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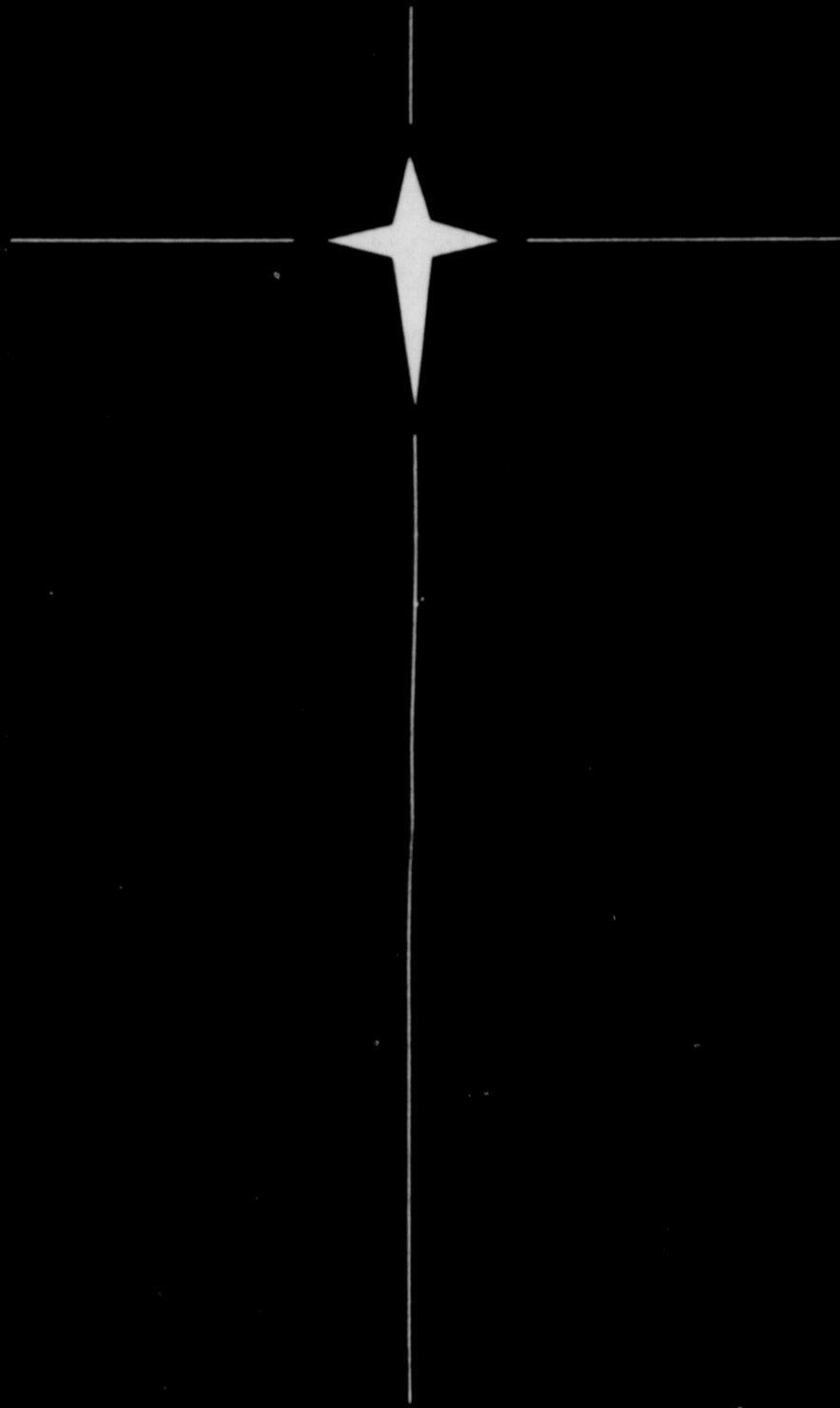
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*"Unto YOU is born this day  
In the city of David  
A SAVIOR which is  
CHRIST THE LORD"  
Luke 2:11*





MR. AND MRS. SHAROL EUGENE REYNOLDS

## Kelley-Reynolds Exchange Vows

Miss Beverly Colleen Kelley of Earth and Sharol Eugene Reynolds were united in marriage Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 8 P. M. in the Assembly of God Church in Muleshoe.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. Farmer before an altar of candleabra and poinsettias, featuring evergreen and soft red lights.

Mrs. Watson of Muleshoe played "O Promise Me," "I Love you Truly" and the "Wedding March."

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kelley of Earth and Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds of Lexington, Virginia.

The bride given in marriage by her father wore a regular length dress, of white satin and brocade, featuring a full skirt of organza over satin and a matching brocade jacket with matching accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Schellar of Earth were the couples' attendants.

Following the ceremony the couple left on a short wedding trip. The groom is stationed in the

U.S. Navy in San Francisco where he will return when his leave is up. He will be joined there in the near future by his wife.

## Accidents Mar Happy Holidays

For hundreds of Americans, it was not a Merry Christmas. For almost as many more, it will not be a happy New Year. Hundreds of families are plunged into grief by year-end holiday traffic accidents.

Don't let it happen to you. Never drive when overtired. Keep a window open when the automobile is in motion. Car heaters keep you warm, but they can also make you dangerously drowsy unless counteracted by fresh air.

Fight "festivity fatigue" with coffee. Take frequent coffee breaks on long motor trips.

Talk with others in the car. If alone, turn on the radio. Monotony can be a killer. Alcohol and gasoline make a lethal mixture.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Brownd attended a houseparty in the home of Dr. and Mrs. O. W. Still, last Saturday night.



THE CHRISTMAS STORY is read many, many times during the yuletide season and the children of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Price, listen quietly in the picture above as their grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Price reads to them. Shown left to right is 8 year old Monty, Mike, 4 years old, Mrs. Price, Mona, age 2, and Mickey, 6 years old.

## Earth Firms Will Be Closed Christmas and New Years

Several business firms in Earth have reported that they will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years day, while others reported they would be closed Christmas day and the following day also.

The firms that will be closed both Christmas day and New Years day are, Barton-Watson, Citizens State Bank, City Drug, City Hall, Earth Floral, Higginbotham Bartlett, Highlight Homes, Piggly Wiggly, Pioneer Natural Gas Co., Quicksal Pryor, Rutherford & Co., Wayne Rutherford's "66" Station, Southwestern Public Service Co., Thompson Chevrolet, Unique Fashions, Poyner's White Store, Earth Dry Goods, Earth Auto Parts, Blair Dry Goods, Adrian Food, and Earth Furniture Exchange.

Carlis Bills Electric will be closed Christmas Day, Brown and White Equipment will close at noon Christmas Eve, Christmas day and will be closed new years. The Earth Beauty Salon will be closed Dec. 24 through Dec. 30 also New Years Day. Earth Cleaners will close Dec. 24, 26, 27, and Jan. 1. Earth Elevator will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Earth Gulf Station, Christmas Day, Earth Laundry, Dec. 24-25, Earth Locker, Christmas Day, Earth Oil and Gas, Christmas

Day, Earth Pump and Machine, Dec. 24-25, Earth Tire and Supply, Christmas Day, Wolverine Drive In, Dec. 25-26, Gerald's Barber Shop Dec. 23-24 and 25, Layman Bro's But-and, Dec. 24-25 and new years day, Balko Ford, Christmas day, O. D.'s Pump and Machine, Dec. 24-25, Patterson Bro's Grocery, Dec. 25-26, and Jan. 1, Rainbow Beauty Shop, Dec. 24 through Dec. 26, Sanders Lumber, Christmas Day, Stephens and Sons, Christmas Day, Taylors Market Basket, Dec. 25-26, Winders Fertilizer, Dec. 24-25.

Dr. C. Thomas Richardson's office will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1. Earth Gift and Fabric Shop, Dec. 25-26 Taylor Furniture, Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1.

Among the business firms in Springlake that will be closed are B. and M. Grocery, Dec. 25-26-Jan. 1, Busby Motor will close at noon Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Years, Rudds Texaco, Christmas Day only, Springlake Beauty Salon, Dec. 24-25 and until noon Dec. 26 also Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 Slims Garage, Dec. 24-25, Springlake Elevator will close at noon Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Years, Springlake Motor Supply, Christmas Day, Springlake

## Party Line...

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Cline of Truth or Consequences, N.M. will visit their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Freeman and children, sometime during the Christmas holidays.

Thirty-five ladies were present for the weekly bible class Tuesday at the Earth Church of Christ. The group will not meet the next two Tuesdays due to the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Griffin and Mrs. Dene Woodring were in Lubbock Thursday where the Griffins received a medical check-up.

Mr. and Mrs. Therman Lewis and children left Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Thurman's father, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mann in Chico.

Supperette, Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1 Watson Bor's Butane, will close at noon Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Years, Macs Welding, Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1.

Mrs. Bud Lea and Donita left Sunday for their home in Midland after several days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Messer and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kelley were in Lubbock Thursday night to see the Texas Tech Auburn basketball game.

# GREETINGS OF THE SEASON



Look out your window... Christmas is everywhere. The festive decorations of homes, the light in the eyes of children, the tremendous sense of anticipation among shoppers: all these bring Christmas nearer. As you enjoy this wonderful Season, we sincerely add our wish that you have a very, very pleasant Christmas.

## Citizens State Bank

MEMBERS F. D. I. C.  
EARTH, TEXAS

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

From Everyone At

## KNIGHT'S REST HOME



MR. ALZIE NICHOLS FROM DIMMITT, TEXAS IS AS HAPPY AS CAN BE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND WISHES EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS. MR NICHOLS IS ONE OF SIXTY HAPPY PEOPLE LIVING AT THE HOME.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM EVERYONE AT THE KNIGHT REST HOME. SEATED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: ALICE SOUNDERS-ANTON, TEXAS, MATTIE FRIDY-AMHERST TEXAS, IRA MADDOX-RALLS, TEXAS, O. B. FANNING-EARTH, TEXAS, WILLIE MIDDLETON-WHITHARREL, TEXAS, BUD A UTRY-AMHERST, TEXAS, MRS. TUCKER-OF LITTLEFIELD.



# KNIGHT REST HOME

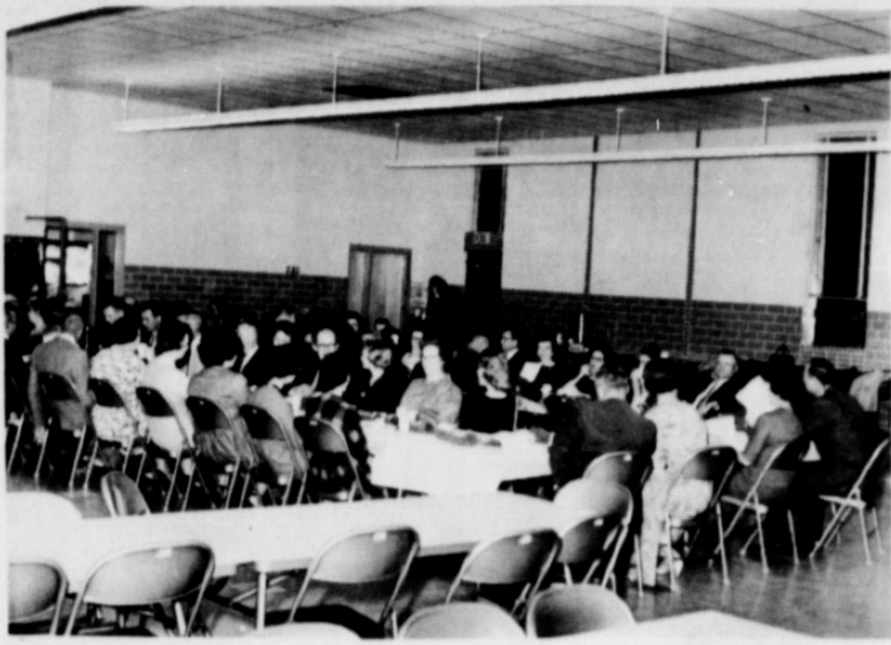
LITTLEFIELD







DEAR SANTA: I'm just 3½ years old, and I would like for you to bring me lots of good customers for Christmas! Setting in Santa's lap is Wayne Jackson, owner and operator of the Earth Gulf Station. Santa visited the station Friday and Saturday to say hello and to pass out free candy to all the little children.



THE SPRINGLAKE SCHOOL FACULTY annual Christmas party was enjoyed by approximately 60 persons Thursday night in the new school lunchroom. A delicious meal was served and gifts were exchanged.

## SCHOOL MENU

Jan. 2-3

THURSDAY  
Beef Stew  
Deviled Red Cabbage Slaw  
Cornbread  
Peanut Butter Crackers  
Chilled Fruit cup  
Milk

FRIDAY  
Tacos  
Prijoles  
Tossed Salad  
Pineapple Upside down cake  
Milk

January 6-10

MONDAY  
Fish Sticks  
Tartar Sauce

Au grantin potatoes  
Fresh spinach salad  
Peaches  
Hot roll, butter  
Milk

TUESDAY  
Turkey and rice cuplets  
Red Cabbage Slaw  
Medley of vegetables  
Sugar Cookies  
One half orange  
Hot rolls, butter  
Milk

WEDNESDAY  
Bar-B-Que beans  
Buttered Carrots  
Potato salad  
White cake with butter icing  
Cornbread, butter  
Milk

THURSDAY  
Country fried steak  
Corn a la Southern  
Congealed salad  
Carrot Cake  
Rolled wheat bread, butter  
Milk

## Among Those Who Are Ill...

R. C. Hooten was released from the Littlefield-Hospital Clinic Thursday after receiving medical treatment for several days.

Mrs. H. G. Oden was admitted to the South Plains Hospital in Amherst, Thursday for observation.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Simmons left Sunday for Dallas to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McRight and children.

FRIDAY  
Hamburgers  
Oven fried potatoes  
Tossed salad  
Cherry Cobler  
Milk

## School Faculty Enjoys Annual Christmas Party

The annual Springlake school Faculty Christmas party was held Thursday evening at 7 O'Clock in the new school lunch room with approximately 60 persons attending, including the faculty members and the husbands and wives.

A delicious meal of baked ham, congealed and tossed salads, green beans, candied yams, hot rolls and butter, pumpkin and pecan pie, tea and coffee was served buffet style.

The serving tables were covered in white and centered with evergreen, red candles and red Christmas decorations.

The head table featured a lovely Christmas arrangement

with "Noel" inscribed on the front.

The program consisted of group singing Christmas Carols and a ladies quartet, composed of Mrs. Marie Slover, Mrs. Gladys Parish, Mrs. Lola Sanderson and Miss Betty McGuire accompanied by Miss Lanell Lovett.

The Christmas Story "Why the Chimes Ring" was beautifully presented by Mrs. Dean Foshee. A men's quartet, composed of J. J. Davis, Leonard Lane, James Rinker and Marvin Sanders presented several numbers.

Those attending exchanged gifts from a beautiful silver tree, trimmed in red.

### FRED THOMPSON HOME SCENE OF CHRISTMAS PARTY

The lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson in Olton was the scene of a Christmas party, honoring the employees of Thompson Chevrolet and their husbands and wives Friday night.

The serving tables were covered with lovely Christmas Cloths, centered with red and green candles.

Approximately 35 people attended and enjoyed playing games of 42 and bridge following the buffet style meal.

Those attending from Earth were, Mr. and Mrs. John Welch, and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Messer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Johnson and Melanie of Abilene will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Lewis.

Marie Ross and Minnie Parish were in Lubbock Thursday on business.

## First Stocking Filled By Accident

In Britain, it is the custom for children to leave their toys under the tree until the afternoon of Christmas Day. Santa Claus (Father Christmas) makes his Christmas Eve visit, however, filling the stockings left by the children at the hearth or beside their bed.

British legend says the stocking custom originated by accident. Once, St. Nicholas was making his descent down a chimney to leave some toys for a family of children and some gold coins fell from his pocket, dropping into a stocking hung by the hearth to dry. Since that time, Santa has always had something for every stocking.

### CARD FAVORITES

The Nativity Scene is by far the most popular Christmas card illustration. Followed by winter scenes. In recent years, the works of great masters have been featured. One modern-day artist, Grandma Moses has become famous for Christmas illustrations.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Parish spent Sunday in Plainview with his sister Mrs. Lotte Wilmett.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Adams of Amarillo spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sloan and also visited R. C. Hooten in the Littlefield hospital.

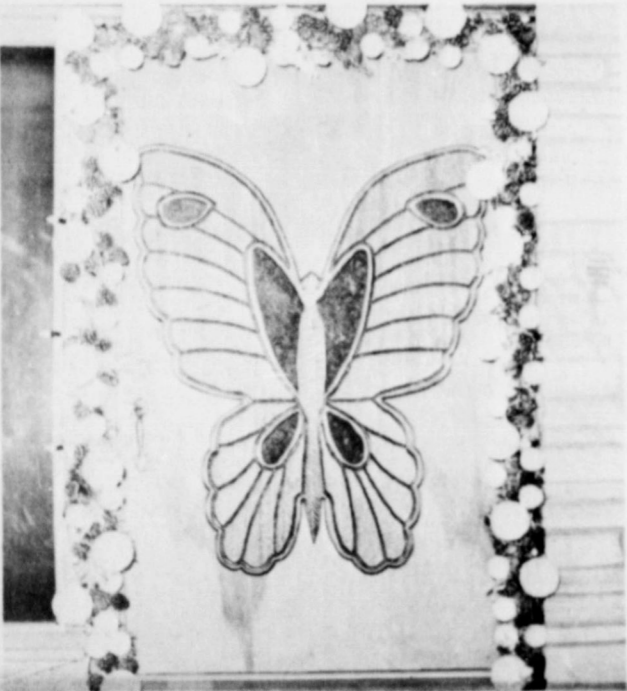


## Blessings...

Every Christmas candle beams the light of the Star that shone over Bethlehem the night when Christ was born. May the holy, blessed meaning of that Birth be reflected in this Christmas season, for you.

## H. S. SANDERS LUMBER

EARTH, TEXAS



BILLY HOMER HODGE

Third place winner in the Christmas Lighting contest in 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.

## THOMPSON CHEVROLET CO.

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... For unto you is born this day ... Christ the Lord.

the wondrous story comes to life once more ... and once again God's love fills every heart that gazes on the Holy Child. we pray His love will bide with you forever.

### West Plains Hospital & Clinic

MULESHOE, TEXAS





# a Christmas Wish

*"and on earth peace, good will toward men"*

*"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 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 joys, 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*

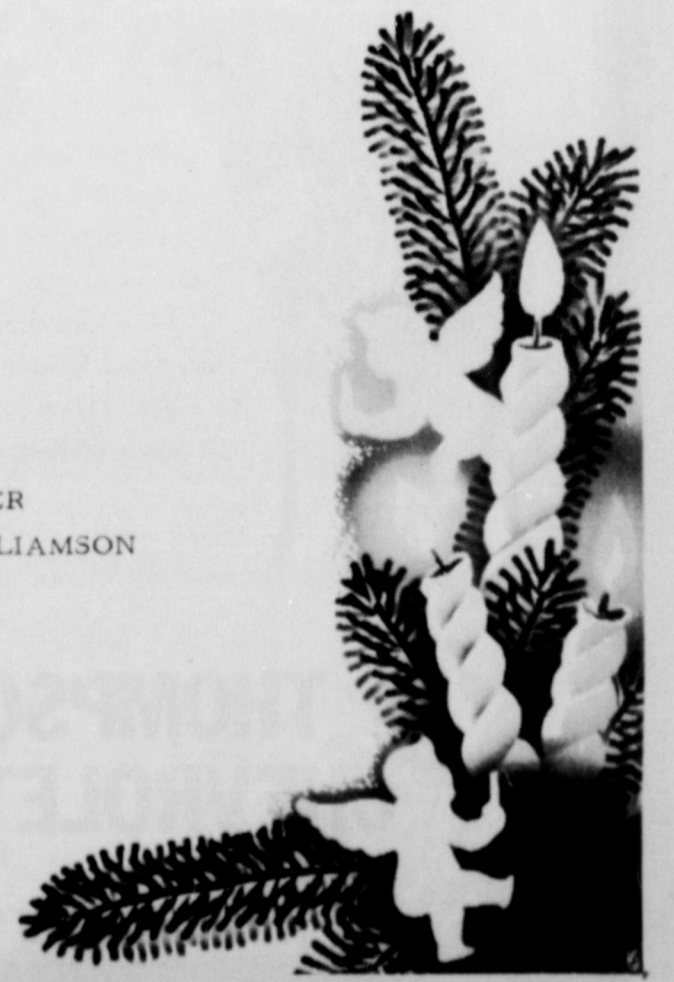
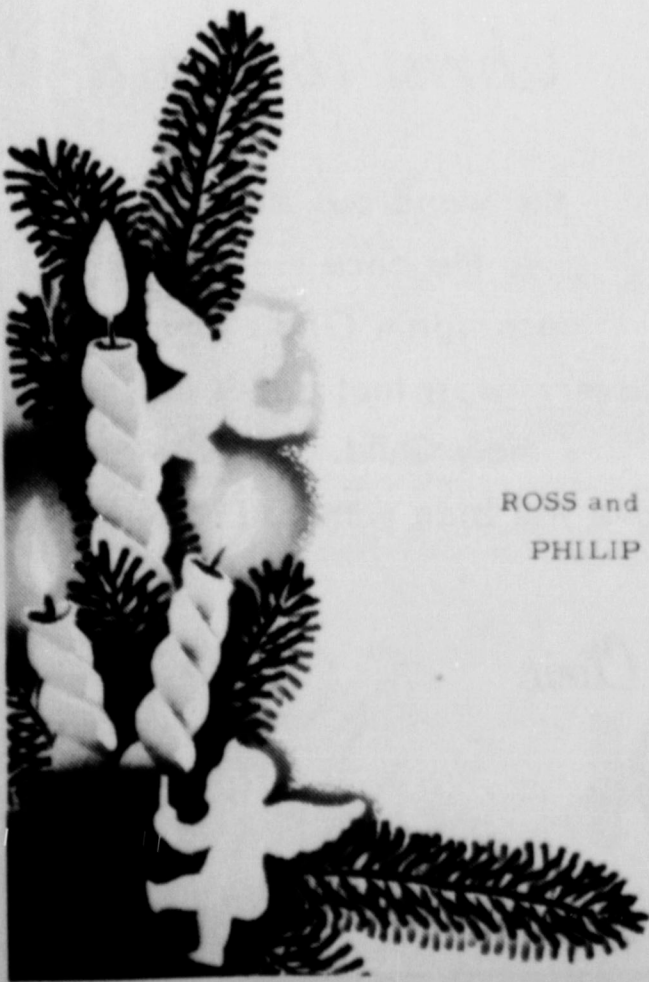
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## *The Earth News-Sun*

ROSS and POLLY MIDDLETON  
PHILIP ROSS MIDDLETON

POLLY JEAN MIDDLETON  
MRS. LADON HERRING

ELDON TROTTER  
MRS. W. F. (Dardie) WILLIAMSON





### Christmas Will Be Enjoyed At Knight Rest Home

The elderly people, who reside in Knight rest home in Littlefield are looking forward to a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Knight and her staff have planned a Christmas party for the group of 100 people in the rest home, that will be observed Christmas morning, followed by a Christmas dinner served at noon, with turkey and dressing, baked ham, and all the trimmings.

