

WEDNESDAY—
0 p. m. Teacher's meeting.
5 p. m. Prayer meeting.
5 p. m. Choir rehearsal.

METHODIST CHURCH
E. L. YEATS, Pastor.
Sunday school 10-11.
Morning worship 11-12.
Youth Fellowship 7-8.
Evening worship 8-9.

Methodist News
The approach of the
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DR SALE—205 acres
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ms. Paul Thompson,
Clarendon.

DR SALE—Dining room
s. H. M. Guest, 421
Street.

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tomobiles. W. H. Smith,
Memphis, Texas.

DR SALE—1941 Ford
actory equipment, good
on Phillips, Estelline.

DR SALE—Minor
allets. W. H. Moore,
ile southwest of town.

DR SALE—Ford truck
fuel, 7 miles west of
town.

Home Paper

The Voice of
the Red River Valley

The Memphis Democrat

Hall County Herald, Established May 3, 1890, Absorbed by Purchase August, 1928

Buy Victory Bonds

Buy in Hall County
So Credit Can Be Given

LIV *** NEA SERVICE *** MEMPHIS, HALL COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 23, 1943 *** FIVE CENTS *** NUMBER 28



The picture is a field of Delta 14 Variety cotton planted following alfalfa by John Russell of Estelline, who is secretary of the Cotton Planting Seed Association in which \$7,500 was received this year. He is also secretary of the Estelline One Variety Cotton Improvement Association. This field shows Delta cotton seed planted on the contour which produced 100 pounds of lint per acre. Noted in the picture are 32 negro pickers. The two men pictured with Mr. Russell are Clifton and County Agent W. B. Hooser.

MATE BENGY ESTES WAS IN TARAWA, NOW IN HAWAII

Christmas present came in the mail Tuesday for Mate Bengy Estes, who when he received a letter from his son, Bengy Estelle, Mate 1-C, who is in Tarawa and is now in Hawaii.



North Pole

Dear Kiddies:
Guess that you saw part of your letters in last week's paper. Those of you whose letters were not in that paper are in this week's. Thank you for writing me such nice letters and I promise to do my very best to bring you what you want.

The editor of the Democrat tells me that the first letter he received this year was from Norma Lou Thompson. The second one was from Bobby Joe Hawkins and the third from Richard Storts. Carole Jean Delaney, who has written the first letter to me the past two years, has moved to Lubbock and sent her letter to me this year in care of the Democrat, special delivery.

Well, kiddies, after I visit you Christmas Eve, you be good all this year because I'll be back next Christmas, and perhaps next year, all your brothers, daddies, uncles and other relatives who are in the armed forces will be home and it will be a truly Merry Christmas.

Santa Claus

Estelline F. F. A. Meets Tuesday Eve

The Estelline chapter of F. F. A. met Tuesday evening, December 14, and elected these honorary members: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sloan, Mr. Clifton, Mr. Leary, Mr. Eddleman and Mr. Hutchins. Two sweethearts, Norma Jean Bell and Billie Jean Price, were also elected at this meeting.

Plans were made for a boxing tournament and for a Father and Son banquet. Mrs. Sloan served refreshments to 25 active members, four associate members, three honorary members, one parent and the advisor.

Corp. Jett R. Fore Been On Tarawa

Corp. Jett R. Fore, Jr., USMC, was among those wounded at Tarawa, according to information received this week by his aunt, Mrs. Cicero Milam and Mrs. D. L. C. Kinard. Corp. Fore's mother, of Los Angeles, Calif., wrote that she had received no details but that he is in a hospital in Hawaii.

The Fores lived here until a few years ago when they moved to Los Angeles.

General Services For Mrs. Skelton Held in Turkey

Resident of Hall County For Twenty Years Dies Last Wednesday

Mrs. W. A. Skelton, 56, passed away at her home in Turkey last Wednesday afternoon, December 15. Funeral services were held Thursday at the Church of Christ in Turkey conducted by F. A. Johnson, minister.

Cynthia Sanders was born in Detroit, June 20, 1887. She was married to W. A. Skelton June 19, 1902 in Detroit and moved to Hall County in 1924, where she has resided since. She united with the Church of Christ at the age of 15.

She is survived by her husband, W. A. Skelton, four children, David Skelton of Arizona, Dick Skelton, Paul Skelton and Mrs. Marie Hulse of Turkey, her mother, Mrs. Sanders of Turkey, three grandchildren, and these three sisters, Ms. Mary Skelton of Detroit, Mrs. Mildred Guest and Mrs. Ruby Glover of Turkey.

Information On Legion Program Released Here

Jim Vallance, Post Service Officer, Gives Rehabilitation Program

Jim Vallance, post service officer of Chas. R. Simmons Post, American Legion, released information this week in reference to the American Legion Rehabilitation program. He said that due to the fact that so many disabled men of World War I have already died and that employment is easier for disabled men to obtain under war conditions, nine-tenths of the Legion's problem with the disabled was now directed to World War 2 veterans. This falls into several different classes; the work with those going into the service and now in the service, the work with families of men away in service, and helping those who have returned from the service with disabilities.

Emergency Crop Loans for 1944 Now Available

Application for County Loans Are Being Taken At County Judge's Office

Emergency crop loans, known generally as "seed loans," are now available to farmers for the production of vitally important food crops and normal crops for 1944, according to announcement of W. E. Farwell, manager of the Dallas Emergency Crop Loan office of the Farm Credit Administration.

Illnesses Keeping People From Work

Flu, pneumonia and other illnesses are keeping a lot of Memphians away from their work. Many people are almost sick with colds and according to doctors, should be in bed; however, since this is one of the busiest seasons of the year and an acute shortage of help anyway, people feel that they must continue working.

GINNING REPORTS

Census report shows that 22,341 bales of cotton were ginned in Hall County from the crop of 1943 prior to December 1, as compared with 43,000 bales for the crop of 1942, it was announced today by C. Lee Rushing, special agent for the department of commerce.

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Judge M. O. Goodpasture is improving this morning. He became ill December 10 and was taken to a local hospital December 13, where he has been treated for pneumonia. He was removed to his home last Friday and is resting well, now at his home.

ATTEND DISTRICT PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Thompson attended a district Christmas party of the United Gas Corporation at Wichita Falls Saturday given by R. W. Lindsey, district manager.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY—

December 21—W. J. Bragg, Murray Dial of Lampasas, Corp. Orth Kelley, Isle of Sardinia.
December 22—Mrs. R. H. Wherry, G. H. Hattenbach, Tommye Noel.
December 23—Edna Dewlin.
December 24—A. O. Phillips.
December 25—L. V. Crow, Newlin, Mrs. S. P. Wells,
December 26—Herbert Oliver Williams.

CONGRATULATIONS—

December 21—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Richards, wedding anniversary, married in 1913. Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Offield, married 59 years.
December 22—Mr. and Mrs. Grover Roden, wedding anniversary, L. J. G. and Mrs. Foster Watson, wedding anniversary. Lt. Watkins is at home on a leave after serving in the Aleutians for over a year.
December 23—Wedding anniversary: Mr. and Mrs. Parks Bufkin, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, (Continued on back page)

Texas 4-H Safety Champ Wins National Honors



An exceptional record of farm safety achievements has brought high honors to James Neal Hutchins, 19, of Estelline, Texas. Named state entrant in the 1943 4-H farm safety activity, the boy added to his laurels by winning national honors. He received an all-expense trip to the recent National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, and a \$200 War Bond, provided by the Mennen Company. . . . Five years in club work, his safety work includes destroying weeds and grass close to buildings so there would be a fire lane, made repairs to eliminate shorts in electrical circuits, picked up broken glass, nails, tacks and wire in the yard, and put matches out of reach of small children. He also fixed broken or poorly repaired farm machinery, stored gasoline in safe place, mended broken steps, and always stopped tractor motor before removing the belt.

CANNED GOODS ARE SENT TO SCOTTISH RITE

About 200 Cans Of Food Sent By Hall Countians

Approximately 200 cans of food were shipped recently to the Texas Scottish Rite hospital for crippled children in Dallas by Max King, Potentate's Aid of Khiva Temple for Hall County. These canned goods were donated by people in the county and any and all kinds of food were included.

CLAUDE'S COMMENTS

By J. C. W.
Sincerely,
Jane Sloan,
AA's Supt."

Roving Reporter Returns

Harbor into the open sea and said farewell to civilization; little did we know how beautiful the Golden Gate bridge would look 17 months later.

After several days of traveling we passed the Equator and then the international date line. A few days more and land was sighted, upon close inspection we found that it was a beautiful green island known as American Samoa, where the town of Pago Pago is located.

We unloaded our supplies and started putting our men and living quarters in order. After the eighth day we got orders to board another ship and leave Samoa. We had grown to like the Samoan islands pretty well and were disappointed in not staying.

In just a few days travel we landed on another island known as the New Hebrides group and on the largest island of the group which is Esperito Santo. This was on August 11, only three days after the Marines landed for the first time on Guadalcanal.



The first few weeks we didn't have a lot of food to eat as our mess hall was not fixed and there was not a way of preparing food. We ate "hard tack" and spam until it didn't taste good. Since our job is the construction of bases in the South Pacific and all over the world, then that is what we did. There was nothing on this island at that time but coconut trees and jungle. We built roads, air fields, docks, hospitals, warehouses, etc. Our work was hard at first be-

cause we were rushed for time getting things set up to push the attack on Guadalcanal.

The 7th Battalion was not lucky enough to be engaged in combat with the Japs but our work was a great help in beating the Japs in Guadalcanal. That is not just my opinion, "Ask the Marines."

While we were working 10 to 12 hours every day in the hot sun and tropical rains we thought mostly of what was going on back in the good old U. S. A. It was several weeks before we received much news from home. When we did, it was very, very welcome.

By this time, the Marines were having a very tough battle on the Canal. We received the wounded and crippled and put them in hospitals. On our days off we would go visit them and listen to their stories of great battles fought with plenty of good old American guts. It was a terrible sight to see young boys of 18 and 19 years of age, with eyes out, legs and arms blown off, lying there thinking of home and all it means to each of us.

They realized what it was being used for. In the Seabees there are fellows with children in this war and they were in the last one. Those men didn't have to join any branch of the service but they went out there and worked hard for little pay and not much glory.

On the 17th of November, 1943, we got orders to pack up and leave the island, little did we realize that we were headed home until the ship was underway and the skipper said, "homeward bound."

One of the most beautiful sights in the world is the Golden Gate Bridge to a service man coming under the bridge headed for a leave and rest.

When you see a south sea island picture in the movies of the beautiful women, don't believe it, that's how Hollywood sees them!

Now that I am back in the beautiful state of Texas where I can look out and see daylight and not jungle, I am most convinced that it was all worth while. In my opinion the Seabees are the best organized, hardest working outfit in the service of our country. They have been known to fight also.

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Shower Given Tuesday in Byars Home Honors Mrs. Earl Osborn, Recent Bride

A bridal shower, honoring Mrs. Earl Osborn, was given Tuesday, December 7 in the home of Mrs. V. G. Byars.

