

Merry Christmas

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GIFT WRAPPING AT THE DENT RESIDENCE — Is a family affair. Shown making ready the gifts are Cris, Ginger and father, Tuffy Dent.

Watching the camera seated comfortably on the already wrapped gifts is baby Cindy.



IN THE MOOD FOR SANTA TO COME — Are these two youngsters of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Lewis. After completing the tree decorations and gift wrapping there's nothing left to do now, but wait until that big moment. Pictured waiting are Kent and Sheila Lewis.



WHICH GIFT IS MINE ??? — That is the important question in the minds of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Carlis Bills. Ready and waiting

for the big moment to arrive when gifts will be opened is Gary, Carla and baby Greg.



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS IS A HAPPY TIME — For the Gerald Ingalls family as they gather nightly with their two young daughters, Teri

Jan and Toni Jean to read stories of the first Christmas.



Happy New Year



SPRINGLAKE HIGH SCHOOL'S FUTURE BAND — This is the 5th and 6th grades Cub Band who performed at the PTA meeting Thursday night under the direction of Band Director Norman

Hemphill. This band shows excellent promise of a top notch high school band.

Sunnyside News - Party Line...

by TEENY BOWDEN

Mr. and Mrs. James Gammage of Plainview were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Waggoner and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Haydon visited in Weatherford Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Raymod Haydon.

The Brotherhood met Monday night for their regular monthly meeting. They honored J. D. Cox on his 55th birthday with the gift of a Bible.

1.60 inch of rain mixed with snow, high winds and icy conditions caused power and phone failure and blew down several TV antennas Monday night and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hedrick became the proud parents of a son born Monday in the Muleshoe Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs. and 7 ozs. and was named Charles Brent.

The El Paso Natural Gas Plant observed their annual Christmas party at the Plant Tuesday night. Guests for the occasion included Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Secord, Terry Green and Connie Glasscock, Butch and Santa Claus.

The Junior GA's enjoyed a Christmas party at the church Wednesday evening. Those present were Brenda Townsend, Nona Beth Phelan, Nancy and Paula Louder, Molly Bradley and Juanelle Conard. Mrs. Rex Jenkins is their leader.

Mrs. Howard Cummings was dismissed from the Muleshoe Hospital Tuesday.

The W. M. S. met Wednesday night for Bible study on the Christmas story.

Moisture for the week totaled 2.70 inches.

Mrs. Pearl Sadler of Dimmitt spent the day Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Ezell Sadler and boys.

A family Christmas party was enjoyed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Haydon. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ott, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Louder, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ott, and boys of Big Square. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mitchell and family of Springlake, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ott and family of Hereford and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ott and family of Dimmitt.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Sadler spent Friday in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Gale Sadler, Denise and Myles Sadler. They all left Saturday for the Gulf Coast to spend the Christmas holiday with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fowlkes.

Mrs. John Spencer came home from a Lubbock hospital Friday.

The cast of the Christmas play practiced at the church Thursday and Friday nights.

The Adult II Sunday School class entertained the Adult I class with a Christmas party at the community building Friday night. Canned goods for Milam's home in Lubbock were brought. Sandwich-

es, cookies and coffee were served. sixteen adults were present.

Howard Cummings was admitted to the Castro County Hospital in Dimmitt Thursday with pneumonia. He came home Sunday.

The birthday party planned for Mrs. J. D. Cox by the W. M. S. Wednesday was cancelled because of bad weather and muddy roads. Mrs. Howard Bridges took the gift and cake to her.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Widner of Melrose visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Widner and Jason. They visited Friday night with Weldon Bradley.

Mrs. Weldon Bradley and Molly attended Molly's class party in Dimmitt Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank White and family left Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in California.

Travis Flannagan of Tulla was a supper guest Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Tex Conard and family.

Charles Sweatt and Mrs. S. V. Sweatt of Sunray spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. V. H. McRee and Mrs. Roy Deagan and son of Orlando, Fla.

Omota Bradley was home from Plainview for the weekend.

Carl Bradley and Olvis Spencer attended a class Christmas party at Dimmitt Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Pierce of Almagordo, N. M. visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Elkins and Cindy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Westmoreland and Lori of Lubbock visited Sunday and Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Louder.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Powers and family of Plainview visited in the morning services Sunday with Mrs. Jack Powers of Dimmitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezell Sadler and David visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Powell and family of Earth.

Eighty three attended Sunday School with 83 in Training Union Sunday. The Christmas program, under the direction of Mrs. Tex Conard, was presented during the evening services. Gifts were presented to the pastor and his family. Treats were given to all the children.

Mrs. Roy Deagan and son left Monday morning to return to their home in Florida.

Party Line...

Mrs. Bobbette Marshall of Littlefield will visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Parish over the Christmas holidays.

Letters To Santa Claus

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Glasscock were in Lubbock Thursday.

Airman First Class James J. Glenn from Fairchild Airforce Base in Spokane, Wash. arrived last week to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Glenn and other relatives. He will return to his base December 29.

J. D. Glenn, Jr. arrived Saturday from Texas Tech to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Glenn, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent of Lubbock will visit Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Borden over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McClesky will visit their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Borden, Christmas day.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good boy, I want you to bring me a hotrod for Christmas, a pellet gun, a B-B gun, a 22 rifle and some cars, and a quail gun.

Thank you.
Love,
Ricky Adkins

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl, and my name is Stella Fuentes.

I want a little doll and a little doll house. And this is all. Good bye.

Love,
Stella Fuentes

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a watch.
Love,
Pedro Rodriguez



a Christmas Prayer..

May the true meaning of Christmas be with us now as on the night of the Christ Child's birth. May the Christmas story live anew in every heart. May all of us keep Christmas as He would have us do, with good will toward men. And may all the blessings of Christmas be yours.

We Will Close At Noon On December 24th And Remain Closed Through December 27th . . .

DR. B. W. ARMISTEAD

OPTOMETRIST

LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS



HAPPY CHRISTMAS

As old 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 infinite joy and glorious promise abide with you and your loved ones . . . now and always.

NOTICE TO HOLIDAY BOWLERS !

ALL OPEN BOWLING ON DECEMBER 24 - 25 - 26 . . .

(NO LEAGUE BOWLING ON THESE DAYS)

ALSO OPEN BOWLING DECEMBER 31 - JANUARY 1 - 2 . . .

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OPEN MEN'S CLASSIC LEAGUE BOWLING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 9 P. M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 . . .

Olton Bowling Center

a joyous Christmas

May the happiness of the Christmas season remain in your heart throughout the coming year.

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Season's

Numerous indeed are the hearts to which Christmas brings a season of peace. But it is into those hearts where overflowing goodness continually goes out to others that Christmas brings a full measure . . . and a sharing of the joy they experience at all seasons of the year. May you be among those who enjoy Christmas the year 'round . . . for the spirit of Christmas is a part of our lives now and ever.

Greetings

THANKS, FOR YOUR FAITHFUL PATRONAGE THIS PAST YEAR . . . WE ENJOYED DOING BUSINESS WITH YOU . . .

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Season's Greetings

FROM THE STAFF OF

MEDICAL ARTS CLINIC and HOSPITAL

LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS

LAST MINUTE PRESENT

BY F. L. ROWLEY



ELAINE glanced up at the clock. Fifteen minutes more and the doll would be hers. Mr. Rogers had promised to let her have it at half price if no one bought it before closing time. Ever since she was a little girl Elaine had wanted a baby doll—just like this one.

For the third time in ten minutes she arranged the few items left on the toy counter. These last minute shoppers were so messy. All except that charming man in the tweed coat. He'd been the only bright spot in a hectic day.

"Well, did you buy yourself the Christmas present?"

Elaine turned to see Helen Smith grinning at her. Helen was in cosmetics.

"Not yet, Helen. Mr. Rogers says I can take the doll off the shelf at exactly five o'clock. Isn't she adorable? I hope no one runs in to buy her at the last minute."

"Not at that price!" scoffed Helen. "Unless your prince charming returns."

"Prince charming?"

"Don't kid me. That chap in the tweed coat. Now there's MY



"That doll would make a fine present for some little girl."

idea of a Christmas present! He was in at least twice today again—wasn't he?"

"Three times," said Elaine, blushing. "He's been my best customer."

"And greatest admirer, if you ask me."

"Oh cut it out! Judging from the toys he bought he must have a dozen kids. No one's given me a second look in twenty-nine years. I don't think they're going to start now."

"Really? Well take a peek at who just walked in the door!" Helen scurried away.

Elaine held her breath. The man in the tweed coat was heading straight for the toy counter. For a second Elaine had a wild urge to hide the precious baby doll. He was upon her before she could move.

Back Again

"Hello again!" he said gayly. "Say, you've done a land-office business since I was here last. Not much left, is there?" His gray eyes studied the counter and the shelves behind Elaine. "That doll would make a fine present for some little girl."

Elaine's heart sank. "It's—it's more for a big girl," she stammered. "Besides—it's so expensive."

His eyes were sharp. He looked at her for a long moment, then said: "I'll buy the doll."

"Yes sir," said Elaine, turning quickly. She regained her composure while wrapping the doll. "Is it for one of your little girls?" she asked.

"For THE little girl."

"Oh—and those other presents you bought?"

He leaned across the counter. His eyes twinkled. "There's eight boys," he whispered confidentially.

"Eight?" Elaine stepped back. "Goodness—what a big family!"

The man in the tweed coat was laughing. "Yes, isn't it? Too bad they're not mine. I'm just an uncle."

"But the little girl—she's yours?"

Surprise

He stroked his chin thoughtfully. "I sincerely hope so. This morning I asked Mr. Rogers what she wanted most for Christmas, and he said: 'The baby doll on the shelf over her head.' To me it seems like an odd present, but I guess you know what you want." He held the box out to her.

Elaine gasped. "Me—you mean me?" The clock struck five. "Oh, but you—I mean we—could have saved—"

"YOU could have saved. And if you'd bought the doll it wouldn't have been a present from me, would it? And then I wouldn't be able to ask a favor of you."

"A favor?"

"To have supper with me. And to have Christmas dinner with me tomorrow if you're not tied up."

"I'll get my coat," said Elaine breathlessly.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll.
Love,
Jane Castillo

It's CHRISTMAS

ONCE again we come to this all-important season of the year. It seems we eagerly await the Christmas season more than ever because we believe we are more closely associated with our many friends in this community. It is our sincere wish that Christmas this year will bring forth an abundance of happiness to each of you. You have been good to us in every respect and we are truly grateful.



HAPPY HOLIDAY

RODEN DRUG

LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS



Best wishes for the holidays

Our sincere appreciation for the cordial goodwill

which you have extended to us. May we always

merit your friendliness in the days ahead

and may your Christmas be merry indeed.

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EARTH, TEXAS

Music Department Presents Christmas Concert At P. T. A. Meeting Thursday

The annual Christmas concert by the Springlake School music department was held in connection with the PTA meeting Thursday night, December 17 in the High School auditorium under the direction of Norman Hemphill.

The Tonettes composed of fourth grade students of Mrs. Pat McCord and Mrs. C. P. Parish presented four Christmas numbers, followed by three carols by junior high girls' chorus directed by Mrs. Don Atkinson.

The cub band made up of fifth and sixth grades rendered four numbers.

The Wolverine High School band presented three numbers, "Our Glorious Land," "Battle of New Orleans," and "Adeste Fideles Fantasy." The stage band made up of

High School band members also performed.

Highlighting the concert was the crowning of Cinderella and Prince Charming of the High School band. Cinderella was Glenda Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Williamson and Prince Charming was Shelby Bozeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Bozeman.

Prince and Princesses were Patti Mann, Mary Jane Shirey, Hal Hudson and Ralph Wislan.

Immediately following the concert a Christmas party was held in the band hall for the band members.

Gifts were exchanged by the students, refreshments of Cokes and cookies were served to a large number of students and parents attending.



CINDERELLA AND PRINCE CHARMING — Of the Wolverine Band. Glenda Williamson and Shelby Bozeman were named Cinderella and Prince Charming of the Band Thursday night at the regular PTA meeting. Glenda is a junior student and Shelby is a sophomore.

Funeral Services in California For Kin Of Local Resident

Funeral services for Dewey Miller 60 were held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home parlor of Corona, Calif.

Burial was in the Crestlawn Memorial Cemetery in Norco, California.

Mr. Miller died Wednesday, December 16, following an illness of one week.

Survivors include the wife, one daughter, Marquita of the home, three sons, Vendell, also of the home, Eural and Dale, both of Corona, Calif.

Five brothers, Paul of Corona, Calif.; Fred of Modesta, Calif.; Woodrow of Maysfield, Okla.; Leonard of Amarillo and Arthur of Earth.

Two sisters, Mrs. H. E. Dorrell of Mayfield, Okla.; Mrs. Cecil Whipkey of Modesta, Calif. and five grandchildren.

Joe Lee Campbell Begins Pilot Training At Baylor University

Joe Lee Campbell has begun pilot training at Baylor University. This Flight Instruction program is received through the Air Force ROTC and will enable the cadet to receive his private operator's license before graduation in May, at which time he will be commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the US AF.

Mr. Campbell has been very active in ROTC while attending Baylor. During his freshman and sophomore years he was a member of Sabre Air Force Command and was a member of Arnold Air Society in his junior and senior years.

Mr. Campbell graduated from Springlake High School. While in high school, he was in the National Honor Society, played football during his junior and senior years, and served as band president and editor of the school paper.

Earth Woman Honors Parents With Tea On Silver Anniversary

A come and go tea honoring Mr. and Mrs. Luther Carraway on their silver wedding anniversary was held Thursday, December 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. in their home in Amherst.

Hostesses for the occasion was their daughter, Mrs. Wendell Clayton assisted by Mrs. David Johnson, both of Earth.

The serving table was laid with a white grass linen cloth, centered with an all white satellite Christmas tree flanked with white frosted candles. White satin streamers with Luther and Naomi inscribed in silver extended from the satellite tree.

Hot spiced tea was served from a silver service by Mrs. David Johnson. Mrs. Wendell Clayton served individual white cake squares topped with white wedding bells and Mrs. C. N. Stine of Amherst registered guests.

Approximately 30 guests registered. Many lovely and useful gifts were presented the couple and several sent gifts who were unable to attend.

The couple was married in Frederick, Okla. on December 17, 1934 and have been residents of Amherst for 25 years.

Mr. Carraway is manager of Sulins Fertilizer Co.

Party Line...

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kelley were Sunday dinner guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flowers of West Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kelley were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kelley Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kelley attended the basketball game at Texas Tech Tuesday night.

Mrs. M. M. Morris will visit Christmas Eve in Olton with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Chester.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Cearley and family of Lovington, N. M. and Mrs. Gene Howard and family of Plainview will spend the holidays with their parents, the Sam Cearleys and E. C. Hudsons.

Mrs. Will Gee has returned home after an extended visit with relatives at Hillsboro and Covington.

ENTERTAIN WITH PEH-HOLIDAY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burgess entertained their children with a pre-holiday dinner Sunday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Doug Brown and children of Dalhart, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burgess and boys of Sudan, Mike of Texas Tech, Jim Burgess of Earth and Elaine Grasswell of Wayland College. Several called in the afternoon including Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones and Linda of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schreier of Olton, Ronald Sandel, Dean Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moore.

Entomology Specialist To Teach Short Courses On Insect Control Beginning January 4, 1:30 P. M.

An Entomology short course for adult farmers will be held January 4, 5, 13 and 15 under the sponsorship of the Springlake High School, vocational agriculture department, according to Bill Mann, superintendent and E. G. Gaston, teacher of vocational agriculture.

The short course is being sponsored by the Vocational Department of Springlake High School.

H. A. Turney, Entomology specialist with the Vocational Agriculture Division of the Texas Education Agency and the Department of Entomology at Texas A. & M. College, will be the instructor in the course. He is headquartered at Texas A. & M. College.

"Many Entomology short courses in various parts of the state have been taught by Mr. Turney and all have proven to be very helpful in helping to solve farm insect problems," according to Walter Labay, Area Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, Plainview. Arrangements for the adult short courses are made through Mr. Labay's office.

The short course at Springlake School is scheduled to begin January 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the Vocational Agriculture building. Other meetings in this series will be held January 5, 13, and 15th. During the dates the short course is in progress Mr. Turney will be available to assist farmers with individual problems and to provide "on the farm" instruction according to E. G. Gaston.

Farmers interested in attending the short course should write or call Mr. Gaston at the school. An entry fee of \$2.00 will be charged. Entomology short course certificates are to be presented to each farmer who attends all the training sessions.

Mr. Turney's course will cover the following subjects:

1. Identification of insect pest of crops and livestock of economic importance in the local community.
2. Nature of damages done by pests and recognition of infestation.
3. Habits of insects farmers and ranchers need to understand in order to use effective control measures.
4. Amount of infestation of various insects to justify use of insecticides as control measures.
5. Kinds, costs, and use of different insecticides. (Using color slides, riker mounts, and other instructional aids).

Mr. Turney states that these sessions will be adjusted to the problems that the farmers are faced with in their community. He will discuss these problems and the insect or insects that might be causing the damage, and the insecticides needed to do the job. He will also discuss the timing and method of applying insecticides to get the best results. The course will be as practical and simple as possible. Time will be allowed each meeting for any questions that may arise.

Specialists are now available in the fields of dairying, insect control, farm management, farm electrification, farm welding, and tractor maintenance.

Pioneer Natural Gas Co. Holds Annual Dinner

Approximately 60 persons attended the Annual Pioneer Natural Gas Company's District Christmas party and awards dinner held Tuesday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Littlefield Country Club.

The tables were beautifully decorated with Christmas arrangements with the head table centered with a lovely gas light topped with a burning red candle.

Other tables were centered with sprigs of holly and red candles.

A delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served, followed by a social.

Those attending from the Earth office were Mr. and Mrs. Phil Raught, Doris Macha, Marilyn Cooper and Jimmy Foley.

NOTICE!

