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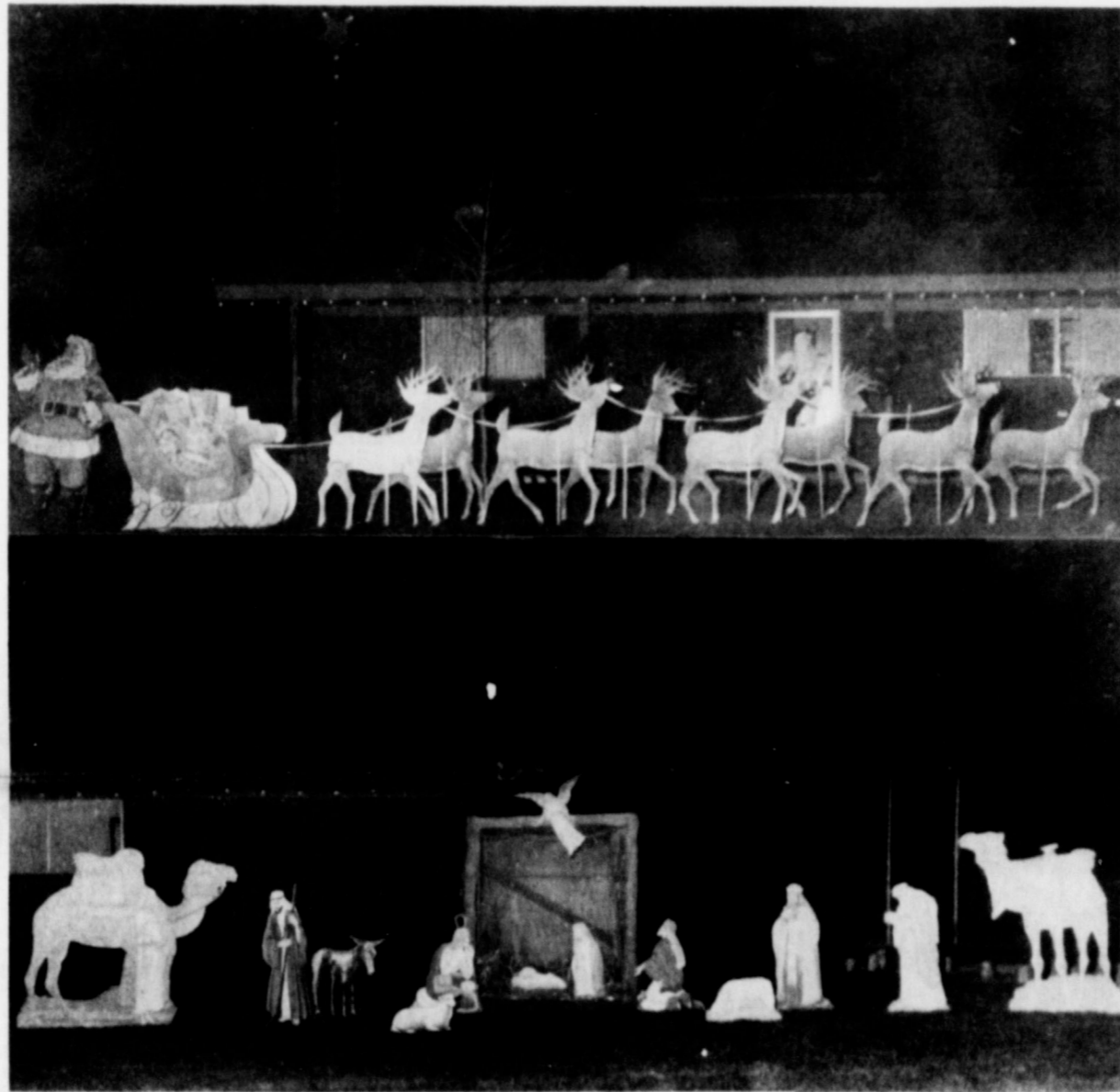
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O Holy Night
may it live in your heart always



CHRISTMAS IDEAS GALORE were featured at the G. L. Adrian home that took first place in the Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the local Chamber. One portion of the Adrian yard featured a nativity scene, while another portion featured a large sleigh and Santa's reindeer along with Rudolph.



Peace on Earth
To Men Of Good Will...

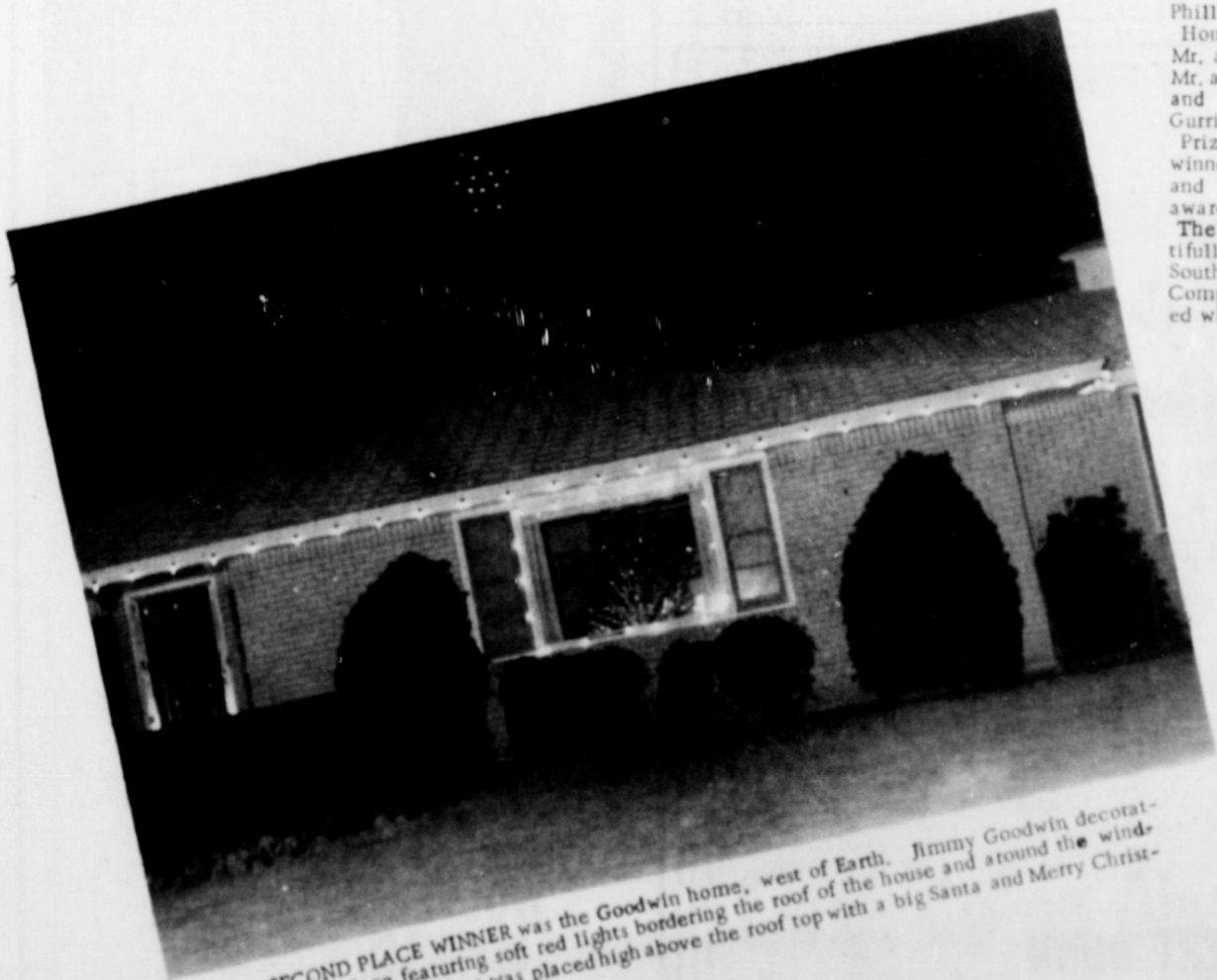
Home, Business Lighting Contest Winners Announced

First place winner in the Christmas lighting contest for the most beautifully decorated home went to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. "Buddy" Adrian; second place winner was the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Goodwin; and third place winner was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Haberer.

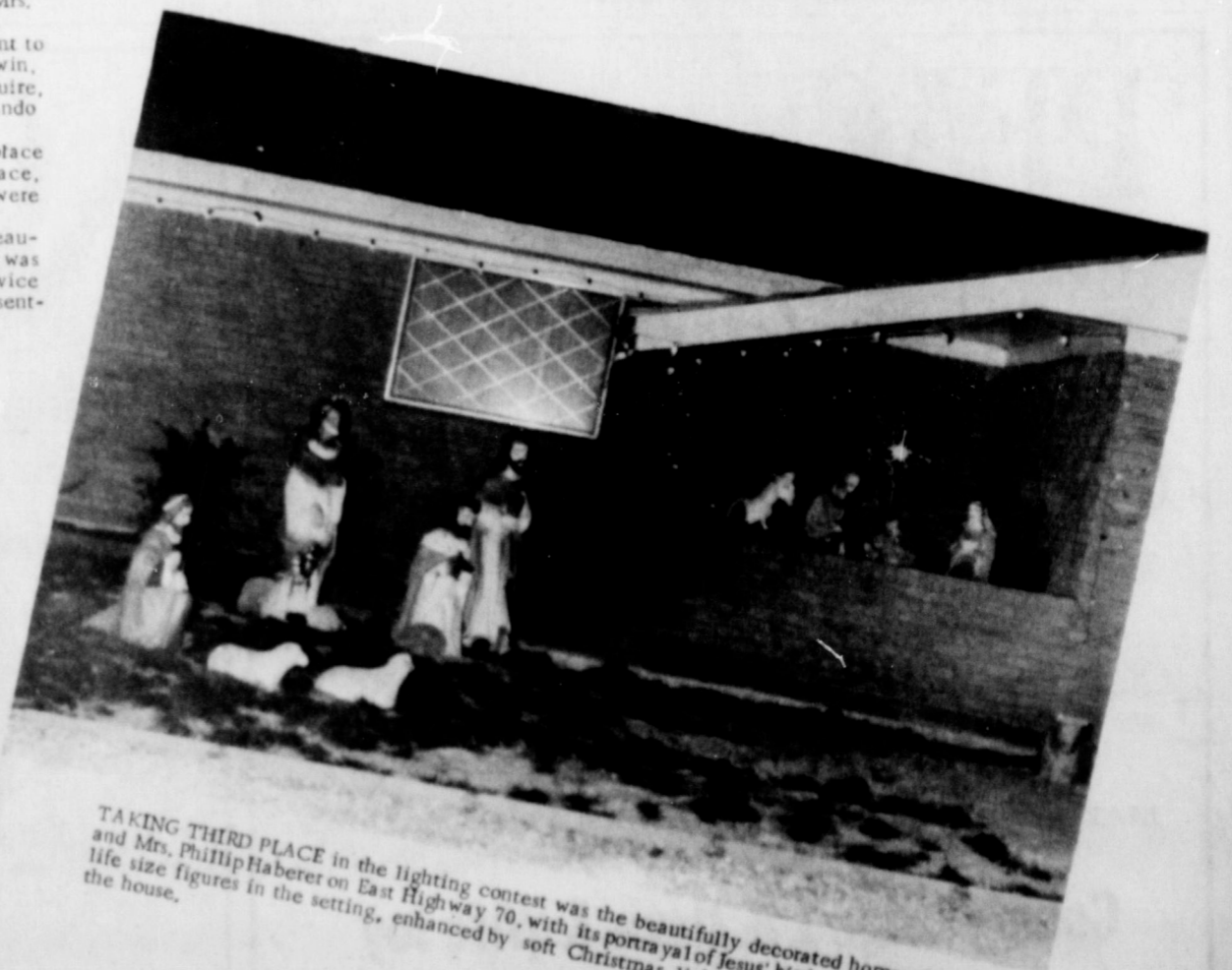
Honorable mentions went to Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Sammy McGuire, and Mr. and Mrs. Amando Gurritez.

Prizes of \$15 for first place winners, \$10 for second place, and \$5 for third place were awarded the winners.

The winner of the most beautifully decorated business was Southwestern Public Service Company. They were presented with a lovely plaque.

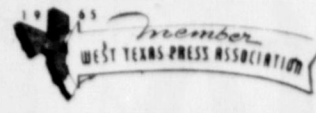


SECOND PLACE WINNER was the Goodwin home, west of Earth. Jimmy Goodwin decorated the place featuring soft red lights bordering the roof of the house and around the windows. A bright red star was placed high above the roof top with a big Santa and Merry Christmas in the yard.



TAKING THIRD PLACE in the lighting contest was the beautifully decorated home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Haberer on East Highway 70, with its portrayal of Jesus' birthplace, using life size figures in the setting, enhanced by soft Christmas lights bordering the roof of the house.

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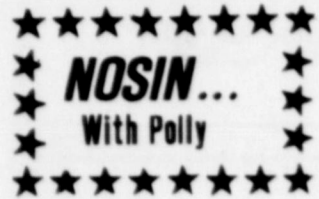
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Christmas, 1966, is fast approaching and though we are on the threshold of nearly a half-million mile trip to the moon, in comparison, it's hard to imagine the thought that a woman traveling 65 miles on the back of a donkey made the most significant trip of all times.

Nations of this world have been engaged in a battle of wits to see who could invent rockets and gadgets to register every conceivable thing on their trips into space, spending millions of dollars and rushing men's lives seeking to explore the moon, with news coverage galore.

While unnoticed along the way, Mary and Joseph made the long trip without television, radio or newspaper coverage to settle down in a lowly stable, for there was no room for them in the inn.

Today, we might do well to remember in humbleness that we may be somewhat similar to the inn keeper, in the fact that we crowd Christ out of Christmas by the importance we place on gift-giving.

The giving of gifts isn't bad, it's wonderful, if given in a spirit of love and not as an obligation.

We might remember too, that the cost of the gift, or the size of a trip, the bigness of an event, the amount of news coverage or the tooting of many horns doesn't necessarily mean importance. On the contrary, a deed done, or an act committed in quietness or a prayer uttered in a closet, may be of more importance than all the blowing and bragging of big time operators in modern times.

One thing for sure, if we don't have Christmas within our hearts, we can't possibly be READY FOR CHRISTMAS!

NOSIN

Always the newspapers keep reminding folks, its only so many shopping days until Christmas. In Vietnam Tuesday there was a big sign erected, reading, Only four more bombing days till Christmas. It's remarkable at the hilarious ideas that homesick GI's come up with in their effort to create a smile for a lonely buddy, while they cover up the yearning for family, and Christmas at home.

Let's remember them daily.

NOSIN

Merry Christmas to all you lovely people who have made

our life in Earth a happy life. We will leave for Oklahoma today for the holidays. There will not be a paper published on December 29. The next issue will be published January 5.

See you again soon... May the best of God's blessings be Yours!

Potpourri...

by DPW

If it were in my power to play Santa Claus to a particular group this year, I would readily do so. This group is deserving of the special gift I would give them. They do and they die for their country. They leave their homes and loved ones, some never to return. And this same country is contradictory toward them, even to the point of denying them.

They are the 17 to 20 year olds who are dying every day in Viet Nam. They carry the burdens of manhood. Their courage exemplifies everything associated with the image of man and their sacrifices and ordeals far outnumber anything we here in the home land could possibly do.

We draft them and they join. The posters in front of our Post Offices point to them and say "We need young men." And they rally to the call. And it is as men that they leave our shores and our safety to enter real and horrible and deadly combat. And it is as men they fight to maintain our way of life, Our freedoms and our rights and our privileges.

And, to those lucky and fortunate enough to return, we say a weak thank you. And, when they once again have taken their places in our society, we tell them, "You are not a man, you are as child. You have not the intelligence nor the wisdom nor the years to have a voice in the running of our government. You are not yet 21 so do not vote. Do not help elect the very people who send you over to die. You do not know."

Is it any wonder that these battle-scarred veterans are so perplexed? Is it any wonder that they shake their heads nonplused and feel very cheated? Is it any wonder they think what the heck did we go over for when, on their return, they are denied the very things they have been fighting for?

Not only in voting privileges or rights, but in many areas. They are denied the right to purchase certain commodities because of age. They are denied entrance to various organizations because they are not of "legal age." And yet, they are of the age to die, very horrible deaths to give others these rights.

It is time for a change. It is time to discontinue contradiction and welcome these paladins as they rightfully are men. It is time to shake their hands and hoist them to our own levels and say to them, "Help us elect our government. It is not only your right but a privilege you have earned with your own blood and courage."

It is time we treat them as equals they are. It is time we show them we know them to be truly men, for men they truly are. It is time to show appreciation long past due and when next the voting booths are open, to open wide the doors to these gallant, courageous and loyal MEN who fight and die for the very privilege denied them by us.



CHRISTMAS, THEY SAY IS FOR CHILDREN. However, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Simmons seem to be enjoying the Christmas season along with their children. Young Sonita Jane, looking a bit angelic, and glowing with happiness is seen in her mother's lap, while young Dennis Jack, age 2, presents his father with a gift.



BEST DECORATED BUSINESS in Earth is the lovely office of Southwestern Public Service that will receive a plaque from the local Chamber of Commerce for their outstanding display of the holiday motif. Local office manager is Leroy Wilkerson, and Mrs. Bill Beasley is bookkeeper for the firm.

