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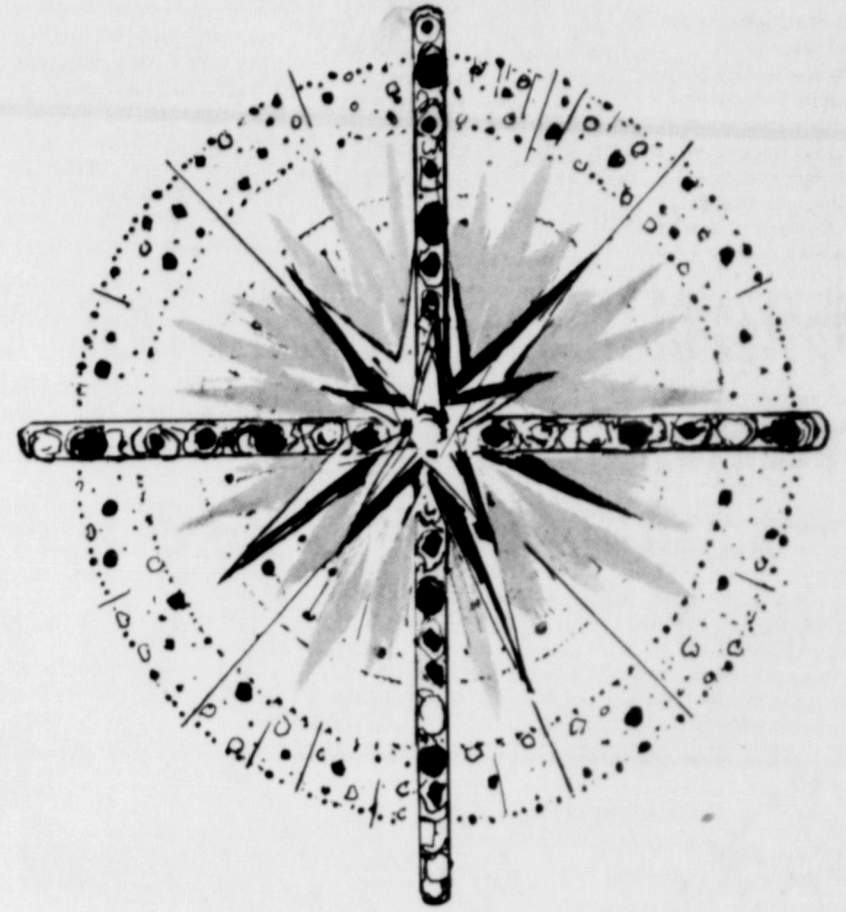
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Joy and Peace at Christmas

Around us, the wonder of Christmas spreads its joy and warmth. The radiance of a Star shines into our hearts, as once it shone above a sacred manger, heralding the miracle of the Holy Birth. As you observe Christmas with those near and dear to you, may you rejoice anew at the true, deep meaning of this most glorious time. And may the peace and joy of the season be an ever present blessing, to light the way for all men, everywhere.



Polo to Undergo Surgery

Polo Rodriguez, a little boy who had polio when he was two years old and hasn't walked since then, is to have surgery to see if any use can be restored to his legs and left arm.

Several weeks ago, Polo was seen by some ladies from Earth, painfully trying to pull himself about on the ground. The ladies told their husbands, who are members of the Lions Club and the action started to help this child. Besides the Lions Club from Earth and Springlake, the Goodwill Centre, Salvation Army, members of the Honor Society and MYF joined in to see what could be done for Polo.

Polo, his mother and brother, Steve, left for Galveston on the 30th of November where Polo entered John Seely Hospital. After numerous tests and examinations, the doctors concluded that surgery would restore partial use of the boy's

legs and arm. Mrs. Rodriguez returned home after getting Polo admitted and settled into the hospital. She and Steve left Sunday to return to Galveston to bring Polo home for the holidays. Steve is needed to lift Polo as he is too heavy for Mrs. Rodriguez to handle. Their bus fare was paid by the Springlake and Earth Lions Clubs, Goodwill Centre and the Salvation Army.

Polo will return to Galveston next week and will undergo surgery the first week in January. After recovering, the doctors want him to enter a rehabilitation school for a year. Mrs. Rodriguez was to discuss this with the doctors while in Galveston.

I am sure everyone joins us here at the Earth News office in wishing Polo a Merry Christmas and the very best of luck with his surgery. People are wonderful and this shows just how much.

Baptist Childrens Choir Presents Cantata

The children's choir of the First Baptist Church presented a Christmas Cantata Wednesday night beginning at 7:30 p. m. The theme was "The Real Meaning of Christmas."

The 14 member choir, under the direction of Mrs. Jimmy Craft, is composed of children

from grades one through the sixth grade.

The Cantata included the singing of "The Little Drummer Boy," "Christ is Born," "Knock, Knock, Knock," "Away in the Manger," "Timothy's Carol," "Go Tell it on a Mountain" and "I'm Gonna



CHRIST, THE SAVIOR IS BORN... is the theme of the Christmas decorations in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Haberer. The Haberer residence won third place in the Christmas Lighting Contest.

Walk With Jesus."

The Choir was accompanied by Mrs. Larry Tunnell on the piano with Mrs. Earl Keller as narrator.

At the conclusion of the Cantata the group went on a tour of the town caroling at the home of many senior citizens.

Huge Tree Is Symbol of Man

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

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

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

NOSIN... With Polly

This year we have rushed like mad, as always to get the Christmas paper out in order that our employees could have a Christmas vacation with their families, and that the Middletons could get off to Oklahoma to be with our families. However the gifts this year have been cut down considerably.

The gifting doesn't seem to have as much prominence as it once had, for this Christmas has taken on a more meaningful reality for us, as we have become more aware that this happy holiday season is the birthday of our Savior that we will be celebrating.

Keeping this in mind we will be more humble and more thankful to our Father above for the many blessings that has been ours throughout the years, for we know that without God we are nothing and through him

all things are made possible. He has been our constant companion throughout the past months and we know He lives within our hearts and has helped us do all the things we had been trying to do for ourselves, failing to ask for his help and guidance.

We still forget sometimes, and try to take over running things for ourselves and most always fall flat on our face.

God is the answer to a confused society. He is the answer to those who are drug addicts. He is the answer to all the world's problems...

Our prayer this Christmas is that his presence will be felt in that far away land of Vietnam, that it will be felt in every state and every nation; and that we shall pause and lift our eyes toward Heaven and say "How Great Thou Art!"

DRESSING THE QUEEN

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

CHOOSING LOG

Ash was the wood chosen for some of the first Yule logs, because Christmas lore said that the Christ Child had been bathed and dried before an ash-wood fire.

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Christmas Blessings

May the heavenly Christmas Star shine upon us and lead us all to blessed peace. Gratefully, we extend season's greetings

Ruth and Ted Borum

Earth

Cosmetic Party Adds \$77 to Fund for Polo

A "Venus Cosmetic Party" held in the Melton Welch home on Thursday night added \$77 to the Polo Rodriguez fund.

Mrs. Melton Welch presented the proceeds to the Lions Club Tuesday noon at the regular meeting.

Mrs. Sandra Humphreys, area representative of the Venus International Company presented the program and Roy C. Simmons, regional area manager from Lubbock, attended the program. "Venus" is a new cosmetic containing stabilized aloe vera gel. Mr. Simmons is a nephew of Mrs. Welch.

Anyone wishing to have one

of these parties can contact Mrs. Welch or Mrs. David Metcalf and 20% of the proceeds will go to the Polo Rodriguez fund if held in the near future. The fund is needing replenishment since Polo is to undergo surgery after Christmas in the John Seely Hospital in Galveston and expense is incurred in traveling to and from the hospital and in furnishing a place for Mrs. Rodriguez to stay.



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?

JINGLE BELLS

Most-sung American secular carol is "Jingle, Bells," written by James Pierpont of Massachusetts in the 1850's.

NOEL




BLESSINGS AT CHRISTMASTIME

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EARTH

The Williams Like Hamlin

Hamlin, Texas
Dec. 17, 1970

Dear Friends:

This past conference found us packing to move to Hamlin First United Methodist Church, leaving a host of friends, but taking with us many fond memories of the happy times we had at Earth with the fine people there. This is one of the gifts of the ministry that nothing can take away.

We find here at Hamlin that same wonderful spirit of friendship and cooperation that we have found in all the churches that we have served. After having been here for seven months we are feeling loved and in return we love "our people".

A building program had been launched under the leadership of Dr. Kirk before we arrived and plans continued through the summer with a "fund raising kick-off dinner" in October with Dr. Kirk as the speaker. A few days later the contract was let and work is under way on the badly needed sanctuary. Johnnie is running in two directions at the same time. He is as happy as a child with a new toy and the people are even more excited.

Glenda, Jim and the children still live in Colorado. Johnnie is now a "teen-ager" and Jana is not far behind him which makes us feel a bit older. They spent part of the summer with us and as most grandparents... We are sure they are the most handsome and smartest grandchildren.

Marlene and Harvey live at Wellman, Texas. Their children have been the "babies" of the family, but with them both in school we can no longer call them babies. Gregg's kindergarten teacher was teaching the "family tree bit" and ask Gregg about his two Granddads. Gregg said, "I just have one real granddad." She proceeded to argue with him so he explained, "I just have one granddad and he lives on a farm at Turkey and has a tractor, cows, and everything." She ask about his Granddad Williams. He replied, "No, he is Pap-pa and besides he is just a preacher." So all we gather from that story is that farmers rate higher than preachers to Gregg, and as the teacher said, "I don't think Gregg is planning to be a Methodist preacher." Pap-pa Williams says he will try to convince him as he grows older.

We are looking forward to all the children being home for the holidays. We are never happier than when they are all at home.

Happy holiday to all and remember this year to take time to live, for it is the secret of success. Take time to think; for it is the source of power. Take time to pray; for it is the secret of youth. Take time to read; for it is the foundation of knowledge. Take time for friendships; for it is the building of many a happy hour. Take time to worship the Lord, our God; for it is the Way unto salvation for both the present and the future. Take time to witness to the goodness of the Lord, for it is source of happiness that comes to us in the Christian life.

Love,
Bro. Johnnie and Juana Williams
Pastor - Hamlin First United Methodist Church



THIS BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED HOME... is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson, located on highway 70. The Anderson's home won 2nd place in the Christmas Lighting Contest.

Christmas Concert Big Success

The S-E Christmas Concert, which was held Thursday night, December 16, drew a large crowd and was enjoyed by everyone. The music, played and sung by the high school and junior high bands and choirs, was presented beautifully and put everyone in a Christmas mood.

The sixth grade band performed also and they did a marvelous job on three selections.

The audience joined the high school band and the combined choirs in singing "Joy To The World" and "Silent Night" after the concert.

Mr. Sorrell and Mr. Anderson are both to be congratulated on the wonderful job they are doing with these boys and girls.

Party Line

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Barden and son, Rex, from Greeley, Colorado, were guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Barden for a few days. They then went on to Dallas to visit relatives, but will return to Springlake for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BEGINS TUESDAY

School classes were dismissed Tuesday at 3 p.m. for the Christmas Holidays.

Students will not report for classes again until January 3.

The Holiday is a relief to both students and faculty as they have been involved in 6 weeks exams and semester exams.

LOCAL BUSINESSES TO CLOSE FOR HOLIDAY

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Many of the local businesses in Earth will be closed Christmas day. They are as follows: Earth Oil and Gas, Britton's 66 Station, Don's Shamrock, Good Earth Food, Patterson's Pay and Save, T Bar, Pounds, and Taylor's Market Basket.

Fuller Gulf will open at 12 noon on Christmas day. The Earth Cafe will close Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Citizen's State Bank will close Friday, Layman Bros. will close at noon Friday and all day Saturday.

Those undecided when called were: Brown-Jordan, Dent Farm Equipment and Earth Ag.

Guy Nickels, Delegate to N.C.C.

Thirty-eight Texas cotton leaders have been named delegates to the National Cotton Council's annual meeting in New Orleans Jan. 21-Feb. 1. Unit Chairman Edward Bretham, El Paso, cooperative executive, said the group will join with industry representatives from 13 other states in studying Council programs and adopting new guidelines for 1972.

Texas delegates include: Producers Don Anderson, Crosby, J. B. Cooper, Jr., Roscoe; Donnell Echols, Lamesa; Dan Pustejovsky, Hillsboro; Leon Bernsen, Corpus Christi; Don Marble, South Plains, J. D. Smith, Littlefield; Carl M. Hansen, Jr., Palacios; Mike Mayros, Fabens; and Neuman Smith, Ballinger.

Ginners B. J. Mikeska, Eola; Wayne Nixon, Cone; Ross Biggam, Harrlingen; and Orville Bailey, Anton; Warehousemen Stanton Brown, Jr., Waco; Guy Nickels, Sudan, B. B. Turner, Dallas; and James Manley, Galveston; Merchants Raymond S. Tapp and Watson Carlock, both of Lubbock; Hans Bohlmann, Houston; Heinz H. Molsen, Jr., Charles C. Wisler, A. Starke Taylor Jr., and Dick Williams, all of Dallas; Crushers S. J. Vaughan, III, Hillsboro; George Hoffman, Alice; R. R. Kelley, Stamford; and W. L. Goble, Jr., Leveland.

Named alternates were: Lloyd Cline, Bill Reid, and Jack D. Hines, all of Lamesa; David Baumgardner, Wellington; Joe B. Pate, Jr., Lubbock; John W. Nigliazzo, Hearne; W. F. Abney, Woodboro; Joe D. Unfred, New Home; A. J. Richter, El Campo; Robert E. Skov, Clint; Tommy Mayfield and W. R. Bickley, both of Pecos; Curtis Jensen, Danevang; Emory Knapp, Aubrey; Loyd Widener, Lockney; Jack B. Fry, Taylor; J. W. Borders, Jr., Sweetwater; C. W. Browning, Lyford; and Carey D. Gooch, Shallowater.

ATTEND CHURCH

This Land We Hold" Still Available

Still undecided about a Christmas gift? Want something unique that you will always treasure? The Earth News-Sun has the answer to your problem. Why not give a book? A special book because it's about people you know, about the very land in which you live.

"This Land We Hold" written by Ernestine Louder Bowden, is the book of which I'm speaking. It is a history of the Sunnyside Community in Castro County. Mrs. Bowden writes with feeling about her friends, neighbors, and early pioneers who helped settle this community and make it what it is today. She relates vividly the struggles and heartaches these settlers had to endure as well as the happiness and loyalty to the community which developed in their hearts. The book is filled with pictures of the old-timers, their homes, and families.

"This Land We Hold" is available for purchase at the News office for only \$12.95. It is truly a gift that would give increasing pleasure as the years go by.



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Muleshoe

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank our many friends and customers and to invite all of you who have not been over to see us to come in and look around.

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AT THE

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VFW POST 8570

IN THE PRIBOTH SKATING RINK

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Britt Roberson of Earth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Brenda Joyce, to Lance Puckett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Puckett of Muleshoe.

Miss Roberson is a 1971 graduate of Springlake-Earth High School and is employed at Damron's Drug Store in Muleshoe.

The prospective groom, a 1971 graduate from Muleshoe, is presently in the Navy, stationed in San Diego.

The date of the wedding will be announced at a later date.

P.T.A. Honors Mothers & Grandmothers

The Springlake-Earth P. T. A. honored the grandmothers and mothers Monday by having a Grandmother's and Mother's coffee after the school program.

Mrs. Norman Ellis and Mrs. William Mann pinned corsages of red berries and greenery on each grandmother and mother present. Mrs. Ray Joe Riley served cookies from a festive table covered with a Christmas table cloth. A centerpiece of the seasonal ornaments accentuated the table. Mrs. Larry Hausmann served coffee to the 15 ladies present.