HEY KIDDIES — Santa will arrive in Earth atop a Fire Truck Today (THURSDAY) Christmas Eve at 3:30 P. M.

He will give bags of candy to every boy and girl in town. Be sure to be in Earth at 3:30 to see Santa. Be sure to tell him what you want for Christmas.

Lions Hold Annual Christmas Party In Clayton Home, Friday

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clayton was the scene of the Earth Lions annual Christmas party Friday evening, December 18.

Lion president Ross Middleton brought the meeting to order and presented the program chairman Bill Mann, who introduced Linda Lawrence, who entertained the group with a reading entitled "Small One."

Ross Middleton presented a desk set to Lion Paul Wood as a token of appreciation from the Lions club for outstanding service to the club.

The living room was decorated with a beautiful Christmas tree with gay Christmas packages underneath.

A silver sprayed tumble weed decorated with various colored Christmas balls surrounded by angels and chorus boys and flanked with pink candles topped the mantle. The dining table was centered with styrofoam topped with white candles, flanked with net and surrounded by angels, chorus boys Christmas balls and bells.

The ladies were presented Christmas corsages and rhinestone Lions pins.

Gifts were exchanged and coffee, Cokes and various Christmas cookies were served to thirty people attending.

Several games of 42 were played.

Gerald Pelham Home on Leave

Gerald Pelham arrived home last week on a two weeks leave from Point Mugu Missile Base in California where he has been assigned the past year.

Following his leave he will report to Long Beach, Calif. where he will be assigned to the ship, USS Ernest G. Small.

Earth Garden Club Announce Winners In Best Decorated Home Contest

The Good Earth Garden Club has announced the winners in the Christmas home lighting contest, sponsored by the club.

The winners are the Eldon Trotter home first, Guy Kelley home second and the Melton Welch home third. Honorable mention was given to both the Marshall Kelley and Pat McCord homes.

The club awarded cash prizes of \$10 for first place, \$7.50 for second place and \$5 for third place.

The religious scene was used at the Trotter home. Characters used were the three Wisemen, Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus with an angel hovering above. A big red floodlight furnished the lighting with blue lights around the eaves of the house.

At the Guy Kelley home green lights were used around the eaves of the house with a blue spruce decorated with various colored lights, topped with a lighted silver star flashing on and off while a Santa Claus stands nearby holding a sign with "Time to wish you a Merry Christmas" lighted with a floodlight. The door was decorated with a green and silver wreath on a red door.

Blue lights were used around the eaves of the Melton Welch home with white bells lighted with a floodlight and a white Christmas tree with blue lights in the window.

The homes were judged Friday night by Mesdames Jim Nix, Lee Payne, and E. L. Black of the Garden Club in Amherst.

Several persons from Springlake attended an area-wide youth meeting held recently on the campus of the Lubbock Christian College.

The young people were feted to a dinner in the college cafeteria, followed with a concert by the LCC band and A Capella Chorus.

Stanley Lockhart, minister of the Harris and Irving Church of Christ in San Angelo, spoke during the devotional period on "The Challenge of the Age."

Approximately 1000 persons from West Texas and New Mexico attended the meeting.

Those attending from Springlake were Carl Sandy and Judy Perkins, Janet Cooper and Mrs. J. W. Dear.

Springlake Youths Attend Meeting At L. C. C.

Baptist Youth Enjoy Christmas Caroling Sunday

Several intermediate and young people and their sponsors of the Earth First Baptist Church went Christmas caroling after regular church services Sunday night.

The group caroled Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kelley, Mrs. M. L. Green, Mrs. Laura Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Truelock, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Gilmore, and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kelley and then met back at the church parsonage. Mrs. Cecil Meadows served popcorn, cake and hot chocolate to the group.

Those enjoying this occasion were Bon Lawrence, Peggy Lipchurch, Loy Jean Hamilton, Barbara Barlow, Nancy Kelley, Jane McCord, Joan Sanderson, Evelyn Meadows, Jeanette Ray, Linda Rose, Linda Lawrence, Edward Wuerflein, Frank Wuerflein, Camilla Wheatley, Sharon Wheatley, Jean Sawyer, Mrs. Lillie Wuerflein, Margaret Meadows, Martha Wuerflein, Sal Morgan, Sponsors were Mrs. Clarence Kelley, Mrs. Paul Wood and Jim Botorff.

Pfc. Mike Simmons Home On Leave

Pfc. Mike Simmons arrived Sunday in Clovis by train from Camp Irwin, Calif. for a ten days leave.

Prior to being transferred to Camp Irwin, Mike spent five months at Fort Knox, Ky. where he took his armored training and was a tank commander.

He will report for overseas duty in February.

Mike attended Springlake School and before entering service he was employed at the Earth News-Sun.

He is married to the former Carolyn Blackwell. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Simmons.

Cadet Tommy Osborne Home On Leave

Tommy Osborne, son of Prof. and Mrs. U. S. Osborne arrived Sunday, December 20, from Prairieview A. and M. College, on a 14 day leave to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents and other relatives.

Tommy is a ROTC cadet at A. and M. and recently became a member of American Chemical Society.

He is also a member of the debating team and drama club and a freshman representative of the student council.

Tommy attended Springlake School.

UF Drive Tapers Off Short of Goal

The Earth United Fund goal has only reached about 50 per cent of their goal, according to Phil Raught, United Fund drive chairman.

Approximately \$1500 has been collected thus far. Earth's goal was \$2900. With a goal of \$31,929 to be reached county wide, the county has raised only 74 per cent.

Only two communities, Springlake and Hart Camp, have topped their quotas. Earth chairman Phil Raught says if we have missed anyone and they want to contribute please contact any of these men: Carroll McDonald, Bill Beasley, Ted Robbins, Bill Bryant, Marshall Kelley or himself.

Ernest Covey underwent surgery Monday morning in Brownwood. Mr. Covey is a teacher in the Springlake Schools.

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IT'S CHRISTMAS ALL THE WORLD OVER

All over the world . . . everywhere there are free men . . . Christmas is the most important day of the year. It marks that day in ancient times when a new promise of Peace was made to men.

Through the years, many customs in many lands, have made this day special . . . the yule log . . . the tree . . . stories for children.

Still, to all of us, the most important part of Christmas is the Spirit of reverence of the ageless story of a Babe born in Bethlehem.

It is in this spirit of Peace and reverence that we extend to you our wishes for a Christmas filled with joy and true happiness.

The Staff Of Earth News-Sun

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS . .

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a electric train. Santa I want a Bible. I want a truck and a tractor.
Thank you.
From Elroy

Dear Santa Claus:
I am 3 years old I have tried to be good this year, so please stop by my house with some toys. I would like to have a pedal car and a farm set with a pickup and trailers. And don't forget to leave some fruit and nuts and candy in my sock. It's hanging by my Christmas tree. Bye for now Santa, I like you lots.
Love,
Kevin Hinson

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a B-B gun and a Teddy bear and a sidewalk car a gas engine.
Love,
Steven Chance

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Denie Earl Cowley. I am 6 years of age. This year for Christmas I would like a Rifle Man Gun and Texaco truck and also a windup helicopter. And this year be sure and give every bad.

and good boy and girl something. Don't forget anyone.
With Love,
Denie

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a nurse dress with a hat for Christmas. I want a bicycle with training wheels. A pair of skates with a key, a bowling set and a set of china dishes and my two front teeth and chair.
Love,
Susie

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring all the poor little boys and girls some food and toys for Christmas. Some children need clothes. Please be good to all those children. We have been good, so we hope you will bring each of us a toy.
Love,
Mrs. Fox's First Grade Room

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a ballet doll. I would like a girl's bicycle, too. And I don't care what else I get. I would like to have some clothes for my doll too.
Your friend,
Vicki Wade

Dear Santa Claus:
Christmas is coming soon. I would like to have a big bride doll, with a wardrobe. I would like to have a new watch band for my Timex water proof, dust proof and shock resistant watch.
Your friend,
Joyce Kay Starkey

Dear Santa:
I would like a watch or a bicycle for Christmas.
You better not come down the chimney because I don't think we have one.
Your friend,
Jimmy Lawrence

Dear Santa:
Would you bring me a single shot .22, a pocket knife and a bicycle for Christmas.
I hope you have a good trip and a Happy New Year.
Your friend,
Joe Frank Dent

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. I know a bicycle for Christmas. I know you are kind. I hope you have been to the other boys and girls houses.
Thank you.
Your friend,
Linda Gregory

Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you like your trip from house to house and I hope every girl and boy likes their presents and enjoy them. I want a bicycle, a train, and tools and all kinds of toys for Christmas.
Your friend,
Timothy James Parish

Dear Santa:
For Christmas I would like a little pickup and a trailer to go on behind it. I would also like a football suit.
I have a little brother who wants a stick horse. I also have a little sister who wants a doll as always on Christmas. They have been good all year.
Thank you,
Gary Kelley

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a pony (if you can get him in your sleigh). I would like a very small doll to hang on the wall.
I have two little sisters that want a little doll to hang up too. Santa I have a little brother who wants a gun every year at Christmas and his birthday. Please get him something else that would make him happy but please not a gun.
Yours truly,
Irene Hanson

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a B-B gun, and a electric train, and a airplane and a motor boat and a desk, and a dump truck.
Thank you for the presents. I live on Rt. 4, Muleshoe, Texas.
Love,
Richey Welch

A CHRISTMAS RESTITUTION

BY D.I. ALEXANDER

MARY WENDELL stood at her bedroom window scratching at the frost on the glass. It was bitterly cold outside, with a hard wind blowing. Deep snow covered the ground and clung to the leafless trees, and the birds who had neglected to return to the warmer south huddled in such shelter as could be found.

Mary's face wore a look of sorrow and dejection, and a sob rose once in a while to relieve the tension that otherwise threatened to engulf her.

She had tried to save a little money for Christmas, but after paying her bills she hadn't a cent left. Christmas's hadn't mattered much because Donnie had been too young to know about such things. This year he had heard people talk about Santa Claus and had asked questions.

It was the day before Christmas, a time of cheer and good will. But there was no cheer in her heart. Life had been trying for her since she had left Concord and cut herself off from her friends of former days. Sickness and the loss of one job after another had kept her on the edge of destitution.



"May I come in," he inquired.
"Mommie, will Santa bring me something?" Donnie had asked when she had put him to bed the night before.

"I don't know, darling," she had answered, knowing she couldn't buy him even a stick of candy.

She raised her head and looked at the crib where he was sleeping. He was well covered and warm. She left the window and went into the sitting room where a cheery fire dispelled most of the cold. She went to the window and pulled the shade down as if, unconsciously, she could dispose of the black mood that assailed her.

In the center of the room she fell to her knees. "Oh, God," she prayed in anguish, "please lift my burden from me. I know I did wrong, but I know You have forgiven me by allowing me to keep my little boy. Please, God, provide me with the means of making this a happy time for him, in recognition of Your Son's sacrifices for us. Amen."

A knock on the door brought her to her feet. She glanced that way but didn't cross the room until it was repeated. Then she opened the door to confront a tall, blond man in army uniform who stood in the dimly lit hallway. She recognized him instantly.

"Why, Donald Bruce," she cried hoarsely.
"May I come in?" he inquired. She was too startled to answer, so he laughingly brushed her aside and entered.

He took a quick look around the room and noticed the evidences of poverty. "Why did you quit writing?" he inquired.
"There wasn't much to say," she answered weakly.

He went to the doorway of the kitchen and looked inside. Then he crossed the room to the bedroom doorway, saying: "It seems to me there could have been a lot to say."

His eyes took in the crib and the baby in it. He hurried across the room, Mary following him. He looked down and studied the face of the sleeping child for a few minutes, and then turned to Mary with an unspoken inquiry in his eyes.

"That's why I left Concord—to avoid the talk and gossip," she said.

He looked again at the child searchingly, and then said: "Why didn't you tell me?"

"I didn't think you would care." "Good Heavens, woman, do you think I'm heartless? Do you think I'd have left you to face all this alone without my help?"

He held his arms out to her, and she flew into them, the tears coming freely.

A voice came from the bedroom. "Mommie, has Santa come yet?" "In a little while, dear, and he's going to bring you a new papa," she answered.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a car and a B-B gun.
Love,
Job Garcia

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
Please send me a Tear Drop tamy, bring me a real pony. Thank you for the toy.
Love,
Jana Zambrano

Dear Santa Claus:
Please I like B-B gun and a car. Thank you for your presents.
Love,
Tom Estrado

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a real pony, and bring me some skates. Thank you for your presents.
Love,
Joy R.

Christmas is coming.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring some toys. Please Santa Claus come and come after the snow comes down.
Love,
Bonni Chabira

Santa Claus come to town.
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl. I want a bike for Christmas, I want a doll too and I want some play dishes.
Thank you,
Love, Beverly Ann

Dear Santa Claus:
I love you very much. I like your toys you give me.
You and your helpers can make pretty toys. This year I want a Brownie Flash camera, and a big baby doll. I will try to be good.
Love,
Erenda Clayton

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good boy all year. I am in the third grade at school. I want a football suit and football. That's all. Thank you.
Love,
Gene Alton Glascock

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been as good as I can. Please bring me a bicycle.
Love,
Virginia Angeley

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl. I want you to bring me some Pixes and a fur collar, and a bicycle for Christmas. Thank you.
Love,
Lynne Hanson

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been as good as I can. We are moving to Colorado to live. I would like to have some ice skates for Christmas. Thank you.
With Love,
Donna Kaye Atkinson

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll.
Love,
Angelita Garza



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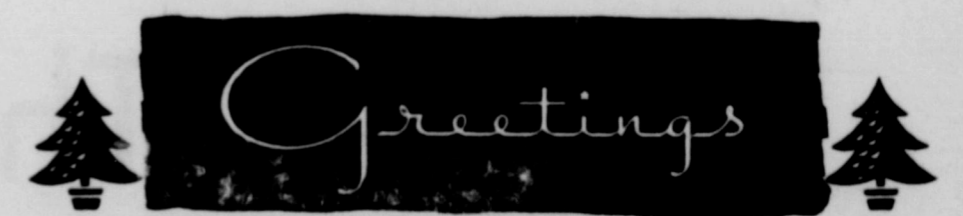
CHRISTMAS



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Pleasant Valley News

By MRS. JOHN WEST

Brenda Bills celebrated her eleventh birthday with a slumber party at her home Thursday night. After the birthday dinner Mrs. Bills took Brenda and her guests to see the Muleshoe junior play, "Love Is In The Air." Those present were Sandra Hardin, Paula Holt, Karen Burdsmith, Elaine Gulley, Kathryn West, Carolyn Allison and Patsy Angeley.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. West went to Clovis Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Angeley took Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Diever to Amarillo Wednesday, where they were to take a train for their home in Vancouver, Wash. The Dievers have visited relatives here the past three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Allison were in Clovis on Friday.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring a bicycle.
Thank you.
Love,
Richardo

Dear Santa Claus:
I am 8 years old. I am in the 2nd grade. My teacher is Mrs. Ray. I will have some candy, cookies and nuts. Will you please bring me a Rifleman gun. Thank you.
Love,
Michael Gray

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a rifle and a gun.
Love,
Raymond Padillo

Santa Claus Letters To

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a Tear Drop Tamy (doll) and some skates. I want a high chair and a bassinet. I want a pair of pajamas and housecoat.
Thank You,
Sandra Furgeson

Dear Santa Claus:
I am nearly 4 years old. I do not go to school, so my sister will write for me.
I want some tinker toys and some fruit, nuts and candy.
I was glad to get your letter.
Love,
Lee Fred Free

Dear Santa Claus:
Thank you for your letter. I have been a good girl. I have learned to help my mother.
I want a blue skirt with a white blouse and a red billfold. I would like some nuts, fruit, and candy.
Love,
Glyneth Free
Remember we live in DeRidder, La. now. I am 6 years old.

Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane
Women's Travel Authority

Christmas Gifts for Drivers

Women who do Christmas shopping can get ideas for the motorists on their lists from these items:
A map measure for computing exact distances between towns, no matter how winding the road. Just roll the little wheel over the route selected and the mileage is calculated automatically.



A travel iron in a leather case. For a bit more, add a compact laundry kit containing folding hangers, clothes pins and a plastic container for soap flakes.

Travel slippers that fold into a matching case. Great for motel stops, they'll also be most welcome while motoring.

A flashlight with metal bracket on its head that holds 4 different screwdrivers. This is great for any small emergency repairs at night or in dark corners of the car. The light throws a beam on whatever you're fixing.

An immersion heater that plugs into the cigarette lighter receptacle. Great for instant coffee, tea, warming canned soup or the baby's bottle—all while enroute.

A travel lock for motel doors and/or drawers. It comes in two parts, can be adapted for almost any situation to protect valuables.

A coffee maker that plugs into the lighter receptacle. This is for folks who are tired of instant coffee.

Finally, how about a spring-wound razor for sprucing up in the car or at the motel? It looks and performs just like an electric razor.

A Tip For Santas Everywhere



PHOTO BY TONY VENTI

Singing star Teresa Brewer gives Santa an important Christmas assignment—the delivery of a United States Savings Bond to each of her four children. The lovely recording artist, whose inimitable style has thrilled millions on radio and television, thinks that the now better-than-ever Savings Bonds make ideal Christmas gifts for children and adults alike. "They are the present with a future," Teresa says, "the one that keeps on giving." She recommends Savings Bonds to all Americans as the ideal Christmas gift.