Local Firms Close For Christmas Holidays

Most of the local firms in Earth will be closed December 24, 25, and 26.

The following merchants who will be closed on December 25 and 26 are as follows: Sanders Lumber Co., Piggly Wiggly, Patterson Brothers, Southwestern Public Service, Pioneer Natural Gas, Earth Auto Sales, Thompson Chevrolet, Rutherford and Co. Earth Auto Parts, Stephens & Sons, Kasinger Radio and TV, Wolverine Drive In, Taylor Furniture, City Shoe Shop, Earth Locker, Taylor Market Basket, Earth Dry Goods, Unique Fashions, Earth Floral, Whites Auto Store, and Starkey's Steak House.

Citizen State Bank will be closed December 24, 25, and 26.

Dents Farm Supply and Earth Tire and Supply will close December 24, and 25.

Earth Cleaners will remain closed December 25, 26, 27, and 28.

Quicksall Pryor and The Glamour Shoppe will remain closed December 24, 25, and 26.

Earth Pump and Machine Co. will close at noon on December 23, and remain closed through December 27.

Local firms not listed were undecided as to whether they would close or not.

check stand wide open.

He reported that on a swift investigation of the firm, he found the safe in the back of the store to be turned over and the back door left unlocked, when the thief or thieves left.

At 10 a. m. Monday, Brooks said he had not missed anything else in the store except the \$12.52 in currency from the cash drawer, and that taken from the March of Dimes container, of which there was no way of knowing how much was in it.

Finger prints on the safe were to be taken Monday afternoon in an effort to solve the break-in.

Entry was gained by pushing the bottom of the back door inward enough to use some instrument to raise the two by four board from its clamps dropping it to the floor and opening the door.

Bookmobile Will Not Run Through The Holidays

The Texas State Library High Plains Bookmobile will not run Wednesday, December 21 through Saturday, December 24 due to the Christmas holidays.

Towns involved are Circleback, Bula, Amherst, Springlake, Earth, Pleasant Valley, Sudan and Morton.

Small Amount of Currency Taken in Break-In At Piggly Wiggly

A break-in at the local Piggly Wiggly Store Sunday night resulted in the taking of a small amount of currency left overnight in the cash register, and donations from a march of dimes container.

Jerry Brooks, manager of the local grocery store, said he

reported the break in to local law enforcement officers. Deputy Sheriff Hatfield and City marshal Alvin Pittman, at 8 a. m. Monday morning when he came down to open the firm for the day and noticed the cash register tilted upward and a drawer in the

City Dads Amend Ordinance

City officials Monday night, passed an amendment to the city ordinance governing connections to the city sewer system.

It was disclosed that several complaints had been received concerning water from washing machines being run out on the ground instead of through the sewer system, therefore causing a nuisance and health hazard.

All persons so doing are being notified by mail to remedy the situation as soon as possible.

The councilmen reviewed and approved test papers that electricians will be required to take, and make a passing

grade before doing electrical wiring within the city limits. Electricians must pass this written test before receiving a license to perform any type of electrical work in Earth.

The stated meeting for the first Monday in January will be postponed until Tuesday, January 3. The city office will be closed Monday, January 2.

Present for the meeting were E. C. Kelley, mayor; Betty McAlpine, city secretary; Richard Stockstill, Donald Runyon, Neil Pounds, Dad Chesney and Eldon Parish, councilmen; Andy Stroebel, attorney; Sammy McGuire, water superintendent; Skeeter McAlpine, Leroy Wilkerson, and Ross Middleton.

Christmas Bonanza To End December 24

Drawing will take place at approximately 3 p. m. Saturday, December 24 at each of the 17 business places in Earth who are participating in the big Christmas shopping bonanza.

Shoppers will be eligible to register until Santa Claus arrives at 2:30 p. m. Saturday. The 17 local stores are giving away absolutely free, prizes that amount to approximately \$300.

The following firms have sponsored this big event to show their appreciation to customers for their past patronage, and to invite them to Earth to do their Christmas shopping. They are Earth Auto Sales, who will give away absolutely free a motorized Mustang, fastback 2 + 2, valued at \$5,95. Earth Texaco will give away a Texaco Jet Fuel Truck, valued at \$4,98.

Piggly Wiggly has selected a 27 piece Early American crystal punch set, valued at \$8,95. H. S. Sanders Lumber Co. has chosen an \$11.95 Stanley Boy's tool set as their prize.

City Drug will give away an Insta Matic Kodak Camera, valued at \$49.50. Patterson Bros. Grocery will give the lucky winner a 20 pound ham for their Christmas dinner.

Unique Fashions has chosen an all occasion shopping dress valued at \$11.88 as their prize.

A lovely Christmas floral arrangement will be presented to the winner at Earth Floral and Gift.

Texas Cafe, the Wolverine Drive-In, and the Earth News-Sun, in order to promote Earth, are each participating by giving away a \$6 turkey.

Pounds Pharmacy will give away a \$15.95 electric blanket by Rex Ray to the local winner.

Taylor's Market Basket has chosen \$10 in merchandise to present to the winner. Earth Farm Supply will give the winner fertilizer, valued at \$95.

Taylor Furniture has chosen an electric toaster, valued at \$14.95. Earth Dry Goods is giving away \$10 in merchandise, and White's Auto Store is giving away absolutely free a rotisserie barbecue.

Santa To Arrive December 24

Hey Kiddos! Be sure to be in Earth on the afternoon of December 24, when old Santa Claus himself will appear with Christmas goodies for all the children.

He will come by before returning to the North Pole for his Christmas Eve visit to all the children.

The local Lions Club is sponsoring the appearance of Jolly

Ole Saint Nick on his annual visit to our fair city.

The club will also deliver baskets of food to the needy families.

Christmas comes every day to the person who receives U.S. Savings Bonds as a gift. And he receives \$4 at maturity, for every \$3 you pay out for his E Bonds.

JOY

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

We take this opportunity to thank you for your patronage. It has been a pleasure to serve you!

LUCILLE' BEAUTY SHOP

Phone 257-4471 Earth

PEACE to you at **Christmas**

MAY JOY DWELL IN YOUR HEART AT CHRISTMAS

County Judge J. B. Davis & Wife Joy

LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS

may **PEACE** and **JOY** brighten your holiday

We extend warm greetings to our friends at this festive Season. May the Star of the East guide our hearts always!

HERBERT DUNN

COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR - COLLECTOR

LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS

Peace on Earth

May every heart warm to the radiance of the Star... and feel His glory today and always.

WOLVERINE DRIVE IN

Glen & LaVerne McGeath

John & Glenda Hall

Earth Phone 257-2421



Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bick and I want a ring. And I want a doll and I want a purse.
Mary Ann Escalante

Dear Santa Claus,
Get me a football, and a bicycle, and a wagon.
Your friend,
Ramon Fuentes

Dear Santa Claus,
Please visit all the boys and girls.
Book, a wagon, a football, and a bicycle.
Your friend,
Ricky Montreal

Dear Santa Claus,
Please visit all the boys and girls.
I want a baby B and a Baby Magic too.
And I want a bicycle, and I want a watch, and I want a Christmas book too.
Your friend,
Evelyn Busby

Dear Santa,
Please visit all the boys and girls and mothers and fathers. And your friends.
Your friend,
Leon Fuentes

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me a bicycle, and a Baby Magic, Watch.
From,
Teresa Lively

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bicycle and a rifle and a dog and a snow cone machine.
Your friend,
Joe Garza

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy 7 years old. How are you? Is it snowing at North Pole? Would you please bring me meareal bow and arrow set, a wood burning set, a tool set, a crackfire rifle.
Thank you.
Your friend,
Rodney Geissler

Dear Santa Claus,
I would have a Go-Go boots, I would have a baby magic, I would have a watch, I would have a pair of socks, I would have a stocking, I would have a Boo I would have a snow cone machine.
Your friend,
Cathy Everett

Dear Santa Claus,
Please, Santa Claus, I want a bicycle.
From your friend,
Gay Hedges

Please visit all the boys and girls. Thank you Santa Claus. I love you Santa Claus.
Your friend,
Ester Elizondo

Dear Santa Claus,
Please visit all the boys and girls on the merry night. On Merry! Christmas! Night! Santa Claus, I told you in Lubbock that I wanted an operation and mosquito game, and a scoter, just in case you need to know again.
Your friend,
Kim Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
Please visit all the boys and girls.
I want you to bring me a snow cone machine and some go go boots and a magic doll and a watch.
Your friend,
Jo Ann Martinez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle and a pair of go go boots. And bring me a snow cone machine and baby magic. Oh! And fill my stocking too.
Your friend,
Cindy Williams

Dear Santa,
Please visit all the boys and girls, beard mouth.
Your friend,
Ronnie Chesney



RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED RAINDEER is a gay reindeer that Santa will make his annual trip all over the world delivering toys to all good boys and girls all over the world. Looking forward to the big event are Brent Hedrick, Shawnessy Riley, Connie Dear, and James Hanson.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pair of gloves, I want a doll, I want some dishes, too, I want a watch.
Your friend,
Dawn Branscum

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a red baton, and a thing maker that creepy crawlers.
How is it in the North Pole? It is hot here.
Is it very cold out there in

the North Pole?
Have you been feelin good lately?
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please visit all the boys and girls. I want a boat and a rifle, and a watch, and get me a bow and arrow and I want some stockings. I want a bicy-

cle.
How are you, Dear Santa Claus.
From your friend,
Jorge Flores.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please visit all the boys and girls. And mothers and fathers. And your friends.
Your friend,
Timmy Thomas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want one pair of go-go boots. And a baby boo, and a baton. And a baby magic.
How are you?
How are your helpers?
Please visit all the boys and girls.
Your friend,
Toni Inglis

Dear Santa Claus,
Please visit all the boys and girls and mothers and fathers. I want a bicycle.
Your friend,
Danny James

Dear Santa Claus,
Please visit all the boys and girls. Get me a rifle and a bat man.
Your friend,
Jimmy Smith

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Bick, and I want a doll. I want a music dog. I want a baby first step. And I want a play wedding doll.
Sandra Zambrano

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby first step, and I want a doll cradle.
I want a music dog, and I want a snow cone machine.
Baby magic that really cries and I want a play wedding ring.
Your friend,
Kelly Jo Wheatley

Dear Santa,
I am three years old. Please bring me a Jr. Football suit, a riding tractor, and a "See And Say".
Thank you,
Bryan Hedrick
Sunnyside

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and have done pretty good so far. I would like a tric-track, gun and holsters, and a football suit with a new helmet.
Don't forget the rest of my classmates.
Love,
Brent Hedrick
Sunnyside

Dear Santa,
I want a Batman suit, Johnny Eagle Red River gun, The Sister Electric Portable Sewing Machine, Johnny Seven OMA gun, Super Spy Attache Case, Daniel Boone Suit, and an all rubber kick ball, and a baby magic doll.
I will leave you some milk and cookies on the table. I have been a very good boy this year.
Your best friend,
Johnny Dale McNamara

Hi Ho! Merry Christmas

WE'D LIKE TO DASH RIGHT ON IN TO WISH YOU, OUR FAVORITE CUSTOMERS, THE BEST OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

Wayne Rutherford 66 Sta.
EARTH

Thanks Folks!

For Your Patronage This Season...

It Has Been A Pleasure Serving You ...

We Look Forward To Doing Business With You Through The Years To Come ...

Earth Co-op Gins, Inc.
EARTH

Wishing you all the festive pleasures and merry companionship of the holiday season. It's wonderful to serve our many friends... and we thank you heartily for your thoughtful consideration and patronage.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We take great joy at this time to express our sincere thanks to our many friends!

CITY DRUG
GLADYS & ODOM

PCG Proud Of Research, Referendum Passage

More than two thirds of U.S. cotton producers voted December 5-9 to assess themselves \$1 per bale on future production, the money to be used for research and promotion on cotton. Beltwide, the vote was 68.2 percent for the act. The High Plains favorable vote, at 76.8 percent, was well above that figure.

Also of significance in the final outcome of the referendum was the heavy turnout on the Plains. A total of 21,941 voters cast ballots out of an estimated eligible voter list in the 23 Plains Counties of 46,000.

John D. Smith of Littlefield, PGS President pointed out that people have always said farmers could not get together on anything. "But here we have proven that this old saw is a thing of the past. We are all going to be together on this effort to restore cotton's markets through research and promotion, and I have every confidence the job will be done and that we'll be back in a progressive, growing industry within a few short years."

PCG is also a cotton research, promotion and service organization, serving almost 25,000 members in the 23 High Plains

Counties surrounding Lubbock. And there has been some speculation as to how institution of the \$1 per bale national program might affect PCG.

On this question, Johnson said "There is every reason to believe that passage of the Research and Promotion Act will strengthen Plains Cotton Growers."

He called attention to the fact that the law specifically prohibits sending national research and promotion funds either researching the specific problems of any one area or in promoting any particular brand or type of cotton.

"Certainly much, if not all, the national research and promotion done under this Act will be of direct or indirect benefit to our cotton and our cotton producers," he went on. "but we will still have our own battles to fight. No one is going to go to bat for the High Plains except the High Plains itself."

Johnson also pointed out that the allocation of funds generated under the new Act, some 10 or 12 million dollars expected in 1967, will be done by a group of cotton producers selected by state and regional cotton producer organizations.

"And if we are to have our fair share of the say as to how this money is spent, we must have a strong and active area producer organization."

Each area or state's representative on the cotton producer board which will develop and carry out the various research and promotion projects under the Act will be in proportion to that area's financial contribution to the fund, adjusted for any refunds which may be requested.

The High Plains, producing about one-eighth of the nation's cotton each year, should therefore have more representation on the cotton board than any other section of the cotton belt.

Most of PCG's financial support comes from cotton producers on the Plains who pay 15 cents per bale. These are paid through the gins, and ginners themselves pay one cent per bale dues. Oil mills, compresses and other cotton-related business make proportionate contributions.

"PCG dues are not a heavy expense burden on anyone," Johnson said, "but they are absolutely necessary if the High Plains Cotton industry is to keep pace with the rest of the cotton belt and reap an equitable share of the substantial benefits we expect to be forthcoming from increased national research and promotion."

★★★★★ Our Boys In Service

Private Billy G. Griffis, 23, son of Mrs. Earl Walker of Earth, completed eight weeks of advanced infantry training December 3 at Fort Dix, N.J. He received specialized instruction in small unit tactics and in firing such weapons as the m-14 rifle, the M-60 machinegun and the 3.5-inch rocket launcher.

His father, Jesse B. Griffis lives in Dallas.

Candles have long been a part of Christmas. In medieval days, Yule candles, like Yule logs, were of tremendous size. Holes were chiseled in the stone floors to act as holders, and Christmas dinner lasted as long as the candles burned.

IN ITALY, Befana, a lady, brings the children their gifts on Epiphany.



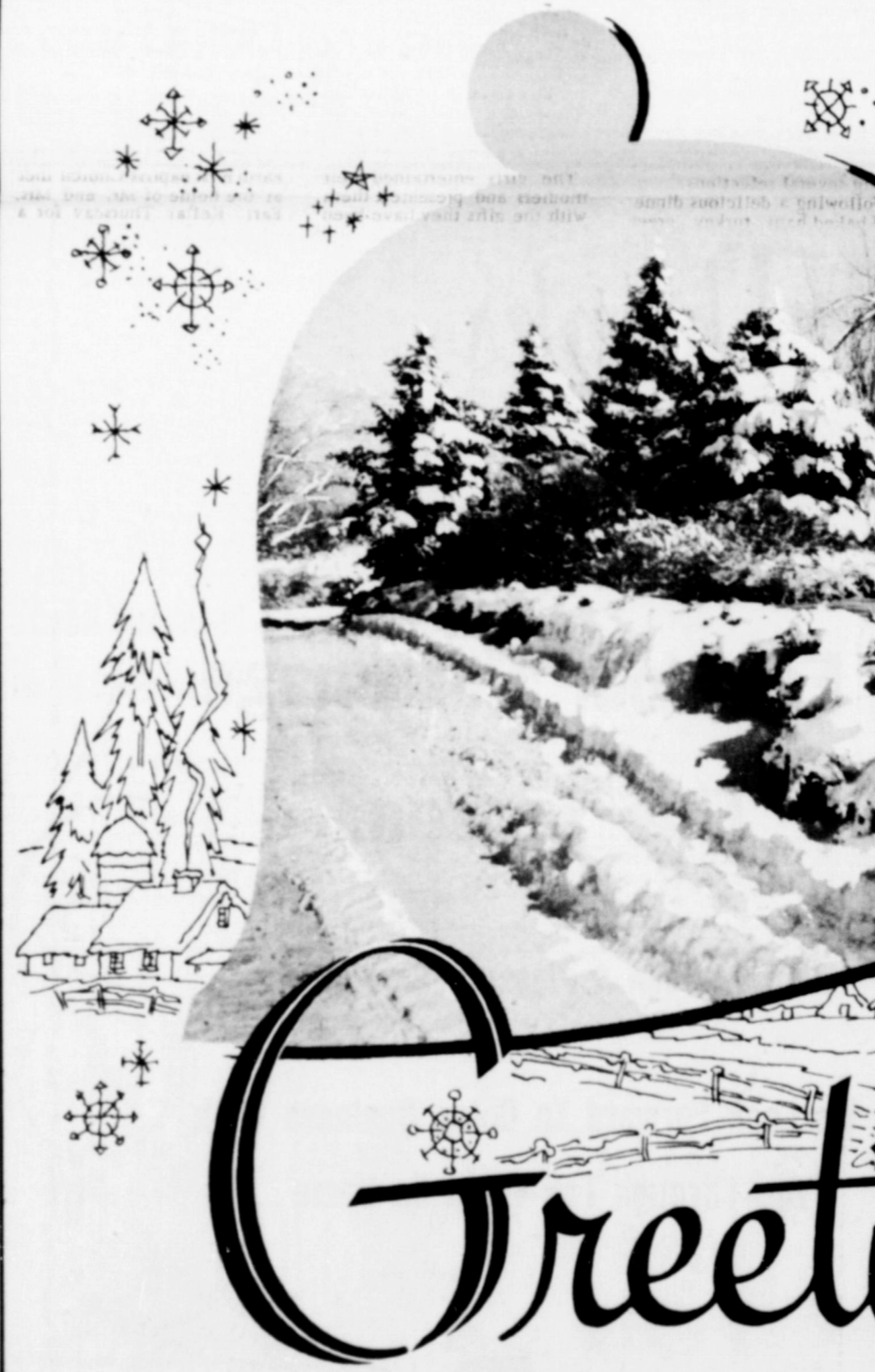
OUR TREE WILL BE THE PRETTIEST YET! And no doubt it will with so many doing so much to make it beautiful. Ideas galore go into decorating the school room trees. Applying the fixings to this one is Alice Faye Adrain, De Goverto Salas, Peggy Gregory, Lesa Clayton, and Frank Delcon. This is Mrs. Connie Sanderson's room.

