Mrs. Doug Parish.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Oden of Earth attended the annual Thompson family reunion and Christmas party, Sunday, Mrs. Oden was a Thompson before her marriage.

The event was held in the Community Center at Petersburg. Many of the Thompson family were present to enjoy the event.



CHRISTMAS IS THE BEST TIME OF THE YEAR... You can be sure Randy and Michael Glass will agree. Its real hard to leave packages under the tree day after day, surely it won't be much longer. The twosome are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arden Glass.

### Mrs. F.W. Bearden Honored With Mother-in-Law Shower

Mrs. F. W. Bearden was honored with a mother-in-law party Friday night in the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Baker.

Friends gathered from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. bringing gifts for her son, Phil Bearden and his bride-elect Krys Malcomesus. The couple are to be wed January 4.

The entertaining rooms were decorated in lovely Christmas decor. The dining table was covered with a red and green Christmas cloth. A lovely centerpiece of gold, red and green flowers enhanced by three lovely bayberry candles

accented the table. Hot cranberry apple punch and assorted Christmas cookies were served with nut bread and mints from silver appointments.

The Hostess gifts for the young couple were an electric blender, electric coffeepot, steam

iron, and a set of stainless steel mixing bowls. Also a five piece baking set, pressure saucepan, a cutlery set, a bath set, and a measuring cup and spoon set. Hostesses for the event were Mrs. Bill Verden, Mrs. W. B. Hucks, Mrs. K. B. Parish, Mrs.

### COW POKES By Ace Reid



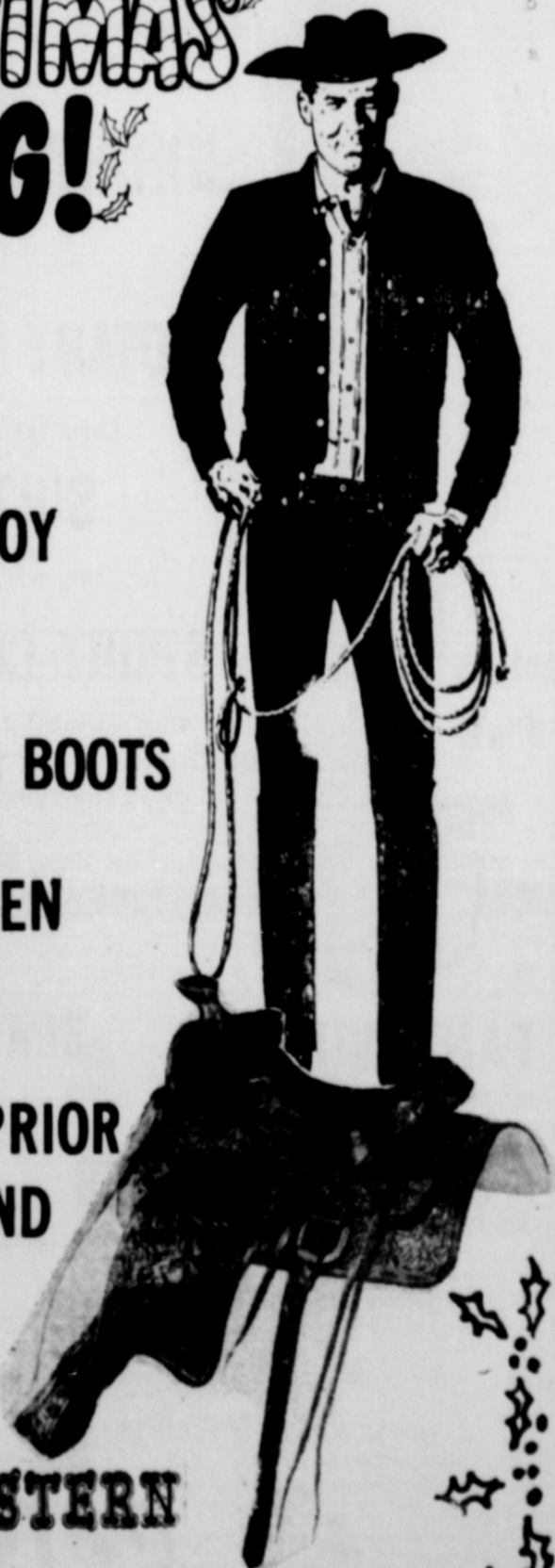
"Luke, maybe you better take a firmer grip— I'm losin' mine!"

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# Stray Dogs Destroy Show Animals

Several complaints have been signed at the City Hall after dogs packs running rampant in the city recently killed expensive show animals belonging to members of the local FFA Chapter and 4-H Club members.

Mayor Larry Tunnell said he regretted the destruction of these fine animals, also the disappointment it had brought to the youths. He assured the press Monday that the city was taking measures to prevent, as far as possible, any further destruction of animals.

Mayor Tunnell also stated that all dogs must be tied up or penned. Any dog running loose and having no registration tags or collars will be caught and destroyed.

Melvin Chisum, FFA instructor said the loss of these fine animals was a blow to the boys and to their parents, as

each animal represented quite a bit of money and work.

Chisum said the first time dogs broke into the FFA pens was on Saturday night December 8. At that time they chewed up 15 pigs and killed one. The one killed belonged to Larry Hood.

Chisum and the boys doctored and worked with the pigs trying to pull them through the ordeal. They were doing everything possible to help the animals overcome their injuries and had hoped they could get them up and back in shape for show time.

They also went to the trouble of building up around the side of the sheds. The pens already are enclosed in 6 foot high fences.

They thought they had the pens fixed where it would be impossible for dogs to intrude again, then last Friday night dogs made their way into the



AMY, AT EASE IN THE ARMS OF SANTA. Little Amy Ellis, 4 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ellis, is well aware that Jolly St. Nick is a friend of all the children. She looks as though she is giving him her lists of "wants" for Christmas.

pens and chewed up 8 more pigs. Two had to be killed immediately when found Saturday morning. These two belonged to Randy Bills. Chisum said it was doubtful if two or three more of the group could be pulled through. He felt as though they would probably have to be killed as they were chewed up so badly. He went on to explain that even if they did pull them through, they would not have time to get them in shape for the showing as show time was so near. Chisum stated that last year

In speaking of the viciousness of the stray dogs, Chisum said that 3 or 4 lambs had been killed out by the Bob Belew home. Others included Billy Pittman who had indicated dogs had been bothering his chickens, while K. B. Parish was said to have had trouble with dogs bothering his cattle. They didn't have the high fences around the pens and were not bothered. He said this indicates for sure there are definitely too many stray dogs running around loose.

## 7th. Grade Girls Have Christmas Party Friday

Seventeen girls, all members of the 7th grade class, were present for a Christmas party Friday night in the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Lewis.

The entertaining rooms were beautifully decorated using the Christmas theme.

Gifts were exchanged by the group, followed by several games of relay. To prove they each had tal-

ent they decided on a session of pantomime which proved to be quite comical to each present.

Those attending were Laurinda Bulls, Lindsey Fields, Petra Lewis, Vicki Wright, Vicki Dunham, DeAnne Clayton, Lisa Pittman, Cari Barden, Frances Potts, Kristi Pittman, Mona Price, Elaine Bills, Linda Hampton, Danice Taylor, Susi Lunsford, the Host and Hostess and their daughter, Rosi Lewis.

## Fire Dept Names New Officers

The Earth Volunteer Fire Department elected officers for the coming year, Monday night, December 10 at their regular meeting.

Those elected were Doug Parish, fire chief; Richard Bills, assistant fire chief and Richard Moore, secretary.

Outgoing officers are Bud Matlock, fire chief; Bill Scott, assistant fire chief and Gary Bulls, secretary.

Appointed team captains for the department were Jim Robbins and Glenn Bulls.

The new officers will be installed at the annual banquet honoring the firemen's wives and the presentation of awards on January 14 in the Earth Community Room.

## Santa Letters...

Dear Santa:  
I would like for you to bring me a sew magic, a baby alive, and anything else you would like to bring.

Please bring Gregg a B-B gun and scope.

I am 5 years old and have been a pretty good girl. Love,  
Shawndi Geissler

Dear Santa:  
My name is Ruben Fuentes, I always wanted a B-B gun and I hope I get it this year. Thank you,  
Ruben

Dear Santa:  
I will be at Ma Ma's house Christmas eve night so please come there. I would like a bicycle and a football. Please don't forget Uncle Steve. He can't write you this year cause he is at college. Love,  
Kory P.S. I will try to be better next year

# Gifts

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- CAPES
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- Other Suggestions
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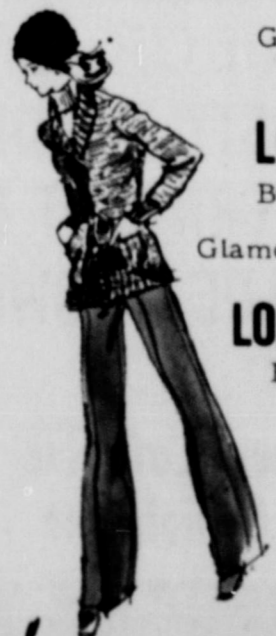
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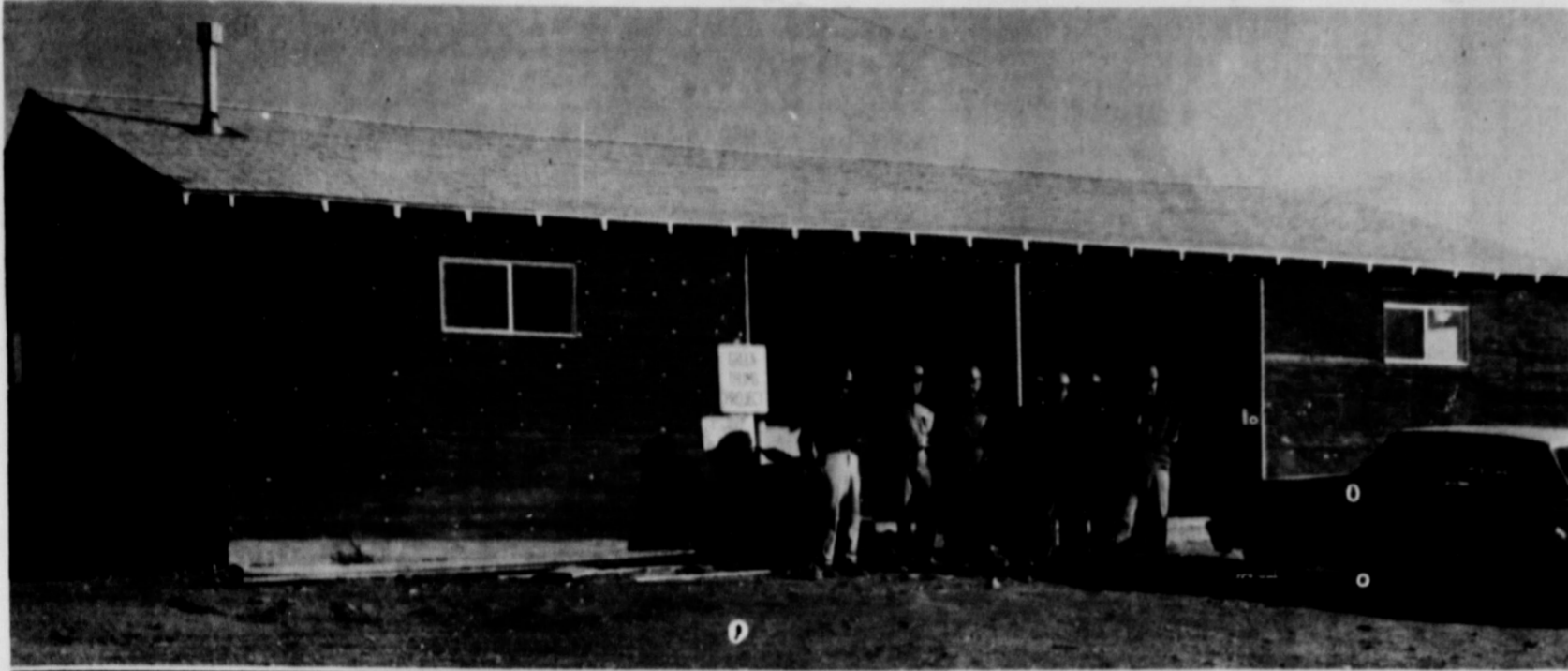
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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY YEAR



SCOUT HUT IS COMPLETED with the exception of stuccoing the outside which will have to be delayed until spring and warm sunny weather. The building was a green thumb project. Workers can be seen in front of the building. They are C. F. Corrico, C. A. Hurst, Levi J. Coble, Vollie Dickerson, M. L. Chisholm, Frank Potack and C. A. Parker.

### Boy Scout Hall Completed

Mayor Larry Tunnell announced Monday that the boy scout hut in Earth would be completed by the end of this week. He stated that the newly organized group could begin meeting in their new hut any time they were ready. Stuccoing the outside, he explained, would have to wait until next spring when the weather would be warm, but otherwise it would be ready by this week-end.



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

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### Community Choir Presents Beautiful Cantata

The annual Christmas Cantata presented by the Community Choir was held Sunday night in the First Baptist Church of Earth. Wayne Anderson, choral director for Springlake-Earth school, also music director of the Springlake Baptist Church, directed the choir. Choir members from the United Methodist Church of Earth, First Baptist Church of Springlake and First Baptist Church of Earth made up the

Community Choir. A delightful evening of beautiful songs, telling the story of Jesus, was enjoyed by a large audience. Following the Cantata the Earth church was host to choir members and their families for a session of fellowship and refreshments in the church fellowship hall. Sandwiches, pie, coffee and cocoa was served to all attending.

### Funeral Rites Today In Andrews For Mrs. Claudene Bales

Funeral services for Mrs. Kenneth (Claudene) Bales, 43, of Andrews is scheduled for 2 P. M. Thursday in the First Baptist Church at Andrews. Rev. Paul Grissom, Pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the Andrews Cemetery under the direction of Singleton Funeral Home. Mrs. Bales died at 3:40 P. M. Tuesday, in the Permian General Hospital in Andrews following three days of hospitalization. She was admitted Saturday, suffering from a severe headache. Her condition worsened Monday and Tuesday morning she went into a coma from which she never recovered. Mrs. Bales had been suffering from attacks of headaches for about 18 months.

Mrs. Bales grew up in Earth and graduated from Springlake-Earth high school. She had lived in Andrews for the past 8 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and a member of the Delta Beta chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. She was married to Kenneth Bales June 11, 1949 in Earth. Survivors include her husband; three sons, Steven and Kenneth, both of Levelland, and Tommy of the home; a daughter, Jeri Donna of the home; her mother, Mrs. Alma Stockstill of Perryton and Earth; three sisters, Mrs. G. W. Simmons of Vega, Mrs. Kenneth Scarbrough of Levelland and Mrs. Calvin Hammons of Denver City; two brothers, Louis Stockstill of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Jimmy Stockstill of Vega; and a grandson.

### Mrs. Kathy Fourton Completes Work For B.S. Degree

Kathy Clayton Fourton of Earth is one of approximately 63 Hardin-Simmons University students who have completed their degree requirements and will participate in commencement exercises in the spring, May 12, with next semester's graduates. Mrs. Fourton will receive a Bachelor of Science degree from Hardin-Simmons University. She is the daughter of Mrs. Modean Clayton and the late Rex Clayton.

#### LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Ross & Polly:  
As I was writing out Christmas cards I thought of both of you. I receive the Earth News-Sun every week & I enjoy it so much. Living 1,000 miles away doesn't mean I forget all the beautiful people there. Have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.  
Love Alway,  
Chuck Smith

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## Local Families Make Plans For Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Davis and children plan to spend the Christmas holidays in Antlers, Oklahoma as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tutt Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Griffin will be visiting in Abertnathy on Christmas Day. They will be with their son, Larry D. Griffin, his wife and 2 children.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Terrill plan to leave Saturday afternoon to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Q. Robinson of Abilene.

Monday they will travel on to Denton to the home of her sister, Miss Ann Robinson, where all the family plan to meet Christmas day for the Christmas dinner and family Christmas tree.

The Phillip Haberer family will be receiving guests from Houston for the holidays Thursday the 19th. The guests will include Mrs. Haberer's mother, Mrs. Zou Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Montgomery.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hartman and children will be in Lockney Christmas Eve visiting Mr.



HAPPY LADS can hardly wait to tear into the wrapping paper and bows. Ken, Joe, and Chris sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Comett, are ready and waiting for that special day. Old Saint Nick didn't forget them.

Hartman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hartman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hickman will be leaving Thursday morning for San Angelo, Texas to visit their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Rutherford. Then they will go on to visit their son, Harvey Hickman Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlis Bills and family of Lubbock, Mr. and

Mrs. Ronald Cleavinger and family and Mrs. Linda McCormick and Amy will be spending Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ussery. They plan to have Christmas dinner and open gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Middleton plan to spend the holidays in Tulsa visiting their daughter, Polly Jean. Their son and family Mr. and Mrs. Phil Middleton and Kerri will join them there.

The Middletons will spend Christmas day with Ross' mother, Mrs. George Middleton and his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Matt McBryde of Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Before returning home they will visit relatives in Holdenville, Oklahoma and in Shell Knob, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Goforth and Kenneth Davis gathered together for a special Christmas party and the exchange of gifts Monday night.

### PARTY LINE

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Enloe will spend the week-end in Midland as guests of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Enloe and Daniel. On Christmas day the Enloes will spend the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Enloe of Amherst.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cozby of Earth will have as their guests during the forthcoming holidays Mr. and Mrs. Lee Carpenter of Oklahoma, Tommy O'Connell of Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ponder of Hereford and Luda Hurt of California, the mother of Mrs. Cozby.

Mrs. Minnie Pate left by plane, Tuesday for Houston where she will have an indefinite visit with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitehead and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Petty of Odessa visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker last Sunday. They also visited Mrs. Frances Eagle.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Thompson and Tim and Mrs. Nora Painter of Amarillo spent Saturday visiting in the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Messer. **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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## 4-H Club Has Christmas Program

Twenty-seven members of the Springlake-Earth 4-H Club met Monday night December 17 in the F.F.A. show barn for a regular meeting.