Each person at the home will receive a personal individual gift.

Various Church groups over the area, have also planned to visit the home and sing Christmas Carols to the elderly people, of which they always enjoy very much.

Mrs. Knight has operated the rest home in Littlefield for several years, also one in Amherst.

Everyone has been transferred to Littlefield from Amherst, while the rest home in Amherst is being completely re-nodeled.



READY FOR THE MAGIC WINTER WONDERLAND these two youngsters, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Poynor are looking forward to the first big snow of the season so they can try out their new sled... Mama, Patsy will probably head the playful team as General Sled Puller, .....

### Party Line...

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Habbing of Lubbock visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kelley, Mrs. Habbing and Mrs. Jolley are sisters.

Christmas Eve dinner guests in the M. E. Kelley home will be, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Habbing of Lubbock, their son Richard, a student at Texas A&M, and the Kelley's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. O'Hair and children.

The lovely new home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy F. Kelley will be the scene of the Kelley family get to gether on Christmas Day. Those planning to be present are Mr. and Mrs. Dayle Traylor and Cindy of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hill and children of Hart, Mr. and Mrs. William Flowers and children of West Camp, Mrs. Fred Thorburg and children, Amherst, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kelley and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kelley.

Eldon Trotter plans to spend Christmas Day in Littlefield with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Trotter.

Mrs. Ann Hodge left Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays in Okla. City with her son, the Carthal Rogers and other relatives.

### Mrs. Lewis Faver Entertained With Noon Luncheon

Mrs. Lewis Faver entertained several elderly ladies with a Christmas dinner at noon Tuesday with Mrs. Norman Ellis.

### Party Line...

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Free and children, Stephenville and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chapman and children of Lubbock will visit their mother, Mrs. Mildred Free, during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jinx Dent of Sudan visited Thursday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Griffin.

Christmas day dinner guests of Mrs. Dene Woodring and Dickel will be Mr. and Mrs. Larry Griffin and Sharla Day of Abernathy, Mrs. Florene Moore of Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Griffin and Herb Wendhorn.

Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Glasscock and Rocky will be, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Walker and Kenny of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones and Rory of the Sunnyside community.

Mrs. Ed Bell assisting with the hospitalities.

The menu consisted of chicken and dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, con-

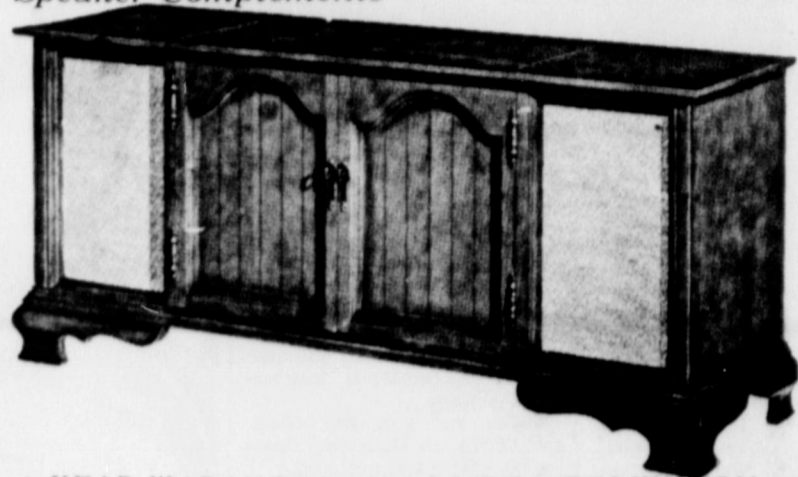
gealed salad, pumpkin pie, topped with whipped cream, hot rolls, butter, tea and coffee.

Those attending were Mrs. Willie Evans, Mrs. Stella Sutton, Mrs. M. E. Clayton, and

Mrs. Fern West. Calling in the afternoon was Mrs. Francis Welch and Mary Gilbert.

The ladies all enjoyed playing Bible quiz games in the afternoon.

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### Plant X Employees Enjoy Annual Christmas Dinner

The annual Plant X Employees Christmas dinner was observed in the School Lunchroom in Sudan Tuesday night with approximately 170 persons, composed of the plant employees and their families attending.

The ladies of the lunchroom staff prepared and served a delicious ham dinner and all the trimmings.

The serving tables were covered in white cloths, centered with red candles and poinsettias.

Center of attraction was a huge lovely Christmas tree, where Santa Claus appeared and presented gifts to all the employee's children.

Mrs. Bob Drake, wife of the Plant X manager, led the group in singing beautiful Christmas Carols.

Employees and their families attended from Earth, Muleshoe, Sudan, Amherst and Littlefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Skeeter McAlpine of Earth were members of the planning committee for the annual affair.

Those attending from Earth were, Mrs. Hershel Hulcy and children, Mr. and Mrs. Skeeter McAlpine and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Moore and son, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Green and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Foster, Cheryl and David, and

### Party Line...

Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. Ray Kelley will be Mr. and Mrs. Barry Lewis and children of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kelley, Norma and Kirby and Mrs. Kiley's brother, Mr. and Mrs. George Nichols of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones were in Lubbock all day Thurs. Their son Rory spent the day with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Glasscock and Rocky.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Bryant, Belinda and Blake of Muleshoe will spend Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hamilton and Butch.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Herroas and children.

Christmas Greetings



The Poynor Brothers Want To Express Their Appreciation For Your Patronage During '63, And Hope To Serve You During '64 ... Again We Sincerely Say Thank You !!!

POYNOR'S WHITE STORE

EARTH, TEXAS



Merry Christmas

Christmas is here...and we wish for you all its deepest pleasures... expressed in greetings from friends and loved ones... experienced anew in the inspiration of the ageless Christmas story. And, as the Wise Men followed a Star, and found the Babe of Bethlehem, may you and yours find spiritual peace and joy at Christmas.

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# Lazbuddie News.

**by Mr. C. A. WATSON**

The Lazbuddie school closed Friday the 21 for the Christmas holidays. Classes will resume Monday Jan. 6.

On Thursday evening Dec. 20, the sopranos had their first Christmas pageant. Mrs. Wayne Moore sang the welcoming song, "Winter Wonderland." The theme of the pageant was "Winter Wonderland." White Christmas was sung by Marsha Audell, Katie Blackstone, Marianna Cannon and Kathy Wilson. The Snow Queens of elementary, Junior High and High were crowned during the pageant. They were Miss Pat Chitwood, senior, Miss Melone Pressure, Junior high and Miss Christie Ford elementary. Miss Chitwood was escorted by King Darrell Mason. Miss Pressure was escorted by Prince Tommy Wilson. Miss Ford was escorted by Prince Mike Fred. Leading the procession down the aisle were Mrs. Davis escorted by Kenneth Caldwell from Mrs. Willoughby's first grade. Second came Kim McDonald escorted by Ronald Bullock from first grade. Robin Morgan was escorted by Gilbert Langoria from Mrs. Warren's second grade. Next came Loretta Wanner escorted by Jeffrey Warren from Mrs. Ketchum's second grade. From Mrs. Wilbanks third was Christine Ford and Mike Fred. The fourth grade's were Jacqueline Morgan and David Galman. From the fifth grade, Mrs. Linkhart's room took couple was LeeAnn Harlin and Victor Schumann. The sixth graders from Mr. Ketchum's room was Malone Pressure and Tommy Wilson. Nancy Fuller and Steven Foster were the seventh graders and from the eighth grade were Connie Sue Harlin and Bobby Gleason. Sherry Robinson and Timmy Foster were the freshmen class couple. Carol Miller and Albert Fuller were from the sophomore class and the Jr. class couple were Joyce Gudson and Lloyd Bradshaw. The senior class couple were Pat Chitwood and Darrell Mason. Judy Keelzer and Robin Mitchell, Sammy Harlin and Cynthia Harvey and Jennie Steinvock and Bobby Morrison were candle holders and ushers. Miss Marcella Mayfield presided at the piano.

The Elementary grades presented their annual Christmas program in the auditorium also Thursday evening. The Program was from the music dept. under the direction of Miss Charla Dalton. The children also acted the Christmas Story. The night before Christmas was recited by Carol Wilson.

Birthday Greetings to Robert Timpleton, Eddie Maxwell, Fred Owens, J. R. Harris, Karen

King, John Littlefield, Kay Seaton, Mike Richardson, Ruffie Bagrove, Fred Wilbanks, Bonnie Davis, Sarah Anita, Carol Wilson and Beatrice Vaughn.

The Willoughby's plan to spend Christmas Day in the home of Mrs. Willoughby's niece at Portales.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tarter will visit her parents the A. L. Kirby's in Bovina during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Ethridge and children will visit his parents at Mullin, Texas and with her parents in Italy, Texas the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Shroud and family are visiting in Clinton, Ark. for several days with relatives.

Mrs. Holt and son Mack are at Morgan with her mother and family for a few days visit. They also plan to visit with her brother and family at Hico before returning.

Coach and Mrs. Bob Robins are visiting in El Campo, Texas for the Christmas holidays.

Mary Maxwell from Rosewell is spending the holidays with her parents the Everett Maxwell.

Mrs. and Mr. L. C. Ketchum are having visit them this Christmas their children, Edward Ketchum and Mrs. Mona Davidson and Cindy from Amarillo, Wanda Ketchum from Lubbock, Alice from Abilene and Thomas from West Texas University.

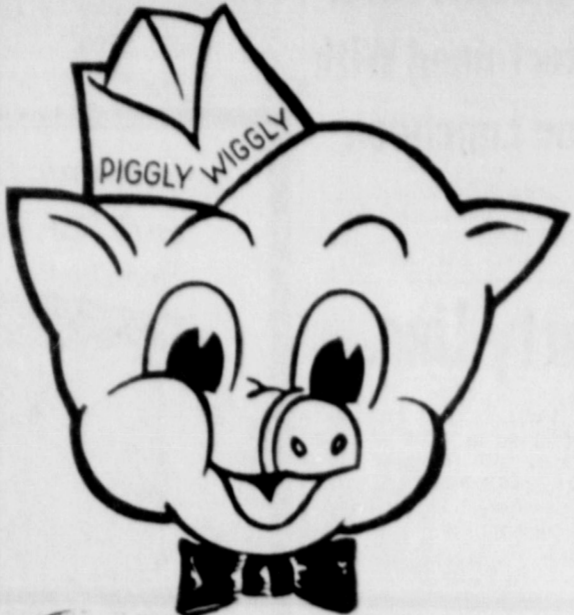
After Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Ketchum will visit their daughter, Mrs. James Marler and family at McAlester, Okla. and other relatives at Hugo and William, Okla. Thomas will accompany his parents on the trip.

Charla Dalton is spending Christmas at Fritz, near Borger. Guests in the W. B. Seaton home Sunday were Troy Roberts, Sandy Stuart and Fickie Watson of Lubbock, Gary Eubanks and Sharon Dalrymple, Ray Jancoson and Jerry Farmer. The young people enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner and played games during the afternoon. The Trio from Lubbock were visiting ministers in the Muleshoe assembly of God Church in Muleshoe for morning services.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilbanks and son Paul, plan to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents and relatives at Marshall. They plan to spend one night at Sallisaw with Mrs. Wilbanks' sister, Mrs. Ralph Shipman.

The W. F. Morgan family are planning several days vacation in Wyoming with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Linkhart will spend part of the holidays in Louisiana with relatives.



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM  
**MR. & MRS. U.S. AKENS**  
**MR. & MRS.**  
**JERRY LAWRENCE**  
**AND OUR EMPLOYEES**  
**FRIONA**

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| <i>Vuthill Loafman</i>     | <i>Vivian Hughes</i> |
| <i>Jessie Jackson</i>      | <i>Dean Davis</i>    |
| <i>Frances Hilley</i>      | <i>Robert Wright</i> |
| <i>Jo Ann Mills</i>        | <i>Wayne Hill</i>    |
| <i>Mary Gibson</i>         | <i>Joe Garcia</i>    |
| <i>Carolin Quinn</i>       | <i>Larry Loffin</i>  |
| <i>Lucille Buske</i>       | <i>Roland Watts</i>  |
| <i>Richard Fortenberry</i> |                      |

## "Lo A Star" Presented At Earth Baptist Church

Approximately 150 people attended the Carol Choir Cantata, "Lo A Star" presented at the Earth First Baptist Church Wednesday night, directed by Duane Harris, accompanied by Miss Alice Jaquess.

The voices of 30 Juniors blended together, presented a beautiful child like representation of Christ's birth.

Ken

Kent Kelley, presented a piano solo, "Drummer Boy" and a choral reading, "The Birth of Christ" was presented by Teresa Haberer, Camille Haberer, Susie Adrian and Leslie Haberer.

Following the cantata a reception was held in the church dining room and the church

music director, Duane Harris was pleasantly surprised with a birthday fellowship by those attending.

The dining room was beautifully decorated throughout in the Christmas theme. The serving table was covered with a lace cloth, centered with a white money tree, decorated with holly leaves and red bows, holding the gifts of money.

The birthday cake was iced in white, topped with red Christmas candles and poinsettias and red musical notes. "Happy Birthday Duane" was inscribed on top.

Mrs. Rex Clayton served red punch and Mrs. Clarence Kelley served the cake.

## Party Line...

John Steel of Albuquerque, N. M., spent the weekend with his aunts, Mrs. Ann Hodge and Mrs. Minnie Price and other relatives returned his mother, Mrs. Ollie Steel to her home in Mountainior, N. M. after she had visited several days with relatives in Earth.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kelley visited last Sunday in A marfio with their daughter, Mrs. Freda Thornburg and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Dyale Traylor and Cindy of Dallas arrived Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kelley and other

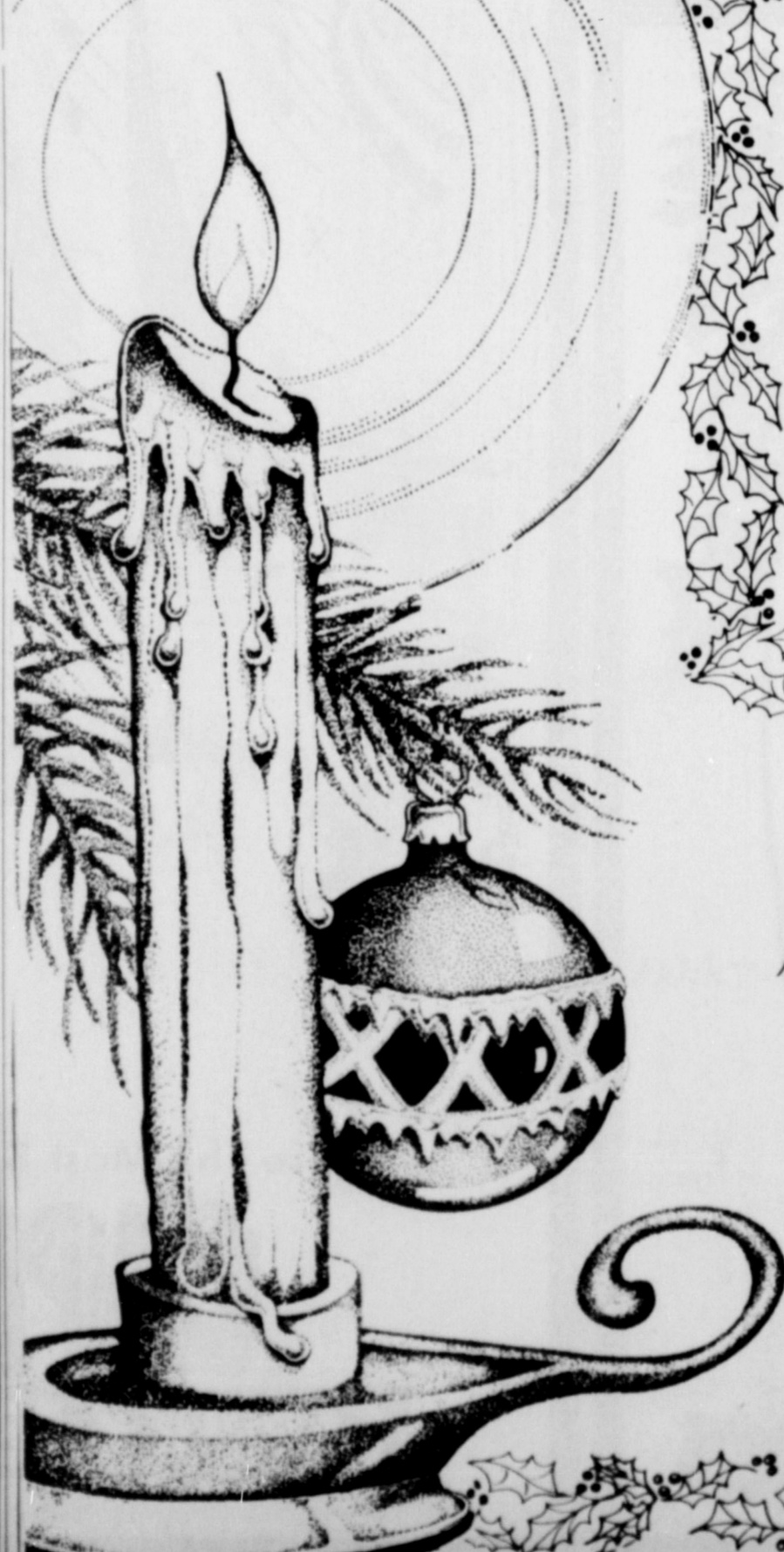
relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Poyner and children plan to spend Christmas in Ruidoso, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Parish left Sat. for Pomona Calif. where they will spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Denton Talbert, Donna Kay and Vicke Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Sigman and LaDonna will spend Christmas day in Canyon with his mother, Mrs. Oma Sigman.

Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Smith will be Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ray Davis and children and Mr. and Mrs. Roney Smith and Terri Carrol.