The gifts for the bride were presented to her mother, Mrs. T. Robertson, as Mrs. Osborn was unable to attend.

Mrs. Osborn was the former Miss Ila Roberts of Lakeview. She is a graduate of Lakeview high school with the class of 1943. Corporal Osborn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Duke Osborn of Wellington. They are making their home in Dalhart where he is stationed.

The guests were served refreshments of cookies, candy and cocoa, with little favors of Christmas trees, matching the larger tree where the bride's gifts were placed.

Hostesses were Mrs. Tom Scoggins, Mrs. V. G. Byars, Mrs. J. N. Byars and Mrs. Doyle L. Miller.

Those attending were Mrs. J.



MRS. EARL OSBORN

W. Bradshaw, Mrs. J. N. Byars, Mrs. C. W. Avery, Mrs. W. R.

Society

Robertson, Mrs. T. R. Robertson, Mrs. Duke Osborn, Mrs. Tom Scoggins, Miss Winifred Hendrix, Mrs. Sam Hendrix, Mrs. Houston Neal, Mrs. M. V. Griggs, Mrs. W. E. Emmons, Mrs. W. D. Wright and Mrs. Doyle Miller.

Those sending gifts were Mrs. Buster Emmons, Mrs. Dudley Adams, Mrs. M. M. Kennard, Mrs. M. D. Kennard, Mrs. Kirby Hagin, Mrs. T. H. Ashcraft, Mrs. Bryan Adams, Mrs. Dewey Hendrix, Mrs. Hettie Brown, Mrs. E. S. Byars, Durel, Potts, and Junior Robertson, Mt. and Mrs. Paul Buchanan and Miss Mozel Wolf.

Christmas Social Is Wednesday Evening In Home of Mrs. Howe

The 1913 Study club had their annual Christmas dinner and tree Wednesday evening, December 15, at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Ralph Howe with Mrs. L. W. Stanford and Mrs. Byron Baldwin as co-hostesses.

The house was decorated with Christmas decorations. Cedar was used in decorating the mantle and the individual tables were centered with candles and fresh holly.

The program followed the dinner with roll call answered with something original.

Mrs. T. M. Harrison read a Christmas poem and "The Four Gospels" were discussed by Mrs. Norma Hunt.

Gifts were exchanged from the decorated Christmas tree.

The following members were present: Mesdames Byron Baldwin, Ted Dudley, T. J. Dunbar, Frank Finch, Roy R. Fultz, R. S. Greene, T. M. Harrison, Ralph Howe, Norma Hunt, R. C. Lemons, L. B. Merrell, Juanita Montgomery, L. W. Stanford, Horace Tarver, M. G. Tarver, R. C. Walker and Jessie Jones.

Mrs. W. C. Dickey Hostess Wednesday For Atalantean Club

The Atalantean club met in the home of Mrs. W. C. Dickey for the annual Christmas meeting Wednesday evening, December 15, with the social committee as co-hostesses.

The Yuletide spirit was carried out with Christmas arrangements and decorations, climaxed with the glowing Christmas tree.

Christmas music was by Mrs. Robert Devin. The club sang "Silent Night," "Christmas in Madrid, N. M." was given by Mrs. Myrtis Phelan. Mrs. Robert Devin gave "Mother Nature's Christmas Gifts." Mrs. H. B. Ester gave "Bells for Remembrance."

As Mrs. Troy Broome gave a poem on "Giving," each member made a cash donation for the Red Cross, with a wish for peace and joy in the world. The club is co-operating in the baking for the U. S. O. Christmas party in Childress.

Before the program, a Christmas supper was served to the following visitors and members: Mesdames L. M. Hicks, J. D. Brouder, W. B. Hooser, C. W. Broome, Troy Broome, W. C. Dickey, Robert Devin, C. W. Kinlow, H. B. Estes, N. H. Hightower, E. E. Johnson, D. J. Morgensen, J. H. Morris, D. A. Neeley, J. A. Odom, Myrtis Phelan, Bob Roberts, C. R. Webster, J. A. Whaley and W. Wilson.

Mrs. Earl Mitchell Is Honored With Bridal Shower Thursday at Lesley

A bridal shower honoring Mrs. Earl Mitchell, formerly Miss Elsie Cutrell, was given Thursday night, December 9, at the Lesley school auditorium.

After playing several games of 42, a program was given under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Adams. Wayne Dudley Adams sang an original composition to the tune of "Pistol Packin' Mama." Mrs. Clifton Burnett, Mrs. James Smith, Mrs. J. B. Adams and Mrs. Dudley Adams sang "I Love You Truly."

Mrs. Doyle Miller played the wedding march as Clifton Burnett and Dudley Adams, dressed as bride and groom, entered. The "Bride" presented a bouquet of farm products to Mrs. Mitchell. Following the skit the bride opened her gifts.

Mrs. Mitchell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cutrell of Memphis. She graduated from Honey Grove high school in 1941.

Hostesses were Mrs. M. M. Kennard, Mrs. Lee Skinner, Mrs. James Smith, Mrs. Clifton Burnett, Mrs. Zack Salmon, Mrs. Joyce Neal, Mrs. Dudley Adams, Mrs. Kirby Hagin, Mrs. Ted Montgomery, Mrs. W. F. Adams and Mrs. J. B. Adams.

Refreshments of doughnuts and coffee were served to Mesdames B. H. Hayes, Peggy Clinton, Cleon Burleson, Jackie Ranson, June King, Inez Aspreng Ellis Veteto, Memphis, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCanne, Berdie Jones, Miss Mozel Wolf, O. L. Favors, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Del Wells of Lakeview.

Those sending gifts were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gatlin, and Mrs. Qulla Clark of Amarillo, Mesdames Dewie Hendrix, Leon Fowler, Curtis Cherry, G. D. Hillis, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ashcraft, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Rampey, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fowler, Mrs. C. A. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Byars, A. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Byars, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Bradshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cherry, and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fowler.

Christmas Dinner Is Given Friday Night In Thompson Home

The home of Mrs. Billy Thompson was the scene of a buffet dinner and Christmas tree Friday evening of last week.

Favors were in the form of Christmas stockings forming the Yuletide center piece for the table. Following the dinner gifts were exchanged from the decorated Christmas tree.

Those present were Mesdames Billy Thompson, I. L. Helm, Jay Bruce, Lester Campbell, Homer Tucker, and Misses Tommye Noel and Dortha Fultz and Mesdames Charles Weisenburg of Tulla and Nelson Combest of Amarillo and Misses Genevieve Prater and June Power of Childress.

Ted Austin of Abilene Christian College, Abilene, is home for the Christmas holidays.



MRS. EARL MITCHELL

Mrs. T. M. Potts Hostess Friday for Blue Bonnet Party

The Blue Bonnet Needle club met Friday night in the home of Mrs. Tomie M. Potts for its annual Christmas party and dinner. The dinner was served from the table that was centered with white tapers in a reflector. Other suggestions of the Christmas season decorated the other portions of the living room.

After gifts were exchanged from a decorated tree, bingo was played by those present.

Attending were Essie Cullin Ethel Gregory, Gussie Jones Ethel Rogers, Fern Boone, Kathryn Morgensen, Blanche Hooser Bettye Goodall, Frankye Fultz Margaret Phillips, Mable Meacham, Susie Coleman, Gladys Gilmore and Minnie Lou Potts.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Davis and son Rodney of Paducah came Wednesday of last week and visited until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gardner.

Sunday School Class Has Meeting In Home Of Mrs. Lee Thornton

The T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church met Thursday evening of last week for its annual Christmas tree and program in the home of Mrs. Lee Thornton. Mrs. A. M. Wyatt and Mrs. Dick Watson and Mrs. J. W. Fitzjarrald were co-hostesses.

Mrs. Lee Thornton presided. The class song was sung, Mrs. John Barber brought the devotional from Luke 2:1-15, and followed with a prayer.

Miss Laura Zeal Hightower told a Christmas story, "Christmas in War-Torn China." Billie Jean Stroehle read "Christmas Bells." Christmas carols were sung and gifts were exchanged from the tree.

The hostesses served mince pie, toasted nuts, mints and coffee to Mrs. W. R. Durham, Mrs. R. H. Wherry, Mrs. Ollie Tribble, Mrs. D. A. Grundy, Mrs. John Barber, Mrs. W. E. Hill, Mrs. Chas. Oren, Mrs. Chas. Drake, Mrs. W. H. Moreman, Mrs. G. H. Hattenbach, Mrs. W. Wilson, Mrs. Alla Boswell, Mrs. A. Baldwin, Mrs. Joe Weathersbee, Mrs. T. J. Pyle, Mrs. R. C. Walker, Mrs. E. T. Prater, Mrs. Sam Harrison, Mrs. John Stroehle of Denver, Colo., Mrs. Lee Thornton, Mrs. J. W. Fitzjarrald, Billie Jean

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUSE

Dear Santa: I am a girl of 11. I hope you will find me. I want a doll or doll clothes, a finger painting set. I will do, I don't expect because of the war. Don't anyone even in this time. Don't forget the fruit and candy. We will be in tie's so don't come to see this year, come there. See you this Christmas. Your friend, Cleve

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy in the second grade. Will you please bring me a ball, jeep, P-38, a tank nuts and candy. And else you may have for size. Please remember my dog, Queen. Your friend, Stroehle and Laura

We do not want you to wait until Christmas morn to accept our Christmas Greetings. You'll probably be so busy unwrapping packages that you might overlook our little message.

Please Open **BEFORE** Christmas

We just want to wish you a joyous Christmas. May your every wish come true, and may you have the opportunity to forget the disappointments of the past and supplement them with the bright hope of the future.

Alexander & Ross

THIS CHRISTMAS

HELP TO RESTORE PEACE ON EARTH—

Give War Bonds!

THIS year our memories of other happier Christmases are more vivid than ever. The stockings, the trees, the carols, the family reunions—memories of all of these make us yearn more strongly than ever for the safe return of our husbands, brothers, sons and daughters who are far from home.

So the foremost hope of all of us is that peace shall once more return to this earth—and soon.

You can help to speed the day of victory and peace by giving War Bonds and Stamps this Christmas.

Every War Bond, every Stamp, you buy and give helps mould more bullets—load more shells—launch more ships—lift more planes into the skies!

Every War Bond, every Stamp, you buy and give will help to dictate the terms of the Armistice—and write a peace that will endure.

So give U. S. War Bonds and Stamps to everyone on your Christmas list. Give and give generously!

Remember—every War Bond and Stamp is more than a present for the one who receives it. It's a gift of peace and happiness and safety for some soldier or sailor besides!

LIFE-LIBERTY-AND

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

THE AMERICAN WAY

WITH THE PLEASANT FEELING THAT COMES WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF MANY NEW CUSTOMERS AND THE CONTINUED PATRONAGE OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN WITH US FOR MANY YEARS, WE WARMLY WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

RAGSDALE ELECTRIC

At least one time in the year we can be happy. The contentment and enjoyment of abundant life is greatly in evidence at this one season of the year—Christmas. On this great significant occasion we need to lean toward those things for which Christmas stands.

