

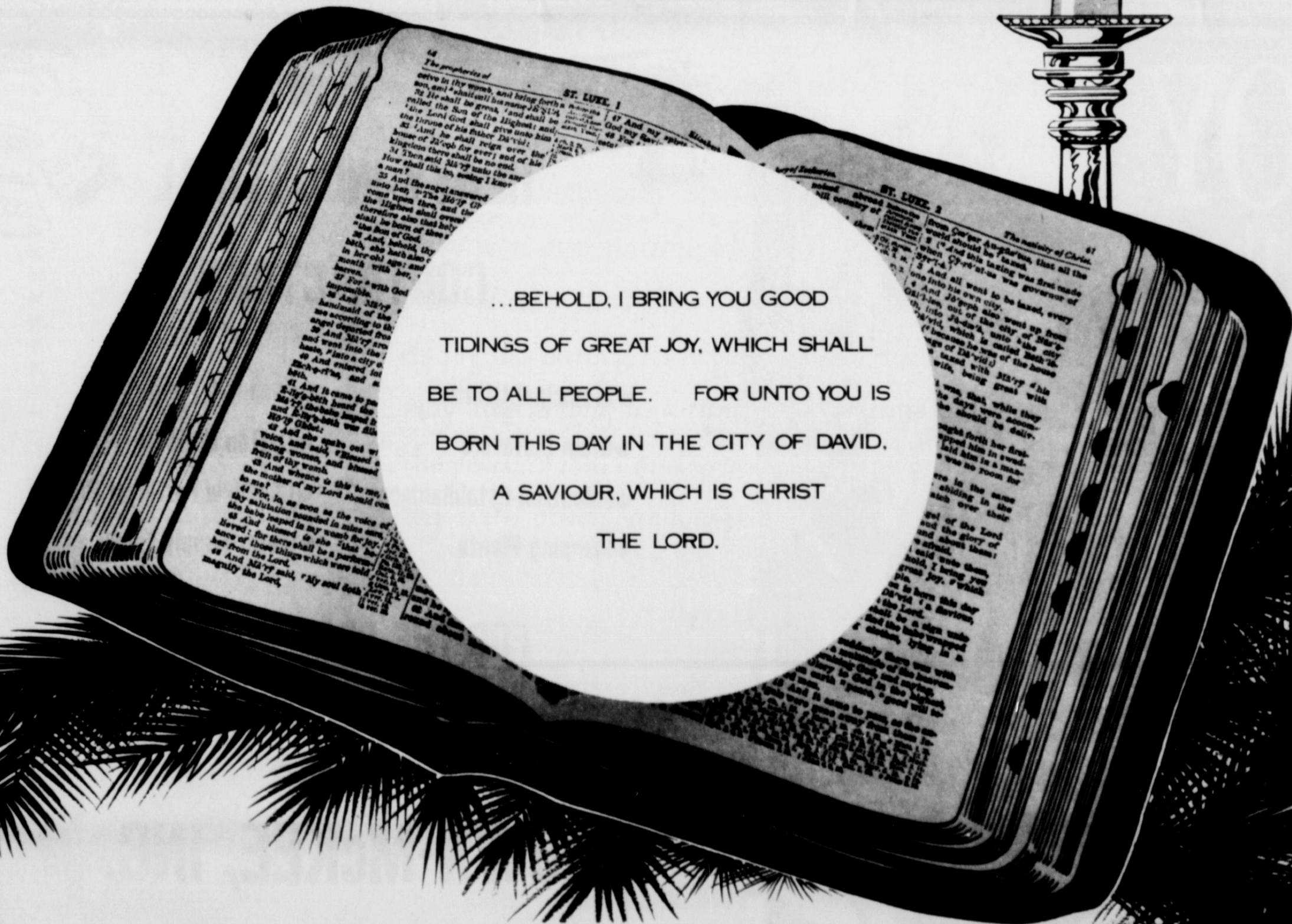
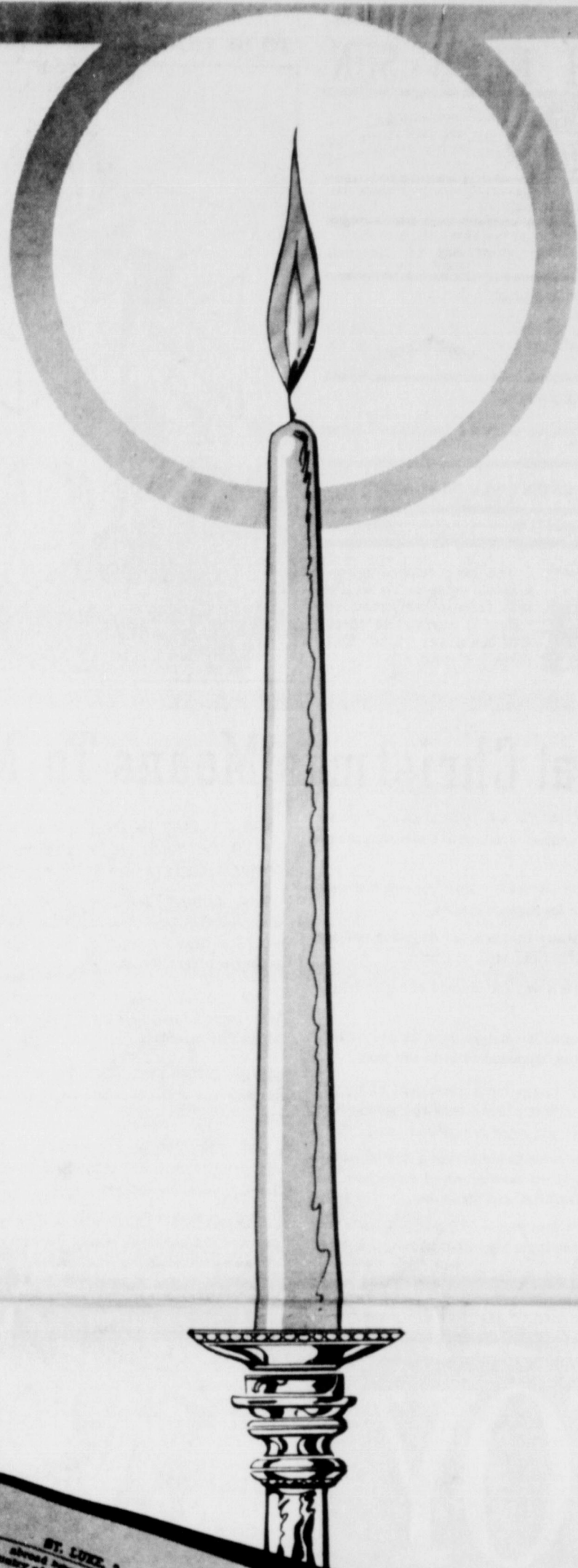
Annual Christmas edition of the . . .

# Earth News-Sun

FARTH, LAMB COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1969

32 Pages  
In 2 Sections

# Message of Hope for a Troubled World...



...BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD  
TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY, WHICH SHALL  
BE TO ALL PEOPLE. FOR UNTO YOU IS  
BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID,  
A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST  
THE LORD.



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The best demonstration of a man's poise is his ability to talk fluently while the other fellow is paying the check.—Ed Kummer, The Eaton (Colo.) Herald.

**TO BE ENJOYED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**



**CHRISTMAS 1969**

The celebration of Christmas takes on added meaning each year. It reminds us that material success holds little value if we neglect the spiritual. The strongest tie in human endeavor is that of the family, and through this tie we project our good wishes and feelings to those around us.

Some of us express the holiday in material ways through an exchange of gifts, others through an exchange of cards, personal visits or telephone calls. But they all focus on the main theme of brotherly love.

It is the time of year when good-fellowship, in spite of some commercial overtones, becomes contagious—when friendly, kind thoughts and actions are directed toward our fellow-man. It is a time when voices are heard in song and prayer—and the cares of the world melt away.

Let us try to extend the quality of the Merry Christmas of Christmas Day to the other 364 days in the year—by looking for positive ways to further the well-being of all mankind.

**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. Other legends broaden this

**to include all animals.**

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

**Hunting Season Provides Variety**

For migratory bird hunters, everything is running this month with the season open on crane, duck, geese, quail, and pheasant.

At the game refuge, 55,000 to 60,000 Sandhill crane roost there nightly and take to the fields during the daytime. Crane are plentiful for hunters who want to work at the sport hard enough. Crane season ends December 28.

The season on ducks and geese last until January 11. Most

migratory birds have reported—ly moved out of Lamb into Bailey County, with many moving into the game preserve. Quail season is open in Lamb County until January 16.



"Other people's troubles are not as bad as yours, but their children are a lot worse."

## What Christmas Means To Me

**WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME.** (By a roving reporter who called residence at random to ask what Christmas means to them.)

**MRS. DIANE AXTELL:** Christmas is a time for rest mentally and physically and a time for many surprises.

**FLOYD HOUSTON:** Christmas means a day of peace and joy and the glorious celebration of the birth of Christ.

**KEITH JONES:** Christmas is a day for joy and being with family members.

**MRS. T. L. FREE:** Christmas is a happy time for remembering pleasant things that have happened to us in the past.

**L. S. GRIFFIN:** Christmas brings me a great deal of joy and delight because of being with my loved ones and grandchildren. I value this day above all other days of the year.

**MRS. GENE CHANEY:** Christmas to me means a day of thanking God for all the blessings we have received throughout the year, and being with our families and loved ones.

**MRS. DEAN JONES:** Christmas means being with friends and family and observing the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Christ.

**MRS. JOHNNY ENLOE:** Christmas is the time to be thankful for all the things we have and for the Christ Child born on Christmas Day and what he means to us.

**MRS. ROBERT GEISSLER:** Christmas is the most important time of the year for families to get together. Christmas is also the time for remembering old friends and what the birth of Christ meant for us.

**MRS. J. A. LITTLETON:** Christmas is the birthday of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and the first thing we should all remember about this season.

**MRS. GLENN McCLESKY:** Christmas is a day for being with family and loved ones and being joyful for the blessings they have.

**MRS. JIM ROBBINS:** Christmas is important to me because it brings joy to children. Christmas is also a time for being with family members and loved one.

**JEAN WIMBERLY:** Christmas is a time for remembering times past and the happiness shared with loved ones we can no longer have with us at this celebration.

MERRY  
*Christmas*

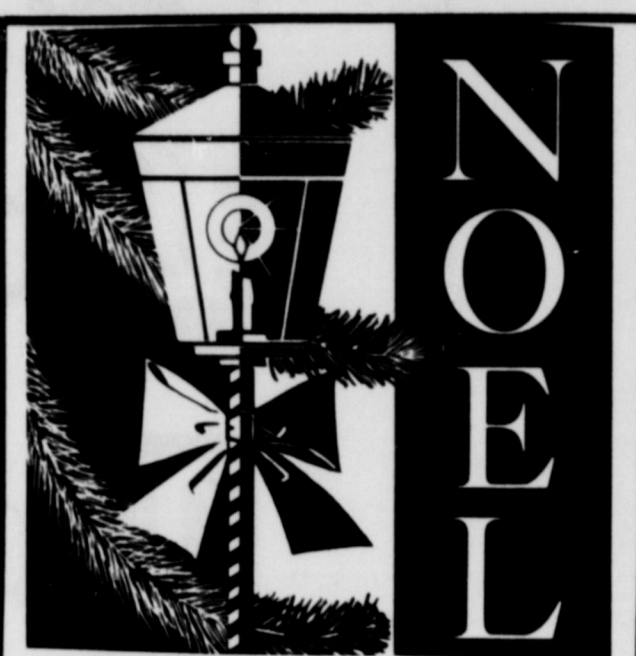
We join St. Nick in wishing you and all your loved ones a truly joyous Yuletide.



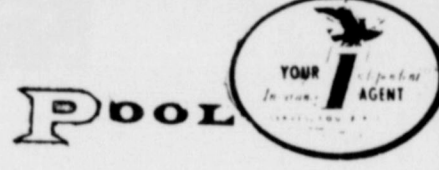
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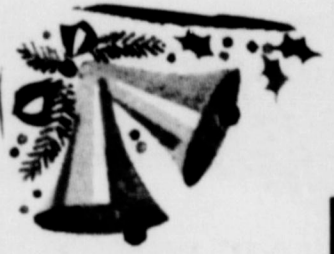


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# A Christmas Prayer



Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding & that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified & that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them & that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses & that the true spirit of this Christmas Season—its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith—may live among us & that the blessings of peace be ours—the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

From The Staff Of

**THE EARTH NEWS - SUN**







## La Donna Sigman Hostess To Christmas Festivities

La Donna Sigman was hostess to a combined Christmas and slumber party for members of the sophomore class, Friday night in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Sigman.

The lovely Christmas decorations throughout the Sigman home set the proper atmosphere

for the exchanging of Christmas gifts among the girls.

The remainder of the evening was spent listening to records and a lengthy session of "girl talk."

Members of the sophomore class attending were Becky Wright, Criss Dent, Suzy Temple, Becky Littleton, Sherry Pittman, Marian Dawson, Karen Hinchliffe, Regina Cole, Karen Dear, and LaDonna Sigman, hostess.

## Kindergarten Class Enjoys Party Friday

Members of the Community Kindergarten Class held their Christmas Party Friday morning at the local kindergarten.

The group presented their teacher, Mrs. Ed Dawson, with a beautiful poinsetta. Gifts presented to the children by Mrs. Dawson included a red

piggy bank and a Christmas stocking stuffed with goodies.

Following the exchanging of gifts by drawing numbers, the group enjoyed refreshments of Christmas cookies provided by Mrs. Bryan Dutton, Mrs. Charles Parish, Mrs. Ronald Cleavinger, and Mrs. Norman Ellis. Children attending the party included Sheryl Clayton, Dave Cleavinger, Arlie Ellis, Ricky Dutton, Kari Neinast, Greg Huley, Clint Latham, Mark Parish, Mark Ward, Benjy Patterson, Dyan Jones, Michael Ann Field, and Scotty Baucum.

## Mrs. Clayton Is Weekly TOPS Queen

Mrs. Fred Clayton was named Queen of the local Happy Losers TOPS Club Thursday night when the group met at the Earth Goodwill Centre for their weekly meeting.

The sixteen members of the Club who were weighed in by Mrs. A. W. Gover showed a total weight loss of 11 pounds for the week.

Following the opening song of "The More We Get Together," Mrs. Gerald Inglis read some of the rules and standards of the TOPS Club.

The group was dismissed with the "TOPS Pledge" and "Goodnight Ladies Song."

MERRY CHRISTMAS



MRS. WILLIAM ALLEN HATFIELD (Formerly Brenda Clayton)

## Double Ring Ceremony Unites Brenda Clayton and Allen Hatfield

The marriage of Miss Brenda Jean Clayton and William Allen Hatfield was solemnized Tuesday, December 23 at 7:00 in the First Baptist Church in Springlake. Rev. Don Holmes, pastor of the church, read the impressive ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clayton, Springlake and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hatfield of Petersburg.

The impressive ceremony was performed before an archway centered with a large white flocked tree decorated with

wedding bells and bows. Flanking the tree on each side were rope-garlands of greenery and candlebrass holding white tapers. Baskets of white poinsettias and greenery completed the decorations at the altar. Church pews along the aisles were marked with moss green satin bows.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was adorned in a formal length gown of white silk faced satin fashioned with a high mandarin collar accented with Venice flower-like lace. The Juliet sleeves were tucked and trimmed with rows of Venice lace. White velvet ribbon encircled the bodice with a bow at the front. The A-line skirt featured a wide band of tucked fabric with Venice lace bordering the hemline. Her detachable chapel length train was edged in matching lace. A camelot headpiece of Venice lace accented with pearls and crystals held the bride's veil of imported silk illusion. She carried a colonial bouquet of white roses, stephanotis, and Lilly of the Valley.

Attendants included Donna Blackwell, Maid of Honor and Annita and Donnita Kelley, cousins of the bride, were bridesmaids. The attendants wore identical formal length gowns of moss green velvet. The bodices and satin skirts were designed with an empire waist and Juliet sleeves. Their headpieces were matching moss green satin bows, and they carried green frosted roses of salas leaves with moss green streamers.

Sheryl Clayton, Springlake, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl, and Susan Clayton, Springlake, cousin of the bride, and Mark Hatfield, brother of the groom, of Petersburg, served as candlelighters. Ringbearer was Keith Clayton, cousin of the bride, Springlake.

Bill Gover of Earth served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Gary Strahand, Muleshoe; Tommy Clayton, brother of the bride, of Springlake; Randy Kelley, Lubbock; and Larry Crawford, Muleshoe will serve

as ushers.

Traditional wedding selections were rendered by Steve Sanderson at the piano. He accompanied soloist Ann Bearden who sang two selections.

The brides mother wore a celery green aleskine dress with matching accessories and a green orchid corsage. The groom's mother was attired in a beige dress and matching accessories with a green orchid corsage.

Immediately following the wedding, a reception was held at the church. The bride's table was laid with a white floor length lace cloth centered with a white memory candle with greenery and a bow ac-

## Young Farmers - Homemakers Enjoy Christmas Party

The Springlake-Earth Young Farmer's Organization honored the local Young Homemaker's Organization with a Christmas Party Saturday night at the Earth FFA Show Barn.

A delicious meal of steak, baked potatoes, salad, rolls, coffee, and tea was prepared and served by members of the Young Farmer's. A variety of delicious homemade pies prepared by the Young Homemaker's for dessert. During the meal the group enjoyed listening to recorded Christmas music.

Following the dinner, games of SkipBo, Rook, 42, and Dominoes were enjoyed by those

attending. As a Christmas project, each person brought a child's gift and placed it in the "Gift Basket" for under privileged children.

Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Don Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Don Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Phipps and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Raeford Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tunnell, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lively, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jearl James, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Gaston, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Parish, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Coker, and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gover.

## Local Couples Attend Christmas Party In Lubbock

The employees and their families of four area Quicksall-Pryor Companies enjoyed a Christmas Party held Saturday night at the Red Raider Inn in Lubbock.

A delicious meal of steak, baked potatoes, tossed salad, tea, coffee, and assorted pie were served from tables covered with white clothes and carrying out the Christmas theme with center pieces of red Christmas candles and holly.

Bill Brown of Lubbock, magician and humorist, provided the entertainment for the event. Attending from Earth were Mr. and Mrs. James Wages of the local Quicksall-Pryor Company and their guests Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Glasscock.

## Springlake Sunbeams Make Christmas Decorations

The beginner and primary Sunbeam groups of the Springlake First Baptist Church met Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. for their Christmas Program.

Under the direction of Mrs. Bill Lunsford, director, the group made small Christmas Trees, bells and glitter butterflies to hang on a small Christmas tree at the church.

Mrs. Lunsford read the Christmas story "The Birth of Jesus." Following the story the group enjoyed a session of Christmas Carols.

Refreshments of green coconut cupcakes, candy canes, and Kool-Aid were served to the group by members of the Springlake Women's Missionary Union. The next meeting of the Springlake Sunbeams will be Wednesday, January 7.

## Party Line

C. L. Houchin underwent surgery in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital Saturday morning and hopes to be home by Christmas Day.



"The difference between fame and fortune is between getting your face or your hands on a \$5 bill."

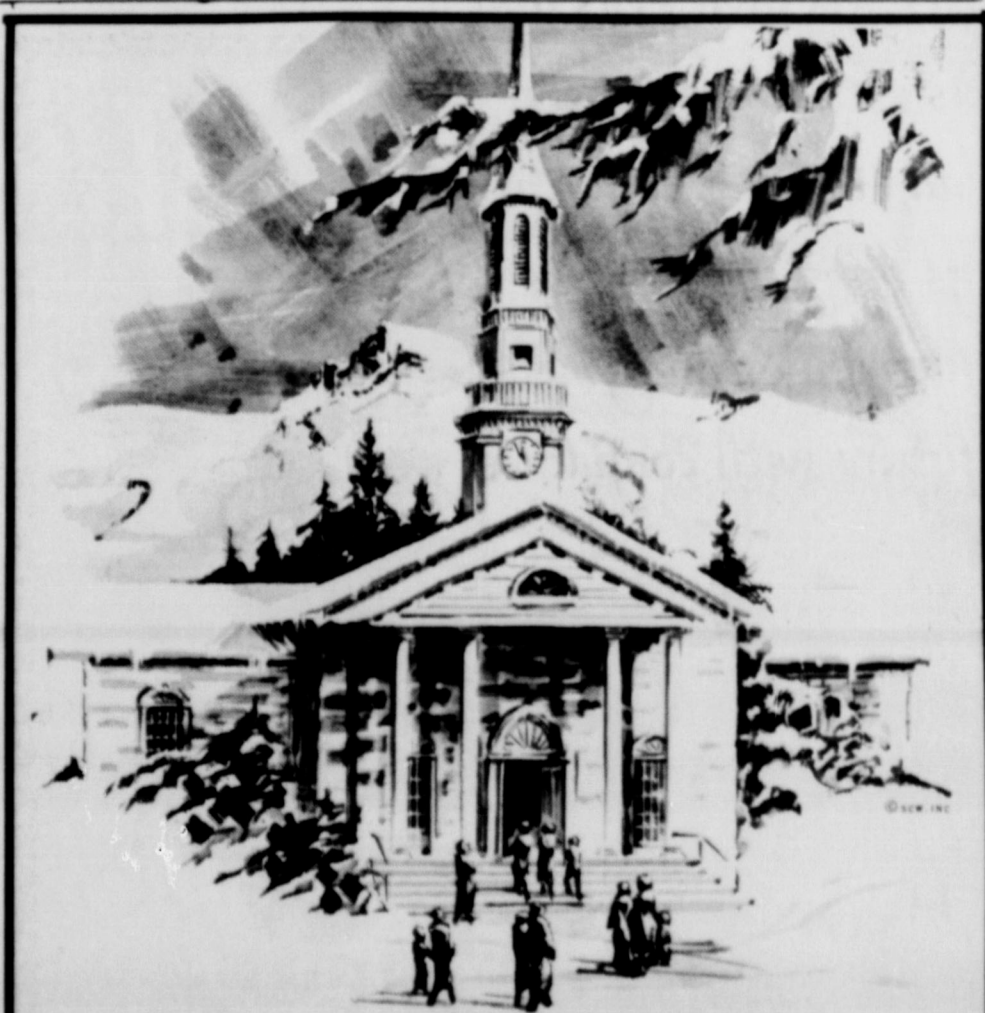
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## Stephanie Parish, Biff Belew Honored With Birthday Party

Stephanie Parish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Parish, and Biff Belew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Belew were honored by members of their first grade class on their seventh birthdays Friday afternoon.