LeCretia James led the pledge and 4-H motto.

Secretary, Jennifer Templeton read the minutes of the previous meeting. These were approved.

Tommy Graham gave the treasurer report. Inspiration was presented by Michael Graham.

A Christmas skit entitled, "The Christmas Gift," was presented. Michael Graham served as narrator. Actors were Jennifer & Lisa Templeton, Dawn, Wendy, and Glen Branscum, Petra Lewis and Tommy Graham.

The recreation session was under the direction of Tommy Graham, with all members of the club participating.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Hampton.

Jim Guy Kendall, Lamb County Extension Agent was present. He was recently appointed Extension Agent, following the resignation of Buddy Brunson, who resigned to go into commercial business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward M. Cooksey plan a Christmas visit to Gooee to see their parents. They will also go to Dallas and Houston before returning home.

EVAPORATED MILK can be used in place of milk or cream on cereals and puddings--- and in cooking.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BEGINS TODAY AT 3 P. M. FOR STUDENTS

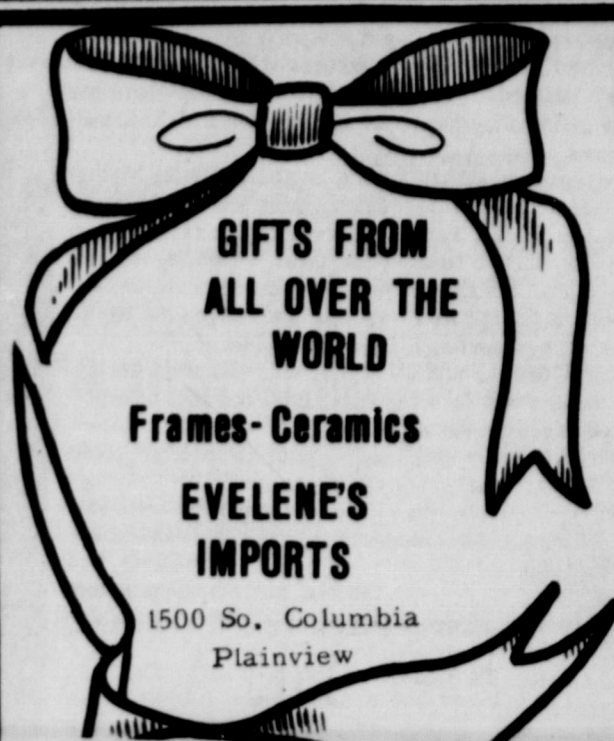
School will be dismissed Wednesday and Thursday at 3 P. M. this week as students are involved in taking semester exams.

Thursday at 3 P. M. will mark the beginning of the Christmas holiday vacation for Springlake-Earth students.

Classes will be resumed on Wednesday January 2, 1974.



4-H'ERS PRESENT CHRISTMAS SKIT... This group of youngsters entertained members of the 4-H Club and their guests at a meeting Monday night. They are back row, left to right, Dawn Branscum, Petra Lewis, Jennifer Templeton, Tommy Graham, Michael Graham, Glenn Branscum. Front row Lisa Templeton and Wendy Branscum.

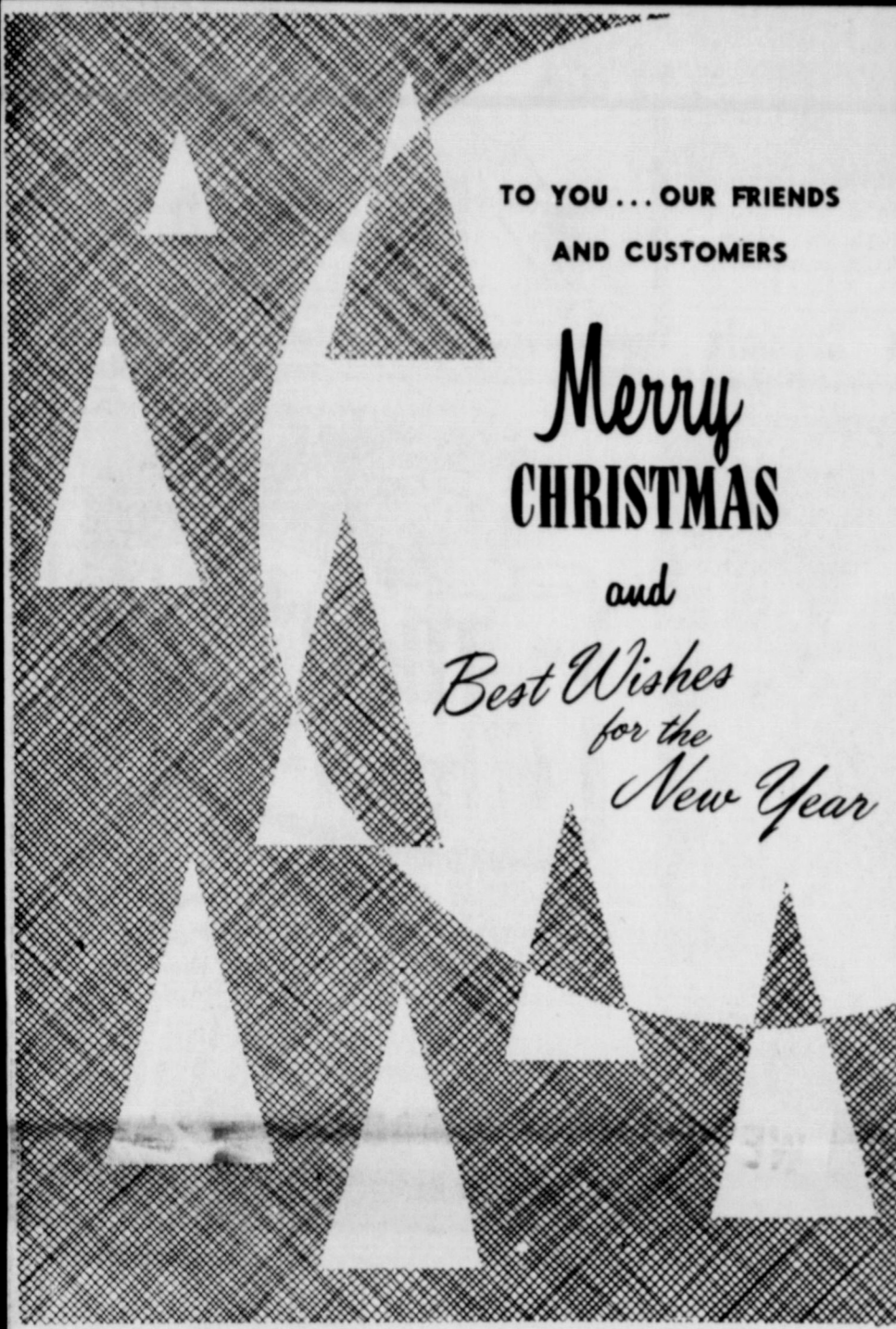


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## Texas Schools Requested To Cooperate In Governors Energy Saving Program

Texas public schools were requested to cooperate in Governor Dolph Briscoe's energy saving program in a letter from Dr. J. W. Edgar, commissioner of education, Thursday (December 6).

Governor Briscoe has declared an emergency period for the State's school districts beginning January 1 and ending March 31, 1974, and has asked schools to set a goal of a 15 percent energy curtailment.

In response to the Governor's request, the Texas Education Agency will coordinate an energy saving program in the public schools designed not only to save energy this year but to produce the data necessary to plan an effective program for next winter.

Specific action measures requested by the Governor and by the Texas Education Agency include:

--Set all thermostats at 68 degrees for cold weather and 78 degrees for warm weather.

--Reduce thermostat settings to 65 degrees just before the end of the class day and reset them to 68 degrees an hour before the opening of school in the morning.

--Schedule classes to end at 2:30 p.m. (3:30 p.m., Daylight Savings Time) for the months of January, February, and March.

--Schedule all student activities to the extent possible, including athletic events, in the afternoons during January, February, and March.

--Turn off all unnecessary lighting.

--Close off and reduce heat to the minimum in all portions of buildings not necessary to the instructional program.

--Where possible plan maintenance and custodial work during the day rather than at night.


In compliance with Governor Briscoe's request, Edgar authorized an abbreviated school day and extremely cold weather emergency schedules for the three month emergency period.

Each local board of school trustees may change one or more of the present 55-minute class periods to a minimum of 45 minutes in order to meet the requested 2:30 p.m. closing time. Schools with instructional programs based on a longer class period may reduce those periods proportionately.

Local boards may also develop an emergency policy governing the scheduling of the school day during periods of extremely cold weather. Schools may operate on a four-hour midday schedule or close for the entire day when, in the judgment of the local board, weather conditions require such adjustment.

Each school district has been requested to file with the Texas Education Agency a copy of an energy saving plan approved by the local board. Acknowledgement of receipt of the plan by the Texas Education Agency will constitute the district's authorization to change its schedule.

*Season's Greetings*



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## Make Christmas Safe In Your Home

Accidents never take a holiday—not even at Christmas. And, since the Christmas season provides additional fire hazards with combustible trees and decorations or faulty lighting sets, safety precautions deserve added attention, emphasizes Wayne Keese, agricultural engineer for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Begin your campaign for a safe Christmas by selecting a fresh-looking, firm-needed Christmas tree. Stand it in water as soon as you get home, and place it on a sturdy stand containing water once you take it indoors. Place the tree away from all sources of heat such as fireplaces and radiators.

Don't rely on do-it-yourself flameproofing treatments for your tree," cautions the Texas A&M University System specialist. "The borax-boric acid solution sometimes recommended is not effective for flameproofing trees. And many aerosol sprays are only partially effective. In short, there is no satisfactory home treatment for flameproofing a Christmas tree."

The engineer advises buying only lighting sets that have the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. (UL) label. Lighting strings with loose connections, broken sockets and frayed insulation should be replaced.

"And, with the current energy crisis, limit the use of Christmas lights and other decorations using electricity," points out Keese.

Use noncombustible materials such as metal, glass and asbestos for tree decorations, and remove gift wrappings as soon as possible as they pose a definite fire hazard.

A final precaution for a safe holiday season is to keep your children under close supervision, adds Keese. And have a family escape



THESE LADIES WERE HAVING A BIG TIME Thursday night at the Christmas party for the widowed women of the area. They are Mrs. Lena Hite, Mrs. Mandie McNeil, Mrs. Almer Barton, Mrs. Ruby Hodge, Mrs. Naomi Burgess, Mrs. Estelle Bearden, Mrs. Mae Hamilton, Mrs. Ida Allen and Mrs. Carra Morgan.

## PARTY LINE

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Burton are expecting their son the 22 of December. Gayle Burton, his wife and daughter will be visiting from Glendale, Arizona.

Mrs. R. W. Fanning was ad-

mitted to the University Hospital in Lubbock Tuesday, December 11. She is undergoing test and observation.

MANY INTERESTING BEVERAGES, sandwiches and dips can be made from cranberries. Since cranberry sauce has fewer calories than many jams and jellies, it makes an excellent snack food.

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## Give Cameras For Christmas

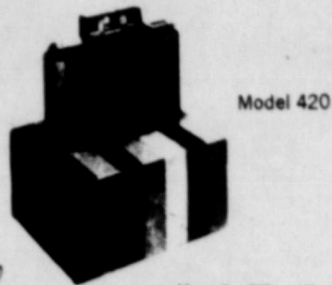
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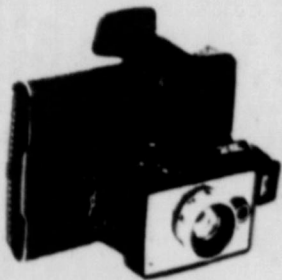
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## Be Alert When Buying After Christmas Specials

Holiday gift buying and the accent on after-Christmas specials are sure to add up to heavy activity in electrical appliance sales.

Consumers should take the time to be informed about the characteristics and performance expectations of the particular appliance for which they are shopping, especially at this time when we all are being asked to conserve on electrical energy.

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has received several complaints recently, expressing dissatisfaction with advertising claims or inadequate warranties for some appliances, as well as some charges of "bait-and-switch" practices.

"Bait-and-switch" is the name of the game advertising a very special "bargain," then telling consumers who respond to the ad that the advertised product has been "sold out," or that it just isn't as good as another line in stock. The customer is talked into purchasing something else, which costs more.

That practice is outlawed under the 1973 Texas Deceptive Practices-Consumer Protection Act.

A legitimate merchandising outlet advertising a low-priced special usually will warn the public that the sale is for a limited time, or that only a specific number of the items are available—or, give a "rain check" to those who come after the special stock has been depleted.

Another type of complaint relates to interest rates charged when large appliances, such as washers, dryers and dishwashers, have been financed on a time payment plan.

In most cases, we find that the interest rates charged were legal rates, but the consumers involved did not realize what they were when they signed the time payment contracts.

Make certain that you do know what difference you will be expected to pay, because retailers are authorized by law to charge more for "paying on time" than for cash purchases. Compare the differences between store financing and banking institution financing, which may vary from place to place. You might be able to effect a real saving.

Above all, do not sign any financing paper in which any spaces have been left blank. Make certain all disclosure details of original price, total price, amount of interest charges, number and amount of payments and so on have been written into the contract, and that you understand them.

When shopping for any appliance, find out about the special features of the name, model and make. Ask what it can do, and what it can't do. Make certain instructions for operation and maintenance are in the package. Determine what is needed, in the way of voltage, space, and clearance for installation. Turn it on and test it for power and noise at the store.

Avoid dealers whose salespersons don't take the time to give you adequate assistance, or who have reputations for ignoring complaints. Study the warranty carefully. Some consumers become unhappy when they learn that warranty services require them to pay ex-

cessive mailing or labor costs.

Look for a safety symbol, such as that of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., for assurance that the appliance is not a shock or fire hazard.

Be sure to keep your sales receipt until you have used the appliance and know it performs as expected.

If you do run into any problems, do not hesitate to inquire of your local better business bureau, or call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division in Austin, San Antonio, Lubbock, El Paso, Dallas or Houston.

### The Old Timer



"Most people are willing to change not because they see the light but because they feel the heat."



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## Steve Sanderson Initiated Into Honor Societies

Some 90 students in the Texas Tech University College of Engineering were recognized as new initiates into the college's honor societies at the Fall Engineering Honor Societies Banquet Tuesday (Dec. 11) at the Lubbock Country Club.

Steve Sanderson, senior at Tech was among those students recognized as a new Tau Beta Pi, honor society for engineers initiate.

He was also initiated into Eta Kappa Nu, honor society for electrical engineers.

Steve is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sanderson of Springlake.

Student initiates into Tau Beta Pi, honor society for engineers; Alpha Epsilon, honor society for agricultural engineers; Eta Kappa Nu, honor society for

electrical engineers; Pi Epsilon Tau, honor society for petroleum engineers; Pi Tau Sigma, honor mechanical engineers; and the Civil Engineering Honor Society, were honored at the dinner.

Alan D. Brashears, assistant professor of agricultural engineering, also was honored as an initiate of Alpha Epsilon Honor Society.

Student and professional engineers are chosen for membership in the honor societies based on scholastic standing and professional merit. The fall banquet was hosted by the College of Engineering and the Department of Industrial Engineering at Texas Tech.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



ENJOYING THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY for widowed ladies of the area Thursday evening were Mrs. Lucille Henderson, Mrs. Jackie Denham, Mrs. Gladys Parish, Mrs. Joe Lee Truelock, Mrs. Lucy Lewis, Mrs. Marie Ross, Mrs. Minnie Parish, Mrs. Venona Lee, Miss Ruby Jones, Mrs. Annie Runyon and Mrs. Beulah Newton.

### Rainbow Girls Honor Parents and Friends

The Earth Rainbow girls honored their parents and friends with a special Christmas program December 17 at 6:30 P. M. in the Earth Masonic Hall.

Following a short Rainbow meeting with Gina Wisian, Mother Advisor and Georgia Bahman, Mother Advisor, the seventeen rainbow girls and Ann Kelley, who was in charge of the program exchanged gifts.

They then presented their Mother Advisor with a gift. Also recognized was Miss Kim Cowen and her mother from Muleshoe. Miss Cowen is a grand officer in Rainbow.

Invocation was given by Elroy Wisian.

First on the program was a poem "Ready for Christmas" given by Elaine Bills, followed by a piano solo by Debbie Jordan.

The Christmas story in scripture, poems and songs was presented by the following Rainbow girls: "O Holy Night" sang by Debbie and Donna Green, Gena Wisian and Kleta Haberer; "Away in a Manager" sang by Susan Clayton, Renae Winder and Pam Eagle; A poem by Rosie Lewis; "There's a Song in the Air" sang by Rosie Lewis, Elaine Bills, Brene Belew, Donice Taylor and Larinda Bulls; A poem by Brene Belew; "The First Noel" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem" sang by Debbie and Donna Green, Gena Wisian, Kleta Haberer, Fonda Goodwin, and Debbie Jordan; "Joy to the World" sang by Lisa Pittman, Kareen Hulcy, Donna and Debbie Green; A poem by Fonda Goodwin; "We Three Kings" sang by Susan Clayton, Renae Winder, Pam Eagle; A poem by Kareen Hulcy and "Come All Ye Faithful" sang by the entire group of Rainbow girls.

As the Christmas story was presented, Kelley Wheatley and Christi Barlow portrayed Mary and Joseph. A soft blue light formed by a star shown upon the actors. A lighted cradle held a doll representing the Christ child. Accompanying the girls on the piano was Miss Debbie Green.

Other decorations in the room were Christmas lights and greenery on the piano. A Christmas centerpiece on the recorder's desk and the east pedestal covered with white had a lovely arrangement of poinsettias placed in front.