## EARTH

- Lloyd Kiser Mgr.**  
**Travis McPherson Mkt. Mgr.**  
**Larry Digby Asst. Mgr.**  
**Belva Taylor Checker**  
**Frances Glasscock Checker**  
**Henry San Miguel Stocker**

## STRATFORD

**Bill Ferguson Mgr.**

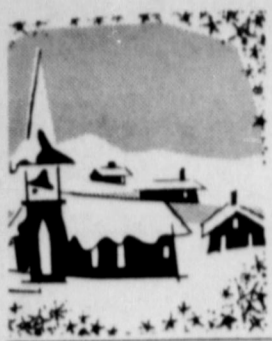
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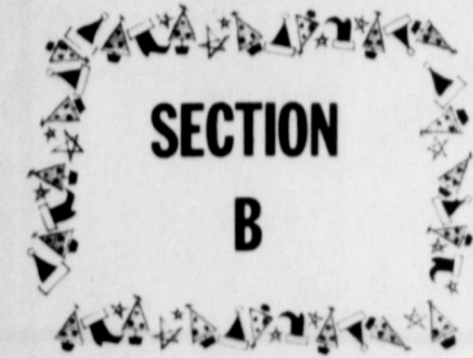
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### Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,  
Hello, how are you? I am all right. Will you please bring me a watch and bring LaDonna a Midge. Bring my teacher a dress please. I wish you a merry Christmas. Bring my daddy a tie. Please bring me one hundred pencils. I will leave you a cookie on the table.  
Love,  
Randy

Dear Santa Claus,  
Will you please bring my mother something. Please bring Randy Fred Adrian an airplane. I hope you have a happy Christmas. Will you please bring the room one hundred pencils?  
It's been a long time since I've seen you but it has just been one year.  
Love,  
LaDonna Kay Franklin

Dear Santa Claus,  
Hello, how are you? I want a bicycle. Mrs. R. y wants one hundred pencils.  
Mark

Dear Santa Claus,  
Bring my mother a watch and my daddy a watch too. Bring my brother a bat and ball. Bring me a Barbie.  
Love,  
Nacola Sue

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you. I went to see you. I wish you a merry Christmas. I want a rifle and a car.  
Love,  
Fernando Longoria

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you Santa Claus. I want a car, a wagon, a scooter, a rifle and a training bike.  
David Massey

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa. I went to see you. All the boys and girls are nice, and I want a doll and a reindeer.  
Love,  
Leticia Longoria

Dear Santa Claus,  
Hello, how are you? Second Country Earth.  
Love,  
Max

Dear Santa,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas. I like you. I want a truck.  
Love,  
Mike Stephens

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you Santa Claus. Do you like me Santa Claus. I want a snow man and a doll to play boys and girls.  
Jane Amador

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a gun and a ball and a bike and football. I like you.  
Scott Scheller

Dear Santa,  
I want a play gun and a play ball.  
Jimmie Samarron

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you Santa Claus. I want a doll. Do you like a Christmas tree?  
Vickie Welch

Dear Santa  
We want a present. I have dreamed about you Santa. I want a bike.  
Love,  
Rickie

Dear Santa,  
I want a sewing kit, a kitty, a walking doll and a ball, some Barbie clothes, and a play house. I like you Santa.  
Love,  
Jo Anne Coker

Dear Santa Claus,  
I like you. I want a doll and a doll swing and jig-saw puzzle too. I want some Barbie clothes too. I want some candy. I have been a good girl.  
Love,  
Teri Inglis

Dear Santa,  
I like you Santa, I like your toys too. They are just so pretty. I want a doll named Taunmy. I have been a good girl, Santa.  
Love,  
Destree McManes

Dear Santa,  
I like you Santa, I like your toys too. They are so pretty. And I like your dolls too, and I want a fashion shop.  
Love,  
Kim Stockstill

Dear Santa,  
I want a train for Christmas. Are you making a lot of toys at the north pole? I like you Santa. Bring Brian something too.  
Love,  
Evan Charles Hamilton

Dear Santa Claus,  
I'm in the fourth grade and I'm 11 years old. Please bring me some fruit and a bike and a B.B. gun.  
Your friend,  
Robert L. Washington

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am in the fourth grade. I want a paladin gun and a truck and a truck. Please don't take too long. I am ten years old.  
Good by for now,  
Melvin Fletcher

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me some fruit and toys.  
I want a B.B. gun. I am 8 years old and in the second grade.  
Willie James Thomas

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### A Very Joyous Christmas

Across the years, the blessed Nativity renews in our hearts the message of spiritual joy and peace. We extend to you and your loved ones our sincerest wishes that you may experience to the fullest the wonders of this Holy Season.



MERRY CHRISTMAS  
To You!

Christmas comes but once a year... and always such a happy time for all of us to wish all of you and your families every Christmas joy!

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And the way the story goes, it was in the year 3761 by the old calendar, that Caesar decreed that a tax would be levied on everyone in the realm; and so each to his own native city travelled, among them Joseph and his wife Mary, she heavy with child.

Poor these two were, sore beset by travail as they journeyed from Galilee to the city of David, known as Bethlehem, to do the bidding of Caesar.

And it came to pass that when they arrived in Bethlehem, Mary brought forth her first-born Son, and because there was no room at the inn where Joseph begged shelter, her infant Jesus was born in a manger. Mary wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and gloried in His beauty.

And in this country too, were shepherds who tended their flocks, by day and guarded them by night; and it came to pass that three of them were visited by an



Angel of the Lord one night when the sky was spangled with stars: an angel who came upon them during the vigil and made himself known through the glory of the Lord that shone 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 it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them to 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 lo, the Star which they saw in the east went before them until it came and stood over where the Child was:

And they came with haste and found Mary and the Babe lying in the manger as they were told.

And then there were the three kings—the three wise men who gazed into the brilliance of the Heavens, and there shining in the east was one Star greater than all the rest.

And when they saw the Star they rejoiced with exceeding joy and prepared to go to Him born of Mary in

the manger.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother and fell down and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts: gold and frankincense and myrrh in the first year of our Lord.

## Thorn Tree Blooms In England, D.C.

A phenomenon occurs every Christmas, not known by many, that may be witnessed by anyone in the Cathedral of the Close in Washington, D.C. or Glastonbury, Somerset, England.

It is the story of the Holy Thorn Tree that blossoms in England every December

25th and in Washington some time during the same month.

The legend relates that two days before Christmas, St. Joseph of Arimathea approached Glastonbury. He carried with him the Holy Grail used at the Last Supper.

As St. Joseph came toward the town, he stopped to rest on the crest of a hill. He drove his staff into the ground and it took root immediately.

The next day, Christmas Eve, it had become a Thorn Tree and was covered with blossoms.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have a walking doll, and I would like to have a ball, I really do like you! I don't know anything else I want so please surprise me!  
Love,  
Kim Kelley

Dear Santa, I want a bicycle and a football and a gun and a basketball and a truck and a horse van, and a lot of nice things for my brother, Floyd and my friends,  
J.W. Weatherly

Dear Santa, I want anything please, Just surprise me and my sister, I like you Santa very much,  
Love,  
Sheila Lewis

We will go into Santa Claus's house, Santa Claus will make all children happy, His beard is white his smile is bright, and his nose is red as a cherry,  
Love,  
Irma,

ho, said Santa Claus, Do you know what I have in my hand? Oh, I know, said Santa Claus, I have a big bruiser,  
Love,  
Eloisa

Dear Santa Claus, I will go with you Santa Claus,

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Barbie doll, Ho, ho,

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a doll,  
Margaret Rivers

*Christmas Greetings*

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

County Judge J. B. Davis and Wife Joy

Littlefield, Texas

# Greetings for Christmas

As big and bright as the shining star atop your Christmas tree... our happy wish to you and yours for a Merry Christmas!

FROM THE STAFF OF THE  
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To everybody, everywhere, we extend our sincere wishes for an old-fashioned Yuletide... warm with friendship... richly endowed with happy memories... bright with promise for the future... abounding with good health and good fellowship... a season filled with deep and lasting joy.

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Dear Santa Claus,  
Hello, how are you? I want a Barbie Doll. We have a Christmas tree, I like my presents Santa Claus,  
Love,  
Renda

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a Ken, I want you to bring me one hundred pencils with my name on it. We have a Christmas tree, I like bicycles and machine guns,  
Love,  
Charles

Dear Santa Claus,  
Hello, how are you doing Santa Claus? I want a bicycle, I want a Lone Ranger suit, I want a tent, I love you Santa,  
Love,  
Monty

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am in the second grade, I am Ronnie, I am 8, I love you I want you to come and see me, I want a big bruiser and I want a bicycle,  
YOUR friend,  
Ronnie



### Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
I want a gun and a boat too,  
Love,  
Rudy Mirelez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Barbie doll, I like a dog for a pet, I love you Santa Claus, I want a grey cat. We are going to put up our Christmas Tree,  
Love,  
Loretta

Dear Santa Claus,  
I will leave you a cup of coffee on the table, I want to see your red nosed reindeer, I want a high gear, I am in the second grade, I live seven miles from Earth, I want a football suit and a surprise for Christmas,  
Love,  
David

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please let everyone have a merry Christmas and help the little children that do not have a mother and daddy to have a merry Christmas.  
Please tell me how to get a present for my teacher without her knowing it, Please give me a covered wagon, And please give everyone what they want.  
I want you to have a merry Christmas, and to wish every one a merry, merry Christmas, And I want your helpers to have a merry Christmas too,  
Love,  
Scott Lee

Dear Santa Claus,  
Hello, how are you? Bring me one hundred pencils, Bring me Tammy,  
Love,  
Lupe

Dear Santa,  
I want Tammy and her family, I want one hundred pencils with my name on them, Bring me a Barbie game,  
Love,  
Darlene

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll for a Christmas present. I saw you Santa Claus last Saturday, I am in the second grade, what grade are you in? I have been good, Bring me a Barbie doll,  
Love,  
Barbara

Dear Santa,  
I want you to give me some pencils, Bring me a Lone Ranger game and a pair of skates, Bring the others something too,  
Love,  
Mike

Dear Santa Claus,  
Bring the class one hundred pencils, Am I good?  
Happy Christmas,  
Love,  
Marilyn

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll for Christmas, Bring one hundred pencils for my class, I want a Barbie doll, I am very good,  
Love,  
Nellie

Dear Santa Claus,  
Bring me Battle of Blue and Grey, Machine gun and Gorilla and a present,  
Love,  
Frankie

Dear Santa,  
Are you making a lot of toys up at the north pole? We are going to have a snow up here, Do you know what I want for Christmas, I really like you Santa,  
Love,  
Brad Haley

Dear Santa,  
I want a pellet gun for the Christmas,  
I also want a pair of snow shoes and a racing car set, and I want a electric train set, and a new pair of skating shoe's, Then next year at Christmas I want a pair of soldiers and a football suit, Good by to you Santa and tell good by to the raindeers,  
Your friend,  
Dario Ozunia

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a pellet gun for Christmas, I want a machine gun and an army set and a twenty-two,  
Your friend,  
Terrell Ott

Dear Santa Claus,  
I like to have a doll, and I wish you would give me some candy too, Merry Christmas to Santa Claus,  
Love,  
Frances Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I have not really been a good girl this year, but I will try to be better next year, I tried to be a good girl, but everything turned out wrong.  
If you think I've been good enough, please bring me a Tammy doll, with a skirt and sweater set, And if you've run out of Tammy dolls, please bring me a Barbie doll,  
Love,  
Earlene Walker

Dear Santa,  
I want a weight set, a bow and arrow, oddogg, Don't

forget any girls and boys, I'll leave you something to eat,  
Love,  
Kreg Stockstill

a Barbie dream house, I love you Santa,  
Love,  
Guy Ellis

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a cake mix, a baton, and

It is better to use native shrubs for extensive plantings,

### MERRY CHRISTMAS



To Mother, Dad, and young uns, too... Grandma, Grandpa, all of you... we send our warmest wishes, true for Christmas joys to please the crew

GLADYS CITY DRUG ODOM  
EARTH, TEXAS



### Sincere goodwishes

for the Holiday Season to all our good friends! We've enjoyed serving you, and want to thank you heartily. Wishing you all good health, good cheer and every happiness the Holiday can bring!

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The Christmas Season is a glorious season when everyone finds happiness. We cast cares aside, relax, and rejoice in the happiness we can bestow, rather than in the happiness which we receive. Warmth and good feeling spreads across the earth. The Spirit of Good Fellowship and Friendship prevails. It's a time to say, "Merry Christmas. May the joys of this Happy Season be yours in the fullest measure."



## THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Let us stop, this day, to reflect on the true spirit of Christmas...the spirit of Charity and Good Faith...the spirit of Humility and Good Will Towards All. And let us pray that from this day forth, the Christmas Spirit will abide with us through all our lives, that we may be the better for it. May we take this opportunity to wish all our friends the very best on Christmas and for all of the days to come.

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Letters to Santa,

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kenny O'Hair. Please bring me a Vac-u-form. I also want a Dick Tracy Car. I would like to have an Odd Egg, also.

One of my brothers is four years old. His name is Kirk. He wants a fire truck to ride in for Christmas. He also wants Mr. Ed, the talking horse and a children's film projector.

We have been good some of the time. Be careful coming down our chimney. Don't forget our brother, Kelley, and all the other boys and girls. We will be looking for you.

Love,  
Kenny, and Kirk O'Hair

Dear Santa,  
I want, kuminoes, high gear game, view master, talking puppet, and etch-a-sketch.  
Greg Bills

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy of 1 1/2 years old. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a Bug Bunny that talks and a Tricycle. Don't forget the other boys and girls this year. Especially don't forget Daddy, Mama, and all of my Grandpa's and Grandma's. Bring my uncle Neil something too.  
Love,  
Mark Boone

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me some fruit and toys. I want a bike too.  
Larry Don Hood

Dear Santa Claus,  
I'm in the fourth grade and am ten years old. Please bring me some fruit.  
I want a bike and a B.B. gun and a truck.  
Your friend,  
Sammy Joe Finch

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me some fruit and toys.

I want a watch. I am eleven years old and in the fourth grade.  
Dorisecene Renfro

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 8 years old and am in the third grade. Please bring me some fruit.  
I want a Ken and Bobbie doll.  
Margrette Hood

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me some fruit and toys. I want a doll.  
Ruby Lee

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 8 years old and in the third grade.  
Please bring me some fruit and toys. I want a paladin gun.  
Bobby Ran Finch



Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me some fruit and toys. I want a gun too.  
Lawrence Spraglin

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a doll.  
Joyce Thomas

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me some candy and fruit.

I want a pretty doll. I am in the first grade.  
Margaret Washington

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a toy truck.  
Marvin Washington

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me some fruit and toys.  
I want a doll. I am in the first grade.  
Vernia Fletcher

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a doll.  
Foyce Ann Brown

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a bike.  
Randy Finch

Dear Santa Claus,  
Bring me a bike.  
Eddy Frazier

Dear Santa,  
Would you please send me a football suit with the pads. I would also like to have a shotgun and maybe a few trucks and equipment for my tractor. I have been a pretty good boy and I am four years old.  
Don't forget all the other boys and girls, and my baby brother.  
Love,  
Brent Hedrick  
Sunnyside

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me

me, a rifle for Manuel and a rifle for Refugio and a pair of guns for my other brothers Frank and Jimmy.  
For my two big sisters, Lupe and Juanita packs for them to put their things in, and my two other sisters that are smaller, some dishes, and for my baby brother, a little toy.  
For my father a hat, size 7, and for my mother, she is waiting a new baby. So if you could please send her some baby clothes.

Santa I want you to try very hard to try to give us what we want this Christmas. Please,  
Manuel Samarron

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas. I have been a real good boy. I am nearly five.

Please bring Trish a baby doll with clothes and a bottle and bring Cheryl a toy for her to play with. They have been good too.  
Love,  
Sandy Powell

Dear Santa,  
I'm a little girl 3 1/2 years old. I would like a "Chatty Cathy" doll, and some clothes for her, and a talking puppet. I have a new baby sister. Please bring her a toy, too.  
Love,  
Tonya Kay Tunnell  
Rt. 1  
Amherst

Dear Santa Claus,  
It seems like a long time since I wrote to you, but it has just been a year. You have been very nice to me and have always brought me the things

I wanted most. I am 8 years old and in Mrs. Ray's 2nd grade room. For Christmas I would like a Ken doll, a Barbie dresser, a Ken hotrod and some Barbie clothes.

Don't forget Donita, Bari and Shelley for they will be at my house Christmas eve. Please remember my friends in Earth too and bring them the things they want. Bye,  
I Love you,  
Marianne Meser

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like for you to bring me a 22 Single Shot Rifle and the scope on it, and a commo-ondo walkie talkie, and only one more thing a rifle case with a gun cleaning kit, and when you come to see me I will leave you a present under the tree, and I will leave you some hay for your reindeer. I hope you will have enough toys to give to everybody in the country.  
I Love You,  
Rickie Trotter

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle and a army cannon and a B.B. gun and a bow and arrow and a good football and a army truck and a fire truck and a model motor, and a ramside pick-up and a pass word game and a egg egg. Ronnie wants a bicycle with training wheels and a tractor and a bulldozer and a dump-truck and a gaylor the dog.  
Kristi wants a suitcase and a Catty Katy doll and a baby doll and a stove and a ice box and ash and some play food.  
With Love,  
Kristi, Ronnie, Larry Thomas

**To Wish You**

*Every joy and happiness at the holiday season! May you enjoy all the traditional festivities and delights of this glad time.*

**Curtis R. Wilkerson**  
COUNTY ATTORNEY  
Littlefield, Texas

*Peace on earth...*

Once more the Christmas message is renewed in our hearts. May the spirit-lifting joys of the season be yours.

**Hammons Funeral Home**  
LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS

**A Christmas Message**

**Peace on Earth**, good will toward men... the glorious message of Christmas... once more lifts the hearts of all mankind. May its inspiration abide with you and yours, and bring you great joy now and always.

**South Plains Hospital-Clinic**  
AMHERST, TEXAS

**Star of Wonder...**

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

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The name of the song is "Silent Night, Holy Night," and the humble priest's name — Father Joseph Mohr.

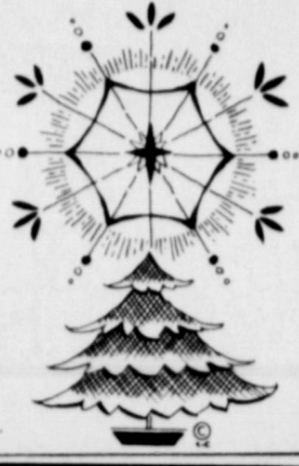


**A Blessed Christmas...**  
 LET US REJOICE ANEW IN THE SHINING WONDER OF CHRISTMAS... MAY THE PEACE AND HOPE AND LOVE OF THIS HOLY SEASON BE WITH US ALWAYS.

**HARVEY BASS APPLIANCE**  
 MULESHOE, TEXAS

# YULETIDE FACT and FICTION

From the host of stories that have been written about Christmas, the great tradition of the holiday season has grown through the centuries. Fact, myth, and legend all have been blended into one package, wrapped in red and green ribbons with a sprig of holly added to sparkle the Yuletide. Still, from this wealth of material, other pertinent facts have emerged that have not



been given too much attention. Here then is such a partial compilation of Yuletide addenda:

- The top ornament of a Christmas tree is usually a star representing the Star of Bethlehem which appeared to the Three Wise Men. Of course, the Christmas tree ornament can be anything else that will "top off" the tree, but actually it is known as the *gipfel*.



the world since the beginning of the Christian era as Christmas now practiced in our country with them. Many customs did not come from Europe. For example the burning of the bayberry candles and branches were common practice on our shores at the Yuletide season. It was thought that bayberry branches when dipped in wax and burned at Christmas time would bring good luck for the coming year; that is, if the branches burned brightly — and how could they not?

will be required, and you can guess as to what proportions the Christmas business has grown.

- More than one hundred years ago in the little town of Salsburg, Austria, there dwelt a parish priest who was much beloved by his flock and a very devout son of the church. And it came to pass, that one night when returning from a visit to one of his parishioners where he administered the last rites, he was awestricken by the beauty and brilliance of the star-spangled night.



Joy...

at Christmastime

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

**Earth Clinic and Hotel**  
 EARTH, TEXAS

- Santa Claus has been called by many names, not the least among them being Kris Kringle. However, Kris Kringle is not of German origin, common belief notwithstanding. The name comes from a modification of the German "Kriskind" or Christ Child. According to legend, the Christ Child is a white robed angel, a messenger — the Infant Jesus who comes bearing gifts for the children of the world.

the birthday of Christ. Actually, for three centuries following His birth, Christ's nativity was celebrated in January, March, April, May, September and October — and all by various Christian groups.

- Proving again and again how times have changed, a churchman by the name of John Pierpont was responsible for composing the very gay and merry-making

- The most beautiful plant of Christmas is the poinsettia. Few people the world over who use the poinsettia at the holiday season as a decoration realize that it is a product of tropical or semi-tropical America.



- If you would have good fortune every month of the year, the English believe, you should taste at least 12 mince pies. And, of course, you must taste (or eat your fill) of each of the pies at Christmastime. How much truth there is in this legend is anybody's guess. But one thing you can bet on if you try this English story, is a stomach-ache.
- Ordinarily most folks believe that December 25th is the date acknowledged by

Christmas song "Jingle Bells" which has been popular for more than a century.

- When the early settlers in America first came to our shores to establish the American colonies, they brought many customs of



# Greetings

May the blessings of Christmas be with you all through this season and the coming year.

**King Furniture AND Appliance**

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**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

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.

**JOSEPHINE'S CAFE**  
 EARTH, TEXAS



## Gay 90's Christmas Dinner

In this day of calorie-counting and weight-conscious people, it's interesting to note what a Christmas dinner was back at the turn of the century. As a matter of fact, the suggestions given for the three Christmas meals at the White House are slightly staggering and yet they weren't considered out of line when it came to holiday feasting.

### BREAKFAST

Oranges  
Boiled Rice  
Broiled Salt Mackerel  
Poached Eggs a la creme  
Wheat Bread  
Potato Fillets  
Griddle Cakes (with honey)  
Coffee

Now then, after this "light" breakfast, you were expected to sit down and do justice to the traditional Christmas dinner.

### DINNER

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

## 13th And 18th Centuries Birthdates Of Famous Carols

It was the tolling of the church bells one Christmas morning back in 1730 that inspired Charles Wesley (younger brother of the founder of the Methodist church, John) to write the famous, "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" and the immortal "Oh Come All Ye

Faithful" (Adeste Fideles) is said to have been written as early as 1221.

There is no more wonderful expression of the Christmas season than the carols — and ours is the heritage for this wealth of beauty.

### Merry Christmas

Under today's rules for eating, one would have



drawn the line after breakfast and delayed dinner until a late hour. Not so with our hearty forebears. These gentry, took a deep breath and girded themselves for battle with the evening meal. Light by comparison, but see what they considered "light."