Unmarried Men Surplus In Lamb County

We have had surplus grain and cotton in Lamb County and now we find, according to figures based upon the marital statistics gathered by the Department of Commerce from all sections of the country, we now have a surplus of unmarried men in the county.

The surplus is such that there are 142 single men in the local area for every 100 single women.

Elsewhere in the United States, 25.1 percent of the men and 19.1 percent of the women in that category are single.



May all your roads lead you to Christmas: to cherished hearts, to cheerful hearth, to spirit's strength, with the blessing of the joyous Season.

We are thankful, indeed for your patronage, both at the Central Compress and at the Gins. Your business has been treasured throughout the years we have been in business. May we merit your continued patronage throughout the future years.

NICKELS GIN

CENTRAL COMPRESS
SUDAN, TEXAS

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We welcome this opportunity to extend to you our best.

May we merit your good will for many years.

Farmers Union Insurance

Arnold and Doug Shelby
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THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Once again we pause to observe, and gather new inspiration from the age-old story... the birth of our Saviour... and His divine, eternal presence. May every joy and blessing of this Holy Season come to you and your loved ones, bringing peace and happiness... making spirits bright!

EARTH PUMP & MACHINE WORKS
EARTH DRILLING CO.
EARTH ELECTRIC CO.

number of unmarried men, sisterhood among American women is gradually vanishing according to the Population Reference Books.

Back in 1940, as many as 15 percent of the women who were in their early 30's had not married. Today, less than 7 percent in that age group are unwed.

It has to do with the oncoming tide of young men and women who were born during the baby boom following World War II.

In Lamb County some 1,166 of these girls will be in the 17 to 21 age group next year, the figures show, and will be looking for husbands.

But, because the birth rate during the war was low, the number of eligible men slightly older than themselves will not be sufficient.

As for the local male crop in the 17 to 21 bracket, who will total 1,074 next year, they will not be ready for marriage then. It will be two years or more before they are and then

they will be seeking girls who are younger than themselves.

PROFESSOR PHUMBLE Says:



to join the!
MARCH OF DIMES.
Fight BIRTH DEFECTS

Bill Yates "Professor Phumble"
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

May your dream come true!

WHITE'S

Auto Store

EARTH EARTH

Methodist Youths Present Christmas Program Sunday

"Unto Us" was the title of the Children's Christmas program presented at the Earth Methodist Church Sunday morning.

The program was directed by teachers of the various children's departments.

Mrs. Bob Bell served as pianist, while Norma Dawson and Mrs. Marie Slover directed the choir.

Speaker for the group was Tracy Lee, while David Hinchliffe served as narrator.

Candlelighters were Melissa Begen and Karen Kemper, Fonda Goodwin and Camille Hinchliffe, portrayed angels.

La'Anna Sulser acted as Mary, while Dyke Gaston was Joseph.

Shepherds were Terry Bell, Paul Bell, and Dickie Brown, while Clint Dawson, Dallas Clinch and Cliff Wood acted as wise men.

People from other lands were

Elaine Slover, Bren Belew, Kim Jones, Karol Kemper, Beverly Bell, Gina Wislan, Cindy McAlpine, Mel Don Tuelock and Pam Ott.

Choir members were Jimmy Coker, Marianne Messer, Sheila Lewis, Denise Temple, Paige Gaston, Jo Ann Coker, Kim Bock, Hal Wood, Bobby Angeley, Brad Haley, Randy Stevens, Carl Sulser, Scott Alexander, Greg Slover, Chris Brock, David Wislan, Hoyt Glascock, Kent Lewis, Vicki Wislan, Darlene Sulser, Shelley Gaston, Pat Cleavinger, Bobby Myers, Evan Hamilton, Scott Lee, Kevin Alexander, Roberta Gaston, Marian Dawson, Karen Hinchliffe, Susie Temple, Becky Littleton, and Jan Cleavinger.

The Kindergarten children presented a special entitled, "Come Softly, Tread Gently."



OFFICERS OF THE YOUNG HOMEMAKERS CLUB were present Tuesday night at the annual Christmas party in the Earth Community room. They are left to right, president, Mrs. Gayland Stephens, vice president, Mrs. Truman Layman, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Dean Jones, reporter, Mrs. Norman Clayton, and parliamentarian, Mrs. Neil Pounds.

YH Club Entertains With Christmas Party

The Young Homemakers Club had its annual Christmas party Tuesday night, beginning at 7:30 p. m. in the community building.

The lovely Christmas tree was designed of blue crepe paper poinsettias.

The serving table was laid with a scalloped blue crepe paper cloth, and was centered with three Spanish candles, with green bows. A Spanish basket was featured, containing blue and green ornaments, bows, pine cones, and greenery.

The head table contained Spanish candleabra, holding 5 candles, each featuring lovely bows. At the base of the candleabra was a layer of blue fur dotted with tiny, glittered pine cones.

The group was served on individual card tables, laid with white cloths, which contained greenery around the edges, dotted with pine cones and tissue roses. Dinner was served by soft blue and green candlelight.

Donita, Anita, and Connie Kelley, accompanied by Kathy Clayton on the piano sang several selections.

Following a delicious dinner of baked ham, turkey, green beans, vegetable and tello salads, hot rolls, strawberry shortcake, tea, and coffee, several games were played and gifts were exchanged.

Attending the party were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Pellham, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Gayland Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Layman, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Pounds, Mr. and Mrs. Jearl James, and guests.



THE SINGING TRIO, lovely daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kelley entertained members of the Young Homemakers Club at a Christmas party Tuesday night in the Community Room. They are left to right, Connie, Donita, and Anita.

Brownies Have Christmas Party

Brownie troop no. 308 met Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Bob Robinson for a Christmas party.

The girls entertained their mothers and presented them with the gifts they have been making.

Punch, coffee, and cake were served by Mrs. Jay Winders and Mrs. Robinson.

Members attending the party were Lucinda Aguirre, Beverly Bell, Debbie Bell, Shelly Bitner, Fonda Goodwin, Kleta Haberer, Camille Hinchliffe, Toni Inglis, Teresa Lively, Cynthia Robinson, La'Anna Sulser, and Kathy and Sherry Winders.

Refreshments of coffee, cookies and various candies were served to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wood, George Laine, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Robnett, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gover, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Hamilton, and Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Baldwin by Mr. and Mrs. Kellar.

The Christmas motif was used beautifully throughout the house.

Erwin Andersons Honored With Farewell Party

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Anderson were honored with a farewell party Friday night in the community building.

The Christmas motif was carried out beautifully throughout the room.

The serving table was laid with a red Christmas tablecloth, centered with a lovely arrangement of white poinsettias, red balls, and white candles.

A money tree was provided for the Andersons as a farewell gift from local friends.

Punch, cookies, and coffee were served.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. E. R. McAlpine, Mrs. Jerry Kelley, Mrs. Bob Armstrong, Mrs. Sammy McGuire, Mrs. Eldon Parish, Mrs. E. C. Kelley, Mrs. Nell Webb, Mrs. Donald Runyon, Mrs. Lucille Wheat, and Mrs. Donald Kelley.

The group enjoyed playing games of 42, cards, and bridge.

Hello World



Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Horton of Plainview are the proud parents of a baby boy born on November 29 in the Plainview Hospital.

Michael Paul as the little boy has been named, tipped the scales at 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

This is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cummings of Earth and Mrs. Mae Horton of Plainview.

Scouts Plan Christmas Party

Girl Scout troop no. 170 met Wednesday at the Scout Hut to complete their Christmas gifts for their Moms and Dads.

At next week's meeting the girls will wrap their gifts, which are wooden card boxes.

The girls have drawn names and at next week's meeting, they will exchange Christmas gifts.

The remainder of the meeting was spent singing Christmas carols.

Mrs. Betty Sulser served refreshments to Lajuana Marshall, Lakintha Clark, Kim Stockstill, Kim Kelley, Terri Inglis, Loretta Flores, Nacola Conner, Marilyn Eagle, Debra Weil, Denise Temple, Gay Ellis, Darlene Sulser, Françoise Faver, and Marianne Messer.

Faculty Has Annual Yuletide Party

"Christmas Around the World" was the theme of the annual Faculty Christmas party Monday in the school cafeteria.

The tables were decorated in Christmas scenes from various countries.

A lovely silver Christmas tree was featured.

Travis Jaquess gave the invocation, just prior to the delicious meal of baked ham and all the trimmings.

Following the meal, Superintendent Bill Mann presented the welcome address.

Mrs. Ruth Holiday from Olton was special guest, bringing the program. She presented a hilarious Phyllis Diller show.

The presentation of gifts was made by Mrs. Howard Cummings.

Mrs. Marvin Sanders told a Christmas story entitled, "Our Christmas Crisis."

"Sweet Little Jesus Boy" was the title of a special solo by Mrs. Jimmy Craft, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Larry Tunnell.

Approximately 60 faculty members and their husbands and wives were present, along with the school personnel and special guests.



JANET BRITTON

This Week's Good Guy

Janet Britton was elected Good Guy of the week by members of the Springlake-Earth Junior High School.

Janet was elected "Most Likely To Succeed."

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Britton.

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LOVE ABOUNDS IN the Jerry Brooks home, even the small dog Penny, seems to enjoy getting his share of love, following his return from the vet with his leg bandaged in a splint. Christmas is a time to be content and thankful for our blessings of love from God. Holding his dog is Jerry, Jr., while Renee watches on.



KYLE AND KEVIN KELLEY CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR CHRISTMAS to get here as the packages under the tree hold a certain mystery for the twosome. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. "Shorty" Kelley



THE HALL CHILDREN--Deck the Halls with Holly and decorate their tree in readiness for the Christmas Holidays ahead. Manager of the decorating crew is Cindy, 11 (left), her helpers are Deric almost 7 years old, Fiona, 5, and Mike, 9. These are the lovely children of Mr. and Mrs. John Hall of Earth.



CHRISTMAS TIME IS A HAPPY TIME at the Donald Rayon home with the warmth of the Christmas spirit in evidence, and a happy young lad anxious to share all the joys of Christmas.



LIKE LITTLE ANGELS these two, though quite young, fall into the excitement of the most celebrated birthday of all, the birthday of Christ. They fill the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parish with an abundance of happiness and cheer. They are Cindy, 6 months old, and Mark 3 years.



AGLOW WITH HAPPINESS this smiling group are trying real hard to be especially helpful to mama during the holiday season. However, it is hard to see new gifts added to the collection daily without shaking, rattling or otherwise disturbing the arrangement. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Hitt, Bobby, 9, Jymme, 3, Jay, 4, and Terry, 6 years.



A HAPPY FAMILY FOURSOME are seen around the tree at the Billy Robnett home where happiness and contentment seem to abide. Seated on the floor with her daddy is 4 year old Christi, and contented to sit in her mother's lap and observe the photographer at work is young Marjorie.



CINDY ANN AND SANDY D have a last minute play time before bedtime as they patiently wait for the forthcoming holiday and the arrival of old Santa, loaded with gifts galore. Cindy and Sandy are children of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clayton.

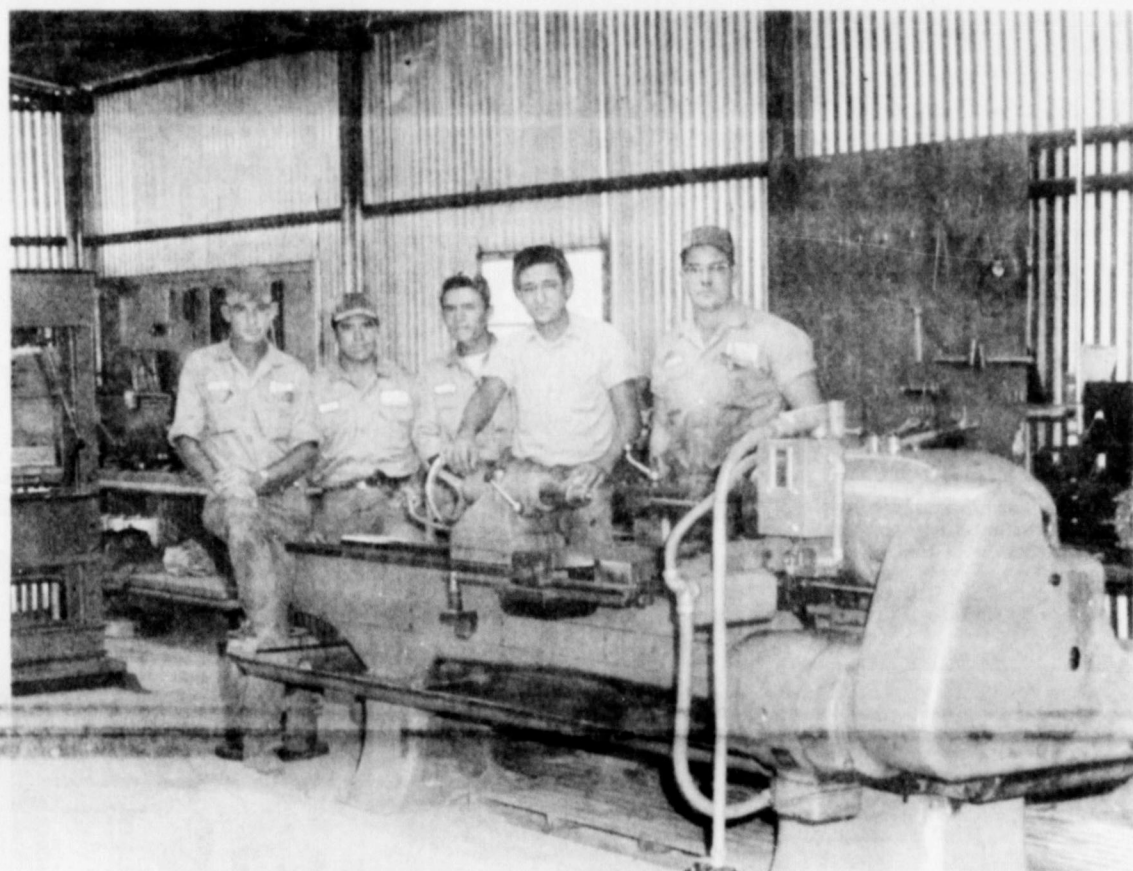
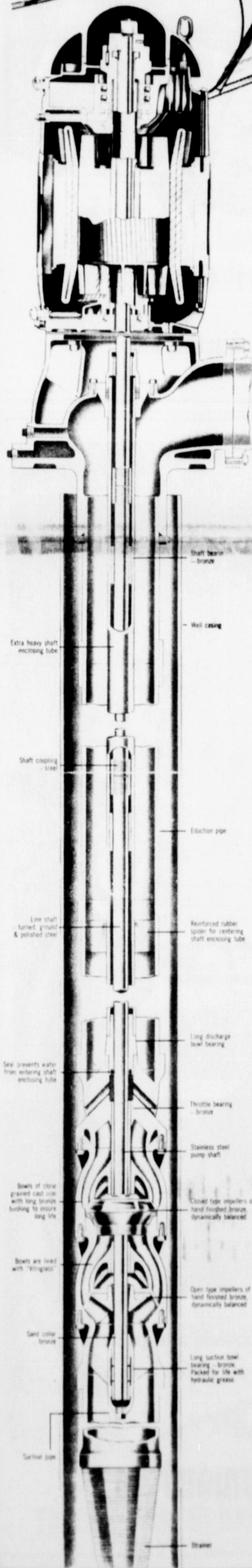


I CAN HARDLY WAIT. Everyday seems like forever when it's near Christmas time. Trying to be patient are Mark Barton, Donna Green, and Sammy Diaz.