We need the spiritual help that comes from associations and thoughtfulness of loved ones and friends. It tends to offer encouragement to us after the experiences of the year filled with unsettled conditions, with sacrifices, and in many cases—unhappiness.

Let us remember those things for which Christmas stands, obtaining from these remembrances the confidence that will enable us to meet the problems of the future with heads unbowed.

May we wish you a happy season for this and many more years to come.

Merry Christmas

Memphis Compress Co

M. C. ALLEN, Manager

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Santa: I am a girl of 11. I have a doll for Christmas. I would like to have a rocking chair and a little toy or two that I can pull. Thanks a lot, Santa. Your little friend, Cleve...

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NEWS

County Men in the Armed Forces



Following letter was to Glynn Thompson his son, Pfc. Leon Thompson, who is with the U. S. Army somewhere in Eng-

December 3, 1943 As usual somewhere in and. how is the family, and all what I guess it is really now isn't it? Have you any snow yet? I wish I could see about the weather but I just forget about it. I have all a white Christmas. I would like to be sick this Christmas, but we can't have what we want. Well, I have finally learned the English money. It really isn't anything to know when once you get on to it. But lots of the boys are really jewed out of plenty of

money before they get on to it. Everything is done right backwards over here and you follow suit and you have the English all in one sentence. They think they are a long way ahead of times, but, boy, are they dumb. There are lots of them that don't like us, but after all we didn't ask them to fight their war for us anyway. But on the other hand there are lots of them that are nice. Boy there is one thing about it, you really know there is a war going on here among the civilians. They are rationed and rerationed down the slot to nothing. Most of the English soldiers don't like us because the American soldiers are taking away their women. All the towns the women practically run the joints. Have any of you heard from Dayle? I guess he is still in the State. But I hope he comes over to England when he comes to going across.

Well, I'll close for this time, so write every chance and I will do the same. Love to all, LEO.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wells have received this letter from their son, Pfc. John Paul Wells, who is in Italy.

Dear Dad and Mom: As I have a few minutes to spare I will drop you a few lines. I am feeling fine. If you are in as good health as I am, we are doing all right. The weather is a little bad at times as I guess you

know by the news, but if things keep going our way maybe we will get this thing over before long and then we can come home and take up where we left off.

Today, I have been a soldier for two years and one day and have been overseas for over 14 months. Seems like quite a while but guess I haven't any kick coming for the luck has sure been with me so we will just hope it keeps up.

Well, tell all the gang hello and have a good time through the holidays. Love, PAUL.

Corp. Frank Martin visited here last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Martin. He has been stationed at Washington State College. He is now stationed at Mashburn General Hospital, McKinney, assigned to the dental clinic.

Pvt. Harold F. Burke has arrived at the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, Fort Sill, Okla., where he will receive his 17 weeks of basic training.

Corp. J. T. Townsend is spending Christmas with his wife and family. He will leave Sunday to return to Williston, Fla., where he is stationed.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa: I am a little girl eight years old, I go to school and learn my lessons well. Will you please bring me a toy wrist watch and a doll. I would also like to have a tea table and tea set. Santa I like picture puzzles and games if you have plenty. Thank you dear Santa. Your little friend, Shirley Lynn Martin

Dear Santa: I am a little boy six years old. Please bring an army truck with a two wheel trailer and some toy soldiers. I would like a gun that pops loud and an archery set. Santa, if you do not have these tops, please don't be worried. Maybe you can fill my war stamp book instead. But best of all you could let me know when you come and I could peep through the window and see your reindeers and your sled. Goodbye dear Santa, Ronnie Martin

Dear Santa: We are two little girls. Gwen is my name and I'm four and a half years old and Sandra is 11 months old. We do hope you come to see us. I would like a doll carriage and doll, a plastic one, and a table and two chairs for Sandra and me. Sandra would like a rocking horse and some stuffed animals. Please go to see all my cousins who live in Texas and also the ones who live in other states. And my Grannies and Granddaddies. Don't forget to be extra nice to all the little boys and girls whose daddy's can't be with them. Lovingly, Gwen and Sandra Martin

Dear Santa: I am a little girl three years old. I have been good most of the time. I would like for you to bring me a doll that sleeps and can say mama and papa. I live in Dumas, but will be at Grandmother Rennell's at Lakeview Christmas, so don't forget me and please bring my brother a football. Love to Santa, Martha Sue Parnell

Dear Santa: I am 9 years old, I have two brothers and one sister. Please bring me a doll. My little sister wants one like mine. Please bring me a heart bracelet. Please bring my little brother a train. My big brother wants a ruby ring. Please bring me some fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget the boys and girls in the army. Your friend, Margaret Ann Massey

Dear Santa: I have tried to be a good girl this year and I hope to see you Christmas. I am not asking for much this year. I want a doll and doll walker. If you can't get the walker, just anything will do. Thanks, and I'll be seeing you Christmas. Carol Ann Edwards

Dear Santa: I am a little girl eight years old. I am looking for you to come around my way Christmas. I would like for you to bring me a doll, and a nurse set, a toy typewriter, some clothes for my doll, a pair of house shoes and house coat, and lots of fruit nuts and candy. Sandy don't forget to bring my baby brother something to play with. Goodbye 'til Christmas. Your friend, Patricia Nan Eastland

Dear Santa: I'm a little boy six years old. My first year in school. I have a swell teacher. Her name is Miss Patterson. Santa, I have tried to be a good boy, but as you know, boys are always mischievous. Will you please bring me a set of boxing gloves, a Gene Autry set and a gun, fruit, candy and nuts. If you have them, and if you haven't, just bring me anything you have. Don't forget the other little girls and boys. Love you a lot. Linton Dale Gardenhire

Dear Santa: I am a little boy three years old. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I want you to bring me a rocker and a train and an army tank. Don't forget my little sister who is only five days old. I want you to bring her some rattlers and lots of other baby toys. Don't forget the other little boys and girls and my cousin, uncles and aunts. Also bring little sister and me lots of candies, nuts, oranges and apples. Your little friends, Junior and Winnie Fay Chapman.

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Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 22 months old and have been a good boy. I would like to have a play horse, if you have one. Also a rocking chair and a little toy or two that I can pull. Thanks a lot, Santa. Your little friend, Dwain Ellerd

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Dear Santa: I'm a little girl 3 years old. I have been a very good girl. Will you please bring me a doll, and a doll buggy, and set of dishes, fruit, nuts and candy. I love you. Edna Earl Garadenhire

Dear Santa: I'm three years old and have tried to be good. Will you bring me a toy gun, a car filled with candy, top that sings, well, just anything to play with. Lots to eat. Don't forget my uncles in the army. Your little friend, Donald Townsend

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be good but I want a gun like my daddy has in the army but guess I'll just take a wooden one this year. I want some books, crayons, some games to play. Will you bring my little sister a doll and rocking chair so she won't bother my things. Please don't forget my grandmothers, granddaddy, for they don't have their boys at home this year. I'll be waiting for you. Bobbie Townsend

A Merry American Christmas. As the ties of friendships are strengthened by the Christmas occasion, so may our business associations continue to grow in mutual accord and confidence in the years to come. It's been pleasant serving you in the past and we will do everything possible to merit your confidence in the future. F. E. MONZINGO, Allis-Chalmers Dealer

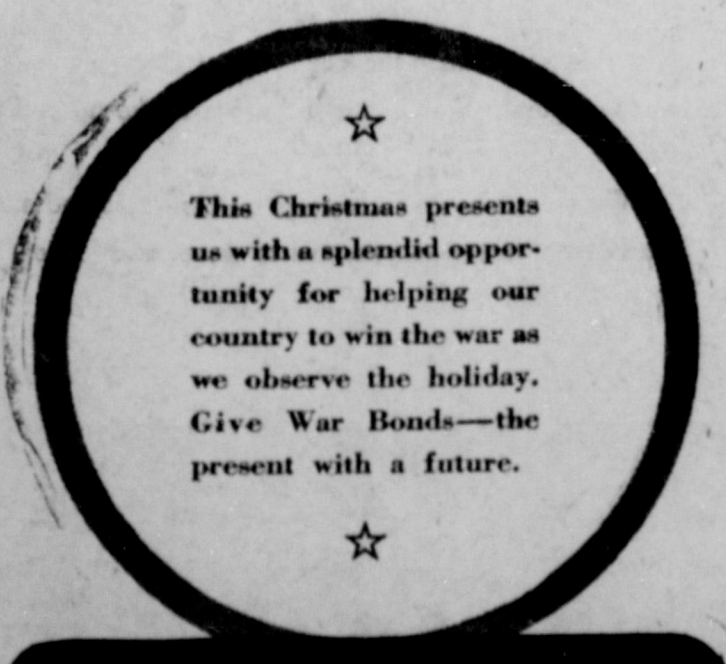


THE GREATER Gift

The gifts of all this little fellow's Christmases could hardly equal that greater gift of his nativity—his birthright as an American citizen.

We who are at home this Christmas must never forget this: that American boys, who not long ago were youngsters, are giving up their lives without question so that some day we can say, with those who come back:

"Peace on earth, good will toward men."



UNITED GAS CORPORATION

Dear Santa: We are two little girls. Gwen is my name and I'm four and a half years old and Sandra is 11 months old. We do hope you come to see us. I would like a doll carriage and doll, a plastic one, and a table and two chairs for Sandra and me. Sandra would like a rocking horse and some stuffed animals. Please go to see all my cousins who live in Texas and also the ones who live in other states. And my Grannies and Granddaddies. Don't forget to be extra nice to all the little boys and girls whose daddy's can't be with them. Lovingly, Gwen and Sandra Martin

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Season's Greetings. Warmest best wishes of the season to you and yours from this company and its employees in the armed services and on the home front. We join you in the earnest hope that 1944 will be a year of decisive Victory leading to lasting peace and happiness for all. COMMUNITY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY. We Thank You for Your 1943 Patronage



NEWS about boys in the Service

Pfm. Mate 2/C Harry G. Womack who has been stationed at a naval base hospital at Glenview, Ill., has been assigned to the medical detachment of the Marine Corps. He is now at Camp Lajeune, New River, N. C., in the Marine medical field service.

William Floyd Melton, Seaman first class, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Melton underwent an operation for a kidney stone in Norman, Okla., Dec. 6. He is reported to be improving.

Corp. Carl W. Messer has landed safely overseas, according to word received here by his

sister, Mrs. W. H. Massengale. Corporal Messer is with the medical corps in the U. S. Army.

Pfc. Alwyn Shearer left Tuesday for Camp Rucker, Ala., after a visit here with relatives. He is in the tank battalion of the army.

Pfc. Bill Bragg came Monday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bragg. Private first class Bragg is stationed at Galveston where he is attending army medical corps school.

Corp. David C. Denson of Fort Sill, Okla., visited the first of the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Denson of Estelline.