The school program was presented by the 4th grade and 5th grade chorus and the 5th grade band. Mr. Wayne Anderson and Mr. Tom SoRelle conducted the program. Mrs. Jimmy Craft accompanied the chorus.

H.C. Martin was rushed to the hospital in Amherst at 6 p. m. Monday suffering from a severe attack of asthma and emphysema. He was immediately placed under oxygen and no visitors are allowed except those who are sitting up with him.



BRENDA JOYCE ROBERSON

NOTICE...

A come and go Layette Shower honoring Mrs. Don Parks, formerly Shella Blackwell, is slated for December 29 in the Community Building. Hours are from 2 to 4 p. m. Everyone is invited to attend.

A bridal shower honoring Miss Anita O'Hair, bride-elect of Richard Stevens, will be held at the home of Mrs. Perry Martin, Thursday, December 30, from 3 to 4:30 p. m. Everyone is invited to attend. Pottery and crystal selections may be seen at Howell's 216 Floral.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Haberer will host a celebration honoring their 25th wedding anniversary, Sunday, January 2 in the family home. Calling hours will be from 3 - 5 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Haberer both grew up in Earth, graduated from Springlake-Earth High School, married and reared their family here. Everyone is invited to attend. No gifts, please.

Party Line

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Reynolds from Littlefield, and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Taylor visited in the Melton Welch home Saturday night.

Jo Houchin is TOPS Queen

The TOPS Happy Losers met Thursday night December 16 in Richardson's office. Emily Clayton presided over the meeting, at which twelve answered the roll call.

Jo Houchin was Queen of the Week with a two pound loss and Paulette Garner was runner-up with a loss of one and a half pounds.

Emily Clayton's name was drawn for the Lucky Lady and Alma Ott received a gift for eight weeks perfect attendance.

Those present for the meeting were Jean Rumbaugh, Kathy Rumbaugh, Edith Crawford, Oona Pearl Murrell, Betty Housman, Lois Rudd, Florence Gover, Inez Inglis, Jo Houchin, Emily Clayton and Alma Ott.

The club will meet Thursday night, December 23, at the regular time and place for a



JUANITA DE LEON

Bridesmaid Luncheon Held

Mrs. Richard West of Sudan was hostess to a bridesmaids luncheon Saturday, December 18 for the attendants of her daughter, Miss Judy West, bride-elect of Gary Kelley. The Christmas theme was carried out in decorations throughout the home.

Attending were Misses Jana West, Kathy Minyard, Tanya and Terri Chester, and Shawnda Masten, all of Sudan; Kim Kelley of Earth, Carolyn Walker of Plainview, and LuLayne Seay of Lubbock. Mesdames Robin Davis, Pete Lance, E. C. Minyard, and Danny Masten of Sudan; Guy F. Kelley of Earth, Bruce Walker of Plainview, and Jack Seay of Lubbock.

Assisting Mrs. West were Mrs. Bill Chester and Mrs. Nolan Parish of Sudan, aunts of the bride.

Senior MYF Adopts Family for Christmas

Members of the Senior MYF group voted to adopt the Richard Posada family of Earth, to see that their Christmas will be a more joyous occasion.

The group will use their benevolence fund to see that the four children in the family will be provided with gifts.

Mr. Posada has been hospitalized and unable to work, so the young Methodist group sought out this family to help them.

The Posada's children are Silva who is a first grade student, Richard Jr., a kindergarten student, Ortiz, 4 years of age and Frank who is 15 months old.

Instead of Christmas parties and things for themselves the

Engagement Announced

The engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Juanita De Leon, to Victor Contreras, Jr., is being announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pedro De Leon of Earth.

The wedding will be at 2 p.

Miss Curtis Feted With Bridal Shower

Miss Debrah Curtis, bride-elect of Lynn Mason, of St. Petersburg, Florida, was honored with a bridal shower Friday afternoon, December 17, in the home of Mrs. R. A. Axte

The serving table was covered with a white lace cloth and centered by a white and blue arrangement topped with a bower enclosing bride and groom figures. A silver service was utilized.

Mrs. Don Curtis presided at the table serving coffee, tea, cookies, and nuts.

Miss Curtis was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Cecil Curtis, in greeting the guests and opening the gifts.

Hostesses for the occasion were: Mrs. Ed Dawson, Mrs. W.O. Jones, Mrs. J.J. Coker, Mrs. Beula Coker, Mrs. J.L. Hinson, Mrs. Melton Welch, Mrs. Orville Cleavinger, Mrs. Jack Angeley, Mrs. B. T. Hamilton, Mrs. Naomi Burgess, Mrs. Norman Sulser, Mrs. Hilbert Wislan, Mrs. W. B. Hucks, Mrs. C. C. Goodwin, Mrs. Donald Kelley, Mrs. Gerald Graham, and Mrs. R. A. Axte

Party Line

Betty O'Tay and Britta Kay of Muleshoe spent the night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pierce Monday.

The group chose to "do good for others." Love can be manifested in many ways, the MYF seems to have found a way.

CENTRE NEEDS CHILDRENS CLOTHING

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Nix, representatives of the P. T. A. were in charge of the Goodwill Centre, Saturday.

A total of \$2.61 was taken in. It was reported that the Centre is in need of children's clothing.



I would like to thank our relatives and friends for the lovely flowers, gifts and cards given to us on our Golden Wedding Anniversary. May God Bless and Keep each of you. Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Smith

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ST. CLAIR'S *The Wonderland of Christmas Gifts...*
David Hinchliffe, a student at Springlake-Earth School says the "IN" place to go is St. Clair's in Muleshoe, to find just the right gift for young men.
David is wearing a zipper sweater with a high roll collar by "Campus". His slacks are the comfortable fitting Wrangler flares.
His shoe are buckled slippers by Nunn Bush.
Don't forget to select one of the many wide belts that has just arrived.
St. Clair's in MULESHOE
GIFT CENTER FOR Everyone on YOUR LIST

Dianne McCallum is Honored With Bridal Shower

Miss Dianne McCallum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McCallum of San Antonio, was feted with a Bridal Shower Monday from 4 to 5 p. m. in the homemaking cottage on the campus.

The dining table was covered with a white cloth with lovely net overlay trimmed with red and green felt appliques of Christmas trees, Santa's etc. Centering the table was a lovely pink Santa surrounded with clouds of burgandy angel hair dotted with miniature Christmas ornaments.

The living room was enhanced with various decorations of miniature Christmas trees nestled among clouds of pink angel hair.

A beautiful sheet cake iced in white and decorated in tiny white rosebuds was served with spiced tea, nuts and mints. Mrs. Daane Locke and Mrs. Norman Sulser served the refreshments.

Hostesses for the occasion were Linda Taylor, Mrs. Norman Sulser and Mrs. Duane Locke.

Approximately 14 attended the event.

Miss McCallum is a member of the Springlake-Earth faculty and is English instructor for the sixth and seventh grades. This is her third year as teacher at S-E.

She is the bride-elect of Jerry Billington of Lockney. The wedding is slated for 6:30 p. m.

on December 31 in the chapel of the First Baptist Church at Plainview.

Pack 614 Has Christmas Party

Pack 614 had its Christmas party Tuesday night with Cub Scouts from 4 dens and their families present at the Community Center.

After singing a few carols, den mothers took the cub scouts carolling to several homes around Earth. After carolling, the cub scouts returned to the Community Center where they enjoyed cookies, hot chocolate, and coffee.

The Cub Master, Phil Neinst, presented Bobcat pens to the following boys: Daniel Garza, Jr. Donald Gilmore, Billy Pyle, Dave Allen Ingram, Greg Hulcy, Victor Houston, Russel Wheatley, Rodney Lowner, Trent Brown, Glen Craft, Mike McCarty, Tommy Hampton, Melvin James, and Kenneth James.

Earning both Bobcat pens and Wolf Badges were three boys, Ricky Dutton, Shannon Pellham, and Artie Ellis.

Biff Belew was presented with a Wolf Badge.

In order to receive this award one must complete the 12 achievements in the Wolf Book.

Debbie Green Places Fifth in Democracy Contest

Debbie Green, a 15 year old sophomore from Springlake-Earth School placed fifth in the annual "Voice of Democracy" contest for schools in Lamb County, December 15, which is sponsored by the VFW, all over the U.S., and its Ladies Auxiliaries.

Two other students from S-E entered the contest, held in Littlefield. They are Dale Wheatley and Bobby Myers. This was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the annual contest. The theme for the year was "My Responsibility to Freedom".

This is the first year S-E has participated in this contest. Contestants were from speech, government and civics classes, taught by Betty Sulser.

Debbie will receive a "Voice of Democracy" lapel pin for her efforts and we are very proud of her. First place winner was Jeremy Kay Graham of Olton, who received a \$75. Savings Bond. Second place went to Mary Elizabeth Shotwell of Littlefield, third place to another Oltonite, Vic Allcorn, and fourth place to James Anthony Black of Sudan.

Miss Graham will compete in district competition and the winner of this should be announced by the 10th of January.

The awards were hung on a Christmas tree and as each boy's name was called and award handed him, he placed an ornament, which he had made, on the tree. Those boys not receiving awards also placed a Christmas ornament on the tree.

The dens then presented their parents with gifts they had made. Den 1 made key holders and recipe holders. Den 3 made footstools out of juice cans. Den 4 presented to their parents, a plaque with their picture in it, which they had decouped. Den 5 made book-ins in the shape of ships and stained them brown.

A collection was taken up to send to Boy's Ranch.

At the conclusion of the program, the den mothers cleaned the Community Center before leaving.

Allen Purdy, VFW Voice of Democracy Chairman and Stella Pugh and Billie Ramuge, V.O.D. Ladies Aux. Co-Chairman stated they "would like to see a lot more participation of students in Lamb County Schools next year."

MY RESPONSIBILITY TO FREEDOM

by Debbie Green

Have you ever stopped to realize what freedoms you have? One of these is freedom of speech and expression. How many times do we as Americans, say something against America, sometimes without even realizing what far reaching results it may have. But since we have freedom of speech and expression, we are not punished for this. A second freedom is the freedom to worship God in your own way, or if you choose, not to worship at all. A third, is freedom from want. In this land of plenty, do we really know what hunger is? What poverty is? What pain is? A fourth freedom, is freedom from fear; fear of uncontrolled disease, of war, of death.

As Americans, we have all four of these freedoms, and not very many people realize just how much freedom that they really have. Protesters who burn their draft cards, hippies who refuse to exercise restraint on their freedoms, Americans who "say" they are happy to live in a free country, yet, who at the same time do not exercise enough restraint on our resources, do they realize how lucky they are?

I think, that as an American young person, my responsibility is to exercise restraint in the use of water. To conserve water when bathing by filling the tub only partly full. To restrain and turn off the water when brushing my teeth. Second, to exercise restraint in the use of my car. To avoid driving short distances that I can just as easily walk; to leave the car running on short errands instead of starting and stopping the engine at every stop. Exercising restraint in the use of my car not only saves money,



DEBBIE GREEN

it also cuts down on air pollution.

My responsibilities as a young person living in America today are great, and I should gratefully accept them. One of the greatest of these responsibilities is to show patriotic reverence for our country and all that it stands for. When I think of all that my ancestors have done in order to obtain our freedom, I realize that a lot of responsibility must go along with it. In order to maintain these privileges, for every privilege carries with it responsibility.

For the present, I should be patriotic to my country and its flag, and not try to tear down, but to build up everything that has taken so long to accomplish. I can preserve my freedom of speech by exercising it in a positive manner, instead of always trying to find something wrong with everything. I can help maintain the respect that our country deserves, not by protesting and revolting against everything, but by showing others how I feel by living

peacefully, knowing that force is contrary to peace.

To me, freedom is a privilege, as well as a responsibility. This is easy to see when we think of other countries who don't have half as many freedoms as we have. If we are not careful, and start exercising restraint on our freedoms, and stop using them as a license to tear down everything our society has done to make America the great country that it is, then we may also find ourselves in the predicament of foreign countries, where death comes as a welcome.

Sure, our country has its problems, what country doesn't? We had better stand up and be counted on our country's side, getting our hands dirty if need be, in the name of freedom. Then, and only then, can we preserve our freedoms, this is our responsibility.

Roast peacock was a Yule delicacy of early England.

SELECTING FRESH cranberries—Cranberry varieties differ in size and color but aren't identified by variety names in the supermarket. So when selecting the berries, Extension foods and nutrition specialists say to look for plump, firm berries with a lustrous red color. Cranberries are now available in plentiful supplies, as are cranberry sauce and cranberry juice cocktail.

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—St. Matthew 2:9

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Christmas Eve Gift

By
DAVID HARTMAN

talk fast. If you are slow on the "draw" it's another story. Think with me for a moment - what is Christmas all about? Is it only Santa Claus and the exchanging of gifts?

As much as we love Santa Claus and enjoy giving and receiving gifts this is not the whole story. There is something more important involved. If we aren't careful we shall lose the central emphasis of this season of the year.

If you have been brave enough to get out and shop you immediately realized some people go "nuts" at Christmas time. If I were not so timid I would ask some folk, "Why work yourself into such a frenzy? Don't you know gifts, Santa Claus, colorful candy, decorated trees, homes and yards are not the real meaning of Christmas?" If they are not central then what is? It isn't so much what as it is who is the central character of Christmas.

Do not misunderstand me. I am not against Santa Claus, candy, and decorations. However, they must be viewed in proper perspective. If we miss the gift of God's Son to us we will miss the greatest Christmas Eve gift of all. If it were not for Christ then Christmas would hold no deep and abiding meaning for us. Take the Christ out of Christmas and all you have left is -- mas better spelled mess.

When I think of Christmas I think of God being with man in a very unique way. What greater gift could we receive than for God himself to care enough about us to be with us personally.

Did you ever say that on Christmas Eve morning? We didn't in my family. However, it seemed to be a popular thing to say in my wife's family.

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Little Lost Angel



by: Janet Field Heath

Long ago, on the first Christmas Eve, when the angels came out from Heaven to bring their tidings of great joy, there was a very little angel who slipped out with them. She was so little she did not sing very well, and to tell the truth, she didn't quite understand what the angels were singing.

still. The big angels had gone back into Heaven, and the shepherds were hurrying to find the new baby about whom the angels had sung.

"I'm glad the big star is there," said the little angel. "But I wish the big angels had waited for me. I had better try and find them. I'm sure I can't find my way back to Heaven without them."

"Glory to God in the Highest, And on Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men..." Yes, she knew about that, but what was it the big angel alone was singing?

She straightened the crown on her golden head and picked up her little harp which had fallen to one side. Then, gently spreading her wings, she went out onto the roadside.

"For Unto Us is Born This Day In The City Of David, A Savior... Ye Shall Find The Babe Wrapped In Swaddling Clothes Lying In A Manger."

"Why, there is one of the angels now," she cried and hurried him.

The little angel didn't know what swaddling clothes were. And what -- Oh, what -- was a manger?

But it wasn't an angel she found only a man, a man walking by himself, his head hung down so that he did not even see the great star.

Wondering, she floated down to the grassy field below her to wait until the angels finished singing and could take her back to heaven. And in the field, huddled close together, she found the sheep that the shepherds had forgotten. They were so soft, so warm, so quiet that the little angel lay down among them and fell asleep.

The little angel looked at him. "Why don't you sing?" she asked.

"Sing! Why should I sing? What is there to sing about?" growled the man.

"It makes you happy to sing," laughed the little angel. She ran her fingers across the harp she was carrying and sang softly a little song. "There, isn't

When she woke up, it was very



SANTA HAS ARRIVED... at the Richard Bills' home if he can only get on the roof and down the chimney. This home was named first place winner of the annual Christmas Lighting Contest.

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that pretty?"

"Very, very pretty," said the man, looking at her at last.

"Here, you take it - then you can sing," said the little one, putting the harp into his hands. "And please, will you tell me if the angels went this way?"

"Angels? Angels?"