Seventeen members of the class including the honorees rode the school bus to the Earth Community Building after school was dismissed.

The group enjoyed such games as "Zoo" "Drop The Handkerchief" and "River Rat."

Following the games, the children enjoyed the traditional birthday cake. The boys were served from a Rocket Cake and the girls from a Sweetheart Cake reading "Happy Seventh Birthdays," accented seven candles. Served with the cake were soft drinks and candy canes as favors. The Flintstone Theme was carried out in napkins and plates.

The honorees then opened the many birthday presents presented to them.

Attending the party were Glen Craft, Tommy Hampton, Dave Allen Ingram, Shannon Pellham, Russell Wheatley, Cindy Clayton, Kathy Gallegos, Mararette Gassett, Teresa Ott, Norma Ruiz, Lisa Templeton, Ten Clayton, Elaine Bills, Bren Belew, Bart Belew, Angela Parish and Joy Parish.

## What's Cooking at School

JANUARY 5-9

**MONDAY**  
Baked fish-tarter sauce  
New Potatoes  
Combination salad  
Red Devils Cake  
Hot rolls-butter  
Milk

**TUESDAY**  
Super dogs-mustard  
Oven fried potatoes  
Jello Mold  
Strawberry cake  
Milk

**WEDNESDAY**  
Roast Beef-gravy  
Creamed potatoes  
English peas and carrots  
Waldorf salad  
Apricot cobbler  
Hot rolls-butter  
Milk

**THURSDAY**  
Burritos  
Combination salad  
Macaroni with tomatoes  
Fruited Jello  
Cinnamon rolls  
Milk

**FRIDAY**  
Pinto beans  
Potato salad  
Mixed greens  
Fruit and cookies  
Corn bread-butter  
Milk

## Cavitts Attend Company

## Christmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Cavitt attended the District Southwestern Public Service Company Christmas Party held at the Littlefield Country Club, Friday night.

The traditional Christmas dinner of turkey and all the trimmings was served from tables covered with white clothes accented with white dinner candles and Christmas streamers.

Following the dinner, the approximately forty guests enjoyed games of bingo and dancing in charge of the festivities was Charles Smith of Southwestern Public Service Company in Littlefield.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

**PEACE TO ALL**  
This is our sincere prayer for Christmas

THANK YOU FOR PAST PATRONAGE, WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU THROUGHOUT THE FORTHCOMING YEARS.

**EARTH TEXACO**



MRS. RICHARD ANTHONY LILES (Formerly Cathy Dent)

## Dent - Liles Vows Exchanged

Miss Cathy Corinn Dent and Richard Anthony Liles exchanged nuptial vows Friday evening, December 19 at 7:00 p. m. in the Greenlawn Church of Christ in Lubbock, Minister Bill Lytwich of Lubbock read the impressive ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. T. L. "Mike" Dent of 5423-23rd St, Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Hollis H. Liles of 2301 Hughes, Midland.

pointed sleeves accented with pearl centered lace flowers. From a tierra of pearls backed by a satin crested flowed the waist length veil of matching lace. Attending the bride as Maid of Honor was Connie Dent, sister of the bride. Miss Dent's formal length dress of moss green peau de soire was short sleeved and styled along an empire line with deep inverted pleats in the back topped with a pink velvet bow and streamers.

Joe Dent, brother of the bride served as Best Man. Ushers were Mike Dent, brother of the bride and Randy Liles, brother of the groom. Traditional wedding selections

were rendered by the Lubbock Christian High School Chorus directed by Eddie Chance. John Mason of Lubbock served as soloist.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the Greenlawn Fellowship Hall.

Following a wedding trip to New Mexico, the couple will reside at 5601 West 19th Street in Lubbock.

Cathy is a graduate of Lubbock Christian High School and is presently attending Lubbock Christian College and is now employed at Randolph Manufacturing Company, Lubbock,

## Fannings Honored With Wedding Anniversary Reception

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Fanning were honored with a reception in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, December 21 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wood.

Hosting the event were the couples children, Mrs. Calvin Wood, Earth, Raymond Fanning of Richardson; Thorely Fanning of Enid, Oklahoma; and O. A. Fanning of Lubbock.

with a lovely white Irish linen cloth. The center piece featured gold mums enhanced with greenery. A lovely three tiered wedding cake and punch were served by sisters-in-law of the Fannings, Mrs. T. L. Fanning, and Mrs. Raymond Fanning.

The approximately 100 guests were registered by Miss Connie Fanning, granddaughter. The couple were married De-

ember 19, 1919, in Floydada. In 1931, the Fannings moved to Hereford where they lived for four years. In 1935, the Fannings moved to the Earth area, where R. W. Fanning was engaged in farming until he retired a few years ago.

Out of town guests attending were from Silverton, Tulla, Lubbock, Hereford, Muleshoe, Littlefield, Olton, and Vincent, Oklahoma.

## School Faculty Entertained At Christmas Party

Spirits were high Monday night as the faculty and school employees were entertained at the group's annual Christmas dinner.

The delicious dinner which began at 6:30 p. m. was served buffet style.

The tables were covered in white and were decorated, using the Christmas theme, with center pieces of Christmas candles and greenery.

Following the meal the faculty relaxed as they were entertained by a musical group and other fellow faculty members. Emcee for the evening was J. W.

Solis. Leading off the program was a sextet under the leadership of Mrs. Cecil Slover.

Mrs. Tom Whitson, school librarian, then presented the delightful Christmas story, "Little Lost Angel."

Miss Donna Benke, choir director, presented a special musical selection of "Sweet Little Jesus" to the enjoyment of those present.

The enjoyable evening came to a conclusion as the group was dismissed with a benediction by Bill Anderson.

## Women Alcoholics Show Alarming Increase

New York-Experts fear that alcoholism is engulfing women at an unprecedented rate.

Until 10 years ago, male alcoholics outnumbered women by about five to one. But authorities on the subject believe there are now three male alcoholics to every female alcoholic. Or even only two.

Precise figures are difficult to come by because so many women alcoholics are "invisible" - housewives drinking secretly in their homes and caught out only by husbands and children. Job-holding women alcoholics, of course, run the same risks of discovery by colleagues and bosses as men alcoholics.

Alcoholic mothers tend to blame their disease - and doctors believe it really is a dis-

ease - on such causes as boredom, loneliness, depression, marital troubles and fears of aging. Like men alcoholics, they tend to come from heavy-drinking families. Sixty-two percent of alcoholics have at least one alcoholic parent.

The emotional havoc created by an alcoholic mother is so pronounced that it is surprising that any children escape. Many alcoholic mothers try to retain the illusion that their children do not know about their drinking but it is invariably an illusion, the experts say. One alcoholic mother learned this when her three-year-old daughter tried to grab a can of beer from her hand. At that point, the woman went permanently on the wagon.

## Jr. Honor Society Hosts Christmas Tea

Members of the National Jr. Honor Society hosted their annual Christmas Teacher's Tea Friday afternoon in the teachers workshop in the Jr. High building.

Approximately forty teachers were served refreshments of red Christmas punch from a brass colored bowl and an assortment of Christmas cookies.

The table was covered with a Christmas cloth accented with a Christmas center piece of poinsettias, and a miniature Santa Claus and greenery. Also used as table decorations were Christmas napkins.

Serving at the reception were the members of the Springlake-Earth National Jr. Honor Society.

## McMillan Staff Honored

The office personnel of McMillan Bookkeeping and Fox Service were honored with a steak dinner by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McMillan Tuesday night, December 16.

The dinner was held in the dining room at the Corral Restaurant in Muleshoe.

While at the dinner, the staff presented gift certificates to the McMillans, and enjoyed an evening of fellowship.

Those attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gallaway, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Matlock.

## Springlake GA's Have Christmas Party

Members of the GA's of the Springlake First Baptist Church met Wednesday afternoon at the church for their Christmas Party.

The girls each brought a Christmas gift and exchanged them with the girls name they had drawn at a previous date.

In a GA activity period, the girls addressed Christmas cards to be presented to their parents. The Christmas cards were provided by Mrs. Herbert Miller. Refreshments of Christmas cupcakes, candycanes, and Kool-Aid were served by Mrs. Billie Walden.

Those attending the party were Ranae Winder, Tammy Davis, Denise Williams, Bobbie and

Robbie Mosely, Jaton Schellar, Gail Millet, Susan Clayton, and Mrs. Delvin Walden, director. The next meeting of the Springlake GA's will be Wednesday, January 7.

## Notice

Friends are cordially invited to the marriage of Miss Jill McCord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Edwin McCord, to Lynnwood Harrison Hamilton on Sunday, December 28, at 3:00 p. m. at the First Baptist Church, Earth. A reception will follow immediately after the ceremony.

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OMAHA, Neb. --Lieutenant Colonel Gamett F. Holland, son of Mrs. Faye E. Holland, Dimmitt, has retired from the U.S. Air Force at Offutt AFB, Neb., after more than 29 years service.

Colonel Holland served as chief of the aircraft/misile branch in Headquarters, Strategic Air Command (SAC) at the time of his retirement. SAC is America's nuclear deterrent force of long range bombers and intercontinental ballistic missiles.

The veteran of World War II previously served as deputy chief of the Joint U. S. Military Advisory Group in Thailand, and has also served 24 months in Europe.

The colonel is a 1939 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He was commissioned in 1943 through the aviation cadet program and holds a pilot rating.

Colonel Holland and his wife, the former Pauline E. Patterson, have a daughter, Vanesa, 6.

Private Harold W. Campa, 19 son of Mrs. Karene Campa, Route 1, Earth, graduated recently from eight weeks of basic combat training at the U.S. Army Training Center (Air Defense), Fort Bliss, Texas. He was assigned to B Company,



**Okay, This One Will Do...**

Hank Hudson, son of Lt. and Mrs. Hal Hudson takes over the job of selecting a tree while his father Lt. Hudson is in Vietnam.

**News-Sun Closed Through January 5**

This Christmas issue is the last issue of the Earth News-Sun to be published this year. The office will close today (Tuesday) December 23 and will remain closed until January 5, 1970, allowing office personal who

are making trips over the holidays to spend some time with loved ones during this joyous Christmas season.

The next issue of the Earth News-Sun will be published on Thursday, January 8, 1970.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

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**THURSDAY**  
 December 18  
 9:00-Washington Cathedral Services-C

7:00-Early Report-C  
 7:05-Farm Report-C  
 7:25-Today's Weather-C  
 7:30-Today-C  
 8:25-Morning Report-C  
 8:30-Today-C  
 9:00-It Takes Two-C  
 9:25-News-C  
 9:30-Concentration-C  
 10:00-Sale of Century-C  
 10:30-Hollywood Squares-C  
 11:00-Jopardy-C  
 11:55-News-C  
 12:00-Mid-Day Report-C  
 12:15-Community Closeup-C  
 12:30-You're Putting Me On-C  
 1:00-Days of Our Lives-C  
 1:30-The Doctors-C  
 2:00-Another World-C  
 2:30-Bright Promise-C  
 3:00-Letters to Laugh In-C  
 3:30-Peyton Place  
 4:00-Hazel-C  
 4:30-Big Valley-C  
 5:30-Huntley-Brinkley-C  
 6:00-Evening Report-C  
 6:30-Little Drummer Boy-C  
 7:30-Ironside-C  
 8:30-Dragnet-C  
 9:00-Dean Martin-C  
 10:00-Final Report-C  
 10:30-Tonight Show-C  
 12:00-New Mexico Report-C  
 12:15-Sign Off

**FRIDAY**  
 December 19

(7:00 to 6:30 same as Thurs.)  
 6:30-G. E. Monogram-C-Sahara  
 7:30-Name of the Game-C  
 8:00-Brackens World-C  
 10:00-Final Report-C  
 10:30-Tonight Show-C

12:00-New Mexico Report-C  
 12:15-Sign Off

**SATURDAY**  
 December 20

7:00-The Heckle and Jeckle Show-C  
 8:00-Here Comes the Grump C  
 8:30-The Pink Panther-C  
 9:00-H. R. Pufnstuf-C  
 9:30-American Rainbow Series  
 10:30-Jambo-C  
 11:00-Gator Bowl-C  
 2:00-Sgt. Rutledge-C-Jeffrey Hunter, Constance Towers  
 4:00-New Mexico Outdoors-C  
 4:30-G. E. College Bowl-C  
 5:00-Wild Kingdom-C  
 5:30-Huntley-Brinkley-C  
 6:00-Evening Report-C  
 6:30-Andy Williams-C  
 7:30-Adam 12-C  
 8:00-Movie-Help, the Beatles-C  
 10:00-Final Report  
 10:30-Movie-Imitation of Life-Lana Turner, Sandra Dee  
 12:00-New Mexico Report-C  
 12:45-Sign Off

**SUNDAY**  
 December 21

8:00-Faith for Today-C  
 8:30-Glory Road-C  
 9:00-Insight  
 9:30-Herald of Truth-C  
 10:00-Ask Your Minister-C  
 10:45-First Baptist Church  
 12:00-Meet the Press-C  
 12:30-Southern Baptist Century men-C  
 1:00-Ice Palace-Richard Burton, Robert Ryan-C

3:30-Year-End News Report-C  
 5:00-Pre-Bowl Special-C  
 5:30-News Special-C  
 6:00-Evening Report-C  
 6:30-Walt Disney-C  
 7:30-Bill Cosby-C  
 8:00-Bonanza-C  
 9:00-Election 69-What We Learned-C

10:00-Final Report-C  
 10:30-Tonight Show-C  
 12:00-New Mexico Report-C  
 12:15-Sign Off

**MONDAY**  
 December 22

(7:00 to 6:30 same as Thurs.)  
 6:30-My World and Welcome to It -C  
 7:00-Laugh In-C  
 8:00-Movie-List of Adrian Messenger, Kirk Douglas, Dana Wynter, George Scott  
 10:00-Final Report-C  
 10:30-Tonight Show-C  
 12:00-New Mexico Report-C  
 12:15-Sign Off

**TUESDAY**  
 December 23

(7:00 to 6:30 same as Thurs.)  
 6:30-Jeannie-C  
 7:00-Debbie Reynolds-C  
 7:30-Julia-C  
 8:00-Holiday Basketball Championship-C  
 10:00-Final Report-C  
 10:30-Tonight Show-C  
 12:00-New Mexico Report-C  
 12:15-Sign Off

**WEDNESDAY**  
 December 24

4:00-Mormon Tabernacle Choir-Sounds of Christmas-C  
 (7:00 to 6:30 same as Thurs.)  
 6:30-Orange Bowl Parade-C  
 8:00-Kraft Music Hall-C  
 9:00-And Then Came Bronson-C  
 10:00-Final Report-C  
 10:30-Heart of Christmas-C  
 11:00-Midnight Mass-C  
 12:15-New Mexico Report-C



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**THURSDAY**  
 December 18

3:30-North-South Shrine All Star Game-C

6:23-Sign On  
 6:30-Farm & Ranch News-C  
 7:00-CBS Morning News-C  
 8:00-Captain Kangaroo-C  
 9:00-The Lucy Show-C  
 9:30-Beverly Hillsbillies  
 10:00-Andy Griffith-C  
 10:30-Love of Life-C  
 11:00-Where the Heart Is-C  
 11:24-CBS Midday News-C  
 12:00-Search for Tomorrow-C  
 12:00-Channel 13 News-C  
 12:12-Farm & Ranch News-C  
 12:22-Paul Harvey-C  
 12:30-As the World Turns-C  
 1:00-Love is a Many Splendored Thing-C  
 1:30-Guiding Light-C  
 2:00-Secret Storm-C  
 2:30-Edge of Night-C  
 3:00-Matinee Theatre  
 4:30-Three Stooges  
 5:00-Gomer Pyle-C  
 5:30-Evening News-C  
 6:00-Channel 13 News-C  
 6:10-Weather-C  
 6:20-Sports Report-C  
 6:30-Family Affair-C  
 7:00-Jim Nabors Valet Hour  
 8:00-Movie-Me and the Colonel-Danny Kaye, Curt Jurgens  
 10:00-News & Weather-C  
 10:30-Dan Smoot Report-C  
 10:45-Merv Griffin  
 12:00-Little Bit of News & Weather - C  
 12:05-Sign Off

**FRIDAY**  
 December 19

(6:23 to 6:30 same as Thurs.)  
 4:55-Palmer Writers School  
 7:30-Hogan's Heroes-C  
 8:00-Movie-Anna and the King of Siam-Rex Harrison, Irene Dunne  
 10:30-News & Weather-C  
 11:00-Merv Griffin Show-C

12:00-Midnight Theatre  
 The Black Dakotas-Gary Merrill  
 1:30-Sign Off

**SATURDAY**  
 December 20

6:53-Sign On  
 7:00-The Jetsons-C  
 7:30-Bugs Bunny-Road Runner C  
 8:30-Dastardly & Muttley in Their Flying Machine-C  
 9:00-Perils of Penelope Pitstop-C  
 9:30-Scooky Doo, Where Are You? - C  
 10:00-The Archie Show-C  
 11:00-This Week in Pro Football-C  
 12:00-Superman-C  
 12:30-Coastal-Central-C  
 3:30-East-West Shrine All Star-C  
 6:30-LBJ-Why I Chose Not To Run Again  
 7:30-Lawrence Welk-C  
 8:30-Petticoat Junction-C  
 9:00-Mannix-C  
 10:00-Double Feature-Hot Blood-Jane Russell  
 Let's Rock-Julius La Rosa  
 12:45-Sign Off

**SUNDAY**  
 December 21

7:58-Sign On  
 8:00-Tom & Jerry-C  
 8:30-Batman-C  
 9:00-Oral Roberts-C  
 9:30-Movie-Harem Girl  
 10:45-American Favor its Hymns-C  
 11:00-First Presbyterian Church  
 12:00-The Changing Angel  
 12:30-Tom Landry Show-C  
 1:00-Century-Capital-C  
 4:30-Amateur Hour-C  
 5:00-New York Philharmonic Young Peoples Concert  
 6:30-To Rome with Love-C

7:00-F. B. L. -C  
 8:00-Glen Campbell Goodtime Hour-C  
 9:00-Mission Impossible-C  
 10:00-New, Weather & Sports  
 10:15-Red Raider Highlights-C  
 10:30-Curtain Call-Jazz Boat

**MONDAY**  
 December 22

(6:23 to 6:30 same as Thurs.)  
 6:30-Gunsmoke-C  
 7:30-Henry's Lucy-C  
 8:00-Mayberry K. F. D. -C  
 8:30-Doris Day-C  
 9:00-Carol Burnett-C  
 10:00-News & Weather-C  
 10:30-Merv Griffin Show-C  
 12:00-Little Bit of News & Weather-C  
 12:05-Sign Off

**TUESDAY**  
 December 23

(6:23 to 6:30 same as Thurs.)  
 6:30-Lancer-C  
 7:30-Red Skelton-C  
 8:30-Governor & JJ-C  
 9:00-My Three Sons-C  
 9:30-Green Acres-C  
 10:00-News & Weather-C  
 10:30-Merv Griffin Show-C  
 12:00-Little Bit of News & Weather-C  
 12:05-Sign Off

**WEDNESDAY**  
 December 24

(6:23 to 6:30 same as Thurs.)  
 6:30-Bluebonnet Bowl HSN  
 Houston-Auburn  
 7:30-Beverly Hillsbillies-C  
 8:00-Medical Center-C  
 9:00-Hawaii Five O-C  
 10:00-News & Weather-C  
 10:30-Merv Griffin-C  
 12:00-Little Bit of News & Weather-C  
 2:05-Sign Off

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CORPUS CHRISTI, --Navy Ensign George A. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen E. Jones of Route 2, Olton, was designated a Naval Flight Officer during ceremonies held at Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi.

He received his flight officer wings about three months after arriving at the Naval Air Station for the advanced phase of his training.

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. --Marine Staff Sergeant Aubrey R. Lambert, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Lambert of Muleshoe, is serving with Marine Air Control Squadron Five at Marine Corps Air Station (Helicopter), New River, Jacksonville, N.C.