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The skit portrayed a widow and her 7 daughters at Christmas time with no money. The family gave gifts that all the money in the world could not buy.

All the girls then sang "Silent Night" accompanied on the

guitar by Miss Debbie Green. The program closed with a benediction by Billy Pittman. Approximately 50 people were served punch and cookies. Mrs. C. C. Goodwin was in charge of the refreshments. She also helped in the decorations, assisted by Mrs. Tommy Bills and Ann Kelley.



"An official wants and needs to hear every point of view on an issue. An eight-cent stamp is a small price to pay for freedom."—John Hudler, The Burlington (Colo.) Record.

"The trouble with moralists is that they want to reform someone according to their ideals."—H. A. Barnhart, The Blair (Holidaysburg, Pa.) Press.

## Available Fuel Not Withheld From Farmers

Oil refineries and wholesale fuel dealers throughout the state were notified December 11 by State and Federal officials that any available supplies of diesel and gasoline are required to be sold and delivered as needed and ordered by Texas farmers and ranchers.

In a strongly worded official notice, Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Jim Langdon, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White, and Federal Petroleum Allocation Officer for Texas Murphy Hawkins called on the oil industry "to supply fuel without further hesitation to... priority users."

The notice referred to official orders published in the Federal Register on November 19 and remaining effective until January 16, 1974, providing for mandatory allocations to

agriculture along with mass transit systems and oil and gas exploration.

The Federal order removes the stipulations for form completion or other conditions for sale and delivery of available diesel fuel during the period stated.

"From all indications from petroleum industry reports, the necessary fuels are on hand. However, local distributors are reluctant to release supplies because they are under the impression that they still must comply with regulations to complete government forms," Commissioner White said.

The notice also reminded refineries and distributors that "gasoline is subject to no present rationing or mandatory allocation program and should also be delivered as needed to

agricultural producers.... Sustained agricultural productivity is vital to the nation's well-being."

### Party Line

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roberts, of Moberly, Missouri are here for an extended visit as guest of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Anderson, Kathleen and Kevin.

Mrs. Beula Coker had her family for Christmas dinner Sunday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hill of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Coker, Jimmy and JoAnne of Springlake; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nix of Sudan and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Coker and Valeria.

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# What Christmas Means To Me...

**MRS. SAM CEARLEY:** Christmas is a time for hope. A time to do things for others and a time for accepting Christ in our lives because that is why he came to earth.

**BILLY BRADEN:** Christmas means vacation, also the humbleness of the Spirit of Christmas and getting together with the family.

**KIM CLAYTON:** Christmas means a time for sharing and being closer to friends and family.

**MRS. PAT BEARDEN:** Christmas means a lot to me, it means Christ above all and getting together with family and enjoying gifts. Also showing love for one another.

**MRS. CARL CODY:** Christmas means a happy time.

**W. H. BRADEN:** Christmas means a whole lot.



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Mrs. Robert Gossett are awaiting Christmas anxiously. Santa comes only once a year and you bet these youngsters are eager.

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## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

We wish to thank the Springlake-Earth 4-H Club for the lovely gifts of fruit, and thanks to all others that have brought gifts to the home.

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*it's Christmas*

As the holiday approaches, I want to express my love and appreciation to you, especially this year, because of the many kindnesses shown Ruth and I during her long illness.

May each of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May we never lose sight of the fact that Christmas is indeed the birthday of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**TED BORUM**

**MRS. ARDIS BARTON:** Christmas is a time to be together with family.

**G. S. ARMSTRONG:** Christmas is a happy day and week of joy.

**H. E. ARMSTRONG:** Christmas is a happy occasion to get all the family together.

**MR. HAROLD ROBERTS:** Christmas the birth of the Savior. A time of joy and happiness, giving and loving.

**MRS. ALMER J. BARTON:** Christmas is a time to look forward to family and grandchildren as well as the Christmas occasion.

**MRS. HAROLD ROBERTS:** Christmas is a time of showing and expressing love for one another. It is a time for sharing with those who are in need. Christmas means a special

closeness and devotion to Christ.

**MRS. M. R. BURTON:** Christmas means a good time for children. It means sharing presents with older people who are shut-in. It means a happy time by getting together with family and enjoying themselves.

**MRS. R. J. CARR:** Christmas means a lot. It's Jesus's birthday, a very happy, joyous day. The nicest holiday of the year.

**MRS. BEULA COKER:** Christmas means celebrating the birth of Christ. Having family and friends together visiting. A wonderful joyous day.

**MRS. WARD M. COOKSEY:** Christmas means giving thanks for what you have got and not what you would like to have.

**MRS. PHILLIP HARBERER:** Christmas means the birth of our Saviour.

**MRS. H. S. HICKMAN:** Christmas means seeing loved ones and friends.

**MRS. DAN RANDOLPH:** Christmas means the celebration of Jesus's birthday.

**MRS. ELMER HALL:** Christmas is a time for a family to get together and enjoy each other.

**MRS. DAVID HARTMAN:** Christmas means the birth of our Lord, remembering him, his love and the fullness of his love.

**MRS. JOE HILL:** Christmas means loving and remembering others as you remember yourself.

**MRS. RUBY HODGE:** Christmas means renewing old friendships, remembering loved ones and thinking of the past. Most of all remembering the birth of the Saviour.

**Mr. C. L. NOUCHIN:** Christmas means love and Christianity.

**MRS. ARTHUR KARGER:** Christmas means a time to appreciate for all you have.

**LISA LAING:** Christmas means Jesus's birthday, seeing poor people get things they need and going to grandmothers for Christmas dinner.

**MRS. JOHN CORNETT:** Christmas means being with our family through the holidays and watching our children opening presents.

**MRS. JOHNNY ENLOE:** Christmas means helping unfortunate people. Showing love for mankind and being thankful for all the blessing we had throughout the year.

**MRS. J. A. LITTLETON:** Christmas means the birth of Christ and having your loved ones with you.

**MRS. EDGAR DANFORTH:** Christmas means the beginning of the world. The beginning of Christian life and when Jesus was born to us.

**PATTY WILLIAMS:** Christmas means happiness and togetherness.

**MRS. NORMAN G. ELLIS:** Christmas means the gathering of friends and family and the expressions of love shown to one another.

**MRS. JESSE GREEN:** Christmas means a feeling of family closeness.

**L. S. GRIFFIN:** Christmas is the joy children get from this occasion and the joy of watching them opening present.

The first thing that comes to my mind is John 3:16. The Living Bible puts it this way, "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only son so that any one who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." Even though no specific date of his birth was ever recorded, this is the day set aside to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. This is a Holy time of year, a time of thanksgiving, a time of love for all mankind. I haven't read in my Bible any place where it says he died for Americans only or Japanese only or any other race or color. It tells me anyone, regardless of race or color,

This is a time for families and friends to fellowship in Christian love and not a time for a drunken party. I don't believe Christ would approve of alcohol at his birthday party do you? After all that is what this is supposed to be, a hugh birthday party for Jesus, and while we are in the spirit of the season and exchanging love and gifts let's not forget Him. Give Him our love, our thanks

and while we are exchanging gifts with our loved ones don't forget his gift. Above all keep CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS. Happy Birthday, Jesus With Love, Hershel Hulcy

### Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa: Please bring me a watch and a pair of skates. We will leave you some cookies and milk. I love you. DaNay

Dear Santa Claus: I have been very good. Have you had any good elves? I hope so. For Christmas this year I would like some more toys. A doll, some games, stuffed animals, new typewriter, playhouse, new Barbies and clothes, presents, a ball, posters, new

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# SUNNYSIDE NEWS

By TENEY BOWDEN



Mrs. R. E. Duke was dismissed from Central Plains General Hospital in Plainview Monday and will recuperate in South Hills Manor in Dimmitt until she regains her strength. Mrs. Floyd Ivey was honored by the Birthday Club with a party in her home Monday afternoon. The group played "84." Those attending were Mrs. R. A. Axtell and Mrs. Gladys Goodwin of Earth, Mrs. Cecil

Curtis, Mrs. Roy Phelan, Mrs. J. E. Shirey, Mrs. R. V. Bills, Mrs. Lillie King, and Mrs. Howard Bridges of Dimmitt. Rev. Mack Turner, Mrs. Roy Phelan, Mrs. Hershel Wilson, Mrs. Alton Loudder, Mrs. J. Paul Waggoner, and Mrs. L. B. Bowden represented the Sunnyside church at the Golden Spread Nursing Home in Dimmitt Thursday afternoon. Rev. Turner brought a short devotion

and Mrs. Waggoner led in group singing with Mrs. Loudder at the piano. Refreshments of punch and cookies were served. Mr. and Mrs. John Graham returned home last Thursday from a two week vacation and visit in Ohio with relatives and friends. His mother will soon be 91.

Mr. and Mrs. Ercell Keeler of Hale Center visited Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Sadler. Mr. and Mrs. Ezell Sadler also visited with them. The W.M.U. Council met Tuesday night for a planning session with Mrs. Thomas Parson, director in charge of the meeting.

Mr. Jake King of Hereford had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ezell Sadler Tuesday.

Mrs. Floyd Ivey visited in Amarillo Wednesday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Shun Barnard and his brothers and sisters who were having an early Christmas dinner and tree. Mr. Barnard dressed for the first time in 72 days for the occasion.

Mrs. John Gilbreath, Mrs. E. R. Sadler and Mrs. L. B. Bowden attended the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary board meeting and general meeting in Dimmitt Wednesday morning. The Auxiliaries practiced for the Christmas Program Wednesday night instead of having their regular programs.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phelan entertained the older adult classes in the Sunday School with a class dinner in their home last Sunday. Those present were the hosts, Rev. and Mrs. Mack Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Loudder, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Bills, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parson, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Orr, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lefevre, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Spencer and Lyle and Mrs. Lillian Carson.

Tommy Graham, Daneen Wilson, Belinda Hampton, Karen Howell, and Clint Dawson participated in the Springlake-Earth Choir Concert Wednesday

morning. In the Springlake-Earth band concert Thursday night Jeanne Haydon, Lynn Howell, and Rory Jones participated with the 5th grade band; Kim Haydon, Kevin Riley, and Michael Graham participated with the 6th grade band; Tommy Graham, Lynn Brown, Daneen Wilson, Belinda Hampton, Clint Dawson, and Karen Howell participated with the junior high band; Debbie Wilson, Kelley Haydon, Lee Brown, Jerald Head, Dina Jo Hampton, Joe Fuller, Deanna and Don Merritt, and Roger Howell participate with the high school band. Most of the parents and some grandparents attended the concert including Mr. and Mrs. Ray Riley of Dimmitt.

Several loads of gravel was hauled this week for the church yard and leveled out before Sunday. Mrs. Lillian Carson returned home from El Paso Saturday from a business trip. Announcement was made this week of the engagement of Minnie Smith and Larry Hood of Earth. The wedding will be January 1st in the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Earth.

Edwin Fuller was recently selected by the F.T.A. as the male high school student of the month at Springlake-Earth. Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Bills were supper guests with a host of other relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Spencer and children of Plainview Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Brown, Lee, and Lynn visited in Lubbock Saturday night with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Pruitt and Dawn of Lamesa spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ivey.

A one car roll over on the curve south of the Ezell Sadlers early Sunday morning resulted in serious injury to a man traveling alone. Larry Sadler was awakened by a passer-by and told of the wreck and that the man might be dead and was lying in the road. He called the police and then went to the scene of the accident. When he found the man was alive he went to the Ezell Sadlers and called the ambulance and got a blanket to cover him. He was treated at Plains Memorial and then transferred to Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Phelan had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phelan. They visited in Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt Sunday afternoon with the sister of Mrs. Tracy Phelan.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bowden and Mrs. Ezell Sadler visited in Plainview Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Mancel McWilliams and the other members of the family of John W. McDonald. Mr. McDonald passed away in Central Plains General Hospital Friday evening. He would have been 90 in January.

Mark Wyson, who recently received his master's degree at Baylor, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gale Sadler and girls and visited in the morning worship service. He was on his way to his home in Washington state.

The Mission Friends sang several songs in the morning service to emphasize the Lottie Moon Foreign Mission offering. Mrs. J. Paul Waggoner is their leader.

The annual Christmas program under the direction of Mrs. Hershel Wilson and Mrs. Roy Phelan presented the Christmas story using all ages of children and the adult choir. Sunday night, Santa gave bags of treats to the children after the services.

Mrs. Jess Matlock of Springlake visited in the Sunday morning worship services. Charles Axtell, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dawson and Clint and Mrs. Gerald Graham and Tommy participated in the Earth Community Christmas Canasta in the First Baptist Church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Spencer visited in Hart Friday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Bearden.

Mrs. Ila Haydon received her new mobile home this week to replace the old one. Mr. and Mrs. Carmon Pigg and children of Dimmitt had dinner Sunday with her mother Mr. and Mrs. Noah Spencer.

Mrs. Cecil Curtis spent the day Thursday and Thursday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Stephens of of Petersburg.

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## Be Sure! Before Sending Contributions

With the holiday season in full swing, many organizations take the opportunity to appeal to the public's good will and generosity of spirit to solicit contributions.

Many times this is done by sending goods through the mail and requesting that the recipient make a donation to the organization.

Most often, these direct mail solicitations come from well-known, respected charitable organizations that perform a worthwhile service.

Sometimes, however, they come from businesses which specialize in preying on people's sympathy for a cause that may be of dubious value, or one that produces little income for the charity it purports to



BARBARA SCOTT - 4 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scott was caught by the photographer last week peering over the shoulder of Santa Claus' Record of Behavior bookkeeper. She was checking up to see if her behavioral record was correct.

they don't want, don't need and haven't ordered.

Sometimes most of the money received by such organizations goes to the manufacturer of the item or is spent on operational expenses, leaving only a very small percentage for the charity supposedly being helped.

Items that are often mailed out at this time of year include

greeting cards, neckties, pins, various types of buttons, key rings, handkerchieves, name and address labels, and other similar small items.

county or district attorney, or local better business bureau.

### PARTY LINE

Mr. and Mrs. Pat McCord were hosts for a dinner party at their home. The guests were Mrs. Almer Barton, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCool, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hickman and Mrs. Minnie Pate.

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represent. Many recipients of unordered merchandise wonder, "Do I have to pay for this item if I use it, or am I required to return it if I don't want it?"

The answer is no. There are both state and federal laws that now protect recipients of unordered merchandise.

According to a law passed in Texas in 1969, people who receive unsolicited merchandise have no obligation either to pay for it or to return it, unless the merchandise was sent accidentally. If that happens, the burden of proving a bona fide accidental error in delivery is upon the sender.

In addition, the Federal Postal Reorganization Act, which became effective in July, 1971 provides virtually the same protection.

Most of us are familiar with the traditional Christmas seals sent out by the American Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, and with other responsible charities that conduct direct mail programs. We are aware of the good work they do, the research and edu-

cational programs they sponsor. Most of these reputable organizations are very careful to stress that the items they send are gifts and that the recipient is under no obligation whatsoever to send a donation. But unfortunately, there are some organizations that trade upon the desire to help the needy or less fortunate.

These groups may imply that the merchandise they send has been produced by the handicapped, the aged, or by members of a certain minority group, or that sale of the item will benefit such people when in fact only a few such persons have been associated with the organization or will be helped by it.

These same groups may send merchandise along with a letter that implies the recipient should pay for the goods or return them. Or perhaps they simply fail to state that the recipient is under no obligation to pay for or return the item.

Either tactic may cause persons unsure of their legal obligations to pay for merchandise

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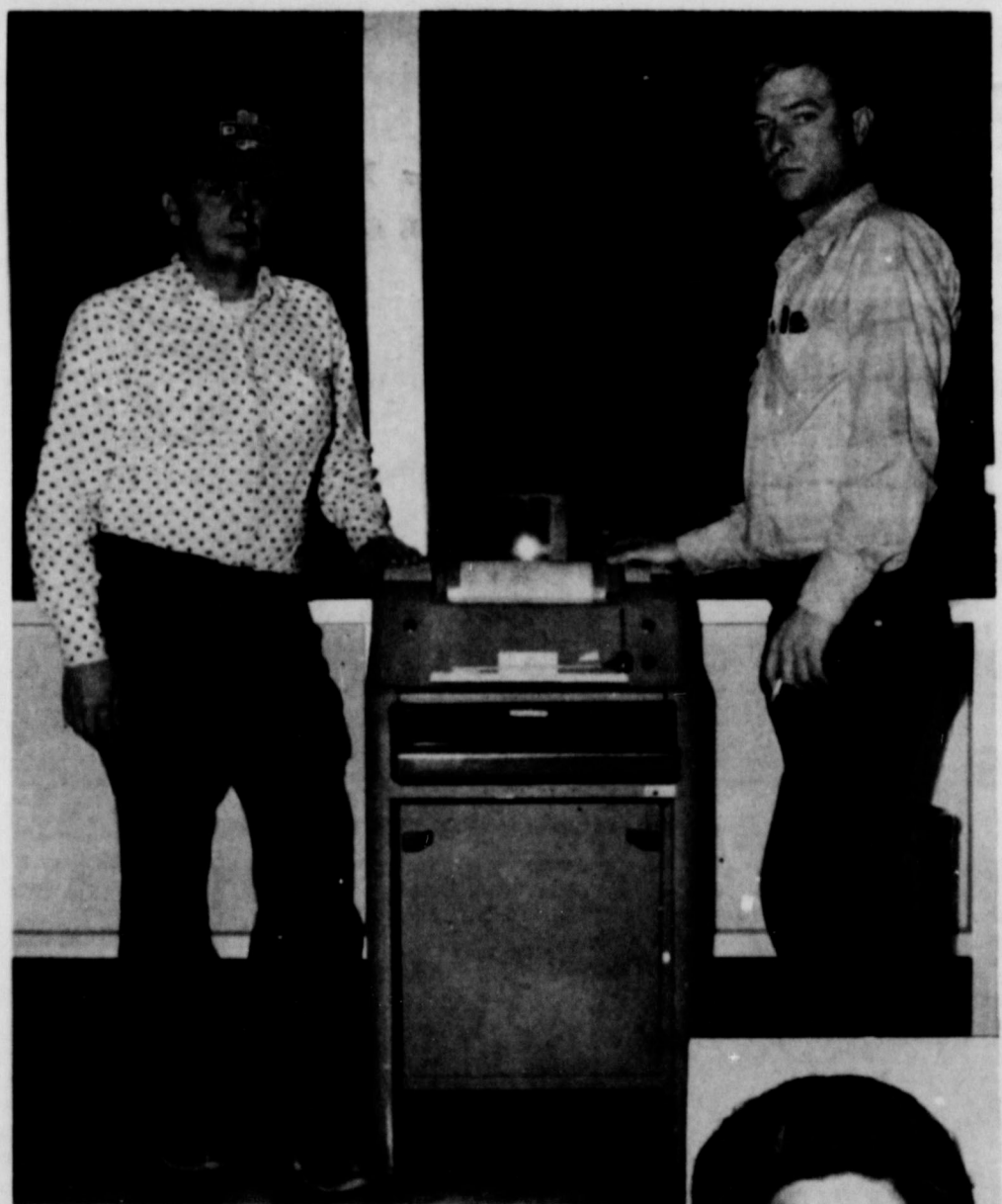
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## Use Christmas Trees Safely

The live green tree is a symbol of the beauty and joy of Christmas. But a dry tree is a fire hazard that can endanger the holiday season. Most commercial Christmas trees must be cut well in advance of use. However, prolonged storage in itself may not constitute a hazard. Trees dry much more slowly in outdoor unheated storage than in the dry, warm air in your home, points out Wayne Keese, agricultural engineer for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"A Christmas tree, installed reasonably fresh, with its base immersed in water will remain safe from ignition from a point source, such as a match, for at least three weeks," says Keese. "On the other hand trees with prior outdoor storage may become flammable to matches within three to eight days if brought indoors and left dry."