"Didn't you see them?" asked the little one. "Oh see! Isn't that one of them just beyond us?" She flew on to look, but alas, again it was a stranger to whom she came - a woman this time. Her clothes were rich and gay but her face was hard and sullen, and she spoke roughly to the little angel.

"Go away, Go away! I'm no fit person for a child to be seen

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bills at 612 1st Street was named first place winner of the annual Chamber of Commerce Lighting Contest. They will receive \$35.00 for this honor.

Taking second place and winning \$20.00 was the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson, located on highway

with."

"Is it because you've lost your crown?" asked the angel anxiously. "Because if you have, you may have mine. And, please, could you tell me which way the angels went?"

"Angel?" said the woman in a startled voice.

She held the crown in her hands, and as she looked at it, long-lost tears ran down her face. "What is this that is happening to me?" she whispered. But the little angel had gone - more quickly now that she had no harp to carry, no crown upon her head. So fast did she go that she almost fell upon a little boy sitting by the roadside and crying as though his heart would break.

"What is that strange sound you are making, little one?" asked the angel. "I'm crying," the little boy told her. "I wanted to see the King - the NEW KING who is to be in Bethlehem tonight. But they have all gone away and left me. I'm lame, you see, so I can't walk fast, and by the time I get there, the King will be gone."

"A King!" said the angel. "I thought it was a baby." They said it was a King," said the little boy and he began to cry again. "Take my wings," said the angel. "You can't walk very well so it is you who should have them."

She fastened her wings carefully to his shoulders. They were soft, fluttery things that caught the low night breezes and bore the boy forward in a gentle, rapturous motion.

"Thank you, oh, thank you," he called back, but the little angel scarcely heard him. She was trying to walk without her wings. She had not known it would be so difficult. She

70. Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Haberer were awarded the third place prize of \$10.00 for the decorations on their home located on E. highway 70.

Judging took place on the 18th and 19th. The homes were judged on the creativity and originality of applying Christmas decorations.

kept falling to the ground, and her tender feet were cut and bruised by the stones in the roadway.

"But the big star is there," she thought, as she went slowly along. "And see, a light! Is it Heaven at last?"

But it was not a light from Heaven she saw - only candles from a home nearby. The angel knocked timidly and stood waiting - a little thing with pleading eyes and tangled hair.

A woman opened the door, then stood staring at the little angel, unable to believe what she saw.

"Peter," she whispered back into the room. "Peter, come! Do you see what I see?" Oh, is it a miracle because we have prayed so long? Is this a child sent to us at last? She put out her hands and drew the lost angel to her. She bathed the soiled and bleeding feet and combed the tangled hair. Then

she held her close and sang a low song of great joy, and the little angel closed her eyes and dreamed she was in Heaven.

When she awoke it was morning. She had found not Heaven but a new home and a father and mother.

They so loved her that she almost forgot she had been a little angel. She ran about the fields while the man Peter tended his sheep, and she helped the woman Dorcas make the bread and sweep the floors. She played in the meadows and vineyards with the other children, and they loved her because she was so gentle and sweet.

Many years past, and Peter and Dorcas at last grew old and passed away. But the lost angel stayed in their home alone. Now it was she who tended the

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sheep and gathered the grapes and made the bread. She was friendly to all who came to her door. Many travelers knocked there and always found a welcome, food and rest. They told her about the far lands through which they had come,

and of the people they had met or of whom they had heard.

Many of their stories were of the great ones in the world. They told her of a poet who sang his way straight into the hearts of men. They told her of a great hearted woman who spent her life helping the poor and the sinful. They told her of a leader of the people - lame. It is true, but inspired and beloved.

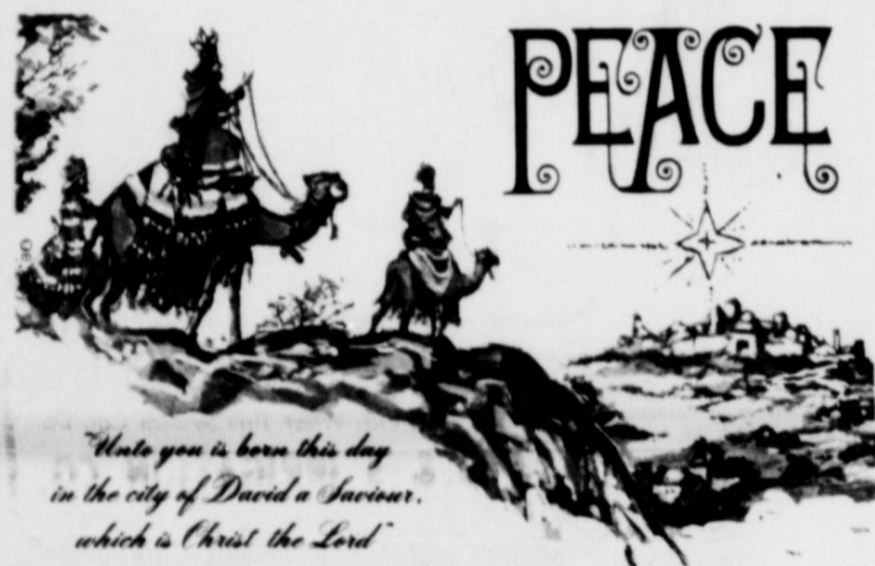
And the angel heard them with a smile. She never knew that poet was the man to whom she had given her harp, that the greathearted woman was the one who wore her crown, and that the leader of the people was the boy who had taken her wings.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wilson and John Mark enjoyed a meal and table tennis at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dear Sunday night.



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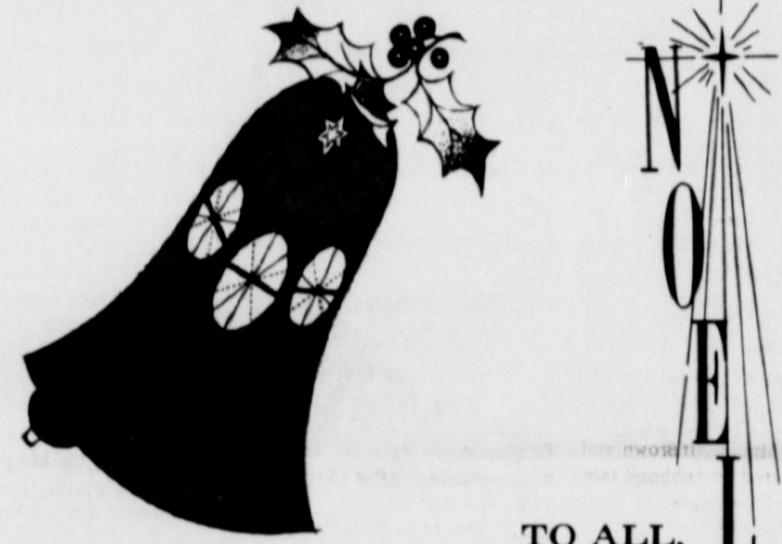
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SUNNYSIDE NEWS

By TEENY BOWDEN



Debbie Curtis was honored with a bridal shower Friday afternoon in Earth in the home of Mrs. R.A. Axtell. She returned home Monday from Warner Robins, Georgia where she had been visiting with the parents of Lynn Mason for several weeks and also with him over the week-ends. He arrived in Lubbock Saturday from Seminole, Florida, where they will make their home after their wedding in San Angelo Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Curtis and Debbie visited in Amarillo Monday with Mrs. F.M. Sweetney and Bill. They spent Monday night in Petersburg with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stephens. Mr. and Mrs. W.A. DeBusk of Slaton spent last Saturday night and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Ina Blewett. Her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Moon of San Rafael, California visited with her Sunday through Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wayne Hampton and family also visited with them some while they were here.

Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Autry have been in Rocky Ford, Colorado this week with their grandchildren while their son, James is in the hospital. James underwent back surgery last Friday.

Mrs. Gerner Ball visited in Earth Monday with her mother, Mrs. Beulah Newton. W.E. Loudder was dismissed from Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt Tuesday morning. M.H. Fowlkes was put in a private room after the intensive care unit Tuesday night, and is still improving. Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Sadler came home from Lubbock Thursday night.

Mrs. Dannie Lilley has visited in the Canyon hospital several times this week with her grandmother who has had surgery. Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Brown and boys visited in Lubbock last Sunday with relatives. Light rain turned to snow Tuesday afternoon and it didn't take long for the giant wet flakes to cover the ground. It fell again without wind, but melted away quickly Wednesday.

The last program for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions was held Wednesday night a-long with Current Missions to make up for the lost day due to bad weather. Mrs. Roy Phelan and Mrs. Alton Loudder were in charge.

Mrs. John Moore visited in Lubbock Thursday with their children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Ila Haydon left Friday for San Antonio to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Modene Hitchcock. She will also visit with her brother on the way down.

The Junior Sunday School class had a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. J. Paul Waggoner and Mrs. Weldon Bradley Friday night. Mrs. Gale Sadler helped them sponsor Lynn Brown, Rory Jones, Chris Elkins, Dancene Wilson, Sue Bradley, Susan Sadler, Tammy Ross, and LaGlenda Wilson. They enjoyed caroling after the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Alford Crisp of Williams, Arizona and their daughter, Mrs. Miriam Wiley and Nona Beth of Phoenix, Arizona spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phelan. They visited with their friends at the El Paso Gas Plant also.

Lonnie and Debbie Wilson played in the Springlake tournament last Friday night. Debbie also played Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Curtis and Cynthia of Earth had supper Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Curtis and Debbie. They also had supper with them and Lynn Mason Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Curtis, Debbie and Lynn Mason left Sunday morning for San Angelo where they will marry on Monday.

Mrs. E.R. Sadler went back to Methodist hospital for the day Friday to be with her brother, Tommy Fowlkes of Fort Worth who came in Thursday evening after they had left the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sadler and girls of Lubbock spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs.

Ezell Sadler. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sadler and girls.

Brenda and Martin Lefevere were home from Lubbock for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phelan had a fish supper at Kress with Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Stephens and with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morris of Tulsa, Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Odom and Lisa of Summerfield spent Saturday night and Sunday with Leslie Loudder.

Lesia and Steve Morgan, Lonnie and Debbie Wilson, Renee Jones, Danny and Don Holman, Marian Dawson, Kelley Haydon, Lee Brown, Vickie Head, Dina Jo Hampton, Jim Fulfer, Dean Holman, Clint Dawson, Tommy Graham, Karen Howell, and Dancene Wilson all participated in the Springlake-Earth Band Concert at the school Thursday night. Some of them were in the choir also.

Robert and Donna Calhoun, Darla Hicks, Resa Carson, Cindy and Susan Sadler, and Goby Gilbreath were in the Dimmitt Band Concert Sunday afternoon.

The Christmas pageant presented Sunday night was written and directed by Mrs. Elsie Lefevere. It was presented Sunday night during the worship hours after practice sessions Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday nights. Narrator was Gale Sadler with Larry Starnes, Gabriel's voice and Mrs. Carl Bradley, Mary's voice. The manger scene featured Mrs. Larry Starnes and baby Dana and Glene Wilson. Lee Brown was an angel, Gabriel, Ricky and Michael Smith and Jeffrey Jones were the shepherds, Jimmy Smith, Rory Jones, and Roy McGowan the kings; Lynn Brown, Chris Elkins, and Tommy Hampton the soldiers; Lyle Loudder, Kent Bradley, and Duke Hampton the kings servants; Gene Smith, Lyn and Karen Howell, Deanna Starnes Gwendolyn and LaGlenda Wilson, Paula Ivey, Kelly Bradley, Dara Loudder, Gaylon and



WHO-O-P-E-E, A SEA OF COTTON... at long last farmers in the area are able to get in to their fields with strippers to gather their crops. The wet fall has held off harvest for so long, it looked as though the planter would be following along behind the stripper.

Freddie Kelley Home From Navy

Christmas at the Clarence Kelly home will be somewhat more joyous this year as their son Freddie Kelley flew home Wednesday from San Diego after receiving his discharge earlier that day. Kelley has been in the Navy for the past four years. When asked what his plans for the future were, he replied, "I have no definite plans right now, I only want to rest up for a few days before I give to much thought to the future." Kelley took his Boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois. He

DANNY BOONE IS HOME FOR 30 DAY FURLOUGH

Danny Boone arrived home in early December for a 30 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Boone near Gruver, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Boone of Springlake. Danny enlisted in the Army in September and has been taking training at Ft. Ord, California. Following his furlough he will report to Ft. Hood at Killeen, Texas. Danny is a 1971 graduate of Roosevelt High School near Lubbock.

Carolyn McGowan, Jason James, Susan Sadler, Sue Bradley, Belinda Hampton, Dancene Wilson, and Tammy and Rhonda Ross were angels; Dan Burnett directed the church choir, Mrs. Gale Sadler played the organ, Debra Ball the piano, Weldon Bradley the violin and harp; Debbie Wilson the horn; Lesa Morgan the drums; Cindy Sadler, the flute; Brenda Patterson, the clarinet; Mrs. Glen Wilson sang the lullaby, Carl Bradley, Hershel Wilson and Gerald Elkins sang solos. Mrs. Phillip Jones helped with the costumes and directing of one group of children, Mrs. Garner Ball helped with co-

turns as did Mrs. Hershel Wilson and Mrs. Doug Loudder. Gale Sadler, Cliff Brown, Carl Bradley, and Vernon Orr worked the lighting. Cliff Brown used the spotlight during the program. Lonnie Wilson carried the lighted star to direct the wise men to the manger scene. Mrs. Cliff Brown had charge of props as well as helping direct. Mrs. Mack Turner, Mrs. Jerry James, Mrs. Glen Wilson, Mrs. Bill Morgan and Mrs. Doug Loudder also helped with the directing. It was a very impressive program. Fellowship and refreshments and gifts to the Turners and Dan Burnett followed the pro-

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In this century, hymns and carols of the Nativity have been composed by Peter Warlock ("Bethlehem Down") and Gustav Holst ("Mid-Winter")—among others. Often, hymns and carols have been set to the music of classic composers. One example is, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," by Nahum Tate. Music for this came from Handel's opera, "Siroe," as adapted by Richard Storrs Willis.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring to me, I been good for you. I want a Baby Tindr Love and a barde and a barde clothes and a trampaline. Love your friend, Vonda

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas. Angel Baby inchworm, trike, bog. Sarman

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4-H Presents Skit

A skit entitled "Night Before Christmas" was presented by the Springlake-Earth 4-H Club when they met for their regular meeting, Monday, at the Earth Show Barn.

The skit was narrated by Dawn Branscum. Petra Lewis was played by Beth Pounds; Ross Lewis was portrayed by Alayne Slover; and Brit Pounds and Glen Branscum were sand-men.

Following the skit, an inspiration was given by Kirk O'Hair.

A short business meeting was then held in which was read a thank you note from Boy's Ranch. The Club, instead of exchanging gifts, had sent the \$10.00 in their club fund to the Boy's Ranch for Christmas.

Refreshments of cookies and punch were then served by Mrs. Gene Templeton, Mrs. Pete O'Hair and Mrs. Pat Holder to the 23 members and 12 adults present at the meeting. One new member, Lisa Templeton, joined the club.

The next meeting is scheduled for the third Monday in January.

News Office to Close for Holidays

The Earth News-Sun office will close on the 24th and will remain closed until January 3rd.

This is to allow the staff to have some time off to visit with their families over the Christmas Holidays.