### SUPPER

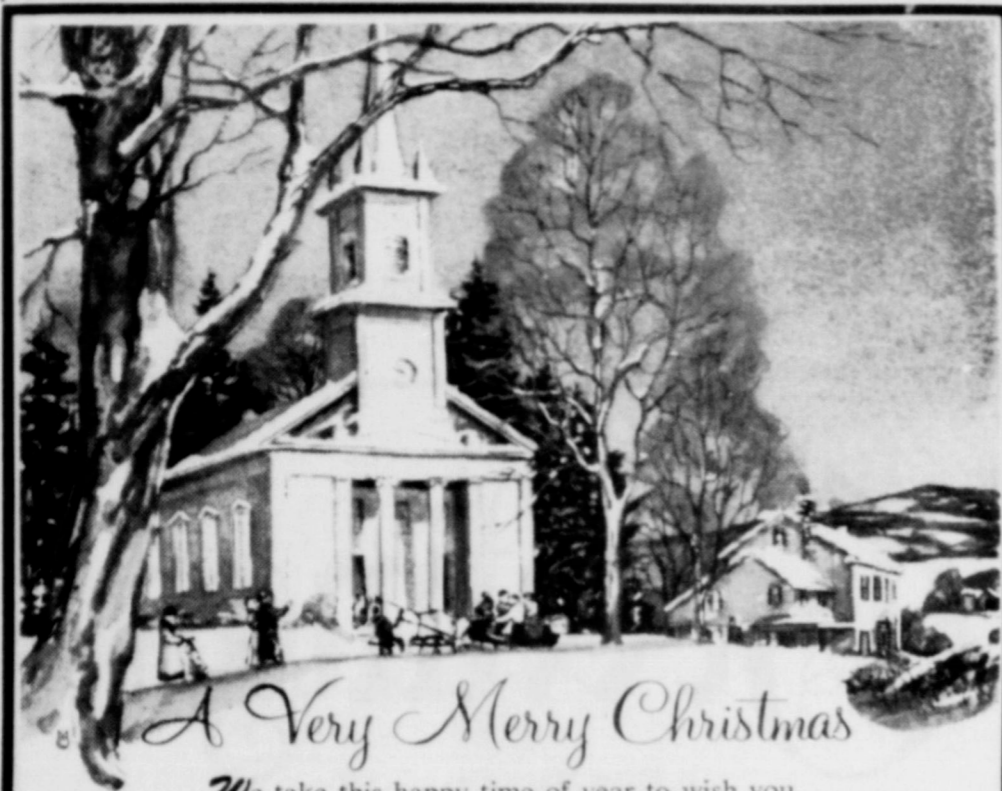
Cold Roast Goose (or Turkey)  
Oyster Patties  
Cole Slaw  
Buns  
Charlotte Russe  
Peach Jelly  
Tea

However, in spite of the fact that our forebears were trenchermen in the food department, they nevertheless were all subject to the same gastronomic ailments and discomforts we of the patent medicine age are.

This revealing fact comes to light in the White House Cook Book of 1900, hedging its bet on the possibility of perhaps you may have over-eaten at the groaning Christmas board. This is what it says under the heading:

### HEALTH SUGGESTIONS

"First restore digestion, take plenty of sleep, drink all the water the stomach will bear in the morning on rising, take moderate exercise in the open air, eat oatmeal, cracked wheat, graham mush, baked sweet apples, roasted or broiled beef, cultivate jolly people and bathe daily."



## A Very Merry Christmas

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

### County Sherriff Dick Dyer and Gertrude

Littlefield, Texas



Best  
Wishes  
to  
You

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

**FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE  
ASSOCIATION**  
of Springlake



Through the silence of a Holy Night, the shining wonder of Christmas dawns once more upon the world. In Christmas hymns and stories... in the sacred words of the Bible... the miracle of His birth lives again, as awesome, as exalting, as full of hope and promise as on that night when shepherds watched their flocks, and Wise Men followed a Star. Across the ages, His message of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men comes to bring us joy.

At this glorious season, we wish for you and your family a blessed Christmas, rich in spiritual rewards, in happiness and peace.



**TIME TO COUNT OUR BLESSINGS  
AND GIVE THANKS**

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# A Wish On A Star

By John Toohey

"Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me: for such is the Kingdom of Heaven"... St. Matthew, 19:14



Timmy moved his head very slowly on the pillow. He had been playing wounded cowboy, lying still and feeling the winter darkness creep into the room, listening to the sounds beyond the window... the crunch of snow as the cars sped by, the jar of the switching boxcars in the nearby railroad siding. But mostly the

voices.

His wan little face drew tighter around the eyes. If only he could be like the other kids, shouting and running past the window! It had been so long since he had walked and played.

He turned his face to the wall. Mama would be coming in and he didn't want her to see him this way. Mama... his whole, wide-wonderful world.

Since they had brought him home from the hos-

pital, every moment of Mama's day was merged into his. She was always near, her gentle hands like the touch of an angel.

He didn't want to be sick. He remembered when Papa's, "Well, Tim, old man..." made him forget the long day. Now it hurt the way Papa said it.

And Mama, telling him when she held him, about Jesus and His Heavenly home.

"Mama, when I go to Heaven will the angels let me play?" But Mama had run crying from the room and she didn't come back for a long time.

He was floating on his back now, drifting... The murmur of voices in the next room came to him from far, far off. He was so tired! He couldn't remember when he had been so tired, but he mustn't go to sleep now; not with all that magic on the other side of the door going on. If only he could stay awake!

And Papa with Mama sitting beside his bed talking to him and making him think about Christmas all the time — like Christmas had something to do with his getting well.

But, criminey, they were worse than kids! Why, Santa wouldn't be here for three whole days!

Timmy was right; Santa wouldn't be due for three days yet. But then Timmy did not know that his picture had been in the newspaper. Timmy and the word "leukemia" and what the doctors had to say with an urgent appeal to the heart of a great city to move Christmas closer for one small boy.

All Timmy knew, it was

about to happen — now.

He could barely keep awake now. They had better come for him soon. He wanted to open his eyes but they seemed weighted down. And now the great chill was steadily creeping over him — and he was so tired. So awfully tired...

Timmy bounced along like a breeze in April on legs ("Gee, they never get tired!") that seemed to float under him. He hadn't gotten his wings yet; he was grounded until he knew his way around a little more. This was such a big place... bigger than the roundhouse where Papa had once taken him!

He had a pal too, who had taken him under his wing, so to speak. Willie. Like everything else in this wonderful place, Willie had been there like a real pal, waiting, like he knew he was coming. He knew the ropes too, Willie did. He had been around quite a while. Take the way he explained it when Timmy wondered why he had been here so long...

"Gosh sakes, Tim, if everybody grew up, there wouldn't be any kids in Heaven!" "Gee, I never thought of that," Timmy said. That Willie was a wise little guy all right.

They were strolling now in The Garden, where beauty and wonder all blended with the music of children's laughter. Funny thing, it was like he always had lived here; why he didn't feel strange at all, he knew so many of these kids! But golly, they were so different from the way he remembered them. There was Joey from down the block. He had worn braces and talked funny and his hands flopped around like they weren't his at all. One day he didn't come around anymore, and Papa told Timmy that Joey had gone away. Boy, if Joey's Mama and Papa could see their Joey now! Why, he was hollering like the dickens, pedaling like mad, no different at all from the other kids.

And Rags; all the kids called him that because his pants were always torn, and

he was so skinny.

And Tina who was blind. One day she fell into a hole and they took her away and she never saw her again. Now she was here too, but she could see and she was running and playing with all the other kids and there was laughter in her eyes where before there was nothing.

There were no quarrels, for no child had more than anyone else and everyone had everything — "for this was the Kingdom of Heaven."

Yes, it was all Mama had promised in this wonderful Forever After... Mama. And Papa. Gee, if they only could be here too! But again Willie, Heavenly-wise, drew on first hand experience to comfort his new little pal. Just a while he told Timmy, and they would all be together again. A year, ten years (time meant so little here). It would be like waiting for them to come home from shopping at the store.

Suddenly Timmy was confused. Where was every-

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## Joy...

### at Christmastime

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

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# A VERY MERRY



# CHRISTMAS

It means so much to us at this time of the year to send you our sincerest wishes for a joyous Yuletide. We hope your holiday will be filled with good health, good cheer and spiritual satisfaction.

**RODEN DRUG**

LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS



# CHRISTMAS

# GREETINGS

Joyous as a carol, happy as the season are our good wishes for you and yours.

## Plainview Co-op Compress

PLAINVIEW, TEXAS



**A WISH ON A STAR**  
(Cont. from pg. 7)

one going? All this wondrous excitement, this sudden hurrying in one direction. But of course . . . How could he have forgotten — this was The Night!

From the Playgrounds of Paradise they came — laughing, dancing, singing.

High above, like the chime of a bell faint and distant at first, now rolling across the Heavens with the mighty beat of a giant drum, the voices of all the angels rang out in hallelujahs to become hushed and whisper-soft as the flutter of birds' wings as His little ones skipped and danced into the great Palace of the Throne.

Then a child's voice was heard — then another's and others until they all were singing, "Happy birthday to You, happy birthday to You, happy birthday dear Jesus, happy birthday to You."

And now Timmy saw it. The tree. The TREE! Up, up it reached, rising to the very dome of Heaven, its branches silver rainbows darting in and out of the stars. Sunbeams peeped through the foliage lighting the great tree with the glow of the dawn. And lo, above it all, in a dazzling halo more brilliant than the sun, The Star appeared lighting the Universe with its message as it had so long ago.

"Ooooooh, look!" With one voice they cried out. Never, never was there a tree like this. Banked around it, like a great drift in the forest, was every imaginable gift and toy.

And there was Magic and real Make-believe and the Wonderland Alice knew — and no child was forgotten, no stocking left unfilled.

And geo-criminey, look up there! It was, it was! Santa Claus in a golden sleigh flashing across the Heavens, his great voice ringing out. — "On Dancer, on Prancer, on Donner and

Blitzen!" . . . Santa with his snow-white beard flowing behind like a banner. But the beard wasn't fooling Timmy. Oh, it was real enough all right but he had seen it before. It was the afternoon he had come up and the towering, jovial Man accosted him at The Gate.

"Merry Christmas . . . Merry Christmas!"

And now he was climbing out of his sleigh, his booming voice echoing like the rumble of summer thunder. Tiny hands clutched his robe, and reaching down like a fisherman playing in his net, he drew in this child, then another, and another and another.

Looking up . . . Timmy watched the flowing beard draw closer; and now the great arms were scooping him up and holding him the way Papa did. How gentle that great voice could be! He told Timmy that because of the joys of Christmas he had missed on earth, he was to be granted a special wish on The Star.

A wish on The Star — a gift from the manger for the little ones that slumbered off to Paradise the night of Jesus' birth. Jeru-salem! But what more could a fellow want — un-

less — a Christmas present to the two he loved so much on earth! If they could only know, so as not to be sad or too lonely because he had left them.

"Please, could my Mama and Papa know where I am . . ."

"Well, now . . ." the Keeper of the Gate said, and stroking his long beard he looked high above the heads of the little ones and waited; waited just like Timmy, but a bit more confidently for his answer.

Snow, falling steadily since dark, settled deep on the porch of the little house. In a darkened corner stood the tinsel tree, but there was no joy of Christmas for the two who faced it. Timmy's Mama and Papa alone now with their sorrow asking that eternal question, "Why, Why, Why?"

For a long while neither spoke, and then while they stared into the half darkness, an aching memory in every shadow, softly it came to them like the faint tinkling of a bell. Then nearer, swelling higher as the rising of the wind, the voices of children filled the night, the sweet voices of little ones singing Christmas Carols, "All is calm, all is bright."

And while they listened, the harsh lines of sorrow in their faces softened, and in their eyes came the knowledge of the Miracle. That voice — it came like the beat of a heart between them, its joyful message to them alone filling the room like the sun on a winter's day. It was memories and heartaches, laughter and tears, "Mama" and "Papa" from the lips of a child, the first step taken with a tiny hand clinging to theirs. It was a melody of all, blending like drops of honey — strumming on their heart-strings.

The woman's lips moved but no words came, and the man's thoughts were hers. Going to the door, his hand trembled as he turned the knob. Snow, feathery as down, blew in through the open doorway, and when the last note had drifted away on the still night air, he closed the door softly and took his place at the woman's side.

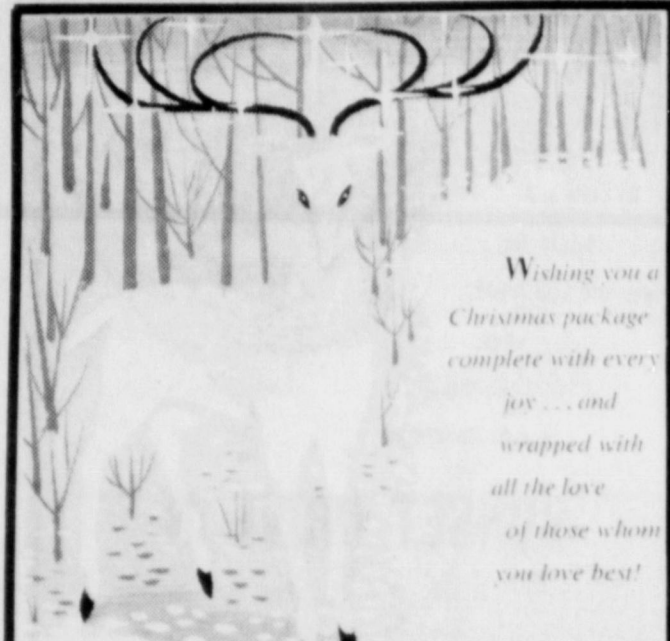
"I couldn't see . . .", his voice trailed off finding no words for the wonder of it. "They left no footprints in the snow."

The woman's hand touched his, the light in her eyes the peace of understanding. Once more she was holding

her first born in her arms. Words? What need was there for words? Can words clarify a miracle? Do we question the sun when it rises in the morning?

A switch clicked softly as

the man left her side, and where there was darkness before, the room came aglow with red and green and rays of gold as the lights of the tree shone softly upon them.



Wishing you a Christmas package complete with every joy . . . and wrapped with all the love of those whom you love best!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
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# Joy at Christmas

Across the years, the miracle of Christmas shines like the light of the Star, casting its eternal radiance into our lives and hearts. As we celebrate this holy season, let us rejoice anew in the wonder of Christmas . . . let us cherish its glad message. Let us take pause from the turmoil and stress of our daily life to rededicate our spiritual aspirations toward "Peace on earth, good will to all men."

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Letters to



Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a blue bicycle, I want a Barbie and Ken and Midge and Barbie's dreamhouse and some clothes for each doll. I hope you don't think I am too greedy because we had to write this letter in school.  
Your friend,  
Janet Britton  
P.S. I hope I am still your friend.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want to tell you what I want for Christmas, I want a Barbie and Midge, I want a playhouse and a bike, I want a puppy that plays, I want a sleigh too, I'd better close now.  
Your friend,  
Alice Fays Austin

Dear Santa Claus,  
If I am not asking to much, I would like a bicycle and a B.B. gun, I would like a wagon to pull my dog.  
Yours truly,  
Joe Rivas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a pellet gun, a radio,

a brown vest, and some black levis.  
Your friend,  
Donald Templeton

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am writing these few lines to say I want a play doll, and my sister wants a play doll to so we can put them in our bed. My baby wants a Barbie Doll, that is all for now. Good by,  
Your friend,  
Joan Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am writing you this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a doll and a suit case for the doll's clothes, and a furry pretty dog that is real, and most of all is a tiny bear black and white. And a book about you in color.  
Your friend,  
Angelita Garza

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like some darts and a dart board, A watch and a B.B. gun.  
Your friend,  
Gregory Slover

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want to tell you that I want a sled, Oh, and my brother wants a football suit, We'll wait for you there, I want a pair of skates and flag from the U.S. for me. We will be good and naughty who's not?? Good by.  
Your friend,  
Johnny Cortez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am ten years old, I would

Santa, 80 Years Old, Made In U. S. A.

Claims to the "new look" have come from various quarters of the globe, Paris and its Dior included, but the one indisputable fact emerges from all claimers of fame for the naming of the tag, and that is, Santa Claus was the harbinger of the "new look" back in 1882 with a "Made in U.S.A." label indelibly stamped on the seat of his pants.

That doesn't mean to say that the spirit of Santa Claus isn't a composite one, nor that his very make-up isn't a combination of many things from many lands beginning with St. Nicholas thru the Germanic Krist-kind and back to ancient and even pagan times.

But it's the round-bellied, jovial, ruddy faced character with the flowing white beard driving his reindeer-drawn sleigh across the night sky on Christmas eve, to which reference is made, and this is definitely as American as turkey and apple pie.

It started, however, with Santa as a severe looking character, tall and grim,

like a pair of football pants and a pair of football shoes, And I also want a barbell set with a hundred pounds of weights, And I wish you and the whole world a Merry Christmas,  
Your friend,  
Hoyt Glasscock  
P.S. And I also want a helmet  
Thank you,

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Ken car or some clothes of harbie, I want a Barbie dream house too,  
My sister wants a Barbie fashion house and we both want a Midge,  
My brother wants a little car to go on his race car set track and a new pillow too,  
my mother wants a new dress and new rug to go in the living room,  
My daddy wants a new suit to wear on Sunday,  
And we all want everyone to have a Merry Christmas,  
Your friend,  
Teri Darlene Cooper

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a pair of boots and I want a sewing machine and I want something to put my dolls in, Please do not give me a doll for Christmas,  
Your friend,  
Jane Williamson

and to boot, he was riding a tall, thin horse. A far cry from our present day conception of the old boy.

Then followed the name, and the English children borrowed the Christmas Saint from the Dutch, but it became a problem for the small-fry as well as their parents pronouncing his name, and through trial and error, many variations came to pass until the name Santa Claus was adopted to remain for all time.

But that was only a change in the name. The awesome figure remained until Washington Irving put pen to paper and wrote his "Knickerbocker's History of New York." He tried his hand at creating a Santa Claus.

Irving, an early chronicler of American Colonial days was of course, influenced by the early Dutch settlers in New York and what came out as a result of his efforts was a Santa Claus that wore a broad-brimmed hat, sported big baggy breeches and smoked a long stemmed pipe. Very Dutch.



To top it all off he had his "Santa" driving a wagon, which too, was symbolic of the early Dutch settlers in New York.

Then came the year 1882 and with it two men who were destined to change the entire concept of Santa Claus in America, and who were responsible for the "new look" of the old gentleman and Christmas that has swept the world.

Clement Clark Moore, a professor of divinity at a New York theology semin-

ary, sat himself down one day and began a poem that went, "Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; . . ." Of course it was a poem that became famous overnight and has retained its popularity through the years. The name of it is, "A Visit From St. Nicholas" and is known in every English speaking nation in the world.

It was Moore who described Santa Claus as a round-bellied, twinkly-eyed jolly old man with rosy cheeks. But that wasn't the end of it. He also added the sleigh and reindeer.

When Thomas Nast, a famous cartoonist for the Hearst newspapers, read the poem, he was inspired to illustrate it. And it was his creation of the Santa Claus we know today that took hold of the imagination of the people and was firmly established as the accepted Santa Claus, pot-belly, rosy cheeks, twinkling eyes, flowing white beard, reindeer, sleigh and all.

Actually, Santa Claus — U.S.A. version — is only 80 years old, but the "new

look" created in our time has come to be accepted throughout the Christian world, and even if he isn't the giver of gifts in all countries, he nevertheless is as much the symbol of Christmas as anything else at Yuletide.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Charles D. and Viola Jones

DAVID and JAMES  
(County Clerk - Lamb County)

May the Star shine anew in your heart, bringing you all the dear and abiding blessings of Christmas.

**GREETINGS**

... and best wishes for a joyous Holiday Season to our many loyal friends and patrons. We extend our heartfelt thanks and warmest wishes to all of you.

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The Spirit of Christmas

Born on that silent night so long ago, the Christ child brought into the world a spirit of love and peace. May His eternal life and presence enrich your heart through all the years ahead!

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**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

**PARSONS FUNERAL HOME**

A cold as our faith as young as our hopes is the spirit of Christmas. May it once more lift your heart, lighten your cares and brighten every corner of your life. May its radiant joy and glorious promise abide with you and your loved ones — now and always.

