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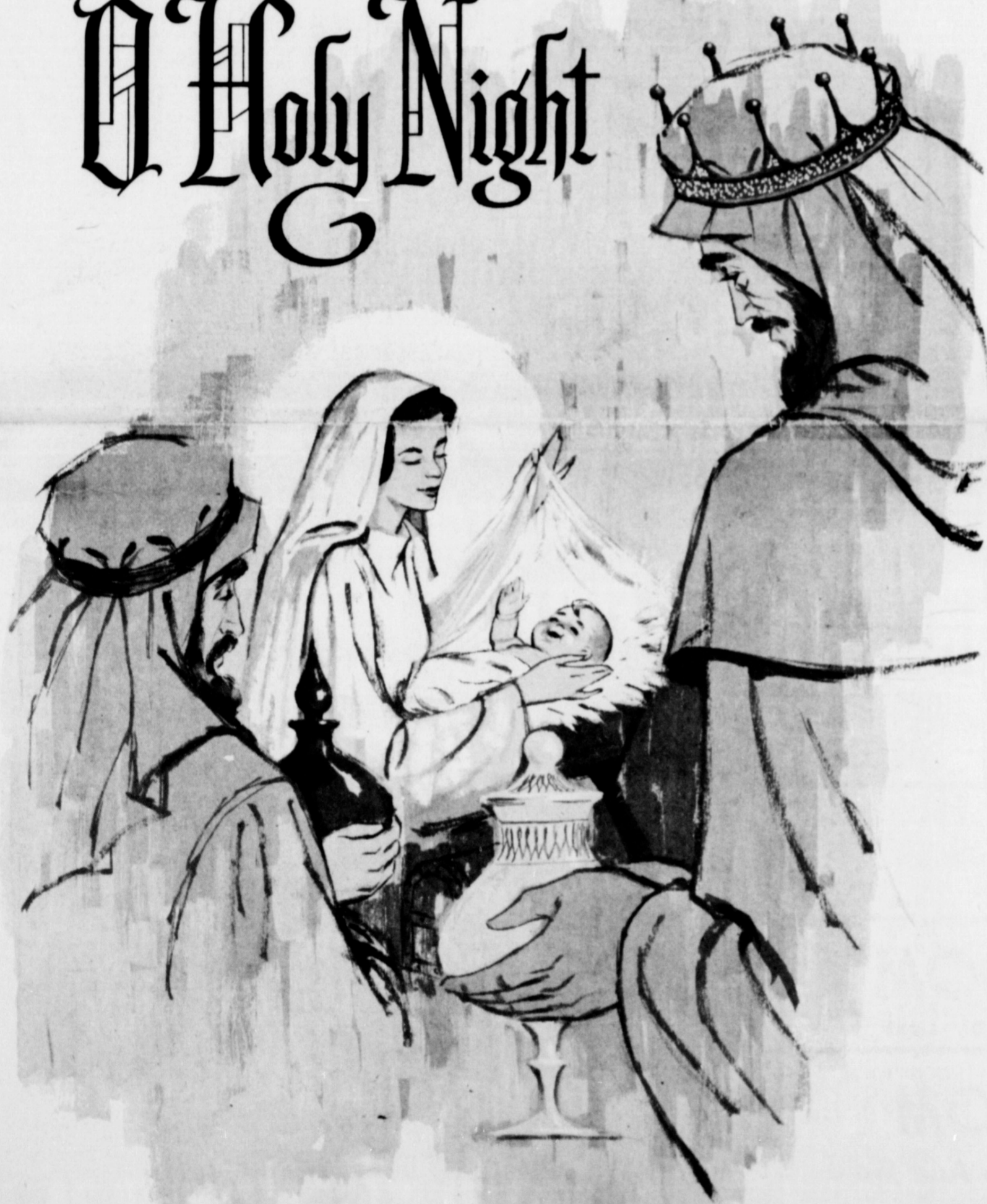
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## O Holy Night



After hundreds of years, the light of Bethlehem still illumines the darkness of a troubled world.

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CLAUD ELLIS

## Claud Ellis Has "Green Thumb"

Claud Ellis never ceases to amaze his friends with his "green thumb."

His latest surprise was raised by him in his small vegetable "garden." Enormous turnips, some weighing as much as seven pounds, and broad leaf mustard, 24 inches long, are proof of his ability in producing rare specimens.

These seeds, which were planted in early September, were not fertilized, Mr. Ellis revealed. "All I did was keep the ground worked good, and watered them often."

Watching things grow is his hobby. He grows apricots, ap-

ples, peaches, plums, pecans, corn, carrots, beets, radishes, melons, potatoes, lettuce, onions, and a number of different types of flowers, specializing in roses, both climbing and bush.

Mr. Ellis said, "I have been a farmer for several years, and I marvel at the thought of a tiny little seed growing into a healthy vegetable or plant. I grow these things for our own personal use, but divide them with our neighbors and friends."

He has been highly rewarded many times for his effort in the most unusual surprises which he receives.



PLAQUE FOR BEST DECORATED BUSINESS was presented Tuesday morning to the Southwestern Public Service Company in Earth. Mrs. Bill Beasley, bookkeeper for the firm is shown receiving the lovely plaque from Jack Rylant, President of the local Chamber. Standing by is Neil Pounds and Perry Martin, Directors of the local Chamber and Leroy Wilkerson, Manager of S. W. P. S. in Earth.

## Cadets Surprised With Come As You Are Party

Members of Cadet troop no. 185 were surprised with a come-as-you-are Christmas party in the home of their leader, Mrs. Billy Hodge.

Mrs. Hodge went around to the girls' houses and got them out of bed early on Saturday morning.

She served the group a breakfast of eggs, toast, donuts, and hot chocolate.

The group played games before returning home.

Attending were Carol Jackson, Connie Kelley, Annita Hodge, Teresa Glascock, Lanessa Simmons, and Welda Barton.

## CITY MARSHAL REPORTS NO ARREST

City Marshal, Troy Coon, reported another quiet week-end in Earth, as no violence of any kind had been reported.

Certainly we hope that this record can remain as such throughout the holiday season.

## PARTY LINE

Mrs. O. H. Parish are spending the Christmas holidays in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Parish.

## 4-H Members Receive Year Pins Monday

The Springlake-Earth 4-H Club met at 7:30 Monday night at the Junior High Library.

A short business meeting was conducted by Lewis Faver, District Agent.

Presented at this meeting, Ronnie McNut, assistant County agent, presented the year pins and special award pins to the boys. Boys receiving first year pins were: Sammy Matlock, Eddie Alair, Butch Hamilton, and Mike Cleavinger.

Second year pins were presented to Hoyt Glascock and Bruce Bridges.

Johnny Alair received his third year pin, and Jimmy Alair received his fourth year pin.

Special award pins were presented to Mike Cleavinger and Bruce Bridges, for their sheep.

Frances Faver presented a Christmas reading entitled, "Just 'Fore Christmas" written by Eugene Field.

Mrs. John Bridges introduced Mrs. Jimmie Craft, special guest, and led the group in singing several Christmas carols.

Mrs. Craft presented a Christmas solo entitled, "Silver Bells," to the group.

Prior to her showing the slides and telling of her recent trip to Japan, Mrs. Craft sang one of "Silent Night, Holy Night" in the Japanese language.

Refreshments of Christmas cookies and punch were served.

## News-Sun Closed December 23 - January 3

This Christmas issue is the last issue of the News-Sun to be published this year. The office will close today (Thursday) December 23 and will remain closed until January 3, 1966, allowing office personnel who are making long trips over the holiday to spend some time with their loved ones.

The next issue will be published on Thursday, January 6, 1966.

## PARTY LINE

Christmas dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Lucille Henderson will be her children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mosk, Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Henderson, and family, and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Montgomery of Houston will arrive December 24 to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Haberer, Mrs. Zou Wilson of Earth and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Wilson of Muleshoe. The group will have Christmas dinner in the Haberer home.

by Mrs. Leon Foster, Mrs. Wesley Clark, and Mrs. Orville Cleavinger to the approximately 35 attending.

## Earth-Springlake Firms Close For Christmas Holiday

Businessmen in Earth and Springlake will observe the Christmas holidays by taking time off from their various firms, to allow their personnel time to be with their families and friends.

Places of business in Earth to be closed Friday until Monday are Anderson Garage, Citizen State Bank, Earth Auto Parts, Pioneer Natural Gas, Quicssail Pryor, Rutherford "66" Station, Earth Cleaners, Earth Drilling Co., Earth Pump and Machine, Earth Elevator, Earth Service and Supply, Earth Farm Chemical, Western Ammonia, O. D.'s Pump and Machine, Jackson Ford, Dr. Richardson's office.

Businesses closing Friday noon until Monday are Bitner Tire and Supply, City Shoe Shop, Earth Insurance, Earth Locker, Southwestern Public Service Co., Taylor Furniture, and City Hall.

Businesses closing Christmas Day (Saturday) are Adrian Food, City Drug, Earth Dry Goods, Earth "66" Service Station, Earth Tire and Supply, Farmer's Union Insurance, Gift and Fabric Shop, Kasinger Radio and T. V., Patterson Bros. Grocery, Piggly Wiggly, Pounds Pharmacy, White's, Rutherford and Co., Sanders Lumber Co., Shamrock Service Station, Taylor's Market Basket, Unique Fashion Shop, and Steven and son.

Earth Gin Co. will remain open throughout the holidays.

The Earth Beauty Salon will close Friday noon, and remain closed until Tuesday.

The Earth Floral will close from Saturday until Tuesday.

The Earth News-Sun will close Thursday noon and remain closed until January 3.

Higginbotham Bartlett Company will close from Wednesday to Tuesday.

Lucille's Beauty Shop will remain closed from Friday until Tuesday.

The Wolverine Drive Inn will close Friday afternoon between 2 and 6 p.m., and will remain closed until Tuesday at 10 a.m.

The Earth Theater will take a five day holiday, beginning Monday through Friday. A movie will be shown on Christmas night.

Springlake business firm will also take a short time off for Christmas.

Closing Friday and Saturday will be Springlake Elevator and Springlake Farm Chemical.

Springlake Motor Supply and Springlake Superette will close from Saturday until Monday.

Business firms not mentioned had failed to make plans, and

were unable to decide on their closing date.

## Slave Day Nets Approximately \$210

Approximately \$210 was netted Saturday during the F. F. A. "slave" sale.

The following boys were sold: Bob Coker sold to Springlake Elevator, Ken Dawson sold to Dent Farm Supply, Bob Phipps sold to J. D. Phipps. Davey Haberer sold to Russel Haberer, Edward Cooper sold to Adrian Shell Service, Lonnie Dear sold to J. W. Dear, Jerry Townsend sold to Cooper Texaco, Mike Cowley sold to Harold's "66" Station, Randy Washington sold to Farm Chemical, John Haberer sold to Bonnie Haberer, James Parker sold to Earl Kellar, Grady Johnson sold to Springlake Elevator, Paul Cerda sold to

## PARTY LINE

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Parish and Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parish and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Higgin and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Glascock and children, and Mrs. Edna Worley will have Christmas dinner in the Bruce Higgins home.

B. T. Hamilton, Jimmy Alair sold to Springlake Co-Op Gin, Eddie Sam Jones sold to Carl Jones, Perry Don O'Hair and David Templeton sold to Marshall Kelley, David Foster sold to Jackson Ford, Gene Jones sold to W. H. Jones, and Jimmy sold to Stephens Superette.

The following boys will work during the Christmas holidays: Chuck Cooper, Billy Lancer, Gary Lancer, Bill Gover, Ronnie Parker, and Donald Patterson.

The proceeds will be used for future F. F. A. projects.

This is one of several money-making projects the Chapter has worked on this year. They have worked hard and have done a fine job.

## Free Washington Trips For Contest Winners

All expense paid trips to the nation's capital city will be awarded to winners of an oratorical contest was announced this week by Mr. D. B. Lancaster, manager, of Bailey County Electric Cooperative.

The contest is open to any boy or girl at least 16 years of age but not 18 years of age prior to September 1, 1966. Mr. Lancaster said. Winners will join winners of similar contests sponsored by other electric cooperatives across Texas on the second annual Texas Electric Cooperative Government-in-Action Youth Tour to Washington, D. C. All expenses of the 13 day trip beginning June 2, will be paid by Bailey County Electric Cooperative, Mr. Lancaster said.

Each entrant will be required to give a 5 to 8 minute talk on the subject "How Members Benefit from Ownership of Their Electric Cooperative" and answer 1 or more of 50 questions asked by the judges.

The oratorical contest will be judged on the basis of (1) Knowledge of subject-40% (2) speaking ability-30% (3) poise-10% (4) personality-10% (5) appearance 10%.

Interested young people may obtain an official entry blank from their school or the offices of Bailey County Electric Cooperative. The deadline for submitting entries will be January

14, 1966. D. B. Lancaster said. As participants in the Texas Electric Cooperative Youth Tour local contest winners will travel by chartered bus to Washington, D. C., where they will spend four days visiting places of historical interest and seeing the nation's government in action.

On Wednesday, June 8, the Texas group will meet more than 800 students from other states for a program sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and the Rural Electrification Administration. The program will feature presentations by officials of these organizations and other Washington personalities and possibly the Presidential staff.

The eventful day will end with a charter cruise down the Potomac which will include entertainment and refreshments.

Also included on the 13 day agenda will be visits to the following: George Washington's Mount Vernon Home, Arlington National Cemetery, the U. S. House and Senate, the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the Smithsonian Institute, the Lincoln Memorial and other places of interest.

Janet Martens, student at South Plains College, Levelland, is at home for the Christmas holidays, visiting her parents, the W. D. Martens.

# GIFT SPECIALS

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## Santa Claus To Arrive December 24

Hey Kiddos! Be sure to be in Earth on the afternoon of December 24, when old Santa Claus himself will appear with Christmas goodies for all the children. He will come by before returning to the North Pole for his Christmas Eve visit to all children.

The local Lions Club is sponsoring the appearance of Jolly Old Saint Nick in his annual visit to our fair city.

The club will also deliver baskets of food to the needy families, and fruit and candy to the widows and elderly folks of our town on the same day.

## Den 6 Enjoys Christmas Party

Cub Scout Den no. 6 met at the scout house on Wednesday for a Christmas Party.

The Christmas motif was carried throughout, using red, green, and white crepe paper streamers.

The group enjoyed a Santa Claus Pinata. A large crepe paper Santa Claus was stuffed with candy, and each boy was given a stick to see if he could break the Santa Claus and get more candy than his opponents.

Cokes and popcorn balls were served to the boys.

Favors of pipe cleaners were given, and gifts were exchanged.

All the mothers of Den 6 planned the party, and prepared the refreshments.

Boys attending were Hal Wood, Kevin Alexander, Evan Hamilton, Joe Aceveda, Cliff Wood, Brad Haley, Bryan Britton, Charles Winder, Matt Simmons, and Den Chief, Johnny Kelley.



**EIGHT FROM LOCAL BAND CHOSEN FOR REGIONAL CONCERT** in Monterrey High School on December 11. Only eight were selected by Dean Foshee to compete for places in the Regional Band, all eight were selected among students from 3 schools in Regional try-outs held in Lubbock on December 4. Left to right, Anita O'Hair, Karen Jones, Lonnie Whitford, Becky Parish, Diana Avery, Danny Haberer and Gary Kelley. Joan Dawson, also a winner, was unavailable at the time of the photo.

## Girl Scout Fund Drive Scheduled For December 30

The one-day girl scouts Fund Drive is scheduled for Thursday, December 30, sponsored by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Members of the sorority will make a house to house canvass of the town, for contributions. Earth's goal for this drive is \$650, and \$335 of this \$650 will be used to help finance the construction of new buildings at Camp Rio Blanco, the remaining \$315 will go to the Council to aid in financing the training of new Council leaders. If the group raise more than their goal, the remaining money will be distributed equally between the four local scout troops.

The local cadets are assisting

by distributing several posters, advertising.

### PARTY LINE

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Haberer and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Haberer and family of Earth will spend Christmas Eve in the home of their mother Mrs. Leola Haberer in Dimmitt. They will be joined by Dr. and Mrs. George Worrell and family of Ft. Worth, who will spend the Holidays visiting Mrs. Haberer and other relatives.

Mike Burgess is home from college, visiting his mother, Mrs. Floyd Burgess, other relatives, and friends.

## Young People Enjoy Party In Anderson Home

The Young People and their guests of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Anderson on Saturday, December 18, for a Christmas Caroling party.

The group sang Christmas carols at the homes of Mrs. Minnie Carter, Mrs. Minnie Price, and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sanders. Returning to the Anderson home, the group enjoyed pizza, Christmas cookies, and cake.

Individual tables were set up for the group. Each was centered with a lovely arrangement of candles, angel hair, and holly. Popcorn balls were used as favors.

Those attending were Jill McCord, Lynn Hamilton, Donna Beth Street, Larry Webber, Baytown, Texas, Danny Haberer, Jessy Cole, Freddy Kelley, Davey Haberer, Debbie Barton, Peggy Upchurch, and Alice Jaquess, John Patterson, Kathy Clayton, Brenda O'Hair, Diane Jackson, Theresa Vining, Dianne Avery and Lonnie Adrian.

## Taylor Home Scene Of Christmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Taylor entertained friends with a Christmas dinner in their home Wednesday.

Beautiful decorations carried out the Christmas motif throughout the house. A lovely flocked tree, bearing gold ornaments adorned the living room.

The table was laid with an aqua tablecloth, having a Christmas arrangement of Poinsettia and candles as the centerpiece.

The menu consisted of turkey and all the trimmings.

The group was entertained with games of 42.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Milton Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Littleton, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Shelby, and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Sampler, Olton.

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By Wilma Taylor

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## Methodist Children Present "The World Needs A Saviour"

The children's department of the Earth Methodist Church presented the drama "The World Needs A Saviour" on Sunday morning in the sanctuary during the regular Sunday School hour. Along with the presentation of the story of Christmas in speech and song, the play enacted three scenes which showed a contrast in ideas, attitudes and actions when ordinary people really applied the message of Christmas to their lives.

The school room scene included the following characters: Carl Sulser, teacher, and students played by Vicki Wisian, La Jauna Marshall, Shelley Gaston, Barbara Buckner, Kim Bock, David Hinchliffe, Tracy Lee, Bobby Jack Angeley, Gregory Slover and Bobby Myers. Merchants of the business world were characterized by Chris Brock and Mike Cleavinger. The family was portrayed by Karen Hinchliffe, Hoyt Glasscock, Terrell Ott, Paige Gaston and Scott Alexander.

Marian Dawson served as the narrator, Becky Littleton read

the passages of scripture and Mrs. Dwayne Jones was soloist. The choir was made up of children from the elementary department. A tableau of the birth of Christ was staged as the story unfolded. The nativity scene was depicted by Pat Cleavinger as Mary; Scott Lee as Joseph; Darlene Sulser

## Baptist Cantata Presented Sunday Night

A good attendance was reported Sunday night when the church and Chapel Choirs of the First Baptist Church presented their cantata, entitled, "Dawn of Redeeming Grace."

The story is based on the Christmas story from Luke 2.

Between each music section, there was a story narrated by Bill Anderson. He told in story

and Joe Anne Coker represented angels, shepherds were Brad Haley, Randy Stephens, and Dyke Gaston; and wise men were Evan Hamilton, Jimmy Coker, and Kevin Alexander. The innkeeper was played by David Wisian.

Mrs. Norman Sulser was pianist

form what the choir put to music.

Duane Harris directed the choir, accompanied by Mrs. Larry Tunnell at the organ.

The church was beautifully decorated in greenery. The choir rail was covered with frosted evergreens, and lovely candles accented each side of choir left.

Following the cantata, a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall.

Punch and Christmas cookies were served from a table laid with a white tablecloth, centered with an arrangement of red roses, holly, and gold leaves.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cearley returned recently from Burnett.

and Mrs. Bob Belew was organist. Adults assisting with the production are regular workers in the Children's Department: Mrs. Gene Gaston, Mrs. Ed Dawson, Mrs. J. A. Littleton, Jr., Mrs. Ross Brock, Mrs. Jack Angeley, Mrs. Melvin Bock, and Mrs. J. J. Coker.

### PARTY LINE

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roney Smith will be Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ivy and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Ivy and son, all of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy D. Ivy, Hereford.

Boyd Clayton, student at Abilene Christian College, is home for the holidays, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clayton, other relatives, and friends.

Mrs. Mary Gilmore, Aaron Truelock, Muleshoe, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gilmore visited in Amarillo Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reneer.



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## Hay-Fancher Vows Exchanged

In an impressive double ring ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 17, Jana Lynn Hay of Earth became the bride of Larry Fancher of Olton, Wilburn Dennis, minister of the Church of Christ of Tipton, Oklahoma, officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Hay of Earth and Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce Fancher of Olton.

Vows were exchanged before the beautiful brick fireplace in the Perry Martin home in Earth. The wall above the fireplace was enhanced with a lovely styrofoam and white tulle wreath entwined with white lace wedding bells. Streamers descending from the wreath featured a cascade of white lace bells. Lovely arrangements of white Mums on tall white pedestals graced each side of the fireplace to complete the setting for the beautiful home wedding.

Arta Simmons, of Earth, sang "Sweet Mystery of Life," "Oh Promise Me," and "The Wedding March."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was beautiful in a floor length wedding gown of chancilly lace and tulle designed

and created by her mother. The molded bodice was fashioned with a sabrina neckline accented with seed pearls, with long lace sleeves that ended in a petal point over her hands. The flowing skirt was designed of chancilly lace over tiers and tiers of tulle, fashioned into a pouf bustle in the back, which flowed gracefully into a chapel length train. Her butterfly veil of French illusion fell from a crown of pearls. She carried a colonial bouquet of Stephanotis and roses entwined with white satin streamers tied in love knots, atop a white Bible, given to her as a child by the Perry Martins.

For something old, the bride carried a lace handkerchief made from her mother's wedding dress. Something new was a string of cultured pearls given her by the groom. Something blue were her shoes, and in them was a penny bearing her birth year, placed there by her father, Jerry Fancher, Friona, brother of the groom, served as best man. Mrs. David Sager, Lubbock, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Mrs. Sager was attired in a white two piece knit suit, complimented by a white satin

halo hat with a short veil. She carried a long stemmed white rose.

Immediately following the wedding a reception was held in the dining room of the Martin home. Assisting in the subsequent reception hospitalities were Mrs. Perry Martin, Mrs. Truman Stone, Mrs. Johnny Martin, and Mrs. Bill Beasley.

The bride's table was covered with tulle over white satin, bordered by long ruffles. A beautiful traditional white tiered cake decorated with wedding bells and topped with miniature bride and groom, surrounded with ruffled tulle centered the table.

Miss Pam Beasley and Mrs. Jearl James presided at the serving table. Miss Debbie Martin registered the guests.

For a short wedding trip to Lubbock, the bride chose a beige knit suit with matching accessories.

The bride is a graduate of Springlake-Earth High School and will graduate from Lubbock Christian College in February.

The groom is a graduate of Olton High School and is presently a Junior student at Texas Tech.



Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fancher (formerly Jana Hay)

## Party Line

Christmas guests in the home of Mrs. Mary Gilmore will be Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gilmore and children, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Gilmore and children, Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. Henshel Hulcy and children, Earth, and

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jackson and family, also of Earth.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Fanning, Enid, Oklahoma, and O. A. Fanning, Lubbock, will spend Christmas Day in the R. W. Fanning home.

Mrs. Lewis Faver and La Renda visited in Lubbock Monday with Mrs. Mike Dent.

## Stephens' Honored On 41st Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Ellis entertained Mr. and Mrs. Houston Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ellis, Gay, Andy, and Arlie, Ellis, Lubbock, Sunday with a dinner in their home in observance of the Stephens' 41st wedding anniversary.

The Christmas motif was carried throughout the house, in the colors of pink and white.

The lovely white flocked tree was accented in pink ornaments. A snow scene with Santa's reindeer was depicted on the mantle over the fireplace.

Turkey and dressing with all the trimmings were served on a table laid with a Christmas tablecloth, centered with an arrangement of pink poinsettia and candles.

## Scouts Enjoy Christmas Party

Girl Scout Troop no. 178 met Thursday for a regular meeting and a Christmas Party.

Mrs. Marcus Messer led the flag salute, while Mrs. L. R. Stockstill led the group in singing several Christmas Carols.

The group finished the Christmas decorations of Rudolph, the red nosed reindeer, and their Christmas wreaths. They also completed the gifts that they were making to take home for their parents.

The girls drew names prior to the meeting, and Gay Ellis passed out the gifts. Mrs. Messer and Mrs. Stockstill presented each girl with a World association pin. A Santa Claus cap was given each girl by Kim Stockstill.

Debra Schellar served refreshments of green Christmas tree cookies and hot chocolate from a table laid with a red tablecloth featuring a gold foil tree, Santa Claus, and his reindeer.

Several games were played before the group dismissed.

Attending the party were Kim Stockstill, Kim Kelley, Laquinta Clark, Gay Ellis, Debra Schellar, Lajuano Marshall, Darlene Sulser, Marilyn Eagle, Terri Jan Inglis, Debra Weil, Nicola Connor, and Marianne Messer.

The group will not meet again until Thursday, January 6, 1966.

## Plant X Employees Enjoy Christmas Party

Approximately 100 persons attended the annual Plant X Christmas party at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Sudan High School Cafeteria.

A lovely Christmas tree with an assortment of colored ornaments served as the decoration.

Santa Claus was present, giving all kinds of goodies to the children.

A delicious meal of ham, green beans, salad, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, cherry cobbler, hot rolls, tea and coffee was served.

The Kenny brothers and Delbert Brandon, Sudan, entertained the group by playing different selection of Western music.

and Mrs. Leon Foster and David, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McAlpine and children, Mr. and Mrs. Henshel Hulcy and children, Allen Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Alexander, Jr.

Mrs. Floyd Burgess and Mike will spend Sunday in Sudan, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burgess.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cearley, Hale Center, visited Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cearley.

## La Renda Faver On Birthday With Party

La Renda Faver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Faver, celebrated her 4th birthday recently with a party in her home.

Party hats, balloons, whistles, and rings were given to each guest attending.