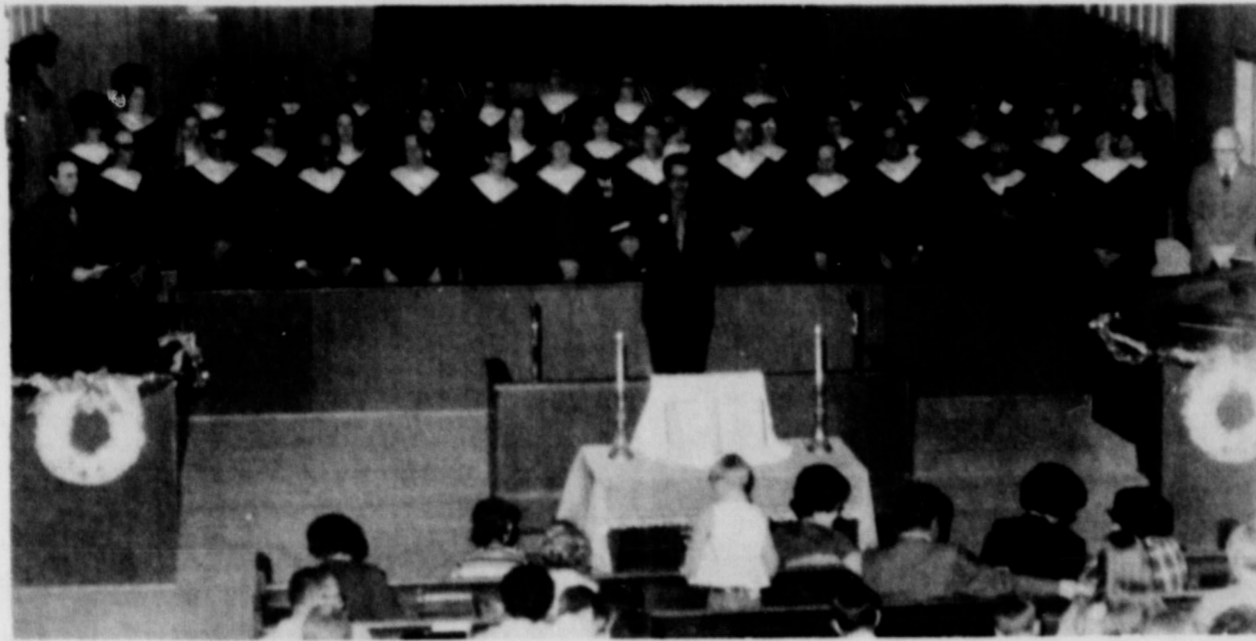
The paper that would normally come out December 30 will be omitted. The next issue will be January 6.

If you are in need of book-keeping supplies, please purchase them by Thursday.

The staff at the News-Sun wishes to each of you a very healthy, happy, prosperous, and safe holiday season and New Year.



The White House was finished after George Washington had been succeeded by John Adams as president; hence Martha Washington never lived in it.



THE SPIRIT OF LOVE AND FELLOWSHIP could surely be felt as the Baptist and Methodist Choirs blended their voices together in praises about the birth of Christ at the annual Cantata held at the First Baptist Church in Earth.



SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS...the Earth Lion's Club help Santa prepare for Christmas by sacking up goodies to be given away Christmas Eve.

Firemen Rush to Burr Fire Sunday

An early morning fire alarm Sunday, brought firemen to the fire station and quickly on their way to extinguish a burr fire at the John Murrell farm one mile west of Earth.

Fire Chief, Bud Matlock said, "Burr spread along the bar ditches on his farm, somehow

caught fire and threatened to spread to the cotton field."

A tractor and ditcher were used to stir the burr around after they had been thoroughly wet down. This soon smothered out the flames.

THE EARTH NEWS-SUN WISHES TO ALL OF YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Happy is the Bride!

Who Receives Gifts From Howell's 216 Floral

Anita O'Hair, bride elect of Richard Stevens has made her selections here. A bridal shower will be given in her honor, December 30, in the home of Mrs. Perry Martin.

ANITA O'HAIR

We Have Gifts For All Occasions.

Howell's 216 Floral

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My Oh My, How Simple the Prevention

An occasional pat on the back and kind word from friends and family might have a great influence in prohibiting the development of ulcers in people working under great stress says a New York psychologist.

Dr. Jay Weiss of Rockefeller University indicated that his tests with rats seem to reveal that stomach ulcers are not wholly the result of emotional responses, such as fear, as it is usually believed.

Weiss believes that ulcers may develop if an individual doesn't make enough attempts to cope with stressful conditions and when he does, does not receive proper recognition of the fact by those around him.

Weiss reported his research team found that if a signal is given to a rat before he receives an electric shock--so he can predict when a shock will occur--the rat will deve-

lop fewer and smaller ulcers than a rat that receives the same shocks but cannot predict when they will occur.

And, if the rat is able to take action to avoid or escape the shock entirely, he will develop fewer ulcers than the animal that receives the same shocks but has no control over them.

However, Weiss deduced that rats--and presumably man--need to have some rewarding feedback to assure them they are at least trying to take the right course.

Weiss concluded that he felt this research "may well have implications for the understanding and treatment of various psychological disorders."

Weiss presented his findings at the 79th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association in Washington, D. C.



Christmas Joy

It is the time of Our Dear Savior's Birth... and the world over people share the peace, love, contentment that illuminated the first Nativity Scene.

For Joy You've Given Us, Our Sincere Gratitude.

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the after-5 look

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Manger Scenes Inspire Rejoicing

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

Dramatizing Birth of Christ Awakens Awe and Wonder

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

Under any name, the re-creation of the manger



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

springs from one guiding, and abiding, purpose—bringing people closer to Christmas. The highest wonder of the Christmas story is its sheer simplicity and reality.

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

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

Begins in Italy

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

His way of helping his Italian parishioners grow closer to Christmas was to create

the very first *praesepe*, or Christmas crib.

His carol, "The Song of the Creatures," made the Nativity still more real to them since it told of the lowly animals which were part of their lives and livelihood.

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

Today, especially in Latin America and Europe, the manger scene sets the theme for a holy and happy Christmastide.

Told in Rhyme

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

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

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

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

Probably the overwhelming winner among widely-known secular Christmas poems is Clement Clark Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas."

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

Inspires Music

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

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

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

IT'S LEGAL

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

READY FOR YULE

"Christmas tree" is the actual name of a plant that grows in New Zealand.



Tidings
of
GLADNESS
AND JOY

May
the spiritual joy
of the Holy Season
reside in your
hearts and bring
you outward
happiness, inner
contentment.

TO OUR LOYAL PATRONS . . . OUR WARM GRATITUDE

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EARTH

NOSING AHEAD

Dasher? Dancer? Santa's most famous reindeer today is Rudolph of the red nose, from the 1939 song by Johnny Marks.

Season's Greetings

To Our Many Friends & Customers:

AT THIS HAPPY SEASON, WE ARE GLAD TO PUT ASIDE THE ROUTINE OF BUSINESS AND EXTEND TO YOU OUR GOOD WILL AND APPRECIATION OF OUR ASSOCIATION DURING THE YEAR.

ONE OF THE REAL PLEASURES IN DOING BUSINESS IS THE FRIENDSHIPS THAT ARE MADE AND WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOURS.

WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND THE SEASONS GREETINGS WITH THE TRUE HOPE THAT THE NEW YEAR WILL BRING YOU A FULL MEASURE OF GOOD HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY.

Sincerely
All The Folks
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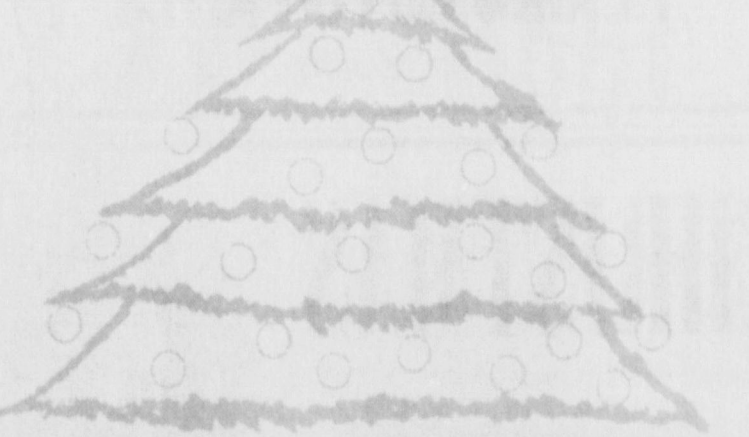
Christmas
Cheer

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And ONE to ONE let all of us take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy holiday season!

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Letters To Santa

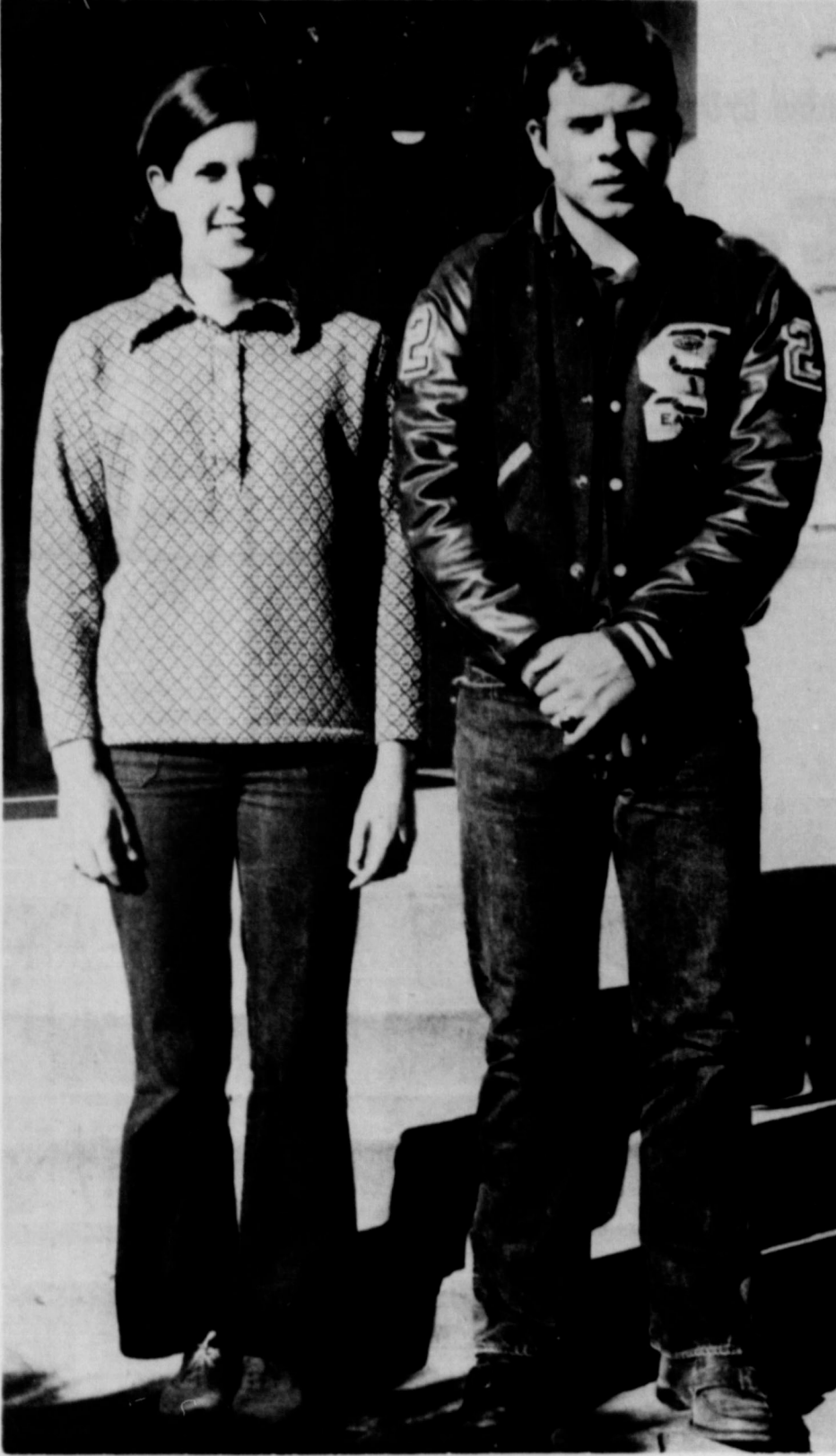
Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the first grade and I am 7 years old. I would like a newborn Thumbelina, and a birthstone ring. I wish you and everybody in the world a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Garmen Kelley

Her name is Jeri Kate. I am in Mrs. Gaston's room at school she is very nice. I can't wait till Christmas, but I have not decided what I want so you can bring me anything you want to. I have tried to be a good girl. I love you, Michael.
Dear Santa,
I want Shoppin Sheryl and a Kemner talking show projection and this is all I want.
Thank you Santa,
Glenda Renay James

Dear Santa,
My name is Michael Ann Field. I am 6 years old. I have 2 sisters, one is Lindsey and she is 10 the other is 4.



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MR. AND MISS S-E HIGH SCHOOL... It would be a sure bet to say that the new Miss Springlake-Earth High School, Janet Britton, and the new Mr. Springlake-Earth High School, Eddie Blair, will do an outstanding job of representing the local high school this year.

Dear Santa,
I am Tammy Lajdis, I am 8 years old. I have been pretty good this year. I would like a Malibu Barbie and lots of cloth and boots for Barbie. Remember Ronnie and Jim-Bring them something.
I love you!
Tammy

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a Timmy Tell, a doll house, and a table and chairs set, and a pair of lace-up boots.
I will be in Iowa this year for Christmas.
Thank you, Love,
Kelly Criswell

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and in the first grade at Springlake-Earth Elementary School.
I would like a Johnnywest set; a tool set, and a bicycle. If you cannot bring me the bike that will be alright as I understand that the cotton crops are not as good as expected this year. Don't forget my little brother. He wants an electric train, and don't forget my little sister either. She wants a doll. Also, please remember all the other little boys and girls because they are as equally important and deserving as I.
I love you Santa
Scott Bucum
P.S. There will be milk and cookies for you on the kitchen table.

Dear Santa,
We wish you a merry-Christmas.
I want a Ken doll and a Barbie doll and clothes to go with them and a game the game is called Bug out.
That is all.
Love,
Leann

DEA
Dear Santa Claus
I wish you a very merry Christmas. And I hope you are on a Diet because I will have candy lay out for you. And I want a living baby tender care, and a stuffed baby tiger, and a little toy drum.
I love you
Jana

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Timmy Tell Doll. I want a ring and a real cat, too. I am anxious for you to get here.
Love
Jennifer

Dear Santa,
I cannot wait for Christmas Santa, and have a good Christ-

And I am happy to.
I want a smarty pants doll.
Love,
Raquel Posadas

Dear Santa,
I wish you a merry Christmas. I want a bike and an truck and an football.
Love,
Arturo Samarron

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas. I love you my name is Joe Longoria. Please bring me a truck and a bell.

Dear Santa,
Have you got my letter yet? Do you remember what I want have a merry merry Christmas.
Love,
Greg

Dear Santa,
I wish you a very Merry Christmas. You are a very good Santa. So I am going to leave you some cookies and candy and some milk.
I won't a Ford marot tracer.
Your friend
Scott Branscum

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas, please give me trumpet and timey tell and smarty pants, how is Mrs. claus doing Santa? I will leave you some candy and cookies bring me a dress then you can bring me any thing you want to.
Your friend
Merri

Dear Santa,
I wish you a merry Christmas. I want a base horn and Jonny Lighting set and a dowllus cowboy soot.
Love
John Mark

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas. I want a base horn and Jonny Lighting set and a dowllus cowboy soot.
Love
Sylvia Dela Gazar

dress and a cowboy suit and a timey tell and a cowboy boots.
Love
Sylvia Dela Gazar

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

Holiday Cheer!

Good wishes "bloom" for you at...
Beavers Flowerland
Muleshoe

To you and yours, may we extend best wishes for a truly blessed holiday season

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MULESHOE

Merry Christmas to all

Happy carolers raise their voices to add a cheery Christmas note. It's full of good wishes and spirited hopes that this Yule is the best ever for all of you!

EARTH ELEVATOR

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As Christmas Season Approaches We Would Like To Say "THANK YOU" To All Our Wonderful Customers In The Earth-Springlake Area For Your Past Patronage.