Percy and Margaret



**Letters to**



**Santa Claus**

Dear Santa Claus and the Deer, I have been a good boy. Stewart has been good too. Bring me some more presents, please. I want a circus with rides and Stewart wants one too. We will leave you some cake on the counter. Please visit all the children in the world on Jesus' birthday. If the deer don't have snow on their feet, they can come in the kitchen. I Love You, Jim Lang

Dear Santa, My name is Elaine and I am 11 years old. I would like to have some play dishes and a baby doll that goes to sleep. I have been a good little girl and hope you will go to see everyone else. Love, Elaine Bills

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a pretty good boy this year. I hope you will bring me a Dick Tracy Cop Mobile and a Bible with my name on it. I would also like a new housecoat and a Tiger Joe. Please go see all the other girls and boys. Love, Randy Bills

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a bike and a B.B. gun. I am 3 years old. I am in the third grade. Joseph Edward Finch

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me some fruit and a B.B. gun, some B.B. shot, a bag of candy and some apples. You are a good man. Every one loves you. Leo Brown

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me some fruit and toys. Truly Mae Brown

Dear Santa, Please bring me a vacuum and a calendar. My brother wants a pair of guns. My baby sister wants a gun and holster for Christmas. My other sisters want batons. Yours Truly, Michael R. Hedges

Dear Santa, I want a electric train and a sled for Christmas. What is your box number? Mine is Box 37. I want a monopoly game and a combat game. I want a tommy gun and a gorilla set. I want a robot comado and I want a Dick Tracy tommy gun. I guess I have to say good-by, will you write to Me? Your friend, Virgil Dean Scheller

Dear Santa, I want a billfold, a pair of boots, a bicycle tube, a pair of socks, a concentration game. Yours truly, Andrew Wayne Stewart

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a walking doll for Christmas. Also I would like a Penny the Poodle and anything else you have for me. Love, Kim Kelley

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Steven Green. I am 4 years old. My little brother, Kelley, is 2 years old. Please bring me an Army gun and an Army helmet. Please bring Kelley a road grader. Mother says we have been "pretty good boys". We hope that we will get to go to Lubbock to see you. Please don't forget any of the boys and girls on Christmas. Love, Steve and Kelley

Dear Santa, I hope you will bring all I want. I know you can't bring all I want so bring what you think I need. Here it is: Ken's Terrys Togs Ken's Sleeper set, Barbie's Nighty Neglige set, clothes for me, Ken's Hot Rod, a big ice box, princess telephone, Ken's campus Hero and clothes hangers for Barbie and Ken. Here they are I hope you will bring me the things I want. Love Always, Susie Adrian P.S., and Barbie Fashion Shop P.P.S., Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus, I am writing you this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a knife and two guns and holsters. Your friend, Robert Marroquin

Dear Santa Claus, I am writing you this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. A round tree of toys, elephants and a doll and some kiddie car too. My sister wants a sled and I want a pair of skates. Your friend, Dora Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus, I want a gun for Christmas and a househoe game, and some caps and a football. Your friend, Darrell Carr

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want bicycle tires, a chemistry set and a tiger joe, and please send my brother a tachometer. Your friend, Jay Anderson

Dear Santa, How are you? I want a Barbie and Ken for Christmas. I want Barbie's and Ken's clothes and their suit case too. And also I want a record player for Christmas. I want Barbie's bed and her vanity table, too. That may be too much for a ten year old girl. And I also want some new clothes. Santa I'll try to give you something for Christmas if I can. Also I want to thank you for the things you brought me last year, and I want everyone to have a Merry Christmas. Your friend, Paula Kay Num

Dear Santa, I am only asking for three things this year. I would like a divers watch, a ten second camera and an eldon fly-over Chicago auto race set. Your friend, Lenn Lackey

Dear Santa Claus, I want a electric football game and I want a machine gun.

Santa Claus, if you will come to my house, I will give you some chocolate cake and some milk. It will be on the table. Your friend, Sammy Dale Matlock

Dear Santa Claus, I would like you to bring me a double Barbie and Ken case and a world globe and a balanced baton. Sincerely yours, Renee Clark

Dear Santa Claus, I want a bike for Christmas. I wish you could give me the bike. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Love, Pete Rodriz

Dear Santa Claus, I want a transistor radio and a bike and some arrows and a knife. Love, Aaron Scheller

Dear Santa, Hello, how are you? I want you to come to my house, I want a car. Love, Dion Scio

Dear Santa, We want a present. I had a dream about you, Santa Claus. I want a doll and books. A talking doll. I want a T.V. not a big one but a little T.V. I want a pout Santa Clause, I want a toy pony. Love, Martha Vauquez

Dear Santa Claus, Hello, how are you? How are doing, over there? Bring me some soldiers. Love, Pete Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus, Hello Santa Claus, how are you? Bring me a machine gun. How are you doing over there? Bring me a Dick Tracy Car. Love, Joe

Dear Santa, I would like a police car. I love you dear Santa Claus. I would like a Dick Tracy car for my friends and for the boys and girls. Love, Margarita

Dear Santa Claus, I would love to have a Dick Tracy Car. I like to play with police cars. I like you too. Love, Jimmy

Dear Santa, I want a Dick Tracy Tommy gun for Christmas. I want a password game and a monopoly game too. I like the toys you brought last Christmas. Even the boots. I want a robot comado and king zor, Santa, I wish I get one of these toys. Well I guess I'd better go now. Good by. Your friend, Buddy King

Dear Santa, I want a pair of jumping shoes some games, some candy, a winter dress, a suitcase, and a pair of pajamas for Christmas. Your friend, Marian Dawson P.S., My little brother wants some cors. I don't know what my two sisters and my big brother wants.

Dear Santa, I want Barbie and Ken and their dreamhouse for Christmas. I also want some clothes too. And a watch. I want a pair of skates. Your friend, Donna Anderson

Dear Santa, I've been a good boy and I want a car for Christmas. I want a chest game and a Iye Jectector game. My brother wants a watch and some house shoes. Thats about all I know that he wants, and I want it to

snow on Christmas so we can have a snow ball fight. Your wanter, Jerry L. Gray

Dear Santa, I want a gun and a rifle for Christmas. And a battery for my transistor radio. Your friend, Leland Dwight Dear

Dear Santa, I want a watch, a new pair of skates, a new bike, a mouse trap game, a cuddly doll, some doll clothes for my Barbie and Ken also some doll hangers, and a cotton machine. I don't have to have all these but be sure and give me the watch. Your everloving admirer, Jane Brandon Holt P.S., Please bring me a playhouse too. Goot luck on Christmas. Please don't freeze. Say hello to Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Donder, Cupid and Blitzen.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Barbie and Ken doll and a watch, and a organ or a record player and I don't know what my sister's want or my little baby sister wante either. Well, I guess that will be all for this Christmas Day. Your friend, Louise Eagle

Dear Santa, I want a 1,000 powered telescope. Winchester B.B. gun, a

football suit and that's all. Signed, Chris Knight



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

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Mr. and Mrs. John Garrett and Family.

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Best wishes to you and yours... above all, have a

Very Merry Christmas!

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**THE CHRISTMAS STORY**

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

**Community Hospital and Clinic**

Olton, Texas



**Christmas Blessings**

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

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and  
**GLENN S. BURKE, O.D.**

LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS





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It is questionable whether many people realize the geographical area that comprised the world around which Christianity grew. It is also more amazing to contemplate the world today and the influence Christianity has had upon civilization, when it is reflected that all the events the Bible records occurred in an area no more than 80 miles wide and 400 miles long!

The area known as the Holy Land is small indeed. The historical events however, which have taken place in this tiny piece of land, have almost literally

taken civilization by its heels and shaken it into a realization of the difference between good and evil, even though in some parts of the world this realization is not openly acknowledged.

Within these small boundaries, contrasts can be found that are startling. For example, near Galilee the rainfall is abundant, while not far distant the desolation of the Negev desert is well known. Within a distance of 15 miles one can travel from heights of 2600 feet above sea level to 1297 feet below sea level.

The oldest inhabited city in the world is in the Holy Land. It is **Damascus**, which has been continuously inhabited from the earliest recordings of Biblical times to the present. The old wall around Damascus still stands and is so thick in places that many families have carved out homes from its massiveness.

The oldest city in terms of founding dates is **Jericho**. It is said to be 10,000 years old. However, it has not always been inhabited. There have been four Jerichos at various times, each

The Bible relates that the first gifts the Christ Child received from the Three Wise Men were gold, frankincense and myrrh. That is the way the story is related in the Book of Matthew.

To the modern world there is no mystery about the value of a gift of gold. Yet in ancient times, this precious

metal was only possessed by kings and very rich men. Thus, the gift was especially precious — one fit for a King.

The other gifts were rare and precious as well. However in today's world, little is known of these substances even though they are still in use.

Since St. Matthew says that the Three Wise Men were from the east, it is assumed that the gold they brought with them for the infant Jesus came from the mines of Indian Mysore. Frankincense, or olibanum, is a resin obtained from the bark of trees which grow on bare rock in the mountains of southern Asia and northeast Africa. Once upon a time it was used as a medicine. Today it is principally used as incense in Catholic churches, Indian and Chinese temples.

Myrrh is a gum resin also obtained from the bark of trees which grow in Africa and Arabia. Since early times it has been used as a base for perfume and incense — and is still so used commercially today.

Thus it is the same today as it was in Biblical times when gifts of gold or perfume are made to loved ones. The gold perhaps isn't as precious nor as rare as it was when the Three Wise Men travelled to Bethlehem, but the idea behind the gift

not more than two miles from the previous sites.

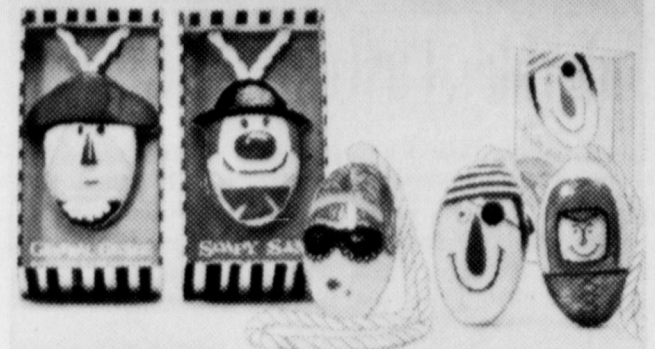
Also in this fabulous land is the **River Jordan**. It now is a muddy stream not more than 50 feet wide that's deep in the springtime and dry during the hot summer months.

Many people are under the false impression that the **Sea of Galilee** is really a sea. It is not. It is a lake 13 miles long and 8 miles wide.

There is one place in the Holy Land that is more famous than any other — **Jerusalem**. Even today, it is a walled city, that has been besieged and razed more than thirty times, rebuilt at least six times, and is little more than 80 acres in area. Outside the wall of Jerusalem is the famous **Garden of Gethsemane** and the **Mount of Olives**.

Nazareth, the city from which Joseph and Mary started on their trip to Bethlehem, is now a barren small town.

The Holy Land is the birthplace of three of the world's great religions: **Christianity, Judaism and Mohammedanism**. Still a land of controversy and conflict, it is prayed one day the teachings of Him who said, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men," will be heeded.



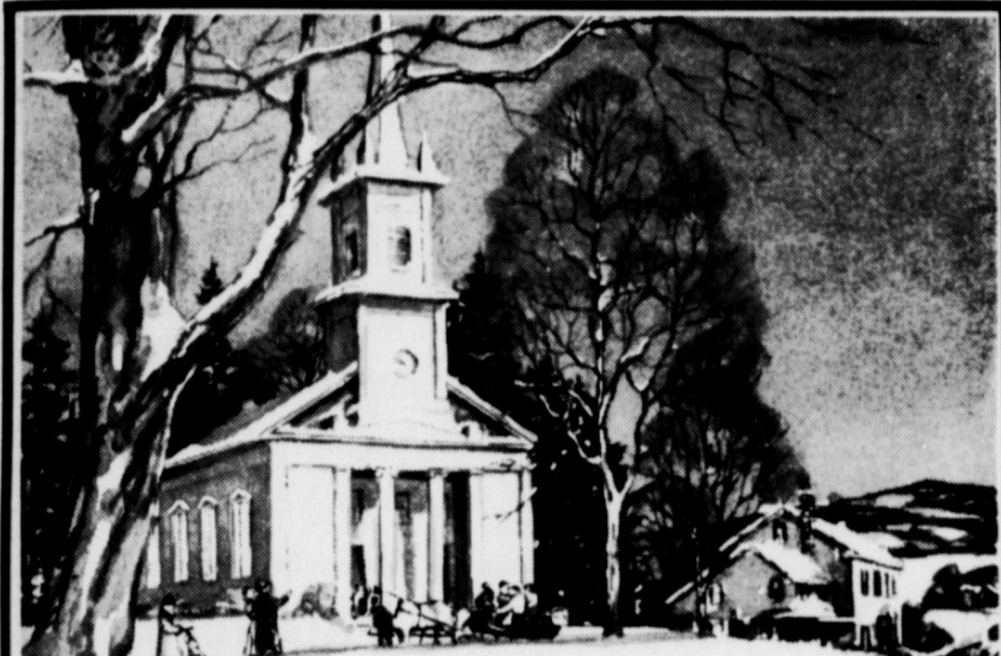
**SILLY SHOWER SOAP FACES** are so novel that the youngster who receives them as a Christmas gift may even be led to washing behind the ears! The faces are attached to rope so that they can be hung around neck or faucet.

By SHULTON

### CHECK YOUR HEATERS FOR WINTER SAFETY

When temperatures go down, furnaces and heaters are turned up. The Texas Safety Association urges you to make sure all heating equipment in your home is working properly. Leave a window slightly raised in the

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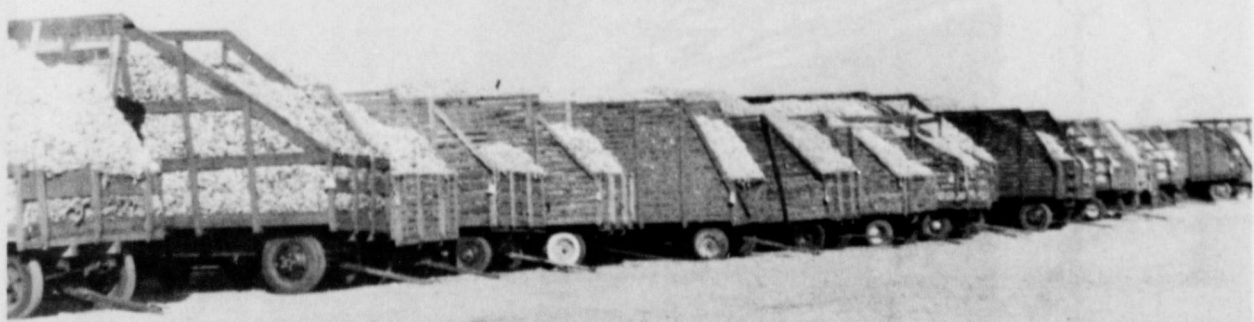


## A Very Merry Christmas

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

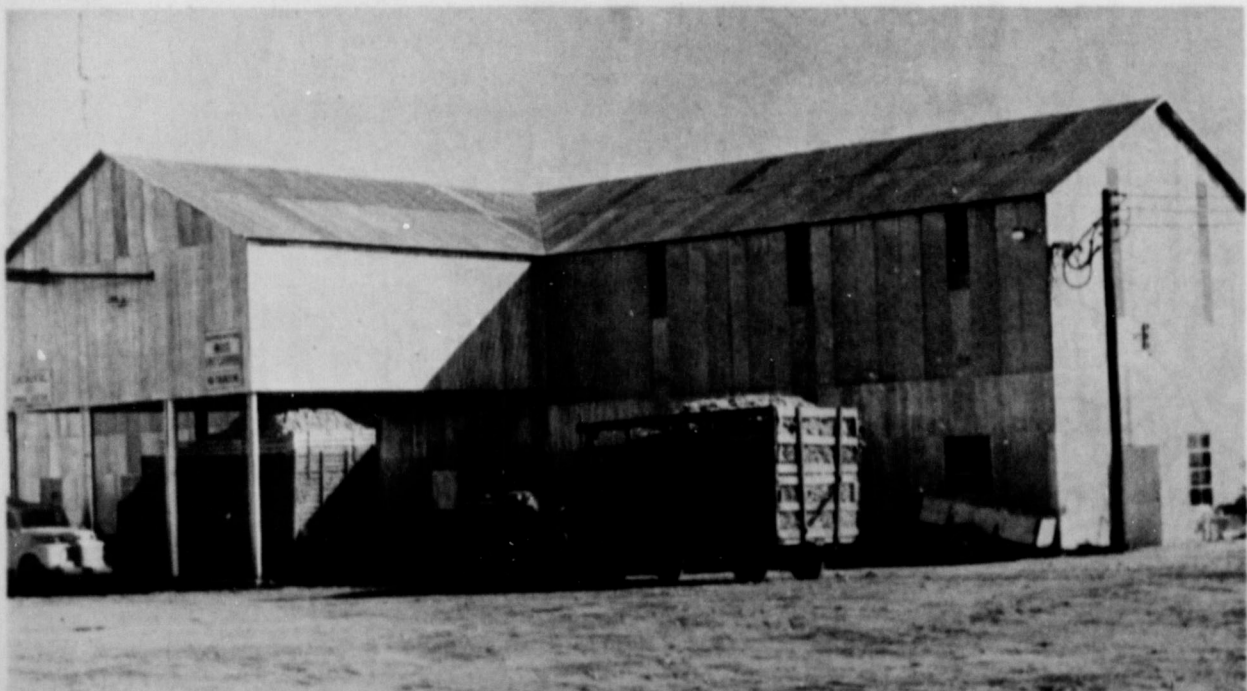
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## Yuletide Customs Different Abroad

There was a time when Christmas was celebrated differently in various parts of the world. However, in this atomic-jet age, distances have shrunk and the symbols of the Yuletide Season have become for the most part, international.

**Germany**, for example, is credited with establishing the custom of decorating the evergreen tree. St. Nicholas (Nikolaus) makes his rounds with candy and nuts for the children on December 6 with the more personal gifts arriving on Christmas Eve, delivered by his majesty Kristkindl.

**England** hangs on to her customs, and the small-fry

pin their stockings to the fireplace on Christmas Eve much as American youngsters do. Then it is that "Father Christmas" fills them in time-honored tradition.

**Mexico** focuses its attention on the Christmas season with ten "posadas" commemorating the Nativity from December 16 to December 26th. During this period nearly everyone acts out the Nativity scene, or at least sets up a creche in miniature, as well as on a grand scale. On the tenth day, the Christ Child is added.

"Posada" means inn or lodging and carries with it

Joseph's request for lodging for himself and Mary. In many regions, an actual procession is enacted—with a "Joseph" and a "Mary" mounted on burros seeking shelter, asking for help through a song entitled "Letania." Despite all this tradition which is clung to Santa Claus and the U.S. style Christmas tree are fast making inroads on custom.

**Holland** has a word for it — "Strooivand" — literally meaning "strewing night." Actually, it's sort of a bribe-game the children of the Netherlands play on December 5th. They simply place their shoes in front of the fireplace filling them with hay and carrots for good old St. Nick's horse. It is expected that the old boy will fill the children's shoes with goodies and toys.

**Brazil** makes the punishment fit the crime, so to speak, and Papa Noel makes his Christmas rounds trimming the traditional trees with cotton and bits of popcorn in lieu of the snow they never have in this tropical country. No sleigh-rides here, so the order of the day is picnics and excursions.

**Scotland** has some unusual delicacies for the holiday season, with New Year's Day the signal for the giving of gifts. Haggis is a favorite dish and this is what it consists of: the heart, liver and lungs of a sheep or a calf, minced with suet, onions, oatmeal and seasoning and boiled in the stomach of the animal. New Year's calling is traditional and it is expected that the visitor bring with him a handful of coal.

## Mistletoe Said To 'Father' Romance

Mistletoe, long a symbol and signal for kissing whoever is caught standing under it, actually is a predatory plant that entwines itself around a tree, strangling and killing it. Hardly what one might term an affectionate plant!

The ancient Arabians showed their devotion to their gods by kissing; the Romans too accepted the kiss as a sign of reverence and respect.

The Druids too, embraced the mistletoe, and from them perhaps, came the custom of hanging pieces of it over the doorways of their homes.

The custom of hanging the mistletoe was also widespread among the Scandinavians.

In many countries from time to time, the plant was considered a cure-all for almost every kind of ailment, but that was before modern medicine.

Today, of course, the mistletoe isn't a cure for anything, except perhaps a shy boy or girl.

But the mistletoe is a part of Christmas, and if custom decrees that being kissed if caught under it is par for the course, who can argue with tradition?

## Christ's Birth Date Shrouded In Mystery

Christmas is celebrated throughout the Christian world as the birth date of Christ. True enough, but what day exactly that Christ was born is a mystery.

The date has been in dispute for centuries with the exception of one thing. All agree that it wasn't December 25th.

At one time or another Christmas was celebrated in January, March, April, May, October, November, and December.

The reasons for the divergence of beliefs are: the Bible does not give any clues; the early manuscripts disagree, the interpretations of these manuscripts disagree and finally, the calendars have changed over the years.

One theory why December 25th was chosen as the date was because Saturnalia was the great Roman holi-

day, and it came around the third week in December.

In the face of disagreement one fact emerges from the morass of argument and interpretation; Christmas is celebrated to commemorate His birth. The names differ, the dates differ and the many ways of expressing the spirit of the season cannot be counted. But Christmas is a wondrous time and December 25th is our date for remembering and celebrating.

A Georgia school teacher, Eli Whitney, invented the cotton gin in 1793.

The printers' union, organized in 1853, is the oldest labor in the U.S.

The first fire tower of the Texas Forest Service was erected in the E.O. Sieck State Forest in 1926.

Irish peasants depended almost entirely on the potato for food

in the first half of the 19th century.

The Erie Canal, connecting the Hudson River and Lake Erie is 363 mile long.

Over 2,6000 buildings in the heart of Baltimore were destroyed by a fire in 1904.

Alaska, with an area of 599,466 square miles, is nearly twice the size of Texas.



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and sending you  
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for allowing us  
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### MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY

"And those that walked in darkness saw a great light... The Star of the Prince of Peace"

Listen to the Salutation of the Dawn!