Dear Santa Claus:
Thank you for being nice. Will you please bring me a Tiny Tears doll, bicycle, candy, nuts. I will leave you some cookies. I'm 8 years old. I'm in the second grade.
Love,
Cynthia Barton

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good boy. I want a football suit and a football, a basketball goal, a pair of boots, a cowboy belt, also a Wanted Dead or Alive gun.
Thank you,
Elbert Rudd

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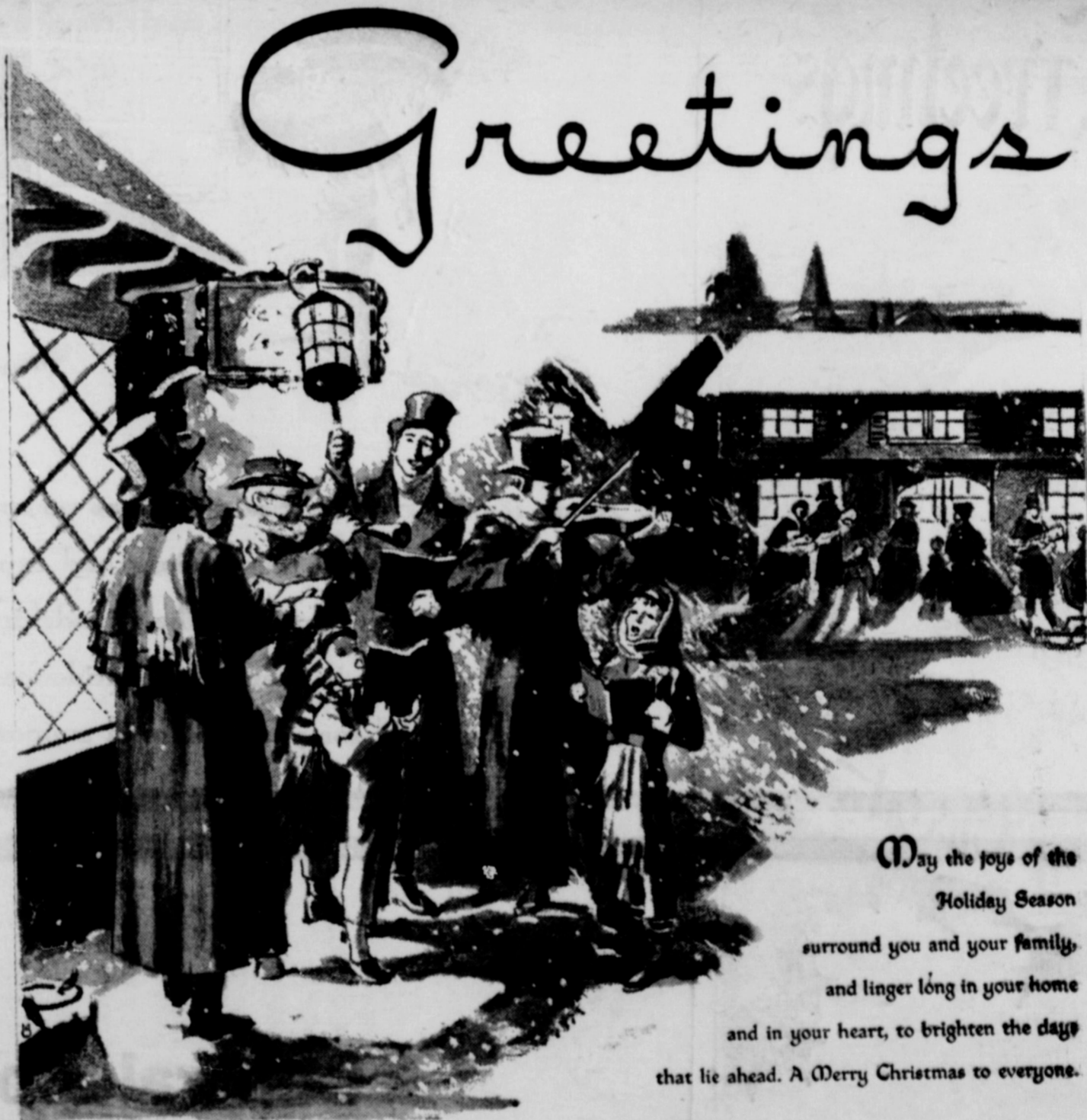
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Lazbuddie News -

By MRS. C. A. WATSON

Happy birthday to Kay Ann Smith, and Larry Morris, Dec. 21; Jeanita Price, Dec. 22; Everest Maxwell, Norman Brantly, and J. R. Harris, Dec. 25; John Littlefield, and Kay Burreson, December 28.

Glenda Dale Honored With Shower

On the evening of December 1st Glenda Dale was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Dorothy Scott. Guests were registered by Mrs. L. R. Hall, mother of the bride and Mrs. J. M. Dale, mother of the groom. Ninety lovely and practical gifts were received. The hostess gift was a Mixmaster.

Colors were carried out in the bride's chosen colors of red and white and Christmas decorations. Strawberry punch and white cake was served from white milk glass. Red napkins engraved with Gary and Glenda, white gladiolas and red candles decorated the table.

Hostesses were Mrs. Bettie Harrison, Judy Blaylock, W. R. Tittle, Dorothy Scott, Coyetta Blackwood, Ab Carroll, Bill Harman, Lorene Wilson, Bettie Wagon, Joe Embry, Betty Bills, Alice Burger, Gene Lowe, Jess Pendergrass, Clyde Monk, J. B. Wright, F. R. Smallwood, Joe Smallwood, W. A. Finn, Jr., and Juanita Jerman.

S. T. Tipton was admitted to the Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo recently and had surgery on his leg. Last reports were that his condition was fair. Mr. Tipton was hurt in a car - tractor accident in the early summer and has been hospitalized most of the time since.

The Vanlandingshams were in Clovis shopping Tuesday.

The Lazbuddie school was closed Tuesday because of road conditions after the blizzard blew up late Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hall went to Lubbock Thursday to do some shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold celebrated their wedding anniversary Monday, December 14.

The junior class presented their class play "The Curly Tail," Thursday evening, December 17.

GLEENDA HALL IS BRIDE OF GARY GLEN DALE

Glenda Gene Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hall and Gary Glen Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dale of Abernathy were united in marriage in the Church of Christ Saturday, December 5 at 5 p.m. with W. R. Tittle performing the ceremony. The archway was beautifully decorated with entwined holly centered with white bells tied with red ribbon. Two seven branched candelabra entwined with holly and mums of red carnations were on each side of the archway.

The bride given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a formal length gown of chantilly lace and nylon tulle over taffeta. Her neckline was scalloped designed with seed pearls, fitted bodice and long sleeves. Miss Hall carried her grandmother's lace handkerchief for something old, something new was a blue garter, pennies

worn in her shoes had the date of her birth and date of her wedding an were worn for good luck. Her veil was silk illusion, her bouquet was white carnations and stephanotis accented with pearls and diamond dust.

Matron of honor was her sister, Mrs. Troy Sharrock, bridesmatron was Mrs. Ted Harrison. They were dressed alike in red brocaded crepe with round front necklines. Brenda Hall, niece of the bride was flower girl, she wore red

crepe dress. Best man was J. C. Montya of Ft. Worth, ring bearer was David Bills, Leon Wilson and Joe Briggs, both of Lazbuddie

were ushers. The groom's mother was dressed in brown with white accessories and a corsage of white stephanotis, the mother of the bride was dressed in open blue with white and black accessories,

her corsage was of white stephanotis.

Music was furnished by a chorus composed of Mrs. Maxine Parker, Mrs. Alma Monk, Mrs. Christene Rutherford, John Gammon, Wyle and Jack Baker.

After the wedding a reception was held in the home of W. R. Tittle, pastor of the church.

The bride is a graduate of Lazbuddie High School and is now employed at the Muleshoe State Bank. The groom is a graduate of Lockett High School and is an operator for the Santa Fe. After a honeymoon in New Mexico, both will be at work in Muleshoe.

The Jess Pendergrasses were in Amarillo Monday on business.

About 25 electric line poles were broken in the Lazbuddie and

Clay's Corner area during the storm last week, but service was resumed Thursday of last week. As of now telephone services hasn't been resumed and according to the Electric Cooperative it will be several days before complete telephone service can be restored. Many antennas were broken, some completely ruined in this area, during the blizzard.

The W. Ailsworths are the proud parents of a son, born to them last week.

The Lazbuddie Longhorns won their game over Amherst Friday night, December 18. The boys won 62 to 38. Derrell Jennings being high point man. The girls won 44 to 35. Glenda Robinson getting the most points.

One hundred and eleven (111) Texas motorists are predicted to

Party Line...

Beth Bulls arrived Sunday from Floydada to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crill Bulls and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hinson were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Crill Bulls.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Davis and children of Melrose, N. M. and

die in traffic accidents this valedictive season, please folks, drive carefully, say a prayer when you take the wheel and be back with us to read the news next week Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Qualls, DeLynn, and Louise of Woolfath were all Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Montgomery and boys.

Some of the college students who are home for the holidays are

A. C. C. Evelyn Clayton of L. B. Melvin Lewis and Sharon Hay of C. Sue Neal of S. M. U., Carol Hamilton, Dick Evans, Mike Burgess, and Dean Jones of Texas Tech, Gene Stephens and James Prather of West Texas State.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS . . .

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a baby tooter, and a jewelry box, and some jewelry. I love you Santa. And I will leave you some food on the table, because I know you will be hungry.

With Love,
Ann Bearden

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a car and a truck.

Love,
Fernando Montemayor

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a truck.

Love,
Johnnie Cortez

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 4 years old and I do want you to come and see me. For Christmas I want a pair of red shoes at Rutherford's. You can ask Bill and he will know what size I wear. Also I want a doll and a cabinet. Come to see Melissa Been too for she is my girlfriend, and she has been pretty good too.

I Love You,
Marianne Messer
P. S.: Santa don't forget Nita at Midland, Texas, Tom, LaDon and Doug.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a football.

Love,
Manuel Samarron

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been as good as I can. I want you to bring me a hotrod, an electric train, a pellet gun, a .22 rifle and a quoll gun for Christmas.

Thank you,
Gary Hestand

Dear Santa:

Would you please bring me a baby doll that has a card with it that says "Just Arrived" on it. The doll has closed hands, it wears a long gown, and is wrapped in a pretty pink blanket. You can get at Milam's Toyland. Be sure and get the right one.

Oops! I forgot to tell you one special thing, don't come down our chimney, because it is not a real one.

I have tried to be a good girl.
Love,
Linda Packard

Party Line...

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Higgins of McCamey will spend the Christmas Holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Higgins and Mr. and Mrs. Furche Riley.

—PL—
Mrs. Pauline Etheridge is on the sick list this week.

—PL—
Mrs. Myrtle McNamara visited in Olton Friday with her daughters, Mrs. Johnny Patterson and Mrs. Mable Kirkpatrick.

—PL—
Mrs. J. B. Inglis of Dimmitt visited in the Gerald Inglis' home Thursday.

—PL—
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Packard and family of Hereford will visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Welch over the Christmas Holidays.

—PL—
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welch and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Welch will spend Christmas day in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Welch.

—PL—
Mrs. Leona Packard of Hereford spent Thursday night with Mrs. John Welch.

—PL—
J. S. and J. F. Cole of Olton will visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cole over the Christmas Holidays.

—PL—
Mrs. R. S. Cole was in Olton Thursday and Friday for a medical checkup.



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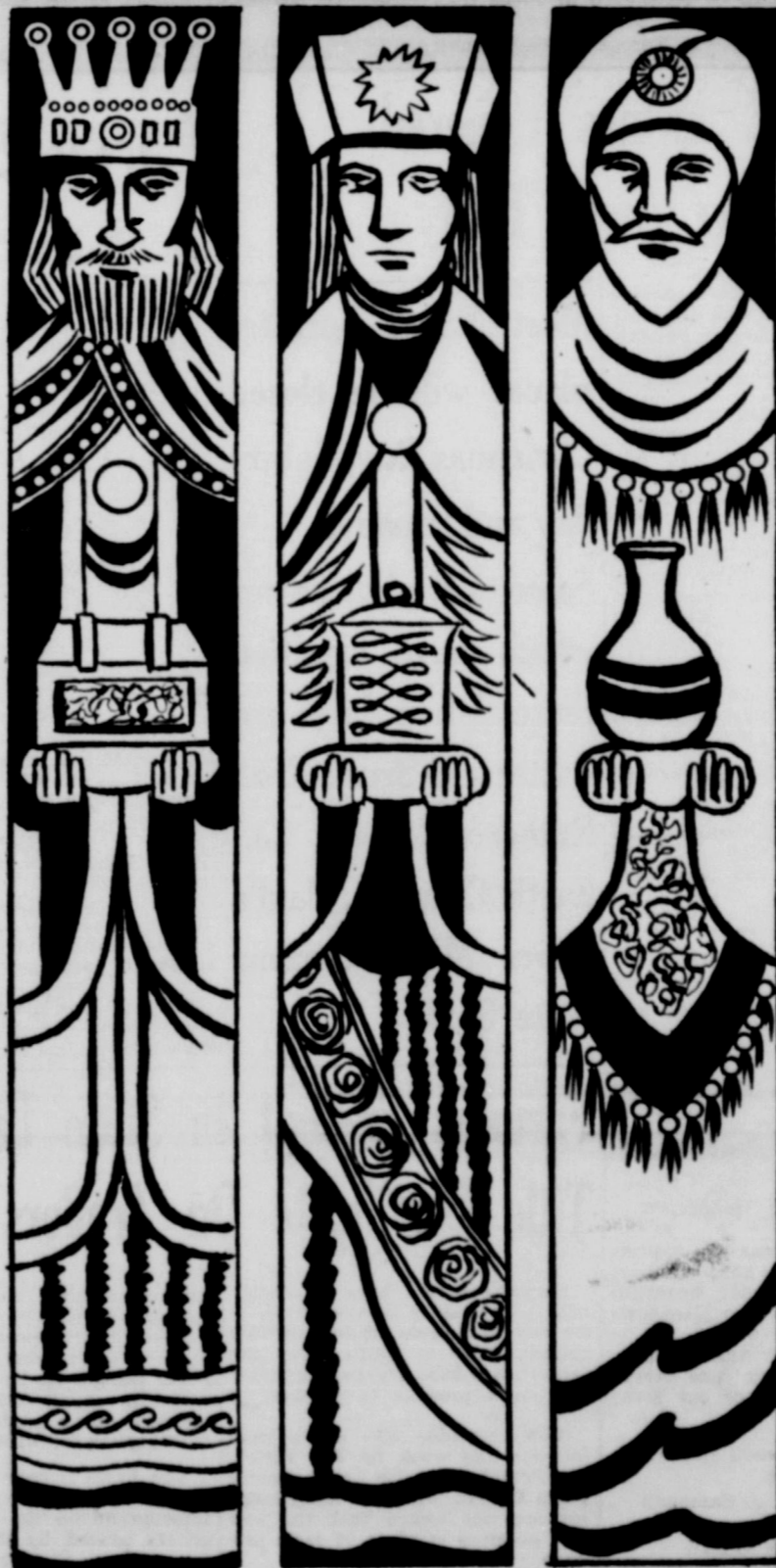


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May this Christmas bring you Peace, Joy and Happiness to the fullest. We treasure your friendship this past year . . . we look forward to continued friendship with you and yours in the year ahead.

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TONETTE BAND — From the fourth grade classes of Mrs. C. P. Parish and Mrs. Pat McCord, are shown as they begin their performance at the regular PTA meeting Thursday night. Band instructor Norman Hemphill is shown directing the band.

Speech Class Presents Program Friday Night

The speech students of Mrs. Frankie Faver and their guests enjoyed a Christmas party at the Springlake community building Friday at 8 p.m. Following the welcome by Mrs. Faver, Jane Branscum led the group in the singing of several Christmas carols.

Appearing on the program were these students and their selections: Linda Barden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Barden who gave 'Dandelion,' 'Guess and 'The Happiest Time.' Mike Dent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dent said 'Casey Jones,' and 'Fantasy.' Joe Dent, son of the Mike Dents, read 'On Taking Big Bites' and My Pup and Me.' Timmy Parish, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Parish interpreted 'Bingo Has An Enemy' and 'The Indians.' Cathy Dent's readings were 'My Garden' and 'Long Ago.' Cathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dent. Jane Branscum, daughter of the Thurlio Branscums, gave 'Santa's Trip' and 'At Grandma's House.' She also sang a solo, 'Hark The Herald Angels Sing.' Frances Faver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Faver gave two short pieces, 'Bunny' and 'Georgie Porgie.'

Refreshments of cookies, doughnuts, hot chocolate and coffee were served those present.

Party Line...

S. M. Watkins and Vicky shopped in Amarillo Friday.

R. C. Davis, Jr. was in Olton Thursday and Friday for a medical checkup.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bills and family left Thursday for their home after a week's visit with relatives.

Francis Cole of Lubbock will visit in the home of her parents over the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Minnie Pate will visit over the Christmas holidays in Farmington, N. M. with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Whitehead.

Mrs. Minnie Pate and sister, Mrs. Claudia Money of Pampa visited with their sister, Mrs. Myrtle Hland of San Angelo last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Webb spent the weekend in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Porcher in Odessa.

Mrs. J. B. Thomas shopped in Littlefield Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Johnston and Sam Miles of Lubbock will visit in the home of the R. S. Coles over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kenemer and family of Carlsbad, N. M. will visit in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Parish over the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Clyde Parish was in Muleshoe Friday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Parish will spend Christmas day with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bain Parish.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Anderson had as their guests for dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Zeff Robnett, Teddy and Billy and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Green and family and Judy Etheridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ingls and family visited in the home of Mrs. Ingls' sister, Mr. and Mrs. James Dempsey of Lubbock Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Braden will spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stewart and Jama of Boy's Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hinson returned Saturday after a three weeks stay in Truth or Consequences, N. M.

Tony Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ardis Barton is ill with the chicken pox.



THEIR STOCKINGS WERE HUNG BY THE CHRISTMAS TREE — With care in hopes that St. Nick would be there. The twinkle in the eyes of both Hoyt and Teresa indicate their expectations of a real happy Christmas. Hoyt and Teresa are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Glasscock.

The Bud Irvines Honored With Going Away Party

A going away party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Bud Irvine and children was held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, December 20, in the community building by the church members.

The serving tables were laid with white linen cloths centered with Christmas arrangements and huge white frosted candles. A covered dish dinner was served to approximately 160 persons.