La Renda received many gifts from her family and friends. Birthday cake and punch were served by Mrs. Faver to Andy Ellis, Brent and Beth Pounds, Shelly Bill's, Michelle Bell, Jana and Lisa Higginbotham, Kevin Schellar, and Cindy Clayton.

## Carol Choir Presents 'Lo, A Star' Wednesday

A Christmas Cantata, by the Carol Choir of the First Baptist Church presented "Lo, A Star" Wednesday night at the church.

This Christmas story was presented in ten parts, the proclamation, the carpenter, the donkey, the city, the stable, the star, the shepherds, the manger, the wisemen, and the gift.

Music was written by Robert Graham. The choir of 27 members was directed by Duane Harris, with Kathy Clayton, pianist.

A large attendance was present to receive inspirational blessings from this beautiful Christmas presentation. The members of

these choirs and their leaders are to be congratulated for producing such an inspiring Cantata.

**PARTY LINE**  
Vicki Clayton, student at Hardin Simmons University, is at home for the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Clayton, other relatives, and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ellis and children will spend the holidays in La Marque, visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hecrauf, and in Dallas, visiting in the Emmett Gray home.

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### Jennifer Angeley Wins \$1,000

Jennifer Angeley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Angeley, Route 2, Earth, has been named the winner of a \$1000 cash prize in the Cover Girl National College Scholarship Contest.

Jennifer, a freshman at the Springlake-Earth school filled out her entry blank for the contest at the Haydon Shoe Store in Littlefield.

She was presented the check, which she stated will be used toward her college, by Lavelle Haydon, president of the Haydon store here. Jennifer was one of ten winners throughout the country in the contest by the Cover Girl shoe company and was the only winner in the southwestern part of the country.

An honor student, 14 year old Jennifer is a member of the school band and sings in the Methodist Church chapel choir.

Haydon who has been in business in Littlefield since 1956 and also owns stores in Plainview and Muleshoe stated that tens of thousands had entered the contest.



**JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS** -- Jennifer Angeley (left), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Angeley, Route 2, Earth, is shown receiving a check for \$1,000 from Lavelle Haydon, president of Haydon Shoe Store. Jennifer had filled out her entry blank for the nation-wide contest while shopping at Haydon's here. Ten prizes of \$1,000 each were given away in the Cover Girl National College Scholarship contest.

### Attendance, Boobie Gifts Presented At Rainbow Meet

The Rainbow Girls met for a regular meeting Monday night in the lodge hall with Sharon McAlpine presiding.

The hall was decorated in the Christmas motif. A small white Christmas tree with red twinkling lights adorned the table. The attendance gift was presented to Vicki Caudle, and the boobie gift went to Mrs. Ann Kelley.

Each girl told in a few sentences what Christmas meant to her. Mrs. M. E. Kelley, mother advisor, served Christmas punch and candy to the following: Camille Haberer, Mary Nell Walker, Caron Koeninger, Pansy Been, Susie Adrian, Shara Haberer, Vicki Caudle, Sharon McAlpine, Brenda O'Hair, Brenda Brock, Connie Kelley, Anita Kelley, Beverly Prather, Kathy Brown, Donita Kelley, Linda Jordan, Norma Kelley, Mrs. Beth Kelley and Mrs. Ann Kelley.

### Is It Really Christmas In Our Hearts

by Carolyn Hamilton

Rush, rush, rush! Christmas is such a bother! It means receiving and giving cards and gifts to people I really don't care for anyhow. I'm looking forward to having all this problem over with so I can get back to normal. If I can only make it through January 2, it will all be over for another year.

There's the school programs I must attend and the church programs. (I hope I can find a baby sitter for my parties. I do have new clothes to wear, but I'll be the envy of all my friends.)

And, with all of that, I'm the one who must have the family dinner. How can I do it all?

Still so much to be done. I must get the tree decorated. There are only a few more shopping days 'till Christmas. The clerks will hardly wait on me, anyhow they treat me real hateful, and have to push my way through the crowds! How I hate having to do all this shopping, but it has to be done. There are always those last minute gifts I have to return to those who remembered me.

In this mad rush, who has time to sit down and read the Christmas story in Luke?

Oh, the joys of Christmas! It is at this time of the year, that life takes on special meaning. "Silent Night, Holy Night," the caroling out. It's Christmas, 1965. I can feel it! I can hear its magic! Suddenly, on an average December day, the feeling comes into my heart. Life takes on a special glow.

I can hardly wait for the postman to bring words of greeting from dear friends and relatives. And the sight of the beautiful old fashioned Christmas tree, standing like a queen in our living room, makes my heart skip a beat. Every home and store is so beautifully decorated. How I wish I could give everyone a gift. The clerks in the stores seem so patient, kind, and weary, but they do not complain, and seem so anxious to help me.

I just can't wait to fix the

### School Faculty Enjoys Yule Party Monday

The Springlake-Earth School faculty Christmas party was held in the school cafeteria Monday night.

The delicious meal was served on tables laid with lovely white tablecloths, centered with arrangements from red candles, holly, and red Christmas ornaments.

Gifts were presented to the principals, superintendent, and school nurse. The principals each received gift certificates. Superintendent Bill Mann received an all weather coat, and Mrs. Dorothy Wood, school nurse, was presented with mon-

ey for a nurse's cake.

Mrs. Cecil Slover led the group in singing several Christmas Carols, accompanied by Lynell Lovett at the piano. Prior to the close of the party, Bill Anderson read the Christmas Story.

An evening of fellowship was enjoyed by the faculty.

### NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of Stockholders of the Citizen State Bank, Earth, Texas, will be held in the banking rooms of said bank on January 11th 1966, at 2 o'clock p.m.

G. Stockard, Cashier. 12/23/2tc

### G-A's Have Christmas Party

The Intermediate and Junior G, A, group of the First Baptist Church met together Tuesday for a Christmas Party.

Mrs. Jean Craft, special guest, told a story of Christmas and the new year in Japan. She sang "Joy to The World" and "Silent

Night, Holy Night" in the Japanese language. Mrs. R. S. Cole read a Christmas story entitled, "The Municipal Christmas Tree." The group played "gossip" prior to having refreshments of white Christmas cake and cherry slush.

Gene Johnson, Dimmitt and Shelly Martin, Muleshoe, were dinner guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Kieth Johnson.

### Christmas Program Presented At Springlake Baptist Church

The annual Christmas program was presented at the First Baptist Church of Springlake Sunday evening.

The Manger scene was presented by the Junior Choir who sang traditional carols. Kim Barnett portrayed Mary; Kevin Henson, Joseph; and Melissa Larkin, the angel. At the conclusion of the manger scene, the adult and youth choirs entered to present the cantata, entitled, "Child Jesus" by Joseph. Clokey and Hazel Jean Kirk.

The Christmas story was presented in several parts. "The Promise" sung by the chorus, "The Annunciation" by the male chorus, and soloist, Jacqueline Parish; "The Apparition to the Shepherds" by the chorus; "The Adoration of the Shepherds" by the quartet, Lola Sanderson, Charelene Riley, Mary Lee Clayton, and Judy Langley. "The Star," by the duet, Mary Lee Clayton, and Judy Langley. "The Wise Men" by the male chorus and the chorus "At the Manger" by soloist Billy Wayne Clayton, the chorus, soloist Becky Parish, and the duet, Ann

Bearden and Becky Parish; "Mary's Lullaby" by soloist Billy Wayne Clayton; "The Child Jesus" by the Ladies chorus; and "Adeste Fideles" by the chorus. Narration of the cantata was sung by soloist Judy Langley. Piano accompaniment was by Betty Parish.

The program was under the direction of the minister of music, Phil Langley.

### Adrian Home Scene Of Christmas Party

The combined Lydia and Ester classes of the adult Ladies department of the First Baptist Church had their annual Christmas salad supper Friday night in the lovely home of Mrs. Buddy Adrian.

Individual tables were laid with white linen tablecloths, centered with an arrangement of holly, red candles, and holly berries. The gaily decorated white flocked tree was placed in the living room. Christmas stockings hung from the mantle of the fire place.

Mrs. M. B. Baldwin gave the invocation. Secret pals were revealed, and gifts were exchanged. The group drew names for their secret pals for the forthcoming year.

Those enjoying the buffet style salad supper were Mrs. Leon Foster, Mrs. A. E. Patterson, Mrs. Babe Prather, Mrs. Paul Wood, Mrs. Elton Schafer, Mrs. Bill Bryant, Mrs. Gerald Inglis, Mrs. M. E. Kelley, Mrs. Price, Hamilton, Mrs. M. B. Baldwin, Mrs. Marvin Sanders, Mrs. Clarence Kelley, Mrs. Russel Haberer, Mrs. Doug Avery, Mrs. Rex Clayton, Mrs. R. S. Cole, Mrs. Bernice English, Mrs. Jim Glasscock, special guest, and hostess, Mrs. Adrian.

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# Ewing Halsell, Founder Of Earth, Dies in San Antonio

Ewing Halsell, 88, one of the nation's best-known ranchers, and founder of Earth, died of a heart attack early Friday in a San Antonio hospital. Halsell, one of the last of the early-day cattlemen, had large land holdings in Texas and Oklahoma.

He was the son of W. E. Halsell, a pioneer Texas cattle raiser, who operated large herds in Texas and Oklahoma in the latter part of the 19th century. In the 1880s, W. E. Halsell leased grazing rights in the Cherokee Indian Nation, near the present site of Tulsa.

Halsell's biggest land sale was around 1912 when he sold 100,000 acres, at that one time, of the Springlake pasture, as it was then called.

He directed the sales for his father, and started building the town of Amherst on August 1, 1923, with the help of a few friends. Earth was begun a year later.

Halsell drove cattle on the great Sod House pasture, a little tract of a mere 70,000 acres. He saw men and women moving onto lands almost at his heels, throwing up tents, digging dug-outs, or living in covered wagons. He made it possible for people to look around then and say, "This truly is the new land of opportunity."

Halsell's father bought the "Mashed O" Ranch, which then included the Springlake headquarters and the Sod House pasture, a body of approximately 200,000 acres, from the Capital Lands Syndicate in 1901.

Though he has been residing in San Antonio since 1940, he has continued to be general manager of the ranch, which today consists of approximately 80,000 acres.

His ambition was to help poor farmers from the crowded sections of the country who had become indebted trying to farm high priced lands and renters who never dreamed they could own their own farms.

Halsell was a member of the Travis Park Methodist Church in San Antonio, was honorary Vice president of the Texas and Southwest Cattleman's association, and was a member of the Blue



EWING HALSELL

Stem Cattleman's association. He also served as a member of the Will Rogers Memorial Commission at Claremore and was a friend of the late Oklahoma humorist. Halsell made numerous donations to schools, churches, hospitals, and various worthy causes. All old timers in Earth who were responsible for settling the land, will continue to remember

Ewing Halsell as "Father of Earth and Amherst." Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. W. R. McClusky and Mrs. Jay V. Holmes, Kansas City, and Mrs. Frank Wood of Los Angeles, California. Services were held Sunday at 3 p. m. in the Travis Park Methodist Church in San Antonio, and again Sunday in his former hometown of Vinita, Oklahoma, at 2 p. m. in the First Metho-

dist church. Interment was in the Fairview Cemetery in Vinita. Attending the funeral from Earth were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Murrell, Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Murrell, J. B. James, Bobby Murrell, Jearl James, V. O. Busby, James Busby, Larry Murrell, Barney Glasscock, Bill McDaniels, Philip Murrell, Ken Sawyer, Bill Beasley, Darrell Sawyer, and Gene Templeton,

# Joe E. Temple Joins Staff At Citizens State Bank

Joe E. Temple, formerly of Hale Center is currently associated with Mr. W. R. Stockard Sr. in the management of the Citizens State Bank in Earth. He joined the staff here Monday.

Temple has had years of banking experience, having been with the First National Bank in Hale Center, where he was president until September 1 of this year, when he sold the bank at Hale Center.

Temple still remains a member of the board of the First National Bank at Hale Center.

Joe Temple has had a sensational career in the banking business. After graduating from high school on Friday at the age of sixteen, the following Monday he started to work at the First National Bank in Lubbock.

Later he was employed by the First National Bank at Mr. Pleasant, Texas. He was still in his early twenties when he was employed by the First National Bank in Hale Center in July of 1949.

He was elected Vice President of the bank in 1955 and served as executive Vice President from 1960 until 1964. He became President of the bank in January of 1964.

In the midst of his early banking career, Temple graduated from school of banking of the South, at Louisiana State University in 1956.

In Hale Center Mr. Temple served as past President of the Citizens National Bank in Lubbock where she was Vice President of the bank when she resigned her position.



JOE TEMPLE

man of finance Commission of the First Methodist Church. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rites, and Khiva Shrine of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Temple and daughter Pamela, who will be a Junior student at Springlake Earth School, plan to move to Earth during the holiday if suitable housing can be obtained.

Mrs. Temple is also experienced in the banking field. She was employed for 15 years at the Citizens National Bank in Lubbock where she was Vice President of the bank when she resigned her position.

# State Line Irrigation Buys Hydro-Conduit Plant

State Line Irrigation Company has purchased the assets of Hydro Conduit of Littlefield, T. L. Timmons, one of the owners of the new firm announced recently.

Timmons, a 15 year veteran of the irrigation pipe business will manage the Littlefield operation. He is well known throughout this area due to his association with companies in Littlefield and Muleshoe.

Timmons announced that under the new ownership many of the present employees will be retained and that other experienced employees will be added to make up one of the most experienced groups of employees available.

The other owners of the irrigation firm are Verney Towns, Carleton Davis and Wallace Lockmiller.

State Line Irrigation will be engaged in the manufacturing, selling and installing of irrigation systems and additional new

products will be added as the demand warrants.

Timmons said that he, the other owners and management of the firm are pleased on becoming an important part of the community.

Timmons, who at present is residing in Lubbock with his wife, Margaret and their three children, Linda, Curtis and Glenn, stated that under the new owners Earl Pierce would be in charge of sales and James Macha over construction.

Pierce, a long time resident of the area, has been in the irrigation pipe field over the past three years. He resides at 1207 W. 7th in Littlefield with his wife Barbara and son Monnie Macha, a graduate of Littlefield High School, is presently residing in Muleshoe but plans to move to Littlefield in the near future. Married to the former Patsy Marshall, the Machas have three children, David, Tammy and Shelly.

# Wolverettes Win 54-53 Over Tulia

The Springlake-Earth Wolverettes won their third tournament of the year Saturday night and kept their unbeaten record going while downing the highly voted Tulia girls 54-53.

The local fans led at half-time 28-25 in one of the hardest fought games of the year.

Anita O'Hair paced the Springlake-Earth attack with 22 points, but Tulia's Freda Rousseau received the high point honor, sinking 32 points.

Amarillo Carver followed up the 23 point firing of Clifford King to wrest the boys crown from Tulia, 71-60. Tulia's high scorer was Jimmy Lavender with 20 points.

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# Beta Sigma Phi Enjoys Christmas Party

The Beta Sigma Phi had their annual Christmas party Saturday in the community building.

The tree was decorated with gaily colored ornaments, and several centerpieces were placed on the tables. A miniature tree made from blue nylon net, surrounded by angels on each side, was the centerpiece for the serving table.

Other arrangements were made from poinsettia and holly.

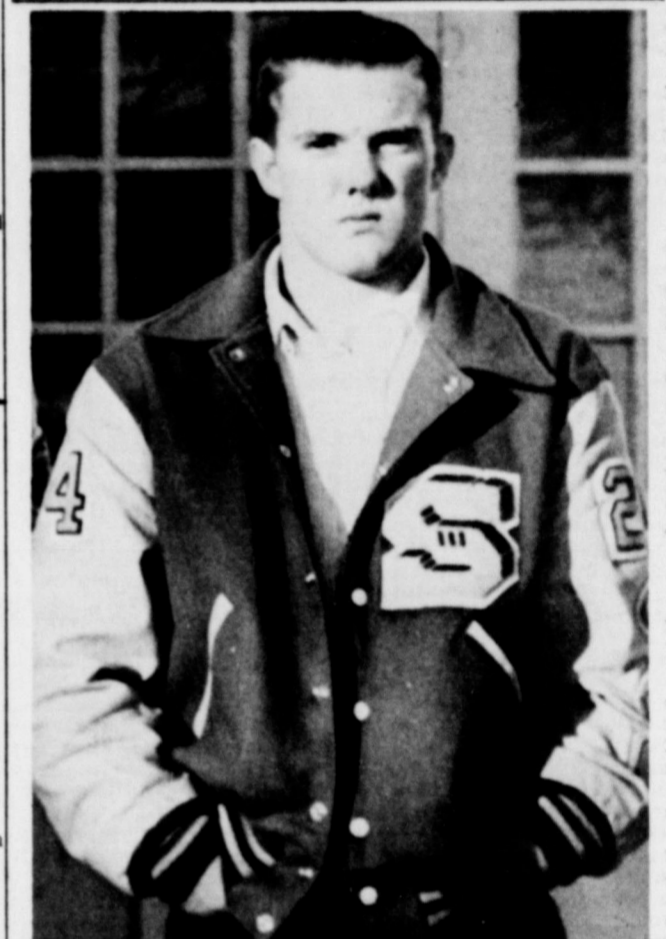
Several games were played by the group.

Christmas music on record was played throughout the entire party.

Fried chicken, creamed potatoes, green beans, salad, angel food cake with whipped cream coffee, and tea were served to the approximately 25 attending by Mrs. Minnie Pate and Mrs. Lucille Henderson.

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JERRY DON SANDERS

# Sanders Makes South Plains Dream Team Second String

The Springlake-Earth Wolverine fluky halfback, Jerry Don Sanders has been picked on the South Plains Dream Team Squad.

Jerry Don has been tagged by several coaches as being one of the finest kickers this area has seen in many years, especially in class A.

During the past season Jerry punted 21 times for a 44.6 average and as a Junior, boomed 'em at a 41.2 average. One punt covered a distance of 78 yards.

During the regular '65 season, Jerry Don scored 118 points, rushed for 1,216 yards on 169 carries, caught 15 passes for 157 yards, and completed four of six passes for 52 yards. Jerry averaged six tackles a game and was in on 12 more from his linebacker spot.

Jerry Don also found time to kick field goals from 43 and 30 yards and had one from 45 yards out as a Junior. He has very good speed, running the 100-yard dash in 9.9 as a sophomore and 10.2 as a Junior after he had picked up several pounds up to his present 190 weight.

The Springlake-Earth Wolver-

ine fans can be mighty proud of Jerry Don and the achievements he has had while a member of the Wolverine squad.

# Chaney Home Scene Of Christmas Dinner

The lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chaney was the scene of a Christmas dinner Saturday evening.

The Christmas motif was beautifully carried throughout the house. The tree was ornamented with red and green balls, and sprayed with white snow. A centerpiece was made from a red candle entwined with pink angel hair and holly.

A delicious meal of turkey and all the trimmings were served. Gifts were exchanged by the group.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Chaney and Gene, and Janis Holt.

# NOSIN... With Polly

Christmas is a time to be grateful, humble, happy, content, and thankful as we gather together to commemorate this, the greatest event in the history of the world, the birth of our Savior.

Let us on this occasion give thanks as we mingle together with friends and loved ones, keeping the real meaning of Christmas foremost in our hearts.

Though it's true, we live in a fast moving world, Christ's birthday is still the greatest event in the history of mankind today after 1900 years. Even though we are making history by exploring space, and Gemini 6 and 7 just returned from their missions, with results more favorable than the highest expectations, these big events did not draw the attention away from Christmas.

It is indeed a busy world as we seem to have gotten pretty commercial. Never the less, it isn't really Christmas that is a chore.

Christmas is an individual affair, we are free to celebrate Christmas as we choose, and to me it's still a wonderful season...

It's a season of expressions of family contentment, neighborly love one for another, a season of giving and receiving, a prayerful season...

What other time do we automatically give thanks, and feel more aware of God's goodness and His presence with us than we do when we gather together and humbly "break bread and sup together," with those whom God has given us to love, our children, our parents, and our brothers and sisters. Somehow the togetherness we feel in our hearts at a family gathering, always includes our savior.

As we bow to give humble thanks this year, may we include in our prayers, our many fine young lads who will spend a lonely Christmas on foreign battlefields, away from those they love. Also may we remember those who are ill, and near death's door. And... If it be God's will, may we somehow gather together again another day, another Christmas.

I am a little boy 5 years old, I have been pretty good and I help my mommy and daddy. I would like a bicycle with training wheels, a football suit, highway trucks, gun and line-man tool belt. Hope I have been good enough to get all these things.

I love you, Jeff Beene P.S. Don't forget all my friends

I am four years old so Mommy needs to help me write to you. I would like to have some toys for Christmas. A bow and arrow, a truck, and a crane, and a Johnny Seven.

My baby sister Pam needs a baby doll.

Mike, my brother needs guns and holster belt, cowboy hat and bullets to go in the holster belt.

I like you and I love you, Steve Terry

P.S. I would also like to have a Clark bar and an apple for my stocking.

Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kelley will be Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Stuart, Houston, Mrs. J. C. Green, Marlow, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Habbins and Richard, College Station, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. O'Hair and family, Earth.



PINNING POP'S BARS--The whole family helps with 1st Lt. Gene L. Stephens' new silver bars. Wife Janice holds Shawn, 4, while Col. E. J. Hollerback, commander of Special Troops Regiment, gives Shane, 2, a boost. Lieutenant Stephens is investigations officer at the 526th MP Co. The 25-year-old Texan, who holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from West Texas State, arrived at Fort Meade in August, 1964, after attendance at the Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky. Lt. Stephens is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Stephens of Earth, and Mrs. Stephens is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Prather also of Earth.

# LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 5 years old, I have been pretty good and I help my mommy and daddy. I would like a bicycle with training wheels, a football suit, highway trucks, gun and line-man tool belt. Hope I have been good enough to get all these things.

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# Don Watson Commands Night Hawks

In a recent night maneuver at the Palo Duro Canyon, the Night Hawks, commanded by Cadet Don Watson of Labyrinth and trained by regular Army advisors, Capt. M. L. Trang and SFC A. M. Choate, Canyon went over 10 miles of rugged canyon terrain in seven hours of maneuver.

The escape and evasive training of the 23 members of the Night Hawks are practiced with training in some of the roughest terrains in Palo Duro and frequently employs technique called repelling.

The techniques call for sliding down long lengths of ropes from the steepest places in the canyon. The long ropes are aided with swiss seats made of short ropes fastened securely.

The men are divided into small groups of from two to four and are instructed to avoid cities, houses, animals of any kind and especially dogs. The tion away quickly. Escape and evasion trainings are used when troops are surrounded by enemy forces and they must get back to friendly force units according to SFC Shoats.

Usually the semi-monthly maneuvers consists of "Platoon in attack" on a particular object. Plans for the spring semester include possible coordination of exercises from other ROTC units from colleges in Texas and New Mexico.

Mrs. J. L. Walker and Angie, Amari, recently visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Simmons.

# PARTY LINE

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kelley will be Mrs. Freda Thornburg, Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Flowers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Guy F. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kelley all of Earth, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hill, Hart, and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Taylor, Dallas.

Dinner guests Sunday in the J. A. Littleton, Sr. Home were Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Anglin.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Cole, Muleshoe, were recent guests in the R. S. Cole home.

Christmas guests in the E. C.

# PARTY LINE

Hal Hudson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hudson, Earth, will leave Lubbock on December 27 with the Red Raiders for the Gator Bowl. The wives will be flown down two days later for the game and also to enjoy a side trip to the Bahamas.

Christmas guests in the E. C.

# PARTY LINE

Hudson home will be Mrs. Monte Howard, Randy, and Jeri Sue of Plainview, Mrs. Jeri Howe and Alan of Clovis, and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Hudson of Lubbock.

Kieth Johnson is home on a 30 day leave from Pearl Harbor. He is the husband of Mrs. Linda Johnson, of Pioneer Natural Gas Co.

# Among Those Who Are Ill...

Billy Braden entered the Medical Arts Hospital, Littlefield, Sunday, December 19, with a broken ankle. He is reported to be in good condition.

John Welch returned home Wednesday from the South Plains Hospital, Amherst, after being a patient there for 12 days. He is reported in good condition.

**WEEKLY GIN REPORT**

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT by the Wolverine Band, Monday night in the school auditorium, drew a large attendance. The 82 member band is under the directions of Dean Foshee.



THE JUNIOR HIGH BAND entertained a large audience Monday night when area folks gathered at the school auditorium for the annual Christmas concert by the Wolverine and Junior High Band.

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## LAZBUDDIE NEWS

by Mrs. C. A. Watson

Mr. and Mrs. Euel Mitchell and children are spending the holidays with his twin brother, Ruel at St. Jo, Texas. They will also visit his Mother, who is an invalid in a St. Jo hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Ethrede and children are holiday guest in Karnes, Texas visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Odie Brown, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ethrede in Goltwhait.

Paul Wilbanks, S. W. College, Oklahoma is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilbanks.

May Mahn visited last week in Lubbock with her son Chilli Jordan. Mrs. Mahan is the Lazbuddie Post Mistress. Her substitute, Charleta Treider was on hand to keep the post office open.

Nola Treider is in Santa Barbara, Calif. visiting her daughter, Lilliance Kaiser during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Burnett and children are spending Christmas with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Short, Hale Center and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Burnett, Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdine Broyles and children are holiday visitors at Waco in the home of her Mother, Mrs. W. D. Hale. They will also visit other relatives while there.

The J. B. Jennings family left Wednesday for their ranch at Delah, Their son and family Darrel live near the Jennings ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Albertson from Weatherford, Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards and children, Pampa are guests in the home of the ir Mother, Mrs. Gallman. The two women are daughters of Mrs. and the late Fred Gallman.

The Methodist Church of Lazbuddie had their Christmas Program Sunday evening at the church. The congregation sang Christmas Carols. The children of the church sang carols and presented Bible readings pertaining to the Christmas story, also included in the program was the Nativity scene shown on screen.

The Christmas decoration was carried out lovingly in the windows of the church with motifs decorations of evergreen and holly surrounding an open Bible at the altar.