Look to this day!

For it is life, the very Star of Life.

In its brief course lie all the varieties and realities of existence:

The bliss of growth;

The glory of action;

The splendor of beauty;

For yesterday is already a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision.

But today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope.

Look well, therefore, to this day!

Such was the salutation of the Star of Dawn on earth!

### U. S. Adopts World Yule Customs

In terms of age, the United States is the youngest of the Christian nations that celebrates Christmas.

As a result, it is easy to understand that this country has borrowed its Christmas customs from many parts of the world — the celebration of the holy season being as old as it is.

However, the greatest contributors to our customs at the Yuletide have been England, Germany, Italy, Holland, Switzerland and Bavaria. But the "borrowing" Americans have done from their neighbors of the world underwent changes indigenous to our country, with some of the trimmings not picked up at all.

#### ENGLAND

In England, they have a Boxing Day, and why it is called "Boxing" is not known. Some theorists ascribe the name to the fact that the day after Christmas, gifts are left for the postman. This has spread to include the milkman and others who have performed services for the household.

#### SWISS

The business of the sleigh and six reindeer has been borrowed from the Swiss. But instead of our version of Santa Claus directing his team across the sky, they have an angel in the driver's seat, who comes bearing gifts.

#### BAVARIA

Candles in the window at Christmas Eve comes from Bavaria, where the custom dictates the tradition of lighting the way for Kristkind, messenger for the Infant Jesus.

#### THE YULE LOG

From England and Italy — though many miles apart — comes the custom of the burning of the Yule log. The more romantic Italians dress up their ceremony by having their children stand blindfolded before the burning log and recite a poem. When the children are finished reciting, the blindfolds are removed and at their feet are gifts. The log takes the place of the Christmas tree.

#### THE URN OF FATE

Another quaint custom prevails in Italy and Spain — in regards to the giving of gifts. In these two countries all gifts are placed in a large bowl called the "Urn of Fate." In it are dumped presents for all, none of them marked. Then each person draws a gift, examines it and trades among the members of the family until each receives a suitable present.

#### HOLLAND

In Holland they play a guessing and hunting game when it comes to passing out Christmas gifts. They put small gifts into enormous packages, hide large gifts in remote parts of the

house, and use other more ingenious devices for hiding the gifts including the imbedding of them in sausages. The fun of course, is

not only in the finding of the presents but also in guessing what they might be.

#### GERMANY

The Germans have a sim-

ilar game but with a different twist. They wrap a gift and put a person's name to the unwrapping ceremony. Then they wrap it again with still another person's name on it. This goes on until the package is quite large. Then when it comes to the unwrapping ceremony, each person expects to find another person's name on it. This goes on until finally there are no more "ad-

ressees" and the gift reaches its intended destination.

#### MEXICO

Mexican children do not hang stockings at fireplaces, as there are few in this (Cont. to pg. 6)



"Hark! the herald angels sing..."

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



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## Greetings of the Season

The Holidays are here...with all their flurry, hurry, fun and frolic!

In the midst of all the merriment and bustle, we want to make a special point of pausing in the day's occupation to wish every one of our friends and their families all the joys of the Holiday. Serving you all has indeed made our Season bright and happy.

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## English Started Christmas Cards

As much a part of Christmas as the tree, the giving of gifts and the holly wreath, are Christmas Cards.

In ancient times, the custom of exchanging greeting cards among friends (and in modern times, businesses) was unknown. The practice is a little more than a century old and is supposed to have been initiated in this country in Albany, New York.

It seems there was a dry goods merchant by the name of R. J. Pease, in the capitol of the Empire State who thought it might be a good idea to "greet" his friends and customers at the holiday season by way of a Christmas Card. The idea caught fire in his im-

agination and soon he had designed, printed and mailed the first examples of Christmas Cards in the United States.

Of course, his intent in sending his "greetings" at Christmastime to his friends wasn't altogether altruistic. He used the card as an advertising device as well.

It was by coincidence that another new symbol of Christmas was introduced at this same time. It was when Victoria of England took unto herself a German-born consort by the name of Prince Albert. In Germany, the tree had long been a part of the Christmas festivities, and when the Prince changed addresses from Germany to

Buckingham Palace, he brought his German custom of the decorated Christmas tree with him. The idea "took," became popular in England and was transplanted to the United States.

Actually, the first commercial Christmas card is credited to an Englishman named Henry Cole in 1843.

Cole never intended that his idea be commercialized. All he wanted to do was create a novel way of saying "Merry Christmas" to his friends. Thus he designed a card, commissioned a British Royal Academy artist by the name of John Calcott Horsley to execute the work. It was a simple card depicting a typical family of that time gathered together at a holiday dinner.

At the conclusion of the work, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" were added, a thousand copies lithographed and later hand colored.

He sent out his cards to his friends and little dreamed that he had created a Christmas tradition. They were an immediate success — and have continued to be successful.



"So much for the toys... but what's happened to Bill?"

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THANKS  
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& Staff

## Yule Candle Burning Traced To Irish

When the first Christmas candles were lighted, is not known, and yet the custom of burning candles at the Yuletide can be traced back centuries.

The way the story goes, the "Christ Child Candle" was burned in windows to light His way if He made an earthly visitation. It was also lighted in atonement for the night of His birth when shelter was denied Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem.

The legend which surrounds the lighting of can-

dles at Christmastime is said to have started in Ireland. There on Christmas Eve, a large candle is burned which could be snuffed out only by someone named Mary. As it is reported from the Emerald Isle, "Who knows on some Christmas Eve, Jesus, Mary and Joseph may come again; not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe."

In ancient days, brightly burning candles were as much a part of Christmas

as the religious significance of the holy day. And it was in ancient times when the bayberry candle held particular significance. It was believed that if the candles burned bright and clear throughout the Christmas season, the coming year was certain to be happy and prosperous.

Then too, in Colonial days, bayberry branches were dipped in wax and used instead of candles when animal fat for the making of candles was in short supply.



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# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To everybody, everywhere, we extend our sincere wishes for an old-fashioned Yuletide...warm with friendship...richly endowed with happy memories...bright with promise for the future...abounding with good health and good fellowship...a season filled with deep and lasting joy.

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# Santa Claus Around The World



the children.

St. Lucy is little known in most countries, but in Denmark, Switzerland and some others, it is this saint who is responsible for the distribution of gifts.

And so it goes throughout the world. Regardless of the legend, the Yule holiday is the spirit of unselfishness, the wonder of children's joy, all combined in one joyous song and praise of thanksgiving, of beauty, that is Christmas.



### Merry Christmas

TO ALL OUR READERS

The beauty in all children, the wonder that lights up their faces and gladdens the hearts of everyone at Christmastime is eloquent tribute to the holy idea be-

hind the festival celebrating the birth of Christ.

In many lands, the symbol of Christmas and Santa Claus is different. In America and many other countries the appearance of Santa Claus is the signal for

the holiday season to begin.

The jolly, round, rosy-cheeked character with the flowing white beard is the fellow responsible for the bringing of gifts. He drives a sleigh drawn by reindeer, and rides across the night sky on Christmas eve from the North Pole, hopping from chimney to chimney with his pack of toys for all good boys and girls.

But the origin of Santa Claus dates back many centuries to many lands where the symbol of Christmas has taken many forms.

Strangely enough, St. Nicholas was born in a remote town in Asia Minor by the name of Petras. It has been told of this great, hardest working saint of all, the many and wondrous deeds of good for which he was responsible. He helped the poor and needy and saved the lives of many.

Believe it or not, he is the patron saint of bankers, pawnbrokers, children, unmarried girls, sailors, and thieves. He lived a long time ago and is said to have died about 343 A.D.

About the year 950 A.D. Russia adopted St. Nicholas as her patron saint. Later the Laplanders followed suit as did the Samoyeds. Legend has it that this is where St. Nick acquired the story of the reindeer and sleigh.

And with the changing of the locale, so changed the symbol of Santa Claus. In Germany, France, Switzerland, Holland and Luxembourg, Santa Claus is recognized as a horseman on a beautiful white steed, loaded down not only with gifts for the good children he visits, but whipping rods for the naughty ones. He makes his ghostly ride December 5th.

In the early days of the American colonies, the Dutch brought with them their idea of what St. Nick was supposed to look like. He was called "Santeklas" and was a severe, lean, spiritual looking gent in long robes. Not at all like our version of Santa.

He was gradually transformed to the happy fellow he is today through the efforts of an American cartoonist by the name of Thomas Nast in the nineteenth century, and since then, the traditional Santa Claus, reindeer and sleigh as we now know them came

to stay on the American scene.

In many countries, the Christ Child or Kristkind, is the giver of gifts. Others falling in the same role are less known and many of them have passed into limbo. This would include Tante Aria, a cloud goddess who, accompanied by the Father Star, brings gifts to children.

Hungarian children depend upon a host of angels

for their Christmas gifts. Italian children look to "La Befana," a mystical wanderer carrying a broom — albeit she is a good fairy — who brings gifts to good children.

Old Russia had her "Baboushka," who, in search of the Christ Child, went from house to house carrying a staff and a bag of toys for



## Christmas Joy

May the blessed light that shone from that bright Star of Bethlehem on the night of our Saviour's holy birth... shine always in the hearts of men everywhere. Our sincere wishes for a joyous Christmas to all our friends.

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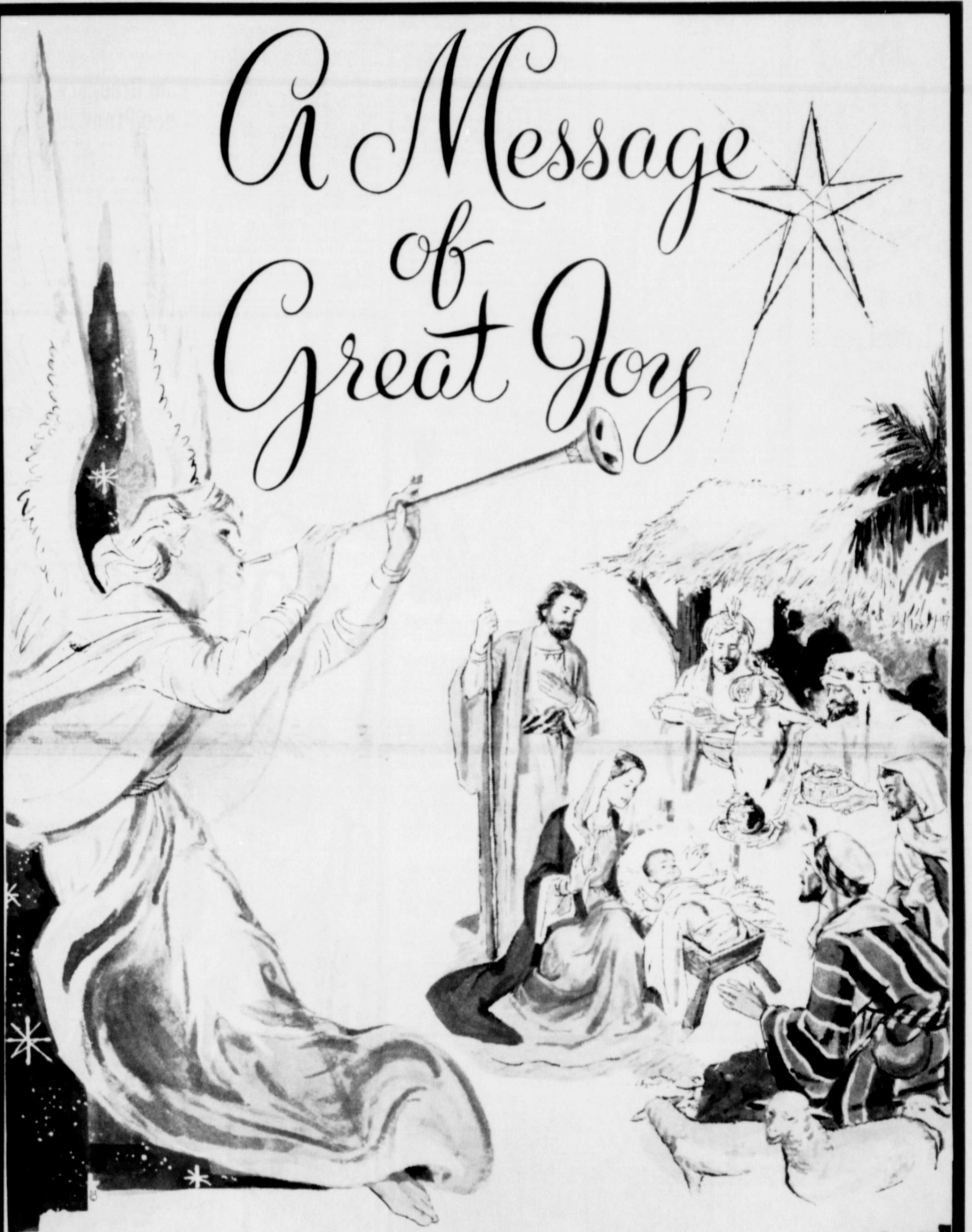


# Christmastide...

...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.

### HERBERT DUNN

(County Tax Assessor-Collector)  
Littlefield, Texas



# A Message of Great Joy

"...and suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest... on earth Peace, Good Will toward Men..."

Let us rejoice, for once again Christmas brings us the guiding faith of Peace and Good Will to All, and the high inspiration of His holy message. To our many good friends, we send heartfelt greetings, with the wish that all may enjoy a most blessed Christmas, in the company of family and friends... singing the old familiar carols... hearing again the well-loved, spirit-lifting words of the Christmas story.



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## Earth C of C Receives Invitation To Fat Stock Show

The Earth Chamber of Commerce has received an invitation to be honored with a Special Day at the 1964 South Western Exposition and Fat Stock Show, January 24 thru February 2.

W. R. Watt, Stock Show president-manager, said the Special Day delegation would be spotlighted during an introduction at the rodeo performance and the city would receive special recognition both at the show and over a wide area of Texas.

The invitation includes a block reservation of Rodeo seats, for advance sale locally, so all of the delegation can sit during together the spot lighted introduction. A cowgirl sweetheart can be named to ride in the Rodeo Grand Entry on the Special Day, and would be introduced to the audience. Area riding clubs are invited to ride in the opening day Western parade, in the Rodeo Grand Entry on the Special Day or both.

James Drury, star of NBC-TV "The Virginian" and the "Sons of the Pioneers", will be the guest stars of the 1964 Rodeo. Drury has become well known to the nation's television audiences in his title role as "The Virginian". "The Sons of the Pioneers", often called America's Foremost Western Musical Group, have a long standing record as favorites of Fort Worth Rodeo Crowds.

The Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show is the nation's oldest major livestock show.

Christmas is observed widely in Japan despite the fact that fewer than one per cent of the country's population is Christian. Each year, Tokyo's streets are bright with holiday decorations, and "White Christmas" is almost as popular as it is in America.

## NO HEAD FOR BUSINESS

BY CHARLOTTE LANGDALE

"DON'T THINK I brought you down here to propose again," said Brad Winters, as he led Ellen to a comfortable rock on top of Spruce Hill and flung himself on the ground close beside her. "My first resolution will be to let you propose to me."

"Nothing was farther from my thoughts," said Ellen. "Why did you bring me here?"

"See that construction on the new turnpike?" He gestured with the hand that wasn't holding hers.

Ellen nodded. "I see it."

"See that old Route 1 a mile or so beyond?"

"I see that, too."

"Very good. Now from some of the things you said last night when you practically turned me down, I gather you agree with my family that I have no head for business, an opinion I'm fed up with."

"I didn't say quite that, Brad—"

### The Idea

"The idea was there, even if hidden in your words like salesman's new overcoat in his expense account. Take another look. See what appears to be fifty acres, more or less, of no-good but level scrub land between Route 1 and the new pike?"

"I think so."

"I bought those fifty acres, more or less, with the money my grandmother left me."

Ellen didn't say a word, but she stared at him with her pretty little mouth wide open.



"I suppose you read the paper last night," she said.

"If you were the State Highway Department and needed a connector between two routes and there was only one level piece of land available, wouldn't you buy it?" demanded Brad.

"Why I suppose—"

"You're exactly right in the meantime I've made me a chicken farm."

"I think you're crazy," declared Ellen.

"You and my family, too," said Brad cheerfully.

Ellen smiled. "I can't believe that a connector is going to be worth more because it has trellises covered with blaze roses or a lilac hedge."

### Patience

Brad was patient with her. "They have no value of themselves, but when the land is condemned I expect to be paid for money and labor expended. The more money and labor—"

"I suppose," said Ellen, "if the state doesn't buy you out, you can live on it and raise chickens."

Ellen nearly wept when she read the evening paper. All Brad's dreams come to naught, along with his grandmother's legacy and his self-esteem as a man of business. The connector was to be five miles

east. She might, she decided, marry him after all, just to temper the blow.

She would tell him at the New Year's Eve party. She got there late, and immediately looked for Brad. She found him remarkably cheerful.

"I suppose you've read the paper last night?"

"The paper?"

"About the connector?"

"Oh, that. Sure I read it. Not that it makes any difference. Every man with a head for business should have two strings to his bow. The connector was only one possibility of mine. I have lots of ideas for next year."

"I don't understand."

### Dreams

"What is the dream of every middle-aged city man? To retire to the country and raise chickens. So while I was about it, I fixed the place up the way I'd want it to be if I wanted to retire to the country and raise chickens, which heaven forbid!"

"Going to advertise it?"

"It's already sold. One of the men of the State Highway Department who looked over the connector bought it."

"Do you think that was the reason?"

"I don't think anything I just made a tidy little profit."

"And what are you going to do now?"

"Buy me another fifty acres, more or less, and turn it into another chicken farm."

"I'll help you plant the roses and the lilac hedges," said Ellen.

"Thanks, partner. I'm sure we'll have a good year, if I can consider that a formal proposal."

"That you can, partner. Happy New Year."

### BIG TREE

The largest Christmas tree ever lighted is believed to have been 364 feet tall. It is located in California's redwood forest and was first decorated in December, 1945.



HE'S SANTA BY ANY NAME

The holiday gift giver—Santa Claus in America—has many different names around the world.

In Russia, he may be known as "Father Frost" or Father Winter. In Germany, children may hear of "Christkind" or "Kris Kringle." Chinese children expect their stockings to be filled by the "Nice Old Father" and Norwegian children anticipate gifts from an elf, "Jul Tonten."

French children await the arrival of "Pere Noel." Hollanders look for "Saint Nicholas" or "Sinterklass."

There are many more "Santas" all around the world. Wherever he exists, by whatever name, his mission is the same—to gladden the hearts of childhood.

## Yule Greenery Once Prohibited

Love, the poets say, is like the wild rose briar and friendship like the holly tree.

The similarity of love and wild rose briar may need proving but history records the use of holly as a symbol of goodwill and friendship even before the Christian era.

Holly wreaths, sprays and twigs were used, too, in various rites throughout much of Europe in those early days. And large quantities of the shiny green foliage

and red berries were brought indoors to brighten the scene during drab winter days. But even before the Romans set foot on English shores, the druids were using holly in their own pagan rites.

Due to this pagan association, early Christian leaders opposed use of holly during the Christmas season. In fact, Christians were forbidden to decorate their homes with Christmas greenery during the mid-December Saturnalian revelries of the Roman Empire. Eventually, however, holly decorations became so well established and so popular they were given Christmas acceptance.

## Know-How Preserves Beauty Of Plants

You don't really have to have a green thumb to have "luck" with house plants. You just need to remember that such plants need sufficient light and sufficient humidity.

If your plants are thin and don't flower properly, they need more light. If plants drop leaves or turn brown, they lack sufficient humidity. Give your plants the light they need—utilizing incandescent or fluorescent lights if necessary. But, by all means keep plants away from radiators and other sources of dry heat.

a basketful of Good Wishes

Please accept our sincere good wishes for a happy, joyful Yuletide... rich in love and warm friendship!



TAYLOR'S MARKET BASKET

Earth, Texas Phone 257-3052

## Merry Christmas

Our warmest wishes to all our good friends!

EARTH BEAUTY SALON  
Yvonne Layman  
Faye Starkey  
257-8251

Season's Greetings

We extend to you our sincere thanks for your loyal patronage and our best wishes for a holiday season that spreads good cheer all through your house!

TAYLOR FURNITURE AND CITY SHOE SHOP

# 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 GULF STATION

Wayne Jackson Owner-Manager  
Earth, Texas



The miracle of Christmas, holy source of hope and joy, once more

spreads its wonders, its radiant promise across the land... and the

Star shines, as on that hallowed night, with eternal light. The blessings

that rise from the sacred manger are manifold and everlasting. Our wish is that you and yours may

be blest with the divine comfort and inspiration of Christmas, now and always.

# KIMBELL GIN CO.

EARTH, TEXAS



## Faver Family Create Own Christmas Cards

Besides the round of shopping, gift wrapping, cooking, etc. which fill the busy days before Christmas, the Lewis Favours have added something more. It is their special way of giving a little bit of themselves to everyone on their Christmas card list. Instead of the usual greeting cards purchased, either signed or engraved, then sent out, the Favours have chosen for the past seven years to make their own.