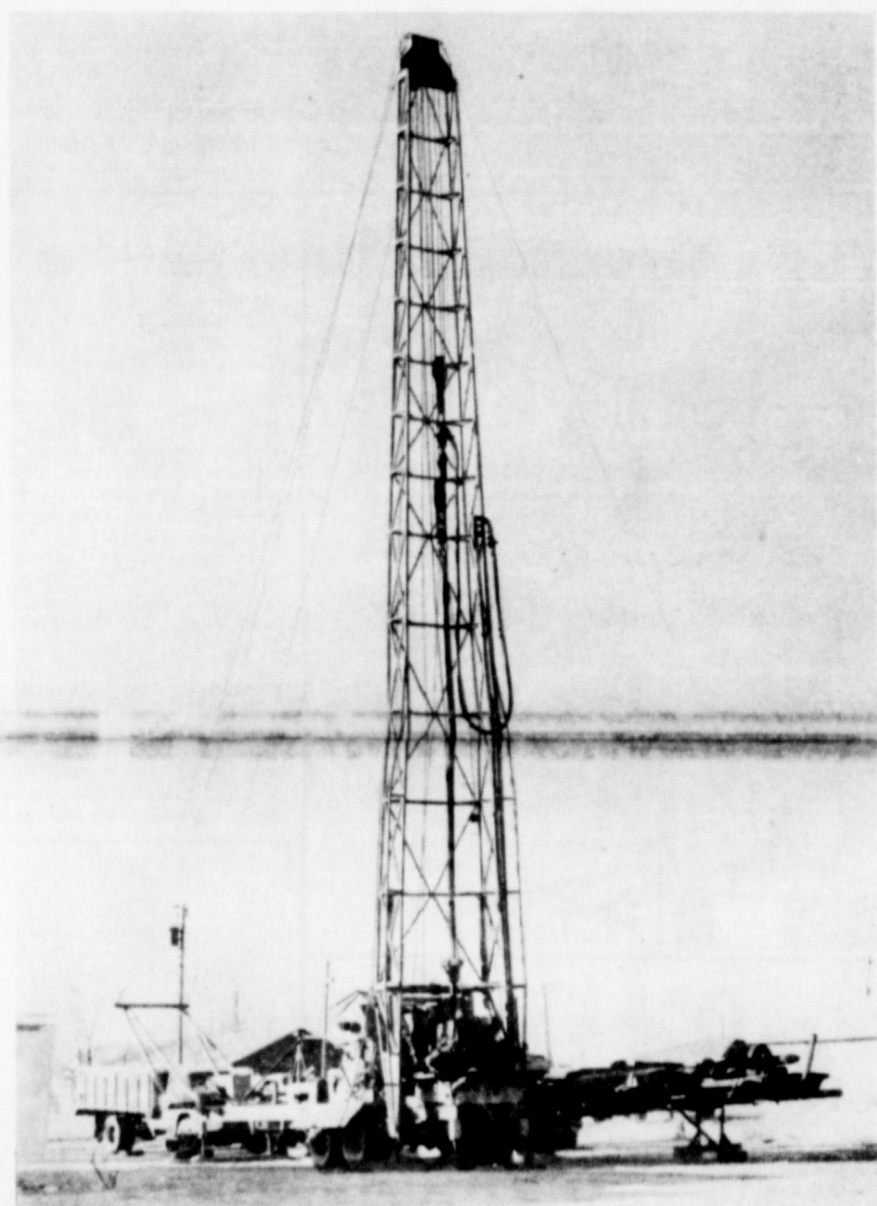


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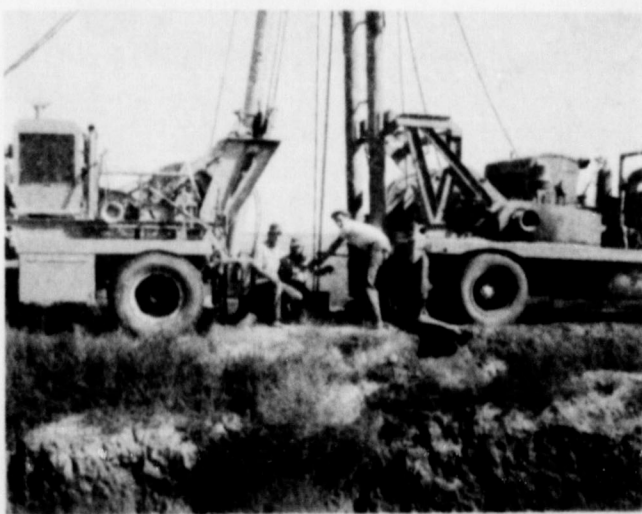
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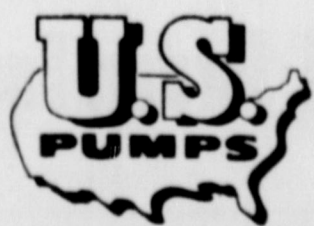
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Brownies Present Programs At Muleshoe Nursing Home

Brownie troop no. 398 and three members of troop no. 273 presented their annual Christmas program to members of the Muleshoe Nursing Home Saturday.

Mrs. Donald Street and Mrs. Wilson Lewis accompanied the girls.

The girls sang several Christmas songs and Brownie songs. Margaret Street read the poem, "Gifts," Kelley Wheatley, "He Prayeth Best," Nesha Lewis, "What Can I Give Him," Carman Wemberely, "Take Time," Karen Eagle, "Santa's Workshop," Kelly Haydon and

Quency Lewis. It's Christmas Dorothy Busby, "Last Minute Shopping," and Marquette James, Ruth Street, Margaret Evans, Mary Bee Marshall, Evelyn Busby, Mary Castillo, Lena Clayton and Cindy Williams presented the poem entitled, "Love."

The room decorations that the Brownies had previously made for the rooms were displayed.

Other girls present were Dina Jo Hampton and Diane Eagle. Refreshments of Cokes were served at the Drive In on the return trip home.

Lazbuddie News...

By Mrs. C. A. Watson

The Christmas program opera presented by the 4th, 5th and 6th grades was presented at the High School auditorium at Lazbuddie Monday night. The theme of the program was "The Great Gift." The pageant was presented by the Music director of the classes, Mrs. Ruth Wilson.

Mrs. Grady King was the lucky winner of \$50 in cash Saturday at Muleshoe. The gift was given by St. Clair's Department Store.

Birthday greetings this week go to Rosa Flores, John Neil Agee, Barbara Johnson, Mark Harris, Ray Don Coker, Juanita Pierce, Margareto Ambrez, Robert Templeton, Fred Owen, Annie Cargile, Larry Morris,

Kay Ann Handley, Eddie Carthel, Rene Flores, and Frances Walton.

Private E-2 Benny Watson completed a supply specialist course December 2 at the army quartermaster school at Ft. Lee, Virginia. During the course he was trained in packing and storing army supplies fitting clothing, footwear, and maintenance of small arms. Pvt. Watson is presently spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Watson.

Guest in the Watson home coming from Ft. Lee also is Pvt. E-2 Fulgencio Juan Rayudo, Jr., from Mavi, Hawaii. This is his first Christmas in the Continental U. S. He wanted



SANTA'S GALORE TUCKED IN THEIR ARMS and eyes sparkling with happiness. This lovely threesome, grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Prather of Earth are thrilled with the thoughts of Christmas. The spirit of Christmas can be seen in their expressions of joy. They are left to right De Lynn Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Sanders of Earth, and 3 year old Shane and 4 year old Shawn Stephens from Maryland, Virginia.

Brownies Receive Cards From Soldier Boys

The following notes were received on Christmas cards by the Brownie troop no. 298 in regard to the Christmas greetings the group sent the soldier boys.

To the Girl Scout Brownie Troop no. 398:

I want to thank you personally for the welcomed Christmas card that I received from you. It is acts like yours that makes Christmas a bit more special for service men all

over the world, who can't come home.

May God bless each and every one of you, and may I wish you a very warm and merry Christmas.

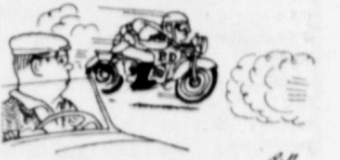
Sincerely,
Lt. Richard J. Bloodgood
Executive Officer

Dear Brownies,
I received your card yesterday. I was very happy to get it. It made me realize that

the people at home do think about us over here in Viet Nam. I would like to express my sincere thanks to you all.

SP-4 Jack E. King

The Old Timer



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News-Sun Office Closed December 22 Through January 2

This Christmas issue is the last issue of the News-Sun to be published this year. The office will close today (Thursday), December 22 and will remain closed until January 2, 1967, allowing office personnel who are making long trips over the holidays to spend some time with their loved ones.

The next issue will be published on Thursday, January 5, 1967.

Area people are invited also to attend the First Baptist Church special Christmas services held at the church Sunday.



HOW ABOUT OPENING THIS ONE NOW, MOMMIE? The idea of never putting off until tomorrow what you can do today seems to apply best at Christmas time when there are packages galore to be opened, and chances are young Cary Don Sawyer, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Sawyer is eager to be helpful in this respect.

Have a Very Merry Christmas

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Christmas blessings to all our good friends and patrons and to your families... may peace and joy abide with you throughout the holiday season.

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Wolverettes Win Tournament "B" Girls Take Springlake-Earth-Tourney

Springlake-Earth's fearsome sextet plus added another laurel to their many last week as they captured first place in the Tullia Invitational Tournament. Defeating Canyon, Farwell, and Tullia in that order, the local femmes were never in deep water without preservers as they brought home the coveted first place trophy.

Led by the sharp shooting of the gleesome threesome of O'Hair, Britton, and Dawson, the home town lasses scored a total of 206 points in the three outings, while the magnificent defenders held the opponent's total outlay to 110. It would be difficult to pick out any one outstanding player. It was team effort all the way which proves the mettle of a great ball club.

One bright spot on the scene, however, was Vickie Sanders, senior transfer from Dimmitt, who played a whale of a game on defense.

Making the All-tournament team from Springlake-Earth were all three forwards, prov-

ing that no one player was the real "gun."

This was the second consecutive first place victory in the Tullia tournament for the Wolverettes. Next on the agenda for the fast acting girls will be the Duncanville tournament in Dallas during the Christmas holidays.

In last week's local B team tournament, the local B team girls added other glories to the local school as they captured first place by defeating Abernathy in the finals, 40 to 28.

Faced by Vicky Gregory's 26 points in the final game, the youngsters proved that girl's basketball in the local school will be around for some time to come.

The boy's B team was not to be outdone either as they defeated a strong Dimmitt B team to capture consolation honors in the same tournament.

Other basketball stories concerning action during the holidays appears elsewhere in this addition of the Earth News-Sun.



ANITA O'HAIR AND JUDY GOVER, members of the Springlake-Earth girls varsity basketball team are shown above with the first place trophy won in the Tullia tournament held last weekend.

Cotton Program Basically The Same

Cotton program provisions for 1967 are basically the same with only a few changes, according to the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Allotments are about the same as in 1966 with domestic allotments again 65 per cent of effective allotments.

Loans is 20.25 cents per pound down from 21 cents in 1966. Support price payment is 11.53 cents per pound times projected yield from acreage diverted to soil conservation uses. Required diversion is at least 12.5 per cent to qualify as a cooperator.

Diversion payments will be made again on maximum 35 percent of allotment with the choice of any percentage level between 12.5 and 35. However, farmers must divert the amount they sign up to divert. At least 90 per cent of the domestic allotment must be planted to get full price support payments.

Allotment holders with 10 acres or less or with total projected yields of 3600 pounds or less are not required to divert acreage to qualify for payments.

On export acreage, PCG reports another 250,000 acres for it by January 3 and they will have 15 days, or until March 1, whichever is later, to withdraw the application if they wish. Anyone who accepts export acreage must

export all cotton from the farm without price support. All producers, large or small who want to take part in the program, must sign up with ASCS and make known their intended diversion level. Sign up period begins Monday, February 6 and will close March 31.

Capt. Hicks receives medal for achievement.

Montgomery, Alabama--Captain Jerry N. Hicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hicks of Muleshoe, has been decorated with the Air Medal at Maxwell, Alabama.

Captain Hicks received the medal for meritorious achievement during military flights while assigned to duty at Bien Hoa AB, Vietnam. He was cited for his leadership and professionalism in the successful accomplishment of combat missions in spite of inclement weather and enemy ground fire.

The captain is one of more than 500 select government officials and officers from U.S. and allied armed forces in the present class at the Air Force Command and Staff

College at Maxwell. The curriculum covers advanced military leadership, management and use of aerospace forces.

The 10-month program is part of the Air University's professional education system to prepare officers for higher command and staff positions.

Captain Hicks, a graduate of Patton Springs High School, Afton, Texas, was commissioned in 1957 through the aviation cadet program.

His wife, Shirley, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Matthieson of Muleshoe.

Postmaster Says "Thanks"

"Thank you." That's the comment today from Postmaster Harold D. Miller.

"The people of Earth cooperated magnificently and we have had the best Christmas season ever. It now appears that every piece of mail that will enter the post office by today will be delivered before Christmas Eve. There will be no backlog of holiday mail still to be delivered Christmas Day," the Postmaster said.

Friday, December 16 was the busiest day in the post office during the pre-Christmas rush. An estimated 8000 pieces of mail were handled by post office workers.

"The use of ZIP Code and a pattern of early mailing helped us move more mail with greater efficiency than ever



BEVERLY BRITTON AND JODY ANGELEY are shown above proudly displaying the first place trophy the Wolverette B team won in the Springlake-Earth B team tournament last weekend.

Sorority Collects \$406 In Girl Scout Fund Drive

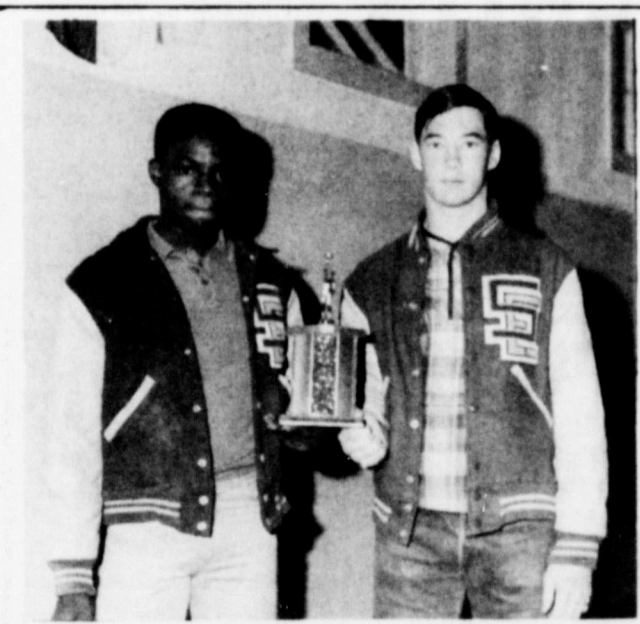
Members of the Beta Sigma Phi canvassed the town Thursday and Friday in their

attempt to reach their goal set at \$648 in the annual Girl Scout Fund Drive.

To date, \$406.60 has been collected. Money is still being turned in.

Members who made the house to house canvass were Mrs. Richard Bills, Mrs. John Laing, Mrs. Don Randolph, Mrs. Robert Taylor, Mrs. Mike Simmons, Mrs. Ray Tom Packard, Mrs. Jim Williams, and Mrs. Bernice Schellar.

WISHING EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS



CONSOLATION TROPHY WINNERS--The Springlake-Earth B team won the consolation trophy in the local B team basketball tournament last weekend. Shown above holding the trophy are O. C. Thomas and Ricky Byers.

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WOLVERETTES PLAY at 8:40 p. m. TUESDAY
Duncanville Tournament Scheduled December 27-31

The Springlake-Earth high flying Wolverettes will play in the Duncanville Tournament of Champions next week, beginning with a game at 8:40 p. m. Tuesday, with Slidell.

There are 24 high school girls basketball teams entered from over the state of Texas. There will be a total of 36 games played during the 5 day tournament.

Wednesday at 8 p. m. a tournament queen will be selected. Trophies will be awarded on Saturday night after the final game.

The tournament will open at 10 a. m. Tuesday, December 27 with a game between Bowie and Cedar Hill.

Next in order will be Lake Worth and Midlothian at 11:20 a. m.; Comanche and Plano, 1:05 p. m.; Sidney and De Soto at 2:25 p. m.; Bridgeport and Bula, 3:45 p. m.; Burlington and Tullia, 6 p. m.; Spearman and Duncanville, 7:30 p. m., and Slidell and Springlake-Earth at 8:40 p. m. All the above games are scheduled on Tuesday.

Wednesday, the opening game will be between Carroll and Grandview at 10 a. m., followed by Archer City and Mansfield, 11:20 a. m.; Italy and Goldburg, 1:05 p. m. Jourdanton and Granbury will play at 5:20 p. m.

The winners of the Slidell-Wolverette game will play the winners of the Sidney-De Soto game Wednesday at 8:40 p. m. The winners of the Lake Worth and Midlothian game will play the winners of the Bridgeport-Bula game Wednesday at 2:25 p. m. The winners of the Jourdanton-Granbury game will play the winners of the above game Thursday at 8:40 p. m.