Pfc. E. H. Crisler came Saturday for a visit here with his wife and son. Private first class Crisler is stationed in Army Air Forces at Alexandria, La.

Lois Kerr is visiting this week

with his great aunt, Mrs. Georgia Campbell, and other relatives and friends. He is stationed at Dalhart.

J. O. Gibson, seaman first class, of San Diego, came Sunday for a visit with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Gibson. He is in the Navy.

Staff Sgt. Edwin Thompson came Sunday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Thompson. He is stationed at William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso.

Staff Sgt. Raymond D. Lanford, nephew of C. W. Jones, has nine Oak Leaf Clusters and was recently awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in combat missions. He lives in Waco and attended Kilgore Junior college. He took part in the Tunisian campaign and in raids over Pantelleria, Lampedusa, Sicily, Sardinia and the Italian mainland.

TEACHER'S PETS



Every child is a teacher's pet in the nursery schools being set up throughout the country for the children of war workers.

The Voice of The People

(Editor's note—this space is open to all readers of The Democrat for the purpose of expressing their opinions on any and all subjects. All signed letters will be printed here upon request, so long as they carry clean, unobjectionable material. The following should be considered the opinion of the writer, in no manner reflecting on the editorial policies of the news paper.)

Lakeview, Texas
December 20, 1943

Good morning to The Democrat and all the force. I take this opportunity to wish you and the readers of your paper a Happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

I take great pleasure in reading the Democrat. It is always the first one read on Friday morning. I enjoy your Bible verse and the letters from our boys in the service. Have no boys of my own in this war, had two in the first: James L. was killed October 9, 1918 in France, but I have five grandsons in this one. Some more ready when called. Also have two granddaughters whose husbands are in the service, Lance Leggett and Corp. Ben Smith. That makes seven in all. Again, with best wishes to The Democrat and all its readers.

H. W. BLANKS.
Swat the Swastika

Locals and Personals

Miss Wynona Chudle, student in N A T C, Arlington, came Saturday for a visit during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Perkins.

Mrs. Jack Battle left Monday for Arkadelphia, Ark., for a visit with her husband, Aviation Student Battle.

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO ALL....

Today amid flame of war and hate in the earth, it is good to know we do not forget the sweetness of peace and good will to men. May God speed the day's return—the day of family reunion under the skies of peace, and showers, and plenty over the land.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Goodpasture

ANTELOPE FLAT

By EMMA BULLOCK

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barclay and daughters are visiting relatives here before being inducted into the army.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Brown and Betty Jean visited Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hawoard of Plaska last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Sanders were in Silverton Monday.

Roy Heckman of Silverton visited in the W. N. and Oscar Bullock home Thursday afternoon. He was returning home from Clarendon where he had been at the bedside of his brother, Jim Heckman who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allard were in Silverton Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Sanders are spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Williams of Oxbow.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Barclay of Lone Star visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Long were Clarendon visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Baker and daughter Lela V. of Sudan spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edens.

Mrs. Ima Wood and daughter Iwana, who have been visiting relatives in Amarillo, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. A. L. Durham and son Gordon were in Clarendon Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Durham and children were in Memphis Friday.

Swat the Swastika

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By VALDA SMITH

Rev. B. C. Stonecipher filled his regular appointment here Sunday morning and evening.

The annual community Christmas tree will be held Friday night at the school house.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Stargel and children, Roddy and Sara Ann, visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stargel.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Phillips visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Longshore.

Rev. Stonecipher was a dinner guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Nelson and family

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Definitely not! When friendships mean as much to others as they do to us, we assure you that we want to remember them always.

Come what may—war, unrest, uncertainty, disappointments—there is one thing American people can fall back upon without reservation—friends.

Christmas gives us that opportunity to renew these friendships, to pledge anew our allegiance to them. May you have every wish come true, is our Christmas wish.

CITY GROCERY MARKET

WEEK-END SPECIALS

- COFFEE Folger's, 1 lb Jar.....33c
- SUGAR, Pure Cane, 5 lbs.....37c; 10 lbs.....73c
- FLOUR, Gold Medal, 10 lbs.....69c; 25 lbs.....\$1.44
- MEAL, Aunt Jemima, white or Yellow, 5 lbs.....25c
- BAKING POWDER, 1 lb Calumet.....19c
- EGGS, fresh country, dozen.....45c
- GINGER BREAD MIX, pkg.....25c
- CAKE FLOUR, Swansdown, pkg.....29c
- COCOA, 8 oz. Hershey's.....12c
- MILK, Pet or Carnation.....5c and 10c cans
- BITTER CHOCOLATE, Baker's Bar.....21c
- MINCE MEAT, bulk, lb.....30c
- SHELLED PECANS, 1-2 lb.....60c; 1 lb.....\$1.17
- WHITE KARO, pint jars.....17c
- RICE, 12 oz box White House.....10c
- Br'r Rabbit Cooking Molasses, jar.....25c
- CATSUP, lg. bottle Kurer's.....20c
- SALAD DRESSING, Bestyett, pint.....23c; qt.....37c
- SOAP, Camay or Palm Olive.....3 bars 23c
- OLD DUTCH CLEANSER, 2 cans.....17c
- WHEATIES, 2 boxes.....23c
- POST BRAN or GRAPE-NUT FLAKES, box.....10c
- TOILET PAPER, Scott Tissue, 3 rols.....23c
- TOMATO JUICE, No. 2 cans Kurer's.....12c
- GRAPEFRUIT JUICE, 46 oz.....31c
- ENGLISH PEAS, No. 2 can Mission.....16c
- WHOLE GRAIN CORN, can.....15c
- CORN, No. 2 cans Primrose.....16c
- GREEN BEANS, No. 2 cans Treasure State.....15c
- FRUIT COCKTAIL, can.....21c
- SPUDS, No. 1 Red or White, 5 lbs.....22c
- CABBAGE, hard heads, lb.....5c
- TURNIPS, bulk purple top, lb.....5c
- LETTUCE, lg. heads.....14c
- CELERY, extra nice White or Pascall.....20c
- LEMONS, Sunkist, dozen.....25c
- ORANGES, all sizes, Texas or California.....11c
- GRAPEFRUIT, lg. seedless, 2 for.....11c
- FRESH COCONUTS.....25c
- WALNUTS or PECANS, lb.....40c
- CURED HAM, any way you wish.....32c
- CHILLI, pound blocks.....32c
- PORK CHOPS, nice and lean, lb.....35c
- BACON, sliced, lb.....39c

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The season to which we have been looking forward has arrived and with it the happy experiences of renewing old acquaintances and the opportunity of expressing our feeling of friendship to those whom we serve.

It's not a normal season, to be sure. But it remains for those of us at home to maintain the true spirit of Christmas that those who are in distant points may eventually return to the normal American way of life.

We are proud of the heritage of Christmas and as the season approaches, we extend to you, and to those dear to you, wherever they may be, a Merry, Merry American Christmas.

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We want to thank you for your future and your patience. For us. Our desire and we hope that will come true.

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CARROTS, 1 lb
TURNIPS, 1 lb
GREEN ONIONS

ORANGES, a

SHELLED PEANUTS
WALNUTS, 1 lb
FRUIT COCKTAIL
TOMATO JUICE
POTATOES
PEAS, Mississippian
CORN, White
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SAUSAGE, 1 lb
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 Orville Goodpasture Ben Wilson
 Zada Goodpasture Penny Lindley
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We want to thank you for your past patronage and...
 ...your future business. Without your consideration...
 ...and your patience, this past year would have been hard-...
 ...for us. Our dealings with you have been pleasant...
 ...and we hope that in the near future, your every wish...
 ...will come true.

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| PECANS, lb. | 43c |
| CELERY, stalk | 20c |
| LETTUCE, lg. size heads | 15c |
| CARROTS, bunch | 9c |
| TURNIPS, lb. | 5c |
| GREEN ONIONS, bunch | 10c |

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| ORANGES, all sizes, doz. | 28c to 65c |
| SHELLED PECANS, 1-2 lb. | 60c |
| WALNUTS, lb. | 45c |
| FRUIT COCKTAIL, No. 1 can | 21c |
| TOMATO JUICE, No. 2 can | 13c |
| POTATOES No. 1 white or red, 5 lbs | 23c |
| PEAS, Mission, No. 2 can | 16c |
| CORN, White Swan, No. 2 can | 16c |
| TOMATOES, No. 2 can | 12c |

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| CURED HAM, half or whole, lb. | 36c |
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| SAUSAGE, lb. | 35c |
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Pupils of Mrs. M. McNeely Presented in Christmas Recital

Mrs. M. McNeely, teacher of music and expression, presented her pupils in a Christmas recital at her home Thursday, December 16.
 The entertaining rooms were bright with Christmas decorations. Following the program, gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree.

The following took part in the program: Bobbie Ferrel, Ray Crawford, Rebecca Moss, Gene Stewart, Henrietta Hawthorne, Verna Lee Hill, Beth Alene Morrow, Ray Nell Foster, Muriel Jo Cochran, Leota Sturdivant, Beryl Ann Davis, Johnnie Sue Brewer, James Moss, Roy Don Coleman, Nan Crowder, Elizabeth Grundy, Billy Ray Lyon, Betty Jean Stewart, Billy June Sturdivant, Gayle and Carol Ann Monzingo, Dempsey Archer, Kathryn Sue Miller, Ann Genell Crawford, Nita Ann Offholter, Juanelle Goffinet, Yvonne Sturdivant.

Guests were Mesdames W. C. Davis, J. M. Ferrel, Prater, Hugh Crawford, J. H. Morrow, Wesley Foster, Bill Crowder, Robt. Stewart, Frank Monzingo, Bill Miller, T. J. Crawford, Frank Goffinet, Johnnie Brewer, Offholter, Harry Womack, Allen Grundy, and W. L. O'Rear and Miss Pauline Travis and Jimmie Davis, Carolyn Ferrel, Mary Karren Crawford, Tommie Brewer, Bobbie Stewart and Judy Miller.

Mrs. W. D. McCool Has Mizpah Guild Christmas Party

Mrs. W. D. McCool was hostess at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening at her home for the Mizpah Guild. Co-hostesses were Mrs. John Deaver, Mrs. Murray Dodson and Mrs. Park L. Chamberlain.
 Mrs. Murray Dodson gave in poetry "The Nativity." Mrs. Gladys Power played a piano solo "The Bells." Mrs. Ira Foster gave the devotional on "Christmas Bells" and Mrs. Frank Finch gave the Christmas story, "Birds Christmas Carol."

Mrs. W. D. McCool acted as Santa Claus and distributed the gifts from the tree.
 Members sang a group of Christmas carols, concluding with "Joy to the World." The meeting closed with Mrs. M. C. Ward leading in prayer.