It began in '57 when the family was new in town, having moved here from Dumas, and was not quite used to having such an unusual address as Earth. You will remember that was the year Russia sent up her first Sputnik, something the world was not quite used to. Coupling the two ideas, the Favours' first original was as follows:

Everyone's talking of a trip to the moon. By rocket, by what-nick, by kite or balloon. Not going this Christmas? Then shake hands with me. There's shopping and baking and trimming the tree. Too busy! Can't make it! Important things first. Like sending best wishes from the Favours of Earth.

The verse was written on a

page depicting a map of Texas with Earth pin pointed. At the top was a half-moon.

Later greetings have attempted the practical; Christmas tree ornaments cut from wrapping paper with pinking shears and accompanied by the notes: "At making cut-outs for the tree we're no artists you can see, just the same, we want to say, a Merry Merry Christmas Day!"

Doubtless, the children's favorite was in 1960 when postage rates had increased and many folks were debating whether or not to send greetings cards. It read:

"Stamps are high and we're not richer than we were the year before, but we'd rather take a 'lickin' than to miss out on a 'wishin'." Merry Christmas at your door."

Pasted above the word "lickin'" was a penny sucker.

Mrs. Faver recalls that the birth of a baby daughter Dec. 8, 1961 almost caused them to abandon the "make your own" Christmas card idea. However while in the hospital she shakily prepared the stencil for what was to be both a season's greeting and birth announcement. It



DECORATING THE TREE is fun at the Lewis Faver home... The four lovely lasses, daughters of the Favours are shown as they demonstrate unusual skill and imagination in beautifying the tree... The Faver family has another unusual family project they thoroughly enjoy during the holiday season, and that is the making of their own Christmas Cards.

## St. Francis of Assisi Originator of Church Christmas Carol Singing



Regardless of the derivation, it was St. Francis of Assisi who was credited with having given popularity to carol singing when he is said to have conducted a Christmas service singing the Gospel and giving a sermon in song.

When minstrels and folk singing swept the land back in Richard the Lion-Hearted's day, carols were kept alive through the simple folk in community after community, who passed them down from generation to generation. But it was not until the 15th Century when the custom finally broke away from the austerity and sombre chants of the Church and reached its popularity and magnificence.

But then came the Puritans in the 17th Century

this was only made possible through the illicit printing and singing of carols in the privacy of the homes of the people who loved them dearly.

In 1840, the world famous, "Silent Night" appeared in print, and today its beauty resounds the world over in every Christian land at Christmastime.

Texas leads all states in railroad mileage.

### BLESSED Christmas Wishes

May the message of the first Christmas, with its wondrous spiritual joys and blessings, bring a special peace and contentment to you and your near and dear.

**Rutherford & Co.**  
Earth, Texas

### CHRISTMAS JOY

May the age-old Miracle of Christmas again fill your heart with the greatest joy and peace!

**Earth Texaco Station**  
Bazel Glasscock

They're not certain yet, but probably something that requires lots of cutting and pasting as the Favours' daughters Francee Ann, 8; Joy Elaine, 6; Strelaa Lou, 4; and LaRenda Lois, 2; are right at the "pasting age".

### Greek God Cronus Became Time Symbol

Chronometry is the science of measuring time—a project that has interested man since his earliest days on earth.

The word comes down to us associated with Cronus, the Greek god once hailed as lord of the universe, as a corruption of the word "cronos" which means time.

Cronus supposedly was warned that one of his children would dispose of him, and so vowed to devour them at birth. When a child Zeus was born, Cronus wife, Rhea hid the child away and presented a stone to Cronus instead.

Everything ended happily, according to the legend. Cronus disgorged the stone, along with previous children he had swallowed. Zeus later dethroned his father and became the chief god of the Greek pantheon.

Cronus? As we said earlier, because of the similarity of names, he became confused with the word for time.

As in any "do it yourself" project, there are problems now and then, situations you hadn't counted on. For example while helping get out the 1960 cards, the little Favours saw nothing wrong with sending out the suckers slightly licked. Last year's greeting, typed on an enclosure card, proved to be just under regular postage rate size. Another stamp was necessary because the whole idea was based on a tiny card. The verse read:

"Our card is small, But our wish is TALL. From all of us to all of "youall" Merry Christmas, 1"

What does the Favours have in mind for this season?

### Noel, Noel

Let the joyful sound of bells ring out our sincere best wishes to all our friends, for a very Merry Christmas!

**BUSBY AUTO PARTS**  
Springlake, Texas

### PEACE... Joy... and HAPPINESS

Across the ages, the sacred message of the Babe of Bethlehem spreads a wonderful radiance through our hearts, our homes, our churches. We greet you at Christmas with the wish that peace, joy and happiness may ever be yours.

### We Are Thankful

To Have Had The Pleasure of Serving You

and

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

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

**Earth Gin Co.**  
**Service Seed & Delinting Co.**



**U.S. ADOPTS WORLD YULE CUSTOMS**

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tropical country. Thus the giving of gifts and goodies for children is surrounded by the custom of breaking the pinata (pronounced pin-yata). The pinata is a large

earthenware pot, around which paper figures of birds, animals and even boats are created. The pot is then filled with gifts, cakes, candy and other good things. The filled pinata is hung by a rope from a rafter, and the children gather beneath it blindfolded. At a

signal the children, armed with sticks, strike out at where they think the pinata is, break it and the goodies come tumbling down; at which point the scrabble begins.

**THE PHILIPPINES**

The Philippines, predominately Catholic, start their Christmas on December 16th and climax eight days of Mass worship at 3 a.m. with midnight services held at Christmas Eve. That is the signal for the fireworks, the exchanging of gifts, caroling and general merry-making to begin. The final Christmas festivities come to a conclusion January 6th, which is the date of the visit of the three kings of the East.

**SWEDEN**

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

The Scandinavian countries also have a delightful custom at Christmas time. In Sweden, Denmark and Norway, a tree is loaded with a sheaf of wheat for the birds on Christmas Eve. Beneath the tree, the children sprinkle pieces of suet.

**RUSSIA**

Believe it or not, Russia celebrates Christmas much as we do in the United States, with one exception. They do not make any reference to anything holy or religious about the day. But they do have a "Father Frost" and "Winter Trees."

**CHINA**

The Chinese do not believe in the meaning of Christmas, yet they follow our customs closely without any religious themes. That doesn't stop them from having a merry time.

**JAPAN**

When the GIs were in Japan they brought with



IT'S HARD TO WAIT until Christmas Day to open gifts, especially so for the two younger children who wishfully inspect each new package as the pile increases beneath the tree daily. Christmas is a happy time at the E. C. (Shorty) Kelley home. Pictured are Randy, Kevin, Carolyn, and Kyle.

them many State-side ideas, not the least of which was Christmas. The Japanese were quick to adopt the custom and now have their Kurisumasu (Christmas), but it's more like wild New Year celebrations we express in the United States. Their New Year is celebrated much as we do Christmas.

The traditional festival colors in Japan are red and green and white, so it was easy for them to adopt the accepted Christmas colors we enjoy. But the Japanese have "modernized" their version of Santa Claus — and instead of the fat, jolly, rosy-cheeked fellow with the white beard, they dress their prettiest girls in the traditional regalia and the shorter the dresses they wear, the better.

**HAWAII**

Christmas too. But no reindeer, no sleigh. Their Santa arrives on the beach riding an outrigger canoe, and to top it all off, "Santa" is a hula-skirted girl!

All of which goes to prove that it's a point of view that

dictates the custom of the country. But no matter what the geographical position, Christmas is Christmas — and it's the spirit that counts. So, Merry Christmas, everyone!

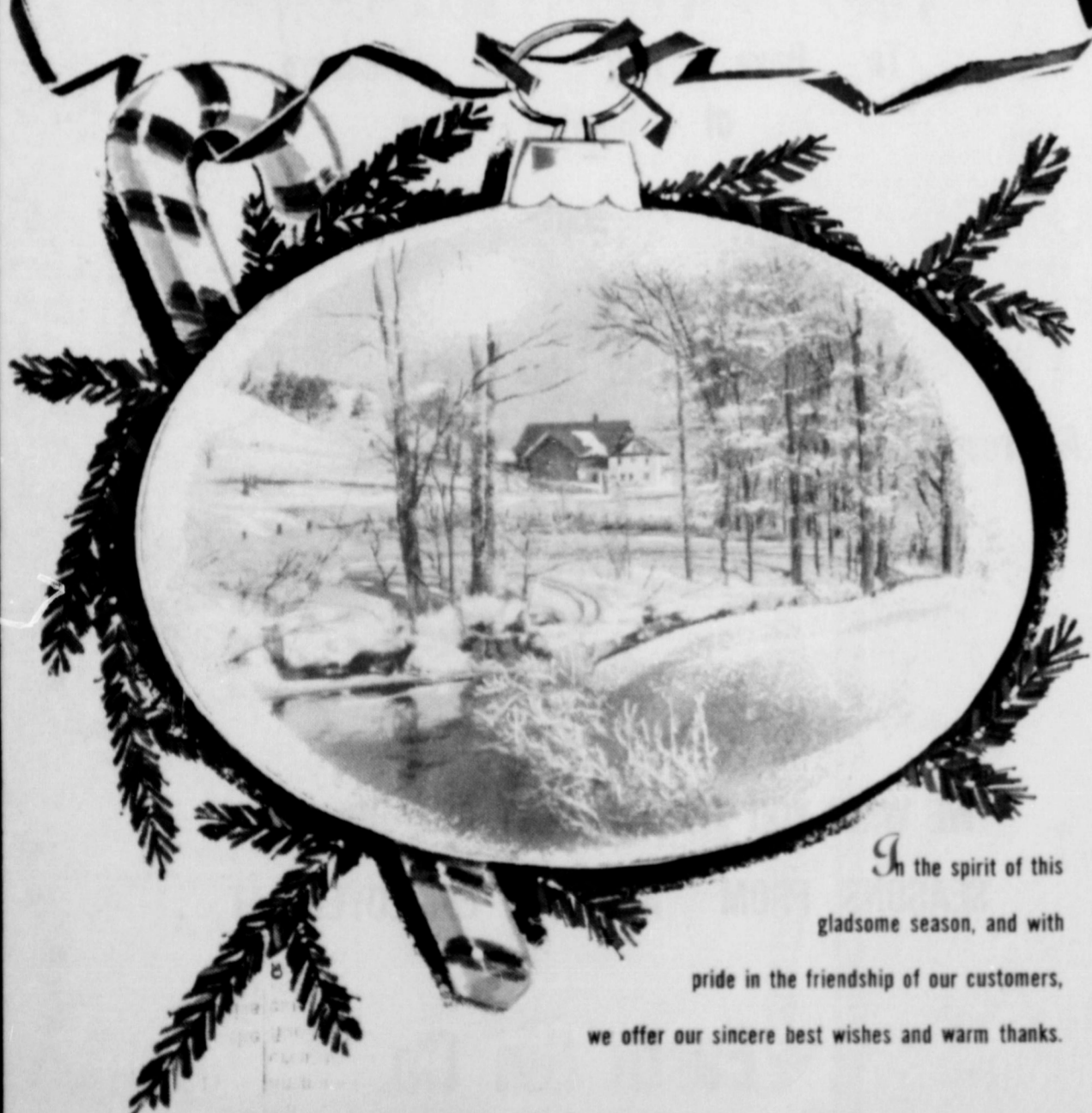
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**HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT CO.**

EARTH, TEXAS

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**



In the spirit of this

gladsome season, and with

pride in the friendship of our customers,

we offer our sincere best wishes and warm thanks.

**FARM CHEMICAL CO.**

AND ITS EMPLOYEES

Sandy, Norman, George, Billy Joe, Don, Clyde, and Ronnie.

EARTH, TEXAS

SPRINGLAKE, TEXAS

Not to be outdone by any- one else, Hawaii has its



**Christmas Wishes**

To our many loyal friends and devoted patrons we send heartfelt greetings. May the glorious inspiration of the first Christmas be with you and your loved ones throughout this holiday season, and abide with you for all the years to come . . . lightening your cares, brightening your lives, bringing you enduring peace and contentment.

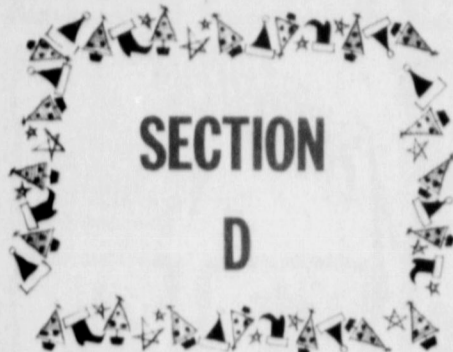
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EARTH, TEXAS





# MERRY CHRISTMAS



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UTE UNGER, FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT from Germany has found that Christmas is observed much the same in America as it is in her native land, with the exception that the observance of Christmas begins in Germany on Dec. 6 and lasts through Christmas Day.

### Ute Unger Tells of Christmas in Germany

Christmas is observed in many different ways in other lands and Ute Unger, Springlake Foreign Exchange Student from Germany, tells how she observes Christmas in her native land.

The Christmas season begins the first of December in Germany. Each family gathers leaves from a Christmas tree, and places four candles on them.

Each candle represents one of the four Sunday's in December. The first Sunday of the month, the family gathers and lights the first candle, and sing Christmas songs, reads the Bible and eats nuts, cookies and candies. The next Sunday the family lights the second candle, the third Sunday the third candle and the fourth Sunday they light the last candle and then Christmas isn't far away. But before Christmas, on Dec.

6, Santa Claus comes, and the night before Dec. 6 everyone puts out their shoes and stockings and the next morning they find them filled with candy, nuts, apples and oranges.

The evening of Dec. 6, Santa Claus comes with his little black devil. Santa looks the same as he does in America, and his assistant is small, all black and very mean. He has switches with him and tries to whip all the children.

All the children learn prayers and songs before that day, to say to Santa Claus, so that he might think they have been good, but he has a large golden book from heaven which tells him everything he wants to know. The children all get toys and candy, but they have to promise to be real good until the next year.

As Christmas draws nearer and nearer there are beautiful Christmas trees everywhere, pretty lights in town, and in the shop windows there are pretty gifts and other things, like at no other time.

Everyone prepares to bake cakes and cookies and get the last minute Christmas presents.

The week before the Holy Night many people use to lock their living rooms and sometimes in the morning they would find silver hairs from Angels who came during the night to help put up the Christmas trees and lay down all the presents.

On the Dec. 24, everyone goes to the Church in the afternoon for a special Christmas service, and when they return home the Christ Child has been there.

When a bell rings, my daddy opens the locked door of the living room and we all go in and sit around the Christmas tree, with the beautiful lights. The family sings songs, wishes each other "Happy Christmas" and see their presents.

Dec. 25 and 26 are both holidays and the families either visit relatives or friends or go on vacation on snow skis.

This is the time I like most to remember and I hope that you have as Happy a Christmas as I have had.

Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Welch will be their children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pachard, Evelyn and Beberly of Hereford. Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Welch and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welch and children, also the Welch's granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ward of Clovis, N.M.



CHRISTMAS IS ALWAYS A HAPPY TIME in the Richard Stockstill home, and in the picture above the Stockstills seem to be awaiting Christmas with great anticipation. Shown is Marina Joan, Kreig, 5 years old, Kim, age 7, and Daddy Richard.

### Party Line...

Mr. and Mrs. Macky McCarty and Michall Dean of Anton will spend Christmas Eve with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Phipps, Kay and Bob.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Phipps, Kay and Bob will be in Childress Christmas Eve with Mrs. Phipps mother, Mrs. J. L. Brooks.

Mrs. Jack Hadaway of Granbury, returned home Monday after several days visit here with relatives. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Johnny Pelham and Shannon, who will spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mr. Pelham will join them there for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Sanders and Delynn, Portales, N.M.

will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sanders and Pruda and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Prather and Beverly.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Irel Sawyer

and Gary will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hampton in Tucumcari, N.M.

Sunday dinner guests in the Houston Stephens home were

their children and grandchildren Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sepchens Shawn and Shate, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stephens and Bobby all of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stephens, Mike and Gary of Earth.

Merry Christmas from...  
and  
Happy New Year

Silent Night

May all  
be calm and  
bright for  
you and your loved  
ones...  
now, at this happy  
time of Christmas!

LAMB COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
President - Kenneth Burgess  
Vice President - Harold Allison  
Sec. - Treasurer - Dale Harper

It's Time to Turn Over a New Leaf

There's a brand new Year about to appear... and we want to take this opportunity to send you our very best New Year wishes for good health and happiness... with a sincere thank you.

Progress in the New Year

## PIGGLY WIGGLY

EARTH, TEXAS



# Babson's Business and Financial Forecast for 1964

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I am still emotionally upset as I make this forecast after the brutal assassination of President Kennedy. I, however, will try to submerge my emotions and base this forecast of 1964 on the facts as I interpret them.

1. Our New President, I state emphatically that President Johnson may accomplish far more constructively before November 1964 than our late President would have been able to do. President Johnson understands better how to handle

Congress, and has the confidence of businessmen. Therefore, I am reassured as to the first ten months of 1964.

2. Election In November. At the Republican Convention in the summer of 1964, there will be a conflict between Goldwater and Rockefeller, and perhaps others. For this reason Mr. Nixon may slip in and get the Republican nomination. Certainly President Johnson will secure the nomination of the Democratic Party, he is

a farsighted man, and knows politics. Therefore, with the Republicans nominating any one of the three leading names mentioned above, I now forecast that President Johnson will be elected President of the U.S. in November 1964. All of this gives me more assurance that 1964 should be a good year.

3. Tax Cut. A tax cut will be enacted sometime during the coming session of Congress, and it will surely be made retroactive to January 1, 1964. The tax cut should help consumer buying, it may even increase general business.

4. Civil Rights. Some sort of a civil-rights bill will be passed by Congress during 1964. The Administration wants to please the South and hold its Democratic votes there, but the civil-rights bill now before Congress is not satisfactory to the white people of the North. Therefore, I forecast that whatever civil-rights bill is passed before the election of 1964 will be considerably watered down.

5. Negro People. The Negroes will continue to make progress and get more, but I predict that the gains will have to come largely through changing attitudes of the people. Otherwise the situation will be much like the prohibition problem which the good people of the nation thought could be solved by legislation. Such reforms take place only as the minds and hearts of the people are changed for the better.

6. Government Spending. Of course, in the long run, the survival of a nation should depend upon its spending less than it takes in. Nowadays however, it is unfashionable for consumers or government, to have balanced budgets. Therefore, I predict that 1964 will see a bigger deficit than this year's.

7. Depression. Whether for better or for worse, the voters have been taught to believe they can get something for nothing, and only a severe depression could ultimately change this belief. I, however, look for no depression in 1964.

8. Agricultural Outlook. Although crops, prices, and farm income may be basically dependent on the weather, much of the world is short of food. Russia's and China's heavy purchases of grains will do more to bolster U.S. farm income than will government-support prices in 1964.

9. Dow-Jones Industrials. I forecast that the stock markets as measured by the Dow-Jones Average will make a new high in 1964, but may sell lower after the election. However, readers must remember that

the Dow-Jones Industrial list which everyone seems to think represents the market, may be very deceptive.

10. Speculative Stocks. Of the approximately 1550 stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange, a majority have been going down while the Dow-Jones list of 30 which everyone watches have been going down. This is due to the purchase of Dow-Jones issues today largely to trustee, pension funds, mutual companies and others that prefer fairly conservative and dividend-paying companies. I forecast that stocks not in the Dow-Jones list will do better proportionately in 1964 than they did this year.

11. Switching. Based on my above forecast, and having learned that only buying can send stocks up, I predict that 1964 may prove to be a good year to switch from some of the overcrowded Dow-Jones stocks into other issues that are now overlooked.

12. Government Bonds. The only government bonds that interest me are the long-term ones which may now be purchased at a discount to use in payment at par for death taxes. I forecast that more government will be issued during 1964 and that their prices may gradually sag as money becomes tighter.

13. Corporation Bonds. Those buying corporate bonds should either stick to issues of under five years maturity or keep their money in the savings bank. I predict that long-term corporation bonds will drop in price in 1964 as interest rates rise.

14. Tax-Exempt Bonds. Like wise, I predict that long-term tax-exempt bonds will decline next year. They are even more overpriced than corporation bonds, because of heavy bank buying during the past two years. I do not look for this to be repeated in 1964. Therefore, I would certainly confine buying of tax-exempts to short maturities, and I would avoid revenue bonds.

15. Interest Rates. I forecast that interest rates will continue at least as high as today, and will possibly rise through 1964 in order to keep gold here in this country and uphold the value of the dollar.

16. Devaluation of Gold. I forecast that there will be no devaluation of gold during 1964. I am personally acquainted with conditions in Africa, and will say that those who wish to speculate in gold mines should consider American-South African Investment Co. Readers should remember, however, that gold-mining stocks will go down as well as up, in accordance

with different conditions.

17. Profits. I forecast that corporate profits will continue to rise in 1964, though possibly at a somewhat lower pace than recently.

18. Copper Prices. Commodity prices are dependent on two factors, Demand and Supply. Take copper, I believe demand will continue to increase during the electrical era we are now in. And, since my visit to Africa, I feel the supply of copper is almost unlimited. Hence I forecast little change in price on balance in 1964.

19. Other Basic Raw Materials. With some few exceptions, the above applies generally to many of the basic raw materials, including iron and steel, and especially aluminum. The present firming in quotations will not carry much further and could be subject to setbacks later in the year.