May Your Christmas Be A Merry One and May Your New Year Bring You Much Health And Happiness.

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Santa Letters...

Dear Santa,
It will soon be Christmas and I would like some toys.
Please bring me a GI Joe set.
Love,
Daniel Garcia

Dear Santa,
It will soon be Christmas and I would like some toys.
Please bring me a banjo.
Love,
Dave Cleavinger

Dear Santa,
I will like a B-B Gun Santa, please fore Christmas.
I love yue, Santa
Jimmy Marquez

Dear Santa,
It will soon be Christmas and I would like some toys. Please bring me toys. I would like a Shopping Sherl and dollhouse.
Love,
Karl Neinast

Dear Santa,
I love you.
I have try to be good. I wish that you would bing me a Baby

Dumpling Doll.
Love,
Melinda Denham

Dear Santa,
It will soon be Christmas and I want a B-B Gun.
Love,
Danny Garza

Dear Santa,
Santa I hope that you will bring something for me. I would like a tape recorder.
Love,
Sheryl Clayton

Dear Santa,
It will soon be Christmas Please bring me a gun.
Love,
Richard Aldace

Dear Santa,
I like you Santa. I would like a B-B Gun.
I would like a electric guitar.
Love,
Shannon Rule

Dear Santa,
I tried to be nice. And I hope



IN THE AIR THERE'S THE FEELING OF CHRISTMAS...this is certainly true of the first grade children in Mrs. Lois Moore's room as they admire their pretty Christmas decorations.

that you will bring me sum toys. I would like a B-B Gun, and a guitar. I like you.
Love,
Randy Otfield

MERRY CHRISTMAS



NOEL

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

C. ROY STEVENS

COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

GREETINGS

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Dear Santa,
It will soon be Christmas and I would like some toys.
Please bring me Walk-talkie and a B-B Gun.
Love,
Miguel Samantego

Dear Santa,
It will soon be Christmas and I would like some toys.
Please bring me Thumbelina and Timey Tell.
Love,
Betty Rutz

Dear Santa,
I hope you will bring me some toys.
I want a bicycle, and a tape recorder and a guitar.
Love,
Mark Parish

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an inch-worm and a training wheel bike. I think I have been a good girl. Please remember all of the other children.
I love you,
Wendy Bulls

O Holy Night

All is calm. Peace reigns.
Hearts are light with the joys of Christmas. And thoughts turn to the wonder of that Holy time when the shepherds and Magi gathered to adore the Newborn King.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO DOING BUSINESS WITH YOU IN THE COMING YEARS AND TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAST PATRONAGE.

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A Joyous Christmas

A Star of wonder shone in the heavens, and Wise Men from the East came to worship a newborn King. May this spirit of reverence and rejoicing spread its wonder throughout your daily lives. Merry Christmas to all our friends and cherished patrons.

IT IS A PLEASURE TO GREET FRIENDS DURING THE HOLIDAYS AND TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAST PATRONAGE. WE WILL BE MOST HAPPY TO SERVE YOU THROUGH OUT THE COMING NEW YEAR.

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Dear Santa:

Dear Santa Clause,
My name is Dara and I want a sewing machine for Christmas. Christmas is a nice time. I think you are real nice, too.
Dara Loudder

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas and I especially like the snow. Will you please bring me a mini bike for Christmas? If you don't have a mini bike, I would like

a Walkie-talkie, or Tumblestones, or western saddle set, or microscope set.
Lyle Loudder

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been a very good little girl. I am 4 1/2 years old, and I go to Playschool. I have a new baby sister and I help my mother with her a lot. For Christmas, I would like a bicycle, a Smarti Pants doll,



SMILES AT CHRISTMAS... honor society students are serving Mrs. Lois Moore and Mrs. Lola Sanderson at a tea given in honor of the Springlake-Earth teachers.



GREETINGS

The days of yesteryear live on with every new Christmas season. May you enjoy your holidays with that good-old-time happy spirit.

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Season's Greetings

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some new records, and some Barbie clothes.
Please don't forget my new little sister, Tifanee. She is only one month old, but I'm sure she would like to have some stuffed animals, and maybe even a new passifier.

She's almost wore her other one out already.
And please, Santa Claus, don't forget my little cousin, Justin, and my Grandma Holt and Grandma and Grandpa Chaney.

I'll have some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Merry Christmas,
Melissa Chaney

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 and I help my mother and daddy alot.
I would like a b-b gun, banjo, race set, and a wind up buggy. Remember all the boys and girls.
Love,
James Pierce

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a four year old boy who is pretty good most of the time.
I want a banjo, a wind up boat, road grader, and some cowboys and Indians.
I love you,
Larry Pierce

Dear Sata,
have you bin busy.
I hope you dot git stuck. I want a NFL Electric Football game Cowboys and the Packers and thers all.
You no when you cam urilly, last year please do that again. I might not leav iny cookies.
You'er friend
Lance Phelps

Dear Santa,
I wish you merry Christmas. I want a Johnny Lightening 500 set and a volley ball. I want a football set and a minibike.
Love
Sylvia G

Dear Santa,
I wish you a merry Christmas. I want a cowboy boots and a cowboy suit. I want a timey tell and a game named Twist-

Please give me a cowboysut, Pleas give me some cowbo boots.
Please give me a doll.
Love
Sylvia G

Dear Santa,
I wish you a merry Christmas. I want a cowboy boots and a cowboy suit. I want a timey tell and a game named Twist-

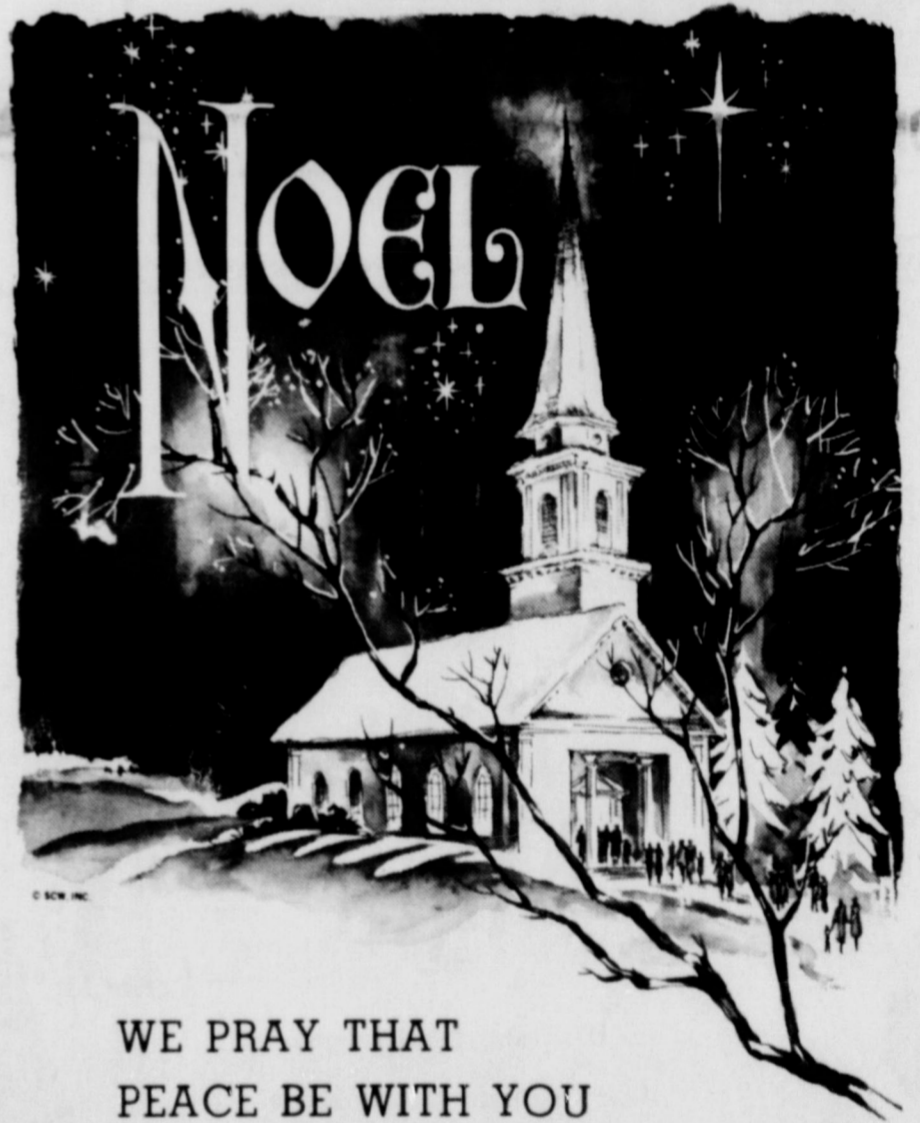
em and a cowboy hat.
Love
Joann
Dear Santa,
It will soon be Christmas and I would lik some toys. Please bring me a talking baby tinder love, and a jootrey box and don't forget the other children.
Love
Twila

FILL UP AT
THE GULF
WHERE YOU
GET SERVICE
WITH A SMILE

Greetings

Santa's coming along spreading lots of holiday cheer. And, he's delivering special thanks to our nice friends.

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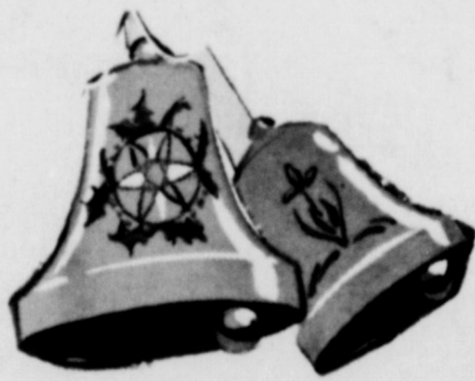
WE PRAY THAT
PEACE BE WITH YOU

May that peace that passes understanding... the peace of Jesus Christ, our Lord... come into every heart this Christmas. We wish you and yours the very best!

It's always a pleasure to take time during the holiday season to wish our friends well!
Thanks for your patronage throughout the years--- We look forward to serving you for years to come.



Peace
on
Earth



The message of Christmas shines as brightly today as it did almost 2000 years ago.



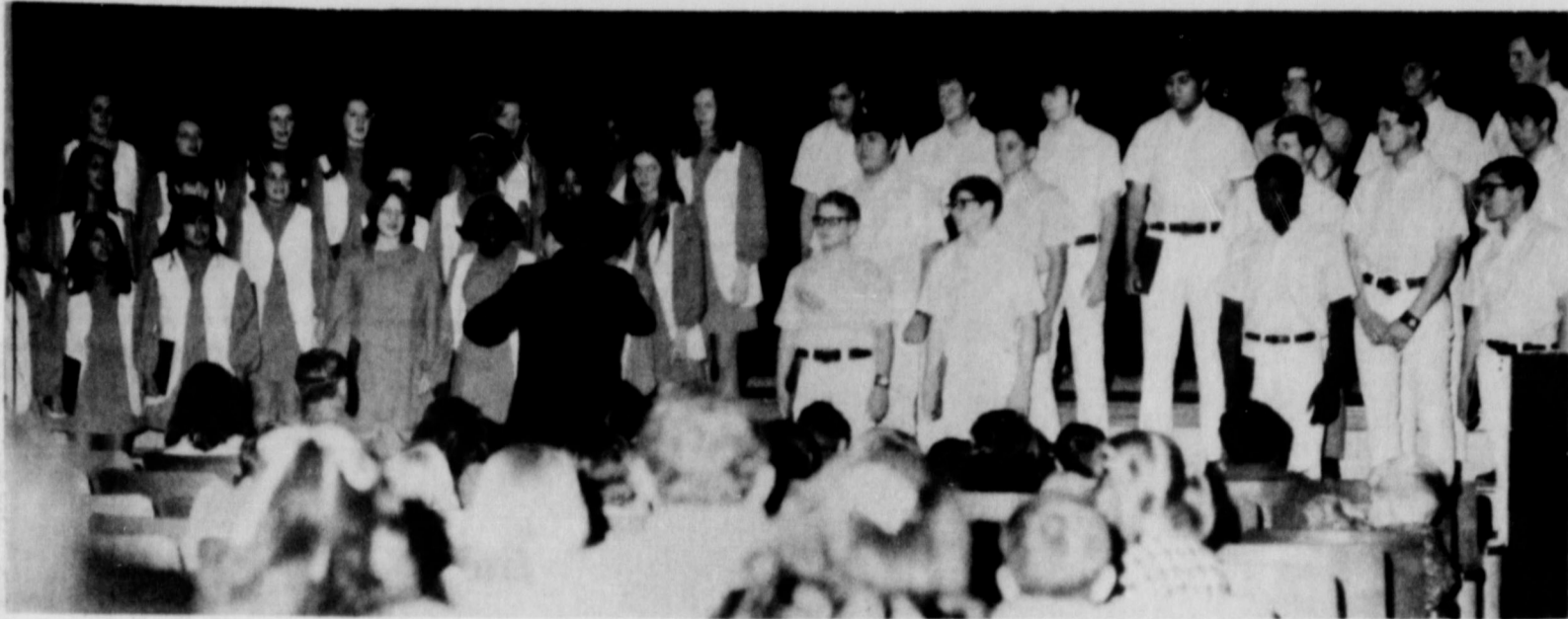
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LEE'S TASTY SAUSAGE

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SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT, was one of the beautiful selections of Christmas songs presented by the Springlake-Earth

High School Choir, directed by Wayne Anderson, at the schools Christmas concert.

It says in the Bible, "I'd rather give than receive." We try to see our kinfolks at Christmas too. We need to think of Christ more than we do. Don't you think? If Christ didn't die on the cross for us then who did he die for? Christmas is only 9 days away so when you get presents, think it doesn't matter if the person you're getting the present for doesn't get you one. Just think of the verse, "I'd rather give than receive." Brent Washington

gram about Christmas in the church. The time for singing carols and decorating the tree. That's what Christmas means to me. Royce Jordan

When Christmas time comes around I think of the bustle of shoppers taking home their treasures in the snow covered ground. I think of Christmas trees dressed in their suits of red, green and silver, all lit up with merry lights of the rainbow. And don't forget all the presents underneath just waiting to be unwrapped. And old St. Nick is going to come around. But above all, I think of Christ's birth that came to this world that glorious day. Kirk O'Hair

Greetings of the Holy Season

May the many blessings of Christmas fill your hearts with peace and happiness.

LEONARD HARPER and FAMILY
EARTH

What Christmas Means To Me...

What Christmas means to me is like on first day of December putting up a Christmas tree. We all decorate the tree by putting bells, light bulbs and candy canes. On the top of

the tree we put a Christmas star to remind us of Jesus. Dawn on the very bottom we put Christmas gifts.

Also, what Christmas means to me is like having a joyful time exchanging gifts, just think of all that time it took to wrap up that gift with that lovely paper.

All that time we take to eat that big, buttery turkey with that soft, delicious dressing. We all eat the cranberry sauce cause that is what we like to eat most of all. Cakes, pies, candy canes, oh, they are full of sweets!

We go to visit our relatives in Houston and they are so nice I would like to stay over there but then I think of my teachers and my friends so I just decide I have to come back. Juanita DeLeon

Christmas is a time for happiness, loving, giving and sharing Christ was born. And I think it was wonderful even tho I wasn't there.

I like Christmas. It means so much I don't know where to begin. Christmas makes me feel happy. And Christmas is the time you get so many gifts and things. And around Christmas time if you notice the little children act very, very nice. And try their best to be sweet. People who never smile at you may smile at you.