The consolation game will be played at 6:30 p. m. Saturday, and the championship game will be played at 9:30 p. m. Saturday.

WISHING YOU ALL THAT'S BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL!

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SPRING LAKE



STEVE HAY looks in wonder at the beautiful tumble weed Christmas tree made by his mother, Mrs. Cullen Hay, from 25 small tumble weeds fastened together and flocked in snow. Mrs. Hay said they had sold out of trees in Earth, and she just wouldn't be outdone, since her guest list for the Christmas holidays included her lovely grandchildren. Spending the holidays included her lovely grandchildren. Spending the holidays with the Hays will be Mr. and Mrs. David Sager, Kindal, and Kyle of Santa Fe, N.M., and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fancher of Lubbock.

Sunnyside News...

By Tenny Bowden

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jenkins returned home last Sunday night from a two weeks vacation. He went quail hunting at Dumas while they were on vacation. They visited their children and also spent some time at Lake Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Haydon visited in Weatherford with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Haydon, and with other relatives and friends Monday through Thursday. They also visited in Gainesville with his sister one day.

Mrs. Shorty Elliott was dismissed from the Olton Hospital Monday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Durham went to Window Rock, Arizona, Monday to be with Marvalynne after she became ill over the accident last Sunday. Mrs. Durham stayed with her to help out until she gets her vacation next Wednesday.

Mrs. Alton Loudder and Mrs. Milton Ott visited in Hereford Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ott.

The men flew home from their fishing trip to the Gulf Tuesday afternoon. Most of them got sea sick, but caught about 400 pounds of fish.

The Brotherhood met Tuesday night with their families for a civil supper. Five or six families from Lee Street in Dimmitt attended. The men of Lee Street brought the program after the supper. About 43 attended.

Molly Bradley was home from Wayland for the weekend. Marian Crisp was home from business school in Plainview for the weekend. Sandra Crisp and Bob Day from Wayland spent the day Sunday with the Crisps and attended the services with them Sunday morning and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phelan spent Saturday afternoon and ate supper with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phelan.

Mrs. Bruce Blair and Mrs. Vernon Scott and boys of Farwell and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Redwine of Shallowater visited with Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bradley, Molly, and Lee Saturday afternoon. The women attended the shower.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lewis Karen, and Tommy of Olton visited in the Sunday morning church services with Raymond Lilley and had dinner with them. Mrs. Lilley was ill.

Mrs. Pearl Sadler of Dimmitt had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ezell Sadler.

Molly Bradley was honored with a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. E. R. Sadler Saturday afternoon. Seventy two guests were registered. Hostesses were Mrs. Sadler, Mrs. Phillip Jones, Mrs. Ezell Sadler, Mrs. Charles Hedrick, Mrs. Richard Bills, Mrs. Jerry James, Mrs. J. Paul Waggoner, Mrs. David Sadler, Mrs. Larry Sadler, Mrs. Tex Conard, and Mrs. Roy Lilley from Dimmitt, and Mrs. Noah Spencer, Mrs. Gerald Elkins and Mrs. John Moore who were unable to attend.

Don Curtis was home from WTSU for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Axtell had house guests this week Thursday through Sunday night. They were his cousins, Mrs. Jane Davidson from Plains, Kansas and Doran Smith from Huxhinson, Kansas.

Joan Dawson was first pianist with the Texas Tech Symphony Concert in Lubbock Sunday in the municipal auditorium. She played the difficult "Carnival of Animals." Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dawson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Axtell and Charles, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Curtis and Debbie attended the concert.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Curtis had dinner in Slaton with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baker and family Sunday. All attended the concert in Lubbock, then returned to Slaton for the Sunday night services to see their grandson, Will Baker perform in a Christmas program.

Eighty three attended Sunday School with 64 in Training Union Sunday. The Christmas program was given during the evening service, and gifts given to the pastor and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Follis. Mrs. Roy Phelan was chairman of the Christmas program, a play acted out as the choir sang various carols, and two narrators read scriptures.

Mrs. Dick Morrison received a letter from Ronald Blanton this week acknowledging his thanks for the candy he received as a result of the Castro County project of sending candy to all the boys from the county now overseas. Ronald is stationed in Turkey. The women fixing his candy were Mrs. David Cole, Mrs.

Elsie Moore, and the Dewie Wrights. He said he and his buddies all enjoyed the candy very much.

Diana Jenkins daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jenkins and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jenkins was admitted to Methodist Hospital Wednesday afternoon and Mrs. Jenkins stayed with her for a day or two. She was dismissed Saturday.

A. L. Wilson got a cut on his chin and several teeth broken Wednesday when he was hit in the face by a jack handle. The WMS met for the circle program Wednesday night with Mrs. Alton Loudder in charge of the program in the absence of Mrs. Milburn Haydon.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bradley and Kent attended the fun-

eral services for her aunt, Mrs. Birdie Coventry, in Dimmitt Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Harry Harris of Weatherford, Mrs. Bill Bailey and Ruth Ann Harris of Plainview, and Joe Wagley of Eldorado attended the funeral and visited with the Bradleys.

Mrs. Alton Loudder visited in Littlefield Thursday with Mrs. Lowell Westmoreland, Gena and Zane.

The El Paso Gas Camp had their annual Christmas party Thursday night with turkey and all the trimmings. They also exchanged gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phelan moved a house into Sunnyside Tuesday. They bought a lot north of the parsonage and telephone house. Mr. and Mrs. Drake and Linda will occupy the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lilley visited with relatives in Big Springs Thursday and Friday. Troy Jones was admitted to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Elliott and family moved from the King Place to the E. R. Sadler rest home south of the store. He will work with E. R. Sadler next year. They moved last Tuesday.

Mrs. Mike Matthews of Odessa was in a car accident there last weekend. She was not injured except for popping her neck. This week the doctor advised traction to correct the injury. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jenkins went down Saturday. She stayed to help out with the baby.

Texas Cattle Feeding Shows Large Increase Over Last Year

There were 647,000 head of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas on December 1, according to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

This is 26 percent above a year ago and 6 percent above a month ago.

Feedlots of 1,000 or more capacity held 575,000 (89 percent) of that total being fattened for slaughter market. This size group is up 27 percent from December 1965, and up 6 percent from a month ago. Of these large feedlots, there were 193 that reported having cattle on feed December 1.

Feedlots with less than 1,000 capacity held 72,000 head. This size group is 16 percent above a year ago and up 11 percent from a month ago.

Placement into Texas feedlots during November totaled 153,000 head. These placements are up 46 percent from November, 1965, but down 25 percent from October, 1966, placements.

Marketings of fat cattle during November totaled 114,000 head. These marketings are 33 percent above November 1965, and 8 percent above October marketings.



HELLO THERE!

Merry Christmas

Just want to say, folks, it's that time of year

For greeting good friends and wishing them cheer.

May your holiday season be merry and bright

May your fondest plans turn out just right!

Yes, here's to the season of carols and holly

Here's to a Yuletide that's prosperous and jolly!

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LEGAL NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING CONNECTIONS TO BE MADE TO THE CITY SEWERS AND REGULATING SAME; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$100, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGLAKE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That all owners or occupants of buildings, or agents for the said owners, situated in any section of the Town where sanitary sewer now exists, or where it may hereafter exist, and where the property line of the land on which any such building is situated approaches or extends to within 100 feet of any such sewer are hereby required to construct or cause to be constructed suitable water closets on their property, and connect the same with the Town sewer, under the supervision of the Town Engineer.

And it shall be the duty of any such property owners or agents of same or occupants of such property to keep and maintain said water closet and connection thereof in perfect condition, and free from any obstruction, and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to build or use any privy vault above or below the ground in the Town of Springlake or any lot or parcel of land, the property line of which, at any point, extends to within a distance of 100 feet of a Town sanitary sewer. All persons now having such privies in such localities are hereby required to abate the same within thirty (30) days after notice, by the Town Engineer, to do so, and to construct and to put in water closets and connect the same with the Town sewer, as required by this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for the owner of occupant of any building situated on a lot, extending within 100 feet of any sewer of the Town, any portion of which said house is used for any purpose, during any portion of the day, to fail to have at least one water closet connected with the Town sewer within 30 days after notice from the Town engineer, to do so, and to fail to have said water closets suitably arranged for the use as a urinal, unless a separate urinal is provided.

SECTION 3. It shall be unlawful for the owners and occupants of any building, situated within 100 feet of any sanitary sewer, in which said

building, food is cooked or clothing is washed, to fail to have a suitable sink or hopper for the reception of waste water, provided, however, that if the water closet is of the kind suited to such use it may receive the waste water, and the sink or hopper may be dispensed with.

SECTION 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, or allow any person under his or her control, to throw or deposit on the surface of the ground, or in any hole or vault, in or under the surface of the ground, on any lot reaching within 100 feet of any Town sanitary sewer, except in the proper and necessary manuring of the soil, any water, which has been used for domestic purposes, or any liquid or solid filth, feces, or urine.

SECTION 5. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw or deposit, or cause or permit anyone, under his or her control, to throw or deposit in any Town sewer, or in any vessel or receptacles connected with any Town sewer, any garbage, hair, ashes, fruits, or vegetable peelings, or refuse rags, cotton, cinders, or any other matter whatsoever, except feces, urine, the necessary closet paper and liquid slops.

SECTION 6. It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse or fail to connect all wash stands or stop stands in his or her house or yard with the Town sewer, or to allow any slops, wash or waste water of any kind to flow over the pavement or into any open gutter or into the street.

SECTION 7. That every person who omits or refuses to comply with or who resists or willfully violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and each day violation shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 8. It shall hereafter be the duty of the Town Engineer, whenever any permit for sewer connection shall be by him granted, to file a statement of that fact with the collector of the Water Department.

SECTION 9. The fact that there is no ordinance requiring connection to be made to the Town Sewer and regulating the same, creates an imperative public necessity that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on more than one day be and the same is hereby suspended.

I would like to rent or cash lease farm in Earth-Springlake area, Contact Donald Street, phone 965-2618. 12/8/tfc

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and that this Ordinance take effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, and it is so ordained.

Passed and approved, this the 5th day of December, 1966.

Approved:
FLOYD CRAWFORD
Mayor

Attest:
RALPH RUDD
Town Secretary

(Published in the Earth News-Sun Thursday, December 15, 22, 1966 and Thursday, January 5, 1967.)

LEGAL NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NO. 32 PASSED JULY 5, 1955, BY THE CITY OF EARTH, TEXAS, GOVERNING CONNECTIONS TO THE CITY SEWER SYSTEM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EARTH, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

"Any person, firm, or corporation desiring to connect to the City Sewer System, must make a separate sewer tap for each connection desired."

No two establishments or dwellings may connect to the same sewer tap, regardless of being on the same lot or plot.

The City Council here and now declares that it would have passed each and every provision of this Ordinance irrespective of any other provision therein, and an emergency is hereby declared, and this ordinance shall go into effect immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19 day of December A. D. 1966.

E. C. Kelley
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF EARTH, TEXAS

ATTEST:
Betty McAlpine
CITY SECRETARY

(Printed in the Earth News-Sun Thursday, December 22, 1966 and January 5, 1967)



When we fill our responsibilities in the way in which they should be fulfilled; for then we are in divine order. We are careful, wise, prompt, alert and conscious in divine order, we are guided to have a right place for everything, and everything in its place.

FOR SALE
One Large Or
Two Medium Size
Residential Lots.
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Including Bronze for
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HOW CAN WE WAIT? That's the 64 thousand dollar question in the mind of happy Jimmy Baldwin, 4, and his brother Darron, 3, who are ready for the big day. Their cousin, 1 year old Kimberly Green is ready too, but doesn't find waiting as hard as do the older lads. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baldwin and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Green.

Large Group Attends Cantata

The Church Choir of the First Baptist Church in Earth presented its annual Christmas Cantata Sunday evening, with a large group attending the performance.

"Child Jesus" was the title of the 30 minute Cantata. The 42 member choir was directed by Joe Coombes, with Kathy Clayton as pianist, and Mrs. Sharon Tunnell as organist.

There were featured solos by Mrs. Jimmy Craft, Alice Ja-

ness, Freddie Kelley, and Jesse Cole.

Anita, Donita, and Connie Kelley presented lovely specialties.

Also a featured duet was Mrs. Howard Cummings and Mrs. Bobby D. Green.

Following the Cantata, the choir members served refreshments of sandwiches, punch, cookies, and chips to all those attending.

How the Legend of the Christmas Bells Began

A delightful legend surrounds the custom of bell-ringing at Christmas. Many years ago, so the story goes, the little town of Locen, Holland, boasted two fine bells that gave forth clear, lovely tones. But one night they mysteriously disappeared. In vain the townspeople searched for them; then, on Christmas Eve, at the stroke of midnight, the familiar bell tones rang out. No one knew where the sound came from but each successive Christmas Eve the bells rang out over the little town and their fame spread far and wide.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a play truck and a B B gun.
I hope you have a merry Christmas.

Love,
Sammy Diaz

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a present, and a baby magic.
I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Augustina Castillo
Second Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 3 years old and my mother and daddy said I had been a pretty good boy this

year. Would you please bring me a baby sister, a race car, a big gun, road grader, and a birthday cake for Jesus. And please don't forget all the other little children who aren't as fortunate as I am.

Ricky Dutton
Route 2
Earth, Texas

Support our fighting men in Vietnam by giving U.S. Savings Bonds this Christmas. Get them at your bank, with the free gift envelope.

Tired of wandering through stores looking for the "ideal" gift? One gift that is always "ideal" is a U.S. Savings Bond.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Citizens State Bank, Earth, Texas

Will Be Held January 10th, 1967 in the banking rooms of said bank at 2:00 o'clock P. M.

ANN JONES
Cashier

Welcome to Earth



MR. AND MRS. ELBERT ALLEN, JR. AND DAUGHTER RONDA

Welcome to Earth To Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Allen, Jr. and daughter who moved here recently from Brownfield. Allen is employed as a mechanic at Dent Farm Supply.

Prior to moving to Earth, Allen was employed for the past year, by Hester Implement Company. The couple are parents of one daughter, Rhonda. They are affiliated with the Church of Christ.

THE FOLLOWING MERCHANTS EXTEND THEIR WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS

PATTERSON BROS. GROCERY EARTH	PIGGLY WIGGLY EARTH
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We wish you all a **MERRY CHRISTMAS**



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Publisher



POLLY MIDDLETON
Editor, Business Manager



ELDON TROTTER
Advertising Salesman,
Photographer, Sports Writer

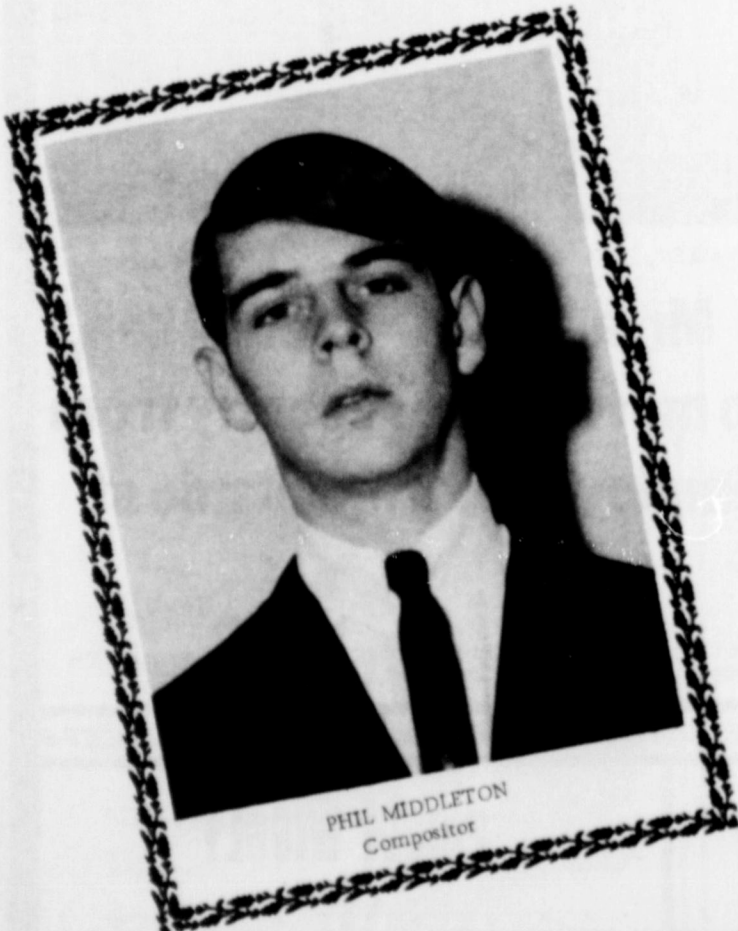
"A Child is born . . .

In the city of David . . . a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." Angels sang, shepherds left their tended flocks; wise men came in search of Him.

As we leave our appointed tasks, to worship in the spirit of the manger, we wish for all of our friends a Christmas filled with the hope and promise of the Season.



The Earth News-Sun



PHIL MIDDLETON
Composer



JANIS CHANEY
Bookkeeper, IBM Typist

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
HAPPY NEW YEAR

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At the Home of the Bob Cratchits'

...from Charles Dickens' famed 'A Christmas Carol'

... Yet every one had had Cratchits, in particular, enough, and the youngest were steeped in sage and



Merry Christmas to All!