The annual Christmas Operetta was held in the Lazbuddie school auditorium Monday evening. The program started at 7:30 with 4th, 5th and sixth grades. After the classes sang Christmas Carols, the Christmas Story was carried out very impressively by the following students: Mary, the Mother of Jesus was acted by Letha Elliott; Joseph was Loy Dale Clark; Bobby Baldreus was the Innkeeper and the Inn Keeper wife was played by Mazene Broyles, Rickie Seaton, acted the part of the Old Shepherd. Angels in the scene were: Lupe Bustamonte and Connie Elliott. The Three Wise Men were: Brad Treider, Mark Barnes and Mark Ramage, Pages: Jesse Garcia, Mark Beach and Daniel Putman. Students having part in the program were: Jeannie Morris, Sherry Boatman, Nancy Bush, Mary Longoria, Yolanda Domingus, Belinda Hartley, Gwen Barber, Sherry Johnson, Jack Smith, Lynn Ashford, Roy Don Coker, Glenn Morris, Larry Cox, Earl Peterson Jr., Sarah Gammon, Debbie Engelking, Rhonda Treider, Thresa Seaton, Jeanie McGehee, Offilia Mendoza, also Sylvia Domingueq.

## 110 Expected To Die In Accidents During Holidays

AUSTIN--Past experience indicates some 110 persons will be killed in traffic accidents during the 10-day Christmas-New Year's holiday period, it was reported today by Col. Homer Garrison, Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Garrison said in addition to the grim traffic death projection made by DPS Statistical Services, it is also estimated that there will be 43 homicides and suicides and 42 deaths from accidents other than traffic, for a total violent death toll of 195.

"We would like to appeal once again to the driving public to join us in an all-out effort to cut down on this terrible toll, particularly in traffic where observance of traffic laws and rules of safety can actually do something about it," the DPS director said.

In an effort to call attention to the dangers involved in holiday travel, the DPS will conduct its annual "Operation Deathwatch" during the 10-day period. From 12:01 am December 24 (Christmas Eve) through 11:59 pm January 2, violent deaths will be tabulated and the totals announced three times daily from the Department headquarters in Austin.

"We will also have every available patrolman on duty," Garrison said. "These men are on the road to protect and serve the citizens of this state. In addition to the highway patrol, there will be some 150 extra patrolmen from other DPS uniformed services on duty."

During last year's Christmas-New Year's holiday period, a total of 288 persons died violently. Of these, 128 were killed in traffic.

This year's estimate of 110 holiday road deaths means an average of 11 per day, which is considerably greater than the normal daily average of traffic deaths, Garrison noted.

to hold down the toll, several other organizations and state agencies are cooperating in an effort to focus attention on the need for safe driving practices. Among these are the Texas Safety Association, the Texas Highway Department, the Texas Motor Transportation Association, and the Texas Broadcasters Association.

**Party Line**

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Benson and daughter, Santa Rosa, California, are visiting with Mrs. Benson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Stephens, through the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Holder and children will spend Christmas in Wichita Falls with Mrs. Holder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Simpson.

Christmas dinner guests in the C. L. Houchin home will be Mr. and Mrs. Don Houchin and family and Mr. and Mrs. James Clifton and family, all of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Houchin, Abilene.

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# Welcome to Earth



Yes, Santa Claus is always welcome in Earth. But more than Jolly old St. Nick, we welcome the "Spirit of Christmas" to Earth. May Happiness and contentment fill every heart in Earth to capacity and leave no room for selfishness in our midst. May this remain within our hearts throughout the coming year.

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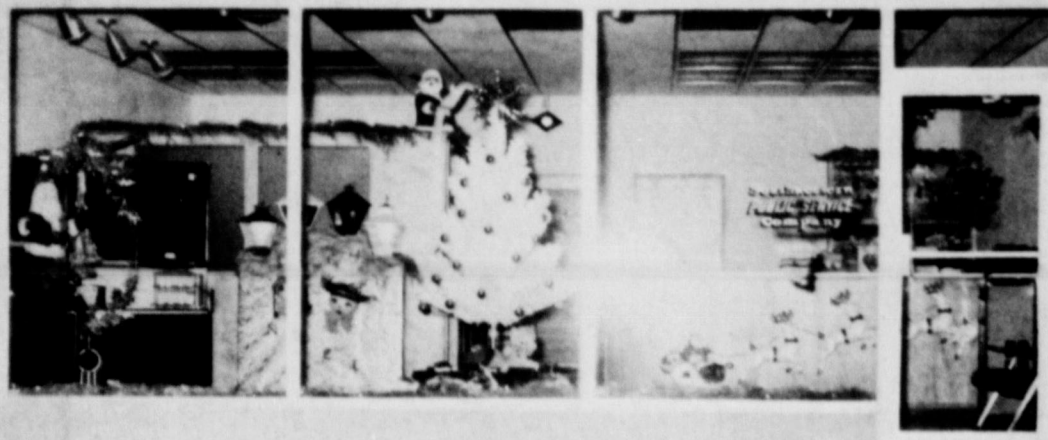
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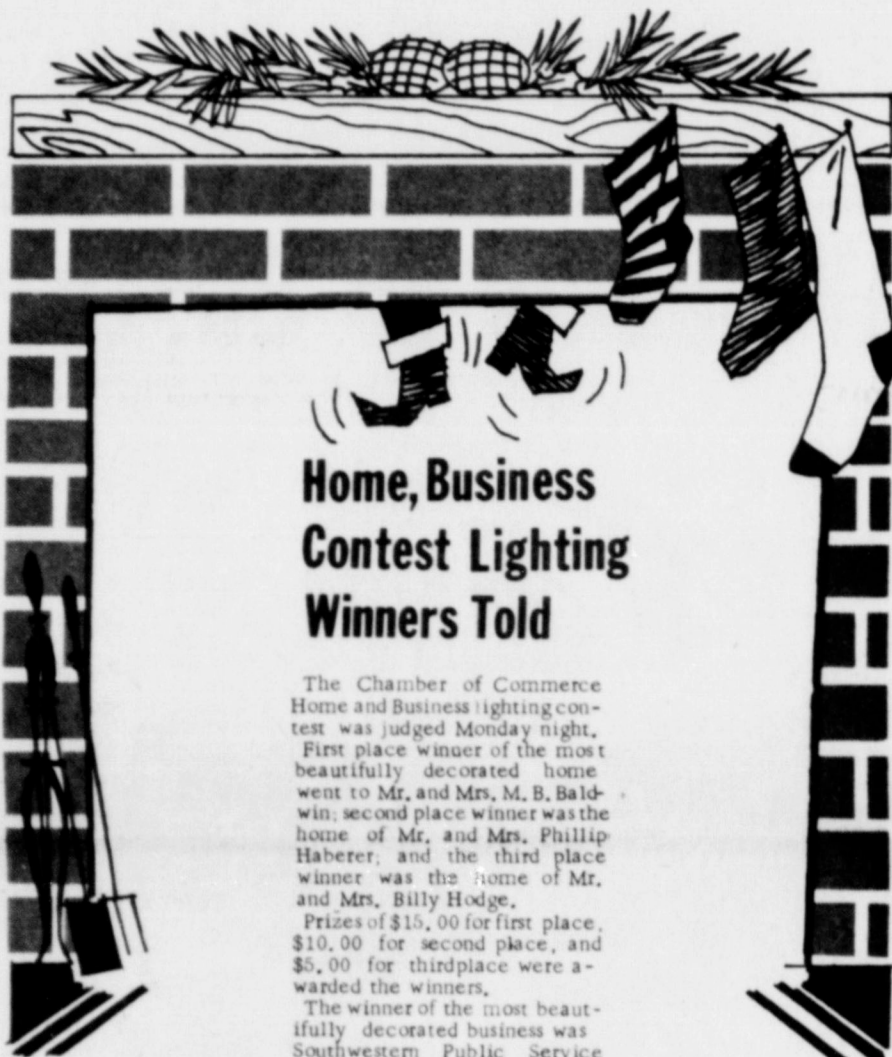
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**SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE WINS PLAQUE** for most decorated business in Earth. The gay window added much beauty to the downtown section of the city, catching the eye of local people as well as travelers passing through Earth.

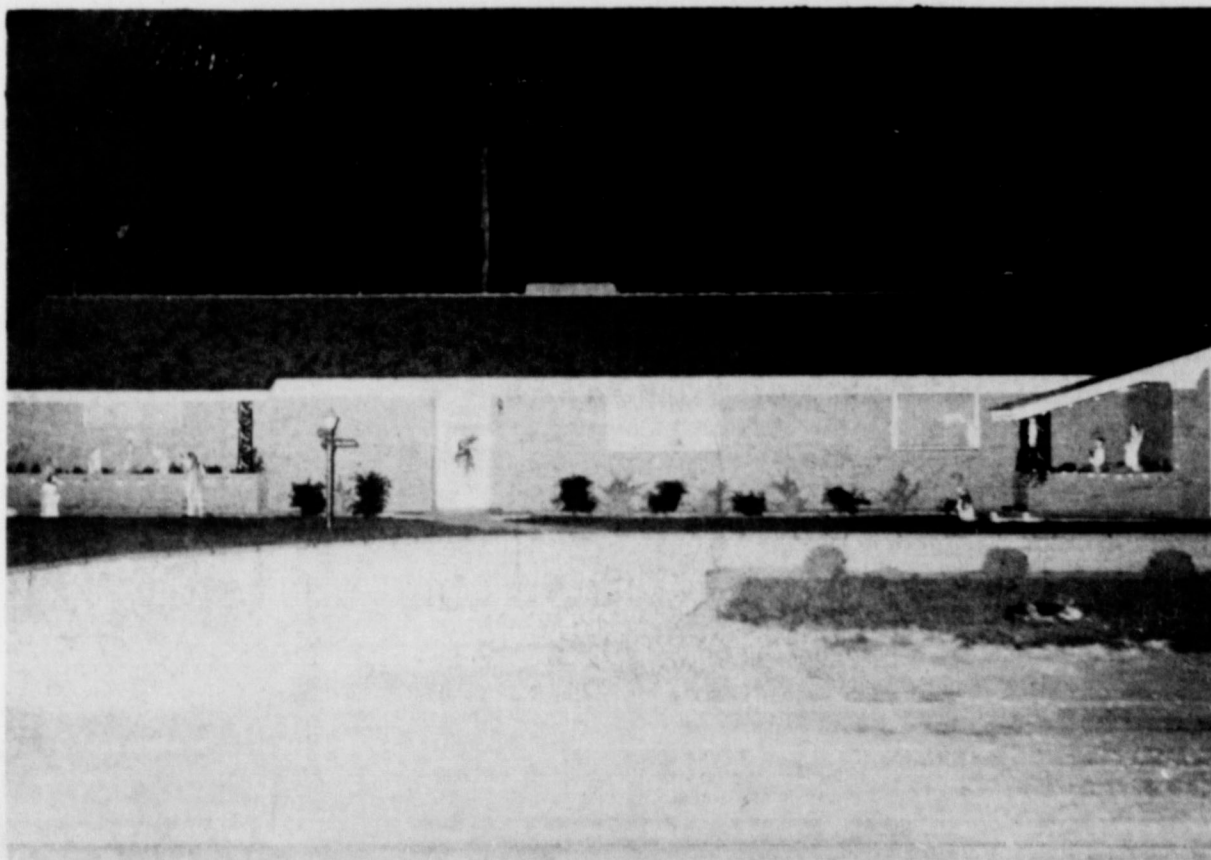


## Home, Business Contest Lighting Winners Told

The Chamber of Commerce Home and Business Lighting contest was judged Monday night. First place winner of the most beautifully decorated home went to Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Baldwin, second place winner was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Haberer, and the third place winner was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hodge. Prizes of \$15.00 for first place, \$10.00 for second place, and \$5.00 for third place were awarded the winners. The winner of the most beautifully decorated business was Southwestern Public Service Company. They were given a plaque.



**FIRST PLACE WINNER** in the home Christmas lighting contest, sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce, went to the M. B. Baldwin's, who received \$15.00 as a prize for the most effective lighting. Mr. Baldwin is Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Earth.



**SECOND PLACE WINNER** in the resident lighting contest was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Haberer and family of Earth. A \$10.00 check was presented the couple by the local Chamber. The beautiful decoration consisted of three Christmas scenes lighted by spot lights. Red Christmas lights bordered the eaves of the house.



**THIRD PLACE IN CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST** went to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Homer Hodge, whose home is located 2 miles North of Earth. This lovely nativity scene was created and painted by Mrs. Hodge. Third Place Prize was \$5.00.

## What Christmas Means To Me

Mrs. Sam Cearley: "It is a time when we should renew our allegiance to Christ and recognize that God sent his son so that we might have everlasting life."  
 Mrs. Fred Clayton: "It's just another holiday when our families can be together."  
 Mrs. M. E. Clayton: "Christmas means a great deal to me. It is a time of friendly get-togethers of families and friends."  
 Mrs. Wendell Clayton: "Christmas is a time of happiness, and a time for families to be together."  
 Mrs. R. E. Barton: "It means a lot to me. However, I feel the old time Christmas is so much ahead of what it is today."  
 Mrs. J. C. Blackwell: "It is a time when most people have the Christian spirit more than any other time of the year."  
 Mrs. B. J. Brockette: "Christmas is a time when our families can get together for fellowship."  
 Mrs. M. O. Carter: "It signifies the birth of Christ. We should praise him for all the things he has done for us, and certainly I am thankful."  
 Mrs. Norman Ellis: "Christmas is a time when we show our love for our families, and let them know that we think about them all through the year."  
 Mrs. Mary Gilmore: "It portrays a feeling of love and friendship."  
 Mrs. Bruce Higgins: "Christmas is kinda like Thanksgiving to me. It's a time to be thankful that God died on the cross to save us from our sins."  
 Doug Avery: "Christmas is celebrating the greatest event mankind has ever known, the birth of Christ."  
 Jean Beasley: "It is the time when all our family can be together, and that's what really counts."  
 Frankie Favor: "It means a lot of visiting, eating, giving, and receiving."  
 Judith Jones: "Christmas is the knowledge of the Christchild, the laughter of children, and fellowship with loved ones, but most of all it is the beginning of a new year, which we should spend in dedication to bettering our spiritual life."  
 Mrs. D. H. Koening: "It's a time when our families and

loved ones can be together."  
 Mrs. Hershel Hulcy: "It signifies the birth of Christ, our Savior."  
 Wayne Rutherford: "It means being able to watch my grandkids."  
 Carl Taylor: "Nowadays you don't have to work on Christmas, a day off!"  
 Fred Adrian: "Lots of bills to pay, and lots of money spent."  
 Carolyn Hamilton: "Christmas to me is the expressions of love, beauty, joy, and holiness, made possible through the birth of Christ."  
 Mary Chaney: "It's a time when we recall the many blessings we have received."  
 Buleah Newton: "God sent us a Savior."  
 Lena D. Hite: "To me Christmas is the love of God in ones heart for others, the sheer joy of loving and doing for others, the imperishable glory from the very heart of Heaven to the farthest-most part of the earth."  
 Mrs. M. E. Kelley: "Love, happiness, families being together, and friends is what I think of Christmas. But the greatest joy in Christmas is the knowledge that it is Christ's birthday, and realizing that He has given us so much."  
 Janis Holt: "Christmas is to me a time of happiness, joy, and contentment, a time of thankfulness for all the blessings we have enjoyed, a time when new goals and resolutions are made in order that we might better ourselves, but most important of all, it is celebrating the birthday of our Savior."  
 Mrs. H. S. Hickman: "Christmas is celebrating the birthday of our Savior."  
 Mrs. Albert Lindley: "Christmas to me is a time of great joy, happiness, love, and giving, all wrapped up in one big package. It is also a time of receiving—not only gifts (both of love and material things) from friends and loved ones—but by receiving a new God's gift, the greatest of all, Christ; for without Christ there would be no Christmas."  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ike Houston, Stegall, visited Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Houston.

## Local Church Group Have Get-Together Sunday Night

Several members of the Earth Church of Christ enjoyed refreshments at the community building immediately following the services Sunday evening. The serving table was covered with a red, white, and green Christmas tablecloth, centered

with Santa's reindeer. Christmas wreaths and arrangements were placed throughout the building. The group enjoyed Chip-n-dip, desserts, and coffee. Several songs were sung, and games were played.

## Anderson Home Scene Of Christmas Party

The lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Anderson served as the scene of a Christmas party Sunday afternoon. The house was decorated throughout with beautiful Christmas decorations, and a white flocked tree with blue ornaments accented the living room. Gifts were exchanged after delicious refreshments of pie, cake, and coffee were served. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Zeph Robnett, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Green, Debbie, and Donna, Christi Robnett, Buddy Robnett, and Judy Carter of Amherst.

## Mrs. Minnie Price Hosts Christmas Party

The lovely home of Mrs. Minnie Price served as the scene of a Christmas dinner Sunday, December 19. A beautifully white flocked tree, with red ornaments, decorated the living room. A lovely centerpiece of candles, poinsettia, and Christmas greenery adorned the serving table. The menu consisted of chicken, dressing, and ham with all the trimmings. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Wix Price and son, Borger, Mr.

## Community Room Scene Of Christmas Party

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Oden had their annual Christmas party Sunday in the Community Building. A lovely tree featuring red ornaments served as the decorations. The menu consisted of turkey and dressing and all the trimmings. Attending were Cleve Thompson, Peterburg, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Duncan and son of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Thompson and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Coyt Thompson and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Thompson and girls, all of Peterburg. Mr. and Mrs. Shory Kirk and boys, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Oden, all of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Granvill Lee Oden, Lovington, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bulls and children, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Houston Oden, all of Earth.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Martin and family, Amarillo, were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alice Martin and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cole.

## LCC Associates Enjoy Christmas Party Thursday

The L. C. C. Associates had their Christmas party Thursday night in the community building. Individual card tables were set up. Each was laid with a white tablecloth bearing a centerpiece of holly and green candles. The serving table was laid with a white Christmas tablecloth, adorned by a lovely arrangement of Poinsettia and holly. The buffet style dinner consisted of ham, chicken, an assortment of salads, hot rolls, pie and coffee. After dinner, the group enjoyed games of 42. Hostesses for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cleavinger, Mr. and Mrs. Jearl James, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Branscum, and

## Hello World

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Faulkenberry, Floydada, are the proud parents of a baby boy born December 3 in the Luckney Hospital. The infant weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, was 21 inches long, and has been named Joe Scott. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Crill Bulls of Earth and great-grandmother is Mrs. Dora Bulls, also of Earth. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Faulkenberry, of Floydada. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Robnett are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Saturday, December 18, at the Littlefield Hospital. Mr. Moore is employed at Marjorie Ann, as the baby has

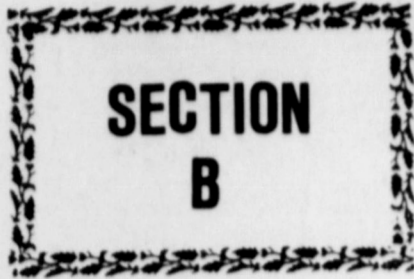
## NOTICE

The bookmobile will be in Earth and Springlake on Thursday, December 30, and in Pleasant Valley on Friday. Christmas Day Mass at 10:30 a. m., in the Earth Theater will be observed for Catholic people in the Earth area. Everyone is welcome. Anyone wishing to donate any funds to the Lions Club Santa Claus, and haven't had a chance to do so, contact Roger Haberer, Dutch Beem or Neil Pounds. The goal is \$750. Won't you make your contribution today.

## PARTY LINE

Christmas Eve dinner guests in the W. H. Jones home will be Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Phillips, Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Kelley and family, Holly, Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Cary Latham and son, Mr. and Mrs. John Bridges and family and Mrs. H. C. Chatman, all of Earth, and Earl McNeil, Springlake.

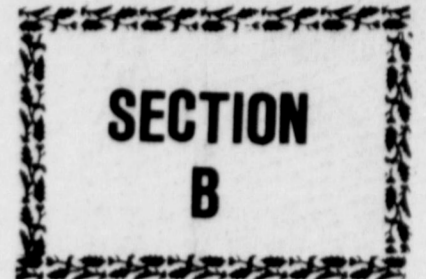




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## Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,

I'm a little boy that is 3 years old and have tried to be a good boy this year. I would like to have cowboy guns, cowboy boots, cowboy horse, and a Tonka dump truck. Don't forget my little sister,

Michelle, that is 1 year old. She wants a Chatty Cathy Baby Doll, a musical bunny, lots of pull-toys, and a top. She's been a pretty good girl when she's not bothering me. Don't forget all of my cousins and friends. I hope you're not forgotten either so I'll have

some milk and cookies waiting for you.

Love,  
Mark and Michelle Boone  
Star Route 2  
Olton, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am 4 year old this Christmas, and have been pretty good. I would like to have a tricycle and a toy school bus. I saw you in Clovis last week and you sure were pretty.

We live in Bovina now, but I will be at Earth for Christmas, so you can leave my toys at Memaw Norene's and at Grandma and Papaw Messer's.

Your little friend,  
Tod Herring

Dear Santa,

I am a boy, five years old. And I would like you to bring me a bicycle. I have a little sister 9 months old. Would you bring her something to play with too? I've been good this year.

Love,  
Jimmy Don Randolph

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl. I am 5 years old. Will you please bring me an electric cook stove and a baby first step doll. Don't forget all the other little girls and boys.

Daniel is my little brother. He is 3 years old. He wants to write some in this letter too.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a John Deere tractor and plows to fit it. Also bring me a farm set with lots of cows and horses.  
Don't forget mother and daddy!

Love,  
Lesa and Daniel Higgins  
Hart, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

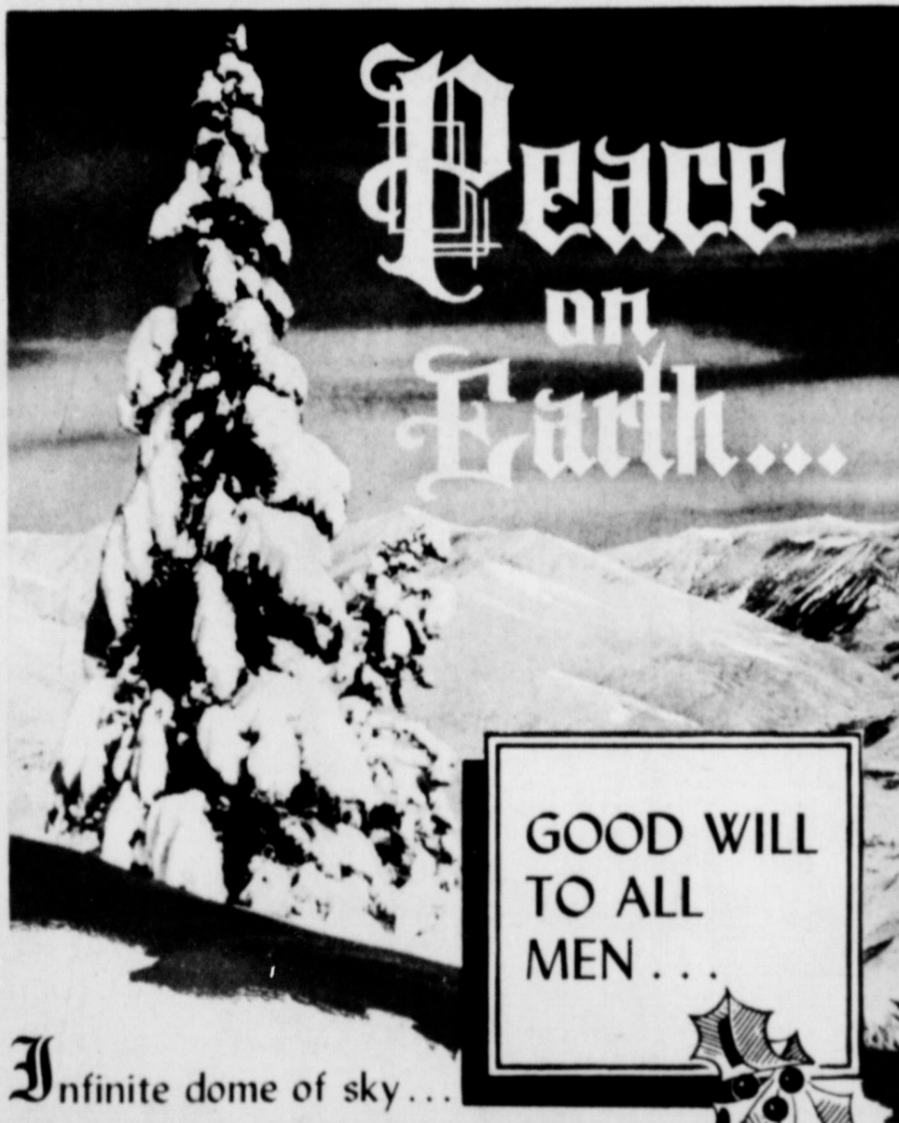
I want you to bring me a B-B gun. Bring me a tool set, a pair of boots, and a pair of spurs.

Thanks,  
Ardis Conner



May it brighten your holiday and last thru' the year

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Infinite dome of sky...  
Still earth swathed in white.  
In the serenity of Nature  
We sense lasting harmony.