Many beautiful and useful gifts were presented the Irvine family. Mr. Irvine has been minister of the Church of Christ in Earth for the past five years.

The Irvines are moving the first of the year to Odessa where he will minister a Church of Christ in Odessa.

Following the dinner games of 42 was played.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Glasscock and Rocky spent Saturday night in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Walker.

CARD OF THANKS

Our hearts overflow with sincere appreciation for all who expressed their love and sympathy in so many comforting ways during the sickness and passing of our loved one.

We are deeply grateful to all of you.

The family of J. S. Henderson

We wish to express our appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their kind words, beautiful floral offerings, to Bro. Meadows for his comforting words, and to Mrs. Knight at the Amherst Rest Home for her loving care during the illness and loss of our loved one.

May God bless each and every one of our prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Campbell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed O'Hair and family.

We wish to express our appreciation for the many deeds of kindness, lovely cards, visits and food, brought into our home during our recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Alair

Party Line...

Mr. and Mrs. Teal Loftis and Glennie visited Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hooten Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hawkins will spend Christmas day in Amarillo with their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Glasscock and Mrs. Henry Randolph were in Lubbock Monday on business and shopping.

Mrs. Robert Palmer of Lubbock will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Glasscock.

Mrs. R. S. Cole shopped in Lubbock Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wade and family will spend Christmas day in Muleshoe with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Harrison.

Mrs. Lena Hite is on the sick list this week.

Leon Foster and children attended the Plant X Christmas party at Sudan Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Lowery and girls, Vicky, and Sherry are moving on the F. D. Clayton farm.

Most Earth business places will be closed Christmas Day, Saturday and Sunday.

Some of the businesses which have signified these closing dates are

- Patterson Bros. Gro.,
- Rutherford and Co.,
- Earth Cleaners, Paul's Super Mkt., Citizens State Bank

Farmers Exempt In State Law Title Certificate On Trailers

Farmers do not have to comply with a new state law requiring title certification on trailers of 4000 pounds gross or more when the trailers are used for hauling their own farm produce to market.

This reminder was given local farmers this week by Ted Hutchins, President of the Lamb County Farm Bureau, who said many farmers are not aware that the new law exempts carriers of farm produce.

The law was passed by the 56th Legislature during its regular session this year, requires issuance of certificates of title on all trailers having an unloaded weight in excess of 4000 pounds. The Texas Farm Bureau was successful in

getting an amendment to the law exempting vehicles used by their owners for transporting their farm produce to market, the county Farm Bureau leader explained. He said the exemption does not apply when such products are being transported for hire.

The Farm Bureau president said the local county organization has information on the new law, and others passed by the 56th Legislature, in its file copies of the Austin Newsletter, a weekly publication issued by the Texas Farm Bureau legislative department while the Legislature was in session and also in a Legislative Report prepared by the TFB Legislative department following the close of the 56th Legislature, regular session.



THEIR PACKAGES WRAPPED, READY, FOR CHRISTMAS — Are these two happy youngsters of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll McDonald. They are Brenda and Allen.

Springlake Wins One of Triple Header Basketball Fete at Hale Center

Springlake traveled to Hale Center Friday night and played three basketball games with Hale Center, and the Wolverines managed to win but one game, the Varsity boys winning the last game of the night 51 to 40. The 'B' boys lost in the opener 24 to 32 in a close game all the way, while the girls Varsity was swamped by Hale Center 60 to 26.

In the boys' Varsity game coach Dave Allen's charges won their fifth game in six chances this year by edging a very much improved Hale Center club 51 to 40. The Wolverines won over Hale Center earlier in the year at Springlake. Springlake now has two wins over Hale Center, two over Amherst and one over Olton, while dropping their only game to Anton in the Olton tournament. Joe Neal Ellis led the Wolverines over Hale Center by scoring 18 points. Springlake took a 26 to 16 half time lead, but Hale Center cut that lead to four points at the end of the third quarter, and until near the end of the fourth quarter it looked as if Hale Center might take the contest. However, with Hale Center in a full court press the Wolverines were able to make some lay up shots and finally won by 11 points. Scoring for Springlake was as follows: Joe Ellis 18, Tom Messer 14, Sandy Sanders 8, Hal Hudson 5, Bobby Sloan 4 and A. M. McGowan 2.

In the girls' game Hale Center was just too much for Springlake. The local girls held a 20 to 13 half time lead, and then won going away 60 to 26. Minnie Wheat was high point girl with 13 followed by Linda Lewis with 7, Carolyn Gregory 4, Eleanor Riley 2.

In the boys' B contest Springlake held a slight half time lead but couldn't hold it in the second half. Stanley Irvine led Springlake scoring with 10 points. He made four quick field goals in the first quarter, but was then held to two free throws in the second half. Bobby Sloan had 9 points, followed by Norman Clayton 6, Dale Dent 5, Dale Montgomery 2 and Jerry Jones 2.

Springlake basketballers will be idle over the holiday season until January 4 when they will be entered in the Amherst tournament. District 3-A play will begin the following week, January 12. Let's go to the games and cheer our Wolverines on to victory. We have a fine boys' team that looks as if they might win district. They deserve our support, as do all the Wolverine teams.

Party Line...

Mrs. Joe Fuller and boys of Cortez, Colo. arrived Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rutherford and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Stine and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Martin attended the silver anniversary tea for Mr. and Mrs. Luther Carraway in Amherst Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cody of Dalhart spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cody and Betty.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Hay and family will spend the Christmas holidays in Gainesville, with her mother, Mrs. Lois Cummings and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beasley, Linda and Pam will leave today, (Thursday) for Texarkana to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sullivan.

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Mr. and Mrs. Abe Griffin and Mrs. Lawrence Sloan accompanied R. C. Hooten to Lubbock Thursday to return Mrs. Hooten home from the Methodist Hospital where she had been hospitalized the past week for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Rogers accompanied by their grandson, Roger Kuehn of Abilene Christian College left Friday for Dodge City, Kan. to visit the next five weeks with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kuehn.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Griffin of Austin arrived Friday night to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Griffin and Mrs. Florence Moore of Canyon. Larry is attending Texas University where he is studying for a master's degree in research.

Mrs. Iris Montgomery and Mickey arrived Monday from Truth or Consequences, N. M. to spend the holidays with the Wayne Rutherford family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cearley spent the weekend in Lubbock with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis.

HELLO WORLD!



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hedrick, of Rt. 2, Hart, proudly announce the birth of a son, born December 14, in the Muleshoe Hospital. He is their first child and has been named Charles Brent. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Matlock of Springlake and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hedrick of Quannah.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis of Lubbock proudly announce the arrival of a son, born Sunday, December 20 in the West Texas Hospital. The little boy weighed 7 lbs. and 14 ozs. and has been named Weston Cearley. The Davises have two other children, Donny four and one half years old and Melanie two and one half years old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Davis of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cearley.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Barden proudly announce the arrival of a baby daughter, born Wednesday, December 16, in the Littlefield Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs and 10 ozs. and has been named Jill Ann. She has a little sister Don Denise two years old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen McClesky and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Barden.

AMONG THOSE WHO ARE ILL!

J. W. Watkins, Jr., was admitted to the West Texas Hospital in Lubbock last week suffering from a heart attack. Mr. Watkins is a brother of E. E. Watkins of Earth.

Mrs. John Hall of Las Vegas, Nevada underwent major surgery last week in a Las Vegas hospital. Mrs. Hall is the former Glenda McGeath. She is reported to be doing nicely.

Houston Stephens underwent major surgery Monday morning in the Littlefield Hospital and Clinic. He is reported to be doing well.

Mrs. Carl Gregory is receiving treatment in the West Plains Hospital in Muleshoe this week.

Mrs. Lexie Branscum was dismissed Friday from the Plainview Hospital and Clinic where she had previously underwent surgery.

GIN REPORT



Earth - 13,607
Springlake - 13,263
Rural Gins - 9,447

DECEMBER 11, 1958

EARTH - 15,427
SPRINGLAKE - 14,176
RURAL GINS - 15,667



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NUMBER 20

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy in the second grade. I have been a pretty good boy. I do my school work, help at home, and I do my best most of the time.
Love,
Stephen Busby

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a MMP gun and a horse. I would like a football set and a telescope and a experiment set.
Your friend,
Charles Kimbell

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa:
I have been a fine boy, and I know you have.
I would like to have a hatchet and a knife and a holster for each one for Christmas.
I am ten years of age.
Your friend,
David Milton Jaquess

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy in the first grade. Please bring me some candy, nuts, and fruit. Also bring me a space ship, boots and gun and book.
Love,
Johnny Kelley

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl in the first grade. Please bring me some candy, nuts, and fruit. Also bring me a red ball, Toodle doll, and service station.
Love,
Susan Parish

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl in the first grade. Please bring me some candy, nuts, and fruit. Also bring me a doll buggy, skates, and doll.
Love,
Jennifer Myers

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy in the second grade. I have been pretty good. I do my work at school, I do my best.
I would like to have a Zorro suit and a truck and a steam shovel. I want a jet airplane. I want an electric train. I want a model.
Your friend,
Craig Barton

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl. I like the second grade. I want a story book, and what I told you.
Your friend,
Sharla



DEAR SANTA . . . You won't have any trouble reading my list this year. That's probably what this young lady is thinking as she follows the traditional practice of alerting Santa to the things she would like to find beneath the tree on Christmas morning. Obviously, doll clothes will probably rate a high spot on her list.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl in the second grade. I have been pretty good. I do my school work help at home and I do my best most of the time. I would like a baby doll.
Your friend,
Linda James

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a Zorro suit and Army set and a Zorro hat and I want a jet airplane and a snail set. I

have been nice and all I want is five things.
Your friend,
Kent

Dear Santa Claus:
I want an electric train set for Christmas. I have been making pretty good grades in school.
Merry Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.
Love,
Randy

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS . . .

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl in the second grade. I have been pretty good. I do my school work, I help my mother do the dishes and every Saturday I clean the house, and all I want is a doll that says mother and that cries.
Love,
Jan

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy in the second grade. I have been a good boy.
I want a electric train, an Army

set, and a Zorro suit. I want three things. I hope you will stay happy.
Your friend,
Gil Vining

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl in the second grade. I have been pretty good. I do my school work, help at home and I do my best most of the time. I would like a doll. Her name is Tiny Tears.
Your friend,
Felipa



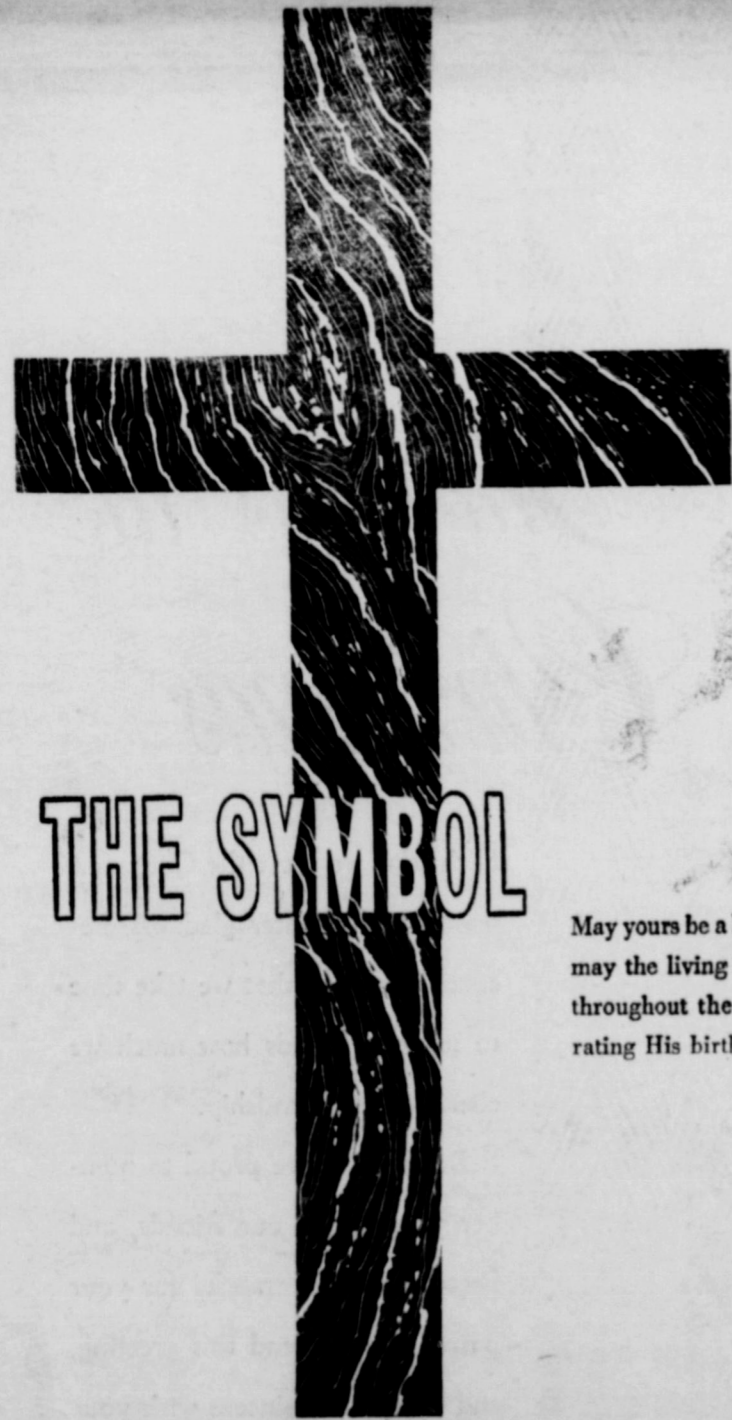
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A jolly old gent, with a "little round belly," "dimples how merry," and a nose "like a cherry" . . . who but Santa Claus?

The description, of course, is from Clement Clark Moore's famous poem which begins "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Moore, Washington Irving and Thomas Nast are generally credited with being responsible for the image of Santa Claus as we know him today.

Irving is credited with being the "father" of Santa in this country. The year was 1809 and the publication of Irving's Knickerbocker History of New York, which contains 25 references to the fabled gift giver.

According to Irving, Santa wore a "low, broad-brimmed hat," a

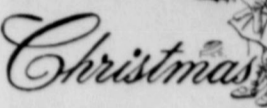
huge pair of Flemish trunk hose, and rode over the rooftops dropping his gifts down chimneys. He also had Santa smoking a pipe, which was twisted in the hatband of his broad-brimmed hat when he was not smoking.

It was Moore who took Santa from the horse-drawn wagon and put him in the sleigh, exchanging the horses for eight tiny reindeer. Thomas Nast, who enjoyed a great reputation as a political cartoonist, started drawing caricatures of Santa about 1863. He retained Santa's pipe, as given him by both Irving and Moore, as well as the beard and furs. But he enlarged considerably Santa's "little round belly," making it the big round one Santa has sported ever since.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Traditionally, the preparations for Christmas are quite feverish. Preparing the decorations for the home and the tree, the extra hours that go into selecting and preparing good things to eat, the sometimes-perplexing problem of choosing the right gifts, and remembering everyone that we should—all of this has become "traditional." And still, an afterglow to all the merriment, Christmas Day usually ushers in comparative peace and quiet, a time when in silent reflection, the majority of us come face to face with the true meanings of Christmas and the spiritual blessings that attend the season.

KEEPING



It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem some 1900 years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

—Henry Van Dyke

Greek Tradition

A traditional preparation in Greece is "Christpsomo" or "Bread of Christ." Before baking this holiday treat, the housewife makes a hand print on the surface of the dough and it is said that the hand print is proof of the birth of Christ.

Wrapping the Gift Is Important Job

While half of the fun of giving gifts is in the wrapping, the giver should exercise care to be certain that the package does justice to the gift itself. Plan your wrapping program carefully. Here are some helpful suggestions:

1. Do your gift wrapping on a solid surface.
2. Measure wrapping paper before cutting.
3. Fold corners carefully and fasten them securely.
4. Make bow separately, then tie or attach to package with clear tape.
5. Be sure ribbon matches colors in wrapping paper.
6. Don't use dainty designs or pastel colors for a man's gift.
7. Don't use wrapping paper featuring big designs to wrap small packages.

Simple Rules Will Help Keep Your Tree 'Fresh'

Here are some things you should remember before relying too much on any "fireproofing" materials to protect your Christmas tree:

1. There is no substitute for a "fresh" tree.
 2. Nothing protects and preserves a tree better than water.
- So, for a safe Christmas, buy a "fresh" tree and see that it has enough water to keep it fresh.
- Waiting until the last minute to purchase your tree doesn't assure that it will be fresh, as you have no way of knowing how long the tree has been cut and "drying out" on the sales lot. Shop early for your tree, be sure that it is still fresh and moist—then keep it in plenty of water while it is in use.

Trimming the Tree

The manner in which it is decorated can take away or add to the appearance of the most beautiful Christmas tree. Too often, the number of lights used to trim a tree is arrived at by guesswork and the results are disappointingly "spotty" or "lopsided." Professionals achieve good lighting effects by using this formula: Height of tree (in feet) x width of tree at base (in feet) x 3. If your tree is 6 feet high and 4½ feet wide at the base, the formula goes like this: 6 x 4½ x 3 = 81 lights for a good lighting effect.



The gifts He brought are ours to give

The gifts He received we remember best . . . the gold, frankincense and myrrh . . . laid near the manger.

And it is this we have chosen as the spirit of Christmas . . . to give worldly gifts in the manner of the wise men.

But the precious gifts of Christmas are those which Christ brought to all the world . . . love and hope.

And although these gifts were God-given, they are ours to give also. When we are tolerant of those unlike us, show mercy to transgressors, renew hope in those who have no hope, make friends with the friendless . . . then we are giving as we received from our Lord . . . the true gifts of Christmas.

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So here's hoping that yours will be a very Merry Christmas.

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EARTH, TEXAS



Greater Gladness at Christmas

Each year we greet the Christmas season with greater gladness, because it is then that we take time to tell our friends how much we cherish their friendship.