Really Christmas is a day for happiness, giving, and loving. Gail Miller

Christmas means to me, being as white as a freshly washed sheet, cold, but without the wind blowing. It means going out and having a snowball fight and your little sister goes in crying because you hit her with a snowball. It means sharing others presents and getting something you have always wanted. It means having a few holidays and parties and coming closer to your friends and parents and most of all, coming closer to God. For without God there wouldn't be any Christmas and all of these nice things. To sum it up, Christmas means Praising the Lord. Charla Dunnam

Christmas to me is like when the baby Jesus was born. And it is not the present that you give to the people it is when you are really sure that Jesus was born and he is alive. That is what it is like to give present to the people. Be happy they live in the world. People that are grateful that they can

work and play in the world and people are sick they have hope that one day they can get up and walk to the room they want to. Some people will never lose hope. Johnny Salinas

Christmas is a time of decorating the house and setting up the Christmas tree and decorating it. It is a time of putting lights in the house and putting them around trees in your yard.

Christmas is a time of giving gifts to people you love. Best of all it is receiving the gifts and getting to open them on Christmas Day, the day so many kids have been waiting for.

But most of all it was when Jesus Christ was born and we are just honoring him to show him how much we love him. Mark Barten

Christmas is a time for fun. Some of the time but I think of Christ too. I think of the ones I love. To try to give them a present if I can. Like

A Peaceful Christmas

May the wisdom and love of the Three Kings fill you with the true meaning of Christmas.

DON'S SHAMROCK
EARTH

Greetings

May your hearts and voices be raised in joyfulness and song throughout the holiday season.

Truitt & Euna Sides
Judge Of Lamb County
LITTLEFIELD

MERRY Christmas

May the Christmas season be filled with contentment and joy for you and your family.

Pounds Pharmacy
EARTH

Christmas greetings

In the spirit of an old-fashioned Christmas we extend best wishes to all. We hope you and your loved ones share in the many old-time joys and blessings of the season.

FIRST STATE BANK
DIMMITT---MEMBER F. D. I. C.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
It will soon be Christmas. I want a tape recorder and a Crissy.
Love
Monica

Dear Santa,
It will soon be Christmas and I would like some toys.
Please bring me a oven and a doll.
Love
Barbara Lynn Mayes

Dear Santa,
It is Christmas and I would like some toys please bring me a play cat.
Love Santa Gus
Angie Franklin

Dear Santa,
It will soon be Christmas and I would like some toys. Please bring me a doll house and a doll and bracelet and a purse.
Love
Susie Rodriguez



ADMIRING THEIR CHRISTMAS presents are Michele and Michael McCarty, children of Mr. and Mrs. Macky McCarty of Earth.

Dear Santa,
I hope I've been good. Would you please bring me a shopping sheryl and piano and crissy doll. Doll house.
Love
Natividad

Dear Santa,
It will soon be Christmas and I would like some toys. Please bring me a Barbie Doll, Bracelet and a necklace.
Love
Janice Becks

Dear Santa,
I hope I've been good. Would you please bring me a Shopp-

ing Sheryl and a piano.
Love,
Debbie Sineros

Dear Santa,
My brother and my sister has been very good and so have I. I wish you would bring me a automatic smoke gun.
Love,
Arlie

Dear Santa,
It will soon be Christmas and I would like some toys.
Please bring me a oven and a doll.
Love
Nancy Ann Nail

Please remember all the other boys and girls everywhere.
Love,
Loren Taylor
P.S. How are your elves and your wife and Rudolph and Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen and Comet and Dunder and Blitzen and Cupid?

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa Claus. And I like your red suit. And your reindeer too. I like your green sleigh. And I wish you bring us some toys for girls and boys.
Your friend
Danny

Dear Santa,
I want a playhouse and baby doll and a play school and a dollhouse a watch and a popcorn maker.
Love,
Shelia Mosley

Dear Santa,
I want a ring for Christmas. And a little dog named Christy.
I want for you to come and

take me to your town. We will sing Christmas Carols. We'll sing Jingle Bells, Away In A Manger. I am very happy that it will be Christmas for I want a ring, a dog named Christy and a playhouse.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Love,
Diane DeLeon

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a portable radio and a John west circle x ranch. Be sure to bring them.
Love,
Teresa Raylene Ott

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie with growing pretty hair.
Love,
Libby

Have a lovely Holiday ... and thanks.

Merry Christmas
Lucille's Beauty Shop
EARTH

Peace On Earth

May the beauty of the Season brighten your life, not only at Christmas, but always.

In order that our employees will have some time to be with their families during the holidays, we will be closed from noon December 24 through Monday, December 27...

Armistead-Wallace Optometrists

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It will soon be Christmas. I want a tape recorder and a Crissy.
Love
Monica

Dear Santa,
It will soon be Christmas and I would like some toys.
Please bring me a oven and a doll.
Love
Barbara Lynn Mayes

Dear Santa,
It is Christmas and I would like some toys please bring me a play cat.
Love Santa Gus
Angie Franklin

Dear Santa,
It will soon be Christmas and I would like some toys. Please bring me a doll house and a doll and bracelet and a purse.
Love
Susie Rodriguez



ADMIRING THEIR CHRISTMAS presents are Michele and Michael McCarty, children of Mr. and Mrs. Macky McCarty of Earth.

Dear Santa,
I hope I've been good. Wood you please bring me a shopping sheryl and piano and crisy doll. Doll house.
Love
Natividad

Dear Santa,
It will soon be Christmas and I would like some toys. Please bring me a Barbie Doll, Bracelet and a necklace.
Love
Janice Becks

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Debbie Sincros

Dear Santa,
My brother and my sister has been very good and so have I. I wish you would bring me a automatic smoke gun.
Love,
Arlie

Dear Santa,
It will soon be Christmas and I would like some toys.
Please bring me a oven and a doll.
Love
Nancy Ann Nail

Please remember all the other boys and girls everywhere.
Love,
Loren Taylor

P.S. How are your elves and your wife and Rudolph and Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen and Comet and Dunder and Blitzen and Cupid?

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa Claus. And I like your red suit. And your reindeer too. I like your green sleigh. And I wish you bring us some toys for girls and boys.
Your friend
Danny

Dear Santa,
I want a playhouse and baby doll and a play school and a dollhouse a watch and a pop-corn maker.
Love,
Shella Mosley

Dear Santa,
I want a ring for Christmas. And a little dog named Christy. I want for you to come and

take me to your town. We will sing Christmas Carols. We'll sing Jingle Bells, Away In A Manger. I am very happy that it will be Christmas for I want a ring, a dog named Christy and a playhouse.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love,
Diane Deleon

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a portable radio and a John west circle x ranch. Be sure to bring them.

Love,
Teresa Raylene Ott

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie with growing pretty hair.
Love,
Libby

Have a lovely Holiday ... and thanks.

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Christmas is here at night I like to look at the Christmas trees. Danny James

Christmas. What do I think of Christmas? Christmas is a time to be happy, thoughtful, and gay. I think when Christ-



Best Wishes for Christmas

We're delighted to have this opportunity to send the season's best wishes to you. Have a Merry Christmas.

Dal' Shop
Muleshoe



SANTA'S ELVES ARE working overtime in order to supply the children in the Springlake-Earth area with candy this year. This branch of Santa's workshop is set up in the office of S.W.P.S. This scene is responsible for winning the plaque for the best decorated business for S.W.P.S.



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E. D. McNeese & Family

LAMB COUNTY SHERIFF



Christmas Blessings

May the holy Christmastide bountifully bless you and yours with peace, joy and tranquility. Our deep appreciation for your support.

DR. B. R. PUTMAN

Optometrist - Muleshoe

Christmas is a time for joy. It's a time to think of memories of long ago. Christmas is the best day to share with the one you love, for you are a part of everyone. As you sit and look at your Christmas tree you think of the beauty God gave man. Christmas, is made of beauty and peach. Hope you Christmas is Happy.
Lydia Smith

To me Christmas is joy and excitement. It's everybody coming home, a big dinner and it's opening presents with "o-o-o-o-h-h-h", look what I

got. Mom!" and it's "thanks a lot, just what I've been waiting for."

Christmas is a time of happiness knowing God sent his son Jesus, just to die for your sins. Knowing that God loved us just that much. And also Christmas is the smell of pine trees knowing that you are going to buy one. Christmas is waiting and wishing and hoping. Yes, it's all these things and more. I feel Christmas is best of all when you can share your love with somebody else by giving them some little thing you know they'll like. That is

what Christmas is to me.
Dawn Brausecum

Christmas means to me, eating rich food like ham, dressing, cakes, pies, jolly Jello and opening the gifts. And looking at what the others got for Christmas. Then we all play games and relax and enjoy ourselves. And Christmas also means to go places. Last year we went to Calif. and Ariz. to visit. And I eat too much and get sick.

So that is what Christmas means to me.
Larry Don Hood

GREETINGS

Christmas is a warm holiday when families share in festive preparations... here's hoping yours is happiest ever.



HERBERT DUNN

County Tax Assessor - Collector
Lamb County

Blessings to All



On this Holy Day... we pray that you will be blessed with health and happiness and may the spirit of Christmas guide your future.

CENTRAL COMPRESS-WAREHOUSE

Sudan

mas comes, when everyone is happy and having fun Christmas is a time for everybody - for the sad and the glad ones. Think of what you will be doing during Christmas day. Giving and receiving gifts. Christmas is a day that no one will forget.
Raymond Jones

It's a holiday of joy and to remember about God. Christmas is enjoying giving presents and receiving. And to see the pretty thing in Christmas. Some days snow comes down and I enjoy playing in it. When Christmas passes you won't have another holiday like it until it comes again the next Christmas.
Jesse De La Garza

To me, Christmas means love. The love you feel when you receive a gift, and the love that goes with the gift you give. It means love, also, for Christ who died for our sins. I'm thankful for Mary and Joseph who brought Him into this world so that we could celebrate Christmas.

Christmas also means a time for enjoyment and for being away from school.
Merry Christmas,
Susan Clayton

Christmas is a happy and joyful holiday. It is when you can give presents to the friends you like. When you get your presents it makes you feel happy and excited, and thank that person who gave it to you.
Merry Christmas,
Carrie Everett

It's a time when everybody is happy. A time of giving gifts. It's a time when little kids are putting up stockings and thanking of gifts and everything. A time when people go visiting and talking to friends. A time to put up the Christmas trees, and put gifts under the tree and everyone is happy. Aunts and uncles come to grandmothers house for a big dinner. Grandmother is happy to see everyone.
Bobby Dennis

Christmas is when Christ was born. When you should be happy and joyous. It is a time of giving to others, thinking of how they feel and it's seeing them become happy. Christmas means you should be thinking of others and thinking of Christ. You should try to help the people who never get anything for Christmas and give them something they would enjoy.
Deanna Marriot

It means a lot of fun. Going Christmas shopping. Seeing busy sidewalks, and Christmas songs, and having parties or thoughts. Buying things for friends, tea-

chers, sisters, brothers, and even parents. Then last of all buying a Christmas tree, taking it home to decorate and putting presents under the tree. Giving them to the ones you bought for. Even more when your opening them, seeing what you got and having a lot of fun. You can go carolling. Spending nights with friends or relatives. During school we can do programs, having parties, exchanging gifts.
What's even more fun and thinking about it is when Jesus Christ was born.
Cathie Everett

bout wanting more. I think Christmas means a tree with ornaments on it and presents under it. It means going shopping and buying gifts. It means sharing with people and my family. Also, it means cakes, pies, and candy. That's what Christmas means to me. Your friend, Vicki Freeman



THE SPRINGLAKE-EARTH Junior High Band, directed by Tom Sorrell, entertained with Christmas music at the band concert, Thursday, December 16, at the S-E. School.

"What Christmas Means To Me"

Christmas means the time for giving gifts and sharing. It means the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. The time for happiness. It means the sing-
 ing of Christmas carols. The time when children behave the best in the whole year. Christmas means having turkey and dressing and lots of
 other good foods. It means decorating Christmas trees, the wrapping of presents. The writing of letters from kids to tell Santa Claus what

they want. The time for buying presents. It means that time for happiness. This is what Christmas means to me. Rodney Geissler

Christmas is a time for giving thanks to the Lord for everything that he has given to us. It is a time for giving presents to other people. I think that we should be thankful for what we have instead of complaining about what we don't have. We shouldn't always be wanting more all of the time. When Christmas is near everyone is all excited, but when it is all over they start complaining a-

Wishing you and yours a most joyous Christmas season!

MARCUM OLDS-CADILLAC-PONTIAC
LITTLEFIELD

Well, Christmas time means a lot to me. Because I get Christmas presents. But the most of all it was when Christ was born. And to see all the girls and boys laughing. That's what Christmas time means to me. Rickey Ethridge

Christmas makes me feel a time to praise the Lord. I like the big dinner and getting presents, to meet with others at Christmas time and to sing carols. This is what Christmas means to me. Roger Warner

The way I feel about Christmas is when Christ came to live with us on earth and when you get together to see members of your family you haven't seen for a long time. And you receive gifts from your friends and all parts of your family. You just seem closer to each other at Christmas. Brent Bean

Christmas means much to me. Christ was born this time of the year. And that's one thing that makes me feel so good. Going to church to worship Christ the Lord. Looking at people rushing home with their treasure. Looking at Christmas trees put up all around town. Singing Christmas carols. Eating cookies, candy. Giving away gifts to others. This is what Christmas means to me. George Flores

Christmas means a lot to me, because the towns are pretty with the decoration. I like to play in the snow. I like to open my presents. I like to decorate the Christmas tree. I like to have snowball fights with my brother. I like to see the kids smiling and people passing. I like to see the lights on the house and tree blink on and off. That is what Christmas time means to me. Terry Hood

Christmas makes me feel happy and good. I like to see the houses and streets surrounded by lights. I like to see all of the trees with their decorations on them. Most of all, I like to see the children playing with the toys. Billy Houston

Christmas is when we celebrate Christ's birthday on the 25th of December every year. It's a big gift for children to have fun with their toys and and also the gifts mothers and fathers too. Christmas is a great day to make great children and parents happy. Benny Johnson

To me Christmas means joy, fun, and peace with friends all around the world. And when Christmas comes, I like the different colors of Christmas. Little children exchanging gifts and even older ones. I like Christmas because you have fun going places. When you go other places you can see the wonderful decorations on windows and in houses. To me, Christmas is the best holiday better than any other one. Polo Gonzales

Christmas means to me the happiest time of the year for me and others. I also think it is the best time for giving gifts. Timmy Thomas

May the happiness and joy of the season touch every home, each family. We thank all our friends and neighbors for their loyal patronage.

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Greetings

MAY HAPPINESS LIGHT UP YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON!

Western Auto Associate Store
Muleshoe

Merry Christmas

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Letters to



Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
Please don't pass Earth, Texas this year without stopping at my house. I am sure I won't receive anything if I fail to stop at my house.
I really need a metal detector more than anything I can think of, and I think Mack would like to have a snowmobile, but he really doesn't need it very bad. Don't try to bring them down the chimney just leave



THE SENIOR HIGH BAND from Springlake-Earth High School performed outstandingly for its part in the annual Christmas Concert.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been wanting a tape recorder for Christmas. I can't wait to see you. I have been watching some Christmas shows. I want a football for my birthday. My dad is going to get my birthday present at Dallas. See you Christmas night,
Allen

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I want a monkey, a big dog, and a talking Baby Tender love.
I love you
Dyan Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish you a Merry Christmas. Please give me some pot and pans.
Please give me a Bell.
Please give me a talking doll.
Please give me a cowboy suit.
That's all I want.
Love,
Kathy Gallegos

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 2 years old. I have been pretty good. The only thing I do wrong is I fight with Todd.
I would like for you to bring me a tricycle, and some trucks.
I love you
Ty Lively

Dear Santa,
I want a Timmy Tell for Christmas and a baby brother and I wish you will have a happy day.
Love,
Delma Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 6 years old. I have tried to be a real good boy. I don't fight with my little brother very much.
I would like for you to bring me a gun set and rifle, also a S.S.P. Car and a fort.
Remember all of the other good boys and girls.
I love you
Todd Lively

Greetings

'Tis the season to be jolly!