His squadron provides air surveillance and control of aircraft and surface-to-surface missiles for anti-air warfare in support of Fleet Marine Forces, Atlantic.

**Accountants Offer Free Counsel in Depressed Areas**

Free accounting and financial management counsel is being offered to new and struggling small businesses in depressed areas under a new program of the National Association of Accountants.

In addition to aiding the entrepreneur in bookkeeping and accounting procedures, the NAA advisors will assist on such problems as costs, pricing, credit and profit estimates. The basic objective is to teach the new businessman how to perform these functions, not to do the detail work for him. When the project is performing satisfactorily and the business is able to carry on alone or retain professional assistance, the volunteer advisor will withdraw.

Public and private agencies make the arrangements with the local NAA chapters that are participating in the project.



## Favorites Selected In High School Elections

In student elections held at the past week at Springlake-Earth High School, the student body elected a junior girl and two senior boys as their favorites in specific categories.

Joan Dudley, lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norlan Dudley, was chosen as Smile Queen, Steve Busby, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Busby of Springlake, took the honors in two categories by being named Most Handsome and Best Dressed Boy at Springlake-Earth School. For his excellent scholastic ability and achievements Mike Wages, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Wages was selected by his fellow students as Most Likely To Succeed.

Students elected as Smile King, Most Beautiful, Most Likely To Succeed, Girl, and Best Dressed Girl will be announced after elections and run-offs scheduled to take place after the student body resumes regular classes after the Christmas holidays.

## Methodist Chancel Choir Present Cantata

The Chancel Choir of the Earth United Methodist Church, presented "Night Of Miracles" a cantata of selected Christmas Carols arranged by John W. Peterson, Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m.

The choir directed by Mrs. Ed Dawson was accompanied by Miss Joan Dawson at the organ. Narrator for the cantata was Carolyn Coker.

In connection with the theme, the 33 member choir presented such carols as "Glorious Night of Miracles," "Behold a Virgin Shall Conceive," "And We Beheld His Glory," "And There Were In The Same Country," "We Have Come To Worship Thee" and "When They Saw The Star."

In special sole selections Mrs.

Dewane Jones presented "Sleep, Holy Child," Mrs. Marie Slover, soprano, sang the beautiful carol "Fear Not, I Bring You Good Tidings."

Male vocalists Dale Riggs and Ross Brock, baritones, and Jimmy Littleton, tenor, each presented solo selections with the choir. "Prepare Ye The Way of The Lord" was given by Dale Riggs, "The Word Was Made Flesh", by Jimmy Littleton, and "Go And Search Diligently" by Ross Brock.

At the conclusion of the musical presentation, the Chancel Choir presented the beautiful "Hallelujah Chorus" with the entire congregation standing.

The church was beautifully decorated for the cantata, Seven branch candelabra con-



STEVE BUSBY—was recently named Most Handsome by the overall student body of Springlake-Earth High School. Busby was also voted Best Dressed by his classmates.

taining white tapers were placed behind the altar with the altar rail decorated with white candles set in red and green Christmas balls accented with greenery.

Candlelighters for the occasion were Elroy Wisian and Dean Jones.

Immediately following the cantata, a delicious Christmas Buffet consisting of sandwiches, relish plate, chips, variety of homemade pies, coffee, and hot chocolate was served by church members to the choir and their families.

The buffet was served from a lovely table covered with a white and red net overlay over a red cloth, with the Nativity Scene carried out in gold and white.

Dear Santa,

I want the dancing ballerina doll, I am leaving you some milk and cookies.

Kim Angeley

Dear Santa,

I want a jumping horse and I'll try to be good.

Rae Angeley

### HELLO WORLD

Mr. and Mrs. Dan W. Lakenmacker of 4523 West Alabama, Houston, announced the birth of a son, John Laing, born, December 18 at 9:00 a.m. in Baptist Memorial Northwest Hospital in Houston. The young man weighed 6 lbs. 11 ozs.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Laing of Earth and Mr. and Mrs. B.W. Lakenmacker of Houston.

The Lakenmackers have one other child Bill who is six years old.

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## Mrs. Dutton Local Firms Winner At To Close Open House

Howell's 216 Floral in Earth held an open house Wednesday thru Saturday for the benefit of the community and area Christmas shoppers.

During the three days of festivities, shoppers were able to sign up for a lovely door prize. The winner of a four bloom poinsetta was announced to be Mrs. Alfred Dutton in the drawing conducted Wednesday morning, December 17.

While purchasing gifts and viewing the lovely floral arrangements and novelty ideas during the three day open house, customers were served delicious refreshments of hot spiced apple cider, cookies, and fruit cake.

Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chaney in Olton were Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Chaney, Mr. and Mrs. Don Curtis and Cynthia, Mrs. W.B. Hucks and Ronnie, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Chaney and Melissa.

Local business firms in Earth have indicated they will close Christmas day so they and their employees can spend Christmas with their families and loved ones.

Among the stores that will be closed the 25th of December will include Bryant's Dept. Store Pounds Rexall Pharmacy, Paterson's Pay & Save, Earth Dry Goods, and Taylor's Market Basket.

Other business firms in Earth have indicated in addition to being closed Christmas day they will be closed an additional day. White's Auto Store and B&W SuperMarket will be closed December 25 and 26.

Citizen's State Bank will close at noon December 24 and will open again Monday at 9:00 a. m.

December 29. Howells 216 Floral plan to follow the same schedule.

The Trim and Slim Studio which closed Saturday will be open for regular business December 29.



DOOR PRIZE WINNER, Mrs. Alfred Dutton was the winner of a lovely four bloom poinsetta at the Open House held recently at Howell's 216 Floral. Mrs. Troy Blackburn presented the plant to Mrs. Dutton.

## Springlake Young People With Business Firms Know-How Needed To Close

Several Springlake business firms have announced that they will close Christmas Day so that they and their employees can spend this joyous day with their family and loved ones.

Business firms that will be closed Christmas Day include Springlake Motor Supply, Bomar Grocery & Dry Good, Adren's Welding Shop, Coopers Texaco, and Farm Chemical & Grain Co.

Firms that plan to be closed both December 24 and 25 include Busby Motor and Chris's Beauty Shop, Slim's Garage will close at noon the 24th of December and remain closed through Christmas Day.

The Springlake Beauty Salon has made plans to close December 24 and remain closed until Monday, December 29.

### PARTY LINE

Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Cole and Regina, Mrs. Alice Martin, and Frances Davis and boys attended "The Night Of The Miracle" a Christmas cantata at the First Baptist Church in Olton Sunday night.

Washington, D.C. . . Young people who feel that the "know-all" of college or the "know-who" of politics isn't exactly their bag, should take a new look at the increasing demand for know-how. In our college-oriented society, we are severely neglecting to train much-needed technicians. Technician manpower shortages are acute, and from all indications, the shortages will become worse over the next decade unless corrective steps are taken immediately.

National Consumer Finance Association, current estimates show that 560,000 technicians will be needed between 1968-1975. Currently, one out of every three technicians' job are vacant.

The April 1967 issue of FINANCEFACTS defined technicians as a diverse group which "usually support scientists and engineers in designing, developing, producing and maintaining machines and materials." At that time, the publication also predicted the need for technicians to rise over 75 per cent. Those young people who are not bound for college campus-

es, should consider pursuing technical careers. Potential manpower is ready in the young person from a low-income family or an ethnic minority. Women are also an excellent source of promising ability in technical fields.

Youngsters who lack the funds or the educational background to enroll in college are often very successful as technicians. They perform an important task in helping the professional apply his theories, and are well paid for their contributing to production.

August 16, 1858—The first cable across the Atlantic Ocean was completed and introductory and complimentary messages were exchanged by President James Buchanan and Queen Victoria.

August 20, 1896—The first successful rotating type dial telephone system was patented.

Mrs. Bob Belew entered Littlefield Hospital Monday for observation and is reported to be in good condition.



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## Methodist Youth Present Father Of Christmas Program

The youth of the Earth United Methodist Church presented the story of the Birth of Jesus in scripture reading and songs at morning worship service at the church Sunday, December 21. Special music for the program consisted of "Love Came Down", a duet by Bren Belew and Clint Dawson, "Go Tell It On A Mountain" by Fonda Goodwin, La Anna Sulser, and Camillie Hinchliffe, "We Three Kings", a trio by Dallas Cl, ch, Royce Jordan, and Dickie Brown, and "There's A Song In The Air" by Kim Jones.

Songs by the choir included such beloved selections as "Silent Night," "While He Sleeps," "Bethlehem Lullaby" and "Glorious Is Thy Name."

To conclude the musical presentation of the program, Alayne Slover, soloist, presented "How Great Thou Art" with the congregation joining in on the chorus.

As a fitting conclusion to the program, Rev. Johnnie Williams, pastor of the church, gave the benediction.

Those included in the program were Stephanie Parish as Mary; Micheal Graham, Joseph; Dane Clynch, Lonnie Neinst, Shepherds; Biff Belew, Jody Daniels, Carrie Been, Wisemen; Shella Jordan, Thresa Ott, Angels; Randy Bill, Cliff Wood, Speakers; and Elaine Bill, Rosie Lewis, Candle Lighters. Miss Joan Dawson served as organist and Mrs. Cecil Slover, Choir Director.

August 30, 1875—The first college chair of music instruction was established at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Chaney returned from Forth Worth Wednesday where they had been visiting with relatives.

## Father Of Local Resident Dies

Joe B. Hucks, of Edinburgh, father of W. B. Hucks, died at his home Saturday with an apparent heart attack. He had previously been hospitalized, but had improved and had returned to his home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 10 a. m. in a church in Edinburgh.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; 6 sons, W. B. of Springlake, Johnny of Eunice, New Mexico, David of Lubbock, James of Waco, Howard of Ocean Side, California, and Donald of Arlington, two daughters, Mrs. Ruby Bolinger, Bentonville, Arkansas, and Mrs. Rosie Gwinn of Edinburgh; 29 grandchildren; and 2 great grandchildren.

## Choir Present Program In Muleshoe

The Springlake Jr. High Choir traveled to the West Plains Convalescence Home in Muleshoe Sunday afternoon to sing Christmas Carols to members of the home.

The thirty-two member choir, under the direction of Miss Donna Benke sang several well-known carols to the members of the home. The group was accompanied at the piano by Marian Dawson.

Following the program, a Christmas Party was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Inglis.

Delicious refreshments of homemade candy and soft drinks was served to all those attending.

After refreshments were served, the choir proudly, presented their sponsor, Miss Benke, with a lovely embroidered sweater.



SOUND OF MUSIC... The Springlake-Earth Jr. High Band, under the direction of Jerry Starles was one of the four local bands that provided musical entertainment for approximately 250 persons at the Christmas Carol Concert held Thursday night to usher in the Christmas Holidays.

## Texas Farmers Must Pay Self Employment Tax For 1969

Dallas, --Texas farmers are subject to self-employment tax for 1969 if their farm income is \$400 or more, Ellis Campbell, Jr., District Director of the Internal Revenue Service, advised today.

The self-employment tax rate is 6.9 percent with a maximum of \$538.20, and is in addition to income tax.

A self-employed farmer is one who operates his own business or farm. A farmer is also considered self-employed if he employs others to operate or work his farm even though he does not live on it himself.

A farmer must file a Federal Income Tax return and pay the self-employment tax due if his net earnings from self-employment are \$400 or more, even if his gross income is less than \$600 and he owes no income tax.

The self-employment tax applies to a maximum of \$7800. But this figure is reduced by any wages from which Social Security taxes were withheld.

A special optional provision in the law enables farmers to acquire Social Security credits even if they have a loss after expenses are deducted.

"Farm" as used in the Federal tax law relating to Social Security and self-employment taxes, includes stock, dairy, poultry, fruit, fur-bearing animals, and truck farms, and also plantations, ranches, and nurseries.

detailed information on this subject. The booklet is available without charge by sending a post card to your county agent or IRS District Office.

BAUD — A unit of signaling speed in data transmission. The speed in bauds is equal to the number of bits per second.

RUN — One performance of a program on a computer.

UNPACK — To separate diverse information which has been included into one machine item or word.

## Community Kindergarten Presents Christmas Program

Members of the community Kindergarten Class presented a delightful Christmas Program for their mothers Thursday afternoon at the Kindergarten.

With all the members of the class joining in, a delightful production of Christmas Carols was presented. In an original Kindergarten style, the group presented "Jingle Bells" accompanying themselves with small bells, and "Upon The Housetop" complete with motions that told the story of the song.

The mothers then enjoyed a game which involved looking for red and green paper Christmas bells students had hidden throughout the Kindergarten.

Each child served their mother refreshments of punch and green and white coconut cupcakes, they themselves had iced.

At the conclusion of the program, each child presented

their mother with a green glitter candle holder and candle accented with a red Christmas bow, that they had made themselves. The gifts were wrapped in hand-painted Christmas paper.

### STRENGTH FOR THESE DAYS

They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength. (Isa. 40:31).

We have more strength than we realize. We are capable of standing strong and steadfast, because our strength is of the Spirit. It comes from the Lord of my being. If we need physical strength, God in the midst of us is powerful and life-giving. Draw on this life-giving strength by affirming "We are strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. God power will help us accept His good will and purpose through increased spiritual understanding."

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## 250 Attend Band Concert

Approximately 250 persons were on hand Thursday night as four Springlake-Earth Bands, under the direction of Jerry Starkes, ushered in the Christmas Holidays with a special Christmas Carol Concert at 7:00 p.m. in the Springlake-Earth High School Auditorium.

The sixth grade intermediate band opened the program with "Marching To Paretoria" and "We Three Kings." The Jr. High Band followed with three numbers including "King Of The Road." Christmas music was the order of the day for the "Pride Of The Wolverines Band" as they presented "What Child Is This?" and "Jingle Bell Fantasy." The High School Band also presented a concert march, "Thunder Creast," by Osterling and the lovely melody "Green-sleeves." The Stage Band presented the rocking conclusion to the evening to music festi-

vities by presenting three swing selections including Petullia Clark's "Call Me" and "Back To The Jungle."

Jerry Starkes, Band Director, reported that the concert was well received by community residents and the Christmas and other musical selections were enjoyed by persons both young and old.

### Universal Stocking

A GOOD gift idea is Loop-the-Loop, designed by Burlington-Cameo with three numbers knit in the top (welt) that attach to the garter tabs of girdles with little flat clasps, eliminating garter bumps. The super stretch of Loop-the-Loop also makes it a universal favorite for wear with almost anything that holds up stockings, such as the new gripper leg girdles, most girdles using refill stockings and even old fashioned garters. So whatever her preference in stocking holdups, a gift box full of these "universal" stockings will be welcome.



SUPER SALESMEN... Three members of three Springlake-Earth Bands were named as high salesmen in the band's recent magazine and newspaper subscription drive. Left to right are: Randy Bills, Steve Sanderson, and Sammy Parish.

## Gun Control Act Change Eases Ammo Record Need

Dallas, Texas--It no longer is necessary for dealers to keep records of certain ammunition sales, B. Frank White, Regional Commissioner for the Southwest Region, Internal Revenue Service, said today.

Newly enacted legislation eliminates the need for dealers to keep records on sales of shotgun ammunition, ammunition suitable only for use in rifles, and component parts of these types of ammunition. Purchase of ammunition interchangeable between rifles and handguns, such as, 22 caliber rimfire ammunition, continue to be subject to the recordkeeping requirements. Previously, the gun control act of 1968, required records for all ammunition sales.

Mr. White stressed, however, that no other aspect of the act, which is administered by the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division of the IRS, was changed by the legislation.

Persons engaged in selling ammunition still are required to be licensed under the act.

Anyone under 21 years of age cannot purchase handgun ammunition. However, individuals at least 18 can buy rifle and shotgun ammunition. Dealers must still require purchasers to identify themselves if there is doubt about their age.

Felons, persons under indictment for a felony, fugitives from justice, unlawful users of drugs, mental incompetents, and persons under 18 continue to be prohibited from purchasing ammunition of any type.

ion and identifying the buyer, Mr. White said.

### PARTY LINE

Mr. and Mrs. E. Cecil Curtis had their Christmas early in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Curtis Tuesday night, in order that they could leave for Brownsville Friday to be with Mrs. Cecil Curtis parents the E.M. Stephens.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

*An old-fashioned wish that's sent right your way-- to say you are thought of on this holiday! Joy to all!*

**LAMBERT CLEANERS**  
Muleshoe

**Christmas Greetings**

*To all our friends... old-time wishes.*

**Halsell Cattle Co.**  
Earth

## Persons Should React Promptly To Danger Signals Of Heart

Rochester, N. Y. -A study of heart attack victims reveals that it took the average patient more than three hours to make up his mind to seek medical help. Transportation to the hospital usually took an additional 20 minutes.

These findings tend to dash hopes that mobile coronary care units can make a sizable dent

in heart disease fatalities, since the problem lies with human indecisiveness.

Furthermore, case histories of 160 heart attack victims show that the most stricken patients procrastinated the longest in turning to a doctor despite the fact that prompt hospitalization can be lifesaving. The investigators conclude that patients

must be trained to recognize and react promptly to danger signals.

# Season's Greetings

To Our Many Friends & Customers:

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

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

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

Sincerely  
All The Folks  
At  
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We heartily wish, for you and yours, a most merry and festive Christmas...as filled with the joy of giving as jolly St. Nick himself...as full of happy wonder as the shining faces of children gathered around the tree. May your heart and home be brimming with all the most precious blessings of the Christmas season.

"If We Don't Make Good Sausage, How Else Could We Build Such A Large Business In So Short A Time?"

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## '69 Texas Traffic Casualties To Top Quarter Million

Austin. --For the first time in the State's history, more than one quarter million persons will be killed and injured on Texas streets and highways during a single year, according to an estimate of 1969 traffic casualties issued today by Texas Safety Association.

Basing their computations on preliminary crash records through December 12, TSA further predicted that 1969 traffic crashes will cost Texans at least \$900 million, thus exceeding earlier estimates by more than \$100 million.

TSA points out that no war has cost Texas as much in casualties and money as will 1969 traffic crashes.

**Platinum-Plus**  
PLATINUM-PLUS is not jewelry, but a remarkable new razor blade from Gillette Safety Razor Company. The result of over 20 years of research, the Platinum-Plus edge is an alloy of platinum and chromium—with all the advantages of each metal. "Sputtered" onto blade edges in a vacuum chamber, the alloy forms the hardest, most corrosion-resistant shaving edge ever made.



WHAT CAN IT BE? Carmen, Kenneth, and Mike Wimberly, investigate packages, under the watchful eyes of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Wimberly, hoping to get a sneak preview before Christmas morning.

## S-E Elementary Classes Present Christmas Program

The first through the sixth grades of the Springlake-Earth Elementary School presented their Christmas Program Tuesday afternoon at 1:15 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Members of the first through the third grades each presented three delightful Christmas Carols. Among the numbers presented were "Jolly Old Saint Nick" and "Up On The House Top" by the first grade; "Rudolph The Rednose Reindeer" by the second grade; and "Jingle Bells" by the students of the third grade.

The fourth through the sixth grades then presented in song the Christmas Story "The Birth of Christ." Six grade soloists in the program were Fonda Goodwin, Bonita Field, Camille Hinchliffe, Dallas Clynych, Larrie Dear, and Audie De Busk.

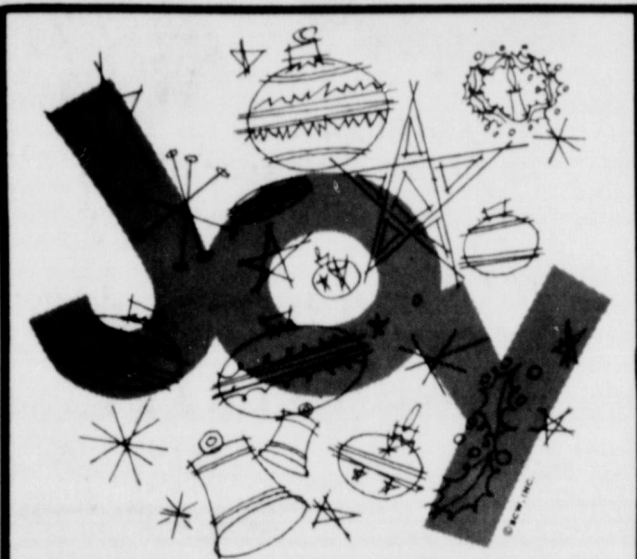
To conclude the program, the fourth through the sixth grades

presented selections from Victor Herbert's "Babes In Toyland."

Assisting the elementary students with the program were

Mrs. Gladys Parish, Mrs. Jimmy Craft, and Miss Donna Benke.

**Stamp Out Kitchen Clutter**  
TIRED of ragged boxes, lumpy sugar, spilled popcorn? Save everything from salads to marshmallows in Corning's tight-sealing glass Store 'n' See containers. They match, stack, keep things moist—or dry—and show what's what. In six sizes from six to 80 ounces, their covers are bright white, sunny yellow or cool avocado. There's a new Shake 'n' Pour container, too, for eggnog lovers.



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**EARTH LAUNDROMAT**

NORMAN & BETTY SULSER  
JAMES & MABLE WAGES

EARTH

## Baptist Present Cantata

The choir of the First Baptist Church, Earth, presented "Born A King" a cantata of Christmas carols arranged by John W. Patterson, Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the church auditorium.