A turkey dinner was served to the following members: Mrs. Allen Grundy, Mrs. Carl Harrison, Mrs. Ora Denny, Mrs. Park L. Chamberlain, Mrs. Gladys Power, Mrs. Minnie Kinslow, Mrs. Oren Jones, Mrs. John Deaver, Mrs. Frank Finch, Mrs. Wesley Foster, Mrs. Birdie Sanderson, Mrs. Jim Morris, Mrs. M. E. Wilson, Mrs. Elmo Whaley, Mrs. O. V. Alexander, Mrs. Ira Foster, Mrs. W. D. McCool, Mrs. Murray Dodson and Misses Grace Wilson and Mary Noel.

BRICE

By MRS. J. S. JOHNSON
 C. C. Rich returned Thursday from Corsicana where he spent the past week with his father, who has been ill.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rexrode and Nellie Jo made a business trip to Amarillo Tuesday.
 The Virgil Whitehead family moved from this community to Grandfield.
 Mr. and Mrs. Buck Johnson made a business trip to Childress Thursday.
 T. C. Isham of Amarillo visited in the J. C. Johnson home

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Locals and Personals

Miss Gloria Scott of Memphis visited last week-end with Mrs. Buck Johnson.
 Mrs. W. E. David received word that her nephew, Lt. Wayne Dillard is reported missing in action over Germany. He was a bombardier.

Mrs. Cal Holland and daughters Laurel and Pat were Amarillo visitors Saturday.
 Mrs. Granville McAnear of Clarendon visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Smallwood.

Capt. Houston Gattis of Hobbs, N. M., visited a few days last week with his brother, Hilburn Gattis and family.
 Mrs. D. T. Smallwood had as guest Saturday her sisters, Miss Irtle and Iva Davis of Clarendon.

Mrs. Thelma Holcomb of Amarillo is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hope Lemons.
 —Buy Bonds—Buy Bombs—

Wesleyan Guild Has Christmas Dinner in Ira Hammond Home

The Wesleyan Guild met Monday evening in the home of Miss Ira Hammond for the annual Christmas party.
 After the covered dish dinner was served, Christmas gifts were exchanged from the tree.
 Those present were Mrs. Norma Hunt, Mrs. C. H. Compton, Mrs. Mable Lavender, Mrs. Clyde Morris, Mrs. H. B. Bennett, Mrs. Ijura Campbell, Mrs. H. H. Newman, Mrs. Tom Salem, Mrs. W. R. Taylor, Mrs. F. L. Hall, Mrs. Hester Bownds, Mrs. M. G. Tarver, Mrs. Joe Hammond and Misses Ruby Hoffman, Ira Hammond, Dorothy Gowan, Mary Beckum, Grace Gowdy.

Locals and Personals

Miss Jean Clapp of Lubbock visited here Monday with Sgt. Jacqueline McMurphy, who is visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McMurphy. WAC Sergeant McMurphy is stationed at Conway, Ark.

Mrs. J. R. Wells returned Sunday to her home at Fluvanna after a two months visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore of Amarillo were Memphis visitors last week-end.

Miss Mary Foreman was a business visitor in Wichita Fall Monday.

Miss Billy Frances Montgomery, student in N T S C, Denton, came Friday night to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Juanita Montgomery.

Mrs. Coy Davis visited last week-end in Childress with her sister, Miss Genevieve Prater.

Miss June Power, who is employed in Childress, visited here last week-end with her mother, Mrs. Gladys Power.

Lt. J. G. and Mrs. Foster Watkins attended a football game in San Angelo last week-end.

Mrs. Alfred Hutcherson left today for San Angelo for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. James C. Beckham and family.

Mrs. Harlie Taylor came Friday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Otis Stilwell. She has been in North Carolina with her husband.

Misses Velma Johnston, Lois Hill and Louella Hall visited Sunday in Quannah with Miss Johnston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Johnston.

Mrs. J. C. McClure Jr. of Midland came Monday for a short visit with her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McClure. Mrs. McClure Jr. and Mrs. McClure left Tuesday afternoon for Chandler, Ariz., for a visit with their husband and son, Aviation Cadet McClure.

Miss Helen Yeats, teacher of Spanish at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats.

Miss Molly Harris of Coleman came Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Claud Harris.

STEEL MAKERS IN SZECHUAN



Skilled steel workers who are smuggled out of Shanghai by the Chinese Association of Labor now help China gird her own sinews of war. Funds to rescue these workers and strengthen the Chinese war effort is an objective of the National War Fund.

Pilots Sunday School Class Has Christmas Social Monday Night

The Pilots Sunday School class of the First Baptist church was entertained with a dinner in the home of Mrs. Cloyd Foreman Monday evening.

Yuletide decorations featuring a Christmas tree, were used throughout the room.
 Betty Bob Webb, president of the class presided during a short business session. Gwen Scott gave the devotional "Song From Heaven." This was followed by a prayer led by Betty Jo Randolph.

Class members exchanged gifts and Mrs. Foreman, teacher, was presented with a remembrance from the group.

Those present were Mrs. Cloyd Foreman, Betty Bobb Webb, Maria Baskerville, Nellie Adams, Betty Jo Randolph, Ruth Jones, Manerva Baskerville, Laura Mai Hightower, Gwen Scott, June Taylor, Gladys Mixon, Genevieve McKnight and Norvelle Woodall.

Deep Lake Has Community Tree At School House

Deep Lake community Christmas tree was held at the Deep Lake school house Thursday night, December 16.

The decorations for the occasion carried out the Yuletide theme with the Christmas tree as the center of attraction. Santa Claus gave the gifts to those present.

The program was given by Mrs. W. J. Bragg and Mrs. Chester Borders. Those appearing on the program were Peggy Lou Spear, Charles Ray Denton, Jetty Ann Sams, Margie Murdock.

Locals and Personals

Mrs. Zoe Coleman and son Franklyn visited last week-end in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Deaver and Miss Casandra Morris left Sunday for San Antonio for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Deavers' son, Aviation Cadet Temple Deaver.

Mrs. John Stroehle of Central City, Colo., came Thursday of last week for a visit with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Clarence Stroehle.

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Ration Stamp Guide

This is a Complete Ration Schedule including all stamps that are valid for

WEEK BEGINNING DECEMBER 26th

Sugar
 No. 29, Book 4 - 5 pounds. Expires Jan. 15

Shoes
 No. 18, Book 1, and Airplane No. 1, Book 3
 One pair each - Expire when used

Gasoline
 No. A 9 - Expires January 21, 1944

Meat
 Brown L, M, N, P, Q - Expire January 1, 1944
 Brown R - Expire January 29, 1944

Processed Foods
 Green, Book 4, D, E, F - Expire January 20

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SURE, WE'RE HAPPY!

We're happy because it's the time of the year when everyone has a more kindly feeling toward his fellow men. It is the occasion when we overlook the trivialities that ordinarily cause us so much concern.

Would that all of us could maintain the spirit of Christmas the other 364 days of the year. It would make a more cheerful attitude and a more liberal view which in turn would make each of us fully enjoy the good things of life that are ours for the asking.

The happiest Christmas of all is our sincere wish to each of our friends.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS, SON

It's Christmas Eve, son . . . the tree is trimmed and all aglow . . . the Lawsons and the Wrights have just said good-night, and mother and I are alone.

We miss you plenty, boy. Just as we did last year when you were at camp and we got your wire saying you couldn't get leave to come home. But there's this difference . . .

Last year we were looking backward; dreaming of Christmases past . . . harking back through the years to your very first Christmas when you neglected your new gifts to play with your old shoe . . . to the Christmas when Uncle Frank spent the whole day on the floor playing with your new electric train . . . to the Christmas, not too many years ago, when you got the chemical set and darned near blew up the whole house.

Last year it seemed—well, as though some of the happiest days of our lives had gone, never to return.

But this year we know that the happiest day of our lives is still to come. This year we are looking ahead, waiting for the Christmas when you and your Mary are here to help trim the tree; we are thinking of the Christmas not so far away when you will be home.

And though you're farther away than ever this year—though there's a lot of blue water between you and our front door here at home, we know that every day that passes brings a little closer the great day when you will come back to all of us.

We can never forget those Christmases past; but the joy of Christmas Present is made more real this year by the growing certainty of a Happier Christmas Yet to Come.

Merry Christmas, Son.

Press Paragraphs

SELECTED FROM THE
DEMOCRAT'S EXCHANGE

Jack Dionne wrote this one:
Trying to pass one of those new white pennies for a dime causes lots of embarrassment these days. But so far as that goes it's sort of embarrassing if you try to buy anything to speak of with a real dime. The story is getting a big play about the lady at the fruit and vegetable stand who, when her turn came, asked for two pears. The man handed them to her and said "Forty cents." She looked rather shocked, then handed him half a dollar and said "Keep the change. I ate a grape while I was waiting."—Dalhart Texan.

But things like this can't last forever. Maybe the Herald is not so hot, we're not getting your printing jobs out on time, but folks there isn't a thing in the world we can do about it, unless it is just to close up shop and quit for the duration, which is just about what we feel like doing some times.—Ochiltree County Herald.

Camphor has the clean fragrance of the cold winds blowing off endless white fields of snow; a rain-washed night with stars reflecting in placid pools.—Matador Tribune.

Along about now many of the boys on the various battlefronts

and in camps and training stations are beginning to receive packages from the folks at home. Occasionally you hear of a boy who has already begun to write back about how pleased he was with what the people back home thought up. One of the things that might just as well not have been done was to put a "do not open until Christmas" sticker on the package. Its Christmas-time to a soldier boy when he hears from home, whatever the calendar may say. Keep writing and you'd do a lot to help keep up morale out where home ties seem far, far away, and a soldier or sailor spends much of his time thinking, as he works at his job, of home and mother and the simple things for which he longs.—Floyd County Hesperian.

Recently a local father remarked that if his son did not come back from the front, he was going to buy a home and a car with the insurance. He plausibly added that he had never owned an auto. This man really voiced his hopes. He is the one in the same category as the striker who takes from his son in the battle lines in order to gain more comfort at home for himself.—Quanah Tribune-Chief.

We may make bumper crops next fall—for 34 years The Leader has anticipated a bumper crop next fall. Far be it from me to blast a tradition established by Thomas Durham and cemented by L. L. Ladd and Claude Wells.—Wellington Leader.

Gift Priority No. 1



LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:
I am a boy nine years old. I

have been a good boy so please bring me a football, ball gloves, softball. Please remember my teacher and all my friends and cousins. My sister Betty wants a doll and a doll bed. Don't forget my daddy and mother, also my grandmothers and granddaddys. Don't forget a few nuts, candies and fruit. Love, until I see you.