MARY BETH WILLEY

Lamb County Clerk - Littlefield

them on the front lawn - our fireplace is small.
I asked you for a Lincoln Continental last year, but you forgot to leave it, or perhaps you ran out, if you have any extras this year I sure would like a white one.
Love,
Elsie

P.S. I have a friend and he wanted me to put in a good word for him, his name is Jack and he would like most anything you leave - he lives the third house from the end facing North at the El Paso Gas Company.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 3 years old. I have been a good girl most of the time. Please bring me a Timmy Tell doll, a Mitten-O-Phone, and a pair of cowboy boots.

Don't forget my big brothers my cousins and all the other children.
Love,
Shawndi Geisler
707 N.E. 3rd

Dear Santa,
How are you well I'm just find. I am learning more a boat you. I love you Santa and is what I want for Christmas a

rocker, sock robots and a watch and some boots and some under.
Love,
Dave

Dear Santa Claus,
I want baby tender love and some baby clothes with her. And I want a pants suit too. And I wish, I hope I get to see you. And I want you to take me to your town. And we will sing Christmas Carols. We will sing Away In The Manger, Jingle Bells, Frosty the Snowman, Twelve Days of Christmas, Here Comes Santa Claus, We Three Kings, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, Silent Night, Joy To the World, It Came Upon The Midnight Clear.
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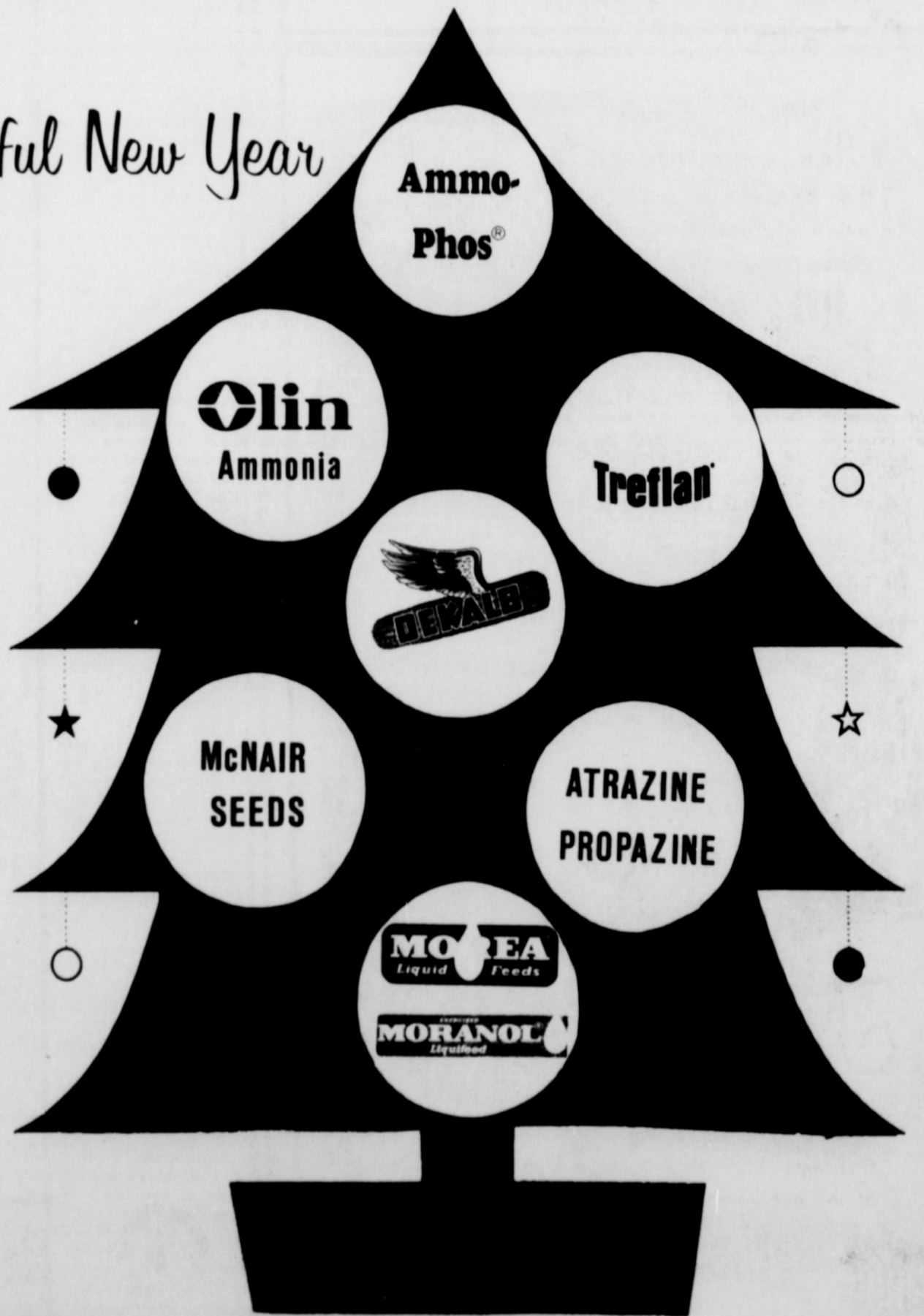
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What Christmas Means To Me...

I think it is the happiest time of the year. The people are all buying presents. And all the people putting Christmas trees up. And all the people are smiling and laughing and having fun. I think Christmas is the most wonderful thing.

And I like it because we get to open our presents on Christmas Eve. And I think all of the family should be together on Christmas. So they can have a wonderful and beautiful Christmas. I wish you the most wonderful Christmas this year. Merry Christmas to everyone.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Sandra Zambrano

Christmas means a lot to me because you get to have fun and games. You get to have snowball fights with your brother or sisters. You get to open your presents and you could sing Christmas Carols and have all sorts of fun with your fam-

ily. You could hear the sleigh bells ringing through the night and you could get real excited. Then you fall asleep and open the presents tomorrow and your father could take pictures. Then you send them off and when they get back you could see them and remember that for the rest of your lives.
Gaylon D. Buckner

Christmas is a happy holiday the best one of the whole year. I like Christmas because all the kids the people all get excited and most of all it is so happy when the families get together and have a Merry Christmas dinner. They then send the children to bed. But the most exciting thing to see is to give somebody a present and that person get what he thinks he got and turns out a surprise. I also think Christmas is a happy holiday because you like everybody around you and most of all I like Christmas because I can be jolly and I hope all



READING FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURE... to their son, John Mark, is Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wilson of Springlake. Mr. Wilson is minister of the Springlake Church of Christ and is attending L.C.C.

the people are jolly like me. Christmas is nice because people are putting up Christmas trees and decorating the outside of their houses and everything looks so pretty. That is why Christmas is nice and full of joy. All the children getting presents and adults see the happy faces when they open the presents and find something nice to play with. Also I hope Christmas is as happy as it was last year. Because everybody was singing Christmas Carols and also because relatives who come only once a year are so happy we are too to see them once again.
Moria S.

Christmas is a time of joy for everyone. It is a time of happiness and a time for sadness. Everybody is happy when school is out except your mother and father, because they don't want to have to look after you for two whole weeks, but they do anyway. You go shopping for presents for the family, friends, aunts, uncles, and many other.
Dina Jo

Christmas is time to be glad of what you are, were and how you live and time to watch people being happy like children getting gifts from people they love and need most, time to give and receive gifts, and time to love one another.

Christmas is also time to pray that the new year will be as good or better than last. When Christmas comes again and again we all love to put up the Christmas tree and decorate everything, to give gifts, (even if it hurts a little in the wallet)

and especially to receive gifts but when Christmas is all over and the new year is here we're a little sad that it's over but there will always be a next year. When next Christmas comes you're a year older, but then you have more mem-

ories to remember.
Kelly Jo Wheatley

A time to sing, send presents to friends and relatives. The thought of getting the present and how much it means to me and always remember Jesus, for he is my God and he was born on December 25. That is why we celebrate Christmas everywhere. Some people

don't know about him. And all the animals who gave their straw, hay and their place where they slept for Jesus on that cold winter night were very kind. I feel real good when I do things to help people. Even though they don't think so. And everywhere there are Christmas trees everywhere but I don't know what they mean.
Jaton Scheller

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

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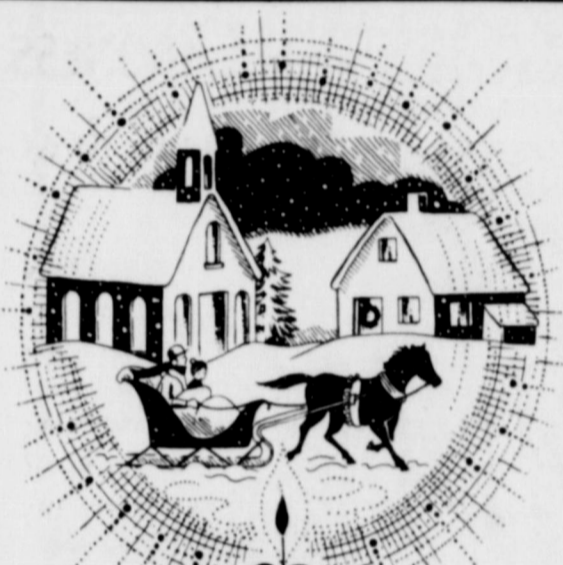
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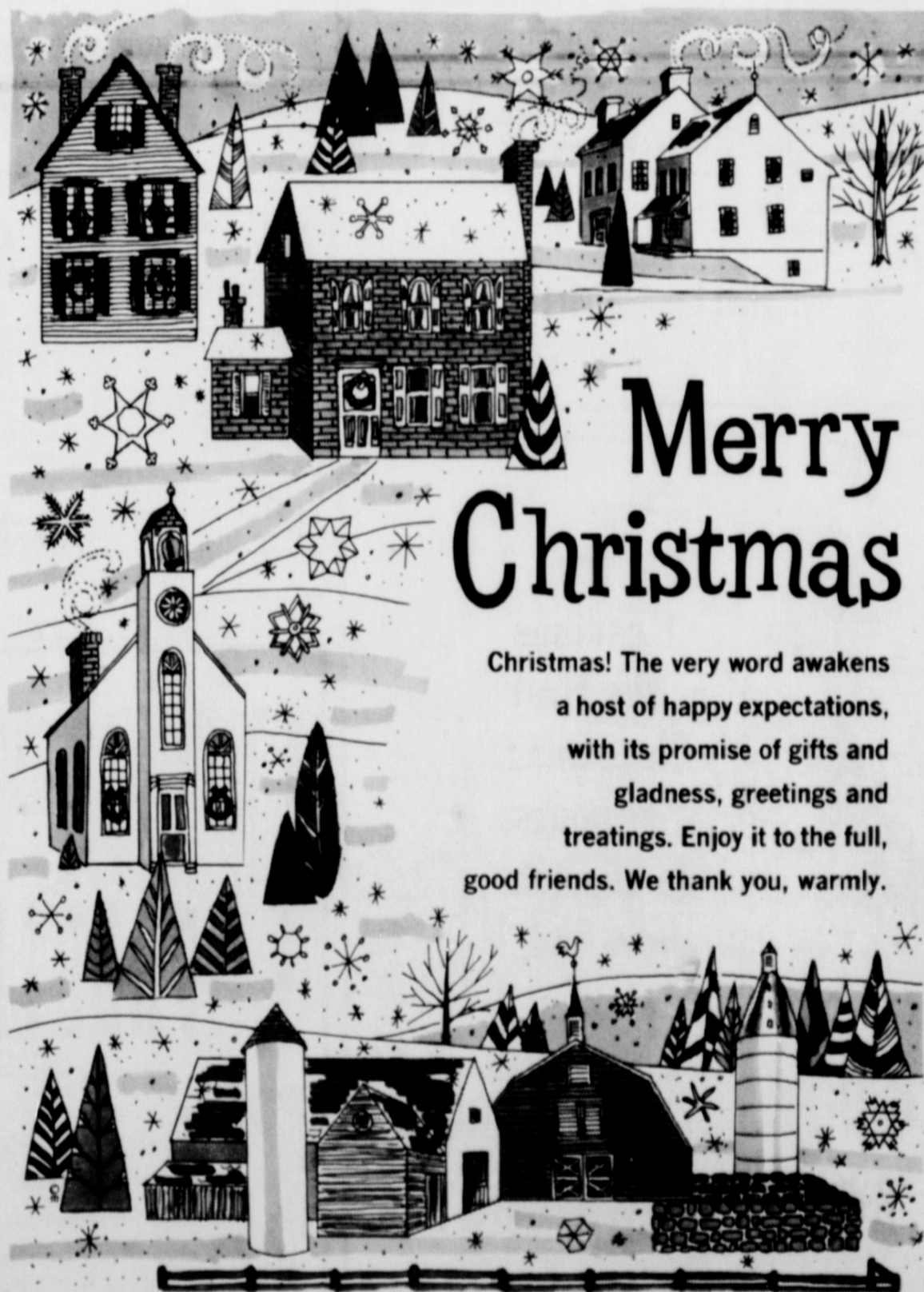


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What Christmas Means To Me...

Christ is the main one in my life. He gives me and everyone joy in our lives.

As we all know, he was born in a manger. I think God had good reason for him to be born there.

All of the shepherds came and 3 kings all of the people could come and love him.

Christmas is when love and joy is in the air. Some boys come home from the army and

navy, families are together. What gives my joy so at Christmas is I know Jesus Christ our Savior was born.

Sherri Winders

It is a time for joy and the giving of gifts. It is a time to remember our Savior was born this day. I like to hear the beautiful songs of Christmas. I like to see the brightly decorated houses and trees. I like



THE HAPPINESS OF THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT is certainly reflected in the faces of this attractive family. Pictured around their Christmas tree are Mr. and Mrs. Eudell Baucum and children, Scott, Timmy and Jena Kay.



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Christmas means surprises and gifts. Having turkey to eat, fun and seeing parades on T. V. and comics.
Jim Fulfer

I think Christmas is a wonderful holiday and is giving to other people you love, and to you too.
Merry Christmas,
Carlton Gregory

Christmas is giving gifts and taking gifts. It is also people decorating their houses and streets. It means happiness for everybody.
Merry Christmas,
Flora Rivas

Christmas means a time of giving and getting, but mostly getting; it means a time of singing and sleeping, but mostly eating; it means unwrapping presents and seeing your relatives. It means a time of Christmas lights and Christmas trees. It means a time of Santa Claus for little kids and Mother and Daddy Claus for big kids. But mostly, it means the birthday of Jesus, and that's where we miss out on what Christmas really is.
Merry Christmas,
Clint Dawson

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to give gifts because it gives me a good feeling inside. When I give a gift it brings joy and happiness to them. Christmas is a time for the doing of good deeds. One good thing to remember is to do unto others as you would want them to do to you.
Joe Fulfer

Christmas is a time for giving. For it's better to give than receive. Everyone's face always lights up To see gifts on Christmas Eve. Christmas is a time for singing. When bells ring loud and clear. Christmas is a happy time. When no one sheds a tear.

Christmas is a special time. It means so much to me. Like putting up the Christmas Lights, And decorating the tree.

But most important, Christmas is. When Jesus Christ was born. And we all need to remember This On this our Christmas morn.
by: Kim Jones

Christmas reminds me of Jesus. During the Christmas season I think to pray more than once a day. Christmas doesn't really mean gifts. All the gifts we get should go to Jesus, for it is his birthday. I think that the word Christmas came from the word Christ. If it hadn't been for Christ, I would still be a sinner. Christ is love! At Christmas we feel drawn toward each other by love. Christmas is a joyous occasion. Jesus is joy! Jesus is every-

thing! Jesus makes people happy when they think of him. I love Jesus. There are songs about Jesus when he was a baby in the manger. Jesus was born of a virgin, not a queen or a merchant, but just people like you and me. The Devil tried to make Jesus sin, but after 3 times of temptation, the Devil had to give up because Jesus had won over the temptation by using scriptures from the Bible. Jesus died on the cross to save people of sin. An amazing thing happened. Jesus arose from the dead! Later he went up to Heaven where God is, and is still living there! I'm glad.