The choir directed by Marvin Sanders was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Eicon Schafer and on the organ by Mrs. Larry Tunnell. Acting as narrator for the cantata was Bill Anderson.

Following the introduction and welcome by David Hartman, the twenty-two voice choir with soloist Marvin Sanders presented "Behold The Day Has Come." The theme of the cantata, "Born A King," was written by John W. Patterson and was artistically intermitted throughout the evening selections.

Soprano soloist Mrs. Jimmy Craft presented the beautiful carol "The Wonder Of It All." Mrs. Jimmy Craft, also a soprano soloist, sang the lovely carol "Son Of Mary."

"Glory To God In The Height" was artistically presented by Mrs. Clarence Kelley, alto soloist.

Male solo vocalist for the cantata was Jerry Starkes, baritone, presenting the carol "Joseph, Thou Son David."

The choir concluded their program with "Hail To Thee." The evening of Christmas music ended as David Hartman led the congregation in the benediction.

Lovely Christmas decorations throughout the church spread a feeling of warmth and Christmas spirit during the cantata. Placed at the choir loft, piano, and organ were white candelabras containing white tapers accented with red bows and greenery. The windows of the church contained white candles and poinsettias surrounded by blue spruce.

Assisting with church decorations were Mrs. A. K. Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Higgins, Hershul Hulcy, and Mrs. Clarence Kelley.

### CREATE A CHRISTMAS SEW-IN

Do your own thing this season. Whether you're an experienced seamstress or just a beginner, it's simple to create your own Christmas Boutique full of marvelous gifts for family and friends, all within your budget.

Start with a selection of easy-care, easy to sew, low cost towels and a Cone "Towel Quickies" booklet, 12 pages of illustrated instructions on how to convert towels into gifts. Using bath, beach, or kitchen towels, you can make swinging shopping totes, cuddly curler caps, snappy ponchos, and many other items. Made from one of the great variety of Cone towels available, each gift will have that individual "Boutique Designed" look.

### PARTY LINE

Mrs. Gene Chaney and Melissa and Mrs. Bill Chaney were in Plainview Tuesday on business.

## FOR unto us A CHILD IS BORN



... bringing to the world and to each individual heart, the spirit of Love and the hope for peace.

Thank You For Your Past Patronage, We Are Looking Forward To Serving You Next Year.

**DENT FARM SUPPLY**

Earth

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And It's Our

## 1st ANNIVERSARY IN

**EARTH**

WE HAVE ENJOYED OUR YEAR IN EARTH, WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE

AND MANY KINDNESSES THROUGH THE YEAR

AND To Wish Each Of You

Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

**Brownd - Jordan Ford**



## S-E Choir Present Christmas Program

The Springlake-Earth Jr. High and High School Choirs, under the direction of Miss Donna Benke, presented a delightful program of Christmas Carols to the student body of the junior and high schools Friday morning in the High School Auditorium.

The combined choirs of approximately 60 members presented such traditional carols as "Drummer Boy," "White Christmas," "Holy Night," "We Three Kings," "Winter Wonderland," and "Silver Bells."

Camille Haberer and Paul Miller presented the cheerful duet "Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow."

DeAnn Brock and Rickey Russell presented solos in the choirs presentation of "White Christmas." JoAnne Temple also sang a solo in the "Winter Wonderland" selection. Accompanying the group at the piano was Marion Dawson.

Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Sigman and La Donna visited Saturday in the home of Mrs. Sigman's parents the E. C. Claytons

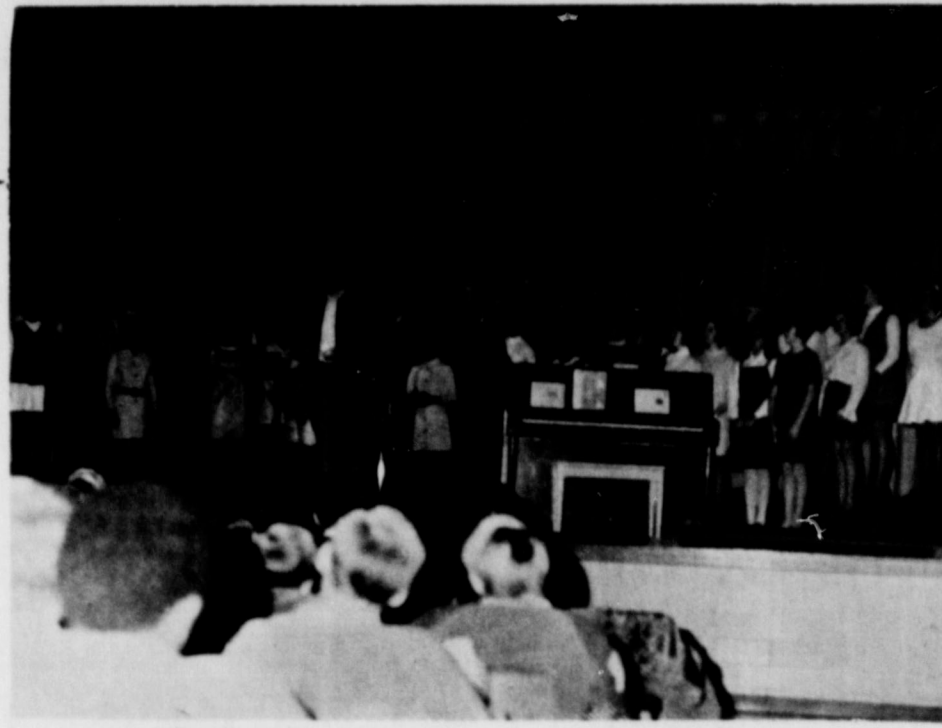
## Practice Safety During The Holidays

Accidents are always seeking a place to happen, so practice safety during the Christmas and New Year season, advises the Texas State Department of Health.

Today, accidents loom as the nation's number one threat to babies and children. Each year about 16,000 boys and girls under 15 are killed and about 17,000,000 are seriously injured in accidents.

Surprisingly, about four million people receive disabling injuries and some 30,000 are killed in accidents in the home alone.

The Christmas season is a prime time for one of the four million yearly home accidents to happen. A festive mood often dispels caution.



SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS. The sounds of Christmas music filled the auditorium Friday as 60 members of the Springlake-Earth Chorus presented their Christmas Carol Concert under the direction of Miss Donna Benke.

One of the booby traps facing you may be the toys you purchase for your child. The Food and Drug Administration recently asked a distributor to call in a baby pacifier labeled as "one-piece nipple and shield for extra safety." It actually came apart into three pieces--one small enough to choke a baby. In another case a baby rattle when broken produced a dagger-like spike.

Other toys shoot potentially deadly missiles, provide electrical shock hazards, burning hazards and other maiming hazards.

Small children are particularly susceptible to burns and poisons since so many things handled automatically go to their mouths. Holly and mistletoe berries, widely used as Yule decorations, are poisonous, causing vomiting, diarrhea and disorders of the central nervous system.

A few other Christmas-related products are considered poisonous. Bubbling Christmas tree lights contain methylene chloride, which if swallowed could cause slight poisoning. It has happened. Use only tree decorations approved and bearing the Underwriters laboratories (UL) label.

Fire salts produce beautiful colored flames, but they con-

tain certain chemicals-including arsenic and various toxic salts--that can cause vomiting if eaten.

Tree balls are made of glass and plastic, and in addition to causing cuts, could clog the windpipe of a child.

The gas propellant in artificial snow is toxic if inhaled but

leaves no residue when dried. Smoke pellets for toy trains could make Junior sick if eaten. And, cleaning fluid used with toy trains needs proper ventilation.

Becky Sanders who recently underwent knee surgery in Saint Mary's Hospital, Lubbock, returned home Friday.

## Booklet Tells Intentions Of (COPSE)

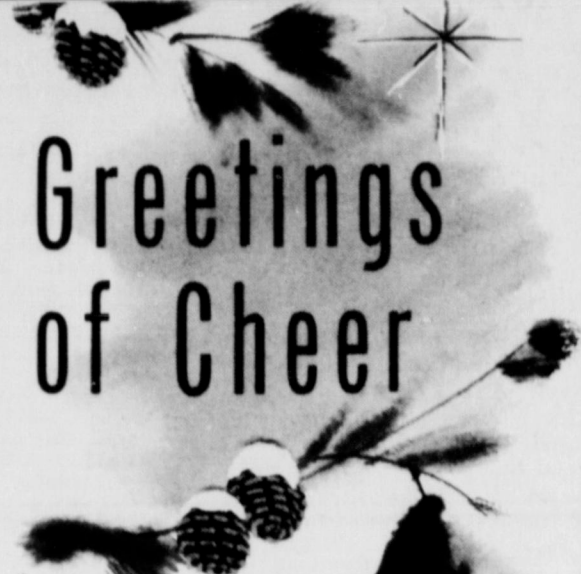
A report from the State Capital indicates that a group of private citizens is distributing an eight-page booklet summarizing the results of the controversial report of the Governor's Committee on Public School Education (COPSE).

Booklet includes a rundown of the accomplishments to date and those that became law even in modified sense. It also advocates action on the "additional improvements proposed by COPSE which are still needed to give Texas a first-class public school system". Included in that section are the proposals for tax equalization and consolidation of smaller schools that raised so much furor during the legislative session.

### AMONG THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mrs. W. O. Wood who underwent heart surgery Monday, December 15, is reported to be resting well and much improved.

Mrs. Melton Welch was admitted to the Littlefield Hospital Thursday and is reported to be resting well.



# Greetings of Cheer

May your holiday be bright with special joys

## Plains

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## A Prayer for Christmas



May the spirit of Christmas inspire mankind to persevere in its quest for the blessing of Peace on Earth.

Best Wishes To Our Customers

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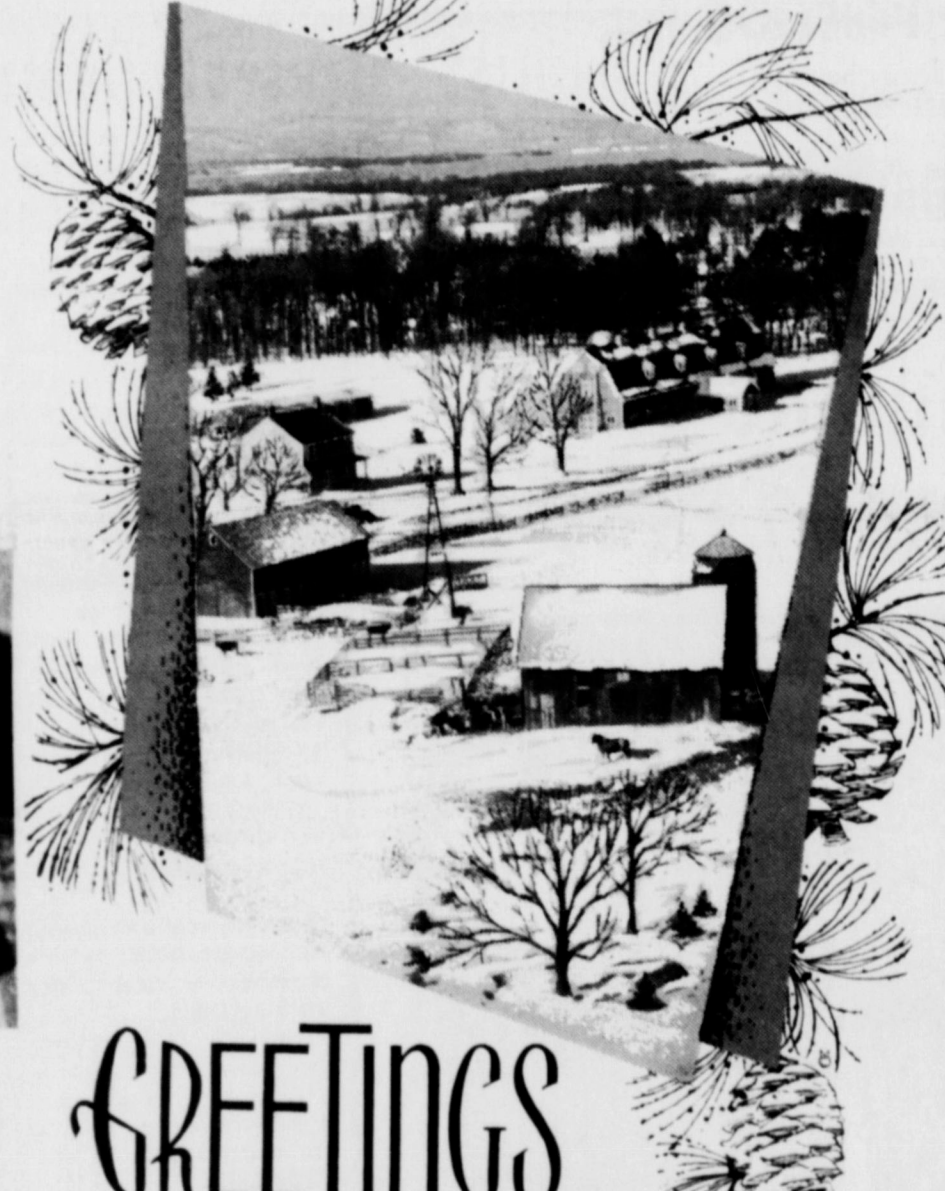
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Gene Brownd




Earl Jordan

# GREETINGS

Holiday time is here once again, and we take this happy occasion to wish every joy of the season to our good friends. It's always a pleasure to serve you, and we thank you!

# Noel



May the spirit of brotherly love illuminate every heart and every home at Christmastime.

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# Local Residents Make Plans For Christmas

Mrs. Frances Davis and boys, Rodney and Gary will spend Christmas at their home.

Sgt. David Kersh who is stationed at Camp Pendleton, California will be spending the Christmas holidays visiting with his sister and her family the Bill Lumsfords of Springlake and his parents the Alford Kersh of Olton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jackson of Ft. Worth will be spending the holidays visiting with the Hershul Hulcys and Mrs. Mary Gilmore. Mrs. Jackson is Mrs. Hulcys sister and Mrs. Gilmore's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Kilmer of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Adrian of Canyon, Mrs. Juanita Boynton of Hereford, Carolyn Boynton of Dallas, and Gary Wayne Boynton and family of Garland will spend Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Adrian, Mrs. Kilmer and Lonnie Adrian are the G. L. Adrian's children.

Mrs. Johnny Enloe, Earth; the V. D. Bells, Odessa; the Tom Enloes, Muleshoe; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Enloe of Littlefield; the Ledford Enloes of Rocky Ford; and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Enloe and boys will spend Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Enloe, Amherst.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Geissler will spend the Christmas holidays in the home of their son and his family the Robert Geisslers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Goodwin of Earth and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd

Ray Goodwin of Fort Worth will visit Christmas Day in the home of Mrs. Gladys Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Griffin will have Christmas dinner in the home of their son and his family the Larry D. Griffin of Abernathy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McClesky of Charlotte, North Carolina will be visiting with the Glenn McClesky's over the Christmas Holidays.

Mrs. Beula Coker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Hill and sons Johnny and Bryan of Lubbock; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nix, Nancy and Tim of Sudan will spend Christmas day in the home of the J. J. Cokers of Springlake.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Coker will visit in the home of Mrs. Coker's parents the J. D. Moores of May, Texas over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cole of Olton, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bills of Denver City, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cole of Lubbock, Carol Cole also of Lubbock, and Mrs. Alice Martin will visit in the home of the R. S. Coles sometime during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Chaney and Melissa will leave Tuesday for a weeks vacation in Marmaduke, Arkansas, with her mother, Mrs. D. W. Holt, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Armstrong will enjoy Christmas dinner in the home of their daughter and her family the Troy Kirby's of Dimmitt.



MIKE WAGES—was voted Most Likely To Succeed, by the overall student body of the local high school. Mike is quite studious.

Mrs. Nellie Barton will spend Christmas Day in the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Sterling of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bills and family will visit Christmas Day with the Cid Shaeffly's and the R. V. Bills both of Dimmitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Rafe Roger and boys of Whitharral, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Smith and family of Deming, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. John Blackwell and children of Llano, and Mr. and Mrs. Davey Taylor and family will spend Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Blackwell and Donna.

Melodie Brock will spend the Christmas holidays in Clifton with Richard Smith and his family.

Mrs. Marie Ross will spend Christmas Day in the home of Mrs. George Redinger of Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Cavitt and family will spend Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Simmons, Plainview. The Simmons' are Mrs. Cavitts parents.

## Mobile Home Market Gains

With rising building costs putting conventional homes out of the reach of many families, sales of low-cost mobile homes are skyrocketing.

According to the Mobile Homes Manufacturers Association, one out of every six new housing units of all kinds, including single-family houses and apartments are mobile homes. One mobile home was shipped for each three single family house on which construction was begun in 1968.

The modern mobile home is vastly different from the "house trailers" of World War II vintage. They were generally eight feet wide and 30 feet long. This size unit is still being built, but it accounts for less than one-half of 1 per cent of sales, while the 12-foot-wide unit accounts for 88 per cent of industry sales at present. These units range in length from 40 to 70 feet; the 60-foot unit is the most popular. The balance of industry sales consists of "double-wides" which consists of two units joined lengthwise.

The mobile trailer industry dominates the budget-priced home market (under \$15,000).

ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY

# Savings Bonds Interest Rates Raised

President Nixon has approved legislation raising the interest rate on U. S. Savings Bonds to 5 percent, if held to maturity. When queried about the new Savings Bonds terms, Rex Brack, Texas Chairman for U. S. Savings Bonds, stated, "The new rate of 5 percent to maturity applies to all outstanding Series E and H Bonds sold on or after June 1, 1969. The higher rate also applies to older Bonds. Beginning with the first semi-annual interest period starting on or after June 1, 1969, rates on outstanding E and H Bonds will be increased to yield 5 percent when held to maturity or

extended maturity. These outstanding Bonds will also benefit by an improved interim schedule should they be redeemed earlier. Therefore, there would be no advantage in redeeming outstanding Bonds to purchase new Bonds.

Chairman Brack pointed out that the dollar limit on annual purchase of E Bonds by an individual has been reduced to \$5,000 purchase price. Previously, the annual limit was \$20,000, face amount. The annual limit on H Bonds has also been reduced to \$5,000--from the previous \$30,000. However in computing this limit, Bonds

registered in the names of co-owners may be applied to the holdings of either or apportioned between them. Further, the nontaxable exchanges of Series E Bonds for current-income H Bonds will not be counted against these new annual limits.

The original maturity of the Series E Bonds has been shortened from 7 years to 5 years, 10 months. H Bonds will continue to mature in 10 years. Freedom Shares--sold in combination with E Bonds since May 1, 1967--will be removed from sale effective June 30, 1970.

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!**

It's a pleasure to greet friends during the holiday season!

**BEST WISHES!**

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May the Holy Babe bless the family of man with lasting peace.

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## Sunnyside News...

By Tenny Bowden.

Sue Harris was one of the Hart Seniors who made a tour of the Wayland Baptist College in Plainview last Saturday.

In the annual basketball tournament in Friona last Thursday 8th grade girls of Springlake-Earth Jr. High lost to Tulia 35-2, won over Dimmitt 13-18 and lost to Canyon 40-26. The 8th grade boys in their games won over St. Antony's 30-18. In this game Dickie Bradley made three points. They lost to La Plata 43-39. Dickie made 2 points in this game and then lost to Bovina 37-26. Thresa Elliott plays on the Dimmitt girls' team.

J. B. Hensley of Hale Center spent last Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Gale Sadler and girls

and their guests, and spent the day last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ezell Sadler, and Larry and David.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Autry went to Frederick, Oklahoma Tuesday to visit her mother who is seriously ill and have an early Christmas dinner with her family Wednesday. They returned home Thursday.

The book "The Taste of New Wine" was donated to the church library this week in memory of Sid Taylor, a former resident of the community, by Mr. and Mrs. Gale Sadler, Cindy and Susan.

Mrs. Pearl Sadler of Dimmitt came home with Mrs. Ezell Sadler Wednesday night, and spent the day Thursday with them.

The fire departments of Dimmitt and Springlake answered a call Wednesday night when fire was seen in the un-occupied house belonging to Earl Watson. Carl Bradley and family were passing and saw it just about the time L. B. Bowden smelled smoke and went out to investigate. Mrs. Bradley let Carl out and he and others who saw it as they passed fought the fire while she came to the Bowden home to call the fire department. Since it is a stucco house the shell and part of the roof remain intact, but it was a complete loss so far as the inside is concerned. The Earl Watsons live in Springlake, but have a farm here.

Cindy Sadler was among a group of students from North Grade school in Dimmitt who went last Saturday to Amarillo to hear the children's concert presented by the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra.

Janis Bridge was one of the 2 new members of the Springlake-Earth high school to be chosen for the National Honor Society Roll.

Gamer Ball, Mrs. J. Paul Waggoner, and Mrs. Hubert Lilley received word Thursday afternoon that an aunt, Mrs. Dora Muse of Phoenix, Arizona, had died. She was the sister of Bob Ball of Olton. They were with the family at Olton Thursday evening and Friday evening. Funeral services were held at Olton Friday afternoon.

Debra Ball was one of the Dimmitt High School Choir members who went to Amarillo Tuesday to tape some TV programs to be seen next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wysong of Wayland were dinner guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Sadler, Cindy and Susan.