The Texas A&M University System specialist offers some pointers to help assure a fire-safe Christmas in your home:

1. Buy your tree early so that you can be selective and purchase a reasonably fresh one. Check the tree for signs of needle shedding and brittleness which are signs that the tree has become too dry.
2. Store the tree outdoors, in the shade, with the base immersed in water. When the tree is brought indoors, saw off the base with a diagonal cut at least one inch above the original cut. Put the tree in a stand with the base of the tree in water.
3. Locate the tree away from sources of heat, such as a fireplace or heating unit, and where it won't block exits.
4. Check the water level daily. The tree may use as much as a pint of water each day.
5. Keep your lighting system

in good condition. Inspect lighting strings and discard those with frayed or cracked insulation, broken sockets and loose connections. Buy replacements carrying the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. label.

8. Use flame-retardant or non-combustible decorating materials, such as glass, metal or asbestos. Remove combustible Christmas wrappings as soon as possible and place them in covered trash cans.

7. Do not string lights on a metal tree. To avoid possible electric shock, use only indirect lighting. If the tree has a built-in lighting system, it should carry the UL label.

8. Do not use lighted candles on a tree or near natural evergreens and polystyrene foam decorations. "Home fires increase in December and many result from carelessness with Christmas trees and decoration," points out Keese. "A few simple precautions to help make your home fire-safe are especially important at a time when your home contains more than the usual number of fire hazards."

## Warm Christmas

From a letter Horace Walpole wrote to his friend Sir Horace Mann, Strawberry Hill, December 26, 1748:

"Did you ever know a more absolute country-gentleman? Here am I come down to what you call keep my Christmas! Indeed it is not in all the forms; I have stuck no laurel and holly in my windows, I eat no turkey and

chine, I have no tenants to invite, I have not brought a single soul with me. The weather is excessively stormy, but has been so warm, and so entirely free from frosts the whole winter, that not only several of my honeysuckles are come out, but I have literally a blossom upon a nectarine-tree, which I believe was never seen in this climate before on the 26th of December. I am extremely busy here planting ..."

## TURK A LA ONION

4-5 lb. turkey parts  
1 pkg. dry onion soup mix

Skin turkey; wash and pat dry. Place single layers of turkey in shallow casserole dish. Sprinkle onion soup mix over turkey parts. Cover casserole with foil. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Uncover and cook 15 minutes longer. Serve natural juices with turkey; for gravy combine juices with sour cream and heat gently. Serves 5-6.



### Christmas!

That special time of the year. A time when families and friends gather together to share and enjoy the season. And a time when we give special thanks.

A Joyous, Blessed Noël

## OLTON PAINT & BODY SHOP



## Christmas Greetings

Spirits are light! There's much happy cheer and merriment as we join in the celebration of Christmas.

## FARMERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION OF SPRING LAKE



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## Letters To Santa

Dear Santa: I would like for you to bring me a doll and dish and I want a dress.  
Lucky Potter

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a doll and some dish, A pant suit and telephone, and lots of nut and fruit.  
Rhonda Fletcher

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a doll and dish and bicycle and nut and fruit.  
Brenda Fletcher

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a doll and dish and lots of nuts and fruit.  
Stacy Potter

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a doll and some dish, A pant suit and telephone, and lots of nut and fruit.  
Rhonda Fletcher

Dear Santa: This is what I want you to bring me, is a gun set, truck, a football and lots of fruit and nuts.  
Billy Thomas

Dear Santa: Will you bring me a B-B gun and a watch.  
Robert

Dear Santa: I am in the first grade, I have been a good girl, would you please bring me a Madame Alexander new baby Lynn doll, a barbie beauty case, I would like one of these things if you can bring it, a horse, mini bike are tampline, Please do not forget Ricky and all the other boys and girls.  
Mitzi Dutton

## HOW CHRISTMAS CAME INTO BEING

Our Holiday Season with its joyous feeling mixed with religious observance intrigues many as to its beginning. Of course there are many legends and interpretations concerning the origin of Christmas, its name and why we celebrate it during December. Much time and study were given to establish a reasonable date and answers to give us the Christmas we now enjoy. The fourth century is as far as clerical researchers and lay scholars can go, into history, to pinpoint the observance of our traditional Christmas. However, the custom of a Christmas festival was already established dating back from previous eras.

The word Christmas began as "Christ's Mass" or from old English "Christes Masse" or the Mass of the Christ. And it was St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, who strived to set up a universal day of observance from its regular spring celebration. The good bishop was granted permission by Pope Julius I to appoint leading theologians of the time to determine, as accurately as they could, the date of Christ's nativity. Having discovered many discrepancies and contradictions in astrological and astronomical calendars for the accurate celebration of Christ's Mass, the Church set the 25th of December for this joyous holiday.

So, since the year of 352 A.D. to this present day, the Saviour's birth has been observed. But, to this day, in some foreign countries, the festival of Christmas still occurs on many different dates. Members of the Orthodox religion, such as the Russian, Greek and Ukrainian commemorate Christmas on the 6th of January. In most European countries, December 6th is the day chosen to mark the beginning of the long and happy season.

## Thoughts

From The Living Bible

Then God said, "Let us make a man—someone like ourselves, to be the master of all life upon the earth and in the seas." So God made man like his Maker. Like God did God make man; Man and maid did he make them. And God blessed them and told them, "Multiply and fill the earth and subdue it; you are masters of the fish and birds and all animals. And look! I have given you the seed-bearing plants throughout the earth, and all the fruit trees for your food."

Genesis 1:26-29

Religious Heritage of America

Colonial Americans believed that the yellow juice of thecelandine plant was good for jaundice.

## Season's Greetings

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EARTH

## Santa Letters...

Dear Santa: I have been a very good boy this year. I would like a bike, football and a football suit and jacking tee.  
I wish you a very Merry Christmas,  
Clifford Moore

Dear Santa: I have been nice, I want a Christi for Christmas.  
Love Always,  
Joelda

Dear Santa: I want a dump truck, steam shovel, play camera, play record player, car, teddy bear, a play turtle, play pig, a play cow,  
I better clos for now,  
Love,  
Martin Gallegos

Dear Santa: I would like to have a play gun and a tractor and a trailer to pull with the tractor.  
I love you,  
Patrick

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll and some dishes.  
I'm being very good.  
Rita Garcia

Dear Santa: Christmas is a happy time for me.  
Please bring me a football and a Bob Lilly shirt.  
Sam Lewis

Dear Santa Clause: I want a sweet cookie doll for Christmas, I love you.  
Love,  
Kay Owen

Dear Santa: My name is Albert Daniel, I am seven years old and I live in Earth, Texas, I would like the Johnny West cowboy and his horse, Please remember all the boys and girls, Bring Cocoa and Tiny something also, I have tried to be a good boy, Don't forget Clifford in New York.  
Your friend,  
Albert

Dear Santa: I love you, I want a Hidottie, Please bring me a Hidottie and a barbie beauty center and cookware set and a frisky frog.  
Thank you Santa, I love you Santa,  
Kathy

Dear Santa: I want a B-B pistol, gun, a big teddy Bear and a baby puppy.  
Yours truly,  
Jamie Everett

Dear Santa: I have been a good girl. So would you please bring me a trampoline, and some weebies with their boat, And please bring my cousins, Christi and Shandi a baby doll.  
Thank you,  
Your friend,  
Sharman

## GREETINGS



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## A Child is Born...

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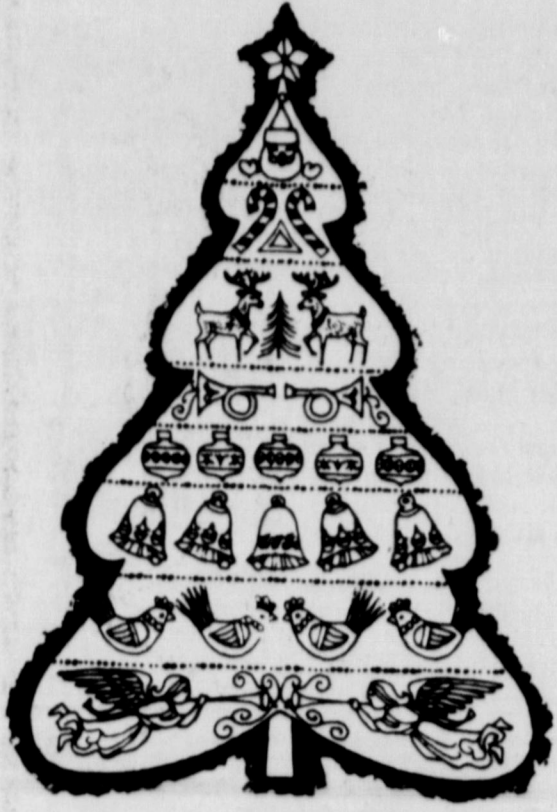
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## A Christmas Tree That Keeps On Giving

Would you like a tree this Christmas that will keep on giving pleasure in the years to come?

"Then get a living Christmas tree," says Dr. William Welch landscape horticulturist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The Texas A&M University System specialist offers some suggestions for selecting and caring for your living Christmas tree.

"Good selections include the Aleppo pine, Japanese black pine, Japanese yew, Loblolly pine, Deodar cedar, juniper or any other coniferous evergreen. If a broadleaf tree is preferred, use an American holly, Burford holly, Dahoon holly or yaupon. If you want a tubbed plant suitable for interior landscaping, select a Norfolk Island pine, kumquat, calamondin or yew.

"If a balled-and-burlapped tree is selected, place it in a container large enough to allow at least an inch of peat moss, potting soil or compost around the soil ball. This prevents drying of the soil around the roots. The burlap can remain intact. With a container-grown tree, simply dress up the container. All containers should have drainage so that excess moisture can escape. Place the container in a large pan or tray to catch the moisture.

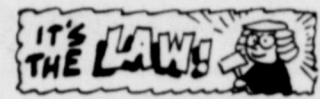
"Locate the tree away from a stove, radiator or fireplace or away from the air stream of your heating system. Keep the room as cool as possible.

"Plant the tree into the landscape as soon as possible after Christmas. Dig a hole large enough to allow three or four inches of soil around the ball. Set the tree at the same depth it was growing at the nursery or in the container. The backfill should include one part of

peat moss and two parts of soil. Water the tree thoroughly before the hole is completely filled.

"Continue to water the tree regularly and thoroughly but allow the soil to become a little dry between waterings. Mulch the soil surface around the tree with wood shavings, pine bark, peat moss or other organic matter to reduce weed growth and to conserve moisture. Wait until June or July before applying fertilizer so that the tree has time to become established.

"A living Christmas tree can brighten your home interior as well as your landscape," contends Welch.



The federal government has finally gotten all heated up about protecting children from fire, just in time to be stopped by the states.

The Department of Commerce has decreed that starting July 29, 1973, all children's



nightclothes under size 7 must be flame resistant and stay that way through 50 washings. But, many state and local governments have banned detergents that contain phosphates, and most soaps and non-phosphate detergents reduce the efficiency of flame-retardants.

Most children's sleepwear is made of cotton flannelette, treated with a resin-based substance to make it flameproof. If a soap or non-phosphate cleaning agent is used, clothes get another coating of chemicals

## Toasting Tips Given For Holiday Tiplers

The holiday toast does not always lead to good health and long life. According to the Texas Safety Association, 50 percent of all fatal traffic

accidents involve drinking drivers.

Fortunately, a new detergent is now available that is phosphate free, so it can't leave a chemical film on the treated clothing. Called Dynamo, it's been created by Colgate-Palmolive to clean the whole family's clothes, and comes in a convenient, concentrated liquid form.

Now, by using their heads, people can put their feet down on ensuring the equilibrium of the environment and give ecology laws a leg up, without taking their children's lives in their hands.

accidents involve drinking drivers.

To insure a safe holiday, TSA recommends drivers stick to the rule of one-to-one. The body takes about an hour to eliminate the alcohol in one drink. So allow just one drink an hour or one hour before driving for each drink.

Entertainers can take part of the responsibility for keeping the roads safer, TSA says. Close the bar an hour before the party is over. Serving coffee won't sober up guests, but it may give them the time they need to get safely behind the wheel. If a guest has had too much, find him a ride, call him a cab or bed him down for the night.

## Letters to



## Santa Claus

brought my toys to me. Love, Wendy and Clay Bulls

Dear Santa:

I want a G.I. Joe, Big jeep truck, B-B gun, train, tractor, helicopter, doll, airplane, boat, ship, camper, Barbie's friend, horse's wagon and a screamn' demon. Stacy B.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a new born baby Tenderlove doll. I would also like some new clothes and some more easy bake oven. Have a very merry Christmas, Santa. Jeri Paige Been

Dear Santa:

I am six years old. I want a doll, skates, guitar and some new clothes. Please remember

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all the other girls and boys. Bye, Vickie King

Dear Santa:

Christmas is a day for Santa Clause to bring a pleasant to me. I love you Santa Clause. Thank you, Santa Clause. Ho Ho, Ho. Lisa Renae Hood

Dear Santa:

Christmas will be fun. Christmas might have surprises. I hope that everyone will share their love with each other this Christmas because love is one of the nicest gifts we can receive. Tim Baucum

Dear Santa:

The Christmas holiday is a big time for me. I am Jodie. Santa is a good fellow. I like

Santa. I would like a whistle away and the new big wheel. Jodie

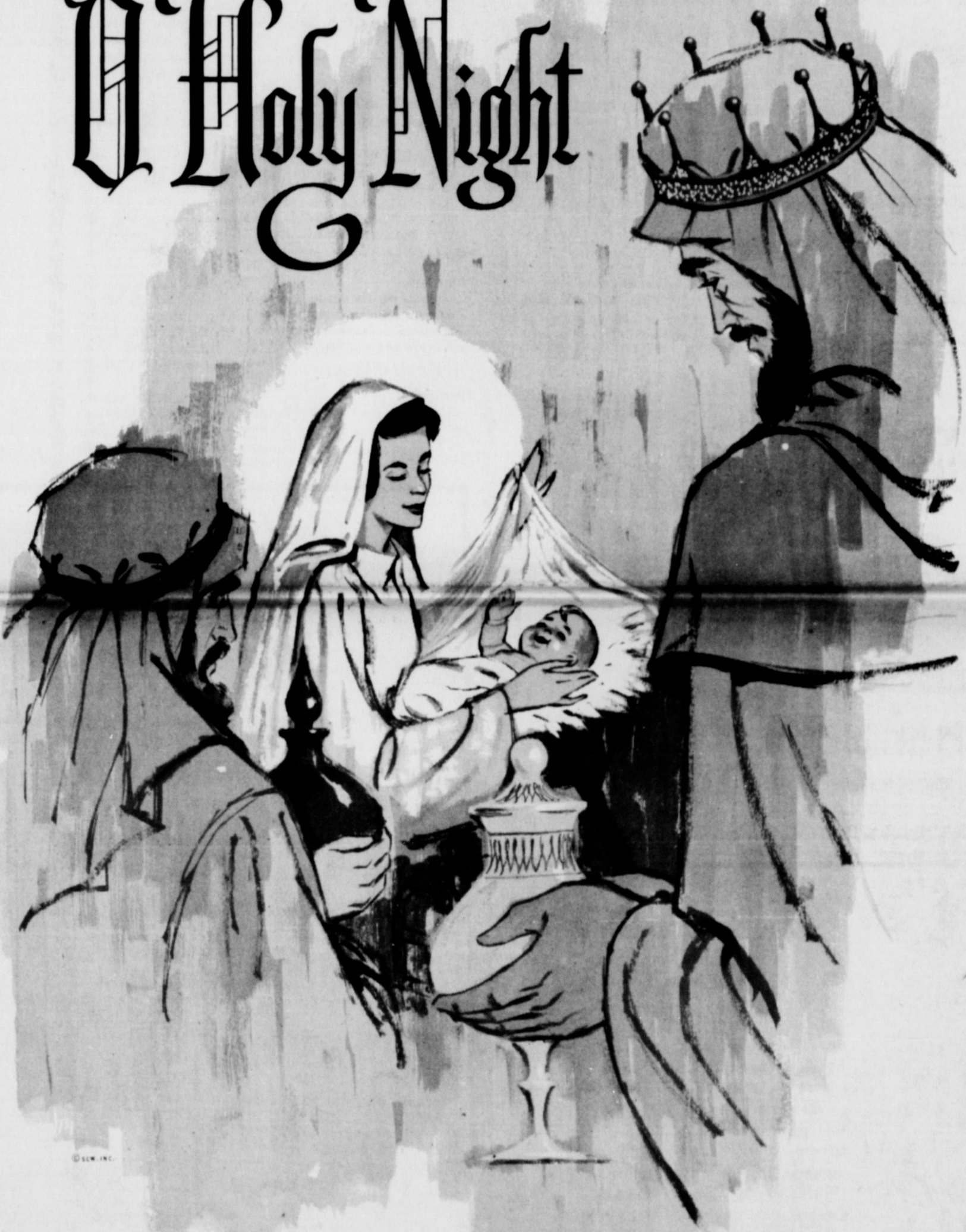
Dear Santa:

I like Christmas, I hope we have a happy Christmas. I hope we get many presents. When we get all around the Christmas tree we open our presents. The first day we had Christmas was the day Jesus was born. Christmas is a happy holiday.