Bobby Dow Burnett

Dear Santa:
I am not expecting much this Christmas, but I would be glad to get a doll, a sewing set, furniture set, chest to keep my doll clothes in. Also fruit, candy and nuts. Please don't forget our boys in the army. Your friend,

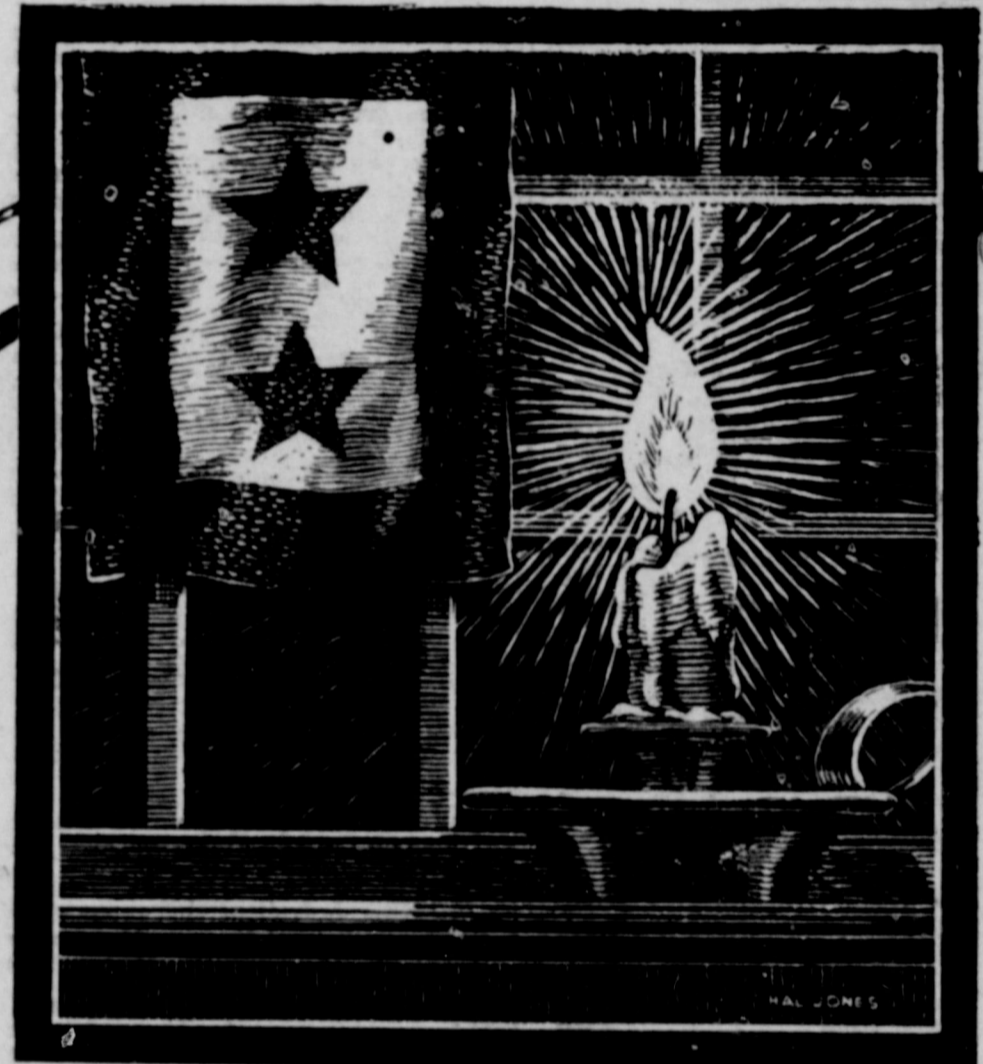
Dorothy Nell Vallance

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll and a nurse set.

Mary Lee New

Dear Santa Claus:
Please send me a beauty kit and a sleepy doll with shoes on, also a cap and coat for the doll. I want a set of play dishes, if possible, also a paint set. Thank you,

Clarice P. Williams



That there shall always be a Christmas

Is it worth it?...the blood, sweat and tears—the deprivations and sacrifices of our sons, husbands and loved ones.

Is it worth it?...to preserve and safeguard the right to think and speak and act as free human beings—to love and fight for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Our men in uniform and their loved ones at home know the answer. They are giving this answer to our enemies in deeds marked with courage and heroism. They are determined to restore to all people the right to observe Christmas as they choose—to make sure that Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men will again prevail.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa: Please bring me a very big doll and a doll bed. Be sure and bring Pat something. I love you. Frances Williams Friendship School

PLASKA

By MRS. E. E. FOSTER

W. L. Nabers left Tuesday with his son, K. D. Nabers, of Lesley, for St. Louis, Mo., where they will visit their son and brother, Auval Nabers, and family.

Melvin Owen of Weatherford visited his mother, Mrs. G. P. Owen from Tuesday until Thursday of the past week.

Mrs. H. S. Foster went to Abilene Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Ball.

Jim Vallance and Bob Land of Memphis were Plaska visitors Thursday.

Mrs. Claudine Needham visited at Denton from Monday until Thursday of last week.

Mrs. J. W. Smith spent Wednesday visiting Mrs. Ed Murdock. Mary Beth Murdock spent Thursday night with Yulonda Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Huggins spent Friday and Saturday night visiting in Memphis with their son Homer Huggins and family. Mrs. Doyle Hall, who has been ill in a hospital in Memphis, came home Monday.

Mrs. O. T. Lindsay of Borger came Friday night to be with her brother, Harold Hodges, who is ill in a Memphis hospital.

Mrs. Harry Marks of Denton came Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Harold Hodges and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Lamb of Friona visited in the D. V. Sasser home Sunday.

Mrs. J. J. McDaniel and children of Memphis spent Sunday visiting Mrs. McDaniel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Stone.

Bobby May, Norma Sue and Gaylene Hall visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Crawford a few days the past week.

Mrs. Hubert Wilkins and daughter Willa Dean of San Antonio are visiting Mrs. Wilkins' mother, Mrs. Dottie Upton. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Provence visited in the Bud Clark home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Stacey Waites of Maryland and Gwendolyn Martin visited Mrs. J. H. Murdock and Mrs. Claudine Needham Friday night.

Mrs. Troy Dunn and son Jimmy visited Mrs. J. T. Martin Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. T. L. McWhorter spent Sunday afternoon visiting Mrs. W. L. Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hall and daughter Carolyn Ann visited in the W. L. Crawford home Sunday night.

Mrs. Jim Martin and son Bryan of Lesley visited in the L. O. Huggins home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones have been ill with the flu the past few days.

Rev. J. E. Murdock filled his regular appointment as pastor of the Baptist church Sunday and Sunday night. Ray Martin and Elton Murdock went with him.

Mrs. Stacey Waites and Gwendolyn spent the week-end with Billie Frances Murdock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dutton and Mr. and Mrs. Myers of Lelia Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ragan and daughter Nelda Ray of Lesley spent Sunday visiting in the S. A. Ellis home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rea and daughter Linda Ann visited in the W. O. Whitfield home Sunday.

Mrs. Hodges Hostess Monday For W S C S Christmas Party

Mrs. Hoyette Hodges was hostess Monday to the W S C S, the occasion being the annual Christmas social. A Christmas program was given after which the gifts were passed from the Christmas tree to each one present. Present and sending gifts were Mrs. Walter McMaster, Mrs. Melton Orr, Mrs. Arvin Orr, Mrs. Bob Tiner, Mrs. Frank Wheeler, Mrs. Mary Lou Erwin, Mrs. Pearl Vahance, Mrs. J. W. Oliver, Emma Lou and Kathleen McMaster, Ouida, Lavonne Orr and Cloyce Ray Orr, Oretta Morris, Cleve Mge and Wayne Tiner, Alice Fay Orr and the hostess, Mrs. Hoyette Hodges. The social will be in the home of Mrs. Arvin Orr.

Mrs. Gardenhire Hostess For Sunday School Class

Mrs. P. E. Gardenhire entertained her Sunday school class Friday night with a Christmas party. Refreshments of cocoa, cookies, and jello were served to Marjorie and Cleta Faye Foster, Joanna Davis, Bobbie Mae Hall, Tommy Davis, Billy and Wayne Martin, Betty Jo Hall, Elma Faye Gardenhire, Elber Dinon, Flora Mae Hall, Mrs. Dutch Davis, Mrs. J. H. Martin, Mrs. A. L. Hall and the hostess, Mrs. P. E. Gardenhire.

LIBERTY

By MRS. W. F. HODNETT

LIBERTY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Palmer had as visitors Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lowe of Pleasant Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Carrell Hight and son of Plaska, and Johnny Palmer of Memphis.

Mrs. Lottie McCrary and Mrs. Leon Palmer and children were visitors in Memphis Saturday.

Rev. Shannon filled his regular appointment at Liberty Sunday morning and night.

Neta Edens spent Saturday night with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hodnett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Edens and children of Amhurst spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hodnett and family.

W. R. Chandler and Miss Hattie Crory of Arkansas visited in the W. M. Mitchell home a few days last week.

W. M. Mitchell returned home last week from Clarksville where he visited friends.

T. Sgt. Kenneth Mayes of Camp Gruber, Okla., visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Garrison and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mitchell and daughters, Louise and Reba, visited Sunday with Mrs. Harry Seay, who has just returned from a local hospital. She is improving, it is reported.

Rose Ella Mayes spent Saturday with Lorene and Fays Mitchell.

Mrs. Pat Fuller ad daughter Joyce has gone to Clarksville to visit her mother-in-law, Mrs. Roberta Fuller.

Mrs. Ronald Nash is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rice. She will leave soon to visit her husband, who is stationed with the air forces in Colorado. Oneta Revell from Amarillo is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Revell.

Charles Riley Mitchell spent Saturday night with Bill Mayes.

WOMEN WORK

By INEZ BAKER

And when they came into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

At this time we give gifts in memory of that glad day when the greatest of all gifts was given, the King of Kings, the Savior, to the world. We live again that hour when the wise men came to the lowly cradle and verified, by their gifts, the divinity of the new born child. On that day peace reigned throughout the world, symbol of the peace that was to reign in our hearts because of His coming. Nor has His coming been in vain, for that peace still reigns in every reborn heart.

But great sadness is ours because at this hour when joy should be bounded cruel war rocks the world. Because our sons must pay with their blood and sweat and lives that the world may know peace, even as the Son of God suffered that we might know peace. It is needful that we stay close to God at this hour lest the drums of war blot out that peace from our hearts.

At this Christmas time it is with great humbleness that we give of our abundance. Not gold, frankincense and myrrh, but clothes and medicine, to those who have been ravaged by war. This gift, how insignificant it is! Yet with it will go all of our love and many a fervent prayer

that it may in some way save some from suffering and even death. It is in this spirit that the women of Hall County, through the Red Cross production, have made this gift during the month of December:

25,200 surgical dressings, 271 bedside bags, 120 triangular bandages, 705 bedpan covers, 97 hot water bottle covers, 51 card table covers, 4 pillow cases, 1 fracture pillow, 7 fracture pillow cases, 1 chair cushion, 1 pair bed room slippers, 33 convalescent robes, 11 soldier kits, 10 children's dresses, 11 bed jackets for children, 3 baby blankets, 10 baby gowns, 8 children's sweaters, 18 quilts, 30 army sweaters, 4 navy sweaters, 2 turtle-neck sweaters, 33 army helmets, 15 navy helmets, 4 watchcaps, 3 army scarfs, 7 pair navy socks, 2 pair army socks. A total of 26,062, of which 710 were donated.