The Springlake Wolverettes took first place in the basketball tournament held locally starting last Thursday. They won over Olton 78-66, Floydada 50-41 and were defeated by Canyon 61-52. Janis Bridge made two points in the game with Floydada. The Wolverettes lost to Hart 79-66 after winning over Olton and Amherst.

Jeff Matlock was chosen "Good Guy" for the week from Springlake-Earth school by the National Jr. Honor Society. It is a weekly project for the society. Leslie Loudder left Friday for Stephens County on business and to visit relatives. He returned Sunday.

The Adult V Sunday School class and their husbands had an early Christmas supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phelan Thursday night. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. Mack Tumez, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Holbrooks, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Bills, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson, and Mrs. Irving King.

## Figures Show Harvest Down Only Slightly

When the 1969 cotton harvest began this year, area farmers and ginners were a bit doubtful as to a favorable outcome. An early damaging freeze and wet rainy weather seemed to point to one of the lowest ginning seasons in several years.

To date eight gins in the Earth-Springlake area have ginned 24,221 bales. This figure compares with 25,199 bales ginned at approximately the same time last season. The figure shows only 978 bales behind last year's figure. In looking back through the files, the '67 season showed a record low year with 11,790 ginned at both Springlake and Earth gins. The '66 figures show approximately 25,773 bales ginned over the same period.

The past years on a whole have been good ones for the Earth area as regards the cotton crop and as we look at this year's figures we can count ourselves blessed especially at this Christmas season with a better than expected harvest.

## Goodwill Centre Ends Year

The Earth Goodwill Centre was open for its final business day of the 1969 period Saturday with members of the Earth Eastern Star assisting with sales.

Because of the nearness of the holiday season, the Centre had a slow day taking in only \$4,62. It was reported that even more children's clothes, especially winter items, and items of bedding will be needed by the Centre during the 1970 period.

Eastern Star members assisting with sales were Mrs. Donald Kelley, Mrs. George Runyon, and Mrs. Forrest Simmons.

The next regular business day of the Goodwill Centre will be Saturday, January 3, with members of the Town and Country Study Club directing sales.

## Santa Claus To Visit Earth December 24

Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive in Earth at 3:00 p.m., December 24, (today). He will go immediately to the Community Building where he will meet and talk with the children and distribute candy.

This will be Santa's final stop before returning to the North Pole.

Due to the lateness of his arrival Santa will be traveling on the fire truck rather than by his sleigh. He has informed us that his reindeer are resting and will be in top condition for their Christmas Eve Journey around the world.

Santa's visit to Earth is sponsored by the local Lion's Club. The Lions Club will also be delivering Christmas packages to needy families in the community Christmas Eve.

What a joy it is to realize that we can condition ourselves to act and react with the poise we so much desire to possess.

Never again need we give in to petty irritations; never again need we speak too quickly, act too hastily. Let us be patient in our daily encounters and rely on prayer and the Christ spirit of peace and love to assist us.

Farmer's and rancher's can now sign-up for the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) for Lamb County. Sign-up began Monday at the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Office in Littlefield.

Federal cost-sharing funds totalling \$105,655 have been allotted to assist farmer's and ranchers with the necessary practices of conserving soil and water on agricultural land.

Terracing, establishing permanent vegetation cover for soil protection and land use, improvement of cover, reorganizing irrigation systems, establishing permanent sod waterways, and other conservation improvements are included in these conservation practices.

## My Neighbors



"If there's anything gives me the creeps it's a safety engineer who keeps going 'ch, ch'..."

**Bells**  
Ringing bells in churches, for solemn and glad ceremonial occasions, goes back to about 7 A.D.  
In early Britain church bells tolled for an hour on Christmas Eve, announcing to Satan the coming of Christ. At midnight, joyous peals heralded Christ's birth.

MERRY Christmas

We join St. Nick in wishing you and all your loved ones a truly joyous Yuletide.

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to ALL

May the bells of Christmas Day echo within your heart.

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Progress in the New Year

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# Southwestern Public Service To Expand

More than \$25,000,000 will be invested in new plant and equipment in 1970 to meet the needs of electric power in its 45,000 square mile service area, it was announced today by Roy Tolk, president of Southwestern Public Service Company.

The major project in the 1970 construction program will be continued construction on Jones Station, a new generating station located on the Texas South Plains, near Lubbock. Ground was broken earlier in 1969 on the new plant, which will have an original generating capability of 210,000 kilowatts, and is scheduled to go into operation in mid-1971.

Approximately \$2,500,000 of the 1970 improvement investment will go for new facilities in the Plains Division of the company, made up of communities in 8 Texas and 2 New Mexico counties including Earth.

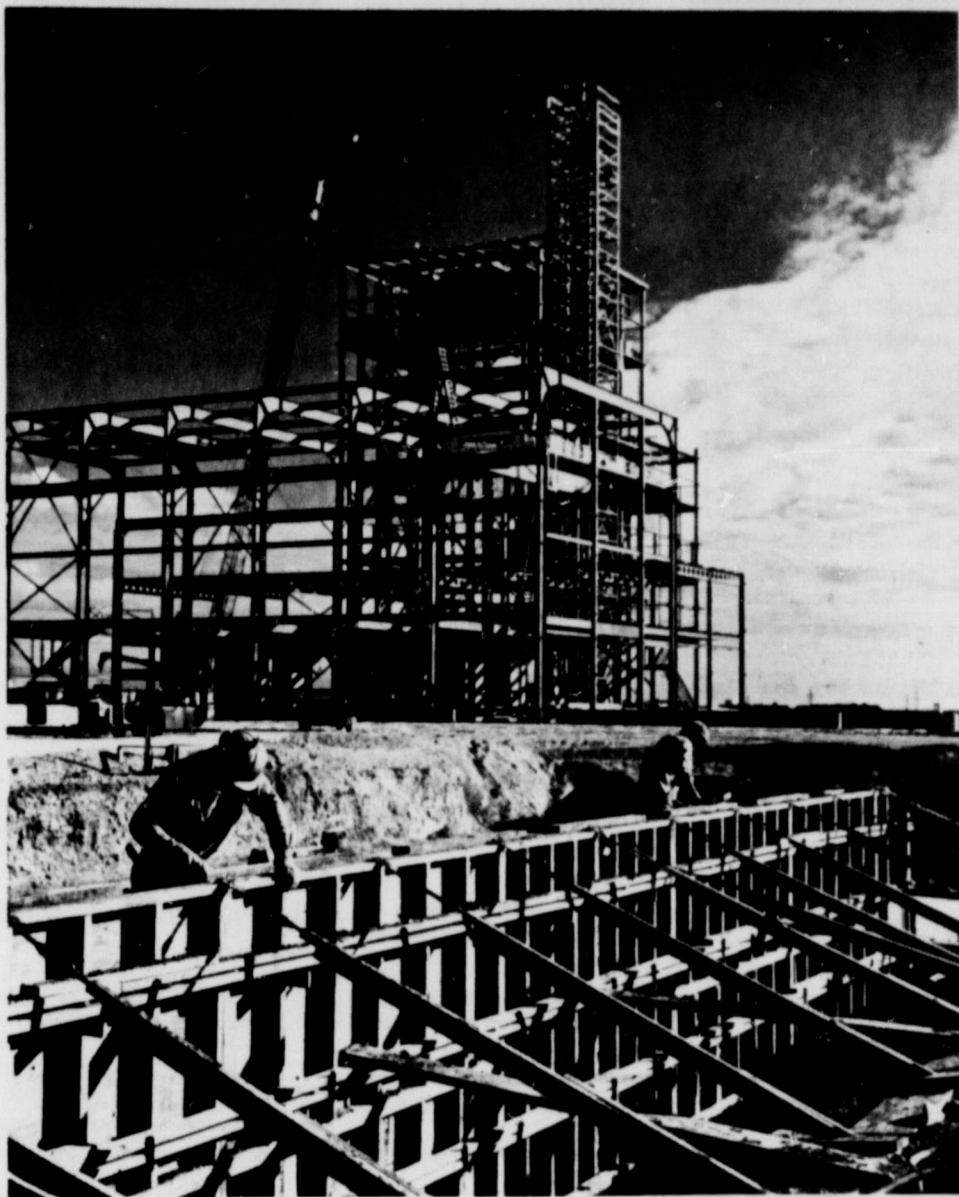
"When it comes to electric service, people are mainly concerned about two things these days, reliability and cost. We share these concerns with our customers. That's why it has been necessary for us to invest an average of 29-million dollars a year in new equipment every year for the last ten years. New equipment improves reliability, adds to efficiency, and, thus, gives us a chance, at least, to fight galloping inflation," Tolk said in announcing the construction program.

"Reliability of electric service is not a national problem, although it has been made to sound like one in recent years. This fear atmosphere, which has been building since 1965, has been largely the product of government control of business even though the failure which set off the 1965 blackout originated on a government-owned electric system.

"There are a few areas of the country, none of them close to this region, in which some power shortages may develop in the future. If these shortages do come about, one of the reasons will be that some companies have been prohibited from building necessary plants and transmission lines by special interest groups—a handful of people. It sometimes appears to me that we have quite a few people living in this 20th Century who want all the comfort and convenience of the space age, including low cost electric power, but want the landscape to look the way it did at the time of the landing at Plymouth Rock, with no cities, no railroads or airports, no highways and no power lines," Tolk added.

Tolk asked the press to help draw the distinction between a "blackout" and "outage". He described a "blackout" as a shortage of power and an "outage" as a service interruption caused by some other reason than a power shortage.

"Let me say, too, that we won't have any blackouts in our service area in 1970, but we will have some service interruptions. We aren't perfect yet, our reliability record is 99.997, and there will be some times when we'll have all the power anybody needs, but there'll be a lightning storm or a squirrel in a substation or an equipment failure or a human



A MAJOR INVESTMENT in Southwestern Public Service Company's 1970 construction program is the Clifford B. Jones Generating Station being constructed on the South Plains near Lubbock. The electric company plans to invest more than \$25,000,000 in plant and equipment in 1970.

failure, and we'll have a service interruption for some of our customers. So, interruptions, yes; insufficient power supply and blackouts, no," Tolk concluded.

Southwestern Public Service Company's 45,000 square mile service area covers parts of four states, beginning in the southwest corner of Kansas, crossing the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles, moving down on to the South Plains of Texas and then west to include the Clovis-Portales and Pecos Valley regions of New Mexico.

service needs of its 220,000 customers with an interconnected generating and transmission system that has a generating capability of 1,820,200 kilowatts, more than twice what it was 10 years ago, and is tied together by a 4400 mile transmission line network.

# Wolverettes To Compete In Duncanville Tournament

The Springlake-Earth Wolverettes basketball team will be involved in tournament competition during the Christmas Holidays as they play in the Nineteenth Annual Southwestern AAU Girl Basketball Tournament in Duncanville.

# One To Hart 58-56 Wolverines Drop Close

The Springlake-Earth Wolverines lost a close 58-56 game as they met the strong team of Hart in basketball action Friday night in Wolverine Gym.

The team gave their all in each of the four quarters, but were unable to come up with a Wolverine victory. Hart lead the Wolverines in scoring up until the end of the third quarter when the scoreboard read 42-42. The two teams went onto the court at the beginning of the fourth quarter with the fierce determination to win. Though the Wolverines gave their all, Hart scored 16 points to the Wolverines 14 points giving them a two point win.

The final championship game is scheduled for Wednesday, December 31, at 9:30 p.m. There will be thirty two girl's teams from all over the state entered in the Duncanville Tournament. The four teams from the West Texas area to be represented at the tournament are Slaton, Klondike, Spearman, and Springlake-Earth.

High point man for Springlake-Earth was Mike Cleavinger with 14 points followed by fast moving Willie Wilborn with 12 points, and Hoyt Glasscock with 10 points. High point scorers for Hart were Jim Averitt and Rex Henderson with 18 points each.

# Wolverettes Drop Hart 37-11

The mighty Springlake-Earth Wolverettes downed Hart in an easy 37-11 victory Friday night in Wolverine Gym.

The determined spirit of the Wolverettes was obvious as the team took the lead early in the first quarter and maintained it throughout the entire game. High point girl for Springlake-Earth was Janis Bridge with 17 points, followed closely by Jan Hedges who dropped in a total of 12 points for her team.

The Wolverette guards did their part to attain the victory by not allowing the Hart forwards a single field goal.

High point girl for Hart was Becky King with 10 points. The Wolverettes will see basketball action over the Christmas Holidays as they play Commande in the Nineteenth Annual Southwestern AAU Girls Tournament in Duncanville. The game is slated for 1:05 p.m., Saturday, December 27.

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## 'Tis The Season To Be Jolly, But Not Drunk

Austin, -- "A few carefree drinks can kill you" warns the Texas Safety Association.

Texans at Christmas can at least double their chances for survival and a happy holiday by not being a drunk driver or walker themselves.

Records show that a driver is 25 times more apt to crash when he is drunk. Drinking drivers will easily cause half the holiday smash-ups, fatalities and injuries as predicted by national studies. Furthermore, one out of two pedestrians killed by autos will be drunk, no matter if the fatal driver is sober.

How much is too much? Perhaps any or none, but medical authorities say it only takes three one-ounce shots of 80-proof whiskey, or three 12-ounce beers, to put a 150-pound individual into the fuzzy-brained alcoholic danger zone. Five shots in an hour definitely make him a dangerous drunk, for that amount causes a concentration of one-tenth of one percent by blood-volume weight, and that's too much! Driver or pedestrian, the drinker is now an abnormal traffic hazard.

Attorney George Wm. Perry of Dallas, president of the Texas Safety Association, in a special Yule message states that "We are not encouraging people to drink and then drive.

Quite the contrary, we must emphasize that driving in holiday traffic takes a person's full attention and even a small amount of alcohol in the bloodstream changes perceptions, attitudes and reactions to create a potentially dangerous situation that follows you like a shadow.

"There are no short cuts to sobriety as we've said before. Black coffee given by heavy drinkers can have the questionable effect of keeping wide-awake drunks on the road.

"However, we realize that some people will drink and drive during the holidays. To those so foolish I want to point out just how little alcohol is needed to reduce driving efficiency, how long it takes to eliminate alcohol from your system, and stress that you can choose to have a clear head." Six ounces of 80-proof in an hour is a very dangerous overdose for a normal healthy adult weighing 180 pounds.

Four shots is too much for safe driving in a 120-pound adult, and two ounces impairs performance.

Authorities say tolerances may be much less for people in poor physical condition, and may vary in any case.

Mr. Perry cautions that "a little drink can go a long way. It takes over six hours to eli-



EYES SPARKLING. Twinkling eyes and happy faces are evident as Mr. and Mrs. Don Curtis and Cynthia anticipate Christmas Day.

minate all alcohol from the bloodstream of a 150-pound drunk who had five quick drinks on an empty stomach.

"The Christmas holidays should be fun days and not days darkened by traffic tragedies. If all Texans will stay sober in public and drive friendly, Christmas 1969 can go on the record book as a time when Texans proved they really cared about their neighbors."

## Vicky Gregory Injured In Game

Vicky Gregory, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gregory of the Dodd Community and starting forward for the Springlake Earth Wolverettes was slightly injured in the Canyon-Wolverette basketball game held Tuesday night in Canyon.

During the game, Vicky hit her head sharply on the gym

floor, Tuesday night she was examined by a doctor in Canyon and on Wednesday morning by her family doctor to determine if any serious injury had been sustained.

Vicky's injury proved to be slight and will be back in top condition for basketball action at the Ducanville Tournament.

## VA Issues Reminder To Return Questionnaires

The Veterans Administration issued a reminder today to veterans and widows who receive pensions and to parents receiving compensation to be sure and return the income questionnaire enclosed with checks dated November 1.

VA Administrator Donald E. Johnson said that VA benefits are paid to war veterans with limited income who are totally disabled for reasons not related to military service and to their widows, and to certain other dependents of veterans who meet income limitations.

Where benefits are based on income, the VA, by law, cannot make payments unless it receives the questionnaire containing the estimated income for next year.

Some 2,000,000 will receive questionnaires. Veterans and dependents who have questions were invited to contact their local VA office.

### PARTY LINE

Mrs. Alice Martin recently visited with her children and families the Ralph Martins and J. B. Martins of Amarillo, while in Amarillo, she also visited with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ethel Lewallyn. On her return trip home she visited with the James Martins of Hereford.

Mrs. Ted Borum who has been taking treatments in Houston, will be staying there receiving further treatments during December. She is expected to re-

turn home sometime after January 1. She is reported to be taking the treatments well and in good spirits.

To All Our Many Friends,



Who's friendship we cherish, and to who we are grateful for the many cards, flowers, gifts, phone calls, and especially your prayers during the 3 months of illness, we use this means of expressing our thanks and to say may God Bless you all.

May your Christmas be a very Merry, Merry one and may the New Year be the happiest ever.

Ruth & Ted Borum

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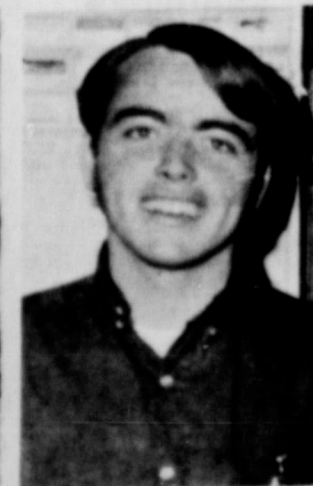
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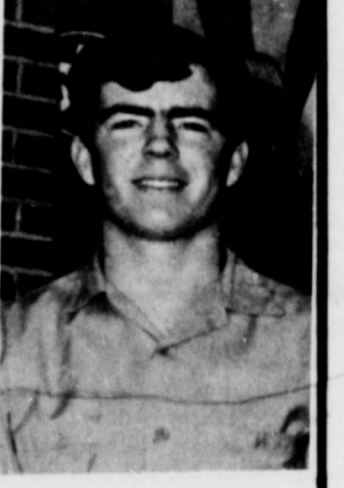
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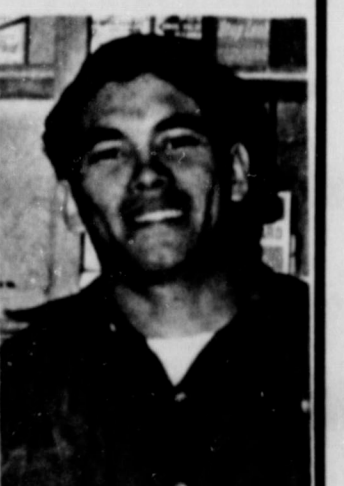
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Amado Guierrez, Not Pictured



**Letters To Santa**

Dear Santa,  
We are all in the Community Kindergarten and have been good boys and girls. Micheal Ann Field wants a ring and a tractor. Sheryl Clayton, a dancerina doll. Clint Latham a sleigh and flaps. Kari Neinaast an ironing board and Baby Catch-a-ball. Benjy Patterson, a slinky. Mark Ward, an electric train and car. Arlie Ellis, a model car. Mark Parish, electric guitar with stand. Ricky Dutton, electric guitar, piece of electric train, walkie-talkie. Dave Cleavinger, electric car. Greg Hulcy, flaps, guns and crazy wheel.

My name is Tamara Cowley, I am 4 years old. I am writing you to tell you what my 2 brothers and I would like for Christmas. Tony is 3 and Tyson is 2 months.  
Tony would like a road grader and tractor.  
Tyson needs a rattler and a little toy dog.  
I would like some Barbie doll clothes, iron and talking telephone. Also, I want my two front teeth for Christmas.  
We have all been good this year, so stop at our house.  
Santa, don't forget the kids in the Children's Home.  
Love,  
Tamara, Tony and Tyson  
Cowley  
P.S. We will have some cookies and hot chocolate out for you.

We love you,  
Kindergarten Boys and Girls  
Dear Santa Claus,



WILL THIS ONE DO? Jeri Page Been, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Marvin Been examines a tree to be sure it will be a perfect tree for the family. Holding the tree for Miss Been is Mrs. M. W. Messer.

**The Raccoons' Merry Christmas Party a Wild, Wild Affair**

For the wildest Christmas party ever, try inviting some of the playful animals that abound our many state and national parks.



One lover of wildlife, who lives in a trailer at a park in California, decided to give just such a Christmas party for the raccoons that come to his patio each evening for a snack.

He trimmed a six-foot smoke bush with strings of colored lights, tinsel and ornaments and hung an assortment of goodies all around the lower half of the improvised Christmas tree.

The appetizing tidbits consisted of doughnuts,

cookies, breadsticks, popcorn balls and scraps of meat all tied to the tree by long lengths of thread.

When evening approached, he searched out a spot that would afford him the best view and sat down to wait for the guests to arrive.

The first contingent showed up as soon as it became completely dark. It consisted of a father, mother, and three half-grown youngsters.

Advancing a few steps at a time, they finally entered the lighted area and caught full sight of the glittering tree. They all stopped short and the look on their pert masked faces was one of sheer amazement. Their coal black eyes began to pop as they studied this new phenomenon which now stood where they usually found just plain pans of food and water.

Soon sensitive noses began to twitch, and one more adventurous than the rest stretched himself to his full length to get a better view. Then suddenly, he digested the message: food!

With that he began to pull at the strings of food

to tear them loose. It didn't take more than a moment for the other members of the family to follow suit.