Because we are proud to number you among our friends, and because we are grateful for your patronage, we send this greeting, and with it our sincere wish your Christmas will be most joyous.

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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:

I want an air rifle and a machine gun and a gun and a cowboy suit and a pair of boots and a cowboy hat.

Please bring my classmates in fourth grade, W. B. Washington, Helen Washington, Tim Ray Matthews and O. C. Thomas something nice. Also something for the second and third grades.

Yours truly,
Wilson Douglas Ruffins

P. S. — The second grade are Charley Ray Brown, Betty Jo Thomas and the Coleman twins. Third grade are Virgie Lee Taylor, Daisy Ruth Washington, Leonard Lax, Ollie Mae Thomas, and Thelma Coleman.

We are now studying the Eskimos of Alaska and near Greenland, near your North Pole home.

From what our geography says we are now having Eskimo spring weather. Melting snow and drippy sloppy weather is not good for sleigh riding so come to us in your airplane.

Yours truly,
Wilson Douglas Ruffins

Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the second grade and I'm 7 years old. Thank you for being nice. Will you please bring me a buggy and I Love you.

Love
Joy Hall
Yours truly,

SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS

The appearance of holiday decorations on streets and in windows of stores and homes is a sure sign, but there are also other ways to tell that Christmas is not too far away. You can count the days until Christmas on your fingers when:

Department store clerks are "extra" friendly and courteous. Strangers begin to smile and speak to you on the street.

Children never fail to say "Sir" and "Ma'am."

The bus driver sees you running—and waits an extra minute.

The grouchy neighbor across the street smiles and waves as you go by.

Someone offers to help Mom do the dishes.

You find yourself suddenly feeling fine and looking at the world through rose colored glasses.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a bicycle for Christmas and an air rifle and I'll try to be good. I am in the sixth grade. My classmates are Willie Roy Johnson, Burnedene Nunn, Walter Lee Coleman and George Earl Washington.

Yours truly,
Alvin Ruffins

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a twenty-two rifle, a motor scooter and some more Scout equipment. Remember my other classmates in the sixth grade. The weather is very bad today, so the bus did not run on the muddy roads, where my classmates live.

However, here are their names, Alvin Ruffins, Burnedene Nunn, Walter Coleman, and George Earl Washington.

Yours truly,
Willie Roy Johnson

Christmas Rose

Legend Associates Plant With Christmas Day

Numerous plants and animals are associated with Christmas legends and some of the most beautiful have to do with flowers.

The Christmas rose, for instance, was said divinely created. A shepherd maid wept because she had no gift to lay before the infant Child in the Manger, when suddenly an angel appeared before her—

The angel spoke, his voice was low and sweet
As the sea's murmur on low-lying shore.
Or the whisper of wind in ripened wheat.

Then, after hearing why the maiden wept, the angel touched the ground where her tears had fallen with the branch of lilies he carried. Immediately the place was white with Christmas roses, which the happy maid gathered and laid on the manger.

Of the others, Sainfoin, or Holy Hay, is believed to have cradled the infant Christ in the Manger.

And the snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas Eve.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS . . .

Dear Santa Claus:

I am in the seventh grade. We are having bad weather down here. I hope you are doing fine up there. My brother Tommy J. Osborne is coming home from college. I want a watch for my brother and I, an electric train, an airplane that lies, and a pair of rawhide shoes.

Yours truly,
Isaac John Osborne

Dear Santa Claus:

Thank you for being nice. Will you please bring me a set of guns and a watch. You are real nice to me. You bring me everything I

have wanted every Christmas. The matter of fact a little more than I wanted. I am in the second grade. Goodbye Santa Claus. Merry Christmas.

Love
Jimmy Robbins

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy five years old. I have been real good this year. Please bring me a cap gun, little golf set, football helmet and football suit. Lots of candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Love
Rickle Trotter

O, Holy Night



As you celebrate the Birthday of Him, who was born in Bethlehem upon the Holy Night of long ago, may the true spirit of Christmas surround you and your loved ones, lifting your hearts anew with its glorious promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

COBB'S MULESHOE TEXAS

Science Proved Our Earth Is Centuries Old

How old is this earth of ours? Modern researchers, using the principle of radioactivity to "date" wood samples, have proven it is at least 4,600 years old. Atomic scientists expect to extend their measurements beyond 20,000 years, long before the dawn of history.

According to Jewish dogma and tradition, the Day of Creation antedated the birth of Christ approximately 3,761 years. Thus, the Jewish calendar, which the Jews adopted during the 15th century, reads 5720 in relation to 1959 A. D.

Use of the notation A. D. (in the year of our Lord) was inaugurated by Charles III of Germany, who affixed the symbolism to the years of his reign in 879. The system of retroactively dating the years prior to the Saviour's birth and dedicating the succeeding years to His greater Glory was invented, along with the Christian era, by a monk about 532 A. D. The Christian era begins on January 1 in the middle of the fourth year of the 194th Olympiad, the 753rd year of the building of Rome and in 4714 of the Julian Period.

The Julian period, invented by Joseph Scaliger, about 1583 A. D., was devised by multiplying the lunar cycle 19, solar cycle 28, and the Roman indiction 15.

The Egyptians devised a calendar about 4,000 B. C. and using the Mundane era of Alexander, estimated the "beginning" to be 5502 B. C.

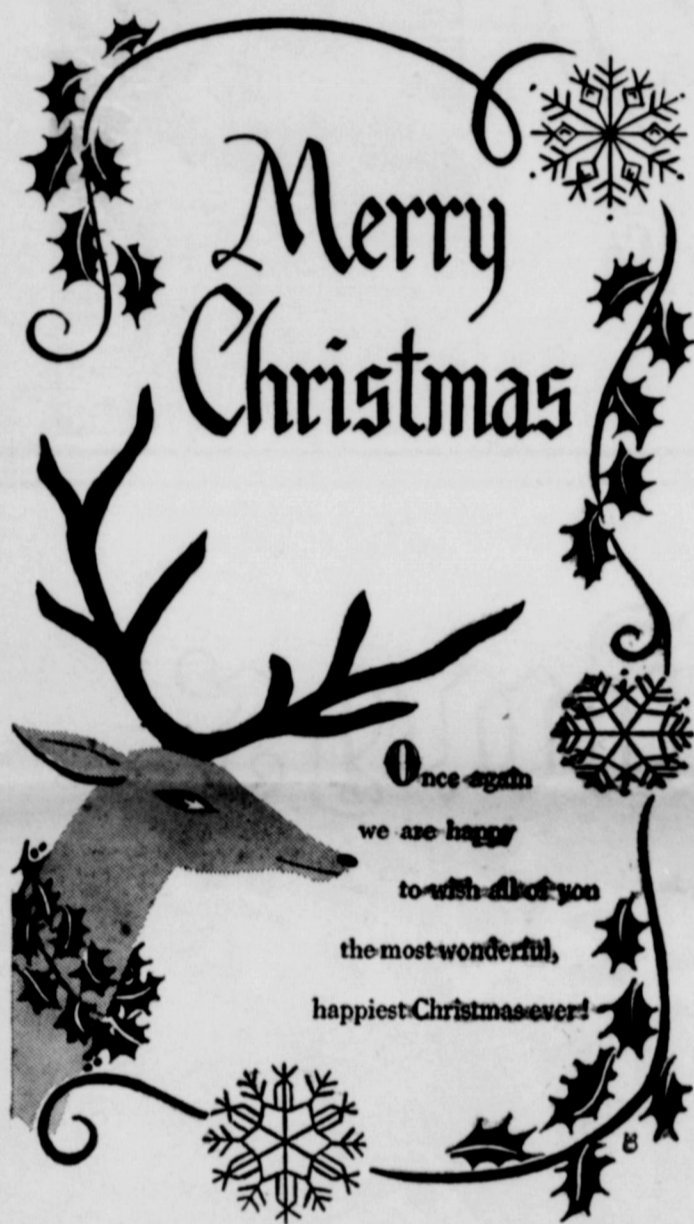
'Happy New Year' In All Languages

Nowadays it is possible to buy greeting cards which extend New Year wishes in several languages. This modern development is a convenience for those who send greetings to friends in the "old country" wherever that country happens to be.

Should you be sending a card to friends in Paris, the greeting would be "Bonne Annee!" In Spanish, the greeting is "Feliz Ano Nuevo!" and in sunny Italy, "Buon Capo d'Anne!"

"Ein Glueckliches Neues Jahr" is the salutation one might send—or receive from—friends in Germany.

Whatever the language, the words "Happy New Year" represent only the best of wishes for the year ahead.



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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
I really want a Betsey McCall doll, a cocker spaniel and a Bible, and a stuffed animal. And I guess that's all I want for Christmas.
Yours truly,
Patricia Bryant

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a Toodles doll with hair, and clothes and a combination strolling cart, grocery basket and high chair. I want it this Christmas because I was late getting my Tiny Tears doll. I also want an alarm clock. I'm always late and sometimes late for school. I'd like a pair of skates. Everyone's got a pair but me. I'd like a ring, a jump rope and any stuffed animals are OK.

If you bring me all this I will leave a sandwich, and some fruit, and a cookie or two, and a glass of milk.
I don't know what my sisters want, but they will tell you. I have no brothers so don't bring any guns to my house.
The best girl in town,
Rebecca Nan Parish



CHRISTMAS CAROLERS . . .
In olden days, carolers were as much a part of the Christmas scene as holly and mistletoe and each year this custom of bringing the songs of the season from house to house is finding new popularity.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a pair of boots that I saw in town. I love them so much. And I want them for Christmas, they are all white. Be sure you get them. I want a girl's bicycle too. And I want a bride's doll too.
Your friend,
Maggie De LaCorda

Spicy

Original Injun' Pudding New England Treat

Early Favorite
England isn't the only country that has traditional holiday dishes. An old New England favorite and one handed down from mother to daughter since early colonial days, is old Injun' Puddin'.

Original Injun' Puddin'
5 cups milk
½ cup dark molasses
¼ cup granulated sugar
½ cup yellow cornmeal
1 teaspoon cinnamon

½ teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons butter
Heat 4 cups of milk and add molasses, sugar, cornmeal, salt, spice and butter to it. Cook 20 minutes or until mixture thickens. Pour into baking dish, add remaining cold milk. Do not stir. Put into slow oven (325° F.) and bake for 1½-2 hours without stirring. Serve warm with Cognac or Hard Sauce.
Serves 8.



BURN A BAYBERRY
According to tradition, one who burned a bayberry candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day would have a long life and a happy one.
An old verse reads:
"To learn your luck for the year they say
Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas Day.
If the flame burns bright and the light shines clear,
Good Luck will be yours throughout the year."

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS . . .

Dear Santa:
I would like a stuffed cocker spaniel, a robe, and house shoes. I would like to have a concentration game, and a microscope.
Love,
Susan Britton

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll with 25 dresses, and a dress for me. I'm 11 years old.
Your friend,
Carmen Resola

Dear Santa:
I would like a pellet gun, chemical set, and a bicycle. I know you won't find me awake. I hope I am a good boy. I don't like to go to the kitchen every time I want to know the time. Please bring a watch.
Love,
Boggy Earnest

Dear Santa:
I would like a bicycle and a doll with some clothes for the doll. I want a watch and a pair of skates.
Your friend,
Charlotte Sawyer

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a dress.
Love,
Joan Garcia

Dear Santa Claus:
Santa I want you to bring me a big teddy bear. I've been sick a week and two days so I haven't been well the last several days I want you to bring me a watch too.
Your friend,
Aida Guerra

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl in the second grade. I have been pretty good. I do my school work. I help at home and I do my best most of the time. I would like a baby doll.
I love you Santa Claus and my name is Frances Janie Padilla.
Your friend,
Frances Janie Padilla



Springlake Beauty Salon
SPRINGLAKE, TEXAS



Whether you drive a most luxurious imported sports car or a rebuilt "jalopy," we hope you'll enjoy pleasant motoring throughout the Christmas Season and the days to follow. May each day be "filled up" with joy and happiness, our wish for

each of you. And, for your fine patronage of our super service station during the past year, we say, "Thanks and come back!" We'll do our best to service your car promptly, efficiently and courteously.



**Ralph Rudd
Texaco Station**

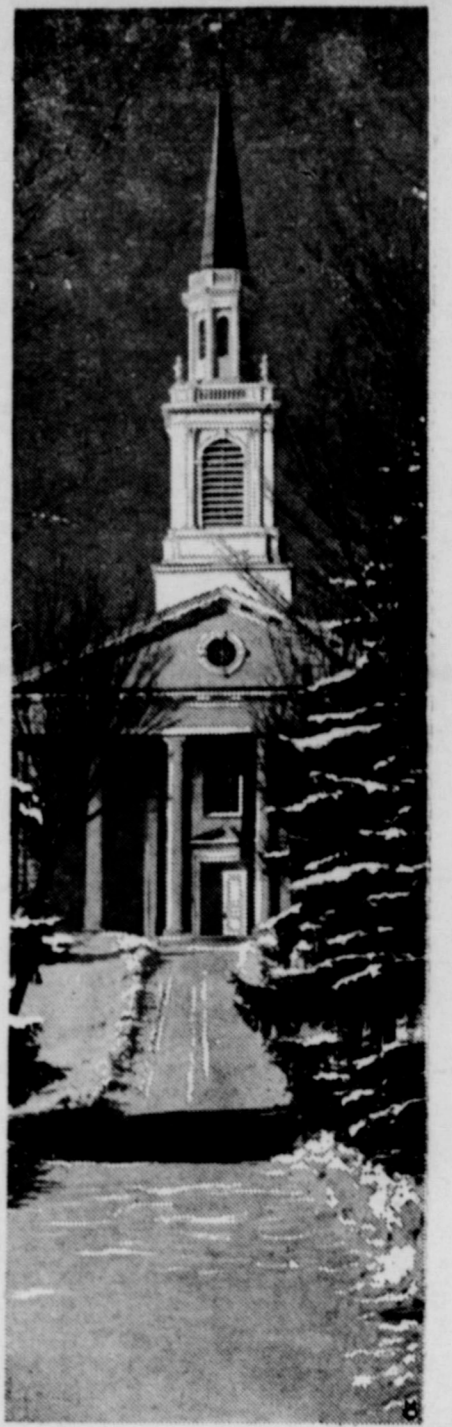
Springlake, Texas



We extend to our many good friends a sincere wish for a Yuletide laden with a wealth of the good things in life. May every day be filled with the blessings of good health, happiness and warm friendships.

Busby Motor Co.

Springlake, Texas



For all our friends we wish this to be a season of significance. A holiday when peace abounds with merriment, love with good fellowship, good works with good will. And may the spirit of Christmas abide with you and those dear to you, now and always.

WARE'S

AND EMPLOYEES
LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS



SHINING TREE . . . If you think trimming the family tree is a big task, how would you like to tackle a 300-year-old live oak tree? The beautiful tree shown above, was decorated for Christmas at Wilmington, N. C. The majestic tree rises to a height of 55 feet and has a limb spread of 110 feet. It took some 5,000 multi-colored light bulbs to get the glistening effect shown above.

Christmas Bells

Bells have long been associated with Christmas and New Years as well as hundreds of other joyous occasions, but there are fewer today than there have been for centuries.

During World War II thousands of bells were melted down for metal or were shattered by bombs. After the war only three churches in all London had bells that could be rung. In Germany, the Nazis melted down an estimated 150,000 bells, only a fraction of which have been replaced. Italy restored more than 11,000 church bells lost or damaged in the war.

Because of this shortage, there has been a demand for bells ever since the war, but there are probably less than 20 foundries engaged in casting the huge bronze bells that peal in towers throughout the world.

One foundry belongs to a Troy, New York, family that has been manufacturing bells since Revolutionary days. Another family concern is located in Sinn, West Germany, and has been turning out bells for 350 years. A London foundry still making bells was established in 1570.

Origin Lost

The origin of bells has been lost, but the business of making them hasn't changed much since the Chinese Emperor Heang-ti ordered a set in 2697 B. C.

To make a bell, a foundryman builds up a "core" of brickwork and fine clay bound with hair to shape the vessel. The mold's outer portion is similarly sculptured inside an iron casting.

When the two molds are finally prepared and clamped together, metal is poured into the hollow between them. In the old days casting called for solemn ceremony, and nobles gathered to toss in offerings of gold and silver.

Composition

For this reason, many an old bell is reputed to ring more sweetly, but the truth is that a bell owes its sonorous voice to its time-honored content of about four parts copper and one part tin.

Big bells are always made to order. The world's largest has never pealed. The 193-ton "Tsar Kolokol" was cast in Moscow in 1733 and allowed to cool off in its earth-covered molds for 103 years. It lost an 11-ton bit of its lip before being hung.

A second Moscow bell, 128 tons, is the greatest in actual use. An 18-ton bell in the Riverside Church, New York, is the largest bell ever tuned.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS . . .

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy in the second grade. I am a nice boy. My sister is kinda nice sometimes. I do all my school work. Please give the other children toys too.

I would like a Rifleman rifle, 26 inch bicycle with twin head lights and basket and thing to carry other kids, army set, Zorro suit and a fire truck that squirts water.

Your friend,
Jimmy Littleton

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a rifle and a gun.
Love,
Tony Estrada

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl and I want a Finy Tears doll and a nurse set and some play dishes and three pair of skates and some play money and some play books and four pictures of God and I know you are

happy to bring us some toys.
Goodbye Santa and stay happy and my name is Dionisia Rodriguez that is my name and will you write me a letter soon.
Love
Dionisia Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl in the first grade. Please bring me some candy nuts and fruit. Also bring me a doll buggy and jump rope.
Love,
Rosaura Ruiz

TIME FOR PEACE

As fits the holy Christmas birth,
Be this, good friends our carol still—
Be peace on earth, be peace on earth,
To men of gentle will.
—Thackeray.

Greetings



May the
bring life's bright
ornaments—the Joy of
Loving, the Fun of Giving.