20. Sugar. Sugar prices will hold in a generally high range all through 1964.

21. Building. Suburbia, I forecast that new building will continue around present levels through 1964, with additional growth in "suburbia." This applies to single homes and to apartment houses, which could easily be overbuilt as the hotels and motels have been.

22. Public Construction. Otherwise, strength in building will

occur mainly in the public sector, especially roadbuilding.

23. Real Estate. I predict that farms on the "right side" of cities will constantly increase in value during 1964. I say "right side" because every city seems to have some one best direction in which to grow. This usually is toward the higher land and often to the west, but this is something subdivision developers must watch very closely.

24. Rural Areas. As I have said before, the way to buy real estate profitable is to drive out the main road away from the city in which you live, on the "right" side. Every few miles, stop and inquire the price of land, so long as it is quoted by the acre. Every thing else being equal, I forecast that the purchase of this land in 1964 will show you a profit over the long term.

25. Florida Property. There is still a lot of land in Florida and there are many retired people who are hoping to move there. I forecast that your best Florida buy in 1964 will be waterfront property. God made only so much waterfront land, but there is an enormous amount of interior land which for many years will be good only for pastureage. Do not buy land, anywhere, until you see it, don't depend on blueprints

catalogs, and super sales organizations.

26. Florida Home. I believe a small home in a small Florida city, and ownership of the vacant lot on each side there will prove a safe and attractive

investment in 1964 for anyone who has a check coming in regularly from the North.

27. Advertising. While TV advertising will continue strong

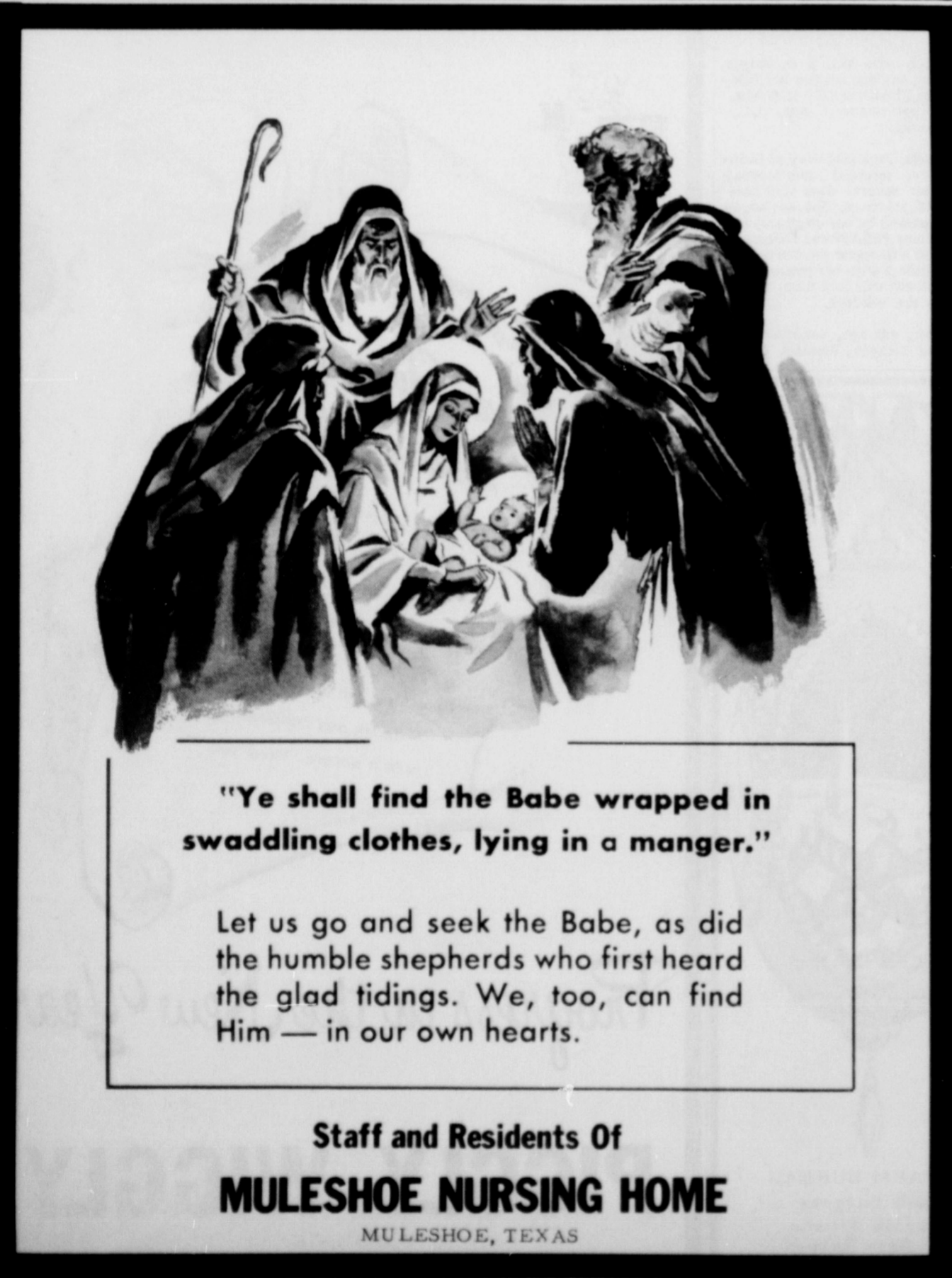
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**Merry CHRISTMAS**

Merry laughter,  
merry times,  
we wish for you  
at Christmas... with our  
thanks for  
your patronage.

**ONSTEAD FURNITURE**  
LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS



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

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

**Staff and Residents Of**  
**MULESHOE NURSING HOME**  
MULESHOE, TEXAS



**Greetings**

We're wishing all of you every joy of the Holiday Season. May your days be merry and bright... serving you has made ours a delight!

**GARNER OIL CO.**  
EARTH, TEXAS



**OUR FONDEST WISHES FOR A Merry Christmas**

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

- EARL JORDAN**  
Co-Owner & Manager
- GENE BROWND**  
Co-Owner
- BERT WEIL**  
Shop Foreman
- JAMES DUNCAN**  
Parts Dept.
- JIM WILLIAMSON**  
Salesman
- FRED AUSTIN**  
Bookkeeper
- ROY HARGROVE**  
Mechanic
- BOB SMITH**  
Mechanic & Radiator Repairman
- JOE ROCHA**  
Paint Yard Boy

**...AND A VERY BIG "THANKS" TO ONE AND ALL**

**Brownd-White Equipment Co.**  
Earth, Texas  
Pho. 257-3951



**BABSON'S FORECAST**

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for patent medicines and some other products, I forecast that honest newspaper advertising will hold its own. Newspaper ads can be cut out and kept for reference, which is impossible with radio or TV ads.

28. Newspapers. I forecast that competing newspapers will continue to consolidate, and there may possibly be a return to the days when newspapers, represented the opinions of some one man with courage, influence, and personality rather than the decisions of a cold board of directors. Note that this is something television is already trying to develop in its news reports, and newspapers must match it.

29. Strikes. I believe that 1963 will be free from large strikes. The '64 show of course, will be the negotiations between the auto workers and the manufacturer. However, I predict that both sides will arrive at a peaceful settlement before the deadline.

30. Wages. While labor will get all the pay increases it wants in 1964, it will get the equivalent in fringe benefits.

31. Employment. I forecast employment will rise further in 1964, due to a prosperous economy with new and expanding operations.

32. Work week. There will be continuing agitation to cut the 40-hour week in 1964 to a



A SPECIAL DECORATION each year at Christmas time in the Albert Lindley home is the nativity scene, shown above. Rev. and Mrs. Lindley and their two children are shown in the picture.

35-hour week with the same pay. I forecast this will not be accomplished. There may be a compromise to 37 1/2 hours, though this will depend largely upon President Johnson.

33. Foreign Trade. Rising automation in the U.S. in 1964

will enable us to compete more effectively with lower per man hour labor costs in Europe. Labor costs in Italy are already rising, and inflation is threatening Europe... particularly Italy and France.

34. Inflation. Like the rest of the world, we will be tempted to resort more and more to inflation, but I forecast this will not be a vital factor in 1964.

35. Living Costs. There will be continued upward pressure on living costs during 1964, even though the Administration may soft-pedal any abnormal rise in the Labor Department's index to prove that costs are being held down.

36. Retail Sales. I forecast that 1964 will show an increase in retail sales and in installment purchases.

37. Recreational Equipment. I forecast that the great increase in leisure time and the consistent gains in personal income will give manufacturers of recreational equipment a prosperous year in 1964.

38. Synthetic Foods. I forecast that many new synthetic foods, cheaper than the natural and just as healthful, will appear in supermarkets in 1964.

39. Synthetic Clothing. I forecast that this new industry will develop notable in the United States during 1964, particularly as regards specialty work clothes.

40. Auto Parking. The auto companies are devoting much study to the parking problem. I forecast real progress toward mechanical parking in 1964.

41. Seat Belts. I predict that

insurance companies will put added pressure during 1964 on all state governments to enact legislation requiring "roll-up" seat belts on all cars.

42. New Inventions. I forecast that rapid strides will be made in 1964 in the direction of transferring mass through matter.

43. Electronic Production. I forecast a great increase in electronic manufacturing in 1964 with emphasis on adaptation of space efforts to military applications.

44. Air Conditioning. I predict radical changes in air conditioning in 1964 via the reduction, and later elimination of moving parts in the heat withdrawal machinery.

45. Electric Heating. I forecast experiments in electric heating in 1964 whereby radio waves will heat only the individuals in the room, but not the air.

46. Oceanography. I forecast

developments in 1964 in mineral recovery, food supplements, new chemical derivatives, etc. obtained through oceanographic research.

47. Cuba. People in Florida have no reason to worry about their nearness to Cuba in 1964. Russia will undoubtedly keep a controlling finger on Cuba until she decides to withdraw in a swap of some kind with the U.S. in connection with Berlin or West Germany.

48. War. There will be no war in 1964, and even the cold war pressures should gradually soften and prove less costly. I, however, am watching carefully how President Johnson and Premier Khrushchev get on together.

49. Russia. I predict that the Russian government will vastly increase the manufacture of electrical appliances, and will have a 100% owned installment company which it will operate

without competition. When I was in Russia it was evident from my talk with the young people that they would have to be given more of the advantages enjoyed by the free nations.

50. In this connection I should say that like the U.S. Russia is very rich in natural resources and in research. This latter is especially important these days. I was much impressed, during my visit, with the Russian educational system which is developing a very able generation of young people. I forecast, however, that Mr. Khrushchev's real problem will be how long he will be able to hold these young people in line!

Boyd Clayton, student at Abilene Christian College, arrived home Friday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clayton. He will return to his classes, Jan. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moore of Muleshoe have purchased the

Roy Neal home and moved to Earth Wednesday.



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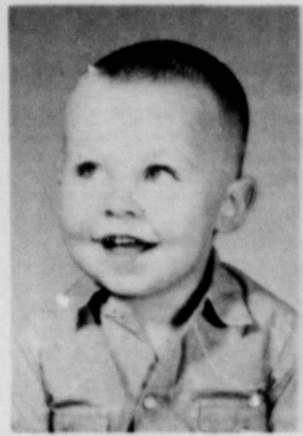
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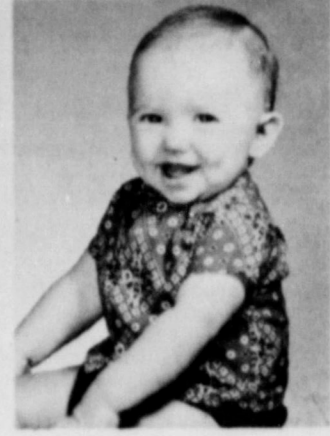
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### Winners In Picture Contest Announced

Winners of the photo contest held recently in Earth by Winston B. Lucas Studio's of Fort Worth were Rodney Dunn, first place, Elizabeth Keller, second and Marianne Messer, third place winner. Rodney is the 4 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dunn, Elizabeth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Keller and is 11 months old and Marianne is 8 years old and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Messer.

Shown above are the 38 entries in the contest, their names, and the names of their parents.



CARRIE DAWN BEEN  
Daughter Of  
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Been



ALAYNE SLOVER  
Daughter Of  
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Slover



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Son Of  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd Wheat



GORDON JIM LAYMAN  
Son Of  
Mr. and Mrs. James Layman



SHELLI LAYMAN  
Daughter Of  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunn



RODNEY DUNN 1st Place  
Son Of  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunn



KRISTI THOMAS  
Daughter Of  
Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Thomas



JOHNNY EAGLE  
Son Of  
Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Eagle



RONNIE THOMAS  
Son Of  
Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Thomas



MELISSA BEEN  
Daughter Of  
Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Been



MARIANNE MESSER 3rd Place  
Daughter Of  
Mr. and Mrs. M.W. Messer



DONNIE WEIL  
Son Of  
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Weil



BRAD ROBBERSON  
Son Of  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roberson



BILL BOYD GLASSCOCK  
Son Of  
Mr. & Mrs. Bazel Glasscock



ROYCE JORDAN  
Son Of  
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jordan



SHELLA JORDAN  
Daughter Of  
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jordan

### Winners Announced In Home Contest

Judging of the best decorated homes, entered in the Earth Chamber of Commerce contest was held Thursday night with eleven homes entered in the contest.

All the homes were beautifully decorated and the judges had a hard decision in deciding who would be the winner.

The home of Leonard G. Lane, 205 West First was awarded first place, Bert Weil home second and the Billy Homer Hodge home, 2 1/2 miles north of Earth was awarded third place.

Other homes entered in the contest included E.C. Kelley, T.V. Murrell, Ardis Barton, Rodney Balko and the O.B. Whitford home.

Cash prizes were awarded in amount of \$15 for first place, \$10 for second and \$5 for third.



LEONARD G. LANE HOME  
first place winner

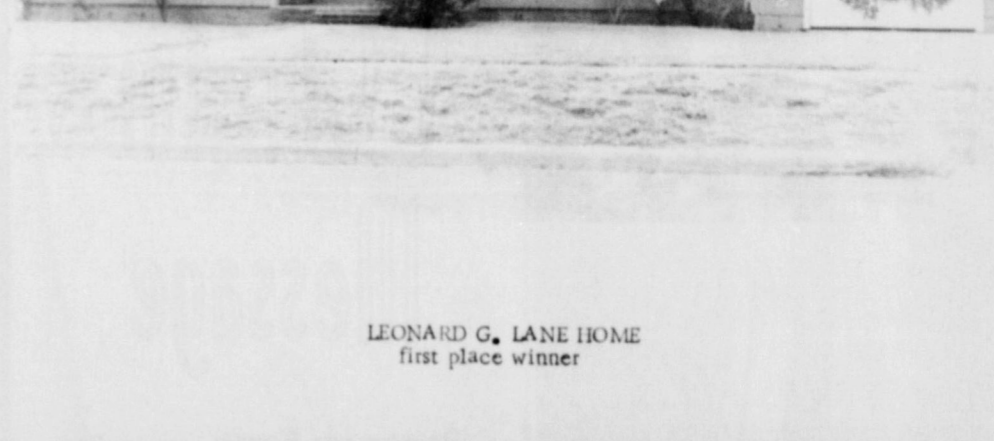
### Road Paving Discussed At School Wed.

Several presidents of the various organizations in the Earth Springlake community met Wednesday in the Springlake School with School Supt. Bill Mann and O.L. Crain District Highway Engineer.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of paving the road connecting Farm road 1055 and Highway 385 at a point, two miles north of Earth and Springlake.

The group discussed the need and advantages of having the road paved.

Mr. Crain was very encouraging, and left the group with hopes that there was a possibility of the road being paved in the future by the Highway Department.



BERT WEIL HOME  
second place

### Party Line...

Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rutherford will be their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cooper and boys of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Louder and boys Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fuller and boys of Cortez, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Goodwin of Fort Worth, arrived Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Gladys Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stockard and children spent the weekend in Odessa with her brother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Evans left Friday for Salt Lake City Utah to spend Christmas with

their son, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Evans.

Mrs. Eula Mae Hodages of Martin visited in the home of Mrs. Minnie Parish one day last week.

Dr. and Mrs. C. Thomas Richardson will spend the holidays in Lubbock with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Glyde Curlee and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Thompson and children of Clovis were Sunday dinner guests of his sister, Dr. and Mrs. C. Thomas Richardson.



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Cashier  
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**Party Line...**

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Herring  
will leave Christmas Day for  
Guymon, Okla. to visit his  
brother, Mr. and Mrs. J.D.  
Herring and children. Enroute  
they will visit Mrs. Herring's  
grandmother, Mrs. Nora Painter  
in Sunray. The Herrings will  
be joined in Guymon by his  
brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy  
Herring and Sharla of Hart and

his mother, Mrs. Norene Olds  
and children of Stillwater, Okla.  
Mr. and Mrs. Cletis Clayton  
and children of Dalhart and Mr.  
and Mrs. Melvin Lewis of  
Lamesa will visit during the  
Christmas holidays with their  
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elvis  
Clayton.  
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clayton  
and Cindy of Abilene, arrived  
Sunday to spend the holidays  
with their parents, Mr. and  
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## Welcome to Earth



MR. AND MRS. GORDON FORE

**Welcome to Earth to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fore  
who moved here recently from Amarillo. Mr.  
Fore is an employee of Southwestern Public  
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Prior to moving to Earth, Fore was employed by System Construction of Amarillo. The couple  
are affiliated with the Church of Christ.

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## Sgt. Lawson Reports 11 County Accidents

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated 11 accidents on rural highways in Lamb County during the month of November, according to Sergeant L. S. Lawson Highway Patrol Supervisor of this area.

These wrecks accounted for four persons injured and an

estimated property damage in the amount of \$7,810.00. The rural traffic accident summary for this county from January through November shows a total of 113 accidents resulting in six persons killed, 77 persons injured and an estimated property damage for

\$92,326.00.

The veteran patrol supervisor announced that every effort will be put forth, including a rigid enforcement program, to try and stem the tide of traffic deaths during the holiday season. We find ourselves confronted with the alarming fact that the past five year average indicates some 232 persons will be killed in traffic crashes in Texas this December. During the month of December for the past five years there has been 1191 traffic deaths. Of this number, 432 or 36% occurred during the holiday season. The sergeant stated, "It is almost certain that the death toll in traffic in Texas for 1963 will be the greatest on record, exceeding the all time record of 2611 in 1956."

The sergeant gave some tips for driving during the holiday season: 1. Know and obey all traffic laws, 2. Do not drive after drinking, and 3. Plan your trip so as to have rest periods about every 100 miles to combat fatigue. By complying with these tips, it will help you to arrive at your destination Alive.

### Party Line...

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lewis of Lamesa will visit during the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Dent of Lubbock will visit during the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stansell and Mr. and Mrs. Chubby Dent.

Mrs. Ross Middleton, Polly Jean and Phil left Friday for Holdenville, Okla., where Polly Jean was an attendant in her cousin, Sandra Sue McBryde's wedding Saturday night. Mr. Middleton will join them in Holdenville, Christmas Eve for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gooch and Mr. and Mrs. Guy F. Kelley and children will all spend Christmas Eve in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Seay.

Pfe. and Mrs. Lee Oden from Camp Lee, Virginia arrived over the weekend to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Oden and also her parents in Muleshoe.

Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Brockert will be Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Hestand and Randy, Portales, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foster and children, Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Dupree of Crosbyton.



HANGING THEIR STOCKINGS by the chimney with care, in hope that Saint Nick will soon be here, Gregg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Slover is eager to get his stocking hung, but the Slovers daughter, Elaine is not quite sure she's ready to hang hers as she nestles closely to her mother seated in the rocking chair.

### Party Line...

Dinner guests Christmas day in the Jerry Barden home in Springlake will be Mr. and Mrs. Sam Barden, Springlake, Mr. and Mrs. Glen McCleskey, Earth, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nichols of Dimmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent and Mrs. Jennie Mills and Dorothy all of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hawkins will spend the Christmas holidays in Amarillo with her daughters, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pierce and children, and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Thompson and children.

Christmas day dinner guests in the Phillip Haberer home will be Mr. and Mrs. Joe Montgomery of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Wilson and children of Petersburg and Mrs. Haberer's mother, Mrs. Zou Wilson.

Mrs. R. E. Bart on will spend the Christmas holidays in Lubbock with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Sterling and girls.

Mrs. Marvin Brown and Jackie were in Clovis, N.M., Wednesday afternoon on business.

Mrs. Carra Morgan will spend

Christmas in Lubbock with her mother, Mrs. Cora Hacker and her son, Mr. and Mrs. Dena Morgan and children.



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Holly, pine and hemlock can withstand heavy pruning. Every second or third branch of a pine, hemlock or spruce can be removed if the tree has not been

thinned for some time. Sometimes a rather long "inside" branch of holly, fir or pine that does little for a tree's appearance can be removed.

Yew lends itself to artful decorations. Andromeda, magnolia, euonymus, pueraria, cotton-aster, ivy and abelia will provide a variety of Yule greens. Boxwood is excellent, but should be snipped gently.

Christmas time pruning, judiciously done, will improve health and appearance of tree or shrub. Best time to gather greenery is when the temperature is above 40 degrees.



Let us, at Christmas, pray that the spirit of the Nativity may be with us always.

Let us, with faith reaffirmed and resolve renewed, pray that we may live as He would have us live, ever seeking to attain "Peace on earth, good will to all."

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