Dear Santa:

How are you? Hope you can bring all the boys and girls toys this year. I would like a bike with training wheels, a tractor, and a toy racing car. My little sister, Nancy would like a doll and a wagon and a little teddy bear that plays music. Love, Davis Brewer

# A Holy Night



Merry Christmas



May Father Christmas smile on you with blessings bountiful

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## Letters To Santa

Dear Santa: Please bring me an electric train. Please bring me a car. I'll try to be good. I love you so much. Tracy Barden

Dear Santa: Please bring me a Barbie. I love you. Jonelle Rea

Dear Santa: I would like a drum, a bike, and a walking doll for Christmas. Be sure the like has training wheels as I can't ride very well yet. We will leave you some milk and cookies. Love, Sherry Brewer

Dear Santa: Please bring me a gun and a belt. I hope we have fun when Christmas comes. Thank you, Ralph Gallegos

Dear Santa: Please bring me a evilcoolval and 2 SSF sash up derby set,

and a nucky mas watch. Love, Bob

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll and a Barbie Friendship. Love, Cathy

Dear Santa: Please bring me a Barbie Friendship and Peachie and her Puppets. Thank you, Cindy

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll and a stove and a doll that talks. Christina Soto

Dear Santa: Please bring me a B-B gun and mixer bike. I'll try to be good. I love you, Michael Glass

Dear Santa: Please bring me a B-B gun and bike. Thank you Santa for everything. Jesse Samaniego



Dear Santa: Please bring me a princess dress and a doll that talks. Rosie Rosales

Dear Santa: Please bring me a real organ and a baby alive. Well I guess thats all. Love, Kelly Gover

Dear Santa: Please bring me a Barbie doll and a peachy and her puppets. Love, Bilinda

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll and a Barbie doll. Thank you. Love, Kelli Herriage

Dear Santa: Please bring me a busy Ken and some roller skates. Kelley Walden

Dear Santa: Please bring me a bike and B-B gun and train and shirt of a cowboy shirt. Thank you Santa for everything. Jerry Fuentes.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a B-B gun and a bike. Flea bring me a airplane. I'll try to be good. I love you, Ramon Garza

Dear Santa: Please bring me a surprise and Barbies country camper. Love, Kelly Head

Dear Santa: Please bring me a B-B gun and bike to the North Pole. Love, Wade

Dear Santa: Please bring me a bike and train and a B-B gun and a candy. Thank you, Santa. Felix

Dear Santa: Please bring me a radio and a doll that talks and walks big too. Santa a princesses dress and I love you so much. Sylvia Ann Posada

Dear Santa: Please bring me a bike and a doll that talks. Love, Maria Duran

## YES, VIRGINIA, THERE ARE GLASS-ORNAMENT MAKERS. THEY WORK ON XMAS, MONTHS AHEAD

While you're busy selecting the perfect ornaments for your family tree, the manufacturers of them in all likelihood, are vacationing on some southern sands, or otherwise far away from the bustle . . . unless they, too, are admiring the ornaments selected for their trees!



Back in July many companies produced and moved ornaments all over the country in preparation for the Big Holiday.

While the ornament business is not big in the United States when compared with other industries special care is taken in the delivery of decorations that will deck the spruces, firs, pines and boughs of holly this Christmas season.

Mirabile dictu, only 12 to 15 per cent of such decorations are made of plastic.

Because of the special care in the shipment of glass balls, less than 4,000 out of 200 million glass balls produced last year were broken. An excellent performance!

Glass ornaments, which are produced by only three companies in this country, are usually only five one-thousandths of an inch

thick and are quite fragile.

Most ornamental balls for the Christmas tree come in the popular size of 2 1/4 to 2 3/8 inches. One firm makes balls ranging from one" to 3 1/4."

Currently a major portion of holiday ornaments comes from Japan, with more and more being imported from Hong Kong and Taiwan in recent years. Italy, Germany and

some of the countries behind the Iron Curtain also supply these products to the United States. In fact 8 to 10 per cent of all glass ornaments comes from outside of this country.

Over 80 different designs are offered by one leading U.S. maker, which fashions about 40 million ornaments a year from American-produced glass.

Most glass decorations today are manufactured by machine but a limited number are still made by hand.

### Ghosts

Souls of dead persons may wander abroad on Christmas Eve. Or so it was believed in both Yugo-

slavia and Norway. A lighted candle placed in a window was thought to have power to keep ghosts outside a home and to light them on their way. Yule candles are still placed in cottage windows.



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## GREETINGS



Best wishes of the festive season from all of us to everyone, everywhere!

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## One Solitary Life



### Rejoice

It is the day of His birth.

He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. He then became an itinerant preacher. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when the public turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.

While He was dying, his executioners gambled for His clothing, the only property He had on Earth. He was laid in a borrowed grave. Nineteen centuries have gone and today He is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

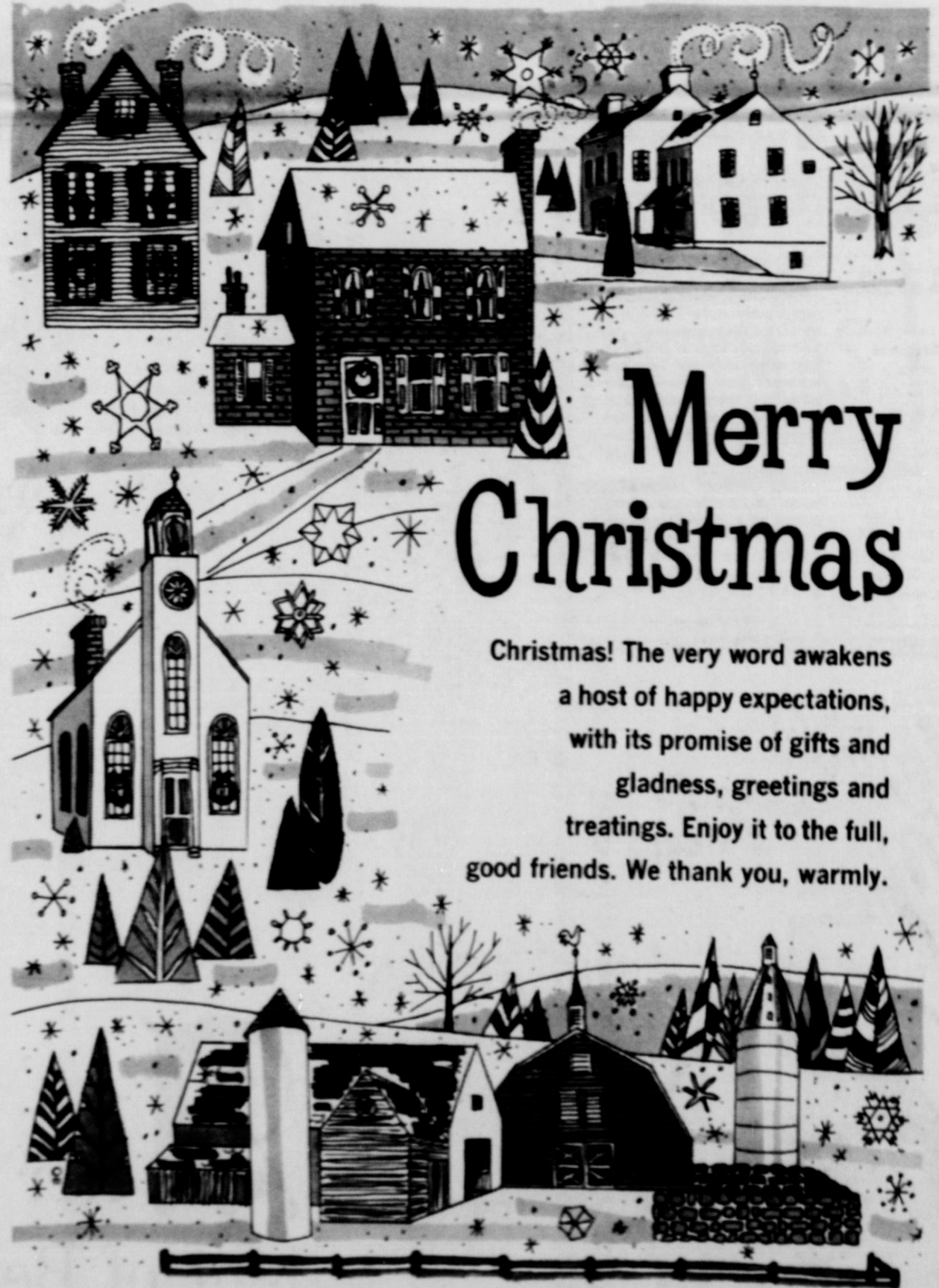
MAY THE PEACE AND JOY OF CHRISTMAS ABIDE WITH YOU ALWAYS

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# Merry Christmas

Christmas! The very word awakens a host of happy expectations, with its promise of gifts and gladness, greetings and treatings. Enjoy it to the full, good friends. We thank you, warmly.



**Bailey County Electric Cooperative**

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**Letters to**



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
**Santa Claus**

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a bike and motor cycle and a baseball bat.  
Terry Robinson

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a doll and a doll that talks and walks too.  
Love,  
Teresa Marquez

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a B-B gun and basketball. Thank you.  
Love,  
Steve Washington

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a car and bike, a train and a race car. Santa, that will be all I want this year.  
Love,  
I Love You, Santa,  
Todd

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a erector set and a operation game and a talking view master. Thank you Santa Claus. I hope you bring me what I say, Peese.  
Love  
Jeffrey Hamilton

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a barby doll and a barby camping out tent and some candy.  
Debra Sanderson

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a drum, bike and gun, dog, a truck set, stokin ful of candy, motor bike and car and train.  
I love you,  
Randy Green

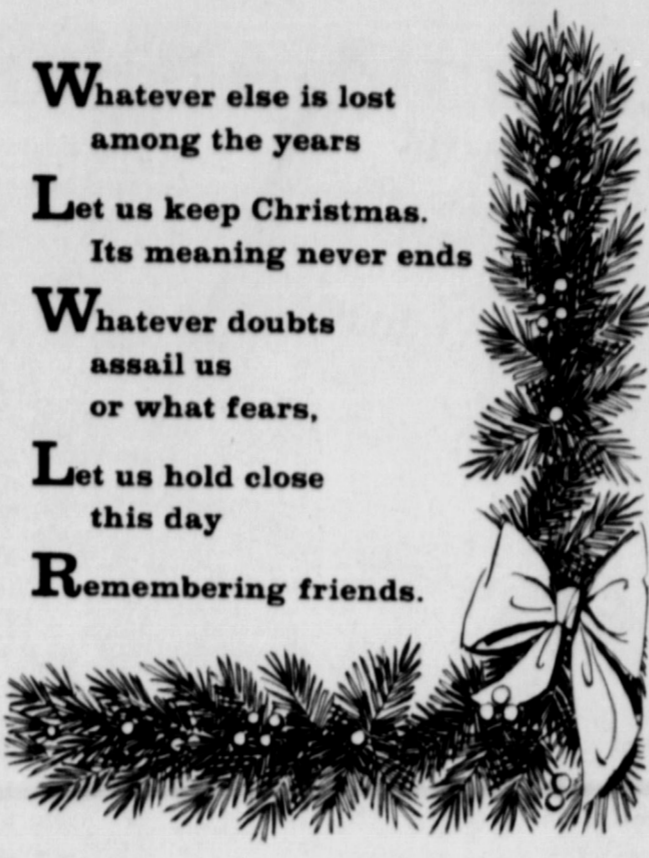
Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a record player and chalk bord and collar for a dog.  
Love,  
Kathy Head

Dear Santa:  
Please bring us a Ford Torino or a Datsun 240Z or a baby tender love or a ten speed bike. I will leave some cookies and milk for you and some sugar for your reindeer.  
Thank you,  
Liz, Karen, & Marilyn

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a S.S.P. and a ten speed bike. Santa you no what, I wish you a happy Christmas. By Santa,  
Windy Urtado

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a b.b. gun and boots and a put put construction yard and a menybike and a bike and a ten speed bike.  
Sandy Clayton

**Whatever else is lost  
among the years  
Let us keep Christmas.  
Its meaning never ends  
Whatever doubts  
assail us  
or what fears,  
Let us hold close  
this day  
Remembering friends.**



**TSA Outlines  
Fireplace Check**

Reports that wood sales are up, and that many people plan to depend on fireplaces for a back-up in case of fuel shortage has prompted Texas Safety Association to caution homeowners of fireplace dangers.

A pre-season cleaning check, says TSA, should include all chimney and fireplace areas. Check the brick at the hearth and sides and back of the fireplace to make sure the mortar is tight. Flue tiles, masonry and mortar joints should also be checked for soundness.

See if the damper oper-

ates smoothly and freely. The smoke shelf itself needs a thorough cleaning of soot and loose mortar to prevent downdrafts that blow sparks into the room.

Bird and animal nests in a chimney top are not only a fire hazard, they can stop up the chimney causing poisonous gases to build up in the room.

The kind of wood burned is important too, according to TSA. Soft woods are more likely to throw sparks and coat the chimney with tars and resins.

Screens should always be used in front of fireplaces. In addition, home owners

**Co-2 Dangers**

Carbon monoxide poisoning can be a wintertime killer.

The Texas Safety Association warns that homes using space heaters should be well ventilated. Burners in space heaters use up oxygen, and without ventilation, asphyxiation is a real danger, according to TSA.

In addition, TSA calls on drivers to have a careful check made of their car exhaust systems. An exhaust leak can mean death for occupants of the car.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

...to the wonderful folks we've had the pleasure of serving this past year!

**Muleshoe Implement & Supply Co.**

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**Christmas belongs to other sects too, Asians say**

According to the manager of a large department store in Hong Kong, Christmas no longer belongs to Christians only. "The Chinese population," says he, "has made it a fete of their own.

Buddhists, Confucians, Moslems, Shintoists, Taoists and all other men of good will express in some way the spirit of the season.

In South Korea Christmas Eve is a night for revelry. The midnight to 4 a.m. curfew, imposed because of any North Korean threat, is lifted. Koreans in the thousands flock to tea houses, night clubs and hotels.

**U.S. Freedom Christmas Gift December 1776**

Our religious freedoms are sometimes lightly regarded by certain Americans today, but back in the days when our country was very young, the freedom to worship as we pleased was one of the hard-fought victories of the Revolution.

The foundation for the preservation of the freedom to celebrate such 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 . . . that was the beginning of a long line of victories that eventually led to ultimate victory and total independence, along with complete religious freedom.



**O holy night...**

The Star shone brightly to welcome the Newborn Babe. May your Christmas be filled with the Light of His Love.

TO OUR  
MANY  
FRIENDS  
AND  
CUSTOMERS  
WE  
WISH  
TO SAY  
THANK YOU  
FOR ...

YOUR PAST PATRONAGE AND WISH YOU A VERY

MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON,  
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**Merry Christmas**

Home is where hearts are . . . especially during Christmas. Our hope is that every home is filled with the warmth of the true Christmas spirit. Many thanks to everyone.

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In Burma, where the people are predominantly Buddhist, one may be able to turn on the radio on Christmas Day and hear a live broadcast of Handel's "Messiah" presented by an interdenominational, multiracial choir.

"Peace on earth" is what all the "little" people think about and families pray for. In military camps there is mail from home, the best food the army can muster and the odd improvised Christmas tree perched on top of a bunker.



In Taiwan, the island republic's 600,000 Christians observe a more subdued Christmas than their western brothers, saving festivities for the Chinese Lunar New Year.

December is bonus time in Japan. The year-end bonus is enjoyed by all employees of Japanese firms and the government, including the Prime Minister.