HIGGINBOTHAM - BARTLETT
LUMBER COMPANY

Earth, Texas

Season's Greetings



One of the special joys we find at Christmas time (along with trimming the tree and exchanging gifts) is reflecting on all the wonderful friends we have...and wishing each and everyone of you a most delightful holiday season.

COX TIN SHOP

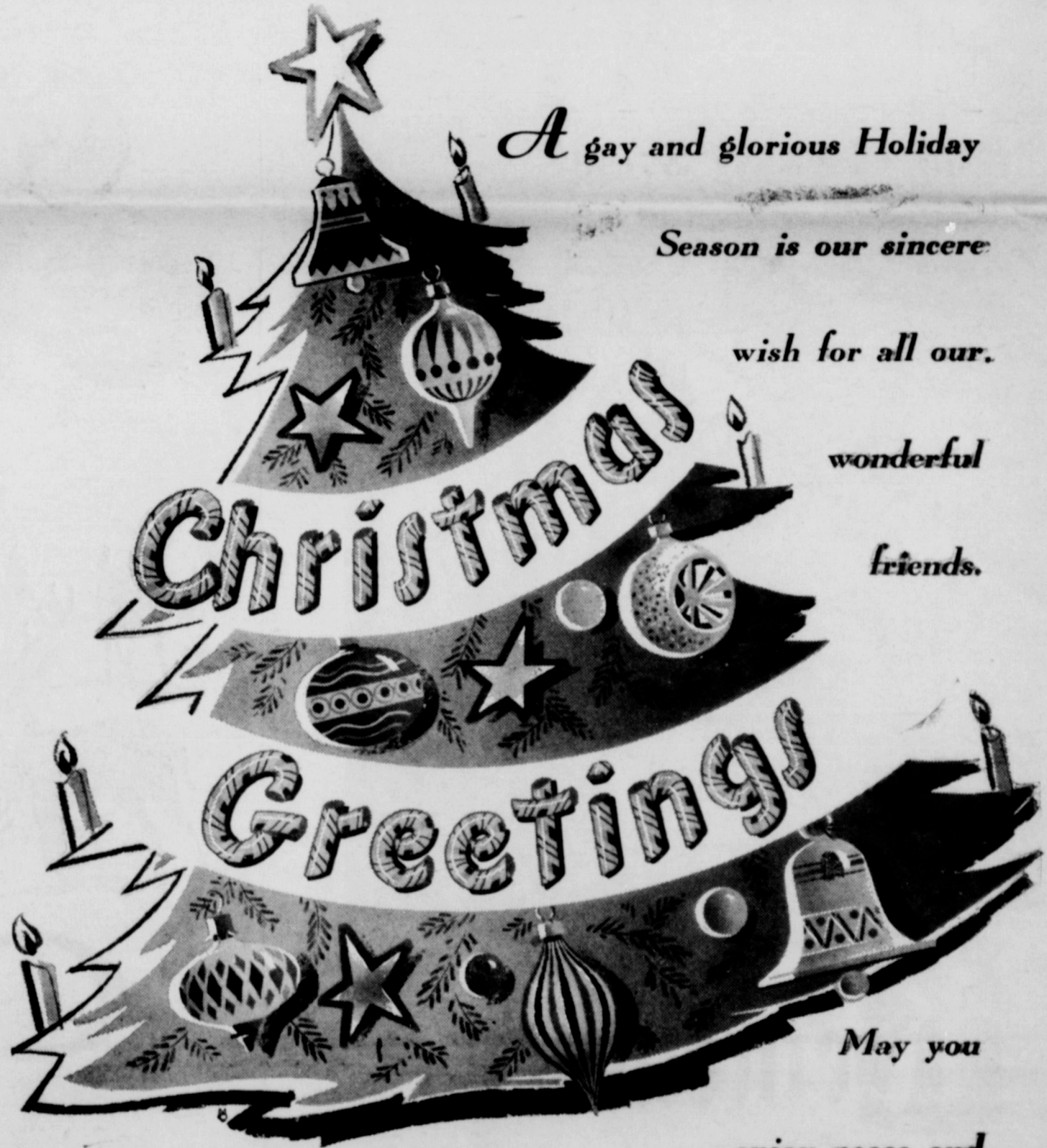
Littlefield, Texas

Sending Best Wishes

to Our Friends



Christmas is here and we want to send you, one and all, our best wishes for a wonderful Yuletide. May it bring you all the good things of life which you so richly deserve.



A gay and glorious Holiday

Season is our sincere

wish for all our

wonderful

friends.

May you

enjoy peace and

happiness throughout the year.

THANKS, FOR YOUR PAST PATRONAGE . . .

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EARTH, TEXAS

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JERRY — LEE

EARTH, TEXAS

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS . . .

Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the second grade. I am 7 years old. Please bring me a B-B gun, camera and watch.
Kirby Kelley.

Dear Santa Claus:
Thank you for being nice. Will you please bring me a camera, a skirt, a watch. I'm in the second grade and I'm 8 years old.
Love
Laquita

Dear Santa Claus:
Thank you for being nice. I am 8 years old. Santa will you bring me a football?
Santa will you bring me a gun?
Thank You,
Love
Rudy Marroquin

Dear Santa Claus:
Thank you for being nice. Will you please bring me a football and a B - B gun.
Love
Wallie Costello



NOEL, NOEL . . . There is plenty of expression in the singing of these youngsters, members of the choir at a Washington, D. C., infant home.

Dear Santa Claus:
Thank you for being nice. Will you please bring me a Count - Down Rocket set, and football. I am eight years old and attend the Springlake school.
Love
Pedro Lopez, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:
Thank you for being nice. Will you bring me a doll and a buggy, and a ring.
I am 8 years old and in the second grade.
Love
Mary Arrendondo

Dear Santa Claus:
Thank you for being nice. Will you please bring me a doll and a ring.
Love
Lole DeLeon

I am 7 years old. I want a trampoline, a Rifleman gun, a B - B gun, a pellet gun, a rocket set, a watch, a pocket knife, a camera, a switch engine, and a tent.
Love
J. Lee Haberer

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, some doll dishes and a blue wagon.
Yours truly,
Doriscene Renfro

Dear Santa Claus:
I am seven years old. I want a bow and arrow set, and a B-B gun, a pocket knife, a bicycle with 4 wheels, and a football, a watch, and a horn.
Love
Kenneth Sanderson

Dear Santa Claus:
I am eight years old. Will you please bring me a switch engine. I am in the second grade. I live in the country. My daddy farms. I go to school at Springlake School.
Love
Billy Street

Dear Santa Claus:
Thank you for being nice. Will you please bring me a doll, a camera, a trampoline. If you do I will give you some candy and nuts. I am 7 years old.
Love
Annette Hodge

Dear Santa Claus:
I thank you for being nice. Will you please bring me a Restless Gun set, and a pocket knife and a Count - down Rocket set, and a football and a watch, and a horn and a Rifleman gun and a trampoline.
Love
Terry Brent Ott

Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the seventh grade and I want a new suit of clothes and a pair of shoes and a new sport coat for Christmas. My sister, Dorothy Marie Becks, is also in the seventh grade and wants a leather coat and a dress.
Please be good to Clyde Brown, my classmate, and the eighth grade boys, Alfred E. Nunn, Albert Washington, J. Y. Matthews and L. D. Nunn.
Yours truly,
Clarence Becks

Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the second grade and I am 8 years old.
Thank you for being nice. Will you please bring me a bicycle, and a doll and a buggy.
Love
Kay King

Dear Santa Claus:
How are you? Fine, I hope. I am writing you to let you know what I want for Christmas. I want a Can - Can and a bride doll so I can learn how to make doll clothes and clothes for myself. And I want some dresses and a pair of shoes.

Remember classmates, Dorothy White who is in the eighth grade with me and the fifth grade girls, Daisy Thomas, Opal Lee Taylor, Bobbie Jean, Taylor Bobbie Riley, and sixth grade girls, are Burnadene Nunn and Jo Ann White.
Carrie Mae Ruffins

Ask Yourself 2 QUESTIONS

Is it valuable? Would it be hard to replace?

If the answer is "yes" your valuable papers should be behind solid steel and concrete in a safe deposit box in our vault. Get one!

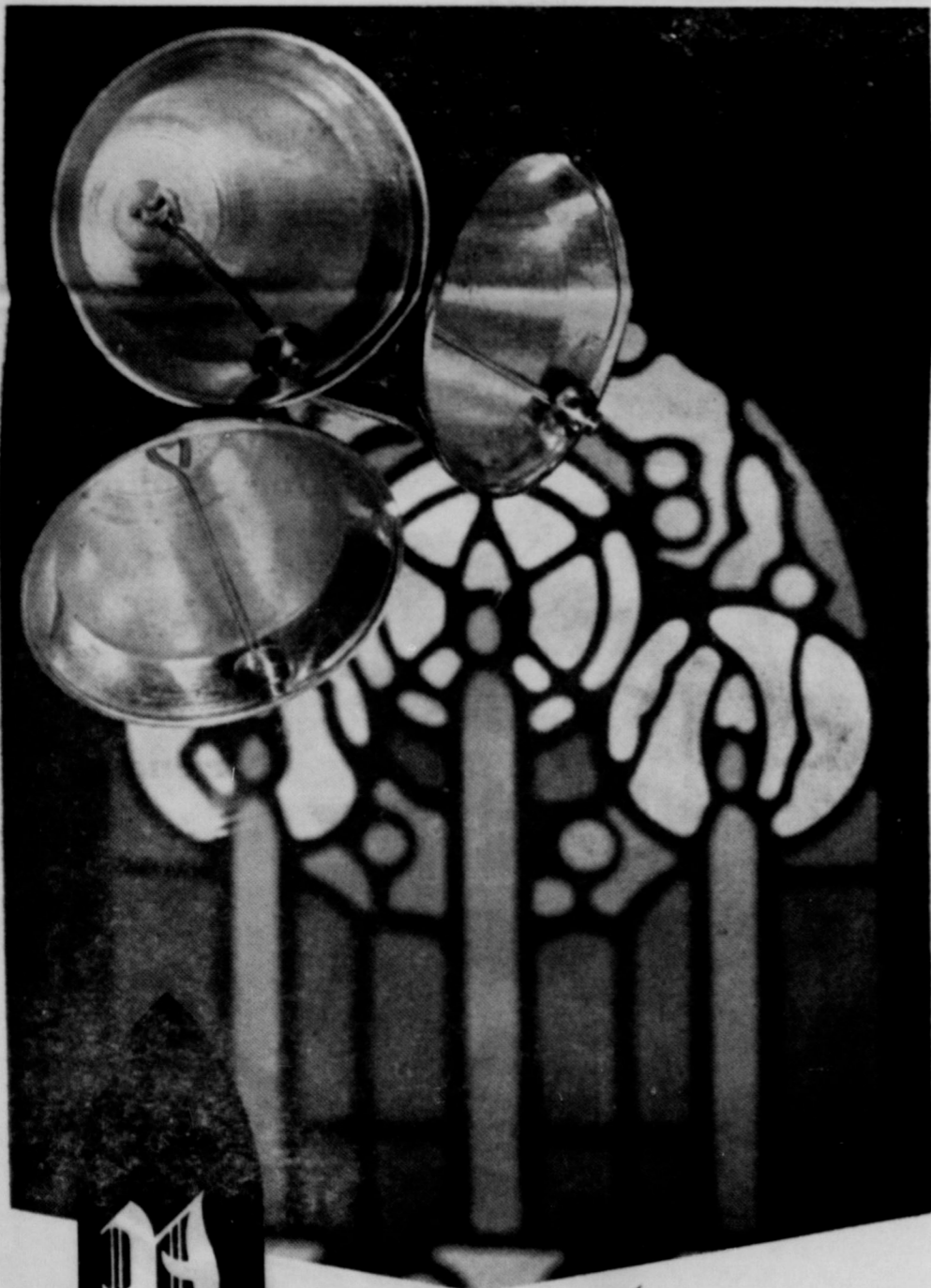
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a Christmas Prayer

May the spirit of "peace on earth, good will to men" again fill our hearts. May we find new vision, courage and inspiration in the glorious promise that is the shining wonder of Christmas

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Dimmitt, Texas

CHRISTMAS 1959



Remember...
for whom the bells toll

SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY



Greetings

We hope the magic of this glorious season extends throughout the year for you and yours...bringing with it the blessing of happiness, the joy of good health and the pleasure of warm friendships.

THANKS FOR YOUR PATRONAGE THESE PAST YEARS . . . IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU . . . AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU IN 1960 . . .

D. H. Sneed Supply

MULESHOE, TEXAS



FAMOUS SCENE . . . Folks come from far and wide each year to view the Christmas decorations at New York's famous Rockefeller Center and to attend the annual Candlelight Concerts held beneath the famous tree shown in the center of the photograph.

Nut Cake Adds Variety to Holiday Table

Getting ready for Christmas company usually keeps the lady of the house extra busy preparing all sorts of good things to eat. It's hard work, but to the lady who takes great pride in her cooking ability, the compliments received are ample reward.

There's no end to the variety of desserts which may be baked in the oven. There are cakes, puddings, and gingerbreads from which to choose. A special treat is:

- Spicy Cake-Nut Topping**
(Makes 1 loaf)
- 2½ cups sifted all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 - ¼ teaspoon cloves
 - ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
 - ¼ teaspoon mace
 - 1 teaspoon allspice
 - ½ teaspoon baking soda
 - 2 teaspoons baking powder
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 - ½ cup baking powder
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 cup thick soured milk or buttermilk
 - 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
 - ½ cup chopped nuts

Sift together flour, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, mace, allspice, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. Gradually add brown sugar to shortening, creaming until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating after each addition. Add dry ingredients alternately with buttermilk. Pour into greased 9 x 9 x 2-inch loaf pan. Mix granulated sugar with nuts and sprinkle on batter. Bake in a moderate (350° F.) oven 50 to 60 minutes.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:

I am 7 years old and I am in the second grade. Thank you for being nice. Will you please bring me a bicycle, a camera, a ring, a trampoline. Will you bring me some candy and nuts in my stocking?
Love
Janice Miller

Reptiles of Old Popular in Toys

Space ships and rocket guns, emblematic of the current age—will be amply evident in the Christmas toy department this year, but right alongside them in many cases will be toys representing the things of the world long ago—notably dinosaurs.

Dinosaurs, the great reptiles that once dominated the earth, varied widely in shape and size. Some were no bigger than chickens, while the mighty Branchiosaurus reached a length of 80 feet and weighed about 50 tons.

Toymakers, of course, have to keep down the size of their model dinosaur skeletons. This they do, in their current offering of toys, with one exception—a stuffed toy dinosaur that is seven feet tall.

Choose Right Toys

Children's toys should be geared to age—but not necessarily chronological age, inasmuch as interests and motor skills do not always develop at uniform rates.

Parents who observe their children at play generally have a good idea as to toy preferences.

Who Really Sent That Very First Christmas Card?

What is generally conceded to be the first card specifically designed as a Christmas greeting—the card designed in England by J. Horsley for Sir Henry Cole (in 1843)—did not meet with an enthusiastic reception. Sent to his personal friends, Cole's card had side panels which depicted the feeding of the hungry and the clothing of the naked. This was well and good. The objections to the card arose from the illustration in the central panel—a scene in which a middle-class English family raised their wine glasses to toast an absent friend (obviously the recipient of the card). The scene so aroused temperance zealots that Cole never authored another card.

Still Looking

Actually the search for the "first" Christmas card is still going on. Although it bore no specific greeting, the New York Historical Society, some 30 years before the Horsley-Cole card, sent to members and friends of the society a woodcut of St. Nicholas, which bore a Christmas poem in both Dutch and English.

In 1932, Carl W. Drepper discovered in a Pennsylvania attic a "broadsheet" issued about 1842 by John M. Wolff, Philadelphia printer. The sheet, 10 inches by 15 inches, featured a reproduction of C. C. Moore's "The Visit of St. Nicholas" and as well carried the greeting, "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year."

The first commercial venture into the Christmas card business was made in 1863 when an English firm hired Punch cartoonist C. H. Bennett to illustrate a series of cards which were sold in that year as "Christmas complimentary stationery."

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
Thank you for being nice. I want a tent and switch engine and a B-B gun. I want a pocket knife, Restless Gun set, Rifleman gun and a watch. I am 7 and I am in the second grade.
I will leave you some cookies.
Love
Elroy Wisian, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am seven years old. Please me a bicycle and ring.
Love
Debbie Martin

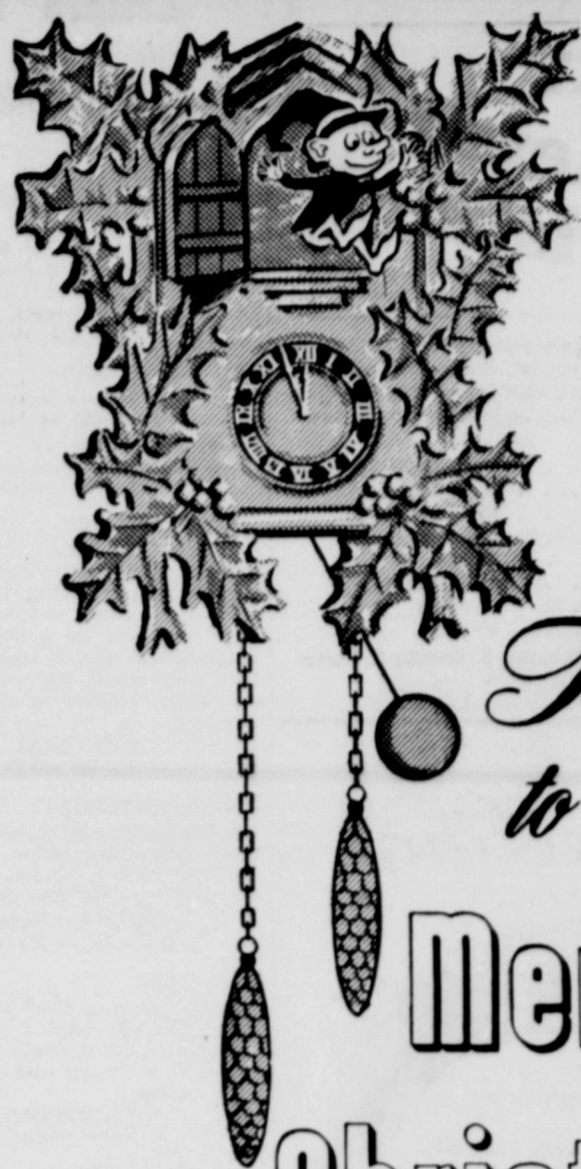
Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the second grade, and I am 7 years old.
Thank you for being nice. Will you please bring me a tool set and bring me a football, and a watch. Please, please bring me a B-B gun and a bicycle.
Love
Jerry Wayne Campbell

Outdoor Decorations Are Very Popular

Decorating outdoor trees and shrubbery with brightly-colored lights is becoming more and more an American tradition, but while outdoor lighting is attractive and colorful, it is also dangerous and may cause damage to trees and greenery.