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Phone 272-3041, Muleshoe

onion to the eyebrows! But now, the plates being changed by Miss Belinda, Mrs. Cratchit left the room alone — too nervous to bear witness — to take the pudding up and bring it in.

O, a wonderful pudding! Bob Cratchit said, and calmly, too, that he regarded it as the greatest success achieved by Mrs. Cratchit since their marriage. Mrs. Cratchit said that, now the weight was off her mind, she would confess she had had her doubts about the quantity of flour. Everybody had something to say about it, but nobody said or thought it was at all a small pudding for a large family. It would have been flat heresy to do so. Any Cratchit would have blushed to hint at such a thing.

At last the dinner was all done, the cloth was cleared, the hearth swept, and the fire made up. The compound in the jug being tasted and considered perfect, apples and oranges were put upon the table, and a shovelful of chestnuts on the fire. Then all the Cratchit family drew round the hearth, in what Bob Cratchit called a circle, meaning half a one; and at Bob Cratchit's elbow stood the family display of glass — two tumblers and a custard cup without a handle.

These held the hot stuff from the jug, however, as well as golden goblets would have done; and Bob served it out with beaming looks, while the chestnuts on the fire sputtered and cracked noisily. Then Bob proposed: "A Merry Christmas to us all, my dears. God bless us!"

Which all the family echoed. "God bless us every one!" said Tiny Tim, the last of all.



There are many varying stories of how our Christmas tree custom originated. One holds that Martin Luther started it. Ever since that great

leader brought a lighted tree indoors for his children, the Christmas tree custom has captured the fancy of children and adults throughout the world.

ON CHRISTMAS

... the crowing of the cock. Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated, The bird of dawning singeth all night long; And then, they say, no

spirit can walk abroad; The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike, No fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm, so hallow'd and so gracious is the time.

— William Shakespeare, Hamlet (1600)



Christmas Cheer!

We hope everyone in the family, from Grandpa right on down to Rover, has a wonderful holiday season!

Charles D. & Viola Jones

DAVID, JANA AND JERRY (COUNTY CLERK - LAMB COUNTY)

PEACE

Through the years, man has sought peace. Let us seek it where it must begin...with-in our hearts. May Christmas bring that peace that passes understanding.

Wishing you and your loved ones all the joys that the holiday season can bring!

CAMPBELL COTTON GIN CO. INC.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Campbell-Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Fry

FLAGG GIN, INC.

Paul L. Fry, Mgr. and Staff

Season's Greetings

WINTER HAS STILLLED THE SINGING BROOK — THE PALE SUNLIGHT STRIKES FIRE ON THE ICY PRISMS OF THE TREES, AND ON THE SEQUINED SNOW. BUT THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS WARMS EVERY HUMAN HEART.

WE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 24-25-26

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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby magic
and two walky-talkys.

I hope you have a very merry
Christmas.

Love,
Donna
Second grade

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a present
and a doll.

I hope you have a merry

Christmas,

Love,
Pamela Kay Hood
December 14, 1966

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a baby magic
and bring a toy bear.

I hope you have a merry Christ-
mas.

Love,
Sherri Winders

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Ford truck
and a Chevrolet.

I hope you have a merry
Christmas.

Love,
Mark

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a dolly and
roller skates.

I hope you have a merry
Christmas.

Love,
Ava Jaton Scheiler

Dear Santa
Please bring me a baby magic
and a balanced baton.

I wish you a merry Christmas.

I have tried to be good.

Love,
Kim Clayton

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a balanced
baton and a baby magic.

I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Strelia Faver

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a recorder. I
hope you have a merry Christ-
mas.

Love,
Dickie

Dear Santa
Please bring me a B B Gun
and a play truck.

Love,
Terry Hood

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a vanity set
in and a hostess set.

I hope you have a merry
Christmas.

I am in the second grade.

Love,

Lena Diane Eagle

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a present and
a baby doll.

I hope you have a merry Christ-
mas.

Love,
Theresa Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a pretty good girl
this year and I hope you will



Christmas Dinner of the 19th Century

Oysters On The
Half Shell
Game Soup
Boiled White Fish
Roast Goose
(or Turkey)
Boiled Potatoes
Mashed Turnips
Stewed Onions
Boiled Rice
Lobster Salad
Christmas
Plum Pudding
Mince Pie
Orange Jelly
Delicate Cakes
Salted Almonds
Confectionery
Fruits
Coffee

plus assorted aperitifs, wines, liqueurs, etc.

come to see me and all the
other girls and boys. I would
like to have a Baby First Step
so we can go on walks together.
I will be happy to see you and
hope you will bring my brother,
Randy some football shoes.

Love
Elaine Bills

Dear Santa Claus,

I am at Bonnie B's house while
my brother Mark is in a hospi-
tal in Dallas. I want Little
Joe and Mark wants Hoss to

ride our horses we already
have. We want a Captain
Action Kit. Leave Marks
things at Gags for the tree
will stay up until Mark comes
home.

Love
Mike Green

Dear Santa,

How are you doing fine I hope
so you can deliver the pres-
ents. My little sister Kristi
wants a; Tearful-Cheerful,
bickie. My little brother Ronnie

wants a; Johnny Speed, Johnny
Express, I want a pool table,
trap set. Well by from Kristi
Thomas. Ronnie Thomas,
Larry Thomas.

Merry Christmas to everybody!
And a Happy New Year!!!

Dear Santa,

I would like a puppy for
Christmas. I like dogs very
much. Please can you bring
me one. I have been a very
good girl all year.

Thanks,
Jo

Dear Santa,

Will you visit me. This
Christmas, I want some games,
I want Candy Man, Shanana-
gan, Racco, Easy Money,
Operation, Hands In, And
most of all a horse, and a one
hand gun (right hand).

Love,
Melissa Been
Thanks

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl six years old.
My name is Marla. I won't be
at my house on Christmas Eve,
so please bring our presents to
Florida.

I would like a drum, a
Scooter and Ricky doll, and
a baby doll. Will you please
bring me a candy cane?

My little sister, Michelle,
wants a doll house, a Barbie
car, and a Hullabaloo doll.
Please bring her a candy cane

Please bring a tie for my
Daddy and a charm bracelet
for my mother.

Merry Christmas and I love
you,
Marla Miller
Michelle Miller

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Johnnie Eagle gun,
I want a bubble gum machine,
I want a racing car set. I
want some more food for my
oven and a car and walky
talky.

Thank you so much,
Kirk
Box 585

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bicycle and
a B B gun.

I hope you have a Merry
Christmas.

Love
Emilio Ortiz

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a slinky and
a doll.

I hope you have a Merry
Christmas.

Love,
M. Rosalva Ramon

Dear Santa,

Please bring me roller skates
and a toy bear.

I hope you have a Merry
Christmas.

Love,
Dalinda Garza,

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a suettome
maker and a doll.

I hope you have a Merry
Christmas.

Love,
Gussie Lee Sanders.

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a doll and a
present.

Merry Christmas.

Love, Joyce Ann Thomas

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a recorder
and a walky-talky.

I hope you have a very merry
Christmas.

Love,
Steve Green
Second Grade

Friends, we thank you for
your patronage. May everything
that's bright and gay
bless your house this holy day.

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Dear patrons and friends
Have a Yule that's overflowing
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Greetings of the Season

We welcome the opportunity to wish you, our friends
and neighbors, the best of everything at Christmas and
to thank you for your patronage in the past. We look
forward to serving you again!

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MULESHOE, TEXAS

Season's Greetings

May the timeless beauty of the holiday season enrich
your life and bring peace into your heart. To you and all your
loved ones, we extend our very best wishes for a joyous and prosperous Christmas!

**FARMERS COOPERATIVE
ASSOCIATION** OF SPRINGLAKE

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,

I wanted a bicycle in a capgun in a bat in a dall.

Please Kenneth P. o. Box-79

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a dolls and I want a two dolls for Christmas. Dear Santa Claus, I want a Bicycle thank you

Juanita Box 245 Love Juanita

Dear Santa Claus,

Thing I want for Christmas as is a Suzy Hallmaker, And a bicycle, And a Baby Magic, And a Nacy doll, And a whatch and ring. Pease 7-4911 Box 402 Earth Texas Cindy Dent Thank You Love Cindy Dent

Dear Santa Claus

I want a bicycle for me and red River gun for Christmas and a ball Thank you santa and

Good luck and Than you for Everything

santa Good by

Dear Santa Claus,

I want you to buy me a Doll and a bicycle

love Dian Jo

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a gun to play with My name is Freddy D Thing you My cint is Earth

from Freddy De La Garza

Dear Santa Claus,

Ila that i want is a bicycle and a poodle thats Ila i want and i no i will have fun with thim, thank you

Love Arthur

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a book for Christmas please bring me a gun

I love you Santa Claus Raul

Glen

Dear Santa

DECK THE HALLS...



Deck the halls with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la la la la.
'Tis the season to be jolly
Fa la la la la la la la.
Don we now our gay apparel
Fa la la la la la la la.
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,
Fa la la la la la la la.
traditional old Welsh carol

Dear Santa

I want Two guns and a bicycle please

Love Glen

Love Brent Dear Santa

I want a trick track drum sat horse and trailer

good-by Santa foot ball suite Box 124

Dear Santa Max

the thage I allwase wanted is a Little set of Armymen and I want a baby rabbit.

1966 Box 32

Donna Smith Dear Santa Claus

I want a doll of Christmas Santa Claus.

Box. 194, Love Donna

Dear Santa, I want a doll house and a Hiding and Jan.

Carlmen Muleshoe, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I want you to bring me a bicycly. I love Santa Claus.

William

Dear Santa Claus,

I want two guns and a truck and a bicygot brkes and a mucfien-gun,

Love, Billy

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a two guns in a gun deat an a mrahtien gun,

Love, Richard

Dear Santa Claus

Please machine gun and a bicycle and a river,

Thank you, Jose

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Walky-talky and a big bruiser. I hope you have a merry Christmas,

Love, Chuck Anderson

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll for Christmas and a bicycle for Christmas and a car for Christmas, 1966,

Irene McGraw Box 43

Dear Santa Claus,

I want an alarm clock for Christmas and a space soot for Christmas and a set of guns, Please,

Muleshoe Texas 965-2710 Love, Fred

Dear Santa Claus,

Santa, I want a toy from a bicycle, I want a little guns, Mary Lou Box 251 from Mary Lou Love you

I love Santa Claus, to much and I love my father an Mother,

Marciall

Dear Santa Claus,

Bring me a bicycle and a little gun for Christmas .

Love, Rudy

Dear Santa, Please bring me a walky talky and BB gun and a recorder and Cyete,

Love, Eddie Bell Second grade

will see you Santa I love you very much

Dear Santa Love Santa and Mary Lou? Mary Lou Box 251 from Mary Lou Love you

1966 Scottie Hopping Christmas day Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a set of drums, I would like a Army set, and I would like a football suit.

Box 14 Springlake. love Scottie to Santa Claus.

Box 129 Love Shelly Dear Santa Clus,

I want a Suzy Hallmaker, For Christmas, Please Santa Clus.

Dear Santa Claus

I what Suzy Hall Maker For Christmas, Please send me baby magic Good-by

Mary Ann Spencer

P. o. Box 243

Dear Santa Claus

Bring a bicycle and a dog doctor set clock and I want a clown dish

Tim love

BEST WISHES
for a
Merry Christmas

We wish you the good cheer of this holiday season. And may the New Year bring to your family success and lasting happiness.

EARTH FLORAL SHOP
Phone 257-4341
Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Beaver

Silent NIGHT

MAY THE JOY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS BE YOURS!

Our Very Best to You & Yours!
Poynor's White Stores, Inc.
MULESHOE

Season's Blessings

May the Holy Babe shower your home with every blessing at Christmastime. May you know peace and plenty throughout the days to come.

"YOUR PURINA DEALER"

EARTH ELEVATOR
EARTH FEED LOT

Phone 257-4031 - Earth

Best Wishes to You

Once again holiday bells ring out, the air fills with the fragrance of holly and poinsettia and everybody dreams about an old-fashioned white Christmas. As you trim the tree and stuff stockings, we extend best wishes for the merriest Christmas ever!

Happy New Year

KMP LAKE PUMP MANUFACTURING CO.
EARTH

'YES, VIRGINIA', EDITOR'S CLASSIC ANSWER LIVES...

"Dear Editor — Some of have been affected by the my little friends say there skepticism of a skeptical is no Santa Claus . . ." age. They do not believe ex-VIRGINIA, your little cept they see. They think friends are wrong. They that nothing can be which



All of Santa's helpers join in adding a note of good cheer for this holiday season. Merry Christmas, everyone! We appreciate your patronage.

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is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

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

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus but, even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!



West Vies with East.. Grecian Xmas Customs

There are two Christmas-es in Greece; the Athenian Western Christmas and the Greek Christmas in the Eastern tradition.

The expensive, luxury celebration of upper-class Athens, with decorated Christmas trees, turkey on the table, all-night dancing in night spots, and presents for the youngsters.

And the devout celebration of the villages, with roast pork the traditional fare and the exchange of

presents — postponed until the New Year, after Easter the greatest holiday on the Greek calendar.

Difference is a matter of a few miles on a train, but of decades in time.

A village Christmas — which thousands of Athenians seek to enjoy each year, either by visiting relatives or by going on excursions and hoping to find accommodation in a hotel — is still a time of mingled solemnity in the church and

festivity in the home. Usually, there's either a late night Christmas Eve or dawn Christmas day service in the church, attended by the overwhelming majority of the villagers. The Christmas dinner is a ceremony enjoyed at home with the family, whenever possible with all the family reunited. The fare is traditionally roast pork, rarely turkey.

Killing of the Christmas pig, which even the poorest families have been fattening for months, is a Christmas Eve ritual. At Easter, it's the turn of the lamb. As in pagan days, there is still a direct, personal relationship between the feast and the killings that made it possible — a link lost in the towns by virtue of the institution of the butcher.

There are many other pagan reminders, too, in a Greek village Christmas. For example, in many households, libations of oil or wine, or both, are poured in the form of a cross; except for the cross, it is exactly the same as the ancients used to do in honor of Zeus and the other residents of Olympus. Other survivals can be seen in the many and varied ways — most of them involving fire or water — of "taking the omens" at Christmas . . . though obviously there is more of this at the new year.

Surprisingly enough, the British Victorians were the folks who introduced the custom of kissing under the mistletoe at Christmas. Who says they were strait-laced?

Star of the East

Bishop Reginald Heber (1783-1861)
Brightest and best of the sons of the morning!
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid!
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid!

Cold on His cradle the dew-drops are shining,
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all!

Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,
Odors of Edom and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and

pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.



HOLIDAY TOAST
We wish you Health, and good Fires; Victuals, Drink and good Stomachs, innocent Diversion, and good Company; honest Trading, and good Success; loving Courtship, and good Wives, and lastly a merry CHRISTMAS and a happy NEW YEAR.

Virginia Almanack (1776)

Peace on Earth
... to men of good will. Such is our earnest hope for Christmas, 1966!

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The Angels Learn A New Song...

Wink, Dink, and Blink were having a difference of opinion. As the three youngest and newest angels, they were expected to perform a special musical selection for all the other angels on Christmas Eve and they just couldn't agree on what to play.

They were all ready for their debut: Blink had tuned and re-tuned her little violin, Dink had polished his flute till it sparkled and Wink had practiced her scales backwards and forwards. But they couldn't agree on the music.

Wink, with what Blink considered very poor judgment, proposed that they do "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer."

"Really!" sniffed Blink. She thought nothing short of an excerpt from Handel's *Messiah* would do for such an important occasion but the others didn't like what they called "long-halo" music.

Dink, of course, wanted to play something rousing like the "Stars and Stripes Forever" but even Wink saw the folly of that.

So, when the great day arrived, they were still in a quandary about the whole thing. "We've simply got to make up our minds," said Wink in exasperation. The others agreed. "Let's sit and think and think and think until we come up with an idea," suggested Dink. So they did. They sat and thought and thought and thought but no one could come up with the right song! . . . Suddenly, Wink jumped up. "I'll be right back!" she called as she flew away. "Now isn't that just like Wink to fly off when we have work to do," said Blink crossly.

But soon Wink was back and with a surprise . . . she had learned a new song. They listened to her in amazement. "Why, that's lovely," said Blink. Dink liked it too, even if it wasn't a march.

They quickly learned the music, and without a min-

ute to spare, for the other angels were already beginning to assemble for the Christmas program.

Blink wanted to ask Wink where she had learned the lovely new song but there wasn't time. Finally, after they had performed for all the cherubim and seraphim and had been congratulated on their beautiful rendition, Blink took Wink aside.

"Where did you learn that song?" she asked. Wink smiled mischievously and said, "I just asked myself who would know a nice Christmas song and then I remembered hearing about some angels who had sung at another Christmas Eve performance once, so I found one of the choir members and she taught me their song."

Blink had to admit it had been clever of Wink to think of that but it was getting late and she was getting sleepy so she just said good night and flew off. But as she curled up on her little cloud that night, the words and music of the new song kept echoing in her ears . . . "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

How Swedes Celebrate

Christmas in Sweden is actually the celebration of St. Lucia — and held on December 13th. On this day the oldest girl in each family rises early, dons a long white dress and crowns herself with lighted candles. Then she wakes the family and serves coffee and cake.