Come, bring with a noise,  
My merry, merry boys,  
The Christmas log to the firing.  
While my good dame, she bids ye all be free,  
And drink to your heart's desiring.  
— Robert Herrick



**Christmas  
Joy,  
Peace**

May your holiday be filled with happiness

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# Letters To Santa

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a playhouse and tires for my bike and a Barbie and Ken and bring my Moma sum pfrom and bring my dady sum boot's,  
Love,  
Kerri Lyn Tunnell

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a baby doll and a Doctors kit. And a ech a skech. Will you bring me some candy too? I love you Santa very much,  
Love,  
Jennifer Wood

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a bike and a car and a b.b. gun and a gun and a coat and a slide and a truck and a shepard and a shirt and a boots and a horse and a put put trak and a dram,  
Eleazar DeLaGarza

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a game, and rings, and bring me a electric train and a air pump.  
Love,  
Mark Jordan

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a brbe doll and a doll for Christmas prast and a truck for a Christmas prast and a Christmas bast for Kim and a merry Christmas,  
Brenda Ramirez

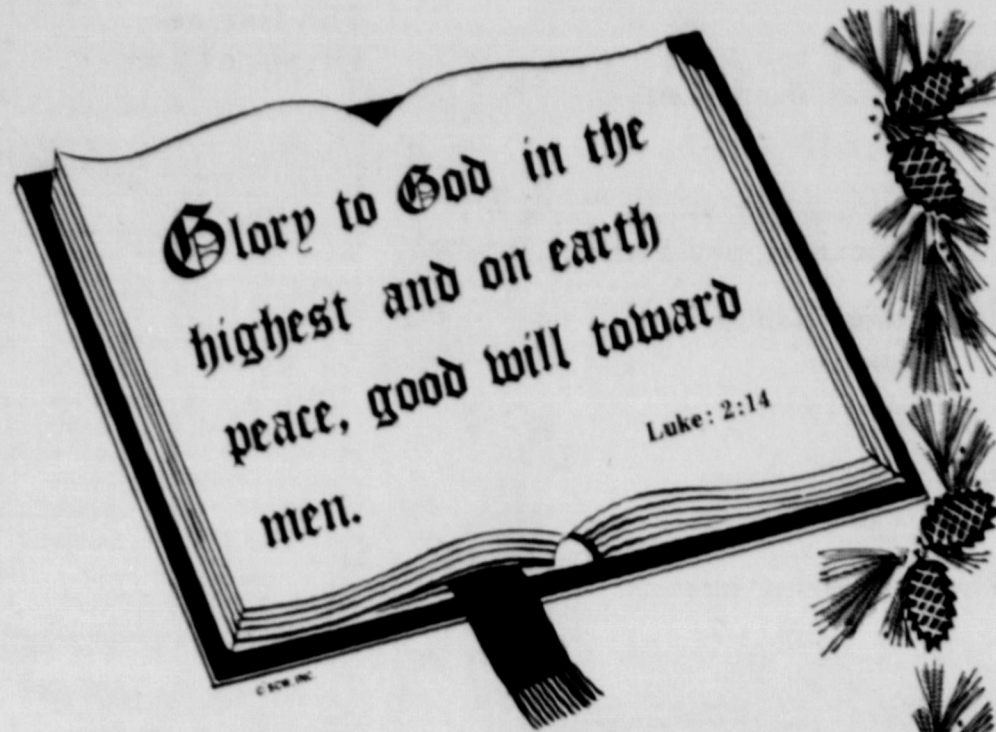
Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a baby alive and a ring or a necklace, I wish I could come see you but I can't this year, Mahe next year I can, I like to fill your whiskers,  
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Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a football suit and a football game,  
John Cozby

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a cash register and a baby doll 32 inches logn and 2 spizis, That is all, I love you,  
Kim Green

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a bike and a piano and a P. J. and a bedbre and a sat of cos for a bedbre for Christmas,  
Merry Christmas,  
Danna Kaye King

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a gun and a miny bike and a b-b gun. Will you bring me all of that? Yes or no, And walky talky,  
Michael James  
Box 368  
Dodd, Texas



Never a Christmas Morning . . .  
Never the Old Year ends,  
But Someone thinks of Someone  
Old Days, Old Times, Old Friends



Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a surprise and some guns,  
I love you and your wife,  
Danny Cooksey

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a B-B gun and many bike and electric traen and a toy helicopter and wecker and electric toy steam shovel,  
Terry L.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a real dog and puppy and trampoline,  
Thank you,  
Love,  
Amy

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a car's and a model airplane this Christmas,  
Troy

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a G. I. Joe and B-B gun,  
Tom Jones

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a roller skate and watch, I love you Santa, I love you very, very, mach,  
DaNay

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a B-B gun and a train, I'll try to be good,  
I love you, Santa,  
Bart

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a brde ball and a dill that techis me pills, Doctor's kit and a stokin full of candy, And brde boll's kioa, And bring me a spris,  
Love,  
Elaine Vaughan

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a mixer bike and a ball and a baseball suit and a b-b gun and some candy and a car and a train and a truck and someboot and some guns and a sled and a football,  
Richard Sauseda

### Wintertime Calls for Added Child Safety

Wintertime calls for special care with child safety, according to the Texas Safety Association.

Cooler weather means more time spent in-doors for children. Medicine chests and cleaning material closets may be a rainy day adventure for a child, but if poisons and dangerous drugs are not stored out of reach and in containers a child cannot open, they can be a tragic adventure.

Never leave children in un-ventilated rooms for playing or sleeping when the heater is going, TSA cautions. Carbon monoxide gas may build up, and a child has less chance than an adult of noticing its only initial symptom—grogginess. Also, never leave children in a closed automobile with the engine running.

Make sure children are dressed in flame retardant fabrics, and never let a child stand in front of an open-face heater wearing full or long, loose garments.

Never leave decorations with pins or tiny removable parts within reach of a child.

Money to burn. To impress the neighbors with his wealth, a Kuakiutl Indian would invite the entire tribe to a feast, the climax of which would be the burning of his copper plate money.



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# Manger Scenes Inspire Rejoicing

## Dramatizing Birth of Christ Awakens Awe and Wonder

Creche, Christmas crib, manger scene, crib of Bethany, *praesepe*—in many countries, the representation of the Nativity through figures from miniature to lifesize goes by many names.

Under any name, the re-creation of the manger springs from one guiding, and abiding, purpose—bringing people closer to Christmas. The highest wonder of the Christmas story is its sheer simplicity and reality.

A Child, the Son of God, born in a manger on a starry, silent night is a concept all can comprehend because of its closeness to human experience.

Anyone who watches a child before a manger scene this Christmas will readily see, in the child's awe and enthusiasm, that re-creating the Miracle of Christ's birth is an exalting experience.

### Begins in Italy

Christmas belongs to the people. So thought St. Francis of Assisi.

His way of helping his Italian parishioners grow closer to Christmas was to create the very first *praesepe*, or Christmas crib.

His carol, "The Song of the Creatures," made the Nativity still more real to them since

it told of the lowly animals which were part of their lives and livelihood.

All this happened early in the 13th century. From that time, the idea of the creche or crib has spread to virtually every country on the globe.

Today, especially in Latin America and Europe, the manger scene sets the



SINCE DAYS OF OLD, REPLICAS OF THE MANGER scene have helped to bring mankind closer to the meaning of Christmas. The crib or creche here is typical, in its presentation of Mary, Joseph and the Infant Jesus, with the shepherds and Wise Men and, of course, the animals of the manger. It's typical, too, of the way the Nativity and the events surrounding it have long inspired artists and craftsmen, musicians and singers, poets and writers.

theme for a holy and happy Christmastide.

### Told in Rhyme

The story of the Nativity and its meaning for mankind is a favored poetic theme, as is the holiday cheer of hearth and home.

Poets as diverse as William Shakespeare, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, John Greenleaf Whittier and T. S. Eliot have made their contributions.

Numerous carols first were poems—witness Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day":

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet the words repeat,  
'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep.'"

Probably the overwhelming winner among widely-known secular Christmas

poems is Clement Clark Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas."

The poem, written for his own children in 1822, is popularly called, "Twas the Night before Christmas."

### Inspires Music

In serious music as well as popular carols, the Nativity scene lives on.

Handel's "Messiah," Bach's "Christmas Oratorio," Berlioz' "L'Enfance du Christ" are noteworthy examples of music performed year after year at Christmas.

More recently, Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," Honnegger's "Christmas Cantata" and Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" have joined the holiday medley of musical treatments.

### A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

We pray . . . that strength and courage be given to all who work for a world of good will . . . that the scourges of poverty, disease and callousness will be driven from the earth . . . that the spirit of the Season may live among us, for always.



### legend of the poor shoemaker and his candle

Here is an appealing story that focuses on Man's old friend, the candle. Back in the Middle Ages, any light, no matter how fragile, was much prized, and a candle, though perhaps common to us, was a possession of great value.

A shoemaker lived in a cottage on the edge of a village, near the dark woods. Although a poor man, he placed his candle in the window each night to guide travelers. Despite wars, hardships and illness, by some miracle, some mysterious grace, his light never wavered.

This inspired the villagers and during the Christmas season most of them placed a candle in their windows. The custom grew and became universal.

As the saying goes, "If we would but light one candle, what a bright world this would be!"



Merry Christmas

IT'S TIME TO GREET OUR MANY FRIENDS AND WISH THEM THE BEST!

to all of you from all of us at

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"Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord"



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### Altered Meaning

The meaning of "Merry Christmas" has changed somewhat over the years. Originally, "merry" meant "blessed, peaceful, pleasant."

## CHECKING OUT BEST WISHES!



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## Homemaking Tips

To be a wise food buyer and have a well fed family - start with a plan and a budget. As the family food buyer, you have a responsibility to yourself, to your family and to other consumers.

Wise food shopping begins at home - with a spending plan - a budget. In America, about 18 percent of a family's spendable income goes for food - so

a food plan is important in planning how you spend your money.

A plan must be tailor made to suit your family-its needs-its ways of living and the things it considers important - its values. The amount you spend for food varies with the husband's job and if you work outside the home; the number and ages of children and their in-

## Make Room for Him Today



It is ironic that, in the midst of putting our house in holiday array — in decking "the halls with boughs of holly", and doing all the other happy chores of Christmas, we are often bereft of the inner spiritual grace that can light our lives! ••• Let us continue to make merry — to add swag of greenery to our front door, and wreaths high and beautiful. But let us also open our hearts and minds to the true meaning of Christmas. Let the shadow of these wanderers grace our homes in every way. Let us make the Virgin Mother, the kindly Joseph —yes the donkey—and their precious cargo welcome, today and always!



We hope that this most Happiest of times will 'Log' up to be the Cherriest for you.

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terests; your family's like and dislikes in food and special food needs; the way your family spends its leisure time; family customs; food storage facilities; the section of the state you live in; the season of the year, and the types of stores in which you shop. All these affect food prices and therefore how much you spend for food.

That's a lot to consider. It takes time and effort to be a good money manager. With

practice, though, it becomes easier to control your food bill - and to cut down on your food expenses.

Here are some cost-cutting pointers for you. Check weekly specials in food store advertisements and keep informed. An alert informed shopper can save \$1.00 to \$2.00 out of every \$10 she spends on food. So you can see it pays to watch for specials and to keep informed on new products and services and new legislation and regulations. Prepare a grocery list before you go to the store. Keep nonfood items such as light bulbs, stationery, kitchen tools and toothpaste off the list. These items can mount up quickly and add 20% to your food bill. Compare costs and buy food in the form that gives the most servings for the money you spend—compare fresh, frozen and canned items. Limit perishable food purchases to amounts that can be used while they are in top quality. And prevent food waste by storing them correctly and cooking them to retain nutrients. Consider family likes and dislikes when food shopping. After all, a 10 pound sack of turnips for a dollar isn't a good buy if your family won't eat turnips.

What you do as a food shopper makes a difference - a difference to you and your family, to the manufacturer, to the retailer and to ultimately the economic life of the county. Each time you buy a product, you cast a vote in favor of it. So you and every other consumer influence the kind of advertisements, and kind and amount of buyer protection you have.

As a responsible consumer, be informed, report preferences and wants, likes and dislikes, inform proper agencies of dishonesty, fraud and law violations and deal fairly and not abuse services.

And now, with a plan, with information and with awareness on your side, you are on the right side to becoming a wise food buyer.

### Remember the Needy

Now that the time has come wherein Our Saviour Christ was born,  
The larder's full of beef and pork,  
The granary's full of corn,  
As God hath plenty to thee sent,  
Take comfort of thy labors,  
And let it never thee repent  
To feed thy needy neighbors,  
— Poor Robin's Almanack (1700)

## Fruit cake Enjoyed by Old Romans

One of the most-favored delicacies of the holiday season is the Fruit-cake.

Many a loving homemaker will start months in advance and make the cake from an old family recipe, wrap it in a rum- or brandy-soaked cloth and store it until the Great Days come.

Most of us envision a dark red-brown cake so filled with fruit and nuts that it can hardly be cut... so aromatic with spirits that we could stand over it all day and 'drink in' its redolence.

However, the term "good fruitcake" has as many variations as the singers of its praises.

Such discrepancies arise, says an expert in bakers' matters, "because no one appears to have decided exactly what constitutes fruitcake." Not even a super-fussy Department of Agriculture of a certain state has attempted to define the delicacy.

It's not difficult to see

why. Over the years, fruit-cake has had as many recipes as eaters. To the ancient Romans, according to a well-known cookbook, it was Satura, a mixture of a well known barley mash, dried raisins, pine kernels and pomegranate seeds "laced with condiments and honeyed wine."

To Elizabeth of England it was spice cake, containing, according to a recipe of the time, "good ale barme... eight eggs

with two yolks... and a little rose water."

Most modern recipes appear to descend from the old Pennsylvania Dutch cake and British plum pudding cake. The latter was notable for its considerable brandy content, an ingredient missing from many commercial products.



**GREETINGS**

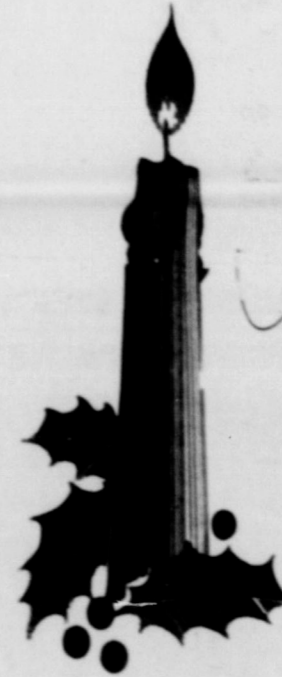


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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

We send you these greetings with the sincere hope that they find you together with all your loved ones, enjoying the peace and happiness of Christmas. May all the joys of the season remain with you throughout the year ahead.



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# Songs of Season Carrying Merry, Modern Message

As families and friends gather to sing carols, as carolers roam from home to home, as happy notes ring out in church services and other gatherings, the familiar and favorite songs of the season celebrate the pure joy of Christmas.

treasures of heart and spirit are his in fullest measure, for carols belong to people everywhere, and most especially to every individual. Carols are simple and sincere, merry and joyful, usually religious and sometimes secular. Some carols are ancient indeed and some are of today. But whatever a carol's age or origin, one thing is always true.

All carols are modern. Their spirit is that of the first of all Christmas songs, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," sung by an angelic chorus. Their message, like the age-old Christmas story, is as fresh and new as tomorrow.

**Hymns Were Latin**  
By its very character, a carol brings "Glad tidings of great joy" or, to put it more simply, "Good news." The French carols known as "Noels" express this with the use of the word "Noel" or "Nowell" as a refrain—and "Nowell" means "news." Scholar's Latin was the language of the first Christmas hymns, the forerunners of present-day carols. Typical of those ancient hymns is a leaf from an illuminated manuscript, now in the Library of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City.

The leaf features a dramatic initial letter, illustrating the Nativity scene and "illuminated" by touches of gold. It's the work of an unknown 15th-century Italian artist. The hymn celebrates the birth of Christ, Son of God and Saviour of Man. Its source is an Antiphony, or collection of antiphons—songs to be sung in response or in alternate parts. Though the Latin words may look complicated to an nonscholarly eye, the music is simplicity itself—notes for a basic melody.

Simple as it is, this hymn comes from an era which saw the beginning of greater complexity in music. Toward the end of the 15th century, church music became not only a religious inspiration but a moving force in musical

**Joy to the World**  
George F. Root

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come! let earth and sky proclaim and sing: and ye who love the Lord, let hearts be glad and gladness bring.

2. For unto us the Son of God is born, the first-born of the Virgin Mary, the first-born of the new year, the first-born of the new day, the first-born of the new time of the year.

3. For unto us the Son of God is born, the first-born of the Virgin Mary, the first-born of the new year, the first-born of the new day, the first-born of the new time of the year.

In 1845 he sent friends lithographed copies of a sketch he had made to symbolize the Christmas spirit.

The first English printed cards were very simple; a robin, a sprig of holly or mistletoe, plus a conventional greeting. Pioneers of Christmas card printing in the United States were mostly Germans such as Louis Prang, who opened a shop in Roxbury, Mass. in 1874.



**NOEL**

Christmas! That special time of the year. A time when families and friends gather together to share and enjoy the season. And a time when we give special thanks.

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development. Rhythms became more complex, and counterpoint began to evolve. Changes took place in the language of Christmas song, too, for Latin was no longer a language understood by all. The solution? "Macaronic" carols, which may suggest something to eat—but "macaroni" adds a "c" to become "macaronic" and gain a new meaning—"in two languages." Macaronic carols combined Latin with a language that the common people understood.

## little-known stories, and origins of Xmas customs

Americans exchange billions of Christmas cards every year. There are conflicting reports of who sent the first one. According to one source John Calcott Horsley designed the first card for Sir Henry Cole in 1843. It is a triptych, the central panel of which shows a well-fed family at table. They raise their glasses to toast, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year To You." Flanking them in the end panels are the poor and the hungry.

According to another source, the origin of this relatively modern custom is sometimes ascribed to the English Royal Academy artist, W.C.T. Dobson.

**JOY**

Wishing you and yours a most joyous Christmas season!

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**Greetings**  
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## Dancing with Joy

A Christmas carol might also be a Christmas dance. Origin of the word "carol" itself seems to trace back to the French word, "caroler" meaning to dance, and carols of yesteryear may have been sung by carolers dancing in a circle.

Full of rejoicing, the carols we sing today literally dance with holiday merriment.

## Singing "Wassail"

Traditionally, carols go with the feasting and toasting that are part of holiday cheer, for a "wassail bowl" is any festive beverage, and a "wassail" is also a carol. The "wassail" was one of the earlier forms of English carol—named, probably, for the Anglo-Saxon "weshal," translated as "to be hale or hearty."

## It's Entertainment

That carols have always been popular music, in the modern sense, is illustrated by the mystery plays of medieval England, say the editors of the New Book of Knowledge.