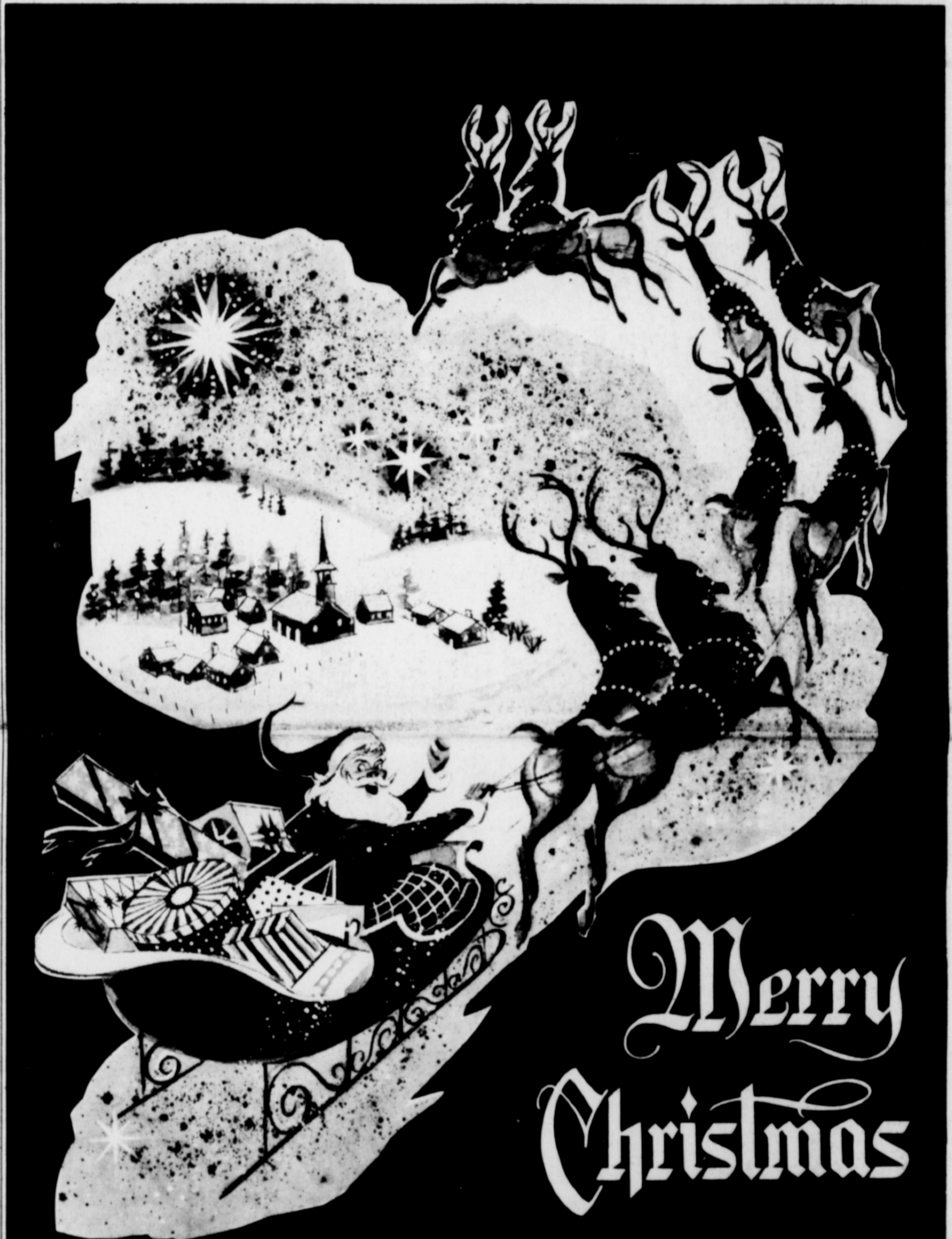
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Letters to



Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Mark Barton. I am six years old. I have been a good boy all year. I want a Super crane, a trap set, a give a show projector, Duffy's Dare-devils, Verroom cement mixer, James Bond 007 Road Race set, a Johnny Express Truck, and a Johnny Eagle rifle.

Your friend,  
Mark Barton,

Dear Santa,

I have been pretty good this year. And would like for you to bring me a few toys this year.

A construction set, with dump trucks and all, army suit and gun. And maybe a tractor and some plows.

I just had a birthday and I am six years old. Thank you.

Love,  
Brent Hedrick-Sunnyside

Dear Santa,

I am 2 1/2 years old and want some toys to match my big brothers. A John Deere tractor like my Pap Pa's with lots of plows.

We will leave you something to eat if you have time to stop.

Love,  
Bryan Hedrick-Sunnyside

Dear Santa Claus,

I think I've been pretty good this year, but I will try to be better from now till Christmas. Would you please bring me Barbie's little sister, Skipper, and with it I would like some clothes.

Thank You  
Brenda Bolinger

Dear Santa,

My name is Pamela. I am 6 years old. I have two brothers and two sisters. I hope you bring all the girls and boys what they want for Christmas. I have been a fair girl. I want a bike,



WILL CHRISTMAS EVER REALLY GET HERE... Members of Mrs. Mildred Haley's Class are shown as they look at the Christmas scene wondering if December 25 will ever really get here. Shown are Dyke Gaston, Alice Faye Adrian, Stacy Koeninger, and Marcello Bosquez.

a doll, and a wagon.

I love you, Santa,  
Pamela Eagle

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope I've been good so far, I think I have. Would you please bring me Tiny Tears doll. Would you also bring me some clothes.

Thank you,  
Bobbie Bolinger

Dear Santa Claus,

Would you please bring me a Baby Boo doll, I think I have been good this year.

Thank you,  
Beverly Bolinger

P.S. Would you please bring me some clothes too.

Dear Santa,

I have been a pretty good boy, but I will try to be better from now on to Christmas. Would you please bring me new pajamas some rollerskates, and a bicycle with trainer-wheels. Please bring my big sister some clothes and my big brother a 22 gun.

Thank you,  
Mark Bridge

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a 10 speed racer for Christmas. And I would like a pair of walkie-talkie's too. And a chemistry set, a model rocket and model car, and plane. I would like a James Bond secret agent set too.

I would like a army set, and G. I. Joe. And a puppet and typewriter, and a bow and arrow set. I would like some books, to read too. I would like a pellet gun a 22 rifle and 12 gauge shotgun. I would like a James Bond 007 secret agent game, and others, I would like a 4 speed record player too. I would like some puppets, a vacu-u-form and thingmaker. I would like a tella scope too. I would also like a James Bond 007 secret agent racing set, and a train set. And I would like a campers set to go with the pup tent. And most of all I would like a good Christmas tree and enough money to pay for present for everybody. I know I won't get all of this but, I am just wishing. And I would like a 16 inch portable T.V. and type writer. And I would like electric tooth brush.

Jimmy Smith

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a skeeter, super ball, easy money, and a bingo set. Bring my sister a ring bracelet, a freshy doll too. I have been good and so has my sister. Bring my mother a dress, a necklace, and a some teflon things. She has been a good mother and so has my father. Bring my father a tie, a hat and pair handkerchief with his initials on it. J. A.

Thank-you,  
Your friend,  
Ruby

Dear Santa,

I want a go cart with twin en-

of presents and your reindeer will be dragging the ground. I was just writing to make a list of things that I would like to have. I have so many I don't know whether I can name them all. I've been a good boy because I haven't had a spanken yet (that is yet). I want a watch, a football, and a mouse trap game. A new cowboy hat, B.B. gun.

Your friend  
Gail

P.S. Is your nose a cherry or Jello.

Dear Santa,

I want a doll that cries, a ba-

ton, a bottle for the doll, a creepy crawler set, some nice warm pajamas, and some clothes. Hope you have a nice Christmas.

Your friend,  
Francee Faver

Dear Santa,

My name is Bobby Denzel Merck. I would like to know if I could have a walkie talkie, a football field, and a pool table for Christmas this year. After Christmas I am going to have lots of fun when school is out.

Your friend,

Bobby C. Merck  
P.S. Thank you.

Dear Santa,

How are you? Fine I hope.. Here is what I want for Christmas. I want a football suit for Christmas. Oh and help your self to the things in the kitchen.

Sincerely yours  
Mark Waide

Dear Santa Clause,

I will have something for you.

I hope you like it. I would like a G. I. Joe paratrooper set, a man from Uncle Sam set, the Chemistry set with everything, and a Marisman air pistol.

Your friend,  
Jerry K. Brock

P.S. I would like a tropical catfish, pocket light, and snap shot camera.



# Season's Best to All

have a happy Christmas!

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May your Christmas be bright and merry. Thanks to all our friends for their loyalty. A happy holiday to you all!

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The Fashion Shop  
Muleshoe, Texas

# Star of Wonder...

The miraculous light of a star shone in the heavens, and angel voices heralded the coming of the Saviour, on that Holy Night nearly two thousand years ago. May the spirit of the Nativity... the awe and wonder of simple shepherds, the rejoicing and reverence of the wise men... be with us in this blessed Christmas season, and may it inspire us always in our hope for peace, brotherhood and understanding.

## Plainview Co-op Compress, Inc.

John McQuien, Manager  
Three Miles East of Plainview on Lockney Highway



**Letters to Santa Claus**

sockem, But I will be happy with what ever you give me,

Yours truly,  
David Hinchliffe

Dear Santa Claus,

I want some western clothes and some white shoes that has a zipper in the back, I want a record-player and some records, I hope next time my sister-in-law has a baby, she has a girl. I also, wish Mrs. Hawthorne would move me behind my boyfriend,

Love,  
Vickie McClure,

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a Matel Power

Shop, I also want a bicycle and a electric train, I would like a vacu-form Thing-maker, so I can scare my friends,

Your best friend,  
Juan Delson

Dear Santa,

I would like a new bicycle for Christmas and a new dog to put in my collection, I would also like some new clothes,

Your Friend,  
Jimmy Packard,

Dear Santa,

I hope my brother Joe comes home for Christmas so we can go to see my other brother Jerry be-

fore he leaves San Antonio, I also hope I get an electric racing car for Christmas,

Your friend,  
Sandy Germandez

Dear Santa,

I want a 22 and a nylon rope. And I hope my horse has her colt on Christmas eve, I would also like a set of walky-talky,

Your truly,  
Aaron Scheller

Dear Santa,

How are you? Do you know what I want for Christmas I want some creepy crawlers and any thing else you want to bring me

and don't forget my mama and daddy,

Love,  
Melissa Been

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a granny dress, a baton and pair of house shoes and a Babby Boo please,

And a Mary Christmas to every-one else and to your wife please,

Love,  
Brenda Merck

P. S. Thank you

Dear Santa,

I would like an O.M. Sonic Blaster and a Getaway Chase

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Game from A. M. F. The O. M. Sonic Blaster is from Mattel, I would like to get an army gun,

Sincerely yours,  
Monty Price

Dear Santa,

This year my letter is short but I like it. Please send me a real horse and something you think I'd like,

Your great friend,  
Kent Lewis

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a Duffy's Daredevils set, an 007 set, a

Tric Trac game, and a 93" x 50" x 31" pool table,

Your friend,  
Brad Haley

Dear Santa,

Please send me a watch for Christmas,

Yours truly,  
Ann Marroy

Dear Santa,

I want a Super girl Suit and a slinky and play dishes, I am trying to be a good girl,

Love,  
Mary Lou Jackson

Dear Saint Nick,

I have been a good girl this year, I want a bunch of clothes for Christmas, I want lots of presents too, I want a Midge, Ken, and Allen doll, and all their clothes too,

Love,  
LaJuana G. Marshall

Dear Santa,

I want a Play-Mobile, We have a Christmas tree, We have blinking lights, We will save you milk and cake,

Love,  
Jimmy Mann  
Box 436  
Earth, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am 4 years old and have been pretty good, I would like for you to bring me a Barbie Doll and some clothes for it, and a suitcase to put the clothes in, Please go see all the other boys and girls,

Love,  
Elaine Bills

Dear Santa,

I want a baby Boo doll for Christmas, and some clothes for it,

Thank you, Santa,  
Marquetta James

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a machine gun, I want a stocking with candies and lots of cookies,

Love,  
William Flores

Dear Santa,

I would like to get a pair of black shoes, a wallet, a football uniform and a football, Last of all I would like to get a watch, Please get me a present of your own for my birthday after Christmas,

Your Friend,  
Freddy Aguirre

Dear Santa,

I want a radio, a gun rack, a battery recharger and a rockem



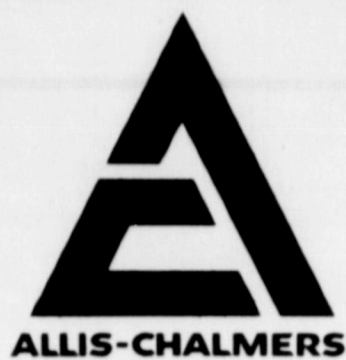
"THE MADONNA AND CHILD ENTHRONED" is a 15th century representation of a favorite subject for artists. Painted in tempera on wood, it is the work of Fra Filippo Lippi, a Florentine who is known for his use of color and graceful line. From The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Jules S. Bach Collection, 1949.

Peace on Earth



...good will toward men!  
Wishing you a bright, happy holiday.

**Hammons Funeral Home**  
LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS



**MAY THE  
SEASON'S  
JOYS BE YOURS**

May Santa's bounty brighten every heart and fill your house with children's laughter. And may the spirit of Christmas be with you and your loved ones throughout the year!

**GIVE B & P IMPLEMENT CO. OF DIMMITT A TRIAL**

**B & P IMPLEMENT COMPANY**  
DIMMITT, TEXAS



## Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,

I am in the First grade, I have been good, I want a doll and some new clothes, and bring lots of candy, nuts, and fruit, Don't forget my brothers and sister,

Terri Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bibby rifle, I like it so much, I want it please, I want a stocking with candies and cookies,

George Flores

Dear Santa,

I would like a baby doll in a cradle for Christmas, And some stretch pants and blouse, I got some new shoes today, So I do

not need new shoes, My sister wants a walking doll, And my brother wants some guns, That is all I can said,

From Debbie Sue Johnson

Dear Santa,

I wolk like to have a doll for Christmas,

Love,  
Ginger

Dear Santa,

I would like a real go-cart for Christmas,

Thank you  
Freddie James

Dear Santa Clause,

I would like to have a model



CHRISTMAS IS A FUN TIME for Pre-First grade students, taught by Mrs. Lois Moore. Shown decorating this tree are Tina Sanchez, Jessie Camado, Joe Garza, and Josie Montreal.

airplane, glove and some fruits and also some candies for Christmas. That is all for this year,

Your friend,  
David Lynn Carr

Dear Santa,

I would like a Singray bike and a taperecorder, especially a bike, I would also like a B-B gun. You haven't been giving me very good things, so that's why I want the most expensive things this Christmas,

Your friend,  
Rick Blair

P. S. Don't forget the Brylcream with the good looking girl in it, Brylcream a little dab al do ya,

Dear Santa Claus,

I want you to get me a bicycle, How are you, We are find, I like you,

Your friend,  
Linda Cantrell

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bike for Christmas, Will you bring me one?

Robert

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope every body has a happy Christmas, I want a watch and a camera, I want a Creepy Crawler set,

Your friend,  
Hal Wood

Dear Santa,

I want a Baby Cherly and some new shoes and the record Her-men Hermits. And I want a new bicycle.

Love always,  
Gay Ellis

Dear Santa,

I want a husky dog I want it to be fat and white, Let it be fluffy so I can name him fluffy,

Your friend,  
Sheila Lewis

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? We are fine, You better have a big sleigh, and strong reindeer, Help everyone all around the world to get what they want or need,

Scott Lee

P. S. I will make the chimney bigger,

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year so would you please bring me a baton and don't forget my brother David,

Thank you,  
Shelly Bitner,

Dear Santa,

I am a girl in the second grade, I like Christmas time,

I would like a Chalkboard and some games, I would also like a Bible and baton,

Love,  
Kleta Kay Haberer

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bicycle,

From Earth,

Dear Santa,

I want a leather football and a trick track, Don't forget other boys and girls,

Thank you Santa,  
Kreg Stockstill

Dear Santa,

I want some skates please, Bring some skates to my home,

From Rosa de la Cuz

Dear Santa,

I want a Johnny Seven Gun and a G. I. Joe and a big Boss truck and cars and a pickup, And a woodpecker, Mr. Edd, Herman Munster, and talking rabbit puppets, Also a pig and clown puppet,

Kenneth Wimberley,

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll, Send me a pretty

dress and shoes,

Eva Garza,

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl six years old, Please bring me a "Baby Peaches" doll and a nurse set,

Thank you,  
Love, Toni Inglis

Dear Santa,

I wish I had a Bicycle, I wish I had a gun, I wish I had a car, I wish I had a ball and bat, I wish I had some boots, I wish I had a hat, I wish I had some toys, I wish I had a boat,

From Mickey Runyon

## Christmas Greetings

The Christmas candle reflects the bright spirit in which we send you our best wishes for a Season filled with Joy and Happiness.



**HERBERT DUNN**

COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR - COLLECTOR  
LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS



## A Very Merry Christmas

We take this happy time of year to wish you all the joys of the Holiday Season, and to join all men of good will in a prayer for worldwide peace and understanding. May your Holidays be merry and bright!

**County Judge I. B. Davis and Wife Joy**

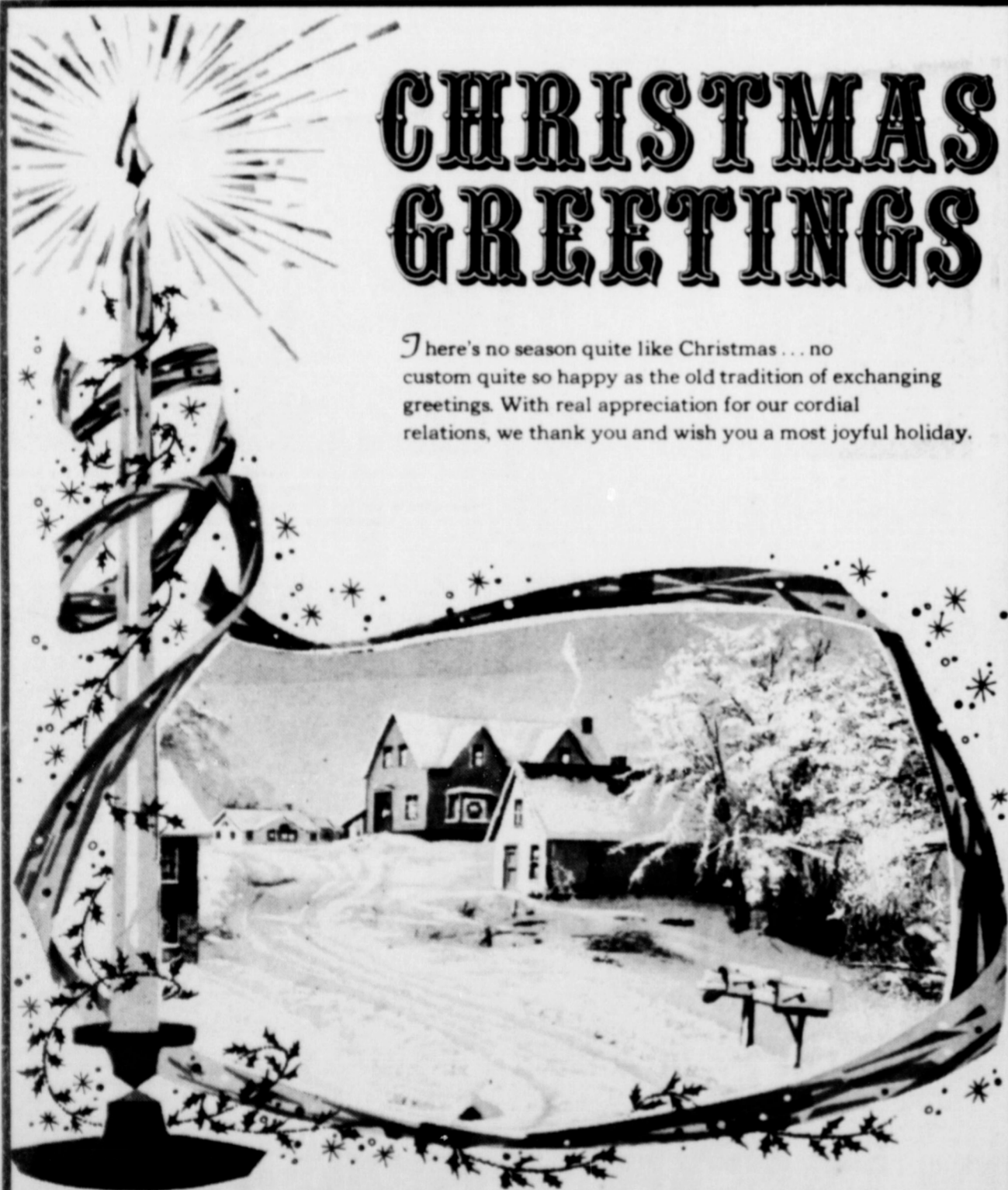
Candidate For  
Re-Election In 1966

Littlefield, Texas

Re-Elect  
J. B. Davis County Judge

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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



**HARVEY BASS APPLIANCE**  
MULESHOE, TEXAS

# JOY to the WORLD

'...the glory of the Lord shone 'round about...'

The trees stand like mute sentries, shouldering their burden of snow. No creature stirs, no wind whispers, no twig snaps, no bird calls. Silently, heart to heart, may Man experience like communion this Christmastime.

**FRANCIS IMPLEMENT**

**YOUR FORD TRACTOR DEALER**

MULESHOE, TEXAS

PHONE 6020

Letters to



Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll with cloes, And a baton. And a creepy-Crawler.

Love, Joy Faver

Dear Santa,

How are you, I hope fine, I want a football suit and a Football. I like you,

Love, Rusty Waide

Dear Santa,

You will not be able come down our chimney because we don't have one. So I guess you will have to come through the door. Have I been good this year? What I want from you is



CLASSROOM AGLOW WITH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS... While the days for Holiday vacations, Christmas feasting and gift-giving seem never to arrive, Pictured are two of the decorators of Mr. Don Watkins Classroom. They are Paul Monreal, and Isais Hernandez.

an electric football game, and a football. Well, guess I'll see you Christmas if not sooner. Your friend, Randy Adrian P. S. If I leave something on the table to eat be sure to eat it cause if you don't I pertaine might.

Dear Santa, I only want two things from you

for Christmas. Because other children want some, too. These are the two gifts I want, a etch-a-sketch and some clothes for my doll.

Love, Effie Crocker

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a wood burning set, a new bike, some more plastic for my vac-u-form, a box of candy, and a creepy crawler.

Yours truly, Jimmy Coker

Dear Santa,

My name is LaDonna Franklin. I live at a gas camp. I do not have a chimney in my house, but you can come through the front door because we're leaving it unlocked. I have tried to be a good girl. Please, do give me very many toys because I do not deserve them.

Your truly, La Donna

Dear Santa,

I just wanted to ask a few questions and make a list of things I want. 1. Is Rudolph still your lead reindeer? 2. Is your tummy really jell-o? 3. Is your nose really a cherry? 4. How do you go back up a chimney? 5. How do you reindeerly? 6. How is the weather in the North pole? 7. Who is your hair dresser? 8. What is your phone number? What time will you be at My house? 10. How do you stay so warm

in that cold weather? Now I'd like the things I would like. 1. Secret Sam. 2. A baby brother. 3. A cowboy hat. 4. A football suit. 5. My own room. and 6. A OO7.

From Steve Morgan

Dear Santa,

I want a baton and a Barbie and a lunch pail and a Rudolph, the red nose reindeer that talks, and a hostess buffet and a bal-arena suit and a bicycle. I hope you all have a nice Christmas.

Peggy Gregory

Dear Santa,

I would like a 26 in. bike, a tric trac, a lieutenant by Johnny Eagle, a radio rifle, and a jet coder. But most of all I would like a peperment stick a foot long and two inches around.

Love, Steve Stephens

Dear Santa Claus

First I want to thank you for all the things you have brought me in the past. This year I would like some clothes and trucks and some farm animals and anything else you think I might like don't forget my older sisters and Moma and Daddy. These will be some hot chocolate for you.

Love, Derrell Brown

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a football, and 2 games. One game is called Bosh and the game is called Operation. I want a little Moline tractor, and a trailer, and a tandem. I want a sleeping bag to go scouting next summer.

Your friend, Evan Hamilton

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bike, and a barbie doll, a talking dog, and a teddybear, and Larry the Lion. If you bring it to me I'll say Thank You.

Rosie Acevedo

Watch Over Young And the Elderly During Holidays

At holiday time, Americans are asked to be particularly watchful over small children and elderly persons who are too often the victims when fire occurs, the American Insurance Association said today.

The highest death rate by fire is among persons 65 years of age or over, largely because they are often unable to help themselves escape from a burning building.

The next highest death rate is among children under 5 years old, and again they become victims because they do



STUDENTS ARE READY FOR JOLLY OLD ST. NICK. These first grade students of Mrs. Lola Sanderson have written Santa Claus letters, decorated the school room, and now are patiently waiting for Christmas. Front row left to right, Tomash Ozuna, Hortencia Rodriguez, Deloris Marquez, and Tony Garcia. Back row, Margarita Garza, Richard Weaver, Tony Longoria, and Lizando Villareal.

not know what to do in a fire emergency.

If you have elderly people or small children in your home, draw up an escape plan under which adults and older children will see to it that the elderly and the young get out of the house if fire occurs.

Keep Oven Clean, Prevent a Fire

Many people have a roast or fowl for Christmas dinner. But no matter what you prepare, be sure the oven has been scoured

before the cooking begins, says the American Insurance Association.

Accumulated grease in your oven or on the stove can cause a kitchen fire and destroy your Christmas dinner and possibly your home, too.



thanks to all our loyal patrons.

SUNSET DRIVE IN

EARTH, TEXAS

Dear Santa,

I would like a wood burning set, a new bike, some more plastic for my vac-u-form, a box of candy, and a creepy crawler.

Yours truly, Jimmy Coker

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Jesus' Birth -- in Pictures



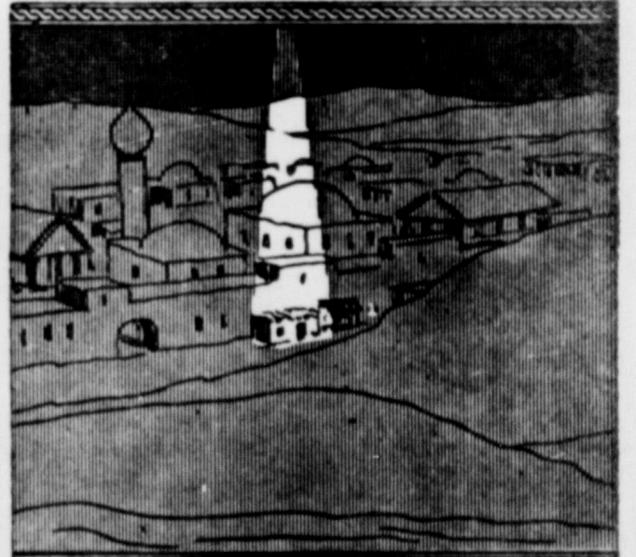
SHEPHERDS were tending their sheep in the hills near Bethlehem. For them it was an ordinary night--or so it seemed; quiet and peaceful, far away from the noise and din of the crowded city. But the night was to be one the humble shepherds would long remember and it began when there burst upon the night a bright and glorious star.