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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

The cranberry is almost as much a part of holiday feasting as the Bird, itself.

Letters to



Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and a vanity set.
I hope you have a very merry Christmas.

Love,
Irma Rajas

Dear Santa

Please bring me a toy bear and a stuffed dog and car. I hope you have a merry Christmas.

Love,
Beverly Ann Bell

Dear Santa,

I want a flute, silly putty, some fruit to go in my stocking, a Tiny Tears Doll, a tooth brush and some play lipstick and powder. I live 2 1/2 miles north of Earth in a yellow house. I want a doll suitcase and a necklace.

Your friend,
Petra Lewis

Dear Santa Claus,

I am in the fourth grade. I want a cheerful tearful, a mustang bike. I like to ride bikes very much. I have tried very hard to be a good girl.

Thanks,
Stacy Koeninger
(10 years old)

Dear Santa,

I have been a pretty nice girl this year. I would like to have a wood burning set, a creeper people set and a thing maker. A portable transistor radio. And some jewelry. I would like to have the games Shenanigans and operations and a few others. Also a Franken-

stein bank. This is my last year to have a doll so I would like to have a real pretty one like Mary Poppins. I guess that's all for now. See you at Christmas.

Your friend,
Marianne Messer

Dear Santa,

I am just 2 years old so my aunt Marianne is writing my letter for me. I have tried to be real good this year, so I can have some new toys. Most of all I want a big race-car that I can sit in and ride. Also I want a batman suit and a pair of guns. I live in Plainview, but I'll be in Earth at Christmas. You can look for me at Grandmama Messer's

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or Memaw Norene's.

I'll be waiting for you.

Your little friend,

Tod Marcus Herring

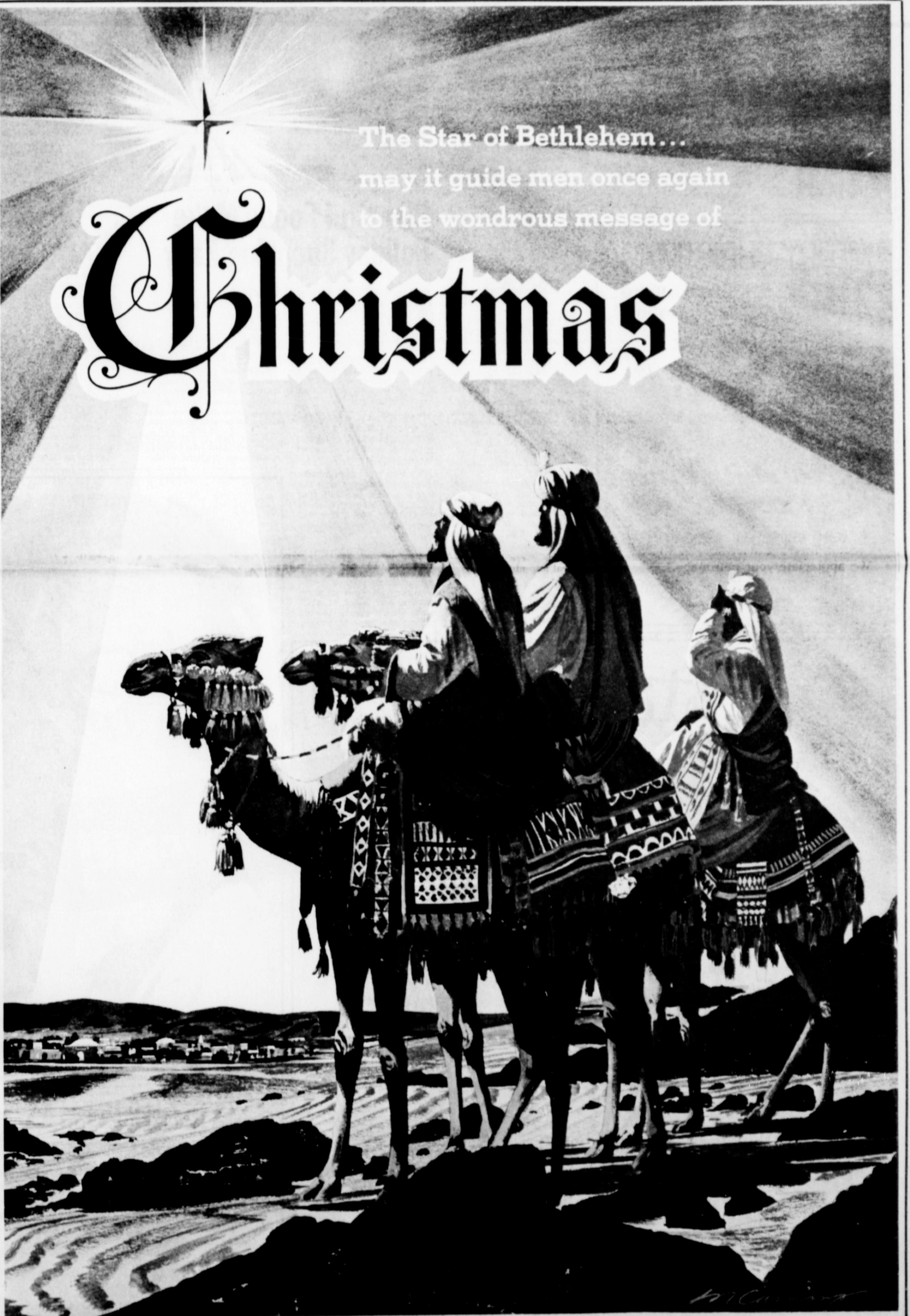
Dear Santa,

I want a BB gun, Give A Show, snorkel fire engine, super spy case, and a Johnny Speed.

Mark Barton
Route 1
Earth, Texas

The idea of gift-wrapping came to the United States less than 60 years ago.

If you were living in Denmark instead of the United States, you'd say "Glaedelig Jul" rather than "Merry Christmas." Spaniards say "Feliz Navidad"; Italians, "Buone Feste Natalizie." In Germany, they say, "Froeliche Wienachten"; in Ireland, "Nodlaig Mhaith Chugnat." And everyone knows the traditional French greeting . . . "Joyeux Noel!"



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LITTLEFIELD

Everyone Knows The Story, But Who Were The Wise Men?

By: Ulmer Bird

Among the stories always told at Christmas time is the familiar one of the three wise men. Now were they three, and who were they, and how did they get into the Christmas scene and tradition?

The word is "Magoi", from which we get our word, "Magistrate." It involved not only wisdom, but leadership and authority as well. The magoi, a plural word, held official positions as a rule in the oriental kingdoms, that is, the eastern nations, and we are told that they came out of the East.

"We three kings of Orient are" is an old Yuletide song, but where in the New Testament account is anything said about THREE KINGS? Nothing. It is not said that they were kings, and it is not said that there were three.

Matthew, with a flair for detail, tells more of the background of Christ than some of the other gospels, and he alone tells the story of the Magoi, in the second chapter.

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the

days of Herod, the King, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem." That is all that is said as to their number and as to whom they were or from whence they came.

They inquired, "Where is he that is born king of the Jews? They had seen a star, used it as their guide on what had evidently been a long journey, as mariners use the stars to guide them on the sea.

They brought gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh, three kinds of gifts, the most valued gifts of the time. Money for a family that were evidently in poor circumstances, that evidently were men of means, and mixed practical values with their faith.

Frankincense and myrrh were the pleasant and precious things of life, enjoyed largely by the wealthy, ointment with fragrance, amidst scenes of poverty, down to earth, in a manger, among villagers and shepherders of the hills, here this child received the acknowledgment and the homage of men of influence, power, wealth, and represent-

ing the learning of their times.

For the Magoi were intellectuals. Among the most ancient people, including those well known to history, and those merely glimpsed in its dim background, there were such people. They had either from their own study and experience or from teachings handed down to them a deepest penetration into the universe, a more thorough knowledge of astronomy, mathematics, and other learning than any other group, and they were the custodians and the teachers of this learning.

If we used our own language in telling this story, we might say there were intellectuals come out of the East. It may have been Persia, it may have been they were the successors of the Magoi of whom Daniel was a member in Babylon. Or they might have come out of India.

Nothing is said about how they traveled. We have seen them pictured on camels, the common mode of travel across deserts or semi-deserts on the long routes of travel, commerce, and trade that threaded through the ancient world of Southern Asia and Northern Africa.

They returned with great joy. Why? What was there about this that made them so happy? They were the leaders in wisdom and knowledge? Was there something for THEM in this event?

The land to which they returned for centuries lived in direst poverty, often in deepest ignorance. In their faith, their learning what was there this One was to bring which they did not have in effective measure?

That would be another story. They came riding out of the East. They went riding back into the East. They brought tribute of the finer things of their own civilization to Bethlehem, brought their hearts to the manger.

Is there still something for the intellectual, the thinking man, the man of science to find at Bethlehem. Many of them think so. At Christmas time many of the wise men today go back to Bethlehem again.

The first "true" Christmas in America was celebrated three-hundred and forty-four years ago, in Jamestown.



A HARD ROCK MAPLE COFFEE TABLE with maple finish was recently completed by Terry Parish, senior student at Spring-lake-Earth, after 13 weeks of classwork. The table was built at a cost of \$8.35. This is Terry's first year in Industrial Arts.

Plentiful Foods Make Holiday Shopping Easy

College Station-Holiday food shoppers can look for especially good supplies of broiler-size chickens this December, according to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Reports from the U.S. Department of Agriculture indicate broiler supplies will run about a tenth greater than this time last year.

There'll also be big supplies of pears, grapes and raisins. In addition, you'll see lots of pork and canned salmon at local food markets.

This year's big Bartlett pear crop is overlapping into the winter season. So you'll find unusually large stocks of these pears, along with the winter varieties of Anjou, Comice and Bosc.

Market news office of USDA's Commodity and Marketing Service report that rising arrivals of such popular California table grapes as Emperor, Almeria and Ribier. They'll make a delicious looking centerpiece for your holiday

It Takes 20 Years Per Foot

College Station-Leading foot doctors and members of the National Foot Health Council say it takes twenty years to grow a foot.

Most babies are born with perfect feet, but by the time they reach their first birthday 8 percent of them have foot defects. The percentage rises as children advance in age, says Miss Fannie Brown Eaton, Extension clothing specialist at Texas A & M University.

Permitting children to walk too soon, or develop poor walking habits starts them on their way to a lifetime of foot trouble. Buying the wrong size and kind of shoes or letting a child wear outgrown or ill-fitting shoes further increases the possibility of permanently injuring a developing foot.

A child first needs shoes when he begins to stand. High laced shoes are best, because they provide ample toe room and have flat pliable soles made of leather.

The material from which children's shoes are made should be porous enough to allow perspiration to evaporate, and flexible enough to allow the foot to bend easily. Summer shoes or play shoes should provide the same support as shoes worn to school or for dress wear. Sneakers and canvas shoes, which do not give as much support as other shoes, can be worn for short periods of time.

As every parent knows, young feet grow rapidly. The National Foot Health Council recommends that new shoes should be provided for youngsters often.

To insure a correct fit, have both feet measured for length and width, with each foot bearing weight, each time a pair of shoes is purchased. Straighten the child's toes and socks. The correct size should fit the larger foot. Allow 1/4 to 3/4 inch between end of the toe and end of the shoe.

The widest part of the foot

should fit into the widest part of the shoes. The arch of the shoe should fit well up under the arch of the foot. The heel counter should hug the heel. It should not slip up and down when the child walks.

The toe boxing should be high enough to clear the toes, and the toe of the shoe should be rounded. Take your time selecting a child's shoe. Consider fit before style and appearance. A good fitting shoe does not have to be "broken in."

Bulgarian peasants eat sparrows on Christmas Eve so that they will have music in their souls and will feel as if they have wings.

The sparrows are caught in wheat fields weeks before Christmas, killed, and hung to dry under the house eaves. On Christmas Eve they are soaked, broiled, and eaten.



YORKSHIRE CHRISTMAS PIE

Make a crust with sides and bottom thick and large enough to hold a turkey, goose, fowl, partridge, and pigeon, all boned. Season well and place the meat as close together as possible in the crust. Fill the spaces with woodcock, moor game, and any other wild fowl at hand. Add four pounds of butter, lay on a top layer of crust, and bake for at least four hours.

from an 18th Century cookbook.



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the Christmas Story

★ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.'

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Study Shows Livestock, Meat Industry Changes

College Station-Definite changes in the livestock and meat industry have resulted in growth of cattle feedlot facilities and specialized slaughtering plants in the Southwest, according to a research report just completed at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Raymond A. Dietrich, USDA economist assigned to the A&M Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department, said the report traces adjustments which have affected the entire marketing systems of the livestock and meat business.

Developments in food retailing, meat packaging, transportation, communications, and cattle feeding have influenced the livestock and meat marketing picture during the past two decades, the report shows.

Large volume retail establishments, which generally feature fed beef, and a growing

population with rising per capita incomes are important factors that have encouraged the surge of highly specialized, large-scale feedlots.

Dietrich said feedlots with a capacity to handle 1,000 or more cattle have more than tripled in Texas and Oklahoma from 1935-66. And indications are for cattle feeding to continue increasing in these states.

"Another interesting change is that the slaughtering industry is becoming more decentralized with more specialization and a movement toward areas of concentrated livestock production," the economist pointed out. "These actions are taken to cut procurement costs and to obtain adequate supplies of slaughter animals."

Federally inspected slaughter plants which specialize in cattle and calf slaughtering more than doubled in Texas and Oklahoma in the past 10



EVERYTHING IN READINESS for the Christmas party today (Thursday) December 22 in Mrs. Carra Morgan's first grade room. Checking out details of decorations are Tammy Davis, Daneen Wilson, Jimmy Nunn, Danny Owen, Dorothy Rivers, and Kathyeryne King.

THE YULE LOG STORY

Oh, how warm and bright that Yule Log burns on our Christmas night. The Yule Log's beginning can be traced centuries back. It is also generally believed that the traditional burning of the Yule Log was handed down to Scandinavian countries from English-speaking countries.

The Scandinavian feast of Winter Solstice was observed by the kindling of huge bonfires to the god Thor. In England the Yule Log was burned amidst great noise and song.



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year, Dietrich added. Dr. Tynus R. Timm, head of the A&M Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department, said the study is part of an expanding market research program being conducted at the university with the USDA.

"This research, like that with other major food items, is aimed at staying abreast of marketing changes so that the overall efficiency of the market system can continue to improve in all segments of our economy," Timm said.

THE JOY OF GIVING

Somehow, not only for Christmas But all the year through, The joy that you give to others Is the joy that comes back to you;

And the more you spend in blessing The poor and lonely and sad, The more of your hearts possessing Returns to make you glad.

—John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

• The present date acknowledged by the modern world as the birthdate of Christ is December 25th. This was established as late as the sixth century.

Use Bulbs For Colorful Winter Flowers

College Station-To add a spot of color and cheer to the indoor landscape during winter months, many of the flowering bulbs can be forced to produce flowers ahead of schedule.

Use only the best bulbs available for indoor forcing says Everett Janne, Extension landscape horticulturist at Texas A&M University. Avoid the temptation to purchase bulbs at the bargain table for this purpose. Bulbs that are good for indoor forcing include crocus, grape hyacinths, daffodils, tulips, and hyacinths. Make your purchases of these bulbs as early as possible so that you can be sure of obtaining good strong bulbs.

Pot the bulbs as soon as they are available. Any good potting soil mixture will do providing it contains sufficient peat moss for good drainage. Place a one-inch layer of gravel in the bottom of the pot, firm the soil around the bulbs leaving the tips of the larger bulbs showing just above the soil surface. Just barely cover the smaller bulbs and space bulbs one-half inch apart in the pot.

Move the potted bulbs to a cold storage temperature of 40 to 50 degrees F. An old refrigerator works fine for this purpose. Success with forcing

depends upon good root development during the cold storage period. Keep the soil moist, but not wet. Leave the bulbs in cold storage for a period of six to ten weeks or until they have made good root growth.

After the cold storage period, bring the bulbs into the light and heat gradually. Place them in a cool semi-lighted location until the shoots show a green color, then move to a sunny location. Do not place them in a hot room or near a radiator or heater.

Most bulbs will be in flower by January. It is frequently possible to have blooms for Christmas by buying pre-cooled bulbs. For complete details on forcing bulbs and other hardy plants for indoor bloom ask your county Extension agent for a copy of MP-726, "Bulbous and Hardy Plants for Indoor Bloom."

it's no secret

that the "Pap" test can discover uterine cancer in its early, curable stage. Ask your doctor to include the "Pap" test in your health checkup.

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☆ It is offering thanks and a cup of coffee to a delivery man whose rounds are keeping him out late.

☆ It is giving your maid or secretary a few free mornings for her shopping rather than letting her battle the evening crowds.

☆ It is seeking out the less-noticed service people — the librarians, choir master, answering-service girls — with a card or token gift or even just a few words with a smile.

☆ It is being patient and polite in traffic.

☆ In short, it is letting fellowship and good cheer be all-inclusive.



As we listen once again to the ever-old, ever-new Christmas story, our hearts are filled with good will toward all men everywhere. We pray that the desire for peace may encircle the globe . . . that men may learn to live with one another as brothers.