All of this is what Christmas means to me.
Donna Green

Christmas means getting and receiving presents. It means visiting and sharing with others. It means the celebrating of the coming of Christ.

It means snow ball fights, snowmen, christmas trees and sports. It means a big dinner at a friend or relative's house or at your own. It also means helping little brothers and cousins writing letters to Santa Claus and helping buy gifts, wrapping them and putting them under the tree.
Bryan Taylor

I think Christmas isn't just giving presents or having Christmas trees. It is when Christ was born. We should love one another. It's very wonderful. Everybody gathers together on Christmas night. And the ones that are alone, we should make them happy too. I think Christmas is the happiest time in the year.
Ramon Fuentes



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What Christmas Means To Me...

Christmas is my favorite hoi- day. It makes me feel won- derful. It makes me feel happy just to see the tree all decora- ted, and the presents under- neath. To me this is the most happy time of the year. Our friends receiving and giving presents. It's so happy just to see what they got. And little kids thinking about what to write to Santa Claus. You can also hear the bells ringing and people singing. It makes you

want to shout to the world, Merry Christmas. But most of all I like when my family is gathered around giving thanks to the Lord for the happiest time of the year.
 Augustina Costello

I like Christmas because I like to give people things and watch their faces when there is some- thing they always wanted. Something that cost a lot or something that did not cost a lot but to me it doesn't matter what the cost because if you love them they won't care either.

I like to go to girls town and take candy and things they want and don't get much of. You can just see it in their eyes that is what they wanted and then you get the feeling God is near and that you have remembered what Christmas is all about.
 Teresa Lively

Christmas means getting out of school for awhile, it also means that I will get to see friends I haven't saw in a long time, we will share and trade presents and have a lot of fun. The most important meaning of Christmas is the birth of Christ. We give thanks to him because he was sent into the world to tell other people about God and to save us from our sins. On Sunday we usually hear about the birth of Christ,



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and about the kings that brought many presents, and of the poor shepherds that didn't have hard- ly anything to give. I also hope that everybody has a Merry Christmas too. It also gives me a great feeling to know that when I've gave a gift to someone, I've made him a little happier.
 Toni Inglis

Christmas is a time to be nice to everybody. It's thinking about God, getting gifts and being happy. When Christmas comes around each year every- body gets together with other relatives and has a big Christ- mas dinner. Christmas Eve is everyone's favorite, especially little kids for that's when Santa Claus comes. They wake up the next morning to find gifts under the tree from Santa.

But there's another part of Christmas. Christmas is Christ's birthday. Christ was born on Christmas. The star led the shepherds and wise men to see the baby. The angels in Hea- ven told the shepherds about Christ.

Christmas, is special, a time for love and each other. This you don't forget the real mean- ing of Christmas.
 Debbie Verden

Christmas means a lot to me, because it always reminds me of when Christ was born. He was laying in a manger, tiny and cute. He died for us to forgive us of our sins. Christ- mas also means a lot of happi- ness to both children and par- ents. I decorate my house with lights and a Christmas tree. I go out and buy presents for our family and also for my best friends and teachers. So I think we should all be thank- ful for Christmas and have merry, merry ones throughout the coming years.

This is what Christmas really means to me.
 Hortencia Rodriguez

Well, it means a lot to me because most of all I like giving presents away. And for me receiving some of them back from them to me. Opening them is most fun of all. Laugh- ing having fun together, going shopping is most fun of all. Having relatives from a far coming to visit you wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Well, giving presents to cousins, my father and mothers, aunts, and uncles and making a Christmas party would be most fun of all with your relatives, friends and so on, enjoying yourself, hear- ing music, dancing, taking pictures with your friend or boyfriend. Of course you have more fun with your guy than with girls. Enjoy yourself this this Christmas wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
 Lorenza Sanchez

Christmas is a time of love and happiness, because every- one knows that Christ was born on Christmas day. So everyone gets together and they exchange gifts. Christmas makes you feel like you were getting all the presents in the world.
 Patricia

Christmas means well, when I get to see all of my kin folks.

We all meet at one house to eat dinner together and after dinner we all open the presents. Some people may not think so but I really and truly think giving is better than receiving. Christmas is when it snows and we all get out and have a snowball fight (girls against boys) but when it doesn't snow we usually ride bikes or some- thing like that.

At Christmas we give thanks for what or whom we love. It doesn't only mean that, most of all Christmas means to me that we celebrate Christ and Jesus our Savior, and am I ever thankful that I let God come into my heart.

Christmas means also when we go caroling to peoples houses and wish them a very Merry Christmas.
 Brenda Gable

Christmas means giving and sharing. It means seeing happy faces as you walk along. See- ing Children's faces on Christ-

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What Christmas Means To Me...

Christmas gives me a good feeling like something exciting is going to happen. It is a time that you get together with your kinfolks. It is a feeling you cannot really describe. It is made up of decorations, trees, candy, bows, and packages. It is songs, caroling and big meals to fix and wash the dishes. That is the feeling Christmas gives me.
Merry Christmas,
Wendy Rae Branscum

Christmas? I like to do so I can remember on Christmas day and eve to be good because it's Jesus' birthday. Christmas is to give and be free to give not to keep and to be greedy. Christmas is Jesus' birthday party and I do things to please him. That's what I think of Christmas.
Merry Christmas,
Karen Daneen Wilson

Christmas means getting a vacation from school and getting presents and giving them. It means seeing my grandpar-

ents, cousins, aunts, and uncles. It means happiness and having fun. And I am happy Jesus was born.
Merry Christmas,
Pam Ott

I think Christmas is giving and receiving, but not just receiving. Giving freely because you love someone.

I think Christmas is getting together with cousins like one big family and trading gifts. I think Christmas is a time for love.
Merry Christmas,
Kim Dent

To me Christmas means the happiest day of the year. It means trees, ornaments, lights, brightly colored homes, presents, candy and good Christmas music.
Merry Christmas,
James Hanson

Christmas means the birth of Christ and celebrating; seeing homes decorated with lights and trees. Small children see gifts under the tree on Christmas morning. Many people will be thinking about when Jesus was born, but the most fun is guessing and finding out what is in the gifts.
Merry Christmas,
Tommy Graham

I think Christmas means sharing and giving gifts. It is a time to decorate your homes and your tree. It is a time to open your gifts and be with your families. It means celebrating Jesus Christ's Birthday.
Your friend,
Jill Barden

Christmas means to decorate homes, yards, trees, and to give nice presents to somebody you like or to neighbors. It means to invite people to your house and to have a good Christmas.
Merry Christmas,
Baldomew Saucedo

Christmas means to me a time of giving, having parties. A time school is out for two weeks. A time children empty their penny banks and go looking for presents.

Christmas time is remembering the birth of Christ. And caring a lot.
Merry Christmas,
Kathy King

Christmas means getting presents, getting to see relatives, seeing people put up Christmas decorations, putting presents under trees, see parents rush around, getting out of school, seeing your friends happy and guessing which and what your presents are. But mostly, Christmas means the birth of Christ.

Merry Christmas,
Kristi Thomas

Christmas means nothing to the Grinch. It means much to me. It means to me getting lots of presents, and bunches of candies and a vacation from school, and getting to see relatives.
Merry Christmas,
Rosa Rivas

I think of Christmas being joy to your family. And you have nice gifts under the tree. That is Christmas to me.
Sincerely yours,
Dean Moore

Christmas makes me feel emotional. It may bring parties or thoughts devotional. Whatever happens or what it may be, here is what Christmas time means to me. "City sidewalks busy sidewalks dressed in holiday style. In the air there's a feeling of Christmas. Children laughing people passing meeting smile after smile." This is what Christmas time means to me.
Merry Christmas,
Elena Gonzales

Christmas means different things to different people but here is what it means to me. It is a time of happiness for the five of us that we spend together. We sing about Christ together. We see our kin folks. God really means more to me this year than he ever did before, because he sent us our red-haired boy.
Merry Christmas,
Alayne Slover

Christmas means to me; the birth of Christ, getting to see your relatives, love. It also means people putting up their Christmas trees.
Merry Christmas,
Brene Belew

Christmas means Jesus Christ's birthday. It means seeing kin folks and getting gifts.
Merry Christmas,
Alan Been

Christmas to me is enjoying the birth of Christ. Also I guess I just can't help from admitting it is getting a bunch of presents. Also giving presents to other people you like. Putting up Christmas lights and decorations. Christmas trees, wrapping presents. But most of all it is the birth of Jesus.
Merry Christmas,
Jeff Washington

What Christmas means to me is a time of joy and happiness. It is giving and getting gifts. It is a time to praise the Lord. Also, when families join together. The part about giving and getting gifts, I like getting presents the best. Well, I hope y'all and everybody else have a good Christmas.
Merry Christmas,
Kevin Kelley

Christmas means to me re-oteling and eating, enjoying to be with your family and just being happy.
Merry Christmas,
Karen Howell

When I think of Christmas, I think of good things we do, I like Christmas for the carols I hear, and people happy. I like

the parties they give, I like to visit my cousins, grandmother and grandfather. I like to see their Christmas tree. I like to

open presents and look at Christmas tales. I think of Christmas as a blanket of snow.
Johnny Garza

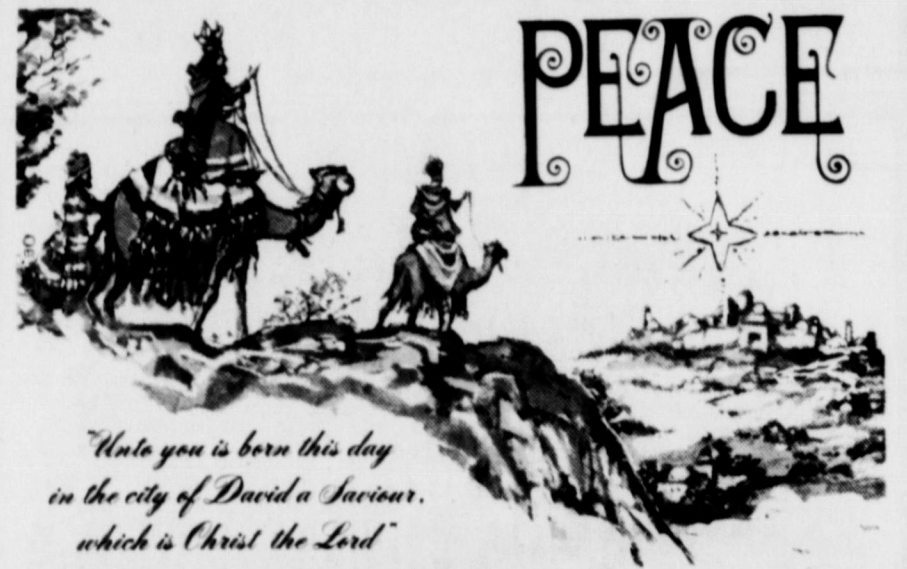


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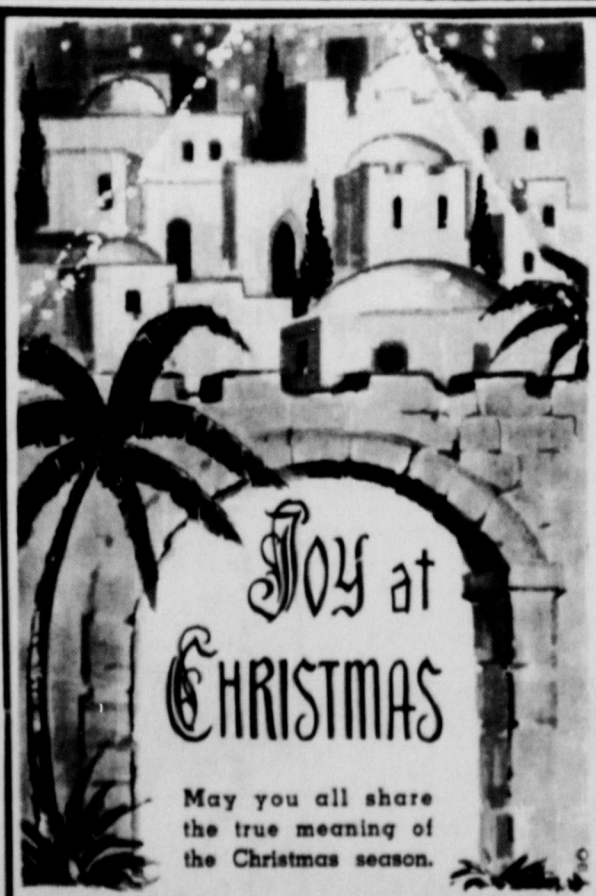
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What Christmas Means To Me...

To me Christmas means giving gifts and receiving gifts to. It also means praising the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a time of love and happiness.

I am very glad that Jesus Christ was born to save our sins.
Merry Christmas,
Karen Haley

I think of Christmas as a time when everyone is happy and cheerful.

When you give something to someone it makes you even happier.

Your friend,
Connie Dear

When I think of Christmas I think of good things. Things to give and to get and to enjoy it even if you don't get anything you want. It's not all that bad. Besides its on the birth of Christ. That's something to remember. I think it's the best day of the year.
Joe Garza

When Christmas comes I like to think, what I will give and will receive.

I like to guess what's under the tree. Some for others, and some for me.

Then till about a week before it seems I can't wait any more. But I think of all the fun I will have when we open the presents from under the tree.
Glenn Branscum

It means that I will be happy and others will be happy too. It means that I will give presents to other people and they will give them to me. It means that all the kin will come to my house. We exchange gifts with each other. It means putting a tree up and decorating it and putting presents under the tree. It means waiting for Christmas morning to open the presents. It's going to Grandmothers to eat all you can and get plum full. And most of all it means that Christ was born that day.
Steve Green

Christmas seems to be the busiest time of year to me. The stores are just overflowing with people rushing in and out trying to buy everyone Christmas presents. People rush frantically trying to decide what the people on their lists would want.

Stores are crammed full of Christmas trees, decorations and anything else they think people will buy. They hang out gigantic signs with equally



CHRISTMAS IS TOGETHERNESS... as is shown in the smiling faces of the family of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Dunnam and their children, Chuck, Vicki, Donna, Karen, and Charis. Rev. Dunnam is the pastor of the First United Methodist Church.

large lettering which reads something like "do your Christ-

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Fred Meeks

To me Christmas means turkey and dressing and pumpkin pie, getting out of school and going far away to visit.

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Christmas is a very happy season, hoping for snow and nice presents. Waiting anxiously for Christmas morning. Opening all your gifts, hoping you got what you wanted. But then in a few weeks you forget that Christmas even came. You wait all summer for the next Christmas. And when it finally comes, it seems like its just been a month or two since last Christmas.
Scott Cooksey

When Christmas comes around I think of having parties and getting out of school and anxiously waiting for Christmas to arrive. On Christmas day we are thankful for this day and for the presents we got. The day after Christmas we play with our new gifts and let mother and father clean up the wrapping paper and take the ornaments off the tree.
Ricky Kennedy

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Letters to



Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I want a big bike and some dishes and some colors and a coloring book, a model boat and a puzzle.
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Clifford Moore

Dear Santa,
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Love,
Lupe Sauseds

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

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Greens Have Meaning

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

The ancients believed that each green had its own significance, and an ability to do certain good—or evil—things.

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

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

Mistletoe Has Powers

Mysterious powers by the dozens have been credited to mistletoe, among them the

power to heal, to ward off evil, to summon ghosts and force them to answer questions.

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

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

UNDER THE PALM

Some say the traditional Christmas tree was once a palm with 12 parts, each part representing one of the 12 apostles.

Since pie symbolizes the riches of the East, brought by the Wise Men.

How to Keep Yule Plants

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

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

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

GOAT GIVES

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



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