Bulbs of 15 wattage are sufficient for use in outdoor lighting arrangements. Electrical fixtures should be of the weatherproof variety, specially designed for outdoor use, and the lights should always be placed so that they do not touch the needles.

Spruce, pines and firs, if they are not too large, are ideal for outdoor Yuletide lighting displays, although other varieties such as hemlock, yew, boxwood and aboretivae are more sensitive to heat and easily scorched if caution is not used.



Time to say:

Merry Christmas

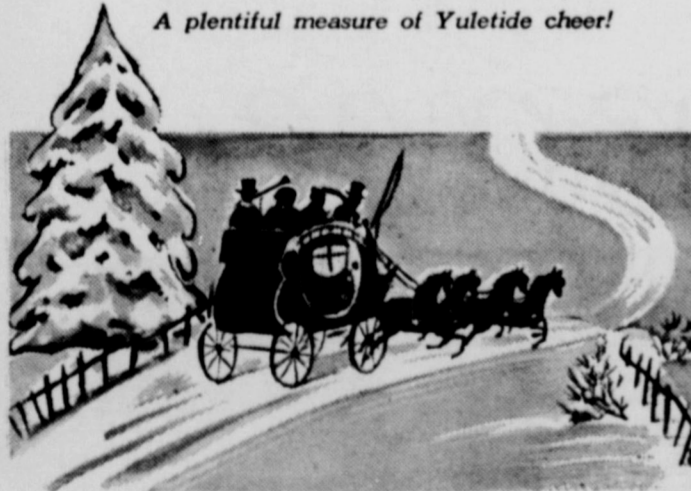
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

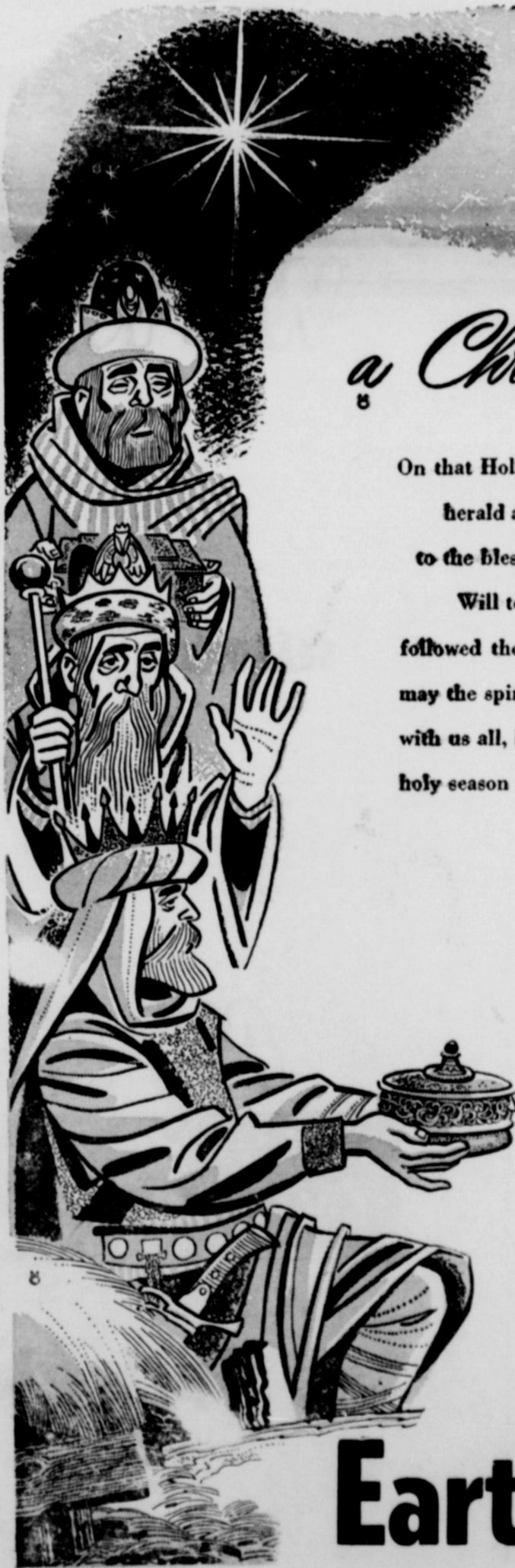
*The time for joy, the time for peace;
The time for pleasures that never cease.
We wish you all at this time of year
A plentiful measure of Yuletide cheer!*



Thanks For Your Patronage This Past Year . . . We Look Forward To Seeing You Often In The Coming Year . . .

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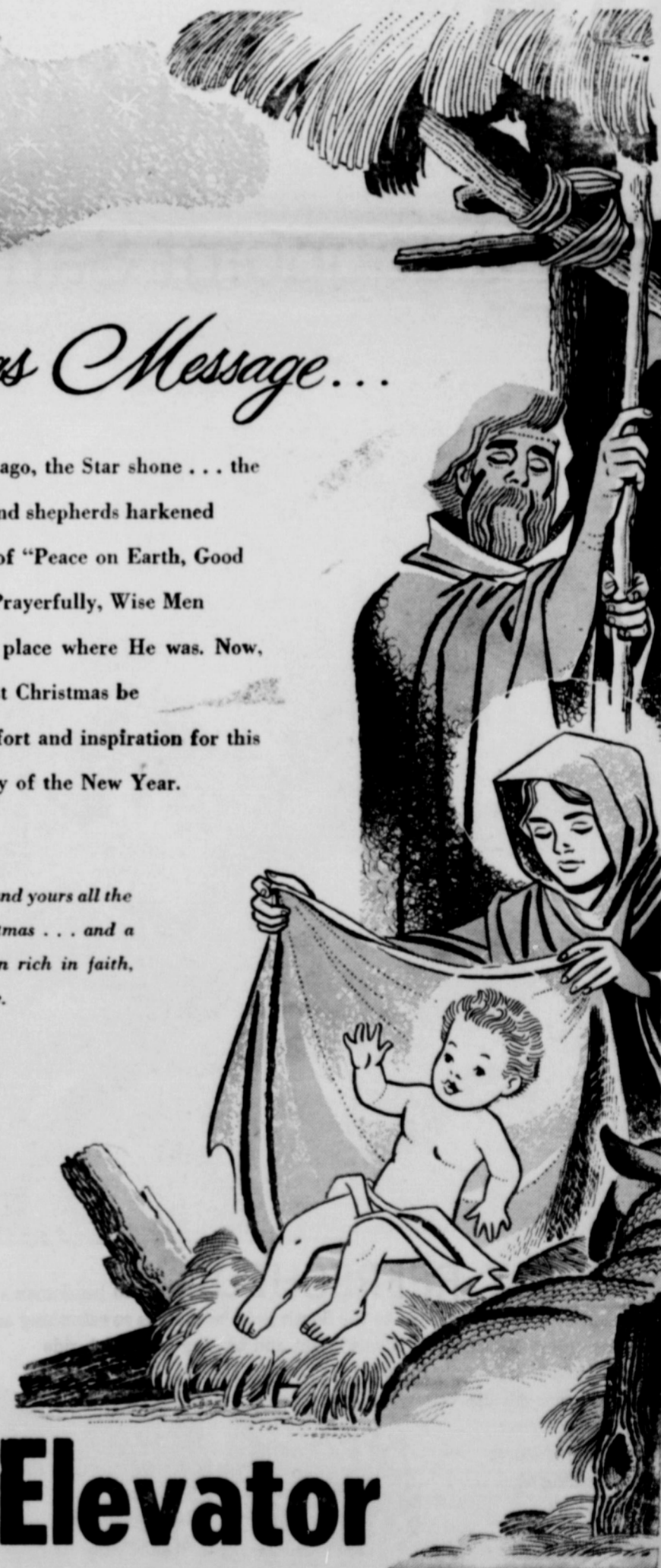
Muleshoe, Texas



a Christmas Message . . .

On that Holy Night long ago, the Star shone . . . the herald angels sang, and shepherds harkened to the blessed promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All Men." Prayerfully, Wise Men followed the Star to the place where He was. Now, may the spirit of that first Christmas be with us all, bringing comfort and inspiration for this holy season and every day of the New Year.

We wish you and yours all the joys of Christmas . . . and a holiday season rich in faith, hope and love.



Earth Elevator

HOW TO SAY Merry Christmas

As Christmas is the most universally celebrated of all world holidays, so is the expression "Merry Christmas" the most universal of all greetings. Here is an interesting game based upon this Yuletide salutation. See if you can match the greeting at left with the proper language on the right:

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|---------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. Buon Natale! | | Hawaiian |
| 2. Glad Julen! | | Japanese |
| 3. Tin Hao Nian! | | Italian |
| 4. Chrystovjua! | | Chinese |
| 5. Feliz Natal! | | Greek |
| 6. Joyeux Noel! | | Portuguese |
| 7. Kinge Shinnen! | | Swedish |
| 8. Mele Kalikimaka! | | French |
- ANSWERS: 1. Italian; 2. Swedish; 3. Chinese; 4. Greek; 5. Portuguese; 6. French; 7. Japanese; 8. Hawaiian.



Kasinger Radio and TV Repair
EARTH, TEXAS

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
For Christmas I would like a Toodles doll.
I have been a good girl. I hope I am feeling fine. I hope you are too.

Yours truly,
Gay Upchurch

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a football suit and chemical set. I have been a good boy. I hope so!

Your Christmas friend,
David Davis

Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you don't freeze your toes off till we get to sleep. I would like to have a guitar. It does not have to be a new one, but I would like, for it to be a used one so it might not cost so much. I would like very much for you to bring my little brother a little baby scooter.

Yours truly,
Garry Bills

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a three year old doll, dress up clothes, suitcase, camera, record player, and records. I hope your toes don't freeze.

Merry Christmas
Billie Kaye Kelley

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy. And I know you are fine. I would like to have a pair of chaps and a B-B gun and a watch and a hatchet with holster.

Jerry Townsend
Your truly,

Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you like your trip from house to my house and I hope you can come to my house for Christmas and give me a B-B gun for Christmas.

Yours truly,
Billy Jay Doherty

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a bow and arrow. And I would like a pair of leather gloves, and a pair of house-shoes, and I would like to have a watch.

Yours truly,
Bobby Waide

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a lot of things. I don't know which one I want most of all. So will you bring me a surprise. Anything will be alright.

I am nine years of age.
I have been a pretty good girl. I have had a few fights with my sister. We get along just fine when we finish it all out. Then we play like sisters ought to.

Love you,
Beverly Miller



If there's a traditional reason, we don't know about it, but any youngster (or grownup) who hangs his stocking from the mantle shouldn't be surprised to find an apple there come Christmas morn. This isn't because Santa raises apples during his "off" season, but it does indicate the status of the apple as the "all-American" fruit.

Apples are grown in every State of the Union. More apples—and more apple pies—are produced in the United States than in any other country. In a good year about two-thirds of a bushel is grown for every man, woman and child.

The apple's ancestry is traced to immigrants. Plant students believe the progenitor of the modern apple appeared first in southwest Asia, between the Caspian and Black Seas.

Apples do not grow true from seed and for this reason most seedling apple trees are worthless. Occasionally, however, one is found with highly desirable characteristics. Such a tree can be propagated endlessly by grafting.

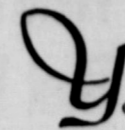
Discovery of a fine new apple is the plant world's equivalent of striking gold or oil. And, to our knowledge, no one has ever complained about finding a bright red apple in a Christmas stocking.

Christmas Holiday Was Once Forbidden

Christmas has not always been a "legal" holiday in this country. In 1659, the general court of Massachusetts Bay colony passed this resolution:

"Whoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas or the like, either by forbearing labor, feasting, or any other way, as a festival, shall be fined five shillings."

The first "legal" observance in this country is believed to have taken place in Boston in 1686 when Governor Andros conducted services in the town hall. And it was still many years later, in 1856, that the State of Massachusetts officially passed laws which permitted the observance of Christmas.



You have been a welcome customer of ours for some time and we want you to know how grateful we are for your patronage. We have every intention of maintaining the standard which has won your confidence and approval. Please believe, therefore, that our expression of "thanks" is genuine—that it comes from the heart. And it comes to you in the spirit of the season which prompts us to wish you all the Joy and Happiness that Christmas can bring.



CHRISTMAS

Greetings

THANKS FOR YOUR PATRONAGE THIS PAST YEAR . . . WE HAVE ENJOYED SERVING YOU . . .

Earth Auto Parts

EARTH, TEXAS

Don't disappoint Santa!



BE REALLY REFRESHED!

The old gentleman's had a long trip, and from the North Pole to the South Seas, nothing is so refreshing as the cold crisp taste of Coca-Cola. It's as bright and bracing as a sleigh-ride in the stars. Keep a big supply in your refrigerator all through the holidays . . . please your Santa and all his helpers who will be calling at your house.



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PLAINVIEW COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO., Plainview, Texas

WE'RE GRATEFUL

How very many happy recollections come to our mind at this season of the year. . . . May your day be as merry as your heart is light. . . .

SEASON'S

GREETINGS

May we, too, recall with sincere appreciation the important part you have played in our own business growth. For your friendship, we are truly grateful.

AT CHRISTMAS



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Redeemer Legends Common Among American Indians

Redeemer legends were common among American Indians. While some were aboriginal, others probably were greatly influenced by contacts with Europeans, especially missionaries. One of these legends was gathered by the Reverend Ephraim S. Alphonse, a Wesleyan Methodist minister who lived among the Valiente Indians for 21 years. The legend concerns the Ulikron (orphan of the Virgin) and how he traveled long ago from the far, far north. He talked to stout little men, to tall red men, to men in huts, to men in tall houses made of stone, to men who make broad roads and wear fine soft clothes and pearls and silver and gold. The Ulikron passed among them long, long ago and told the men to be good, to love good, and to do good. The Ulikron passed and talked. His eyes were soft and seeing. His eyes saw through men. His eyes saw and saw and men looked on and wept and stopped their wars. They stopped their hate. Their bows and arrows shot the deer but never man again.

The Ulikron pointed to the stars. He talked of the Crab, the Plough, the Great Bear. He talked of the God above those stars and he told men to be good and he would come again for all good men; and men began to be good. All Indians wait for the Ulikron. Such is the story of the Ulikron, which as you can see, closely parallels (and most likely is) the story of Christ.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a real pony and a doll.
Thank you for the presents.
Love,
Margarita Rodrigue

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a B-B gun and a pellet gun and a bow and arrow. And I want a desk. And I want a motor airplane. And a Army set. I want a rocket set too. And I want a watch too.
Love,
Buster Watson



Fruits, nuts, cookies and sweets delight the hearts of children everywhere at Christmas. Here, with a bow to our 50th state, is the recipe for a hot bread which should be of interest to the family cook:

Hawaiian Nut Bread
(Makes 1 loaf)

2 eggs
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup melted shortening
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup crushed canned pineapple (do not drain)

Beat eggs and sugar together; add shortening. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Add dry ingredients to first mixture and blend. Add nuts and pineapple. Stir just enough to combine. Pour batter into a greased 4x8-inch loaf pan. Bake in a moderate (350°F.) oven for one hour. Let loaf cool thoroughly before slicing.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a ballerina doll. I have helped in the house. I wish you a Merry Christmas this year. I have been getting my school work. I have been a good girl. I want a cowgirl outfit, I want some games, I want a story book.
My name is Lauren Kaye Earnest. I hope I get everything.
Your friend,
Lauren Kaye

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a train, rocket set, view master and some reels. Remember the other girls and boys.
Love,
Michael

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a piano for Christmas, a little piano and house shoes.
Love,
Kathy Anderson

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a electric train, I want a airplane, I want a motor boat, I want a desk, I want a dump truck, I want some guns, I want a parachute doll, I want a drive in set.
Thank you for the presents. I live in Earth, Texas.
Love,
Allen McDonald

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a water powered rocket like is in White's store and a B-B pellet dart gun.
Thank you.
Love,
Danny Mack Glasscock

Dear Santa Claus:
Please here is what I want, a pretty ring and a Tiny Tears doll or a Baby Susan and dishes for Christmas and house shoes.
Love,
Carla Herriage, Earth

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a B-B gun on December the 25, 1959.
Thank you for the presents.
Love,
Joseph Perry Crocker

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a electric train and a gas airplane. Thank you. I live in Earth, Texas.
Love,
Galen

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like for you to bring me a robe, a bicycle and a doll buggy.
I will leave my sock hanging for candy and nuts. I will leave a sandwich on the table for you.
Thank you.
Love,
Teresa Glasscock

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a bicycle. Thank you for the bicycle.
Love,
Reingo

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a real pony and a Tear Drop Tamy. Thank you for the present.
Love you Santa Claus.
Love,
Anita

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a diamond and

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a Tiny Tears Doll and a watch.
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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS . . .

Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the second grade. I like to go to school.
Please bring me a big doll, and some dishes. Please bring my mother a dress.
Betty Joe Thomas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the 4th grade and study hard. Please bring me 4 guns. I play every day.
O. C. Thomas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the 4th grade and study hard in school. My teacher makes me study hard. But I still like her the same.
And Santa please, bring me three cap guns.
Tim Ray Matthews

Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the third grade. I like to go to school.
Please bring me a doll and some dishes.
Please bring my mother something.
Ollie Mae Thomas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the first grade. I like to go to school. Please bring me a truck.
Billy Ray Thomas

Dear Santa:
I am in the first grade. I like to go to school.
Please bring me a pickup and some gum.
Lee Johnson, Jr.

Gift-Giving 'Must' For Big Business

Christmas business gifts amounts to really big business when it comes to executives of large companies, a survey reveals. It has been estimated that about \$2 billion a year is spent on Christmas presents alone by industries for customers, suppliers and others on whose good will businessmen depend.

And fifty per cent of the executives don't like the idea although they continue the practice because they feel they must. Typical comments concerning the practice: "Anyone who doesn't give is out in left field." And, "It's a shakedown, and we know it. But we're helpless. We're suckers if we do and saps if we don't."

Many companies believe that a no-receiving policy isn't wise or won't work and permit employees to accept gifts of limited value. They offer the rule of thumb attributed to former President Truman: "If you can eat it up, smoke it up, or drink it up in one day, it's all right."

Six out of every 10 executives in big business "flatly disapprove" of giving business Christmas gifts.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa:
I want a doll, I want shoes and 2 dresses and some Christmas candy and some apples and some oranges, some more candy and some dishes.
Opéal Lee Taylor

Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the 5th grade. I like to go to school. Please bring me a pretty doll and some dishes to go with it for Christmas.

I like my arithmetic and my spelling and my reading.
Santa I would like for you to bring me a dress and a pair of shoes.
Bobby Jewel Taylor

Dear Santa Claus:
I want three dresses and some candy. Please I want some bracelets and a car coat, please. And I want some more dresses, please. And I want some shoes and I want some more candy, and some apples and oranges and some pears. I like to go to school very much.
Daisy Mae Wilson

Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the 7th grade and study hard. I study my arithmetic and it is not so hard to work.

I like my arithmetic. It is the best book I like and my reading, too. Will you please bring my sister, Virgie Lee some dishes to play with?

I am good to my teachers.
Good - bye,
Lillie Mae Taylor

Dear Santa:
I am in the seventh grade and I am a very nice girl. Please bring me a wrist watch and a slim dress with buttons down the side, and a pair of king toed shoes. My brother Robert, wants a wrist watch and a portable radio. He is a very nice boy. I have a sweet mother and father. Please bring them something, too.
Sincerely yours,
Mamie L. Bell

Dear Santa Claus:
I have a girl in the second grade. I want a three years old baby doll. I would like an ice skate dress for the three years old baby doll please. And a pair of ice skates for the three years old baby doll please.

I help my mother wash the dishes. I clean the house.
Your friend,
Deborah Lee Atkinson

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl in the second grade. I have been pretty good. I do my school work, help at home, and I do my best most of the time.
I would like a baby doll.
Your friend,
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About Mistletoe
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Mistletoe usually grows on oaks, mostly in the top branches. The seeds are probably scattered by birds.



Season's Greetings

As shepherds watched their flocks . . .
a Star shone brightly in the hush of a
Holy Night . . . a Babe was born
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—PL—
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bock were supper guests of Mrs. D.
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dinner in the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Buford Haydon on Friday,
December 18, were Mr. and Mrs.
Furche Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Neil
Webb, and Mr. and Mrs. John
Moore of Dimmitt.

—PL—
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rudd and
children of Muleshoe, and Mr. and
Mrs. Russell Weems and girls of
Clovis enjoyed a delicious pre-
Christmas dinner Sunday in the
home of their mother, Mrs. Ada
Rudd.

**For Holiday
Entertaining**
By Betty Barclay

EXCELLENT for that holiday
party Choco-Mint Supreme
... a delectable dessert—made
with lime flavored gelatin
and chocolate pudding. Eleg-
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ing is necessary, because
it is made with instant
pudding.

Choco-Mint Supreme
1 package lime flavored gela-
tin; 1 cup hot water; 1/2 cup cold
water; 2 tablespoons creme de
menthe or mint flavoring to
taste; 1 package Jell-O Chocolate
Instant Pudding; 1 1/4 cups light
cream; 1/4 cup creme de cacao;
1/2 cup whipping cream.
Dissolve gelatin in hot water.
Add cold water and creme de
menthe, stirring to blend. Half-
fill parfait glasses with gelatin.
Fill glasses in refrigerator by
catching base between bars of
refrigerator rack and leaning
tops of glasses against wall.
Chill until firm.
Shortly before serving, com-
bine instant pudding mix, light
cream, and creme de cacao. Beat
slowly with egg beater just until
well mixed, about 1 minute.
Whip cream. Spoon about 2
tablespoons over firm gelatin.
Then fill parfait glasses with
pudding and top with additional
whipped cream, if desired. Makes
6 to 8 parfaits.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Griffin entor-
tained with a pre-Christmas dinner
Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Larry
Griffin, Mrs. Dene Woodring and
Dickie, and Mr. and Mrs. W. F.
Williamson, Glenda and Ronnie.

—PL—
J. W. Green and daughter Susan,
of Washington, D. C. have arrived
to spend the holidays with his
sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mar-
shall Kelley.

—PL—
Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Angeley and
girls left Wednesday for San Di-
ego, Calif. to spend the holidays
with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Butler and also her sister
and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mert
Fleming.

—PL—
Mr. and Mrs. George Heard and
children of Dimmitt spent from
Tuesday through Saturday with
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C.
Blackwell. Due to the severe weath-
er conditions last week the
Heards were out of both electric-
ity and water.

Party Line...

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Blackwell,
John and Donna spent Sunday
in Whitharrell with their daughter
and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rafe
Rogers.

—PL—
Mrs. Gene Brown, Kathie and
Dickie, Mrs. H. A. Carraway, Jr.,
Laura, Trey and Andy, Mrs. Earl
Jordan and Royce Earl were in
Plainview, Friday.

—PL—
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Brown and
children, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Car-
raway, Jr., and children visited
with the Bob Armstrongs Sunday.
—PL—
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wester and
boys of Floydada were visitors in
the Crill Falls home Sunday. They
also attended the Cantata at the
Methodist Church Sunday night.

Party Line...

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Miles and
Mrs. Martha Pertuisot of Coulter-
ville, Ill. have arrived to spend the
Christmas holidays with their
daughter and granddaughter, Mr.
and Mrs. Dutch Been and family.

—PL—
Mr. and Mrs. Phifer, Tandi, and
Peri, of Tahoka spent the week-
end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
R. H. Belev.

—PL—
Mr. and Mrs. Carlis Bills and
children, and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin
Ott attended funeral services in
Chillicothe Saturday morning for
Truman Hite.
—PL—
Gene Brown, J. B. James and
Fred Smith were in San Angelo
and Austin over the weekend to
see the football games.

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of all the good things in life.
May the season find you rich in the
blessings of Happiness, Peace and
Health. The season's best to all.

Thanks for your patronage in the
past year . . . We have truly enjoy-
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Santa Claus Letters To

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy in the first grade. Please bring me some candy, nuts, and fruit. Also bring me a ball, football suit, car, and skates. Thank you.
Love,
Danny Boone

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl in the first grade. Please bring me some candy, nuts, and fruit. Also bring me a doll buggy and Tiny Tears doll. Also Baby Doll dolls.
Love,
LaTina Morphis

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a bicycle for ride, and I want a toy horse and I want to play with suit Zorro. I help the man to clean the car.
Dear Santa I like you to bring to me toy
Your friend,
Max Cortez

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a SMM movie projector chair, and learn to draw set. Fonda wants a table and chair and a doll.
Thank you Santa Claus for the presents.
Love,
Jimmy Craig

Carols Traditional On Beacon Hill

Every Christmas Eve the lights of Boston's Beacon Hill shine more brightly as happy carolers sing out their Yuletide greetings. The custom of Beacon Hill carols was originated by Frederick W. Briggs, in 1895, after spending a merry and musical evening in an English town. In recent years some 150,000 Christmas celebrators have joined the wandering minstrels in celebrating Joyous Yuletide on the Hill.

From the brilliantly illuminated State House to Charles Street, from aristocratic Beacon Street right over the Hill into the slum districts, old houses beam holiday tidings. Carolers stream up and down the Hill, past mansion fronts which are gaily illuminated with vari-colored lights. At Louisburg Square, guests toast each other with eggnog and the evening rings with the sounds of good fellowship and the echo of happy Yuletide greetings.

CHRISTMAS HOME-COMING

BY WILLIAM L. ROPER

JAKE YANCY took no part in the holiday merriment on the train. His ears, long accustomed to prison silence, resented the gay chatter of the youngsters going home for Christmas. Even their gaily annoyed him. For his plans were of a different kind.

As the train chugged up the long, curving grade toward Loganville, he stared unseeing at the snow-laden pine trees glistening in the late afternoon sun. His mind was on what he planned to do that night—something that he had been thinking about for a long time. Almost unconsciously, he touched the handle of the small automatic in his overcoat pocket. His lips tightened into a hard line and he half-closed his eyes. It would not be long now.

Often during his ten years in prison, it had seemed a long way off. But now here he was within a few miles of Loganville and Big Ben Patterson.

He could see Big Ben as he looked that day there in the courtroom, testifying for the State.

"It was him—Jake Yancy," Big Ben had said. "I recognized him by his brown overcoat and hat when he ran out of the bank."



He came to Big Ben's place and his heart beat faster.

Ben had married Milly soon afterwards might indicate that it was deliberate.

It was getting dark when the train ground to a stop at the old weather-beaten Loganville station. Jake waited for the youngsters, home for the Christmas holidays, to get off first. Then as he came down the steps, he glanced quickly around, looking for Big Ben.

The marshal used to meet all trains. Tonight his face was missing. After a drink of coffee at the restaurant next to the station, Jake strode past the Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn. A group of children were singing Christmas carols.

"Silent night, Holy night!" The voices reminded him of other Christmas Eves when he was a little boy.

Memories
Somehow these memory flashes of other Christmas Eves kept haunting him as he walked out the tree-lined street to Big Ben's home. He recalled the sleigh bells and the parties. And several times, he paused, trying to shake off the Christmas spirit that seemed to have come over him.

Finally he came to Big Ben's place. His heart beat a trifle faster. Jake rapped softly on the door. He heard quick footsteps inside. Then the door opened. There in the lamp-light stood Milly, an expression of pleased surprise on her face.

"Why Jake!" she exclaimed. "It was so good of you to come. Please come in."
With a puzzled frown, he followed her into the living room. Milly, he noted, appeared worn and tired. Yet she was still beautiful.

"Where's Big Ben?" he said. "Oh," she said, putting a hand to her forehead. "Then you don't know. Big Ben passed away last Sunday . . . drank himself to death."
"Drank himself to death?" Jake said. "Why, I never knew he touched liquor."

"It was the news that you were innocent, Jake." She spoke softly. "He started drinking the day the news came that another man confessed the bank robbery. He felt terribly remorseful for his mistake."

"Mistake?" Jake said. "Yes, Jake, you don't think he deliberately framed you, do you?"
Jake shook his head. "Of course not, Milly. Besides what's done is done. And this is Christmas." He smiled and walked out into the cool, crisp evening.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a gun.
Love,
Alfonzo Delgado

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a pretty good girl and have done the dishes most of the summer. I am a girl in the second grade. I am 7 years old. For Christmas I would like a Dew Drop doll and a bicycle, a jewel box and a watch. Thank you.
Love,
De Anne Brock

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy in the second grade. I have been pretty good. I do my schoolwork, help at home, and I do my best most of the time. I would like an electric train.
Your friend,
Danny Parish

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy in the second grade. I have been pretty good. I do my schoolwork, help at home, and I do my best most of the time. I want an erector set and I want a pair of guns and I want a pair of skates.
Love Santa from Michael

Dear Santa Claus:
I am 7 years old now. My name is Judy Jaquess. I want a big baby doll. I am in the second grade. I want a 3 wheel bicycle. I want you to have a good Christmas. Thank you.
Love,
Judy Jaquess

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl in the first grade. Please bring me some candy, nuts and fruit. Also bring me a toodle doll and bassinet. Thank you.
Love,
Kathy Bibby

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl in the first grade. Please bring me some candy, nuts and fruit. Also bring me a ball, jump rope and doll. Thank you.
Love,
Maria Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl in the first grade. Please bring me some candy, nuts and fruit. Also bring me a jumping rope. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Connie Kelley

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy in the second grade. I have been pretty good. I do my school work, help at home, I do my best most of the time. I would like a Army set.
Your friend,
Johnny A.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll.
Love,
Maria Lopez

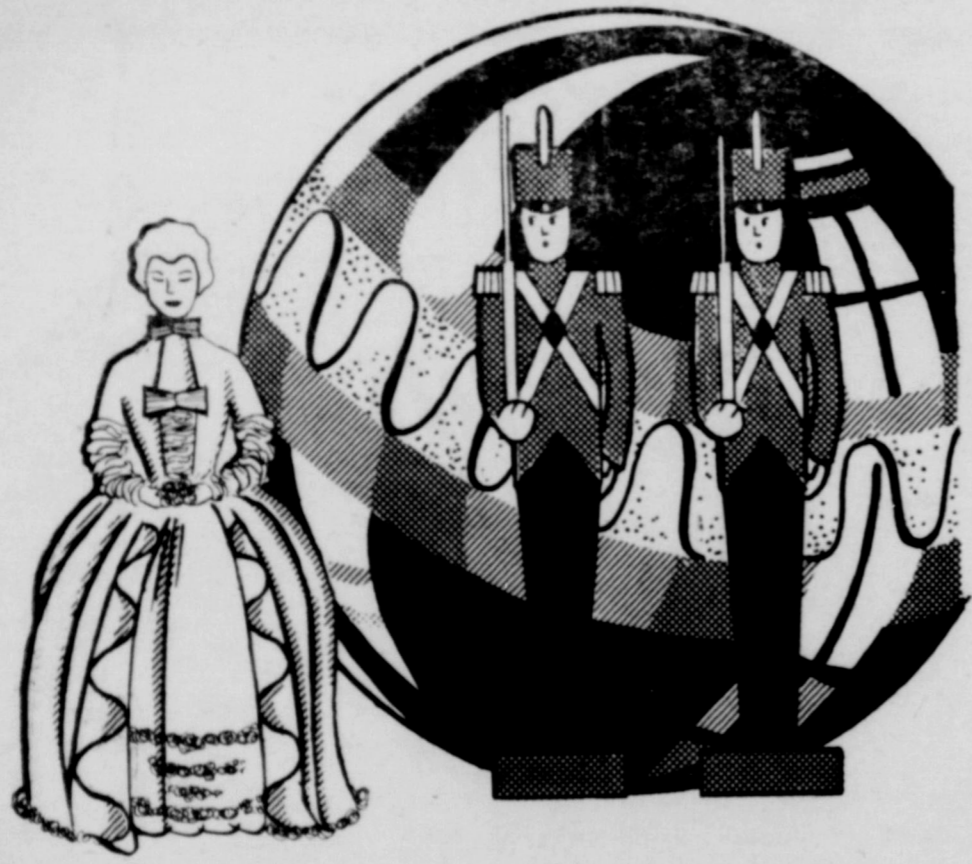
Greetings



May your holiday season be bright with good cheer and light with good fellowship. May the happiness of the holidays be with you always...

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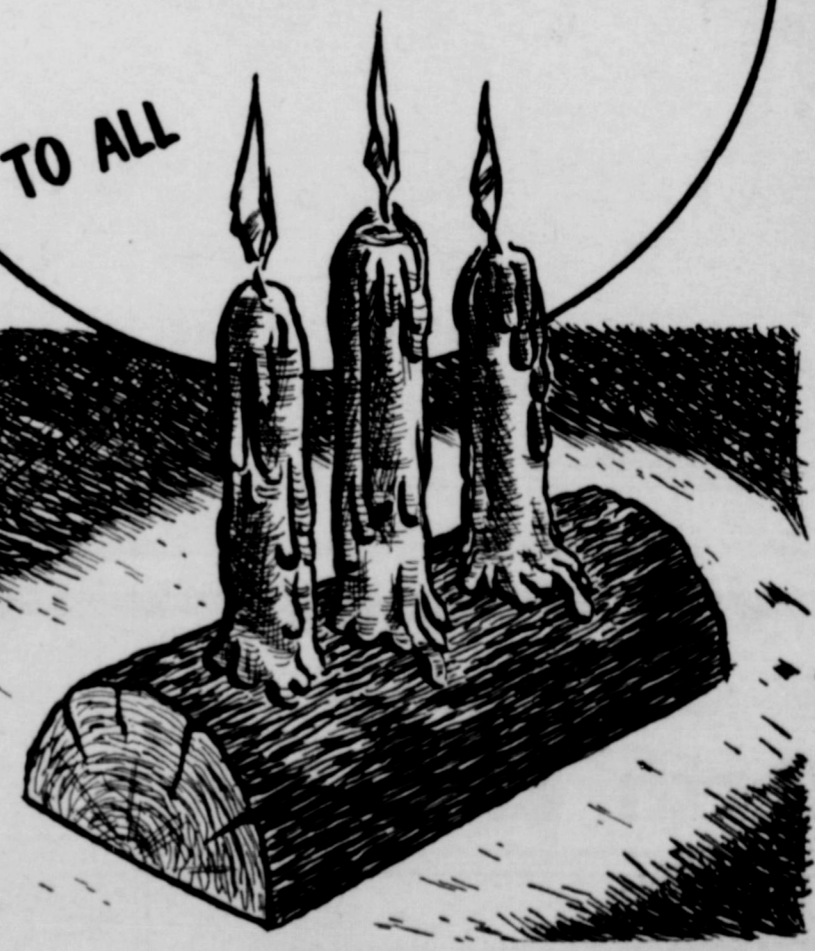
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