Locals and Personals

Miss Muffet Merrell, student in T S C W, Denton, came Thursday night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Merrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Horner and son Billy Joe of Amarillo visited here last week-end with his sister, Mrs. P. O. Young and family.

Miss Jane Hicks came Thursday night to spend the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Hicks. Miss Hicks is attending T S C W at Denton.

Mrs. Jeff Welcher and Mrs. Ray Baccus of Estelline were Amarillo visitors Monday.

Miss Gwendolyn Coursey, student in T S C W, Denton, came Thursday night to spend the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Coursey.

Miss Ruthie Johnson came Thursday night to spend the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Johnson. She is a freshman at T S C W, Denton.

Miss Cassandra Morris came Thursday night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morris. She is a student in T S C W, Denton.

Mrs. H. H. Lindsey visited last week-end in Corsicana with her daughter, Betty in the home of her sister, Mrs. N. L. Benson and family. Betty is in the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps at Houston where she is training at Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wills and daughter of Fluvanna visited Sunday with his sister, Mrs. J. M. Austin and family.

Mrs. A. C. McDavitt and children of Wichita Falls came Sunday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. W. H. Goodnight.



Ours is a land of happy homes, of free hearts. Happiness, gaiety and mirth fill the air. Christmas carols, children's happy voices, bells ringing overshadow the heavy spot in our hearts - we put our trust in God for a better world tomorrow, and we realize that we have much for which to be thankful today.

We would like to thank each of you personally for your good will, your consideration and your patronage extended us during the past year, but since we cannot, we take this means of expressing our sincere appreciation.

Our dealings with all of our customers during this past year have made our hearts glad, and we wish for you a Merry Christmas and may your fondest wishes come true during the year of 1944.

- B. L. Bates, Mgr.
Jack Cain
D. R. Kelly
Claude Harris
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J. W. Bloxon
Eugene Miller
Mrs. Grace Duke
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MEMPHIS, TEXAS

We are Moving Our Stock To South Side Grocery

After Sunday, December 26, the C & M Grocery at 15th and Noel streets, will be closed in order to move our merchandise to the South Side Grocery.

Our lease is up January 1, and we are forced to vacate our present location; however, the South Side Grocery will be open and we want all our customers to call there for your orders.

CALL SOUTH SIDE GROCERY, Phone 302
This store will not be closed during the move.

We appreciate the business we have had in the past in our present location and we want all our customers to visit us at the South Side Grocery.

Consolidation of the two stocks will, as you know, give a large variety of merchandise and we expect to give you better service than ever before.

C. & M. Grocery

Roy L. Coleman

Ira McDaniel



One of the Greatest Pleasures of the Christmas Season is the opportunity to acknowledge our friends and it is with this in mind that we send you Season's Greetings.



FRIENDLY BARBER SHOP

Bill Smith

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Amarillo, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl four years old. I am now living in Amarillo. My house number is 1107 N. Tyler. I would like for you to bring me a little doll with hair and a wagon, cabinet, and some dishes. And Santa Claus, don't forget my big sister at Canyon. My other sister is Emma Lou, she wants a watch. Santa, be sure to give the little poor children and orphans a lot of things. Oh yes! Don't forget my little niece Beverly Delmonn Holcomb, and my mother and daddy. Love,
Ursery Faye Holcomb

Dear Santa Claus:
We have moved since your last visit. We live at the Childress bombardier school now. Please bring us some toy jeeps and a hammer and keg set. If you have a wagon we would like to have one. Remember all the other boys and girls. And leave part of our things on the Christmas tree at Grannier and Dadi house. Remember our cousin Mary Jane. Ed and Gene Pilsand.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been ill for the past two weeks but I hope to be well by the time you come to our house. Will you please leave me a doll, a doll bed, and some dishes. If you have any doll blankets I would like to have one. Don't forget all the other boys and girls and please remember my daddy who is in Uncle Sam's army. Remember my 2 cousins in Childress. Love,
Mary Jane Jones

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy six years old. I go to the Friendship school. I have tried to be a good little boy. Will you please bring me a gun and scabbard, a big drum set of building blocks. Santa, don't forget the other boys and girls, and don't forget my soldier brother. You will find him somewhere in Australia. Santa, you please bring some fruit, nuts and candy. Your little friend,
Jimmy Ralph Jenkins
Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy five years old and have a little brother who is two years old and a little sister who is 10 months old. I would like for you to bring us all some fruit, nuts and candy. Please, I would like a blackboard, gun, color books and colors. My little brother would like a little toy to pull, picture book, and colors. I think it would be nice for my little sister to have a little doll and cradle and some dishes that she can't break. Santa, I hope you won't think this is too much. I have tried to be a good little boy. I help my daddy milk sometime. I also help take care of my little brother and sister. Your little friend,
Ronny Dal Edwards
Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
Well, it has been just like Christmas for me ever since I arrived seven months ago, but now that you are coming, I would like for you to bring me a teddy bear, a doll that won't break, a big rubber ball, a bank, and a baby book or album, and just anything else. Thank you, your little friend,
Lloyd Barry Phillips
Plaska, Texas

Dear Santa:
I'm a little boy seven years old. I think I have been a good

boy. I hope to see you Christmas. I want a machine gun that pops, and a Roy Rogers cowboy set. Bring me one please if you can. Don't forget my mother, daddy and sisters. Don't forget anyone. I will be at my aunt Mattie's Christmas, so don't come to my house. Don't forget any of my pals or any one else.
Wayne Tiner
Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:
I want a football shoulder pads, football shoes, football, fruits, nuts and candy. Thank you very much,
Jerry Gilmore
Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a big boy, three years old; I can dress myself, gather eggs, and count to five. Please bring me a rolling grasshopper, some blocks, a gun, and some nuts and candy. Sometime I would like to have a little sister too, but I can wait until next year.
Your friend,
Sandy Smith
Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:
I want a doll for Christmas and I want my little doll a pretty dress. Be sure to bring them, and I want a locket for Christmas and I guess that is all I want this Christmas so I will say goodbye now and I will write next Christmas. Good bye, love,
Martha Jean Howard
Lakeview, Texas

I am a little girl three years old. I guess I have been about as good as most little girls. I would like to have a new doll, a rolling pin, a tommy gun, a table and chairs, and anything else you care to bring me. Bring all the other little boys and girls lots of nice things. Love,
Jo Ann Sullivan
Estelline, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl four years old and I have tried to be a good girl. Santa, will you please bring me a pretty doll, a rocking chair, mop, doll, clothes, and a suitcase. Also candy, fruit and nuts. Please remember my little black dog, Topsy. I love you,
Karen Eddina
Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 2 1-2 years old. I am a pretty good boy. I mind mother and daddy. Santa, will you please bring me a grass hopper, a sailor boy, a peg-table and hammer. Some candy, fruit and nuts. Come to see my little cousins at my house this year. Come to see all the little boys and girls. Please don't forget all the service boys. Goodbye until Christmas.
Gordon Douglas Maddox
Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl three years old and my name is Janis Widener. I wish you would please bring me a doll and doll buggy, a table and chairs, some dishes, and I would like to have some doll furniture too. I have been a good girl. Please remember my grandmother who is sick. I love you,
Janis Widener
Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy nearly five years old. My name is Loyd Lee Widener Jr. I have been a good boy and for Christmas I want you to bring me an electric train, with lights and lots of track. I also want a wagon, jeep and a gun. Be sure and remember mama and Louis. Yours,
Loyd Lee Widener Jr.
Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl four years old and I think I have me a dolly with hair and a paint set. My two brothers and I want a big black board and some chalk. They want some water colors and any toy that you can spare. Remember all the other little boys and girls. Your little friend,
Glynda Pat Lewis

Lakeview, Texas
Dear Santa:
We are little girls two and four years old.
We help our mother and father, Santa, please bring both of us a big doll and some dishes and nuts and candy. And don't forget the other little boys and girls everywhere. Love
Senia Sue and
Sammy Lee Scott
Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please will you bring me a big bear, jeep and lots of candy and nuts. And Santa, don't forget the other little boys and girls for I want them to have a nice Christmas too. Your friend,
Keith Crozier
P. S.—Will you please bring Troubles a little red harness. Troubles is my little dog.
Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl eight years old. I have been good and helped my mother and daddy this year. I would like for you to bring me a doll with curly hair, a doll buggy, and a pair of good warm pajamas if you can get them. I also would like some nuts, fruit and candy. Santa, don't forget my mother, daddy

sisters, brother, and all other little girls and boys. Bye-bye Santa. I hope to see you Christmas. Your little pal,
Zelda Ray Saunders
Memphis, Texas

Dearest Santa:
I am a little girl six years old. I have been a good girl and I go to school. Please bring me a sleepy doll and some nuts, candy, oranges and apples. Love to Santa,
Polly Hammonds
Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy about three years old. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a football, a little duck, and lots of apples, candy and nuts. A good little boy,
Macie Lee Anthony
Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:
I want a doll, a purse, candy

Do Your "Gums" Spoil Your Looks?
One look at some "GUMS" is enough to upset anyone.—Drug-gists refund money if the first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to satisfy.

and fruit. Please bring my brothers and sisters something. Love,
Betty Joe Jackson
Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a ball, bat, gloves and boxing gloves. I have been nice and worked hard.
Your friend,
Lloyd West
Friendship School

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a big doll with hair, a bunk bed, a set of with knives and forks, spoon and knives. I also want two for my table. Santa, if more than my share only me half. I've tried to be Love,
Betty Carolyn B

We, as Americans

Reserve the right to worship, to live, to talk, to observe and celebrate any occasion that we desire. That is why Christmas means so much to each of us. It is symbolic of the American Way of Life.

And so, we, as Americans, say Merry Christmas to you, our fellow Americans.

MACK'S LAUNDRY

Merry Christmas




We cherish the thoughts of the fine friendships that have been ours in the past and we desire to take this means of expressing our genuine thanks for your courtesies.

We wish you the best of good things for Christmas and the New Year.

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It may be caused by disorder of kidney function that permits poisonous waste to accumulate. For truly many people feel tired, weak and miserable when the kidneys fail to remove excess acids and other waste matter from the blood.