At first, carols were sung between the acts, just as music might be provided during intermission, at a play or movie.

Soon, people demanded more. In response to their enthusiasm, carols were sung on stage, as part of the entertainment.

The leader had a portable organ and led the singers in a procession across the stage. Swept away by the spirit of the carols, the audience sometimes joined in, and the procession moved into the streets, singing.

And today, that same enthusiasm leads people everywhere to join in the singing of beloved carols.

## Thoughts

From The Living Bible

In the Temple area he saw merchants selling cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifices, and money changers. Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out, and drove out the sheep and oxen, scattering the money changers' coins over the floor and turning over their tables! Then, going over to the men selling doves, he told them, "Get these things out of here. Don't turn my Father's House into a market!" Then his disciples remembered this prophecy from the Scriptures: "Concern for God's House will be my undoing." John 2:14-17 Religious Heritage of America

**PROOF OF PUDDING!**  
In European countries, finding an almond in the holiday pudding means marriage next year.



**Best Wishes this Christmas**

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Once, it was customary for people to give their country's rulers clothing for Christmas, and Queen Elizabeth I acquired a large part of her wardrobe this way, historians say.

**THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS (IN TEXAS THAT IS)**

'Twas the night before Christmas  
In Texas, you know  
Way out on the prairie  
(Without any snow).

Asleep in their cabin  
Were Buddy and Sue  
A-dream' of Christmas  
Like me and like you.

Not Stockings, but boots,  
at the foot of their bed,  
For this was in Texas,  
What more need be said?

When all of a sudden  
From out of the still night,  
There came such a ruckus  
It gave me a fright!

And I saw 'cross the prairie  
Like a shot from a gun,  
A loaded up buckboard  
Come on at a run.

The driver was 'Geeing'  
and 'hawing', with a will  
The hosses (not reindeer)  
He drove with such skill.

"Come on there Buck, Pancho,  
and Prince, To the right!"  
There'll be plenty of traveling  
For you-all tonight!

The driver in Levi's  
And shirt that was red,  
Had a ten-gallon stetson  
On top of his head.

As he stepped from the buck-



RAILROAD COMMISSIONER MACK WALLACE, center right, in ceremonies Wednesday afternoon (December 11) presented the first three Boy Scout Merit Badges in Truck Transportation in Texas to, left to right, Cavitt, James and Bill Wendlandt of Troop 28 in Austin. The merit badge is the culmination of months of work for the Boy Scout Council of America and the Texas trucking industry. The three boys, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wendlandt of Austin, were also honored in ceremonies before the Capitol Area Council Executive Board.

board  
He was really a sight,  
With his beard and moustaches  
So curly and white

When Buddy recovered  
The use of his jaws,  
He asked, in a whisper,  
"Are you Santa Claus."

As he burst in the cabin  
The Children awoke,  
And both, so Astonished  
That neither one spoke.

"Am I the REAL Santa?"  
Well, what do you think?"  
And he smiled as he gave  
A mysterious wink.

And he filled up their boots  
With such presents galore,  
That neither could think  
Of a single thing more.

Then he leapt in his buckboard  
And called back, in his drawl,  
"To all children of Texas,  
MERRY CHRISTMAS, you-all."

**New Texas Cattle Feeders Handbook Published**

A new Texas Cattle Feeders Handbook has just been published by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

This comprehensive reference book was prepared in cooperation with Extension Services of nine Great Plains States, and provides information on all aspects of commercial cattle feeding.

The new publication is composed of 50 bulletins or fact sheets, 25 of which are Texas publications and 25 from other states, notes L. A. Maddox, Extension beef cattle specialist and project coordinator.

"The endeavor is a part of the Great Plains Cattle Feeders Committee Project. We plan to make available a wide range of technical material of higher quality than ever before. New and revised information will be mailed to subscribers from now through September 1, 1975," Maddox adds. Co-authoring the handbook with Maddox are Dr. John

Sweeten, agricultural engineer in animal waste management; and Dr. Dennis B. Herd, beef cattle specialist-nutrition.

The handbook, B-1133, includes broad segments of information on nutrition, feed preparation and storage, animal health, feedlot management, feedlot planning and equipment, figures for feeders, waste management, and a section for miscellaneous publications and information, explains Maddox.

For additional information, contact your local county Extension agent.

**GOAT GIVES**  
One of Santa's most unusual stand-ins is the "Jul-Bock," a goat, once the Danish gift-giver.

**Spotlight on HEALTH**

**POINTERS FOR NEW MOTHERS**

When a baby has the sniffles or fever, is it safe to bathe him?

According to Virginia E. Pomeranz, M.D., the question is no longer valid. Most homes today are adequately heated, including the bathroom, and there is little chance of a child who is already sick being subjected to the additional discomfort of emerging from a warm bath into icy air.

Dr. Pomeranz, who is associated with the Pediatrics Department of New York Hospital, and Dodi Schultz, a writer of medical books and articles, are authors of *The Mothers' Medical Encyclopedia*, and, their latest, *The First Five Years*.

On the question of whether or not to use nose drops and nasal sprays, Dr. Pomeranz states that if your doctor recommends them they can be useful when used

on a short-term basis, sparingly, and according to directions. Neo-Synephrine in 1/4 percent (children's) strength is frequently recommended. The plastic spray bottle form is her preference, but she suggests that the child's physician determine which product is best for the individual child.

Should a baby be kept indoors in cold weather? Babies should not be kept in hot-houses, according to Dr. Pomeranz. They are not orchids. "Cold weather is no more dangerous to a tiny infant, let alone a three-year-old, than it is to anyone else. Dress the child appropriately, but don't overdress him. Keep him away from crowded public places."



The British must march to the beat of a different drummer, as they call him a traveller.

**Blessings**



This Holy Season is filled with many spiritual gifts. May you reap all of them.

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Merry Christmas

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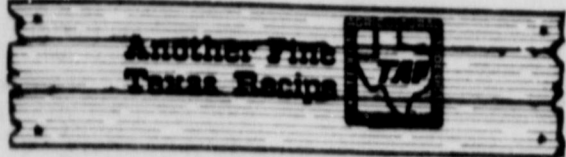


GREETINGS OLD YET EVER-NEW: MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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**OLD-FASHIONED SUGAR COOKIES**

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp. soda
- 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 Tbsp. milk
- Colored sugar

Mix first eight ingredients. Roll into small balls and place on a cookie sheet. Press down with a glass dipped in colored sugar. Sprinkle additional colored sugar on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 minutes.

**PECAN GOODIES**

- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup Rice Krispies
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- Pinch salt
- 1 egg white (large egg)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix brown and white sugar, Rice Krispies, pecans and salt. Beat egg white until stiff and shiny and fold into mixture. Drop by teaspoonful on buttered cookie sheet. Bake until lightly browned, about 13 minutes. Let stand 2 minutes and remove from pan.



**SWEETS FROM SANTA**—Candy and cookies are among the special delights of the holiday season, and now is the time to prepare them, says Agriculture Commissioner John C. White. The recipes pictured here make wonderful treats for children, delicious party snacks or gift packages with just the right old-fashioned touch.

**SANTA'S THUMBPRINT**

- 1 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 tsp. almond extract
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp. soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 1/2 cups uncooked oats (quick or old-fashioned)
- 1 6-oz. pkg. semi-sweet chocolate pieces

Beat shortening, gradually adding brown and white sugar. Beat until fluffy. Add egg, vanilla and almond extract. Sift together flour, soda, salt and stir into creamed mixture. Blend in oats. Shape dough into small balls and place on ungreased cookie sheets. Make a hollow in each ball. Bake in preheated 375-degree oven for 10-12 minutes. Melt chocolate in top of double boiler. Spoon melted chocolate into center of each cookie. Chill until chocolate is firm. Makes 4 dozen cookies.

**HOLIDAY PECAN ROLL**

- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1 cup light cream
- 1/2 cup corn syrup
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- Powdered sugar
- Texas pecans, chopped

Cook white and brown sugar, salt, cream and corn syrup until mixture forms a soft ball when dropped in cold water. Remove from fire. Add butter. Cool. Beat until creamy. Turn out on pastry board dusted with powdered sugar. Knead until firm. Shape into roll. Roll in chopped pecans. Press nuts firmly into candy. Keep in cool places until firm enough to slice.

For additional recipes write John C. White, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

do certain good—or evil—things.

Ivy, they thought, was festive. Its convivial nature came from Bacchus.

Yew and cypress had the highest virtues. Theirs was the quality, and the symbol, of eternal life.

**Mistletoe Has Powers**

Mysterious powers by the dozens have been credited to mistletoe, among them the power to heal, to ward off evil, to summon ghosts and force them to answer questions.

At present, the most prized property of mistletoe is the license it gives for plenty of Yuletide kissing. Fortunately, there's plenty of mistletoe.

Thanks to the birds, the plant spreads widely. The birds eat mistletoe berries and carry the seeds to trees near and far, say the editors of the Encyclopedia International.

**Religious Cards Take Lead In Popularity**

"Sorry, we don't have any more Christmas cards, only some religious ones."

These words, supposedly spoken by a saleswoman to a last-minute shopper for greeting cards a good many years ago, wouldn't be meaningful now.

During recent Yule seasons, greetings with a religious message have led the way in popularity. The wryly-humorous idea that anyone looking for cards wants some that show only the convivial side of Christmas was never very funny, and now it definitely isn't true.

Early cards pictured dancers and skaters, holly and mistletoe, robins and other birds, beautiful women and charming children and flowers by the score.

Such themes still appear, but they take second place

to religious messages—especially, "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

**Thoughts**

From The Living Bible

Before anything else existed, there was Christ, with God. He has always been alive and is himself God. He created everything there is — nothing exists that he didn't make. Eternal life is in him, and this life gives light to all mankind. His life is the light that shines through the darkness — and the darkness can never extinguish it. God sent John the Baptist as a witness to the fact that Jesus Christ is the true Light. John himself was not the Light; he was only a witness to identify it.

John 1:1-9  
Religious Heritage of America



**Holy Night**

May all of the blessings of Christmas be yours to share.

**Allen Guinn's Wreck Builders**

Muleshoe

**Decking Halls Has History**

"Christ was born on Christmas day. Wreath the holly, twine the bay."

From England of long ago come the words of this carol, showing the early role of the bay tree and its greens in decorating for Christmas.

Its use harks back to ancient Greece, when both the bay and the laurel bedecked homes and public places in symbol of triumph. As traditional Christmas greens, they reflect the same joyful spirit, say the editors of the Grolier Universal Encyclopedia.

Holly, of course, is still popular as Yuletide greenery. But nowadays, when it's time to deck the halls, bay leaves are more likely to spice holiday cookery, rather than holiday decorating.

**Greens Have Meaning**

Greens that adorn home, streets and stores at holiday time entered the lore of Christmas from pagan rites of old.

The ancients believed that each green had its own significance, and an ability to



**GREETINGS**

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**PEACE ON EARTH... GOODWILL TO MEN**

Angels sang on high. Shepherds and Wise Men gathered to adore the Christ Child, come to save mankind, and joyful praises resounded everywhere. During this holy season, let us remember the message of that first Christmas.

**OLTON STATE BANK**

MEMBER F. D. I. C. ---OLTON

**Another Fine Texas Recipe**

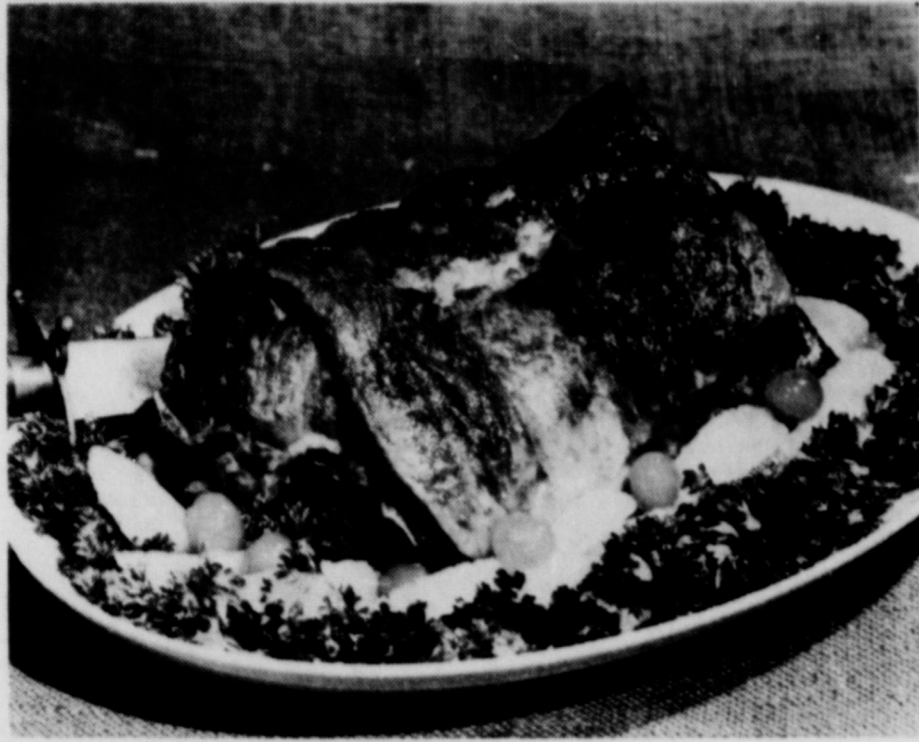
**PORK ROAST WITH ORANGE GLAZE**

- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. MSG
- 1/2 tsp. ground thyme
- 1 tsp. Bon Appetit
- 1 1/2 tsp. dry mustard
- 1/2 tsp. ginger
- 1 5-lb. pork loin roast
- 1/2 cup Texas orange juice
- 1/2 cup Texas honey
- Orange sections

Combine first six ingredients and rub over roast. Place on rack in roasting pan and bake at 325 degrees for 2 1/2 hours (30 minutes a pound) or until meat thermometer registers 185 degrees F. After 40 minutes baste 2-4 times with 1/2 cup orange juice. During last 45 minutes combine remainder of juice and honey. Baste roast several times with this mixture. Remove glazed roast to warm serving platter and garnish with orange sections.

For additional recipes, write John C. White, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

On Christmas Eve, hear hum holiday carols and melodies, says legend.



**TEXAS PORK ROAST**—An orange-glazed pork roast is an appealing focus for a festive meal. No longer is pork, a cool weather favorite, just for the thin. Fresh pork and ham have been added to the list of meats approved by Weight Watchers International Inc., says Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

**Investment Credit Cuts Taxes**

Investment tax credit can put tax dollars into farmers' and ranchers' pockets. According to Don L. Parks, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service,

"Investment tax credit reduces federal tax bills to the extent of 7 per cent of qualified investment for the year.

"Qualifying property must be depreciable, have a useful life of at least three years, and be placed in service by you during the tax year. It also must be tangible personal property or tangible real property which is an integral part of production," points out the Texas A&M University System Specialist.

He lists farm trucks, machinery, equipment and breeding livestock (except horses) as examples of qualifying tangible personal property while live-stock fences, grain bins and silos are examples of qualifying tangible real property. Barns, poultry houses and farm shops do not qualify since a qualifying structure must be essentially an item of machinery or equipment.

"The amount of investment credit allowed depends on the asset's useful life. A useful life of seven years or more qualifies 100 per cent of the investment, five to seven years' useful life qualifies two-thirds, and three to five years' useful life qualifies one-third of the investment. There is no credit under three years of useful life. Seven per cent of the qualifying investment is the tax credit," explains the economist.

If an asset is disposed of before the end of its estimated useful life, you must recompute the investment credit to determine the credit refund.

Parks cites some limitations regarding the use of investment tax credit. "You cannot dispose of substantially similar livestock within six months before or six months after acquiring a qualifying investment and still obtain full credit. Property acquired by a trade-in of used property limits the qualifying investment to the cash 'boot' or difference spent in the trade. Also, the credit cannot exceed your tax liability but can be carried back three preceding tax years or forward seven succeeding tax years.

**Save the Sauce for Cooking Your Game**

The hunting trip—out at the camp with the boys—is not the time for a few friendly drinks, says the Texas Safety Association.

Drinking before heading for the field will rob valuable alertness and dexterity; vision becomes less accurate, and the exhilaration of the hunt can become more important than watching where a gun barrel is pointed, reminds TSA.

Get plenty of rest. Never hunt when groggy. And, never drink in the field. Instead, save the sauce for cooking the game or a celebration after the hunt, adds TSA.

**Classics Provide Yuletide Melodies**

In this century, hymns and carols of the Nativity have been composed by Peter Warlock ("Bethlehem Down") and Gustav Holst ("Mid-Winter")—among others.

Often, hymns and carols have been set to the music of classic composers.

One example is, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," by Nahum Tate. Music for this came from Handel's opera, "Siroe," as adapted by Richard Storrs Willis.

**The Word "Yule" Has Pagan Origins**

The ancient northern Europeans, acutely conscious of the peregrinations of the Sun, formed definite theories about it.

They thought the sun was a wheel revolving around the earth, and they observed that on one particular day in midwinter its appearance and disappearance marked the shortest day of the year.

This cycle was known to them as the Hweol, and it was a time of celebrating.

**Winter Fire Checkup Can Prevent Deaths**

Some 278 persons died in Texas home fires last year, with peak death rates in the cold winter months, the Texas Safety Association reports with a reminder for heating device checkups.

would simmer away for several weeks.

Sing hey! Sing hey! For Christmas Day; Twin mistletoe and holly. For friendship glows In winter snows, And so let's all be jolly!

— Anonymous

Many fires caused by faulty heating devices are avoidable with basic precautions, says TSA.

These precautions include regular cleaning and checking of furnaces, making certain all automatic controls and emergency shutoffs are operable. Repairs should be left to experts, the safety group urges.