WEST PLAINS HOSPITAL-CLINIC

MULESHOE



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The Fashion Shop

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MULESHOE

Investment Tax Credit Suspended, Change Will Effect Many People

College Station - There are several income tax changes this year that will affect farmers, ranchers and other self-employed people. According to James I. Mallett, Extension farm management specialist at Texas A & M University, there are two noteworthy suspensions.

First, the 7 percent investment tax credit on machinery and certain real property has been suspended on investments of over \$20,000 for the period October 10, 1966, through December 31, 1967.

Mallett says investment which otherwise qualify for the investment tax credit and were purchased during the current tax year and before the October 10 suspension, are still eligible for the tax credit.

The tax credit can mean quite a reduction in income taxes since it's deducted directly from the amount of taxes to be paid.

However, taxpayers may still select up to \$20,000 of investments made during the suspension period (October 10, 1966-December 31, 1967) to be eligible for the investment credit. Mallett says taxpayers need to decide which tax year, the remainder of 1966, or all of 1967, to make investments up to \$20,000 for the investment tax credit.

The carryover period for unused investment credit has been extended from 3 to 7 years and the 3 year carry-back period is unchanged, he says.

Another suspension--the right



DECORATING THE TREE IS FUN TIME in Mrs. Gladys McCord's 4th grade class. Pictured beautifying the tree are Doug Jones, Mike Bosque, Stacy Koeninger, and Kathleen Anderson.

actment of the holy family's search for shelter in Bethlehem.

In Rio Grande villages around Santa Fe, folk plays with local casts are performed. Stories of the ancient shepherds — Los Pastores — are retold. Churches in the villages are lighted by incense candles made by the natives especially for Christmas.



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

Luke 2:10



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to use rapid depreciation rates on buildings costing \$50,000 or more is suspended except for buildings whose construction was begun before October 10, 1966, or where the taxpayer was under contracts in effect on October 9, 1966 calling for later construction.

The suspension applies only to property that would be used in a trade or a business—not property used for investment or rental purposes. The legislation does not affect the right to claim the 20 percent first year additional depreciation

on tangible personal property with an expected useful life of six years or more for use in a trade or business.

In another change, the maximum amount of combined wages and self-employment earnings subject to social security tax has been increased from \$4,800 to \$6,600. This legislation did not affect the self-employment tax rate which is still 6.16 percent for the 1966 tax year, says Mallett.

The maximum amount of gross income which may be the option method has been increased from \$1,800 to \$2,400 says Mallett.

The gas tax refund of 6 cents per gallon on gasoline used on a farm for farming purposes must now be claimed as a tax credit on the annual income tax report and must be filled before the end of the tax reporting period, usually April 15. The tax credit has been extended to include the federal tax on lubricating oils, diesel and special motor fuels used other than in a highway vehicle. Gas tax credits will not be allowed on late reports.

Formerly, the gas tax refund period was July 1 to June 30 and claims were to be filed by September 30, according to the A&M specialist. Since this is the first full year for the new filing system, farmers will claim credit for federal tax on gasoline purchased since July 1, 1965. Tax credits on lubricating oils can be claimed from the beginning of 1966 on lubricating oils used other than in a highway vehicle.

For more information, see IRA publication No. 308, available from the District Director of Internal Revenue Service or your county agent.

New Mexico Celebration Goes Back 2000 Years

The Yuletide spirit in Santa Fe is a mixture of Indians, luminaries and piñatas, singing processions and holiday fun.

In Santa Fe, homes gleam with hundreds of luminarias — paper sacks lighted by a single candle inside each sack.

Roaring bonfires are lighted and miracle plays take place. Families gather to break piñatas — colorful dolls filled with candy and hung from the ceiling to be broken by blindfolded children.

Finally on Christmas Day, Santa Fe bursts with fiesta

fun. In homes are roasted turkeys stuffed with pinon nut dressings. There are also marranitos — roast suckling pig. And there is corn, rice, squash, tortillas and a glass or two of sugary chokecherry wine.

Early in December, the luminarias go up on the flat roofs and walls of Santa Fe homes. Traditionally the lights lead the way for the lost Christ Child, El Nido Perdido, who will walk among the faithful at Christmas time.



The fiesta of the Virgin of Guadalupe begins Dec. 11 and honors the patroness of the Americas. Then comes the nine-day re-en-



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The Blooms of Christmas

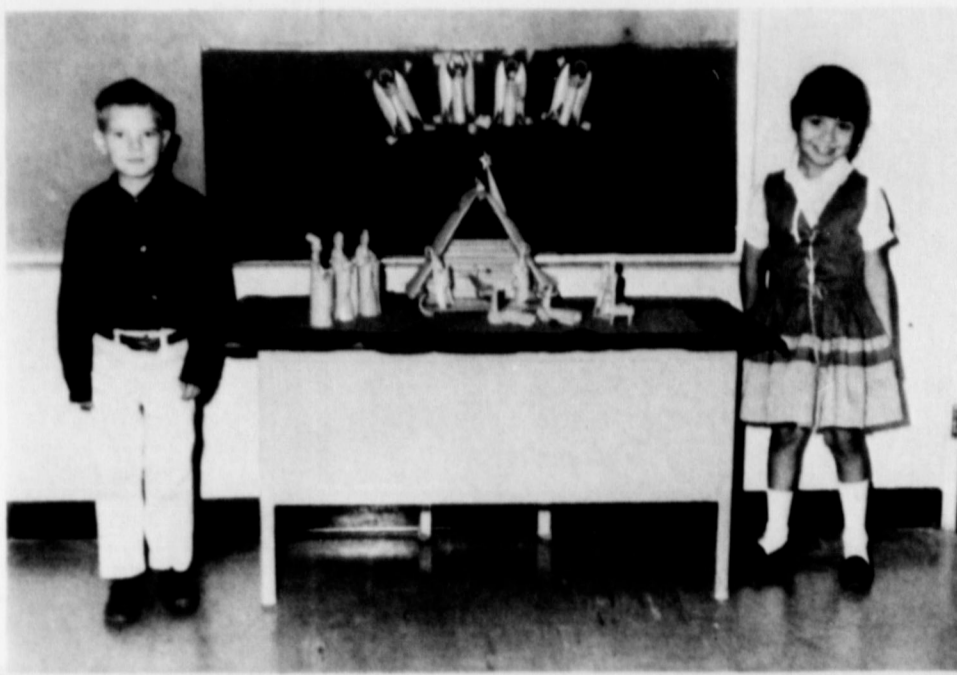
America's favorite Christmas bloom is the brilliant poinsettia . . . The scarlet blooms, which have become the very symbol of the Yule season, ranked number one in a recent florists' survey.

Named for Joel R. Poinsett of South Carolina, the magnificent plant is surrounded by legend. One describes a poor child who wished to give a gift to the Virgin and was heartbroken because she had nothing of value or beauty to present.

As she approached the Mother of Jesus, in desperation she plucked some of the scrawny flowers at her feet. As she did so, the flowers were transfigured into the scarlet brilliance of the poinsettia.

Holly Discovered by the Pilgrims

Holly, which has grown in America for hundreds of years, is considered a universal herald of the holidays. The leaves and berries



BIRTHPLACE OF CHRIST IS PORTRAYED with the three wise men following the star of Bethlehem to find Jesus born in a manger. This nativity scene was purchased in Tokyo by Mrs. Mildred Haley. Pictured with the scene are Jimmy Smith and Norma Valencia.

Giving Thanks Dates Back

In ancient Biblical times the Israelites set aside a period of great rejoicing and solemn ceremonies to give thanks to God. It is called the Feast of Tabernacles, or Succoth, and is observed each fall by the Jews.

The ancient Greeks also had a day of thanksgiving known as the Feast of Demeter, in honor of the goddess of the harvest. The Romans had a similar celebration called Cerialia.



In England, and many of the countries of Europe, it was customary from earliest times to hold feasts and celebrations when there was plenty of food and no ravaging diseases which often plagued the land.

A day of thanksgiving was also celebrated in various countries of Asia. The Siamese had a "Swing Festival" that is very similar to our day of thanksgiving. The Chinese and Japanese both celebrate harvest or moon festivals.



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 All is calm, all is bright.
 'Round yon Virgin, Mother
 and Child
 Holy Infant, so tender
 and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace,
 Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night
 Shepherds quake at the sight.
 Glories stream from
 heaven afar.
 Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;
 Christ the Savior is born,
 Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night,
 Son of God, love's pure light,
 Radiant beams from Thy holy
 face
 With the dawn
 of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

JINGLE BELLS

Dashing thru the snow
 In a one-horse open sleigh,
 O'er the fields we go,
 Laughing all the way;
 Bells on bobtail ring,
 Making spirits bright;
 What fun it is to ride and sing
 A sleighing song tonight!

CHORUS:

Jingle, bells! Jingle, bells!
 Jingle all the way!
 Oh, what fun it is to ride
 In a one-horse open sleigh!
 Jingle, bells! Jingle, bells!
 Jingle all the way!
 Oh, what fun it is to ride
 In a one-horse open sleigh!



ries are valued purely for their decorative effect, yet as far back as the Druids, holly was considered magic against evil spirits. It was also an important ingredient of primitive medicines, used to cure everything from colic to broken bones.

Greenery on the Bough

When you admire an arrangement of greens and holly, you may take pleasure in reflecting that the wreath still means, as it did in Roman days, that good wishes and esteem are entwined in the leaves. Romans decked their halls with greens at weddings, and this custom is now the basis for the use of scented greenery used in homes and churches at Christmas.

The symbolism of the familiar Christmas tree, on the other hand, stems from the tree worship of the Druids. Yet there is a belief that the first Yule tree was a palm brought from Egypt. The twelve parts of the palm signifying the twelve apostles.

Our present-day pine Christmas tree was introduced to England when Queen Victoria married Prince Albert. Wishing to please her husband, Victoria commanded that a green pine be brought to the palace each year to be decorated as it would be in Germany, Albert's homeland.

Other Favorites

When planning gifts, consider a flowering plant. Gaining in seasonal popularity during the last few years are azaleas, Christmas begonias, kalanchoe, cyclamen, and pepper plants (also called cherry plants). These blooms add to the



festive air and endure beyond the holidays to brighten any room in the house.

For the orchid fancier, nothing could be more exciting than to receive new colors in orchid plants as a gift. One florist recalls a last-minute order last Christmas to wire "a yellow orchid plant, with purple throat, in full bloom." He recalls, "We went mad trying to find one at this time of year, but we delivered a perfect plant on time."



MERRY CHRISTMAS

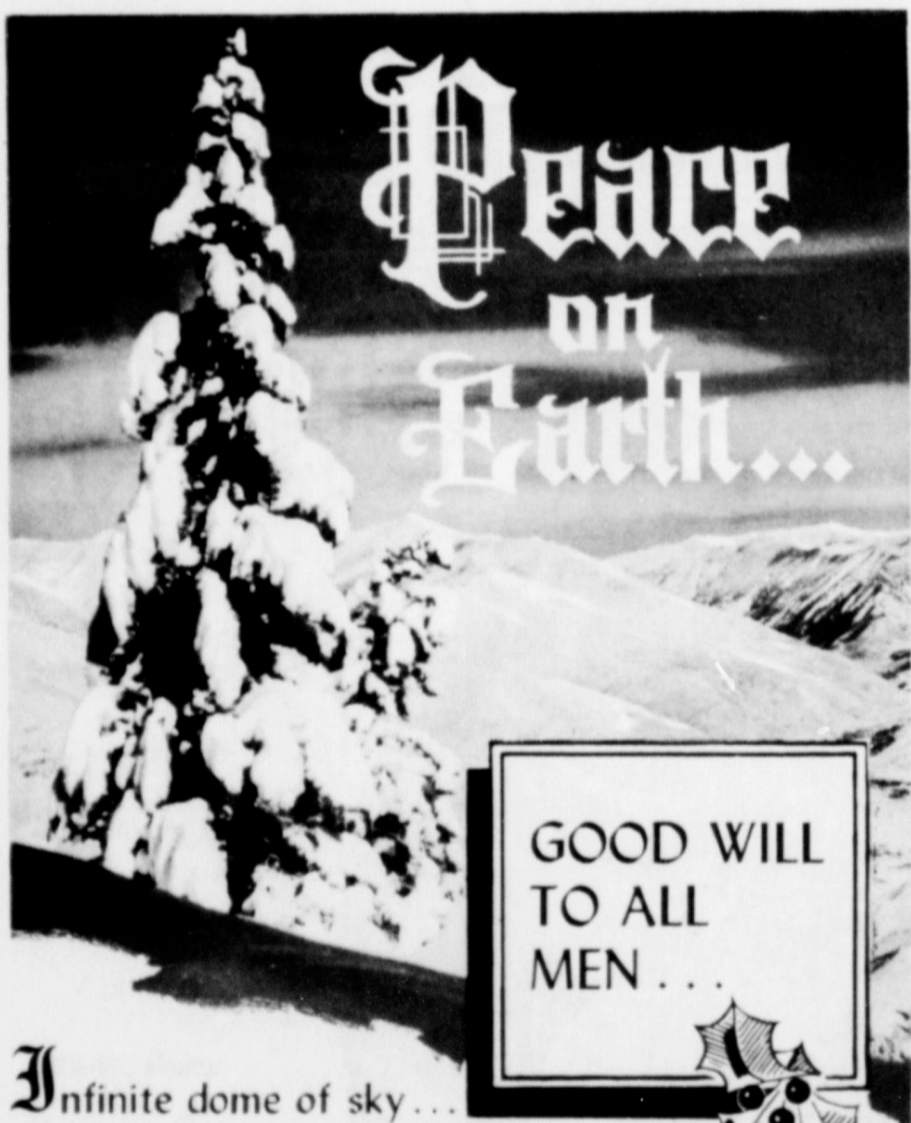


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Young Hiroshima Victim Inspires World Peace

There are many moving stories of man's struggle with joy when they came to for peace, but none is more inspiring that that of a small group of Japanese tween visitors making paper cranes, known as the Folded Crane Club.

It all began with Sadako who was only 2 years old when The Bomb fell on Hiroshima. She was not hurt at the time, and as she grew up, she seemed a normal healthy child. Then in 1954, she developed signs of leukemia and before a year had elapsed, she died.

The legend which now tells Sadako's last days, relates a brave young heart

It is a Japanese folk belief that the crane can live for 1,000 years; and if you fold 1,000 paper cranes, they will protect you from illness. Sadako had faith in the cranes and she spent her last months trying to fold the required paper cranes. But time ran out for this courageous little girl and when she died in October, 1955 she had completed only 964.

Sadako's friends made



EVEN THE OLD ORDINARY MOP IS A THING OF BEAUTY at the Elementary School Building where every room in the building is shining with Christmas ornaments. Custodian Clyde Parish is pictured in front of his office where the "Santa mop" is displayed. (The teachers decorated the mop so his room would have the Christmas glow.)

the remaining cranes and forming them into a wreath they were placed at rest with her. It could have ended there, but it didn't, for Sadako's classmates were determined to have a monument erected in her remembrance and to remind the world what an atomic bomb can do to the young.

It was a long hard struggle to raise the money, for money was still scarce in Japan in those days. But with the help of their teacher and a great deal of effort, finally in 1958 a monument was constructed and placed in Peace Park.

Having achieved their first goal, her classmates

decided to stay together as a group and formed the Folded Crane Club. The original purpose of the club, which still meets today, is to help the poor and ill among the bomb survivors. They visit the hospitals, hold memorial services for the children who have died and print a weekly newspaper of their activities.

Over the years younger children have joined the Folded Crane Club and although they have no memory of the bombing, they are inspired by Sadako's legend and the altruistic activities of the group.

In recent years, the group has added still another aim

to its activities, that of a plea for peace. Its members have worked indefatigably in the cause of peace, writing letters to the heads of state and the United Nations. It is their hope that if the world knows what the

Christmas Very Warm 'Down Under'

In sweltering Sydney, Australia, the temperature hovers around 90°, but Santa Claus manfully endures red flannel and ersatz ermine . . . in air-conditioned stores.

Although the climate resists the traditional 7-course Christmas dinner, the frosted effects on tree and window, the youngsters won't let the oldsters relax. They want the whole "package" and they get it.

Christmas trees are everywhere. Shops spray imitation frosting on show windows.

The tradition of following the old traditions is a tradition in itself. Australia was colonized by convicts. "They were people who didn't want to be here, half a world from their homes," explains a government official. "The best thing they could do was to try to make the country as much like the old country as possible. They started by following the old customs."

Today the waves of immigrants settling the continent may come willingly but Christmas can bring nostalgia.

Oddly, the customs followed are more American than British or other origin. It's Santa Claus the children write to, not Father Christmas. And grumbling housewives slave over roasting turkey, not goose. "Of course," notes a London radio writer, "the Brit-

first nuclear bomb did to the children of their city, there will never be another dropped anywhere.

ish themselves are adopting the American customs, so it's not surprising the Australians are, too."

But more and more Australians are maintaining that the country should have its own traditions. "Christmas here is a summer holiday like your Fourth of July," says Mrs. Ford. "We should count our blessings — one winter is enough."

So, perhaps, in the same mood as Hawaiians at the Yule season, Australians may one day come around to celebrating Christmas in a more practical fashion . . . with light, cooling meals none-the-less festive . . . and in light, cooling raiment akin to the Season only in joyous color.



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