Soon more guests began to arrive. In the beginning of the party, each raccoon grabbed at the food indiscriminately, trying to get his share first. But the strings that were tied to the food posed a problem. A raccoon would get ready to run off with his prize when another raccoon would grab on to the sprig to which it was tied and snatch away the tasty morsel right from under his nose.

However, it wasn't too long before the brainy ones found a solution. As soon as they pulled their prize down, they bit off the thread and so avoided its being yanked off by a free loader. Who says animals can't reason?

Some of the raccoons slipped away into the darkness to eat their food dry. Others, not so shy, hurried to dunk their doughnuts or rolls in the water pan provided, for raccoons lack sufficient saliva to moisten dry food.

One by one, as appetites were satisfied the guests

departed, leaving a tree depleted of food, a good many of its ornaments and several branches off and scattered . . . signifying that the party was a complete success full of wild enjoyment.

Don't forget that children love to receive Christmas flower arrangements designed especially for them. Consider a child's-size tree fashioned of boxwood and garlanded with carnations and silver beads, or even a flowering lollipop bush created to be eaten.

**YORKSHIRE CHRISTMAS PIE**

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

from an 18th Century cookbook.

**Christmas Cheer**



All the best wishes to our good friends.

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**Season's Greetings**

We rejoice in the opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!

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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.





## Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,  
May I have a dragster bicycle it has a little mini wheel in the front and the handle bars are kind of like steer horns.

Your dear friend,  
Mark Bridge

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good this year. I would like to have a slinky and a billy blast-off. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

With love,  
Mike Gover

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a good boy. I would like to have a B-B gun and a football suit. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

With love,  
Armando Herrera

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Pro Bowl for Christmas. And a Major Matt Mason.

Jimmy Randolph

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a good boy this year. I would like a ford tractor set and a car. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

With love,  
Stan Runyon

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a good this year. I would like to have a Barbie Doll, and a baby grow a tooth doll. Please remember all the boys and girls.

With love,  
Patricia Johnson

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a good boy this year. I would like to have a B-B Gun, and a walkie-talkie. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

With love,  
Juan Samaniego

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a good boy. I would like to have 2 walkie



Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good this year. I would like to have 2 football helmets and a B-B Gun. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

With love,  
Joe Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good boy. I would like to have a football suit, and a football game that kicks and passes and punts. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

With love,  
Rudy DeLeon

Dear Santa Clas  
My name is Nancy Guerrero. I want a home backing over, sant a clow. I hope you will bring it to me and I hope you bring me a doll that walks and talk. That all I will ride to you. I love you Santa Clow,

From,  
Nancy

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll that can dance. And I want a watch. That's all I want.

Your friend,  
Nelda Garza

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bike. I love big juicy apples. I like nuts and candy. My stocking will be up. You and Mrs. Claus and the elfs have a Merry Merry Christmas,

Love,  
Rosie Lewis

Christmas. Here are the things I want, I want a Susie Baker and a ballerina and some dishes and a bike and also a talking barbies and that is all.

Love,  
Elisabeth Camarillo

Dear Santa,  
I know you are a very busy man, but if you have time try to bring me a helmet, shoulder pads, a football and a football shirt size 12.

Your friend,  
Arturo Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
Johnny and I have been good boys this year. I would like for you to bring me some Silly Sand

Dear Santa,  
I want a Swingy for Christmas and a Easy Bake Oven. I am four years old. I have been a good girl and I think your nice. Please leave some candy and fruit in my stocking. I have a little brother named Danny. He is 2 years old. Please bring him a green airplane and a red pick-up. He has been a good boy too. Please bring toys to all the little kids in the world.

Love,  
Darcy and Danny Randolph

# Blessings at Christmas

Let us rejoice in the message of the season!

**Curtis R. Wilkinson**  
COUNTY ATTORNEY

Littlefield

# Greetings To All!

*A wreath of best wishes to all our wonderful friends and patrons -- may your Christmas be merry!*

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talkies and 1 B-B gun.  
Love,  
Britt Alan Pounds

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a double barrel b-b gun please. I hope you come to my house this year. I am happy in December.

Love,  
Hoby

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a good girl this year. I would like to have a Dancerina, Snowman bubble, trick bubble toy guitar.

With love,  
Carrie Been

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a good girl this year. I would like to have a doll and some dishes. Please remember all other boy and girls.

With love,  
Aracely Olivas

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good girl. I would like to have a Swingy Doll, and a game. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

With love,  
Betty DeLa Garza

# Peace on Earth

The joyous Christmas Season is here again... to brighten our hearts, to lighten our cares.

To all our wonderful friends, we hope this glorious holiday will bring everything that makes for a life of happiness and contentment.

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# Greetings

Season's best wishes to you!

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**Letters to Santa Claus**

Dear Santa Claus  
How are you doing? I am doing fine. I hope you have a fine Christmas. I am sure I will. I want a Dancerina, and an organ, a game and an Alan barbie doll. Well by I have to go now.

Your friend,  
Sue Bradley

Der Santa,  
I like to have a bike, slinky, Tippy Toes.

Delma May Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good this year. I would like to have a B-B Gun and a slinky. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

With love,  
Corey Hopping

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want a Susy bake oven and a doll and that's about all.

Love your friend,  
Christie Pittman

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good this year. I would like to have a basketball and a Johnny Lightning.

Robert Fuentes

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good this year. I would like to have a B-B Gun and a football helmet. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

With love,  
Nathan Wade Ingram

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. I want a match box farm and farm set and a Hazard Hill Race set.

Love,  
Arlie

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good this year. I would like to have a Barbie Doll. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

With love,  
Teresa Lunsford

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good this year. I would like to have a Slinky and a Super Charger. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

With Love,  
Jolo Samarron

Dear Santa,  
I would like a watch and two dolls and a organ.

Your friend,  
Doniece Taylor  
3rd grade

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a good boy this year. I would like to have a hot wheel track with Super Charger and B-B Gun. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

Love,  
Kevin Ray Riley

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike for Christmas. And I wish you a Merry Christmas. Good Luck!

Frank Flores

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good this year. Please bring me a bike and a Super Charger. Please remember all the other boys and girls. Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Kyle Kelley

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Ballerina doll, Hands down game, Easy curl by Kenner, Kangaroo hop shoes, go-go boots, and dress.

Love,  
Tammy Ross

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a crissy doll, and a guitar for Christmas.

Thank you Love,  
Connie

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bike, susie baker, doll, watch, playhouse, dishes, table, sewing machine, clay, ballerina, barbie, and julie.

Love,  
Teresa Camarilla

Dear Santa,  
I want thumelina for Christmas. My sister needs a baby Giggles. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Elizabeth

Dear Santa,  
My name is Rhonda, I am 6 years old. I would like to have a Mrs. Beasley doll, and a water colorpaint set. A set of dishes and a icee maker, and a new bike.

Thank you,  
Rhonda Weaver

Dear Santa,  
Please bring a car, truckand basket ball and if you can a bicycle.

I Love You,  
Jerry Cheshier

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a patio ware set, a Mary Kate Doll, sketch-a-graph, and some clothes for my doll and me.

Love,  
Lynette Howell

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want an electric train with the telephone poles and bumper. Merry Christmas!

Love,  
Allen Clayton

Dear Santa,  
How are you, I think you may bring me anything you want to. I hope all of the children are good. How are your little elves. I guess I'm all right. Don't stand under the mistletoe, ok. I got to go now, by.

Love,  
Elaine Bills

Dear Santa,  
I want a Dancerina for Christmas and something good kind of little but not so little but I want something red with green on it Santa. I can not wait until Christmas.

I wish you a Merry Christmas Santa and I wish you will not be so fat Santa. Happy New Year. Good by Santa.

Your friend,  
Anita

Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle and a gun set and a watch and a car set. And I want a airplane set. And I want a Humpty-Dumpty set.

From Ricky Dean Smith  
from room 2

Dear Santa,  
I want a machine gun and a bike and a truck. My little brother Melvin wants the same things.

Thank you Santa  
Kenneth Wayne James

Dear Santa Clause,  
I would like a Bee Bee Gun a bicycle and some Bee Bee. I have been a good boy.

Trent Brown

It's nice to have so many friends -

# Merry Christmas

TO ALL OF YOU

FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT

## OLTON STATE BANK

MEMBER F. D. I. C.

Seasons Greetings

May your holidays be wreathed with joy.

From The Employees Of

### KILLINGSWORTH

Dimmitt



## MANY RACES CONTRIBUTE DECORATING CUSTOMS

In Sweden, the living-room door is locked the day before Christmas, so no one can peek while the tree is being decorated. After a Christmas Eve feast, the door is opened to reveal a beautifully adorned tree with candles. On it and at its base are pretty packages of intricate shapes and sizes.

In Norway, the Julenisse leaves gifts after the hearty Christmas eve meal of spe-

cial holiday dishes. The children must leave something for the Julenisse to eat and there is a special Christmas tree set out for the birds.



In Poland and Hungary,

the first star must appear in the heavens Christmas Eve, before dinner can be served. After dinner, the family gathers around the Christmas tree; a prayer is said, carols sung and the packages opened.

For Swiss children, it is the Chriskindli angel who comes driving six reindeer with a toy-filled sleigh to load the Christmas tree. While familiar carols are sung, the world-famed Swiss bells add their music to the snowy scene.

In Liberia palm trees are used as Christmas trees and such simple things as beads, soap and dress material serve as decorations.

## CHRISTMAS TIME CUSTOMS ARE WIDE AND VARIED

In most cases, the customs, the names and Yuletide celebration dates across the world are not the same.

For example: **SOUTH AMERICA** because of its overall balmy weather and own particular customs celebrates Yuletide amidst clicking castanets and ringing bells. The main day for exchanging gifts is Epiphany.

**MEXICO** begins its Christmas the 16th of December with the posadas which means "inns," in remembrance of the Holy Family searching for a place to stay. Children then receive their gifts the 6th of January, which is Epiphany.

**GERMANY** commences its holiday festivities on St. Nicholas Day. Since Germany originated the Christmas Tree theme, ornately decorated trees play an important part.



In Iceland, shrub branches are tied to a stake to create a Christmas tree and it is the Jola-Sveinar (nine good-natured goblins) who come down from their mountain workshop each Christmas to leave toys for all the children. And when the makeshift tree is lighted, the family sings carols with as much Christmas spirit as will be found in any land.

**THE ENGLISH** Christmas holiday is much like ours. But gift-exchanging does not occur until Boxing Day, the 26th of December. This age-old tradition comes from feudal times when the lords filled up boxes with money and presented them to their servants. The land "down under" — **AUSTRALIA** — because of its midsummer climate celebrates its Christmas outdoors; beach parties are common.

In **JAPAN**, Christmas is a grand affair since the nation adopted western secular traditions. You'll find St. Nick, uniquely decorated trees and gifts, but little or no meaning is given to the Christian religious aspect of this holiday.

**TURKEY** where Saint Nicholas was born celebrates Christmas for three consecutive days and nights.

## St. Nick Was Originally a Turk???

St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra, born in the fifth century in Patara, Turkey, was a living legend during his lifetime because of his love of people and his charities.

Nicknamed fondly Noel Baba, he was known as the saint of virgins, for helping poor and unmarried girls to secure dowries for marriage.

He was also the favorite of seamen. Even pirates respected him because of his

uncanny sixth sense about weather.

Why is St. Nicholas associated with Christmas?

His bones, believed to have curative powers, were stolen from his tomb here and carried to Bari, Italy, 1087, where they still rest.

Festivities of St. Nicholas Day, which falls on Dec. 6, used to extend until Christmas time, and were so popular that finally the two were incorporated into one — making St. Nicholas the symbol of Christmas.

The St. Nicholas Festival found its way into the United States with Dutch emigrants and St. Nicholas' name gradually became Santa Claus.



If your brother sins... against you... forgive him. (Luke 17:3).

Love God so that we can live each day from the emotional burdens of yesterday, free from regret and resentment. Through Him we can release all the conditions and situations that have troubled us. Forgive as we are forgiven. In this way we'll forget to be upset by what others do. Thank You, Father-God, for Your forgiving love that fills us with the solace, eliminates the burdens and hurts from our minds.

PEACE ON EARTH  
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

wishing you the Season's joy

DR. B. R. PUTMAN  
OPTOMETRIST

Muleshoe

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

When you give U.S. Savings Bonds for Christmas, you give the gift that grows with the years.

Blessings at Christmas

Let us rejoice in the message of the season!

From Bill Behrends and Wanda Dennis

**BEHREND'S INSURANCE AGENCY**

Dimmitt 647-3176

Holiday Greetings

These gayly decorated Christmas Bells ring out a message of joy and happiness to all our friends and patrons... and

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL"

WE HAVE ENJOYED SERVING YOU THIS YEAR AND HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE

**First National Bank**

MEMBER F. D. I. C.

AMHERST

Merry Christmas

AND A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

WE SINCERELY THANK EACH AND EVERYONE FOR YOUR BUSINESS THIS PAST YEAR, WE HOPE TO CONTINUE DOING BUSINESS WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE YEAR.

**KING GRAIN CO.**

MULESHOE



To Santa,  
I want a big truck for myself  
could you bring me one,  
Gus

Dear Santa Clause,  
This is Lupe, I want a foot-  
ball,  
Lupe



*Our Christmas wish to our friends:  
may the good cheer of this season  
bring joy to your hearts and much  
real happiness to your families.*

**COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

Olton



Dear Santa,  
I want a Suzy Homemaker,  
And a Boby catch a ball. And  
a Barbie doll,  
The End, Thank you.

Love,  
Jackie Hood

Dear Craetsmen,  
I new wagon for Christmas,  
and a car, For Christmas and  
a happy nver yard.

Your tuly,  
By Eloy Gloria

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good this  
year, I would like to have a  
Dancerina. Please remember  
all the other boys and girls.

With love,  
Mana D. Truelock

Dear Santa,  
All I want this year is a pair  
of rollerskates and a game call  
operation.

Lindsey Field

Dear Santa,  
I want a hot wheel set and a  
robot, I want four match cars,  
and the kind I want is a mast-  
ang, xie tiger, cement truck  
and a wagon car. I want a play  
dump truck and a play tractor,  
I want a music train set. I want  
a gun with parks. I want a wa-  
ter machine gun, batery racing  
car.

Danny

Dear Santa Clause,  
I would like a doll and a Susi  
homemaker for Christmas, I  
have been a good girl.

Velinda Thomas

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good this  
year, I would like to have a  
football game, that kicks, pass-  
es, punts, kicks field goals and  
fumbles and a walkie-talkie,  
Please remember all the other  
boys and girls.

With love,  
Lonnie Neinast



**Letters to  
Santa Claus**

Dear Santa,  
I tried to be good this year,  
I would like to have a Barbee  
Doll and some dishes. Please  
remember all the other boys  
and girls.

With love,  
Gloria Cortez

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good this  
year, I would like to have a  
Swingy and a Dancerina. Please  
remember all the other boys  
and girls.

With love,  
Nellie Palacio

Dear Santa,  
I wanta Susy Homemaker and  
a baby catch a ball, And a  
Barbie doll and some clothes.

The End,  
Linda Jo Hood

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a wig and a pretty das  
that has some flower on it. And  
a doll and a dancing doll. And  
a watch for my mother. And  
day watch for my father and  
a doll for my sister. And a  
easy backing for me, and toy  
horse for my baby borthr.

Your friend,  
Julia Cortez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want some barbie dolls and  
a dollhouse and a sushomemaker.  
And that all for me.

From,  
Patricia Ann James

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll that dance. I  
want a bike and a watch. I  
want a barbie dolls, I want  
some clothes.

Bye Santa Claus,

Your friend,  
Angie Velasquez

Dear Santa Clas,  
I want a red bike with a bas-  
ket on front of the bike. And  
a pink watch but real. And a  
ring with three hearts in front  
of the ring. And a big red  
chane. And a bride doll with  
high heels and ear rings.

Sylvia Nino Alvaez

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you? I am fine. I  
haven't decided what I want  
yet, but I better hurry up. We-  
ve been studying about the  
moon in science, and about  
other planets too. I bet you  
and Mrs. Claus are busy reading  
letters. I hope you had a good  
Thanksgiving. I wish you and  
Mrs. Claus a Merry Christmas.

Love always,  
DeAnne Clayton

Dear Santa,  
Bring me one of those music  
TV things and I want a stove,  
and a refr, and I want some cups  
with it and some plates and doll  
that moves and dances with re-  
cords in it and a record player  
for me and some high heels for  
me and get my grandpa some  
shoes, and a dress for grandma  
and I forgot I want a hairdryer  
with rollers

Thank You,  
Manica Taylor

# NOEL

*As the Wise Men sought  
the Star of Bethlehem  
over 1900 years ago,  
let us seek for a lasting  
peace on earth. Let  
us pray for that day  
when men will live  
together in harmony.*

We Wish All Of Our Friends  
And Patrons In The Area A  
Very Merry Christmas.

## FARMERS GRAIN CO.

Sunnyside Hart

*Merry  
Christmas*

*Yuletide greetings to one  
& all! May your holidays be gay!*

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

*wishing you and yours  
an old-tyme Christmas*

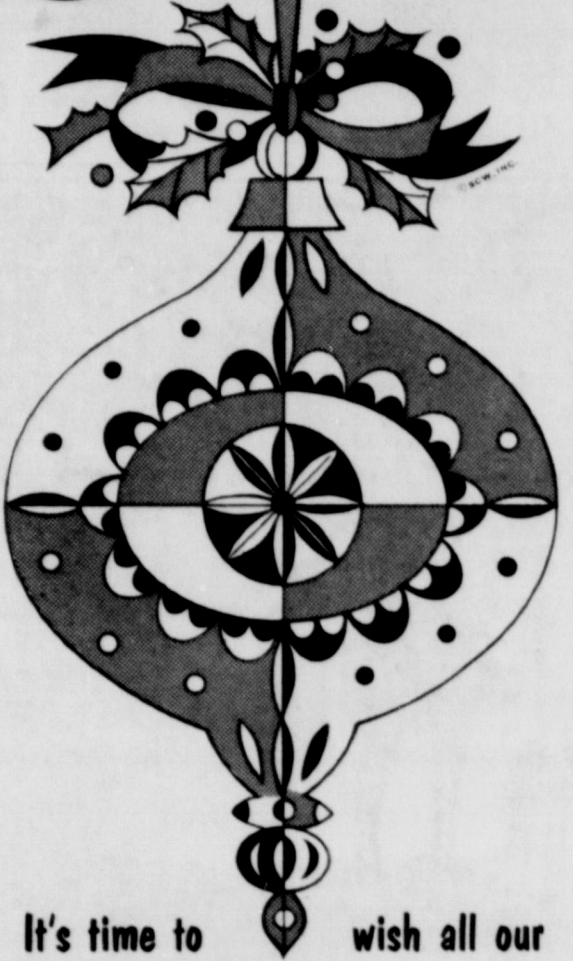
# LEMON

**Truitt & Euna Sides**  
Judge Of Lamb County  
Littlefield



We must stay relevant and responsive. We must listen to all the voices. We must recognize that it is no wonder that young people are "hanging loose" from the American Creed. But if young people are treated as responsible human beings, the large majority will behave responsibly.

# SEASON'S GREETINGS



It's time to wish all our friends the merriest and the most prosperous Christmas ever!

FROM

## WESTERN AUTO

Muleshoe

## Lo...Even the Lowly Cranberry Has History

Delightfully tangy yet sweet, the cranberry lends a jolly, colorful note to Christmas... frequently helping to trim the tree.

Yet the berry we take so for granted has a noble, even a distinguished history. It has consorted with governors and "heads of state," as well as the common man, since America's early beginnings. It has even been served medicinally.

The American cranberry (*Vaccinium macrocarpum*), was used by the Indians when the colonists settled this country. The Indian word for cranberry, *ibimi*, meant "bitter berry." The Colonists saw cranes feeding on this fruit, which grew near water, and they called it crane berry, which in time became cranberry.



Indians made a paste out of the berries and ate it with their dried meat, which they had pounded into a pulp and mixed with hot grease. This pemmican, as they called it, was a highly concentrated food that could be carried for days without spoiling. Indians also used cranberries as a poultice for blood poisoning... They taught the Colonists to eat the cranberries, and because they were so colorful, housewives strung them with popcorn to decorate Christmas trees.

A Revolutionary War veteran, Henry Hall, cleared a swamp and started cultivating cranberries back in 1816. Today there are many



## Christmas Dinner of the 19th Century

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

such farmers.

### THE JOY OF GIVING

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

Is the joy that comes back to you; And the more you spend in blessing

The poor and lonely and sad, The more of your hearts possessing

Returns to make you glad.

—John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)  
U. S. Savings Bonds make the ideal Christmas gift—for young and old alike. They're indestructible, never go out of style, don't require watering or feeding, are easily obtainable at your bank, and increase in value with the years.

## Christmas Much More Than Tinsel and Toys...

Getting ready for Christmas can be a hectic and busy affair. Is it any wonder, then, that oft-times the true meaning of Christmas is lost completely... buried under the tinsel, tissue paper and turmoil.

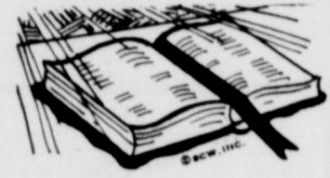
This year, why not try to make your holidays different by going back to the fundamental reason for Christmas: to celebrate the

birthday of the Infant Jesus, who came down to earth to save men's souls. Why not think of Him this year and plan your celebration to include family worship and attendance at church.