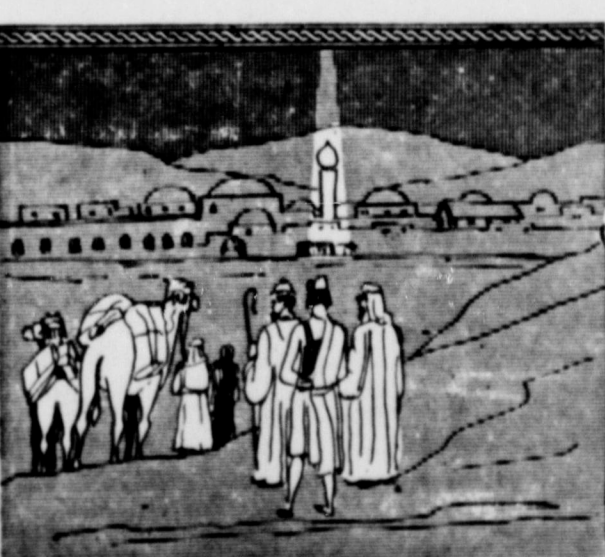
AND THE ANGELS appeared to the shepherds who were watching their sheep on the hillside, bringing to them the glorious news that the Saviour had been born in a stable at Bethlehem. The humble shepherds were filled with fear. "Fear not," the angels said, instructing them to go forth and find the infant King wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in the manger.



THREE WISE MEN, three kings of the Orient, were much concerned with the star. They considered it a sign, a special sign, given to aid them in their search for a true and divine King. They had traveled far and were tired and weary but the star brought new hope so they followed its light to Bethlehem, where the search was ended.



IN BETHLEHEM it was registration time and the homes and inns were crowded to overflowing. Practically every available shelter was pressed into use. One family, unable to find lodgings elsewhere, had taken refuge in a particular stable. And it was about this very humble stable that the light from the star seemed to gather and shine.

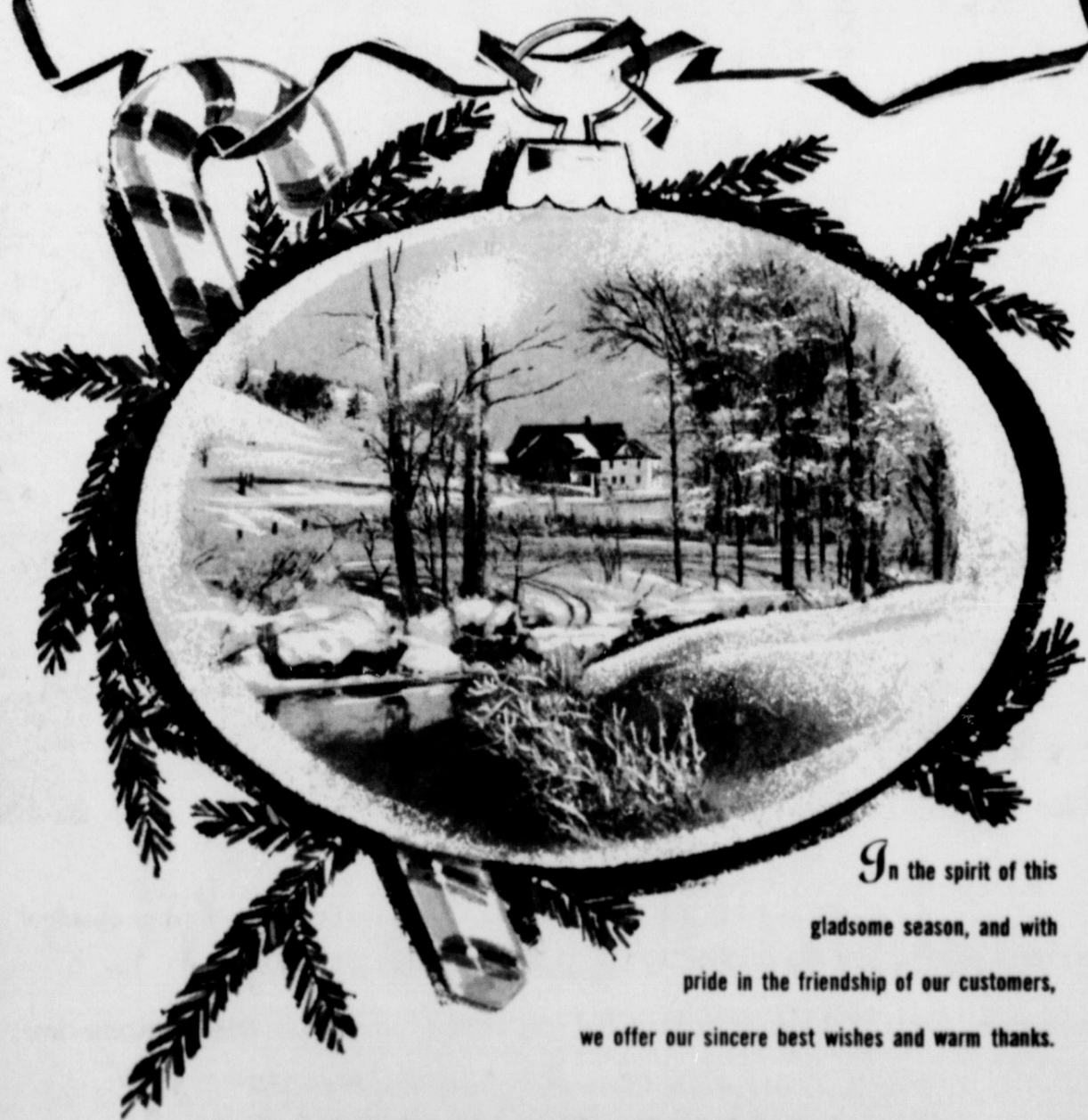


TO THE STABLE at Bethlehem there came a chosen few the humble shepherds whose fears were gone and whose hearts were now filled with joy and happiness. And, humbly too, came the three wise kings who had followed the brightness of the star until it came to rest above the crude and simple stable where the newborn King was waiting.



THERE IN A MANGER the Holy Child lay sleeping, the comforting arms of His Mother over near. And they knelt before this Child, shepherds and kings, bearing gifts. And on this holy night the angels sang, "Hosanna! Hosanna!" and there was joy and peace in the world. The promised Redeemer is born and mankind shall seek eternal salvation in His Name.

SEASON'S GREETINGS



In the spirit of this

gladsome season, and with

pride in the friendship of our customers,

we offer our sincere best wishes and warm thanks.

ALLENS HOME FURNISHINGS

DIMITT, TEXAS

BEN FRANKLIN STORE

Muleshoe, Texas

128 Main St.



THE STOCKINGS WERE HUNG BY THE CHIMNEY WITH CARE in hopes that St. Nick soon would be there. This lovely twosome, children of Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Hulcy are eager for Christmas morn and the big moment when at last gifts from Santa will have arrived. Gregory is 2 and Kareen, 5. (Seems they also have a stocking for Kristy, a neighbor lass, and bosom buddy of Kareen's.

doll and a set of dishes and a table and a lot of fruit. I will close for now.

Your truly,  
Joyce Thomas.  
Dear Santa,

How are you this year? I am fine, and have been pretty good so for Christmas I'd like a Baby First Step doll and a hand puppet. I live in Midland but will be at my grandparents (the Messer's) Christmas Eve. They have fire place so I'll be looking for you to come down it. (Hope Grandmamma has it cleaned out so you won't get dirty.) Bye until then.

Love u,  
Donita Lea.

Dear Santa,

My name is Mary Ann Spencer I am 7 years old and I am in the first grade. Is there a real santa claus, if there is for Christmas I would like a doll and dishes and a cooking stove and some play earrings.

Merry Christmas,  
Yours truly,  
Mary Ann

Dear Santa,

I am five years old and live West of town. I have tried to be a good boy this year.

Would you please remember all children this Christmas, I would like a pair of western boots and a cement mixer. Snoop (our cat) really needs a collar, Maribeth

would like a suction rattle.

Love,  
Jim Laing

P.S. We will leave you a glass of milk by the tree.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a little toy drum and a toy train, and a little air rifle.

From Bobby De La Gaya.

Dear Santa Claus,

First I want to thank you for all the nice presents you have left for me in the past. This year I would like some clothes and a guitar and trucks and some farm animals and anything else you think I might like, don't

forget my sisters and mama and daddy. There will be something for you under the tree.

Love,  
Tommy Brown.

Dear Santa,

I think that I have been a nice girl this year. I have helped my mother as much as I should have. So I think I would like a bicycle for Christmas.

Yours truly,  
Dora Ortiz

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bonanza saddle set and a pool table. My brother wants a tricycle

and a G. I. Joe. We have been good boys. Thank you.

Brad Palmer,

Dear Santa,

I am seven years old. I want a Baby name Me, and doll clothes for baby name Me. I like you.

Love,  
Nesha Lewis.

Dear Santa,

I am eight years old. I hope you come to my house this year. I want a doll for Christmas.

Love,  
Quency Lewis.

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At this season of joy our Heavenly Father, we render thanks to Thee for the gift of eternal life given so freely in the person of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. May we humbly, by faith accept Thy gift.

Amen.



The  
**ELECTRIC**  
Company



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## Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old and in the first grade. I have been a pre-

trailer. Don't forget all my little friends and cousins.

Love,  
Rodney Getzler

Please bring me a bicycle, a combat set and a scooter. Bring my little brother Gregg a big tractor and a pickup and

Dear Santa,  
I want a play winchester with

shells and electric football and some spurs and to get out of school.

Terry Blanton.

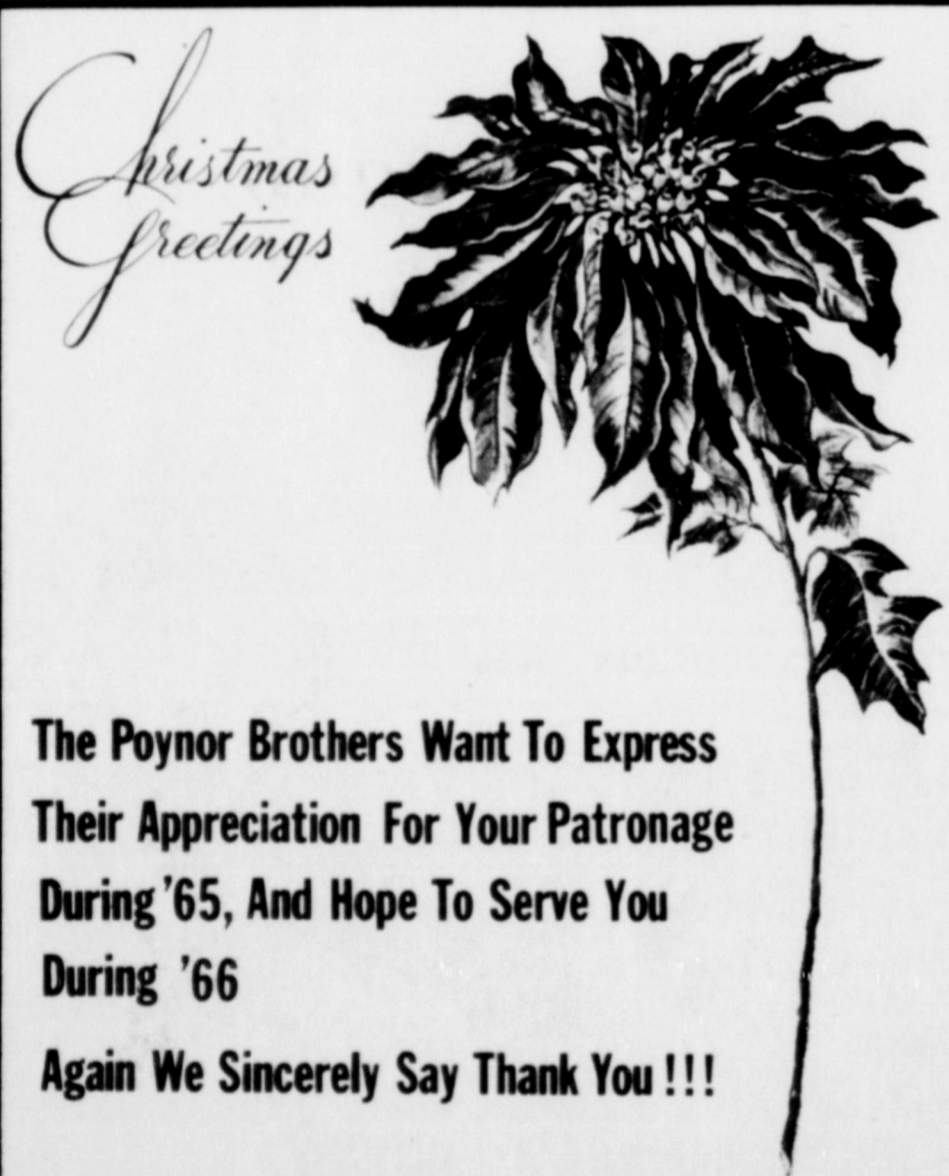
Dear Santa,

I would like a Erector set and a control plane and a football a Duffy's daredevil.

Love,  
Cliff Wood

Dear Santa,

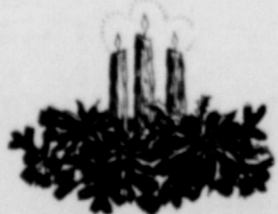
While sitting here with Christmas on my mind, I'll drop you a few lines to tell you what I want for Christmas, I want a



The Poynor Brothers Want To Express Their Appreciation For Your Patronage During '65, And Hope To Serve You During '66  
Again We Sincerely Say Thank You !!!

**POYNOR'S WHITE STORE, INC.**

MULESHOE, TEXAS



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

WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS THIS YEAR AND HOPE TO SERVE YOU IN 1966.

SUDAN, TEXAS

**FEEDER'S GRAIN**

SUDAN, TEXAS

## Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

I want a paino and a tearie dearie doll for Christmas.

Karen Eagle

Dear Santa,

I would like a Johnny Eagle rifle and if you could bring me it I wish you would if you can.

Tim Valencia Jr.

Dear Santa,

I want a big B-B rifle. I see it in television all time. It's my favorite toy. I like it very much.

Please send it to me if you can.

From Lupe Salinas.



GIFT WRAPPING TIME IS A FAMILY AFFAIR at the Wilson Lewis home. Gathered around the table to help with the fun project is Samuel, 12, Mr. Lewis, Mitchell, 13, Quency, 8, Neshia, 7, and Mrs. Lewis.

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy four years old, I have been a good boy this year, Would you please bring me a tool box full of tools, a foot-

ball and helmet, and a gun belt. Also fill my stocking with oranges, apples, and nuts.  
Thank you,  
Lexie Fennell

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FROM QUEBEC? "Angels We Have Heard on High" is a French carol, although some sources say that it originated not in France but in Quebec, Canada.

# Greetings



We wish you the greatest

joys of the season...

a festive holiday in a happy home

where family and friends gather to exchange

gifts and greetings, to light the fire, trim the

tree, bask in the warmth of real affection.

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK

MEMBER F.D.I.C.

AMHERST, TEXAS



wishing our patrons much joy this festive season. Cheers!

### EARTH FLORAL

EARTH, TEXAS

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a big girls bike, baton, and a watch.

Thank you,  
From Kelley Haydon

Dear Santa,

I don't want anything but a pair of boots, Western boots. I have been very good and when I get my shots I don't cry. I am three years old and my baby sister is three month old. Please bring her a rattler.

Remember all good little children, Would you like some juice under the tree?

I love you,  
Stewart Laing

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bicycle and fill my stocking with candy. Bring my brother a horse and my sister a dog.

Remember I have moved to the Hodge house and have been a good girl.

Love,  
Petra Lewis

Dear Santa,

Please bring us a Barbie car and Barbie house. Bring my new little sister a teddy bear. We've been acting real nice and thank you.

Penney and Diane Hodnett



# Peace at Christmas

Joy to the world...the Lord has come! May the spirit of love and understanding the Christ Child inspires each Christmas remain in our hearts in days to come...leading us ever closer to the realization of peace on earth... good will toward men. Merry Christmas, everyone!

## We Are Thankful

To Have Had The Pleasure  
of Serving You

and

We Sincerely Hope This Has Been  
A Prosperous Season For You and Yours.

WE WISH YOU THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAY  
SEASONS FROM ALL THE EMPLOYEES AT...

**EARTH GIN CO.**  
**SERVICE SEED & DELINTING CO.**

### Letters to



### Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas. A movie projector, a nurses kit, a puppy dog, a trampoline and a watch.

Margaret Street

Dear Santa,

I would like a football, football shoes, a big bicycle and a real B-B gun. I am in the second grade at Springlake School.

Love,  
Randy Bills

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy three years old. I have been a good boy this year. Would you please bring me a football and helmet, a tool box full of tools, and a gun belt. Also fill my stockings with oranges, apples, and nuts.

Thank you,  
Rex Fennell

Dear Santa Claus,

I like a bicycle, and a toy car, and a little gun, and I'd like a sled. I like a bat and ball, I like a little fish, I like a football.

Your friend,  
Oscar

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a electric train and a Johnny Express for Christmas.

Your friend Gregory Welch

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bike for Christmas. I want to put it on my house.



IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME IN EARTH and the Edwin O'Hair Family, like all families in the area are busy wrapping and tying gifts, decorating the tree, and selecting their favorite recipes for Christmas feasting. They are Danny 12, Brenda 16, and Billy 8.

Bring some for my brothers.

Love,  
Donald Montlanyo

Dear Santa,

First of all I want to thank you for giving us presents under the Christmas tree. I want a sewing machine, a creepy crawler, and a baton. And I don't know how many presents from mother and daddy. Don't you like to think of Christmas all year round? I do very much. Merry Christmas to everybody!

Your Christmas friend,  
Lisa Clayton

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a set of books. And I would like to have a Quizma game. A camera with film in it and a bracelet with charms on it.

Your Christmas friend,  
Kim Barnett

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a German Shepherd dog.

Eladio

Dear Santa Claus,

Here I am telling you that I want a play doll, that is all that I want. I do not know if you are going to bring them to school. I hope you will bring me what I want.

Your truly,  
Sylvia Salas

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bike with two wheels on the back. I have been so nice! That's what my mother said. Will you please send it to

me? I am in the third grad. I live in Earth, Texas.

By Linda Grace Burela Mendez

Dear Santa Clause,

I want a dog. And I want a monkey. I want a talking doll. I want a horse. I want a chain for my dog. And I want a purse and I want some dishes. And I want two Barbies dolls.

Varie Dela Cerda

Dear Santa Claus,

This is what I want for Christmas. I want a secret Sam. a rifle, a skizzezy, a world globe, a play station, and a train.

Henry

Dear Santa,

I like to have Barbie doll for me and for my sister. Candy too.

Your truly,  
Corinna Morules

Dear Santa Clause:

I wish for some dolls and some toys for my brothers. I want some dolls for my sister. And some for my little brother. And I love you very mach. Now good by for now.

Norma Garza

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a new bike with two-speed automatic gears. The color must purple. I will soon

be 9 years old just 6 days before your visit.

I have a little brother who is 5 years old. His name is Kent. He will start to school next year. He also wants a pretty bike.

We would like any other surprises that you might have for us Santa. Our stockings will be hanging by our Christmas tree. We like nuts, candies and fruit.

Bye for now Santa,  
Your friends,  
Kevin and Kent Hinson

Santa Claus this is what I can say for you.

Love,  
Ernesto Elizondo

Dear Santa Claus,

I want Barbie doll for Christmas and I want some dishes for Christmas and I want a game for Christmas.

Delores,

Dear Santa,

I want a big real, big red, racing bicycle.

Esequiel



O COME  
LET US  
ADORE HIM!

## Yuletide Wishes



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May your holiday be filled with happiness

We take pleasure at this time in expressing our appreciation

for your patronage. All good wishes!

**JACKSON FORD, INC.**

Earth, Texas

# Christmas Blessings



Hearts are gladdened  
and faith is  
reaffirmed, as  
we celebrate His  
Holy birth in a  
humble manger.  
Now may all  
blessings of Christmas  
be with you.



"Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Let us go and seek the Babe, as did the humble shepherds who first heard the glad tidings. We, too, can find Him — in our own hearts.

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND STAFF WISH A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE....

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OLTON, TEXAS

**Cobb's** of Muleshoe



## Joy and Reverence Mark Holy Season

Candlelight and music, pageants and prayers fill churches everywhere as Christians celebrate, at special services, the birth of Christ. The joy and wonder of Christmas, with its message of new life, hope and promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men," finds expression many ways.

In choirs singing the praises of the Babe of Bethlehem, in scenes symbolizing the birth of a Child in a manger, in the gleam of candles reflecting the light of a Star, in the sound of voices raised in carols gathered from around the world and showing the true brotherhood of man, Christmas in all its beauty and glory goes out to hearts young and old.

**"Christes Masse"**  
To Western Christian believers, December 25 carries all the deep religious meaning appropriate to the anniversary of the birth of Christ. As the date for the celebration of "Christes Masse," the Mass of Christ, it was selected some centuries after the Nativity — selected from a number of possible dates, among them January 6, March 21, March 29, April 9, May 20, September 29 and November 17.

In some Eastern Orthodox churches, Holy Night comes on January 6, Christmas Day on January 7. The Armenian church celebrates Christmas on January 19.

Generally, researchers are



IT'S THE VERY BEST TIME OF THE YEAR when classrooms are aglow with trees, lights, and gayly colored Christmas balls. . . And best of all is the lovely little students with laughing eyes, awaiting Santa's arrival. Pictured are Rodney Geisler, Scott Hopping, Bradley Palmer, Shelly Gibson, and Kim Clayton.

### EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM

—In discussing plans for the rewriting of text books by the Office of Education, Rep. Charles Teague (R-Calif.) states, "The question is simply this: Should the respon-

sibility of writing or rewriting textbooks used by our children remain with qualified educators, free of federal influence, or should it be handled by the federal government?"



May the Christmas spirit of Peace on Earth come to dwell in the hearts of all.

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**JOY TO ALL this Christmas**

**Earth Auto Parts**  
EARTH, TEXAS

agreed that the correct date and year of Christ's birth are lost in the past, although some tentative conclusions can be drawn. Since it is the meaning of the day that counts, the date that has for centuries symbolized the coming of the Saviour will undoubtedly continue its holy significance in Christendom.

To those who like to ponder on the world as it was when the Infant Jesus was born, and on the growth of Christianity, some delving into the researches about Christmas can be a rewarding experience. Any tendency to take Christmas for granted disappears in the fascinating study of the early Christian church and its growth in the face of resistance.

A comparison of Biblical references with archaeological and historical researches discloses that Christ was probably born before 4 B.C. — in other words, the present year is not 1962 of the Christian era but at least 1968.

Evidence to support this relates to the reign and death of Herod. An eclipse of the moon in 4 B.C., which coincided with a Jewish religious festival, has helped historians to fix the death of Herod at about this time — and when he died, according to the New Testa-

ment, the young Jesus, Joseph and Mary were living in Egypt.

**Date for Taxes**  
That the birth of Christ may have occurred as early as 7 B.C. is deduced from archaeological discoveries indicating that one of three major tax collections in the reign of Augustus Caesar may have taken place then.

Selection of December 25 as the birth date of Christ may have been an effort on the part of early Christian leaders to counteract the pagan appeal of the Roman Saturnalia, a festival held at the turning of the year.

### Dowries Filled Early Stockings

St. Nicholas, the early bishop who was the first Santa Claus, is also credited with originating the custom of hanging up Christmas stockings.

According to legend, he wished to provide dowries for the three daughters of a bankrupt merchant. Since he wanted the gifts to be anonymous, he tossed bags of gold down the merchant's chimney. Accidentally, the gold fell into stockings the girls had hung by the fireplace to dry.

Factual handicap is that, though St. Nicholas lived in the fourth century, stockings

weren't made with feet until the 11th century — but the Christmas stocking story is still a happy legend.

OUR FONDEST WISHES FOR A *Merry Christmas*

Knowing that we have so many wonderful friends... old and new, gives us a warm glow at this happy time! Thank you all!



MARVIN BEEN



E.A. UPCHURCH



DENNIS SIMMONS



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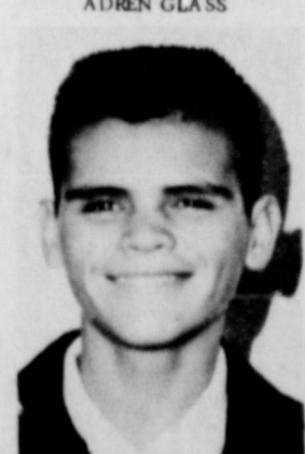
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PEDRO MOYA



AMADOR GUITERREZ

**Peace, good will toward men**

At this joyful season, may there come to every heart a glad renewal of the warming spirit of peace and good will. May we all be richly blessed, as we rededicate ourselves to the glorious message of the first Christmas.

**Watson Bros. Butane**  
SPRING LAKE, TEXAS

**EARTH OIL & GAS CO., INC.**

**DESERT CHRISTMAS**



By Shirley Bargonis  
 WE can't go home for Christmas. Bart Stockton scowled, looking from the check-

book out the huge window at the Joshua trees so he wouldn't have to meet his wife's eyes.  
 Peggy Stockton's eyes were a deep blue that contrasted with her short honey-blond hair. Usually her eyes sparkled, but now they reflected astonishment, sorrow and then welled with tears. "Oh, Bart," she cried, "are you sure we can't manage a trip to Wisconsin?" Grimly he said, "I'm positive we can't even afford a holiday



I WANT THIS, THIS and THIS for Christmas. Pictured with the old "wish book" as a guide for gifting ideas, are Gregory and Elaine Slover, children of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Slover.

week-end in Los Angeles. Our first Christmas together will have to be right here on the desert."

**Hard Luck**

"No snow," Peggy was staring out at the hot sand. "No family, no fire in the fireplace . . . why can't we go by bus if we can't afford to fly?"  
 "Hon, look around you!" Bart was tall, tanned, crew-cut and, at the bleak moment, careworn beyond his twenty-two years. "We're broke because we bought the air conditioner and the TV and because I'm not a good manager."