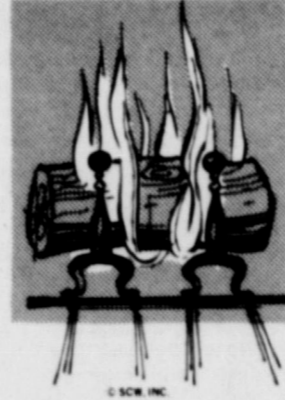
Repairmen also should be asked to check the wall and ceiling near the furnace and flue. If the areas are hot, additional insulation may be needed. Flue pipes should be free of holes and clean.

All room heaters need frequent checking and cleaning also. Tubing and pipes should be free of holes. A dirty or neglected heater is a critical fire hazard, according to TSA.

Room heaters should be placed where they will not be bumped or overturned. They should have adequate clearance from walls and combustibles, such as clothes, curtains and furniture.

For electric heaters, house wiring must be checked to be certain it is adequate. Overfusing a circuit is not the answer to an overload, warns TSA.

Finally, when buying new heating equipment, Texas Safety Association urges buyers to look for safety-listed equipment. Electric and oil heaters should have Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approval stickers. Gas heaters should have the UL or American Gas Association (AGA) label.



As the pagan Yule celebrations were replaced by the feast of Christmas, the festival season extended from Christmas Eve to the Feast of the Epiphany. This meant that the Yule log had plenty of time, big as it used to be, to flame and flicker before the last of it had smoldered to ashes.

In the agricultural economy of the pre-Civil War South here in our own country, the Yule log was the means of procuring a true holiday for the field hands.

There was on many plantations an accepted unwritten rule that the slaves would not have to work outdoors so long as the Yule log was alight. The workers would take advantage of this custom, and select the biggest and toughest gum tree trunk they could find. They would sink it under water for weeks beforehand, to make it as slow-burning as possible. Sometimes one of these nearly fireproof logs



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**Season's Greetings**

As shepherds watched their flocks ... a Star shone brightly in the hush of a Holy Night ... a Babe was born in a manger ... and a new spirit of Peace and Good Will came into the world. May that spirit abide with you and your family now and always.

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**Legend of the three trees & the Christ-Child**

Trees have been friends of Man for as long as recorded history. But not always are they associated with the coming of the Christ Child, and the day which Christians (and other sects, too) celebrate.



Legends abound about the origin of the Christmas tree. One is based on the three trees near the manger — the olive, the date and the pine tree.

To honor the newborn king, the olive gave its fruit and the palm its



**HARVEST UNDERWAY**—It will be a good year for citrus, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White, who reports the best grapefruit crop since 1947 is expected in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Quantities of the fruit are destined for gift boxes to be shipped in and out of state.

dates as an offering, but the pine tree, forlorn, had nothing to give. Some stars seeing this from above, gently descended from the heavens and rested upon its boughs as an offering. This charming tale is said to be the origin of the decorated tree.

Another legend concerns St. Boniface in the 8th century. On Christmas Eve, while the famous Man of God was hewing down the sacred oak that had been the object of idolatrous worship, a tornado blasted it. Just behind it stood a young fir



tree pointing a green spire heavenward.

St. Boniface turned to the pagans and said, "This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree. It is the wood of peace, for your homes are built of it. It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are always green. Let this be the tree of the Christ child."



**ROADS SCHOLAR**

Whether you take the high road or the low road to Scotland (or elsewhere for that matter), chances are you owe a debt to John MacAdam, a canny Scotsman, who, according to the Teacher's Scotch Information Centre, paved the way for roads as we know them today.

MacAdam landed as an immigrant in New York in 1770. He gathered a tidy little fortune in his 13-year stay, taking it back with him to Ayrshire, Scotland, to end his days in peace and comfort.



When he arrived in his native heath, he found the surrounding roads in terrible condition and set himself to the study of improved methods in road-building. He developed the theory that broken stone should be laid down so that it might be ground into the earth by the normal pressure of traffic and by the beating of the elements.

The results of MacAdam's essay on the subject in 1819 gave us our modern macadam roads, which are made of loosely packed broken stone using water as a binder. Today macadamized surfaces are generally mixed with hot asphalt, tar, or some similar binder. This kind of surface is called bituminous macadam.

In his unique way, MacAdam helped travelers all over the world get out of a rut.

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**Best Citrus Harvest Since '47 Forecast**

People who have started listening can already hear the jingle of Christmas bells off in the distance.

They're not imagining things. The holidays are just around the corner. And, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White, this may be the right year to add Texas citrus to the gift list.

The best citrus crop in 25 years is forecast for the 1973-74 season in the Rio Grande Valley where harvest is underway. Around 20,500,000 boxes of citrus are expected to be shipped in the coming months.

"This is seven per cent above the amount produced last year and a whopping 37 per cent more than the '71-'72 crop," the Commissioner said. "The current grapefruit crop will be the largest since 1947 and production of oranges in the Valley is expected to be the biggest since estimates were started in 1919."

White also noted that fall rains, which slowed harvest temporarily, had improved the quality by allowing the fruit longer to mature.

Most popular Texas citrus is the Ruby Red, a sweet grapefruit with red meat. Developed in Texas, the Ruby Red has been exported as far away as Japan. Ninety-eight per cent of citrus plantings in the Valley this year were grapefruit trees and most of these were Ruby Reds.

Another grapefruit coming into commercial use and available in some gift packages is the Star Ruby, similar to the Ruby Red but deeper in color. Navel oranges can be shipped also. These and grapefruit hold up well because of their firm, thick skin.

Tangerines and tangelos, which spoil rapidly unless refrigerated, are not sent in gift packages from the Valley.

Commissioner White urged consumers to make certain they are dealing with a reputable firm when sending gift fruit. The Texas Citrus and Vegetable Growers Association (Box 671, Harlingen 78550) will provide the names of shippers who, as members of the association, must observe strict standards for quality and efficiency in delivery. When ordered from association members, fruit damaged in shipping must be replaced free of charge.

**Thoughts**

From The Living Bible

Don't rob the poor and sick! For the Lord is their defender. If you injure them he will punish you. Keep away from angry, short-tempered men, lest you learn to be like them and endanger your soul. Unless you have the extra cash on hand, don't countersign a note. Why risk everything you own? They'll even take your bed! Do not move the ancient boundary marks. That is stealing. Do you know a hard-working man? He shall be successful and stand before kings!

Proverbs 22:22-29  
Religious Heritage of America



To you and yours, the peace and joy of Christmas with sincere best wishes from us.

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## Brazil celebrates a summery Christmas

As in many warm spots in the U.S. where palm trees wave and surfers play, in those Latin-American countries south of the equator, Christmas celebrants simulate the traditional wintry scene. During December it's summer, and Santa most likely will have a temperature-control undersuit beneath all that red velvet and ermine.

In Colombia, government authorities have prohibited the chopping down of pine trees to help preserve the nation's forests. So, many Colombian families will be using aluminum and plastic Christmas trees, even as their North American neighbors do.

Christmas is more of a family affair and often quieter in Latin America than in the more developed, industrialized northern countries. Families eat a large, intimate dinner. Gifts are exchanged, but on a somewhat smaller scale. The more devout attend midnight mass.

Customs in Latin America vary.



8 MONTH OLD Brian Hulcy, the apple of his Grandmother's eye, is seen as he settles himself down in the arms of Santa, in far away Clarksville, Tennessee. Grandmother Helen is envious of old Santa, because he gets to hold her precious angel and she has only seen her grandbaby once.

Take the Christmas Eve dinner, for instance. In Argentina, where the Italian influence is strong, families are apt to dine on ravioli and chicken. In Mexico, shrimp and rice and other regional dishes are likely to be the favorites, although turkey is becoming popular. In Lima, Peru, however, turkey has caught on as a main dish (unless some Yanqui-go home sentiment prevails). It's eaten with plenty of rice and salad, and afterwards there is usually an assortment of candies.

In Argentina, the big-

ger gifts are given on Christmas. On the day of the wise men, tots find smaller goodies tucked in a shoe or under a pillow.

In Panama, North American influence from the Canal Zone seems to have its Christmas effect. Children in tropical weather look to Christ and to Santa for their gifts, found under the tree.

Venezuela has its own variation of Christmas Eve — it's celebrated the same way as New Year's Eve, with a large meal and afterward family fiestas, with dancing of national rhythms. New Year's resolutions are made on Christmas Eve as well as on New Year's Eve.

## Decorating for Christmas

Indoors, outdoors, all around the house—Christmas is the season for decorating, and what a wealth of decorations there are!

The tree seems to be just the beginning. Its ornaments and lights become continually more varied and delightful.

Wreaths and greens, plants and bouquets, table centerpieces and window adornments appear in the home.

Outdoors, decorations range from a string of lights and a wreath on the door to manger scenes to such creations as Santa, sleigh and reindeer up on the roof-top.

Some of the yard and roof embellishments are real works of art—no wonder communities give prizes for outdoor decorating and lighting.

A diversity of designs for decorating are ready-made, offering welcome help during the bustling holiday season.

Still, it's fun to use personal ingenuity and creativity in making unusual Yule decorations, suggest the editors of the Grolier Universal Encyclopedia.

One thought might appeal to bird-lovers: Place a wreath, ready- or hand-made, outside a window. "Decorate" it with foods tasty to birds, such as peanuts, popcorn, cranberries and bits of suet.

Simple, personal touches make a difference. For instance, greens, ribbons and glittering balls can be attractively arranged on a table or shelf.

Just putting some colorful ornaments and pine cones in a big glass bowl brightens things up.

Set the kids to stringing cranberries and popcorn in the good old-fashioned way. It's surprising how pleasingly they blend with the modern marvels of tree ornaments.

Every area of the home deserves some holiday accents. How about fastening candy canes to a broad, bright ribbon and draping it around the kitchen bulletin board?

For the more ambitious, there's the kissing bunch, an

old English tradition.

An easy way to make one is to buy a ball of plastic foam. Greens—red-berried holly for color, mistletoe for kissing—can be inserted in the foam ball. Then a gala red bow and length of ribbon to hang it by are all that's needed.

Too late for this season? Much of the joy of Christmas is planning for the next one.

## Thoughts

From The Living Bible

By this time David was an old, old man, so he stepped down from the throne and appointed his son Solomon as the new king of Israel. He summoned all the political and religious leaders of Israel for the coronation ceremony. At this time a census was taken of the men of the tribe of Levi who were thirty years or older. The total came to 38,000. "Twenty-four thousand of them will supervise the work at the Temple," David instructed, "six thousand are to be bailiffs and

judges, four thousand will be temple guards, and four thousand will praise the Lord with music. I Chronicles 23:1-5 Religious Heritage of America

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*There's no place like home to have a merry, merry Yule. And, that's why we're so very happy to serve friends like you!*

May health, happiness and good cheer enter your home this Christmas and remain there for years to come.

**Ray Lynn Britt and Family**  
DISTRICT CLERK-LITTLEFIELD

# NOEL

Christmas! That special time of the year. A time when families and friends gather together to share and enjoy the season. And a time when we give special thanks.

**HERBERT DUNN**  
COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR  
Littlefield

### Huge Tree Is Symbol of Man

A French story of the 13th century relates how a huge tree was discovered in a forest, its branches lit with candles.

Some branches rose straight up, while others were turned down. Atop the tree was a child, with a halo around his head.

The story explains that the tree is mankind. Its candles represent people good or bad, and the child is the Christ Child.

### How to Keep Yule Plants

Yes, those cherished holiday plants can keep on growing into next year.

As a tropical plant, poinsettias like plenty of water and warmth—70 to 80 degrees. Be sure to keep these plants in a warm place at night.

Though they blaze with fiery-red-colored balls, Jerusalem cherries are rather cool natured. For them, the temperature should be held at 60 to 65 degrees. Avoid over-watering.

# Blessings at Christmas

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# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Quiet thoughts turn to this time of peace, happiness and togetherness. It's a season when families and friends harvest many joys and blessings. Christmas is also a nice time to thank friends like you.

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EVERYONE LOVES SANTA.....Certainly Amy Stiles looks mighty happy sitting on his lap and chatting with him, telling of all the things she wants for herself and for her brother, Dee.

## Land, People Produce Miracles

It's a modern day miracle, the production of food and fiber for the mushrooming population of this state and nation. Yet it's happening because dedicated people are working hard and caring for the land and striving to do their best to provide high quality food and fiber products for their fellow countrymen.

"Texans are invited to take a close look at the agricultural industry of their state during the month of November, which has been designated as 'Food and Fiber Appreciation Month.' It's a fitting tribute to an industry that serves as the lifeblood of humanity," points out Charles Baker, economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Texans should be proud of their agricultural industry which contributes more than \$10 billion to the state's economy each year and employs about 30 per cent of the state's labor force. Of the state's 168 million acres of land area, 142 million are devoted to agriculture."

What are some of the other facts and figures that make Texas an agricultural giant? Baker lists a few:

- Texas ranks third nation-

ally to only California and Iowa in total agricultural income.

- Texas leads the nation in producing cotton, grain sorghum and rice.

- It is the top cattle producer and also leads in the production of sheep and wool, goats and mohair.

- Texas ranks third among agricultural exporting states and is the leading exporting state in rice, cotton, hides, tallow and cottonseed oil.

- About 21 per cent of the state's 1972 cash receipts from agriculture came from exports.

- Texas is second only to Georgia in peanut production and is a major producer of other oilseed crops such as cottonseed, soybeans, flaxseed and castors.

- Texas is the third leading vegetable producing state behind California and Florida. It ranks first in cabbage, watermelon and spinach production and second in onions, carrots and cantaloupes.

- The state is second in producing grapefruit and third in oranges.

- Texas leads in native pecans and is third in overall pecan production.

- Honey production is also big business, with Texas being third in the number of bee colonies.

- Texas is among the top 10 dairy states in the nation.

- The state is a leading producer of poultry and eggs.

Other enterprises that are important generators of agricultural income in Texas are timber, horses, fish farming and recreation. Texas is the leading state in horse numbers and is among the leading states in fish farming.

"Agriculture is indeed 'big' in Texas," notes Baker, "and it continues to grow to meet the ever-increasing demands for high quality food and fiber products."

Alabama was the first U.S. state to make Christmas a legal holiday, in 1836.



## Thoughts

From The Living Bible

That is what is meant by

the Scriptures which say that no mere man has ever seen, heard or even imagined what wonderful things God has ready for those who love the Lord. But we know about these things because God has sent his Spirit to tell us, and his Spirit searches out

and shows us all of God's deepest secrets. No one can really know what anyone else is thinking, or what he is really like, except that person himself. And no one can know God's thoughts except God's own spirit.

I Corinthians 2:9-11  
Religious Heritage of America



Long ago three Wise Men  
Were gazing at a star  
That glistened in the Heavens,  
Outshining all by far.

And so the Wise Men pondered  
What could its message be,  
For it somehow seemed to beckon  
And say, "Come, follow me!"

So they readied for a journey,  
And chose their gifts so rare.  
Then they climbed upon their camels,  
And turned them toward the star.

Long days and nights they traveled  
With trials along the way,  
Until they came to Bethlehem  
Where now the Christ Child lay.

And there the holy Magi  
Kneled before this tiny King;  
They gazed in adoration  
While hearing angels sing.

And then along with shepherds  
They learned the reason why  
They were beckoned by a message  
That came out of the sky.

And they gave it to the ages  
So that all good men might be,  
Just as joyfully rewarded  
By the words, "Come, follow me!"

L. R. E. Clark

### CHRISTMAS TREE FACTS AND FANCIES

Decorating evergreens dates from pagan times. The Romans decorated trees during the Saturnalia, the midwinter



festival marked by feasting and revelry.

An old Christian legend says that on the night Christ was born every tree in the forest blossomed and bore fruit. An evergreen can't do that, but its fragrance and freshness can last the whole holiday season with new PROLONG live-cut Christmas tree preserver. This liquid mixes with water and "feeds" the tree, preventing drying out and dropping needles.

Decorated Christmas trees in Christian homes did not become popular until the sixteenth century, when Martin Luther cut a snow-laden tree from his garden, decorated it with candles, and placed it in the nursery for his wife and children.

Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's consort, brought the Christmas tree tradition to England when he wed the British monarch in 1841. He set up a richly-decorated tree in Windsor Castle for the first time that year.

More than 30 million American households will have a decorated live-cut Christmas tree this year.



## A Treasury of Christmas Wishes

May your holiday be full of glimmer... and brimming with precious memories. Sincere "thanks" to everyone.

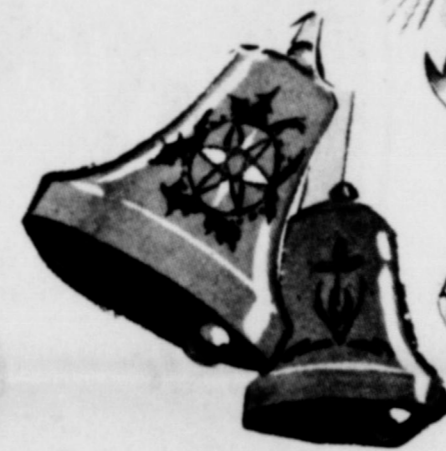


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# Merry Christmas



This is the happy season, when hearts of men are filled with fellowship and good will; when esteem and affection for things near and dear to us find expression in words and deeds of love and generosity. So, in keeping with the spirit of this joyful season, we send the age-old Holiday Greeting — Merry Christmas.



Thanks to all our friends for their loyalty. A happy holiday to you all!

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## JOY at CHRISTMAS

May the Christmas Star shine anew within your heart with hope rekindled.

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## Season's Best Wishes



MAY IT BE A PROSPEROUS HOLIDAY FOR ALL!

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# Christmas



## "WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR..."

As the Wise Men came from the East to find the newborn King... so do we gather now at the manger... seeking new answers to age-old questions:

"Where is meaning? What is joy? How can we know peace?" Now... as then... the answers are in the hearts of men, waiting to be searched out, recognized and understood. May each of us find the strength and wisdom to follow his own star to truth. May the peace that passeth all understanding be with us at Christmas and all through the year.

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