And if you have children, there is no present you could give more lasting and vital, than to resolve to offer them the gift of faith this year.

Start by pointing out to the family that Christmas began as a religious feast. It is literally Christ's mass, when all the Christian world celebrates the birth of the Saviour in the stable at Bethlehem. You might get one of the beautifully illustrated children's books about the Infant Jesus and read it aloud to the family.



It's a story that one never grows tired of hearing. You might tell the children, that in the same way that the Magi brought gifts and adored the Lord, you will all go to church and bestow your gifts of prayers and hymns at His feet on Christmas morning.

Sing hey! Sing hey! For Christmas Day; Twin mistletoe and holly.

For friendship glows In winter snows, And so let's all be jolly!



## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

May love and hope dwell within your heart at Christmas and throughout the year ahead.

Cobb's

Muleshoe

# Greetings



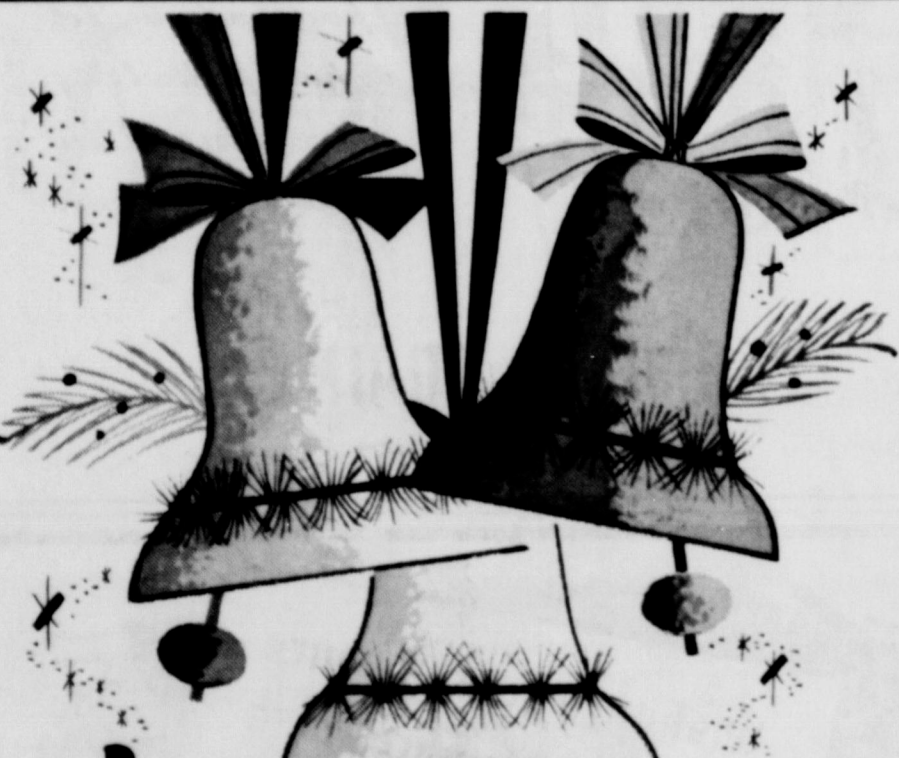
To all our friends and their families. We want to wish you the merriest Christmas ever and bounty of holiday cheer.

IT HAS INDEED BEEN A PLEASURE SERVING THE COTTON GROWERS OF THE EARTH-SPRINGLAKE AREA, WE HOPE TO MERIT YOUR PATRONAGE FOR YEARS TO COME

## PLAINVIEW CO-OP COMPRESS



PLAINVIEW



# Holiday Greetings

These gayly decorated Christmas Bells ring out a message of joy and happiness to all our friends and patrons... and

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL"

## EARTH ELEVATOR

"YOUR PURINA DEALER"

Jewel Baker

Phone 257-3301

Troy Byers



We're always pleased to have an opportunity to salute our many wonderful patrons!

Merry Christmas To All Of You Your Always Welcome

## WEST DRUG

Littlefield



# Letters To Santa

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. Please bring me a Robot and tent and a Krazy-Kar.

Thank you, Gary Davis

Dear Santa Claus, I would like some toys for Christmas. I have been a good boy.

Love, Jason Tunnell

Dear Santa, I have tried to be a good boy. Please just surprise me this Christmas.

Thank you, Rod Davis

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a Marvel the Mustang horse and a Baby Small talk baby.

Love, Becky Hodnett

Dear Santa Claus, I want Bag's and Things, Dancerina doll, Baby Party, a talking Barbie doll, Life-like Claudette, a Glamorous Bride with Trousseau, Say-it and Play-it and Swingy. I have been a good girl. I love you and think you are nice.

Love, Stephanie Tunnell

Dear Santa Claus, I want a coke and ice cream maker, one talking Barbie doll, Baby Party and a ring. I love you and think you are nice. I have been a good girl this year.

Love, Stacy Tunnell

P. S. Also a Dancerina, Swingy, and Bag's and Things.

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good little girl this year. I have even tried to help Mommie and Daddy to be nice, and I guess they've been pretty good too.

For Christmas, I have a pretty long list. Please bring me a Miss Beasley Doll, a wagon, a baby doll high chair, a doll house with some little furniture, a flatsey doll, and some go-go boots.

I have some very nice friends that I hope you'll remember too.

We will be in Arkansas at my Mamma Holt's house for Christmas. I will have some cookies and milk for you. Hope you like Chocolate Chips.

Thank you for bringing me the toys I asked for last year.

Lots of Love, Melissa Chaney

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a easy bake oven and a Camera. Please bring the other boys and girls gifts too.

Love, Diane Hodnett

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a Mrs. Beasley Doll and please bring me a Hoppity-Hop ball and a Mod Watch. Please bring the other boys and girls something too.

Love, Penny Hodnett



THIS ONE IS MINE... Tim Packard and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tom Packard gather around their beautiful Christmas Tree and wonderingly admire their Christmas packages.

## Little Known Facts About Christmas

Queen Elizabeth I "pulled rank" at Christmas effectively: her courtiers were expected to replenish her wardrobe. In fact, ladies of the Court presented her with the first silk stockings worn in Europe.

During the heyday of clipper ships, in the 19th century, American seamen used to bring their families rare and costly presents gathered from the Orient: spices, silks, china and teakwood. Appropriately enough, St. Nicholas was the patron saint of sailors as well as children.

mas eve, to share in Christ's straw and hay on Christ-humble birth.



On St. Nicholas Eve, Dutch children fill their wood shoes with straw for Old St. Nick's white horse, hoping to have them filled in turn with candy and toys. In Italy, children set out their shoes for the female Santa Claus, La Befana, to fill with gifts. Central American children enjoy the pinata game: an earthen ware jug is filled with candy and a child is allowed 3 tries to break the pinata with a bat — when he does, the candies are shared by all.



Children owe a vote of thanks to King Henry VII of England, who popularized gift-giving in this part of the world. The joy of that night, when the sweet-



While American youngsters are putting their gifts under the tree, Slavic children go to sleep on a bed of

## Give of Yourself! It Costs Little

Try these ways of giving of one's self:

- ☆ It can be as little as a smile and sympathy for a saleswoman who's been receiving nothing but complaints.
- ☆ It is offering thanks and a cup of coffee to a delivery man whose rounds are keeping him out late.
- ☆ It is giving your maid or secretary a few free mornings for her shopping rather than letting her battle the evening crowds.
- ☆ It is seeking out the less-noticed service people — the librarians, choir master, answering-service girls

smelling gifts somehow magically appear is immortalized for children of all ages in a poem written in 1822 by Dr. Clement C. Moore, a Presbyterian divinity professor: it begins, "Twas the night before Christmas..."

— with a card or token gift or even just a few words with a smile.

☆ It is being patient and polite in traffic.

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

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

### How Swedes Celebrate

Christmas in Sweden is actually the celebration of St. Lucia — and held on December 13th. On this day the oldest girl in each family rises early, dons a long

# Joy TO THE WORLD

'And on earth peace, good will toward men.'

We join the chorus of Christmas greetings in wishing you the happiest of holidays!

May the New Year be peaceful.

## Dimmitt Ready Mix

718 E. Bedford  
647-3171

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FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT  
**PLAINS AUTO PARTS**  
Muleshoe

# Best Wishes

WE HOPE THE HOLIDAYS RING THE BELL FOR YOU!

WE EXTEND WARM GREETINGS TO OUR FRIENDS AT THIS FESTIVE SEASON. MAY THE STAR OF THE EAST GUIDE OUR HEARTS ALWAYS.

**E. D. McNEESE and FAMILY**  
Lamb County Sheriff

# Merry Christmas

To All Our Many Friends  
And Customers In The Area

It's Time To Wish All You The Merriest And Best Christmas Ever

**LADD PONTIAC and MULESHOE IMPLEMENT**  
Muleshoe

# Blessings to All

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

**Norgas**

**Northern Propane Gas Co.**

T. D. Clayborn  
Dimmitt





## The Angels Learn A New Song...

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

Wink, with what Blink considered very poor judgment, proposed that they do



KINDERGARTEN CLASS DECORATES. In preparation for the Christmas season members of the local Kindergarten class decorate their very own tree. Left to right are: Mark Ward, Ricky Dutton, Mark Parish, Sheryl Clayton, Greg Hulcy, Michael Ann Field, Arlie Ellis, and Karl Neinast.

### CHILDREN EVERYWHERE LOVE SAINT NICHOLAS

Although he may have various names or come in as many guises, the spirit of St. Nicholas is known to youngsters the world over.

In France, he is called Pere Noel and he places the children's gifts in their shoes, rather than in their stockings.

In Spain, Santa takes the form of the Three Wise Men who bring gifts on the eve of Epiphany instead of Christmas Eve.

at another Christmas Eve performance once, so I found one of the choir members and she taught me their song."

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

In Switzerland, it is the Christ Child who delivers gifts of toys, nuts, sweets, and cakes to youngsters. Give every youngster on your Christmas list the present with a future—U.S. Savings Bonds or Savings Stamps.



## Glad Tidings

OF GREAT JOY... MAY ITS SPIRIT BLESS YOU ALWAYS

**JACK YOUNG**

DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
Muleshoe



May all your dreams come true!

Merry Christmas To All Our Friends And Customers



**El Nuevo Leal's Restaurant**

Muleshoe

"Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer."

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

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

So, when the great day arrived, they were still in a quandary about the whole thing. "We've simply got to make up our minds," said Blink in exasperation. The others agreed. "Let's sit and think and think and think until we come up with an idea," suggested Dink. So they did. They sat and

thought and thought and thought but no one could come up with the right song!... Suddenly, Wink jumped up. "I'll be right back!" she called as she flew away. "Now isn't that just like Wink to fly off when we have work to do," said Blink crossly.

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

They quickly learned the music, and without a minute to spare, for the other

angels were already beginning to assemble for the Christmas program.

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

"Where did you learn that song?" she asked. Wink smiled mischievously and said, "I just asked myself who would know a nice Christmas song and then I remembered hearing about some angels who had sung



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

We thank you for your patronage.

**H & M FABRICS**

Littlefield



## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Again, at this happiest of all seasons, may we extend our heartiest wishes to you all... hoping that every joy and delight of the Yuletide will be yours to enjoy to the fullest. Merry Christmas!

**EARTH AUTO PARTS**

Earth

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



At Christmas, let us lift up our eyes to the glorious heavens... let us open our hearts to the holy message of hope, joy and peace everlasting.



It Has Been Our Pleasure To Serve The Area Farmers And We Sincerely Look Forward To Serving You Again Next Year.

**CENTRAL COMPRESS-WAREHOUSE**

Sudan

**NICHOLS GIN**

Pleasant Valley and Earth





# Christmas Very Warm 'Down Under'

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

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

Christmas trees are everywhere. Shops spray imitation frosting on show windows. The tradition of following the old traditions is a



NO, IT'S MINE. . . Melissa Chaney defends her Christmas presents from her curious dog, Bourbon. Melissa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Chaney of Olton.

erally is used today in the secular realm of folk, classical and jazz music, there are indications that it is being rediscovered for use in religious music.



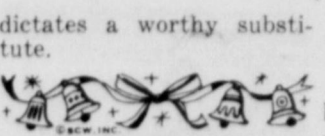
A church in Atlanta, Ga., held a Holy Communion worship service in 1963 and used music from the 20th Century Folk Mass by Geoffrey Beaumont instead of the traditional ancient chants.

Guitar, bongo drums and trumpet were featured in this presentation employing the jazz idiom and be-guine beat.

In Buenos Aires, a young priest has been teaching the catechism to the tune of Western music strummed on a guitar.

The use of the guitar for religious music was even a subject of interest at the Ecumenical Council in Rome.

Priests from the United States advanced the opinion that recorded guitar music provides a fine background for the Mass in areas where an organ is impractical, or where economy



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

## OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



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

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

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

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

## Mice Munched on Bellows . . . Silent Night!

A church organ was put out of commission . . . as a result, one of the best-loved carols came into being, and, for the first time in recorded history, the guitar entered the hallowed circle of church music!

Here's what happened: Christmas Eve, 1818, was a discouraging time for Father Joseph Mohr, pastor of the church, in Obendorf, Austria. With the organ suffering from nibbling mice, a new hymn had to be



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



Bulgarian peasants eat sparrows on Christmas Eve so that they will have music in their souls and will feel as if they have wings. The sparrows are caught in wheat fields weeks before Christmas, killed, and hung to dry under the house eaves. On Christmas Eve they are soaked, broiled, and eaten.



created immediately for midnight Mass, something that could be sung with the accompaniment of another instrument.

Walking through snowy fields, Father Mohr developed the words to "Silent Night". Church organist Franz Gruber then composed the music.

They sang the new song together at Christmas services — to guitar accompaniment. Although the guitar gen-



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Happy New Year

# Christmastide...

... the time when all hearts, all thoughts and all eyes turn to the bright Star of Bethlehem to lead us to the Holy Light of our Saviour's love and teachings. May you all enjoy every blessing of this Holy Season.

**MARY BETH WILLEY**  
Lamb County Clerk - Littlefield

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

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**ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
FACTS OF INTEREST**



Expeditions in recent years have thrown great light on early Christian customs as well as the Old Testament.

For example, studies of the walls of the catacombs used in the early period of Christianity show us that "X" was the Greek symbol used to represent the name "Christ." This accounts for the custom of abbreviating "Christmas" to "Xmas" which is still common today. Considered by many to be irreverent, in the light of history, it is not.

Half a mile from the Dead Sea, in a place called Qumran are 11 caves known as the Caves of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Here, according to recent archaeological findings, a sect known as the Essenes copied the scriptures of their day — approximately 100 B.C. to 70 A.D.

When the Roman Tenth Legion menaced the sect, they fled, leaving their precious manuscripts in jars and hiding them in secret caves.

They never returned to recover these manuscripts and the latter's existence was unknown until 1947 when a Bedouin boy accidentally discovered them.

The scrolls include a complete text of Isaiah, 1,000 years older than any Hebrew version used in our Bible, and they corroborate

**A PILGRIMAGE TO  
THE HOLY LAND**

Each Christmas finds thousands of pilgrims from around the world making their way to the birthplace of Christ, and once again the many sacred spots in the Holy Land are thronged by the faithful.

In Bethlehem, pilgrims make it a point to visit the Church of the Nativity, believed to have been built on the site where the Saviour was born.

In Nazareth, they can see the little town where Jesus lived with Mary and Joseph.

The Garden of Gethsemane is the place where Jesus wept and prayed before his crucifixion and in Jerusalem, pilgrims may visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, traditionally the place where Christ was crucified and buried.

the Bible in detail. No doubt as archaeological expeditions continue to unearth discoveries of older civilizations, they will throw more light on Christian customs.



**FURRY CHRISTMAS BUNDLES.** Bryan, Donice, and Laren Taylor admire furry Christmas puppies found among the gifts under their Christmas tree. Mr. and Mrs. Don Taylor are the children's parents.



Especially from Germany come the traditions we cherish so to this day.

So important is this custom of decorating trees, a leading greeting card manufacturer has displayed an unusual exhibit of Christmas trees on Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Virtually every example of decorated and ornamented tree graced the collection, each decorated by a well-known person . . . including Shakespearean actors, princes of the Church, famous authors and others who give their tree-trimming a special, individual distinction.

So, whether you trim your tree with stars and bells and conventional decoration, hang cookies and gumdrops on it, or make it topical with moonmen and space-magic, the tree you trim can speak especially for you and your love of this beautiful Season, expressed in a tree that has become in a very real sense your creation.

**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.

**The 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

**STORY OF THE  
STOCKINGS**

"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there . . ."

It's not known how this tradition got its start, but there is a lovely legend about the custom's beginning.

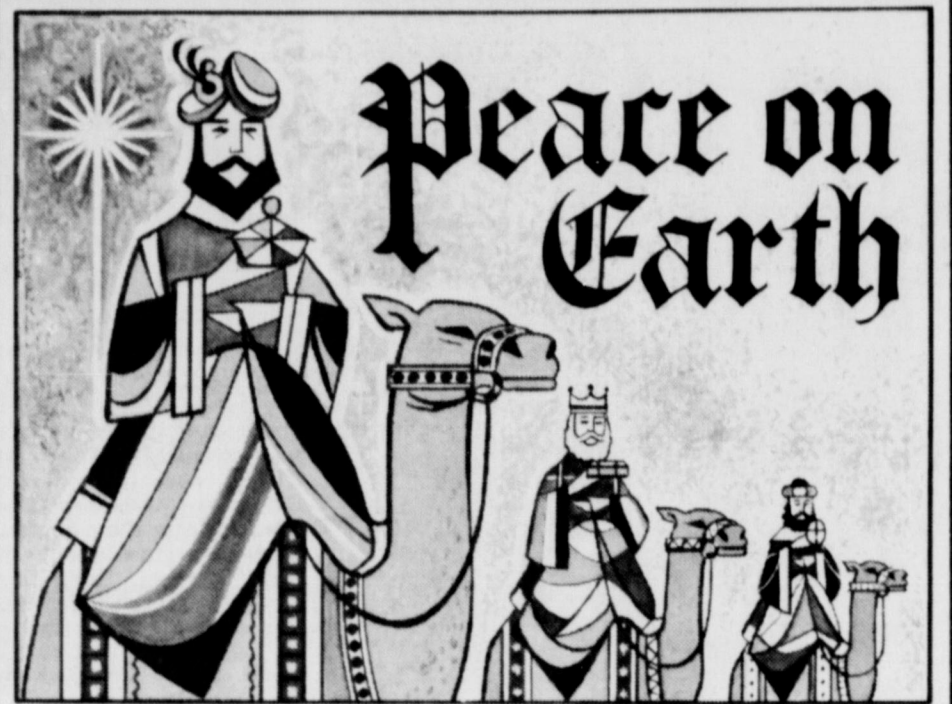
them, while the wise men, as astrologers, would

It seems that in the town where the "first" Saint Nicholas lived, there was a merchant who had three daughters who were not married. In those days, the 4th century, a maiden had to have a dowry before she could marry. And the merchant was bankrupt.

Nicholas, who was then a boy, heard of their plight. He went to the house late one night and dropped three bags of gold down the chimney. They fell into the girls' stockings which were hang-

ing by the fireplace to dry. The gold was enough for the girls' dowry so they were married and lived happily ever after taking care of their poor father as well.

In Austria, "Silent Night" is the favorite carol sung when the family assembles around the tree. Immediately after supper on Christmas Eve, a tinkling bell is rung to signal that the Christ Child has finished decorating the tree.



Today the world again needs Wise Men ready to follow the Star of Bethlehem

We Wish All Our Friends A Happy Holiday Season

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WINTER HAS STILLED 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.

Our Business Offices At Muleshoe And Morton Will Be Closed December 25th and 26th To Allow Our Employees A Christmas Holiday.

**Bailey County Electric Cooperative**



*Hans Brinker*

# A Christmas Classic

(Clark Kinnaird, author, editor, historian and literary critic, tells the story of classic Christmas books in a series written especially for Central Press Association and this newspaper.)

JAMES Jay Mapes was the chemist whose creative work with super-phosphates and other synthetic fertilizers did much to enable agricultural productivity to outrace world population increase. His numerous achievements made him recognized as one of the great scientists of the 19th century. He was also a great parent. Professor Mapes believed that children instinctively like good reading if they are fortunate enough to find it. At a time when most of the books published ostensibly for juveniles were largely dreary narrations or moralizations, Father Mapes took the time to guide his children to the discovery of the delightful vistas in the pages of Andersen, the Brothers Grimm, Sir Walter Scott, Shakespeare, the old ballads; and to stimulate their aspirations.

Two of his daughters developed remarkable musical ability and had successful careers as musical performers. A third daughter became an artist of recognized distinction on two continents. A son, Charles, rivaled his

father's accomplishments in chemistry. The fourth daughter, Mary Elizabeth, displayed a multiplicity of talents — music, painting, sculpture, linguistics. Before she exercised any of these fully, she married, at 20, William Dodge, a lawyer. He died seven years later, leaving her with two young boys, an expensive residence, and debts.

Mrs. Dodge disposed of the fine house and chose writing as a means by which she could earn a living in a modest cottage, while caring for her children. The literary taste her father had cultivated in her proved valuable then.