The Stocktons had been married in September and came straight to the modern, cement brick "hideaway" which constituted the manager's headquarters at the big desert trailer park belonging to Bart's father. They had swum, sunbathed, hiked and ridden horseback, weather permitting, reveling in the relaxing atmosphere of palms, Joshua, endless sand, and week-ends at Lake Tahoe and Las Vegas. That and each other had been enough until they had begun thinking of family, friends and winter with a certain homesickness.

Once determined on a "wonderful" Christmas to match the rest of his life, Peggy ordered a tree, greenery, lights and holly and told Bart how much it all would cost. "We can't do it and send home presents too," Bart exploded.

"We can borrow," Peggy said heatedly. "It's bad enough not to go home. At least, we can have a tree. Your father will understand."

"Oh, sure he will," Bart said bitterly. "He'll understand his own son is such a poor manager he can't even live on a generous salary."

"Hush!" Peggy chugged to him. "We're quarreling! You're right, we must economize even if we celebrate Christmas without a tree."

Visiting  
 That night she did some think-

ing about Bart's job, their future and the need for economizing. The next day she visited some of the trailers and then spent several mornings off on the desert.

**Surprised**

He came home early that afternoon to find Peggy on the patio surrounded by tumbleweeds, egg shells, pieces of manzanita and tin cans. "What's this trash doing here?" He sent a tumbleweed sailing with his foot.

"Don't do that! These things are our Christmas decorations, not trash!"

"Christmas decorations! Are you crazy?"

Peggy laughed. "I guess it looks like it, but one of the trailer women taught me how to scavenge. I'll just spray this tumbleweed white, then paint these egg shells blue and hang them on it. We'll make a picturesque candle holder out of crooked manzanita. Then I'll spray . . ."

Bart stopped her again with a kiss. "You've convinced me that we'll have the snazziest decorations and I have the prettiest wife on the whole desert."

"When we're through," Peggy murmured, "there'll be two good managers in our family, not just one, and we'll give Santa Claus a hand."

Bart sighed happily. "Hand me that can of spray."

**Beasts and Birds Share in Yule Legends**

In the lore and legends of Christmas, the beasts of the fields and the birds of the air play their part — and appropriately so, for the oldest and holiest Christmas story of all tells of shepherds with their flocks — shepherds who went to seek and find a Holy Babe lying in a manger.  
 Animals of the manger in the time of Christ were likely to be the sheep and goats, cattle, horses, donkeys and pigs. All of these figure in Yuletide songs and stories — even the pig, who has held the place of honor at many a Christmas feast.



birth of Christ, barnyard animals in many countries are still served a special supper on Christmas Eve.

**Cattle Speak**

An old German legend has it that cattle kneel in their stalls at midnight on Christmas Eve. Then, for a moment, they have the power of speech.

**From Spanish Lore**

On the first Christmas, says a Spanish legend, a cow in the manger breathed on the Baby Jesus to warm him.

**Kneeling Deer**

Early French-Canadian settlers in Quebec bewildered the Huron Indians by their strange — to the Indians — preparations for the celebration of

Christmas. As a result, many legends about the Day developed among the Indians.

On Christmas Eve, the Indians believed, the deer knelt to the "Great Spirit." In the hope of seeing this wondrous sight, the Hurons would hide in the cold winter night of the forests for hours.

**Food for Puss**

Cats get special treatment during the Christmas season in French sections of Canada. Special food is set forth for Puss, since according to legend, if the cat meows in the house on Christmas Eve, bad luck will follow.

**Feeding Birds**

In Scandinavian countries people place sheaves of grain and bits of suet on trees and rooftops, so birds can feast.

**They Feast**

Because an ancient tradition holds that animals helped to spread the glad tidings of the

**SHOE TREATS**

Spanish children, at Epiphany, expect the Three Kings to bring them gifts, and they set out shoes filled with straw or grain for the horses the Kings ride.

**Merry Christmas**  
 to you and yours!  
**POUNDS PHARMACY**  
 NEIL, CAROL, BETH, AND BRITT

**Holy Night**  
 May the wonder and joy of the night He was born be with us all at Christmas.  
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**THE CHRISTMAS STORY**

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

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**Season's Greetings**

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

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# Yule Is Time For Customs

As the world grows smaller, Christmas observances in different countries grow more similar. Santa Claus in red suit and white beard drives his reindeer-drawn sleigh to North, Central and South America and to many other countries as well.

In fact, when the first explorer lands on Mars, he shouldn't be too surprised to discover that Santa, and even Rudolph, got there first.

Sharing of Christmas customs, however, only serves to point up the fact that this is a holiday for everyone, and a holiday which draws ideas from all lands and times, uniting them in both religious and secular observances of the season.

## In Mexico

Celebrating the posada is a Mexican custom focused on the Nativity.

"Posada" means "lodging" or "inn," and for the nine "posada" days from December 16 to 25, churches, hotels, social groups and families throughout Mexico act out the story of the Nativity.

A procession of pilgrims comes to the place where the celebration is scheduled. They carry clay figures of Mary and Joseph, and they seek shelter from the "innkeepers" within.

At first the innkeepers refuse, then they admit the pilgrims to feast and rejoice. Figures representing Mary and Joseph are placed in a replica of the manger. On Christmas Eve, the figure representing Jesus is added.

## In Holland

Gift-giving season in Holland traditionally begins on December 5 and is called "Strooivand" or "strewing night." Children place their shoes by



ANGELS WITH BRIGHT EYES make the holiday season at the Doug Parish home a time to remember. Mama June seems to have little or no problem at all receiving a helping hand with decorating, gift wrapping, etc. These two lovely lasses, Stephanie and Jay are always eager to pitch in with a few ideas of their own.

# Little but Legend Known About Visit of Wise Men

Many legends have developed around the visit of the three wise men to adore the Infant Jesus. Even their number is legendary.

St. Matthew, the only book in the New Testament that refers to the visit, reports that wise men came from the east, without stating how many there were.

It was not until later, in a legend which can be traced back to the second century, that they were called "kings," according to The Encyclopedia Americana.

In even later times, they were distinguished as Melchior, Gaspar or Caspar, and Balthasar.

The magi originally stood for the priestly caste of the ancient Persian Zoroastrian religion. As the religion moved westward, it came in contact with Babylonian beliefs and practices and derived a strong interest in astrology, demon-

ology and magic.

By the time it reached the Graeco-Roman world, it was practically identical, in the popular view, with astrology and magic. This explains the use of the term "wise men" by St. Matthew, since they were astrologers.

Thousands of children actually get to see Santa at work every year. And they don't even have to travel to the North Pole!

The lucky youngsters are visitors to two "outposts" of Santa's workshop, located in Wilmington, N. Y., and Torrington, Conn. In either location, visitors may view Santa and his helpers as they make

toys and other gifts.

"Santa's Workshop" or "North Pole," on the side of Whiteface Mountain at Wilmington, opens in June and continues operations until November. Eight reindeer are among the live animals present in the village.

Connecticut's "Christmas Village" is open for two weeks before Christmas. Here, elves help Santa, and reindeer-replicas include the red-nosed Rudolph.

In both villages the religious meaning of Christmas is well remembered and represented, with beautiful Nativity scenes illuminated by a lighted star.



To Our Patrons

# Greetings

and Good Wishes

It is a pleasure at this Holiday time to wish you much happiness!

**EARTH TEXACO**

SAM FOX
DAN TAYLOR
JIM ROBBINS

the fireplace, filled with carrots and hay for St. Nicholas' horse — in the expectation that on the morrow the shoes will contain candy, fruits and toys.

**In Scotland**  
Christmas feast favorites in Scotland include shortbread, a rich cake or cookie, and haggis, a kind of pudding. New Year's Eve, or Hogmanay, is the principal day for gifts and greetings, when children go singing from house to house, in hopes of a treat. New Year's visits are paid — and it's customary for the visitor to bring along a pocketful of coal.

**In Portugal**  
Christmas is the occasion for a family celebration among the Portuguese. Families gather on Christmas Eve for dinner at the home of the oldest living relative. After the children have gone to bed, a crib or creche is placed before the fireplace, and around it are grouped the children's shoes, which serve the same function as Christmas stockings.

**In Brazil**  
Papa Noel makes the Christmas Eve rounds in Brazil, in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. He trims the trees with popcorn and bits of cotton — to make up for the snow that never falls. Since Christmas weather in Brazil is summery, picnics and boating excursions are part of the celebration.

**In Germany**  
Many modern Christmas customs come from Germany, including the lighted evergreen tree. Appropriately, gift-giving season in West Germany today starts after Christmas bonuses are distributed on December 1.

**Keep Heating Unit In Good Repair At Yule Time**  
Are you looking forward to a warm and happy Christmas? If so, make sure your heating unit is operating properly.

If you did not have your heating unit checked before winter began, it is a good plan to have it done now, before the holiday season arrives.

You will not only provide efficient heating during the Yule season, but you can also feel assured that your heating unit is in good operating order.

Every eighth fire is caused by a fault in a heating unit or system, or by failure to maintain it properly, the American Insurance Association says.

**WHERE "XMAS" BEGAN**  
"Xmas," now generally considered poor usage as an abbreviation for Christmas, was often used as a holy symbol in the early Christian church. "X" in Greek is the first letter of Christ's name.

wishing our patrons much joy this festive season. Cheers!

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# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May each of us in our own individual way so rededicate our lives that brotherhood of man will become a wonderful reality, and that the true meaning of Christmas will be felt everywhere, for all time to come.

# Season's Greetings

to ----  
all of you  
from ----  
all of us



Christmas— a time to reflect on the goodness  
in men's hearts. And it's time  
for us to express our heartfelt appreciation  
for your patronage in the past...  
to bring to you our happy Yuletide greetings!

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## There Was Talk About Yule Toast

"Who sent the first Christmas card?" is a question for which, it seems likely, a completely accurate and satisfactory answer may never be found. Probably, the earliest cards were "do-it-yourself" projects — handwritten holiday greetings on hand-decorated notepaper.

Popular claimant for "first Christmas card" honors is the Cole-Horsley card, designed in Britain in 1843 by John Calcott Horsley, an artist, for Sir Henry Cole, director of the

Victoria and Albert Museum. Since the card showed a family group toasting the holiday with glasses of wine, the card supposedly stirred criticism by temperance adherents — even though the card also depicted "clothing the needy" and "feeding the hungry." However, another story has it that Sir Henry gained his knighthood as the result of the acclaim he received for sending the first Christmas card.



A LIVING DOLL'S FIRST CHRISTMAS... This tiny lass dressed in her pink night gown and night cap, somehow found time during her busy day to inspect Christmas packages before nap time. This little beauty is Tammy, the lovable daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cowley.

## Evergreen Still Tops As Tree

Nowadays Christmas trees are made out of almost everything, from aluminum to plastic — but the world's favorite Christmas tree is still the evergreen.

Many legends explain how the evergreen became associated with Christianity and Christmas. One is the story of

St. Wilfred, according to The Book of Knowledge.

Speaking to a group of converts, the saint sought to illustrate how they had broken away from the heathen worship of the Druids.

He chopped down a giant tree — an oak, since this kind of tree was one of the chief objects of Druid worship. As it fell with a crash, it split into four pieces. From the center a young fir tree sprouted.

St. Wilfred told the converts that the fir should from then on serve as their "holy tree." "It is the sign of an endless

life," he said, "for all its leaves are evergreen, and it points toward heaven."

"It is the wood of peace, for all your houses are built of the fir. Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child; gather about it, not in the wildwood, but in your homes."

"A husband who gives his wife his salary check the first of every month will never have trouble—unless she finds out he's paid twice a month." Ellis W. Ramsey, The Beebe (Ark.) News.



Star  
Bright

Our wish for you this Christmas: to experience as never before the fulfillment of the joyous Season.

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## Readers Still Loyal to Dickens Favorite

"A Christmas Carol in Prose, Being a Ghost Story of Christmas" was first published at Christmas 1843, and since that time its popularity has never waned.

Generation after generation has laughed and cried over the story of the miserly Scrooge, who through the revelations of three spirits — Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come — became a man who "knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge."

Charles Dickens, creator of the "Carol," loved it as well as, or perhaps even better than, its many readers did. He told of crying and laughing again and again as, captivated by his story, he wrote the 30,000-word book in six weeks.

When Dickens gave readings from his works in England and America, the story of Scrooge was always the prime favorite with his audiences.

Perhaps the best known part of the story is Christmas dinner at the Cratchits, where Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Present observed the family of his clerk, Bob Cratchit, making merry over a simple Christmas dinner, highlighted by a goose — "There never was such a goose" — and a pudding — "Oh, what a wonderful pudding!"

And a favorite character is Tiny Tim, the Cratchits' crippled son, to whom the reformed Scrooge became "a second father."

One of the most famous speeches in the English language is, doubtless, Tiny Tim's, at the conclusion of the Christmas feast, "God bless us, every one!"

"You can always tell a well informed person — his ideas are the same as yours." Tony Beebe, The Spencerville (Ohio) Journal-News.



"GOD BLESS US, EVERY ONE!" said Tiny Tim. Since Tiny Tim first spoke these words at the Cratchits' Christmas feast, Charles Dickens' famous "A Christmas Carol" has become one of the best known and loved of holiday stories. Illustration above is from The Book of Knowledge.

TO OUR PATRONS

Good wishes around you, good cheer abounding... may the heart-warming simple joys of Christmas be yours.

PERRY MARTIN **EARTH INSURANCE** PHONE 257-3461

wishing you and yours  
an old-time Christmas

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

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## Yule Cards Create New U.S. Industry

A new industry was born when the first regularly published American Christmas cards were introduced in 1875 by Louis Prang, the grand-

father of all American greeting cards.

Thirty-two years earlier, John Calcott Horsley, R. A., painter and illustrator designed the first known Christmas cards for his friend Sir Henry Cole, the inaugurator and first director of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, England.

While no authenticated



**"O Come Let Us Adore Him"**

Dr. B. W. ARMISTEAD  
Dr. GLENN S. BURK  
Dr. LAIRY S. CHANDLER  
Optometrists  
Littlefield, Texas



CHRISTMAS IS A HAPPY TIME at the Earl Jordan home, with three bright eyed happy youngsters to spread joy to every nook and cranny of the home. Royce, six, is shown proudly holding his two week old brother, Mark, while two year old Sheila is busy helping to arrange Christmas packages underneath the tree.

"first" American Christmas card has been discovered, some historians believe that R. H. Peace, a lithographer of Albany, New York may have pioneered the first American Yuletide greeting which he lithographed about 1845. The card included a "commercial" by extending a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" from "Peace's Great Variety Store - in The Temple of Fancy."

Prang, a skilled printer from Germany, arrived in Boston in 1850 and opened a small lithographing shop where he specialized in delicately-tinted flower prints.

By 1870, he was well established in Roxbury, Mass., where his reproductions of oil paintings were so finely executed that he enjoyed a sizable business in England in competition with leading publishers there.

A woman employee in his London office suggested that he print "Merry Christmas" on some of his floral prints. By

## Yuletide Spirit Stays All Year

Nearly every community has its special way of observing Christmas - and in some towns and cities, the spirit of Christmas prevails, literally, the year around.

In Waterbury, Conn., an all-year reminder of the first Noel is the re-creation of the Town of Bethlehem on nearby Pine Hill.

This non-sectarian "Bethlehem" was constructed to scale after research and study of photos showing the Biblical country. The cave or manger where Christ was born, inns like the one where there was no room, and the Roman legion where the tax collection decreed by Augustus Caesar was to be paid are among the

buildings represented. "Poetic license" has been used to include some buildings which were not, or may not have been, located in Bethlehem, such as "David's Home" and Herod's Grand Palace. Crowned by a Cross, Pine Hill has proved an ideal location for the project, since its shape is similar to the limestone cliff where Bethlehem in Judea was built.

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### Other "Bethlehems"

Well-known "Bethlehems" in the United States include Bethlehem, Pa., and Bethlehem, Ind. The Pennsylvania Bethlehem emphasizes the religious meaning of Christmas during its annual celebration. A star erected on a nearby mountain top is lighted throughout the holiday season.

### Star Is Beacon

Near Palmer Lake, Colo., an electrically lighted star on a mountain top is a Christmas-season beacon for motorists on highways many miles away.

### Lighting Displays

Beautiful lighting displays for Christmas are famous in many U.S. cities.

In Altadena, a suburb of Pasadena, Calif., a mile-long avenue bordered by deodar cedars becomes "Christmas Tree Lane" at the holiday season. The deodars are illuminated by thousands of multi-colored bulbs for the annual spectacle.

Colored lights outline the buildings of the Country Club Plaza district in Kansas City, Mo., at Christmas time.

Denver, Colo., illuminates its Civic Center during the holidays with many thousands of lights.

### Yule Towns

Yule-named towns have a special interest in Christmas. Arizona, Florida and Kentucky actually have towns named

"Christmas." Then there are Christmas Cove, Me.; Nazareth, Pa.; Bright Star, Holly Grove and Holly Springs, Ark.; as well as Noel, Mo.; Noel, Va.; Mistletoe, Ky.; Wiseman, Alaska; and Santa Claus, Ind.



... we sincerely thank you for your patronage. May the holidays be most happy for you.

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WAYNE and PAULINE JACKSON

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Mrs. Knight, At Left, Making sure everyone at Knight's Rest Home will receive a Christmas present at their annual Christmas Eve party.

## Greetings

Christmas is a feeling...  
a spirit of well-being and cheer  
that pervades the very air in this  
wonderful season. We offer you our sincere  
wishes for the happiest of Christmases for you and yours.



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## Christmas Blessings

Hearts are gladdened  
and faith is  
reaffirmed, as  
we celebrate His  
Holy birth in a  
humble manger.  
Now may all  
blessings of Christmas  
be with you.

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## January 1 Deadline To Change GI Insurance

A cut-off deadline faces all veterans over 55 years old who wish to obtain or exchange a Total Disability Income Provision rider (TDIP) on their GI insurance policies.

They must act before January 1, 1966, Jack Coker, Manager of the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Waco said today.

The Total Disability Income Provision provides payment of \$10 per month per each \$1,000 of National Service Life Insurance should the policyholder become disabled before his 60th birthday. The policyholder, who before the January 1, 1966 date can be under 60, pays an additional charge for this rider. After January 1, 1966, the rider will be sold only to veterans under 55, Coker said.

The previous law required that the disability be in effect before

age 60. The present law extends the period in which disability may occur to age 65.

All World War II and Korean Conflict veterans whose NSLI policies are not preceded by the letters "RI" are eligible to buy the rider.

Veterans under 60 holding existing disability "up to age 60" riders and who wish to exchange them for the disability "up to age 65" riders may do so but those over 55 years old will have to do so before January 1, 1966.

Any VA Regional Office can furnish further details.



PUTTING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS, the Phillip Haberer family sit quietly around the fireplace reviewing the age old story of the birth of Christ. This Bible is an old family heirloom, once belonging to the Quaker ancestors of Mrs. Haberer dating back as far as 1845. Pictured are Kleta, Danny, Mrs. Haberer and Sharta.

impatiently. "What's wrong?" "Everything. I hate Christmas." Robert's voice showed his shock. "Don't be silly! Of course you don't."

"I do too. Mother won't let me go caroling in the truck with everybody else because I'm too young and there's nobody to be responsible for me."

"Is that all?" Her problem seemed insignificant beside his own, but solvable. "Come on." He argued his mother into letting Francie go with him and she

didn't capitulate easily. The truck was jammed with enthusiastic, off-tune carolers, the air was crisp and Robert soon joined in wholeheartedly and throatily. When they arrived home, he raced into the kitchen, grabbed a handful of mince-meat cookies, grinned at his mother's agonized yell and realized exultantly that, Mary or no Mary, Christmas was made up of such heart-warming rituals as Francie's shining eyes, cookies and caroling.

Merry Christmas



May Father Christmas smile on you with blessings bountiful

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Mr. and Mrs. John Garrett and Family



## at Christmastime

May the Star of Bethlehem beam its blessed light of love and peace on you and your loved ones... and through all the world, always.

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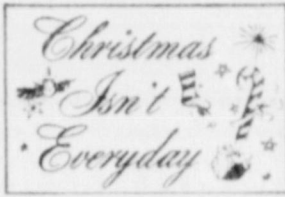
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BY ROSEMARY

For the past three years makeup experts have been teaching women to soften, flatten and blur eyebrows. Now they are camouflaging them altogether with the no-brow look. The experts are claiming that because of the emphasis on "big eyes," brows instead of framing the eye and punctuating the face detract from it. The way to the no-brow look is by looking to the hairdresser or a change in make-up.

Hair can be cut right over the eyes in a special no-brow cut. Or just the shadow of a brow can be achieved by blanching or running the brow into the eyelid. Bleached eyebrows leave most girls with reddish brows which can then be toned down with smoky eyebrow pencils or, dabbed or brushed on sparingly. For those who prefer not to use bleach, brows can be deem-



By Shirley Sargent

"CHRISTMAS isn't everyday." Happily, Eudora Best placed divinity and fudge on gift plates in the roomy, old-fashioned kitchen.

"Thank heaven!" At nineteen, Robert had his mother's big, brown eyes and dark hair, but none of her relaxed good humor. "Mother, you've always been so understanding. Why can't you let me go on the Culligan houseparty with Mary? They'll be skiing, Mom, and ice skating."

"I don't care if they have a winter carnival in the living room of their lodge," Eudora tied sprigs of mistletoe to her bows for the candy. "You're not going."

"Aw, Mom." Robert's rough, naked voice betrayed his youth even though he looked every mus-

phazied by brushing whitener on the upper eye lid, above the liner and brown or gray shadowed lids. The result—the ultimate in the wide-eyed look.

Buying habits are influenced by the weather, according to a recent report issued in a leading women's business magazine. For every degree of temperature below normal on any day in the spring, and for every degree above normal on any day in the fall, sales will drop off one per cent. And with every one-tenth inch of rain that falls between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. on any day sales are inevitably depressed by one per cent.

cular inch of a man. "I'll stay home tonight, Christmas Eve and drive up afterwards. Don't forget Mary's father is dead so she and her mother need someone around



Robert made a last effort. "But, Mom, I'm almost twenty."

on Christmas day and you have the three kids, Dad, Grandma and ninety-seven turkey-eating relatives."

The Meaning

"And you!" Eudora began gift-wrapping jars of marmalade. "Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ and, to me, a renewal of family ties and traditions."

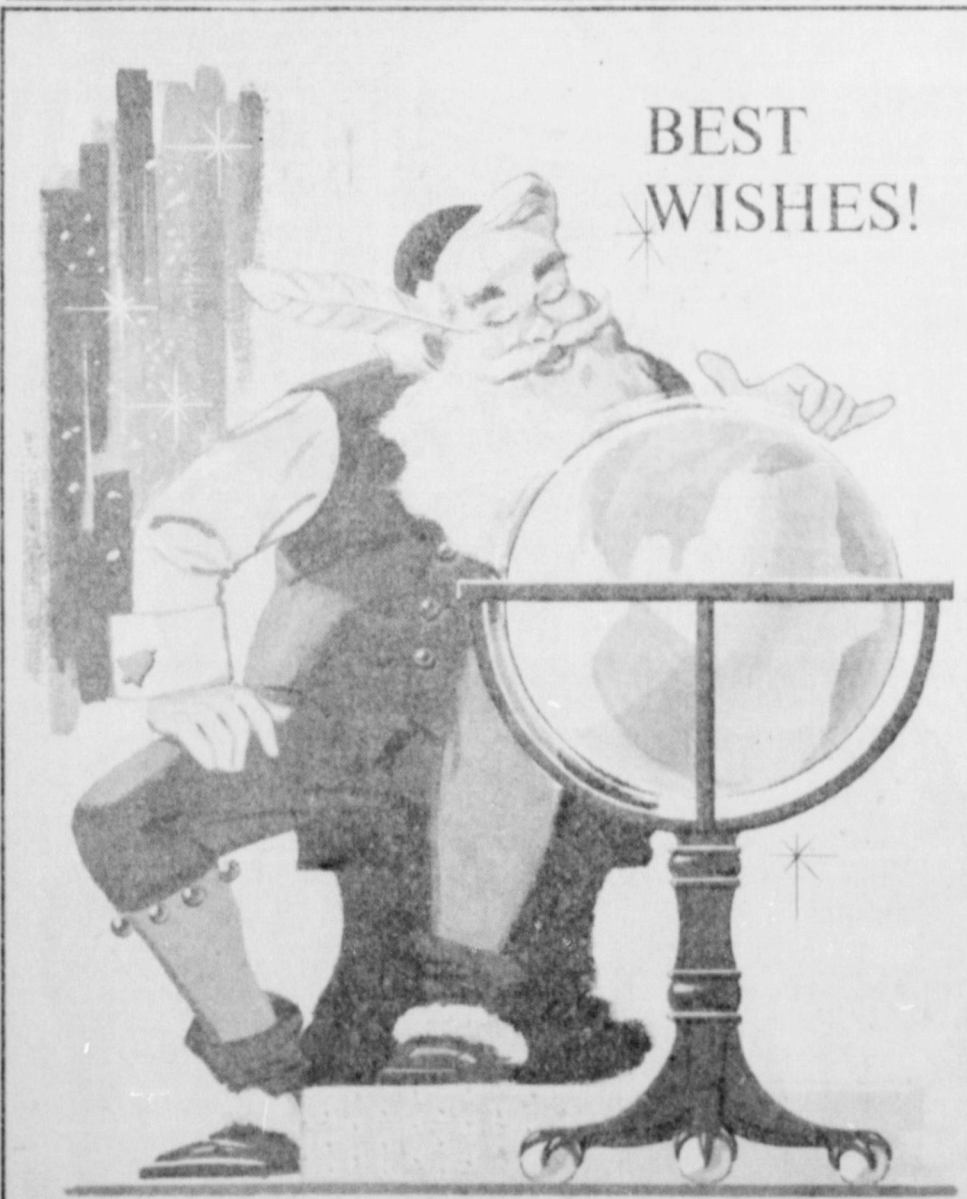
Robert made one last effort. "But, Mom, I'm almost twenty. I'll be 23 on Christmas Eve. I mean, I can't go home for Christmas until I have a family of my own!"

"I certainly do. Meanwhile I expect you to observe and enjoy such curious family customs as finding your brothers and sister so you can distribute this candy around the neighborhood."

"I have to call Mary first and tell her the bad news."

Uneasy

Gracelessly, Robert aided his brothers, John and Ted, seventeen and eleven, to shop for gift. John, whose current girl lived in town, told him to stop acting like a sorehead, but that was the only obvious notice taken of Robert's



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EARTH, TEXAS



## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We bring you glad tidings, wishing you a happy holiday season. Merry Christmas!

Sending Best Wishes

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### Science Seeks Source Of The Star

Since St. Matthew first described the star of Bethlehem, its mystery has fascinated mankind. Was it a miracle? Or was it a brighter-than-usual star or other celestial object? Astronomers, while seeking to identify the star, emphasize that it may have been indeed a miracle that can't be explained in terms of natural phenomena. However, research has provided material for conjecture that the star may have been a natural occurrence.

**One Discovery**  
A Danish astronomer, Tycho Brahe, discovered a new and brilliant star in the constellation Cassiopeia in 1572, according to the Encyclopedia Americana.

Since that discovery, The Americana says, it has been suggested that this might be an especially brilliant star visible only at long intervals.

A reported appearance of a bright star in that part of the heavens about the middle of the 13th century, coupled with a vague account of a similar appearance a little more than 300 years earlier, led to the thought that these might possibly be former appearances of

the star of 1572. If, as this might indicate, the star appeared at intervals of 310 to 315 years, three intervals of 300-odd years from the time it was first reported would carry it back to about the time of the birth of Christ.

**Another Theory**  
Johannes Kepler, a German astronomer, made discoveries that led to still another theory about the star of Bethlehem. In 1604, he observed a configuration, or close grouping, of the planets Jupiter, Saturn and Mars.

He determined that such a configuration occurred each 805 years, and calculations established that the same grouping might have appeared in 6 B.C. — which, some research indicates, may have been the correct year of Christ's birth.

Since legends identify the wise men as astrologers, this theory accounts for the fact that, as reported in the New Testament, only the wise men saw the star.

While the three planets grouped together would shed unusual brightness, the average observer might not notice them, while the wise men, as astrologers, would.



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ARE JUST A LITTLE SPECIAL with this family foursome. Although to the Lynn Glasscock family, everyday is a day of contentment and love, inviting the spirit of Christmas to abide with them the whole year long. Left to right, Hoyt, 12, Mrs. Glasscock, Mr. Glasscock, and Tresea, 13.

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We Appreciate The Friendly Welcome Our Old And New Friends Have Given Us.

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**HAVE A BALL AT CHRISTMAS**

Have a whirling good holiday!  
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### Marzipan Has Sweet Story

Sweet is the history of marzipan, a confection that is usually thought of as a Christmas candy. Today, it is still being made with the same kind of ingredients as those used hundreds of years ago.

It consists of freshly ground almonds made into a paste, whole eggs or whites of eggs, sugar, syrup and flavoring. Sometimes honey is added.

There are many legends concerning the word, "marzipan," says the Candy, Chocolate and Confectionery Institute.

One old tale attributes it to the bread eaten by St. Mark in the desert — "marci panis," the bread of Marcus.

Records show that Bartolome Scappi, secret cook to Pope Pius V, made marzipan with the ingredients now found in modern recipes for the candy.

### Kisses Are Numbered By Mistletoe Berries

Mistletoe legends in many times. Druid tree-worshippers believed it had magical powers of healing. Romans thought

that enemies who met beneath the mistletoe must kiss and declare a day's truce.

Today, kissing beneath the mistletoe remains a happy holiday custom. Correct procedure is that a berry must be

removed for every kiss taken, and when all the berries are

gone, there are no more kisses available.

### Sea Inspires Lore Of Ships at Yule

Ships arrive on Christmas morning, carrying Jesus, Mary and Joseph, says the English carol, "I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing." This is one of many legends developed by seafaring peoples to connect Christmas and ships.

Stories of the first St. Nicholas were carried from Asia Minor to Northern Europe by sailors, and children in Holland long believed that St. Nicholas arrived by ship from Spain. In Greece, St. Basilio comes on January 1 to deliver gifts, and he too is transported by ship.

### Feasts

Many foods for Christmas feasting have been traditional since early days of Yule merry-making, although roast peacock, the feature of the feast in medieval England, is rarely, if ever, seen today!

Mince pie, with its spices and fruits, is said to symbolize the riches of the East, from which the wise men came.

Legend says plum pudding began when an English king and his men were lost in a forest on Christmas Eve. The cook used foods he had on hand, including part of a stag, plums, eggs, flour, to make a single dish all could share.

### REMEMBERS BETHLEHEM

"O Little Town of Bethlehem," a U.S. carol, was written by Episcopal Bishop Phillips Brooks in 1888, while he was rector of Holy Trinity Church in Philadelphia, Pa.

On a trip to the Holy Land two years earlier, he had seen the "little town of Bethlehem" on Christmas Eve, and the vivid memory of this scene later led to the writing of the carol.

**Peace on Earth**

As the joy, light and love of this Christmas season, radiate their blessings upon all, we sincerely wish our good friends in the community a holiday filled with life's most treasured gifts.

**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL**

Time for jingle bells, Santa and holiday laughter... for hurry and scurry, and toys warm and furry... for spirits as bright as the lights on the tree... for wishes as warm as wishes can be. Merry Christmas!

**THOMPSON CHEVROLET COMPANY**  
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**Merry Christmas**

Peace, joy and all the best for you!

**Adams Tractor**  
Olton, Texas

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Top row left to right- Mrs. Alina Stockstill, Mrs. Sally Gooch, Mrs. Toots Barlow, Mrs. Viola Hadaway and Mrs. Barbara Nance, Bottom row left to right- Edwin O'Hair, Harold Ellis, and Carl Cody.



**Christmas Suggestion:**

**Keep Tree Firesafe With These Safety Tips**

Preparations for the holiday season are about to begin, and in more than 50 million American homes Christmas trees will be lighted as part of the holiday observance.

A Christmas tree, properly cared for, can be a joy. A Christmas tree that is allowed to dry out becomes a fire hazard.

To assist you in enjoying a Merry Christmas and a fire-safe one, the American Insurance Association presents these suggestions about the purchase and care of your Christmas tree:

- When you buy a tree this year, take your time. Feel the needles to be sure the tree is a fresh one. Brush the needles with your hand, and if some of them drop off, choose another tree. If needles, when brushed, drop off of all trees, choose another seller. Don't be afraid to shop around.

- When you have taken your tree home, if possible keep it out of doors until you are ready to place it in its stand and decorate it. If you have no place to keep it out of doors, keep it in a non-heated garage or some other cool place. And, immediately, stand the tree in a pail of water. A freshly cut tree will "drink" water and help keep itself fresh and green.

- And don't bring the Christmas tree inside until just before Christmas.

- You can keep your Christmas tree fresh longer by placing it in the coolest part of the room. Select a location which is away from radiators, hot air ducts, heaters, and fireplaces.

- When you buy a stand for the tree, select one which has a water container in which the trunk can rest. The tree will continue to "drink" water indoors, and more than you probably imagine. Check the metal container every day and refill it regularly.

- Always use flameproof decorations when trimming the tree. Preferably, you should use those made of glass, metal or fire-resistant material.

- Check the wires and sockets of Christmas tree lights several days before decorating the tree. If a string of lights has frayed wires, it should be discarded. Buy new ones and when you make your purchase, be sure the lights bear the UL label of Underwriters Laboratories.

- If possible, Christmas tree lights should be controlled by a switch some distance from the tree. A switch away from the tree makes it easier to shut off the electricity in case of



"FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD". The Kenneth Hinson family paused during the busy holiday season to renew the true meaning of Christmas. Pictured are Mr. and Mrs. Hinson and sons Kevin 8 and Kent 5.

trouble in the wiring.

- If part of your Christmas display includes an electrical train, the tracks should be set up away from the tree. A spark from a toy train under a tree could cause a Christmas fire.

- Turn off Christmas tree lights at bedtime, and when there is no one in the room—and always when nobody is home.

- Your Christmas tree should be checked frequently for dryness. In particular, check the needles on the tree near lights. If needles near a light are dry and brittle, change the position of the light. If the tree becomes so dry that the needles are falling in volume, take the tree down.

- Never decorate metal trees with Christmas lights—with metal trees there is always danger of an electrical shock or short circuit, the American Insurance Association says. Off-the-tree lighting should be used to give both a safe and attractive illumination.

- When Christmas gifts are opened, gather up gift wrappings immediately. Fold and put away any wrappings you may want to save and other paper, boxes, cords or ribbons should be gathered together and disposed of.

- When you take your tree down after the Christmas season, discard it outside, and remember to treat it as a fire hazard until it is removed.

**Times Have Changed but Shepherds Still Watch Over Sheep at Night**

Sheep and shepherding are closely linked with the Christmas story, and they also serve as a symbol of the kindness and loving care that was part of Christ's message to mankind.

When darkness falls on Christmas Eve, today's shepherd is watching his flocks by night and, probably, looking at the stars in the heavens, just as the shepherds of old did.

There are some differences — for instance, the shepherd on the Western ranges of the U.S. has changed the shepherd's robes for levis, and the flocks he watches are much larger, numbering sheep by the thousands. But the meaning of shepherd — "to herd, guard, lead," says a dic-

tionary definition — hasn't changed.

Sheep still must be watched by night, because, for some reason known only to the sheep, night is the time they are most likely to decide to roam to faraway places. In sudden storms, the shepherd, his horse and dog must guide the flock to shelter.

The ailing sheep or the new born lamb are sure of the herder's gentle care, and when part of the flock has strayed, he searches with a diligence that recalls the parable of Jesus:

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he finds it?" (Luke 15:4).

**Manger Once Pagan Site**

Gathered in the Church of the Nativity, thousands of Christians from around the world will worship in Bethlehem this Christmas. A highlight of their pilgrimage is, for most, a visit to the Grotto of the Nativity — traditionally, at least, the manger where Christ was born.

Opposition to Christianity in the first years of the new religion actually led to the preservation of the manger — an improvised stable in a cave hewn out of rock, near the center of the hill town of

Bethlehem. The Roman emperor Hadrian, who ruled from 117 to 138 A.D., sought to halt the fast spread of Christianity, and he had the cave converted to a grotto for the worship of the pagan god Apollo. The very fact that the cave was marked, though for pagan purposes, helped to preserve knowledge of the site of the Nativity.

Later a silver star was set in the stone floor of the cave, and since 1873 each regime to rule Bethlehem — now a part of Jordan — has posted night and day guard over the star.

A roof that is protected from the sun will last longer, studies show.

**Package Sorting Leads to Seals**

Inspiration for the first Christmas seals came to Einar Holboell, a Danish postal clerk, as he was sorting packages one Christmas season. He envisioned all the packages bearing a special stamp, with the proceeds spent to aid people who suffered from tuberculosis.

The King and many of Denmark's leading citizens endorsed the idea, in 1904. Later, the plan spread to Norway and Sweden, and in 1907 was adopted in the U.S. More than 50 countries now use the seal.

**Pastor Wrote To Please Children**

"Up on the Housetops" is a happy Christmas song written by an Ohio pastor, Benjamin Hanby, in 1864.

Believing that music was a part of religion, he held weekly songfests for children in New Paris, Ohio. Since he was short of money, when the children needed a new song, he wrote it himself.

The song, which tells the joys of going "up on the housetops" and "down through the chimney with good Saint Nick" to the "click, click, click" of reindeer hooves, gained early popularity.

Its origin, however, was lost when the Chicago publishing house of George F. Root, publishers of the song, burned. Credit for the authorship was not restored until after Hanby's death.

**A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS**

May the sounds of Christmas... happy children's laughter, crackling busy fires, sweet ringing bells—compose a carol in your heart.

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**"Hark! the herald angels sing..."**

Glad voices sing out...and glad thoughts ring out, with every good wish for a happy, hearty holiday season. We extend our sincerest appreciation to all the wonderful people who have made the past year a most successful one for us.

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

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GIFTS KEEP PILING UP UNDER THE TREE. And it seems to take more hours each day to explore the new packages... Christmas is indeed a mysterious time for young Miss Sherry Jo, 13 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neil Ellis.

visiting in the homes of the homes of the church members. Mr. and Mrs. Tommy O'Neal, Sharon, Tommy Jr., and Kimberly visited in the Robert Bunker home Saturday afternoon. Shannon Neimast of Olton spent Sunday night in the L. H. Neimast home. The Neimast family has Christmas Monday night in the William Neimast home in Olton. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Neimast will spend Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Farkey of Portales.

The little elves who help Santa in his workshop probably came from the Scandinavian countries. In Norway, Denmark and Sweden, children are told of the "Tomtar," little gray-bearded, elf-like men who hide presents for boys and girls on Christmas Eve.

## Carols Spring From Many Sources

From the first angelic chorus, "Glory to God in the Highest," the sound of voices raised in song and rejoicing for the birth of Christ swells across the ages. Today, carols from many lands and many epochs fill the air at holiday time.

Sources of some carols are lost in the past, but many can be traced to interesting origins.

### "Silent Night"

A broken organ inspired "Silent Night." So that the people of the parish might

have a song at Christmas, Father Joseph Mohr, an Austrian priest, wrote the carol, and his organist composed the music. It was sung on Christmas Eve, 1818, to guitar accompaniment.

### "Deck the Halls"

Expressing the merriment of Christmas, "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly" is an English carol set to an old Welsh air. It refers to such ancient traditions as the "blazing Yule" log.

### "First Nowell"

First published in English, "The First Nowell" is believed to be primarily a French carol. The French word "Noel" comes from the Latin word meaning birth; "Nowell" is the anglicized version. Both mean

Christmas or a "shout of joy" for the birth of Christ. Tune is a medieval shepherd song.

### "Adeste Fidelis"

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "Adeste Fidelis" may have been written by the 13th century writer and teacher, Saint Bonaventure, but its exact origin is a mystery. There's no secret about its popularity today. It has been translated into 120 languages, and there are more than 40 English versions.

### "O Tannenbaum"

Most familiar of many Christmas carols originating in Germany, "O Tannenbaum," or "O Christmas Tree," celebrates the evergreen as an emblem of immortality. It has added familiarity in the U.S.,

since the tune is used for several college songs and for the state song, "Maryland, My Maryland."

### "Merry, Gentlemen"

An old English carol that sometimes suffers from a comma out of place is "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen." The meaning is not "God rest you, merry gentlemen," but "God keep you merry, gentlemen."

### "Herald Angels Sing"

Charles Wesley, who during his lifetime (1707-1788) wrote hundreds of hymns, was inspired to write "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" as he walked to church on Christmas day and heard the London church bells chime.

## SPRINGLAKE NEWS

by Sue Ann Bunner

A family Christmas was celebrated by the C. C. Barden family Sunday evening. Turkey dinner was followed by an exchange of Christmas gifts. The Barden children and grandchildren who enjoyed the evening are Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hollingsworth, Judy Dale, and Kent of Hereford; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barden, Linda Jerry Lynn, and Brad; and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Barden, Dawn, Jill, and Carrie.

The E. D. Orr family will be visiting in Vernon for a few days after Sunday. They will visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Wilson and Mrs. O. Jack Orr.

The Don Larkin family will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Larkin of Pampa, and with her mother, Mrs. M. N. Bradstreet of Wheeler.

An after-church fellowship was by members of the choir of the First Baptist Church and their

families Sunday evening following the Christmas Cantata. The choir surprised Mr. and Mrs. Phil Langley with a money tree and a Christmas present. He is the church music director.

State Representative Billy Wayne Clayton spoke to the Young Farmers and Young Homemakers at Dimmitt Saturday evening. The occasion was their annual Christmas banquet.

Danny Byers returned home from the University of Texas in Austin. He will spend the Christmas vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Byers.

Sunday dinner guests in the Herbert Miller home were her daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Heard and Emmett of Littlefield and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hall. Gene, Glynn, Robert, Melvin, Jack Gary and Wanda Jo of El Paso. The Halls will be here through the Christmas holidays.

The Herbert Miller family will have Christmas dinner Sunday in the Kenneth Heard home in Littlefield. Other Miller children who will be there are the Delbert Hall family of El Paso; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Victor and Margo from Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Miller of Littlefield. Dale Miller is in Viet Nam and Noble Miller is stationed in Delaware.

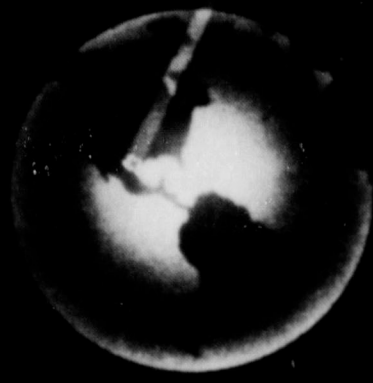
Members of the Mexican mission attended the Christmas Cantata, a fellowship was held at the mission with members of the mother church as guests, Marvin Aaron is pastor of the mission.

The R. L. Byers family will spend Christmas in Littlefield with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Byers, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Perkins.

Judy Perkins, a sophomore at Lubbock Christian College is home for the holidays. She and her mother, Mrs. Carl Perkins went to Portales Monday. Fifteen-year-old Linda Gideon of the Portales, New Mexico, Christian Children's Home came to Springlake to spend the holidays. She is supported by the Church of Christ and will be

Peace on Earth  
Good Will  
Toward  
Men

And suddenly  
there was with the angel  
a multitude of the heavenly host  
praising God, and saying,  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace,  
good will toward men.



HEARTFELT

# Good Wishes of the Season

May the Christmas story inspire each hearer's heart to see in everything God's gracious goodness... to find reward in giving... to be wealthier for sharing... to become as little children, for of such is Heaven's kingdom.

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**Make Yule Joyous**

**Prevent Fires This Christmas Season; Carelessness is Chief Fire Cause**

People across the nation were urged by J. Dewey Dorsett, president of the American Insurance Association, to use care with fire this holiday season.

The Association, successor to the National Board of Fire Underwriters, said today that fire losses in the United States this year will exceed \$1 billion for the ninth year in a row, and fire fatalities, as during the past eight years, are expected to exceed 11,000.

"By using ordinary care, we can hold down our tragic toll," Mr. Dorsett said. "Throughout the years, according to our statistics, three out of every four fires are the result of carelessness. Carelessness can take many forms. A fire can start from such a little thing as an unextinguished match or a lighted cigarette carelessly discarded. In fact, every fifth fire is caused by matches and smoking. Another fifth of all fires is caused by misuse of electricity and faulty electrical equipment. As a matter of just good common sense, you owe it to yourself to keep your appliances in good working order, and if they are not operating prop-

erly, have them repaired by a qualified service man."

Mr. Dorsett added that fire prevention, while important at the holiday season, should be made a year-around affair.

"Fire is a perpetual threat, and at no time can we relent in our efforts to achieve fire safety," he added.

**Over 1,300,000 Fires**

Over 1,300,000 fires occurred in U. S. cities having a population of 2,500 and over in 1964, Mr. Dorsett said. Approximately 400,000 homes were damaged or destroyed.

"These figures indicate that fire prevention is of vital concern to all," Mr. Dorsett declared. "Our daily and weekly newspapers and radio and television stations can render a great public service by telling their readers, listeners and viewers how to protect themselves, their families and their property from fire."

Mr. Dorsett said that while care with fire is particularly important to keep Christmas and New Year's a joyous and happy time, fire prevention is a year-around job.

**Feasts**

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**Keep Ashtrays In Every Room**

Having plenty of ash trays around the house, particularly if you have holiday guests who smoke, is the best way to prevent burns on table tops and rugs, and at the same time perhaps avoid a serious fire, says the American Insurance Association.

**New Type Air Sampler Unit Checks Texas Fallout**

A new-type air sampler for detection of radioactive fallout is now in use by the Austin air sampling station and by three other Texas stations, through affiliated stations of the Health Department.

Installed on top of the new State Health Department building, the Gelman air sampler brings to three the number of samplers used by the Health Department's Division of Occupational Health and Radiation Control.

The sampler is a key component in the Austin installation which is only one of a series of surveillance checks carried on throughout Texas by the Health Department.

The new unit passed its first major test when it was used during the nuclear testing in the Pacific in 1962. Since then it has played a vital role in the Las Vegas Air Surveillance Network in Nevada, U. S. Public Health Service, under which Texas sampling stations operate.

The sampler was installed last May here and in Amarillo, Abilene and Fort Worth. The stations in Abilene and Fort Worth are manned by local health departments; Amarillo's station by the fire department; and Austin's by state health department personnel. This state agency also serves as coordinator and liaison between these Texas stations and the U. S. P. H. S., at the Las Vegas laboratory.

The new sampler works much like an ordinary vacuum pump. Air is sucked into the unit by a vacuum through a filter which traps dust particles from the air.

These filters are then checked with a Geiger counter to determine if about-standard radiation readings are present. The filter is changed and read every morning, seven days a week. The unit operates around the clock. The filters, after recordings are made here, are sent to the Las Vegas laboratory for final disposition. In case of some emergency, such as a detected leak from an underground nuclear explosion, a special organic vapor cartridge is used in addition to the regular filters.

The air sampling system in Texas serves a dual purpose: One, it extends coverage

checking on venting from underground nuclear testing being done in the United States; and Two, it serves to insure against the United States being held in violation of the Nuclear Test Ban

Treaty by proving that radioactive material does not leave the political boundaries of the U. S. Austin's sampling station is one of 97 located in 27 states in the nation.



**Greetings**

Peaceful as a countryside wrapped in snowy white, the quiet contentment of Christmas spreads across the land. We greet you with the wish that great joy may be yours at this happy, holy time. And with sincere thanks, we extend to you our great appreciation for your favors and friendly good will.

**CAMPBELL COTTON GIN CO. INC.**  
Mr. and Mrs. B. Campbell---Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Fry  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Campbell--- And Staff  
**FLAGG GIN, INC.**  
Paul L. Fry, Mgr. And Staff

We take this opportunity to wish everyone a

**Merry**

**Christmas**

Hope your Day is a happy one, filled with all the special joys of the holiday season.

**BROWND-JORDAN EQUIPMENT CO.**  
EARTH, TEXAS

**Merry Christmas to All**

Seasons Greetings From  
Our House to Yours  
**The Roney Smiths**  
RONEY, CAROL, TERRI CAROL

**Merry Christmas to All**

May the beauty of the season be reflected in the hearts of all men. We extend our warmest Yuletide greetings and thank you for your thoughtful patronage.

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EARTH SERVICE & SUPPLY CO., INC.  
Day Phone 257-4951 --- Night Phone 257-2521  
EARTH, TEXAS



She got into the car and drove off, a young woman with dark, sad eyes, her face unnaturally thin.

**Purposeful**

At Hempstead's department store, she moved slowly, purposefully through the crowded, festive aisles. When she came to the counter with the Christmas decorations laid out in shining rows of red and green, blue, pink, silver and gold, she waited quietly until a clerk came.

"I want six of the small blue ones," she said, pointing. "Six of the red, six of the gold."

"They're cheaper by the dozen, ma'am. Wouldn't you like to make that two dozen all together?"

"No. Thank you. That's all I need."

"Wouldn't you like some tinsel—or a box of artificial snow?"

"No. Just these."

"We have a good bargain on lights."



"I want six of the small blue ones," she said, pointing. "Six of the red, six of the gold."

"No. Thank you."

"How about a little angel for the top of the tree? On special sale, since tomorrow is Christmas."

Mary Carstairs stared at the delicately featured, smiling angel with the tinsel wings. "Yes. Yes—I will take that."

**Holiday Air**

She moved quickly through the pushing crowds, carrying her parcel. She put the ornaments into the back seat of the car, beside the little tree, and drove through the streets of the town. Windows were gay with holiday offerings, the streets swarmed with laughing, last-minute shoppers. Decorations were hung across the street; loops of evergreen, wreaths and candles, gigantic candy canes. A loudspeaker was blaring, "Joy to the World."

Mary Carstairs drove out of town, past the houses with their reindeer and Santa's sleigh on the

front lawns, the three wise men, the shepherds, and the manger. She did not look at the manger.

It was dusk, and already there were lighted candles and wreaths with colored lamps in the windows of the houses that she passed. Through the picture windows she could see the families—mothers and fathers, boys and girls—laughing and eager, decorating the trees.

**A Mission**

She drove on, and at the end of the street she turned the car onto the side road leading away from the town and through the carved pillars with their iron gates.

"Memorial Cemetery," the sign said. "Gates close at 5:30 p.m."

When she had come to the place, she stopped the car and got out. She carried the little tree and the package of ornaments across the grass, between the headstones. Kneeling, she began

to work, swiftly, utterly absorbed. She set up the tree, adorned it with the ornaments of red and blue and gold. At the very last, she took the sweet-faced angel with the tinsel wings and fastened it securely atop the tiny tree.

She stood up, brushing her hands on her coat, and looked at her handiwork, looked at the little headstone which read: "Mary Louise, infant daughter of Charles and Mary Carstairs, born February 5, died September 21."

She stared dry-eyed at the words cut into the stone, then turned and walked slowly back to the car. In the car she hesitated, looked back.

The little tree stood bravely in the fading light, its ornaments gleaming against the softness of the tree.

**Buy Safe Toys For Children This Christmas**

Good judgment is essential in purchasing safe toys for children, says the American Insurance Association.

Chemical sets and toys requiring fuels can become hazardous in young hands, it warns.