She improvised tales for children in story hours with her own boys, then offered them to magazines. Editors begged for more, and when there were enough to fill a book, a wider public became acquainted with her through the volume, entitled *Irvington Stories*.

The author got the inspiration for a longer story in reading John Lathrop Motley's newly published *History of the United Netherlands*.



A GREAT JOB... The Springlake-Earth students show exceptional talent and originality in the decorating field. The above photo shows only a small portion of their many decorations.



Hans, Hilda and Gretel—one of the original illustrations for Hans Brinker, drawn by the celebrated 19th century artist, Felix O. C. Darley.

She resolved to make Holland the scene of a juvenile tale, and give youngsters as much of the thrilling background of that heroic little country as she could put naturally into a story.

The outcome was *Hans Brinker; or, The Silver Skates*, an immediate best-seller. It proved equally popular in England, and then there were translations into German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, French, Dutch. The French Academy gave it a prize, but the crowning tribute was the large success it had in Holland. *Hans Brinker* has remained a favorite with children around the world for nearly a century.

Mrs. Dodge was chosen to edit a newly established monthly for children, *St. Nicholas*, and continued in that post for 32 years. She made it the finest, best-remembered children's periodical in the world. She introduced in *St. Nicholas*, Frances Hodgson Burnett's *Little Lord Fauntleroy*, Thomas Nelson Page's *Two Little Confederates*, Mark Twain's *Tom Sawyer Abroad*, Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Book*, and other stories remembered with affection by three generations of its readers.

An illustrated edition of *Hans Brinker* is published by Scribner. There is an anthol-

## Gift-Exchange U.S. Idea

Americans are famous the world over for their


generosity toward other peoples, other nations. It seems only fitting that they for the most part originated the gift-exchange idea at Christmas.

ogy of memorable *St. Nicholas* magazine stories, illustrations and poetry (Random House).

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Luke 2:10



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## Young Hiroshima Victim Inspires World Peace

There are many moving stories of man's struggle for peace, but none is more inspiring than that of a small group of Japanese children, known as the Folded Crane Club.

It all began with Sadako Sasaki who was only 2 years old when The Bomb fell a mile from her home in Hiro-

shima. She was not hurt at the time, and as she grew up, she seemed a normal healthy child. Then in 1954, she developed signs of leukemia and before a year had elapsed, she died.

The legend which now retells Sadako's last days, relates a brave young heart that greeted her classmates



"AND THERE WERE IN THE SAME COUNTRY shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." (Luke 2:8-10)

with joy when they came to visit her in the hospital. She spent the time in between visitors making paper cranes.

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

Sadako's friends made

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

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

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

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

In recent years, the group has added still another aim to its activities, that of a plea for peace. Its members have worked indefatigably in the cause of peace, writing letters to the heads of state and the United Nations. It is their hope that if the world knows what the first nuclear bomb did to the children of their city, there will never be another dropped anywhere. white dress and crowns herself with lighted candles. Then she wakes the family and serves coffee and cake.

### THE FIRST TREE ELECTRICALLY LIGHTED IN U.S.

One of the most famous hotels that dot the California coast line is the luxurious Hotel del Coronado in California.

Few people know that it is the birthplace of the first electrically-lighted living Christmas tree.

The event goes back to 1904, the gaslight era, when electric lights were still an oddity. It was during that year on Christmas Eve that colored electric lights were strung on an evergreen tree growing on the Coronado's lawn.

The occasion was so momentous that none other than Thomas Alva Edison, the father of the electric light, directed the placement and stringing of these first Christmas tree lights.

Every Christmastime since that date, with the exception of World War II years when a blackout was imposed on the coastal region, that same evergreen is festooned with a multitude of gay Christmas lights to commemorate the occasion. As a matter of fact, the lighting of that particular Christmas tree has become a festive Christmas tradition in Southern California, attracting hundreds of people each year.

The use of the fir tree as part of the tradition of Christmas dates all the way back to the 8th century, when Boniface, an English missionary, introduced the idea of a Christmas tree to

the pagan Germans. Martin Luther is said to have adorned the first Christmas tree with lighted candles eight centuries later and German Prince Albert, consort to Queen Victoria, took the idea to Great Britain 300 years later.

Boniface suggested decorating the fir in honor of Christ to substitute for sacrifices to Odin's sacred oak. This came 400 years after the Christian church adopted Dec. 25 as the time for celebrating Christmas. This date coincided with the Mithraic rite of the birth of the sun, and the Teutonic Yule feast.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Up to this present day all of its joys and hopes and reverence are still felt in all its simple beauty.

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In the serenity of Nature  
We sense lasting harmony.  
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# THE ORIGINS OF JOLLY OLD SANTA CLAUS

The droll figure we Americans know as Santa is actually a combination of many legends, reaching as far back as 200 A.D.

St. Nicholas, the fore-runner of our modern St. Nick, was known for his generosity. After his death many European countries adopted him as their patron saint.

He was introduced to this country by the Dutch settlers of New Amsterdam, now known as New York City. St. Nicholas was imagined as a tall, thin figure in the robes of a bishop, until the 1800's when American artists began to picture him as short, fat and happy,

much like the German version of "Sankt Nikolaus."

The reindeer-drawn sleigh is derived from the Swiss notion of a "Christkindl," or Kriss Kringle, and has since been appropriated as our own Santa.

The color of Santa's suit is a reminder of the red robes of a bishop worn by the original St. Nicholas.

So you see, Santa didn't just "happen"... like Top-sy, he grew, out of the tales and fancies of many nations.

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

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



"AND, LO, THE STAR, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." (Matthew 2:9-10)

# Yule Tree First Lighted Here by Enemy Soldiers

Just as soldiers long for their homeland all over the world today, so did the mercenaries, as they were called, who aided the British "for pay" in the American Revolutionary War.

It was Christmas Eve and a group of Hessian soldiers huddled around their

sputtering fire at their camp on the icy banks of the Delaware River.

They sadly missed the Gemuetlichkeit, the good cheer, shared by family and friends during the holy season.

Soon some of them hauled fir trees and brought them indoors to be decorated with berries and whatever else they could find in the snow... makeshift ornaments that reminded them of happier times.

They lighted candles on the trees and, just like at home, gathered 'round the tree to sing familiar Christmas hymns.

A few days later these soldiers would be taken prisoner and a harsh world would dispel the pretty visions like smoke from their fires. But by this spontaneous act, in a strange land, enemy soldiers left an imprint on the new country which has become part of our own heritage.

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

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

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

# Christmas: Better Safe Than Sorry

Fall and Winter mean holidays and holidays mean parties, decorations and Christmas trees. To keep your holidays joyous, the Insurance Information Institute offers these fire safety tips:

- Keep the tree away from fire places, radiators and heaters. Place it in a water stand and water it daily.
- Use only flameproof decorations.
- Don't set up electric trains or similar equipment around or near the tree.
- Check sockets and wires of tree lights to see that they are in good condition.
- Place the tree so that its lights can be turned on and off from a switch located away from the tree.
- Don't leave tree lights burning while away from home.
- Don't overload electrical outlets.
- When putting up decorations and lights, use a balanced ladder — never a box, bench or chair.
- Teach your children the importance of observing these safety precautions.

There's one Christmas gift that never goes out of style—U.S. Savings Bonds. They're available at your bank, along with attractive gift envelopes.

# PEACE on EARTH

At this holiest of seasons, we pray for peace among all men.

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# Season's Greetings

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

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# AMERICA'S TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Every Christmas, as pilgrims gather in Bethlehem in the Holy Land to celebrate the Nativity, others journey to another Bethlehem for the same reason... a Bethlehem right here in the United States.

The town of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, was named after the original Bethlehem by Moravian settlers in 1741. Members of the Moravian Church, they had fled persecution in the Old World and with them brought their beliefs and customs, many of which are still observed.

Holiday observances center on the Children's Love Feast and Christmas Eve Vigil. Music plays an im-

portant part in the services but the highlight of both services is the moment when sacristans enter the church, bearing trays of lighted candles for all in the congregation. The candles are passed on to the worshippers and lights are dimmed until the church is aglow with hundreds of tiny candle lights.

The making and decorating of these candles is another interesting Moravian custom. The candlemakers wear 18th century costumes as they prepare the candles, which are made of beeswax and decorated with tissue in a wide variety of colors.

Equally important is the putz or decoration of churches and homes during the holiday season. Many of these displays feature pieces that are a century old and they range in size from the top of a table to an entire room. The putz is similar to the familiar manger scene but is far more elaborate.

It is one of the many centuries-old customs that make Christmas in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania so enjoyable for participant and spectator alike.

These customs are enjoyed by visitors to Bethlehem during the holidays and often are an unforgettable experience.

# Our Boys In Service

SAN DIEGO—Hospitalman Apprentice Pete Martinez Jr., USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete A. Martinez of Olton, graduated from the 14-week basic Hospital Corps School at San Diego, California.

The school is located at the Naval Training Center there and is designed to train both men and women of the Navy and Coast Guard.

Taught by Navy nurses and senior hospital corpsmen, the curriculum covered instruction in patient care, the study of anatomy and physiology, minor surgery and the nature and prevention of communicable diseases and the administering of medicines.

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Best wishes from the staff & management of

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May Peace and Joy Brighten Your Holiday

# SILENT NIGHT

... may it bring peace to a troubled world

We Extend Warm Greetings To Our Friends At This Festive Season.

MAY YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS!

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# SANTA INSPIRES WRITINGS

That jolly old gentleman good reason — he is celebrated as a part of Christmas as the beloved tree, and with

poems ever written concerns a Christmas Eve call by Santa, as described in "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Dr. Clement Clark Moore. Since the penning of that delightful poem in 1822, it has been reproduced countless times and is a holiday tradition in itself.

Santa was also the inspiration for a very famous piece of journalism, the editorial, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus," written by Frank P. Church of the New York Sun in 1897. It answered a now-famous letter to the editor, as posed by a little girl, Virginia O'Hanlon, who was disturbed by reports that Santa didn't really exist. Church not only answered Virginia's question, he penned a classic tribute to Santa Claus that is still reprinted every holiday as part of the Christmas tradition.

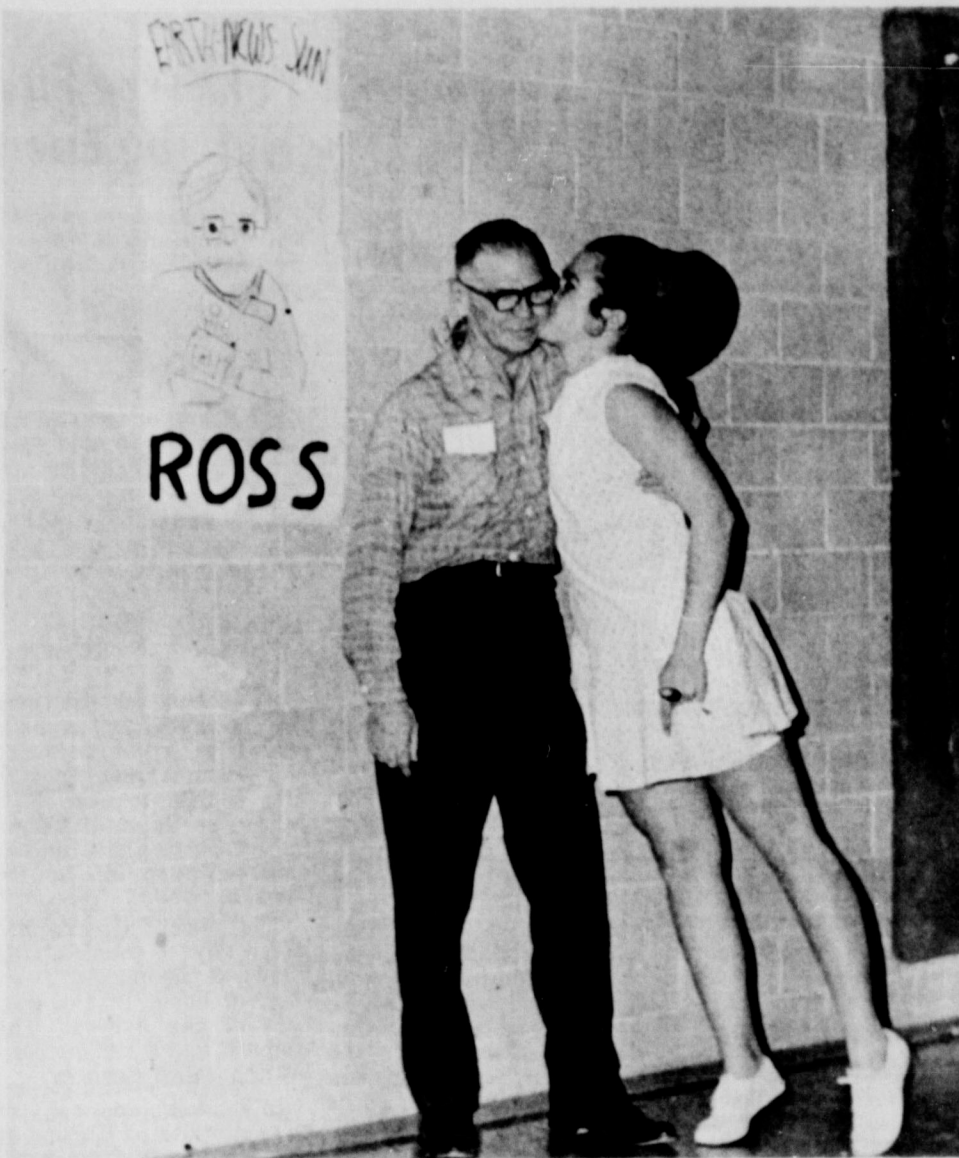
The character of Santa was also the source for a popular motion picture of many years ago, "The Miracle on 34th Street." This screenplay was recently adapted to the stage and was a great success on Broadway as the musical, "Here's Love."



**NOEL**

May the season bring both spiritual and material blessings to you

**PERRY'S**  
MULESHOE



**THE HAPPIEST MOMENT** in the life of a small town Newspaper publisher is when youths of the area recognize, and appreciate the effort of the Newspaper in publizing their activities. The kids were quite original in their ideas for decorating for School Gymnasium for the tourney last week-end. The photo on the wall shows a striking likeness of the "old chiefton" at the News-Sun. Criss Dent is shown giving Publisher Ross Middleton a kiss.

Would they fight and be jealous too. We know Santa Clauses wouldn't do that- Besides, they'd be to far apart to spat, I just as soon it would stay as it is- And let the moon attend to its own biz,



**Peace on Earth**



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

**Fair Department Store**  
Littlefield



**Blessings of the SEASON**

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

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And we mustn't forget the thousands of letters written by tiny tots, lovingly telling Santa of their special hopes and dreams — if Santa does exist, these surely must be his favorite Christmas literature of all!

### Star of the East

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning!  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid!  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid!


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

Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,  
Odors of Edom and offerings divine?  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

### Santa And The Moon


By Tish Watson

I can't believe it will be very soon  
But I've heard folks will occupy the moon,  
I'm wondering if Santa will brave the sky  
Or if his reindeers could fly so high,  
Could our Santa be a trained astronaut  
Has he already a scheme or made a plot-  
To see that all the children up there  
Get gifts the same as they do here,  
Perhaps a Santa will, sometime, hatch out  
On the moon or somewhere there about,  
And leave our Santa here safe and sound  
To carry his gifts to all on the ground,  
I'm wondering what two Santas would do  
Vainly we offer each ample oblation;  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.



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# A Christmas Classic

(Clark Kinnaird, author, editor, historian and literary critic, tells the story of classic Christmas books in a series written especially for Central Press Association and this newspaper.)

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ENCYCLOPEDIAS say that Michel Montaigne, the great scholar-essayist of the later Renaissance, was given "a careful and complete education, which included travel, instruction in languages, and familiarization with music, by his father."

Montaigne, born in 1533, said favorite reading in his boyhood were the tales of Lancelot of the Lake, Huon of Bordeaux and the like—romances with knights in armor, shapely damsels in distress, manifold clashes with giants, dragons, or oppressors. Always, of course, with the triumphant emergence of the chivalrous hero from the gravest of perils.

The most popular of these tales centered on Arthur, a 6th century British chieftain and convert to Christianity, who was said to have defended the Christian cause against the pagan Saxons in many battles. Legends of Arthur told as early as the 8th century by Nennius, a Welsh chronicler, were carried across the channel by troubadours and spread through the Old World.

They expanded until at one time Arthur appeared in lore as the king of all western Europe and the bloodiest paladin of Christendom.

A French writer was the first to mention the Round Table, and transformation of Arthur and companions into the gentlemanly characters now best known was carried out notably by Sir Thomas Malory. He adapted and gave cohesion to the Arthurian tales in one of the earliest books of entertainment printed in English.

Malory entitled his manu-

script *The Book of King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table*. William Caxton published it as *Morte d'Arthur*, in 1485, the year after he issued the first edition in English of *Aesop's Fables*. These two could be called the first children's books in our language.

In the 16th century, as indicated by Montaigne, the fiction of the Round Table was favorite juvenile reading. But both it and *Aesop's Fables* were denounced by some elders in phrases applied today to comic books.

Robert Ascham protested publication of *Morte d'Arthur* as "open manslaughter and bold bawdry." About the same time, Hugh Rhodes warned parents to keep children from reading "feigned fables, vain fantasies, and wanton stories, and songs of love, which bring much mischief to youth."

*King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table* has survived adapters and critics and continued to be rediscovered with pleasure by juveniles in generation after generation. In Victorian times, youths had stately



Robin Hood and Maid Marian, an illustration by Howard Pyle from *The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood* (published by Scribner).

verse of Tennyson and engravings of Dore impressed on them in the pages of elephant-sized volumes of *Idylls of the King*.

Fifty years ago, children made acquaintanceship with Arthur, faithless Queen Guinevere, Lancelot, Galahad and Merlin, through the artist Howard Pyle's text and drawings.

Today young readers, and adults, too, join company with the immortal knights through another distinguished American artist's imaginative extension of the golden lore—*Prince Valiant*, by Harold Foster. They also enjoy acquaintance with Mark Twain's delightful fantasy, *A Connecticut Yankee at King Arthur's Court*.

The popularity of the Arthurian legend naturally inspired a wealth of similar balladry by troubadours. Out of these another immortal character, Robin Hood, emerged, and the vogue for the tale of chivalry inspired Miguel Cervantes to write a classic satire on the romantic fiction, *Don Quixote*.

The stories of Robin Hood sprang up around a 12th century English outlaw much in the manner that heroic fiction was created around Jesse James and Billy the Kid in our country. The first published collection of ballads about Robin Hood was published in 1490.

Recommended: *Prince Valiant in The Days of King Arthur* (Hastings House), and five later volumes in the *Prince Valiant* series. (The newest is *Prince Valiant in the New World*); *The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood*, written and illustrated by Howard Pyle (Scribner); *Idylls of the King*, by Sir Walter Scott (Houghton, Mifflin). Robin Hood appears as a character in the latter, one of the greatest of the novels of chivalry.

(Tomorrow: *Leatherstocking Tales*.)

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

## At the Home Cratchits' of the Bob

... from Charles Dickens'  
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... Yet every one had had enough, and the youngest Cratchits, in particular, were steeped in sage and onion to the eyebrows! But now, the plates being changed by Miss Belinda, Mrs. Cratchit left the room alone — too nervous to bear witnesses — to take the pudding up and bring it in.

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

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

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

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us all, my dears. God bless us!"

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

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### The Story Of The First Christmas

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria). And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David, To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds." And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. Almost 2,000 years have passed since the occurrence of the events described by Luke in his Gospel narrative, yet man still listens in wonder at "those things which were told them by the shepherds."

### Death's Witness Gives Report

London—What does it feel like to die? "I felt something inside me running down very quickly. The customary ward sounds rapidly receded, there was a singing in my ears, and vision faded. That is all I remember." This first-hand report comes from an expert witness, an anonymous doctor who died while hospitalized for a heart attack and was then brought back to life by external heart massage and other methods of resuscitation. He was able to follow most of what was being done to him despite the fact that he temporarily lost his sight, his speech and muscle control. "I experienced a sensation of being plugged into something with a corresponding feeling of relief," he recalls in the British medical magazine, The Lancet, correctly guessing after a few moments that he had been attached to a respiratory machine. Even when he appeared to be unconscious, the doctor-patient overheard much of what was said about him by attending physicians and nurses. He realized that a new consultant was on the scene because of the distinctive way the arrival breathed and moved his stethoscope. "I have now entered on my second life with zest," the recovered man concludes.

### Population Explosion Studied

New York—Dr. Roger O. Egeberg, the nation's chief medical officer, has likened improving American medical care without lowering the birth rate to building on a swamp. Dr. Egeberg, assistant secretary for Health and Scientific Affairs, said he has a "feeling of urgency about starting a nationwide discussion about the threat of overpopulation. Otherwise, he said, "It may be necessary by the end of the century to legislate the number of children allowed." In an address to a meeting of the Planned Parenthood-World Population organization, the physician suggested that, like rats in overcrowded cages, milling human beings may become vicious and anti-social. "It stands to reason," he added, "that people who have a chance to relax are going to be very different from rushers." Current birth rates mean building the equivalent of one new city of 250,000 inhabitants every 40 days for the rest of the century, he said.

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