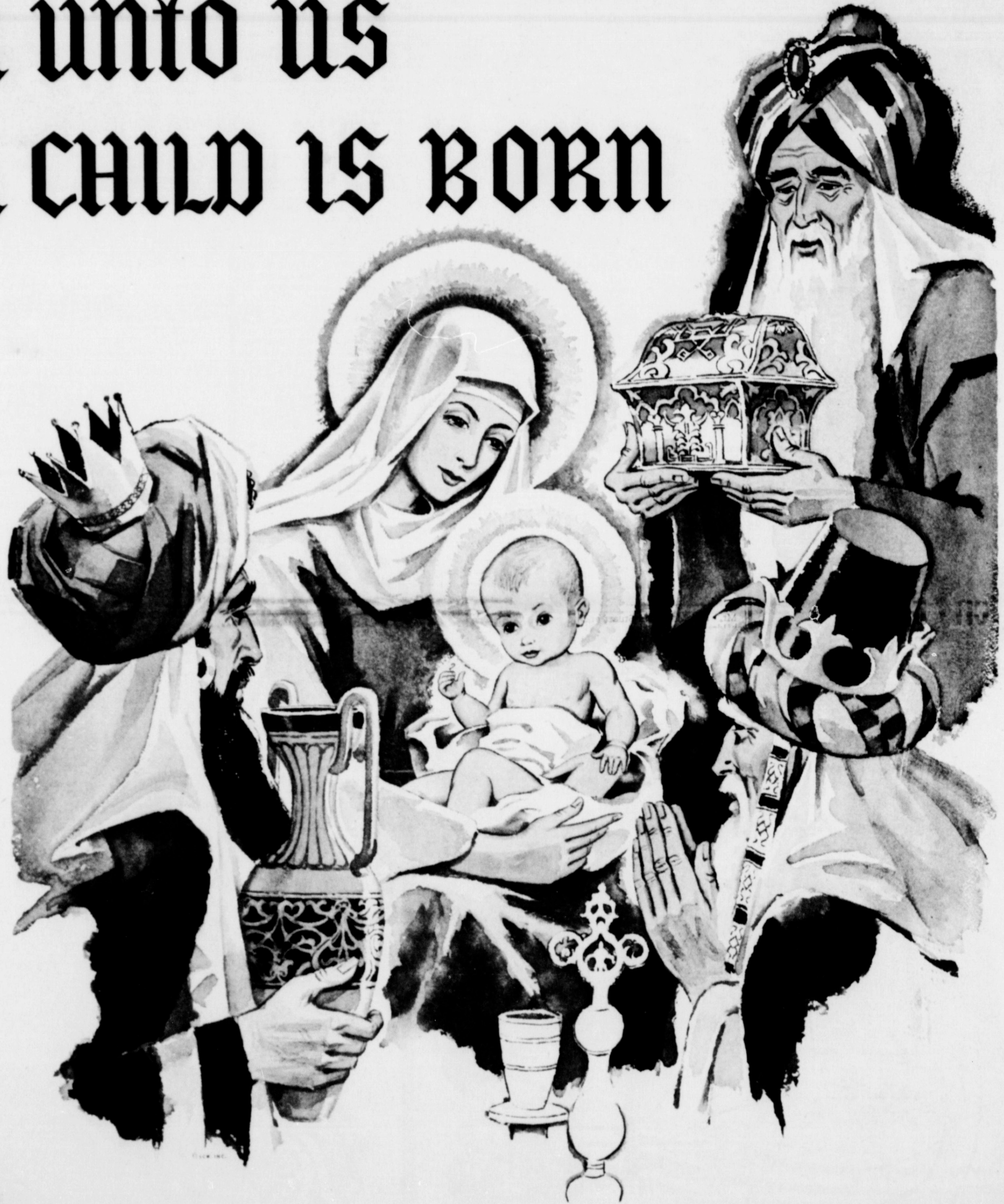
All play with chemical toys or those involving fuels should be supervised by parents, the Association advises. And, when buying electrical toys, choose only those with the U.L. (Underwriters Laboratories) label.



I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto Jehovah. —(Psalms 27:6).

When we see God's world of beauty our hearts soar in pure joy. Our spirit was not meant to be earth-bound. Our song of life is in tune with the sweeping rhythm of His tides. God bears us upward on wings of prayer. We touch His star ways and find glory and triumph.

# FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN



May each of us in our own individual way so rededicate our lives that brotherhood of man will become a wonderful reality, and that the true meaning of Christmas will be felt everywhere, for all time to come.

**CENTRAL COMPRESS**

SUDAN, TEXAS



**NICKELS GIN**

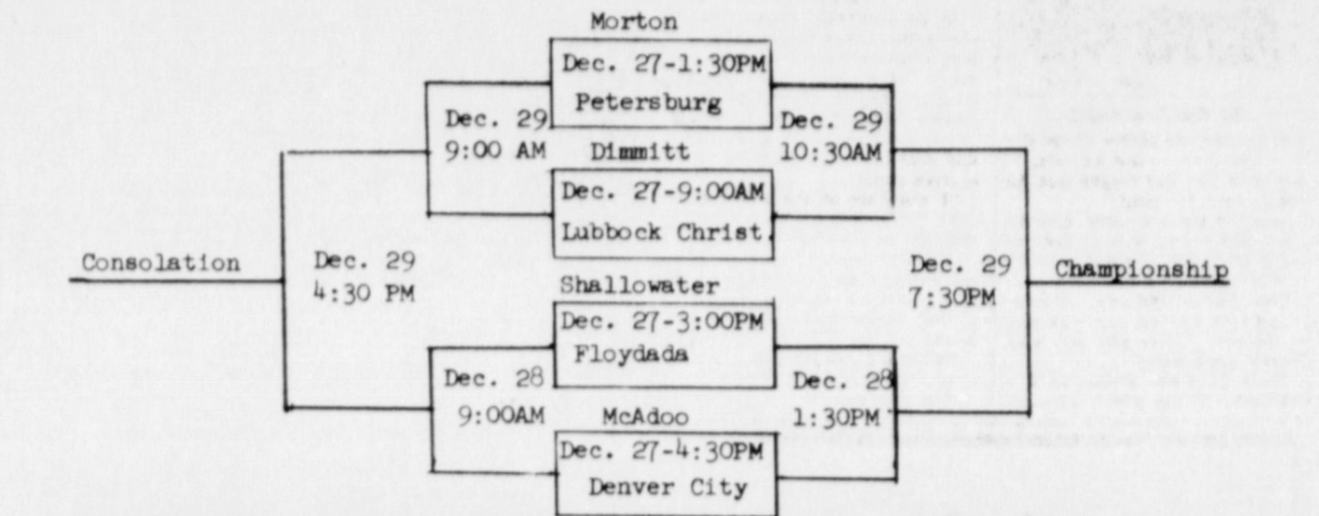
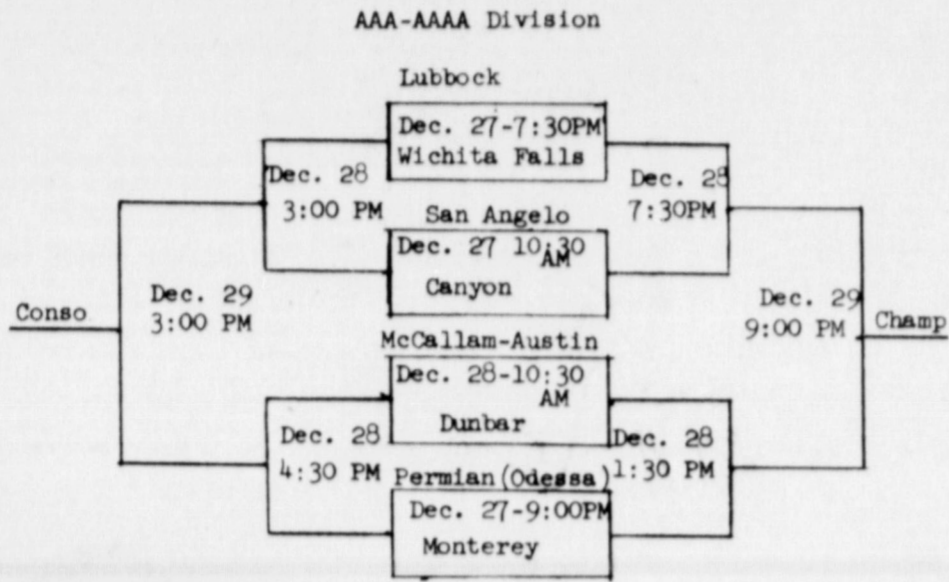
# Caprock Holiday Tourney Scheduled December 27-29

B-A-AA Division

Lubbock--Sixteen top area high school basketball teams will compete in the seventh annual Caprock Holiday basketball tournament at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum, December 27th, 28th and 29th. Each team participating has been carefully selected on the basis of its past record and its anticipated showing in the current season.

The tournament itself has become an event of major importance and interest in the Lubbock area, and has traditionally drawn basketball fans from far and wide for three days of colorful holiday basketball competition.

Teams classified AAAA and AAA will compete in one bracket, while class AA, A and B teams will compete in the other bracket. This year's tourna-



Christmas guests in the E. A. Upchurch home will be Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Upchurch and children from Victoria. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brockette Hillsboro, recently visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Brockette.

## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

May love and hope dwell within your heart at Christmas and throughout the year ahead.

**CITY DRUG**  
Gladys and Odum  
Earth, Texas

ment teams are as follows:  
AAAA-- AAA  
LUBBOCK  
WICHITA FALLS  
SAN ANGELO  
CANYON  
MCCALLAM-AUSTIN  
DUNBAR (LUBBOCK)  
PERMIAN (ODESSA)  
MONTEREY (LUBBOCK)

AA- A - B  
MORTON  
PETERSBURG  
DIMMITT  
LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN  
SHALLOWATER  
FLOYDADA  
MCADOO  
DENVER CITY

Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each division, the runners-up, the consolation winners, to each member of the all-tournament team, and to the outstanding player of the tournament.

The tournament is sponsored by the Caprock Chapter of the American Business Clubs, of Lubbock, a civic organization devoted to promoting this event to becoming an annual highlight in high school basketball throughout the entire South Plains. All profits derived from the tournament this year will be donated for use by the South Plains guidance center, a diagnostic and treatment clinic for mentally and emotionally disturbed children, available to all children of the South Plains needing its services, and to other local charitable projects. Admission: Adults, \$1.00 Students \$.60

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stuart and children of Boy's Ranch are expected to spend the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Braden.

### Give Baby Sitter Number of the Fire Department

If you are planning to leave your children at home to dine out, go to the theater, or visit friends during the Christmas holiday season, be certain to employ a babysitter who knows what to do in case of an emergency, the American Insurance Association said today.

It is a good idea to place a card by the phone with the phone numbers of the fire department, the police department, the family doctor, a nearby neighbor -- and also where the parents may be reached, the Association said.

The sitter should know two alternate routes of escape from the house so that she and the children can get out safely if one way is blocked by fire. These alternate routes should be shown to her, and she should be told that in case of fire she is to (1) get the children out of the house, and (2) then call the fire department.

## GREETINGS

... and best wishes for a joyous Holiday Season to our many loyal friends and patrons. We extend our heartfelt thanks and warmest wishes to all of you.

**TAYLOR MARKET BASKET**  
EARTH, TEXAS

## HOLY-NIGHT

May this season bring the spirit of love and understanding to you. We thank you for your loyal patronage.

**CITIZENS STATE BANK**  
MEMBER F.D.I.C.  
EARTH, TEXAS

## Best Wishes to You

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

Happy  
New  
Year

**KMP LAKE PUMP MANUFACTURING CO.**

## Accidental Death Alert Issued by TSA

AUSTIN, TEXAS—The Texas Safety Association today issued its annual "Accidental Death Alert" for the Christmas-New Year's holiday period and called on citizens for support of traffic law enforcement to re-enforcement to reduce the holiday death toll.

"Law enforcement officers and agencies officially responsible for the welfare of the people of our state need the cooperation and support of every citizen if we are to prevent a tragic loss of life on our streets and highways during the holiday season," S. Ross Carr of Houston, TSA President, said.

It has been estimated that 110 persons will be killed in traffic in Texas during a 10-day period, beginning at 12:01 a. m. Friday, December 24 and ending at 11:59 p. m. January 2, 1966.

This is the period designated

by the Association for the "Accidental Death Alert" which includes all types of accidents. It coincides with the period set for the annual "Operation Deathwatch" of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The Association is joining the DPS, the Texas Highway Department and other groups in a coordinated safety program aimed at reducing accidental deaths during the holiday period.

Carr also urged citizens to be on the alert for other hazards, such as fires in the home, falls and hunting accidents. It is estimated that an additional 42 persons will be killed in accidents other than traffic and that 43 persons will die as suicides and homicides.

In closing, the Association president challenged citizens to put safety first—whether at home, at play, at work or behind the wheel of an automobile.



CHRISTMAS AT THE HOPPING STRONGHOLD is a happy time, with three healthy, holsom lads kick-off activities at the crack of dawn Christmas morning, investigating the loot left by Santa... Doing their very best to avoid shaking packages and trying patiently to wait for Christmas Day are Cooney 3, Scottie 6, and Colde 7, pictured with Mom and Pop Hopping.

## Cards Show Changes

Greeting cards for Christmas show, each season, an increase in the number of religious subjects—but this has not always been true. In fact, the earliest Christmas cards often had designs that seemed to have no connection with the holiday.

Instead of Nativity scenes or symbols of holly and mistletoe, early American Christmas cards of the 19th century were decorated with roses and portraits of young ladies, according to The Encyclopedia Amer-

icana. Often, plump robins were pictured sitting on tree branches dripping with icicles. In this early stage pin-up girls were not unusual. Kate Greenaway drawings were frequently used, some cards picturing single figures from her drawings, others portraying dancing girls with garlands of flowers.

About 1870, cards were frosted and fringed with heavy silk.

"As this society complicates itself, the problems that bother people are going to be solved. If the industrial hierarchy—the people who have the power and the money and the influence—do not attempt to solve these problems, then they'll be solved by the government in default. And whatever the government decides that you will do to help solve them, you will have to live with."

Richard M. Nixon

## Noel 1965

THE SILENCE of the night air is interrupted—a squeaking door—a patter of little feet on the stairs—muffled giggles—excited whispers—the clicking of a light switch.

Yes, the pre-dawn of another Christmas day has come to the home. The neat piles of gifts, so meticulously wrapped, under the star-spangled tree are torn asunder—the room becomes a maelstrom of colorful ribbon—a sea of wrapping paper of kaleidoscopic hues—and a cyclonic display of Santa's best wares are scattered hither and yon—youngsters darting from one gift to another like busy bees in a flower

garden in full bloom.

And as the sun gently rises over the horizon, the kitchen becomes the clattering cacophony of dishes and bowls, pots and pans, that finally merge into a Christmas dinner—fit for a King.

Then when the final hour has arrived—guests departed, tired but happy youngsters are tucked into bed for the night—quiet has been restored—the exhausted parents in the stillness of the night pause to reflect—how much of this day has been devoted to the true spirit of Christmas.

The joy engendered by the family gathering pays tribute to family life, which after all, epitomizes Christmas—and helps to provide a fitting recognition to the Prince of Peace.

## CHRISTMAS NIGHT



Christmas guests in the J. C. Blackwell home will be Mr. and Mrs. Neil Smith and children, Deming, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. Rafe Rogers, Whitharral, and Mr. and Mrs. David Taylor, Denver City.

## Party Line

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Barlow, Friona were over night guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Barlow.

Mrs. Mrs. R. E. Barton will be spending Christmas in the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Sterling, Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chaney were Sunday evening dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hucks and family.

Mrs. S. C. Beavers was in Farwell on business Thursday, then went on to Clovis, where she visited Mrs. Ada Radd.

Jerry Been, student at East Central State Teacher's College, Ada, Oklahoma, is home for the Christmas holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Been, other relatives, and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Anderson were in Littlefield on Friday visiting in the H. M. Kennedy home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Alexander Sr., Olton, will spend Thursday in the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Alexander, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Alexander, Jr. and family are spending Sunday in Amarillo with Mrs. Alexander's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Edwards.

Visitor Sunday evening in the Ervin Anderson home were Judy Penn and Janis Kohler, Littlefield.

## My Neighbors



"Oh no—not your new Christmas tie!"

# Christmas Greetings

To all our friends... old-time wishes.

## PAYNE FUNERAL HOME

AMHERST, TEXAS

YULETIDE WISHES

## H. S. Sanders Lumber

EARTH, TEXAS

FROM US TO YOU...

# A VERY Merry Christmas

...and a season filled with all good things.

## LUCILLE' BEAUTY SHOP

Phone 257-4472 Earth, Texas

## OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

loaded with cheer for everyone!

## LAYMAN BROS. BUTANE & GARAGE

EARTH, TEXAS

# NOEL

WISHING FOR ALL OUR FRIENDS THE VERY BEST OF HOLIDAYS.

## EARTH TIRE & SUPPLY

# JOY TO ALL this Christmas

## Rowe Abstract & Title Co.

Phone 385-4220--- Littlefield, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Brockette and Mrs. C. H. Brockette, Hillsboro, spent last Sunday in Fortales visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Hestand.

Peggy Upchurch, student at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, is at home for the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Upchurch, other relatives, and friends.

Joe Gilmore visited the O. I. Andersons Monday morning.

# CHRISTMAS

MECHANICS  
T. F. TAPSCOTT ERNEST STEPHENS

## Stephens & Sons Implement Co.

EARTH, TEXAS

Time to wish all our loyal friends and customers a Christmas season filled with joy and happiness, and express our sincere gratitude for their patronage.

# Sunnyside News

by Teeny Bowden

The 1953-54 Sunnyside Community Texas Rural Neighborhood Progress Contest notebook has been checked out of the Dimmitt Public Library and has been misplaced. It is believed to be in the community, so if you have ever had this notebook in your home would you look again to see that it has not been laid aside and forgotten. We are holding the other four copies trying to find this one so we can place them together in the Sunnyside Baptist Church Library.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lilley returned home from their vacation on the Gulf Coast Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bridges left Monday for Weatherford after a week's visit here.

Mrs. J. C. Holbrooks was admitted to Plains Memorial hospital in Dimmitt Monday with a severe headache.

Mrs. L. B. Bowden was admitted to St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo Monday afternoon for minor surgery. She underwent a bronchoscopic examination Tuesday and a gastroscopic examination Wednesday, and was dismissed Friday.

Mrs. Ray Joe Riley was at Amarillo part of the week with her mother who was a patient of St. Anthony's Hospital.

The WMU Executive Board met Monday afternoon at the church with Mrs. M. D. Durham presiding.

Janis Bridge was on the Springlake Junior High Honor roll for the 7th grade "B" roll, Jan Blackburn was on the 8th grade "B" roll.

Mickey Waggoner and Lois Humphrys of Dallas were married in Dallas last Friday night. They will make their home in Dallas until he leaves for training in the Air Force Reserves on January 14th.

The Psi Nu Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi of Earth met in the home of Mrs. Richard Bills Tuesday to plan for their annual Christmas party. Mrs. Charlie Hall Jones was among the guests.

Ten attended the Brotherhood meeting Tuesday night. Roy Phealan had charge of the program.

The WMS met for business Wednesday night with the Vice-President, Mrs. M. D. Durham presiding.

Rev. M. D. Durham taught the 5th chapter of the book "Our Cooperative Program" during the prayer meeting hour Wednesday night. The choir and the others on the Christmas



CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR THANKFULNESS at the Dub Chesney residence as they remember anew the Birthdate of our Savior, which is Christ the Lord. As this foursome approach the holiday season they are thankful for Christ, for Freedom and for the love and respect they show. Pictured with Mr. and Mrs. Chesney are their lovely children Kareza 3½ and Ronnie 6.

program practiced during the choir practice period.

The first snow of the season was received Tuesday night and Wednesday. The roads were slick Wednesday morning, but not much more than a ground cover of snow was received.

The El Paso Gas Camp had their annual Christmas party Thursday night.

Sandra Duke was one of the students selected from the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades of Dimmitt school for a select choir to perform in the Christmas Extravaganza Thursday night in the high school auditorium.

Mrs. Calvin Lippard and Mrs. J. Paul Waggoner worked at Plains Memorial Hospital at the desk and gift shop Thursday morning and afternoon.

Mrs. Jon C. Little was dismissed from University hospital in Lubbock Thursday. Linda Little stayed with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Little to continue in school.

Mrs. Mattie Scoggins was admitted to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt Friday with pneumonia.

Marvalynne Durham and Sandra Crisp were home from Wayland Friday afternoon for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bradley had their Christmas dinner with their children and most of the Dixon family Sunday, since Lee Bradley was admitted to Meth-

odist Hospital Sunday night for knee surgery Monday.

Mrs. M. D. Durham and Mrs. Bill Morgan took the Junior GAs to Dimmitt Sunday afternoon to the open house for the Golden Spread Rest Home. They took treats to the home and sang for the people there. Those going were Renee Jones, Patricia Waide, Myrna and Tresa Elliott, Debbie Wilson, Da Donna Kay Franklin, and Lesa Morgan.

Eighty four attended Sunday School with 82 in Training Union Sunday. The Christmas program was practiced Sunday afternoon and put on Sunday night.

Mrs. Roy Phealan, Mrs. Glenn Wilson, and Mrs. Robert Bridge were the committee for the program with Lonnie Follis in charge of the music. Bags of treats were given to the children after the program, refreshments were served to all. Gifts were also presented to the Pastor and Mrs. Durham and to Lonnie Follis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Westmoreland and children visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Loudder.

Bobby Borum, student at Texas Tech, Lubbock, is home for Christmas holidays, visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Borum.

Mrs. A. K. Shelby and Mrs. C. O. Taylor were in Clovis on business Thursday.

## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,

I am two years old and big

I am two years old and a big boy. I want a fire truck with a monkey that talks.

I love you too, Jay Beene

Dear Santa Claus,

"Hi Santa! How are you doing fine I hope to bring the toys to

us kids. My little sister wants: baby boo and clothes. My little brother, Johnny Express, Tric Trac. I want: a sting ray bicycle and we want our daddy to come home out of the hospital. And Walkie Talkie.

From Ronnie, Kristi and Larry Thomas

**TAX COSTS**— Total direct taxes, says Rep. George Hansen (R. Idaho) take almost 30 per cent of income, compared with 24 per cent 10 years ago. Indirect taxes have increased until the price of some items represents almost as much tax as materials, and some, such as cigarettes and alcoholic beverages, are far more tax than product.

Some people are so prejudiced they won't even listen to both sides of a phonograph record—Changing Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Talbert, Fritch, Texas, were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Taylor.

Women's fashions are rapidly reaching an impasse. An impasse is where the neckline meets the hemline—Changing Times.

**OLD-FASHIONED Christmas Wishes**

Times change, but the good old-fashioned spirit of Christmas goes on forever, and so do our hearty wishes for your happiness, and our earnest thanks for your friendly good will.

**WHITE'S**

EARTH, TEXAS

**Peace on Earth...**

**GOOD WILL TO ALL MEN...**

Infinite dome of sky...  
Still earth swathed in white.  
In the serenity of Nature  
We sense lasting harmony.

**PLAINVIEW PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOC.**

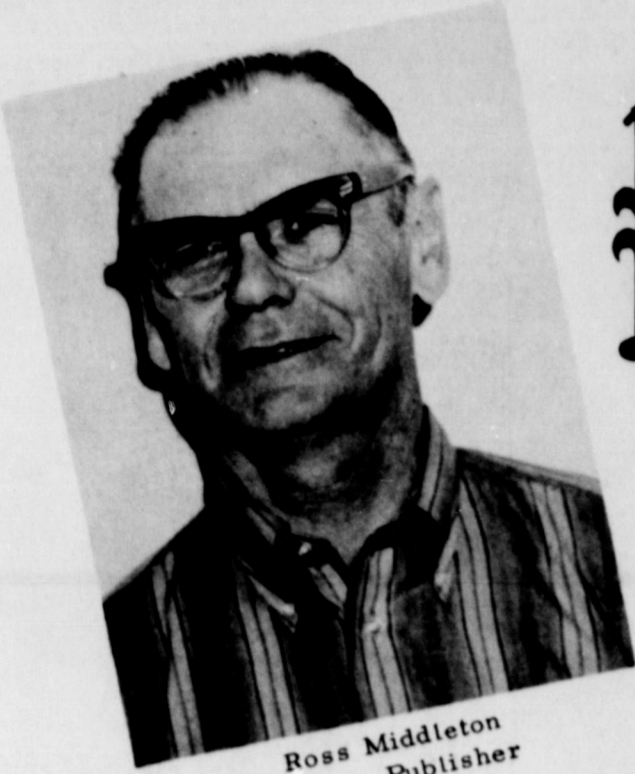
JIMMY HOLT, Mgr.  
Littlefield Texas

**Greetings**

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

**FARM CHEMICAL**

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# Merry Christmas to All



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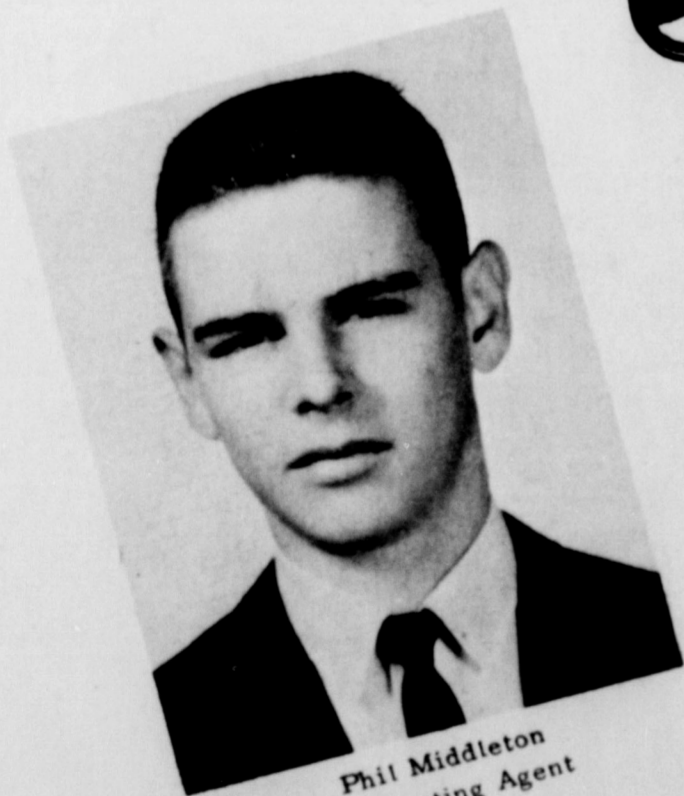


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Photographer & Dark Room

# Greetings of the Season

*The Holidays are here... with all their flurry, hurry, fun and frolic!*

*In the midst of all the merriment and bustle, we want to make a special point of pausing in the day's occupation to wish every one of our friends and their families all the joys of the Holiday. Serving you all has indeed made our Season bright and happy.*



Phil Middleton  
Collecting Agent



Mary Chaney  
Compositor

# The Earth News-Sun