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The Memphis Democrat

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa: Please bring me a gun and scabbard and a bicycle. Your little friend,
Bobby

Dear Santa Claus: As you have so far to come, I won't ask for much. I am a little boy four years old. I want a jeep, boxing gloves, fruit and candy. Don't forget Frankie Lee and Sanda Jo.
Jerry Robertson

Dear Santa: This Christmas I will be two thousand miles away from home. I thought you should know to bring my toys to San Francisco this year. I would like a dollie, doll buggy, dishes and most anything you have handy. Gyle Lew is wants a doll, rockie horse and wagon. And Santa, you'll have to remember my aunt Agnes who will be all alone this year. Also my cousins in Memphis. Well, so

long until next Christmas when I hope to see you back home in Texas again. Lovingly,
Betty Lou Wells

Dear Santa Claus: I am writing you. I want a football and two pair of boxing gloves and a tommy gun for Archie and me. And candy, nuts. Mother wants some bananas, sisters wants a baby doll, daddy wants a package of cigarettes. That is all from,
Leon and Archie Martin

Dear Santa Claus: As it is just a short time until Christmas I will tell you what I would like for you to bring me. A doll, a typewriter, a nurse set, a pair of house slippers and house coat and anything else you would like to bring me. So, will be seeing you Christmas. Love,
Jackie Lee Eastland

Dear Santa: I have been a good girl this year. Santa I want a doll for Christmas. Santa, I want a table tennis set and the doll clothes too. And a nurse hat and nurse clothes. Your friend,
Mary Ruth Sweeney

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy six years old. I have been a pretty good boy, so bring me a Lone Ranger set, a croquet set, also a nice puzzle. Don't forget the fruit, nuts and candy. Yours truly,
Winfred Don Vallance

Dear Santa Claus: I would like to write you a few lines, you told me to tell you what I wanted for Christmas. I am six years old. I would like to have a doll. I hope you are O. K., I am. I guess I had better close. Your little friend,
Bonnie Faye Brannon

Dear Santa: I am four years old. I have been a good girl I think. For Christmas I want a baby doll with lots of clothes and a little table and chairs. Please bring me one of them anyhow if you can. Bring lots of nuts and candy. Don't forget my mother, daddy brother and sisters. Don't forget other boys and girls. Don't forget your little friend,
Ann Tiner

Dear Santa Claus: Please send me a Red Ryder bee-bee-gun and a bubble set. Sincerely yours,
Hershell Williams

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl seven years old and in the second grade. I want a doll if you have any left. I am not asking for very much, so you will have more for the soldier boys. I have a little brother 18 months old. His name is Jerry. Please bring him some tiny tot toy to play with. If you have any nuts, candy and fruit please bring us some. With lots of love,
Marthlyn Burnett

Dear Santa: I am a little boy six years old and like to go to school. I want a target set, a set of building blocks, lots of nuts and candy, and anything else you want to bring me and don't forget the other boys and girls, especially my little cousins, John Eldon Woods and Martha Jay Reed. Your pal,
James Douglas Dickey

P. S.—Don't forget my big brother.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy eight years old. For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a little airplane set and a pair of roller skates. Don't forget other little boys and girls. Also remember my Mother and Daddy. Your little friend,
Billy Darrell Roden

Dear Santa Claus: I have been very good and I want you to bring me a doll, rocker, sewing kit, and don't forget Mother and Daddy, Grandmother, Dow and W. L. Also bring me some nuts and candy and fruit. Love,
Mary Nell Couch

Dear Santa: I'm a little boy six years old. Please bring me a blackboard, a wooden rifle, cowboy suit, gun, service truck, candy, fruit, nuts. My sister Wanda wants a watch. Please leave my brother, Louie's gifts here. We are looking for him home Christmas holidays. He is in the United States Marine Corps, stationed at Ocean Side, Calif.

I did live at Memphis. Don't forget other little boys and girls. Thanks, dear Santa.
Your little friend,
Jerry Grimes

Dear Santa: I am a little girl seven years old. Would you please bring me a big doll, a telephone, some books and magic slate and lots of candy, fruit and nuts. I have a little brother three years old who would like to have a wagon and train and lots of fruit, nuts and candy.

With love,
Anita and Jimmy Dale Hartsell

Dear Santa: I am feeling fine. Now, I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas. Please bring me a pair of boxing gloves and small scooter. Also some fruit, candy and chewing gum.
Vance Adams

Dear Santa Claus: Please send me a doll with shoes, cap and coat on. I would like to have a coloring book and a box of colors if possible. Yours truly,
Dorothy Jean Williams

Dear Santa Claus: I am six years old, and I have been driving the pickup for daddy when he feeds the cows and I've dried the dishes for Mum-mum. Please bring me a wooden gun, a truck with some sideboards, a blackboard, some blocks and a helmet.
I'll be looking for you.
Jerry Smith

Dear Santa: I am a little boy four years old and I have been a very good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a little ring and some games. Also nuts, candies, apples and oranges. Nita Rae is my little sister. Please don't forget to bring her a doll and nuts and fruit. Don't forget to bring Virginia something nice too. Love,
Charles Garlan Holt

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 2 1-2 years old. I want you to bring me a big doll and some little dishes. Also bring my brother Freddie Ray a gun and truck. Remember my two other brothers, Raylee and Gene here, and my big brother L. E., that is in foreign service. Also remember mother and dad. Hoping to see you next year. Your little friend,
Joyce Ann, Freddie Warnecke

Dear Santa Claus: We are two little boys three years and four years old. We have tried to be good little boys and would like for you to bring us a little wooden train each, a croquet set, and a ping-pong set. Also some fruit and candy. Love,
Oscar Jr. and Bobby Jack Maddox

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AND A VERY
Happy New Year
ROGERS LAUNDRY

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Here Comes Santa
Hi! Ho! Merrily we go! Nothing like an old fashioned sleigh ride at Christmas time. It typifies the real meaning of Christmas and gives us something tangible on which to hang our ambitions in a world full of unrest and strife.
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May this be truly an American Christmas, one that will prove to give you a new hold-on life, to better prepare you for the trials of future years.
NORMAN'S RADIO SHOP

Merry Christmas
Try as we may we can think of no better Christmas sentiment than those two simple, but significant words, "Merry Christmas".
We sincerely hope that you will have a full measure of happiness at this time of the year and throughout the years to come.
WHITE AUTO STORE
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IF WE HAD A WHOLE SHELF OF BOOKS. WE DOUBT VERY SERIOUSLY IF WE COULD FIND ANYWHERE IN THEM A PHRASE MORE BEAUTIFUL, MORE APPROPRIATE, OR MORE SINCERE THAN "MERRY CHRISTMAS" IN EXPRESSING THIS CHRISTMAS SENTIMENT. WE WISH FOR YOU ALL THE THINGS THAT WILL BRING YOU THE HAPPINESS YOU SO RICHLY DESERVE.
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A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
—REDDY KILOWATT.
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We of your Electric Service Company will be on the job Christmas Day . . . to make sure that your Christmas lights burn brightly, and to continue to furnish industry and agriculture the electric energy necessary for production for victory. . . This is our contribution to a happy Christmas Day the American Way.
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Give U.S. WAR BONDS
The Present with a Future.

Comments—

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Mr. and Mrs. Don Wright. December 24—Wedding anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Shockley, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hall, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Brewer of Lakeview, married 24 years. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cope married December 24, 1903, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Lockhart, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Grisham, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bell.

December 26—Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hattenbach, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Monzingo, Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Orr, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Craighead, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Williams.

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Future Readers of The Democrat

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. James Coy Beckum of San Angelo are the parents of a girl born December 20. Teresa Ann weighed 7 1-2 pounds. Mrs. Beckum was formerly Miss Athalee Hutcherson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hutcherson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Nuhn of Washington, D. C., are the parents of a girl born December 17. She has been named Alice Cheryl and weighed 6 pounds and 6 ounces.

A boy was born December 21 to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Phelps.

Jerry Lynn was born December 21 to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Winters. He weighed 6 pounds and 9 1-2 ounces.

The Tropic Honey keeps better in a warm room than in a refrigerator.

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...brings more babies and is already putting a strain

DARTS OF DESTINY



At this Norwegian hospital in London, staffed by Norwegian doctors and Norwegian nurses, these convalescent warriors of Norway spend a sportive morning at darts. Norwegian Relief and other agencies of the National War Fund stand ready to aid those who escape from occupied lands and to prepare them for usefulness when their home countries are once more free.

A birch tree with 200,000 leaves will give off between 700 and 900 gallons of water in a single summer day. Four years after a snail shell had been placed in a glass case at the British museum, a small snail emerged.

SOCIETY.

Sunday School Class Has Christmas Party Tuesday Afternoon

The Truth Seekers Sunday school class of the Methodist church held its annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Anna Dickson Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Bob Roberts was co-hostess.

Mrs. J. A. Kutch was leader of the program. Mrs. Dickson, president, presided during a brief business session. Mrs. Kutch gave the devotional "Christ Child." A poem, "The Little Feilow Stocking" was read by Mrs. Bob Roberts.

After gifts were presented from the tree, refreshments were served to Mes. C. W. Broome, Anna Dickson, J. A. Kutch, Edd West, E. Johnson, C. Gerlach, L. E. Hankins, J. J. Evans, C. E. Gowen, Ella Johnson, Guy Kercherville, Pearl Massey, J. T. Jarvis, J. W. Burks, F. U. Guinn, A. Womack and Bob Roberts.

CHURCHES

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
T. T. POSEY, Pastor

Sunday school, 10:00-10:00
Morning worship, 11:10 a. m.
Communion, 11:25 a. m.
Young Peoples' meeting, 6:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY
Wednesday evening service 7:30

LAKEVIEW METHODIST CHURCH
C. C. HARDWAY, Pastor

Sunday Bible school, 10 a. m.
Morning service 10 a. m. Evening services 9:30 p. m. each first and third Sundays.
Services at Brice Methodist church each second Sunday.
Services at Plaska Church each fourth Sunday.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SUNDAY—
10:00 a. m. Bible Study
Morning services 11 a. m. Evening services, 7 p. m.

WEDNESDAY
7:00 p. m. Bible Study.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
John C. Cox, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00
Morning worship 11:00.

Evening service, 8:00.
Wednesday prayer, 8:30.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

J. T. CRAWFORD, Pastor
N. W. THOMAS, S. S. Supt.
Mrs. J. T. Crawford, N. Y. P. S. President

Sunday Bible school, 10:30 a. m.

Morning service, 11:30.
N. Y. P. S., 7:30 p. m.
Evening service, 8:15.

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Everyone should attend Sunday school somewhere. You are invited to attend our services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Memphis, Texas
Rev. Jeff M. Moore, Pastor

SUNDAY—

9:45 a. m. Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship.
7:00 p. m. Training Union.
8:00 p. m. Evening worship.

WEDNESDAY—

7:30 p. m. Teacher's meeting.
8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting.
8:45 p. m. Choir rehearsal.

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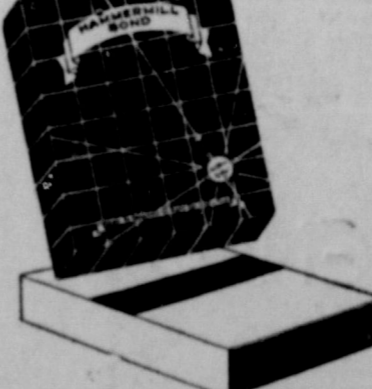
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MEMPHIS, HALL COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 23, 1943 FIVE CENTS NUMBER 28

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good boy this year. I want a jeep and cannon and a tommy gun.
Montie Clark
Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a house-coat and house slippers and slacks and perfume. Your friend
Dorris Ladell Reed
Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy five years old. I have tried to be good this year so please me a bow and arrow, a blackboard, and some fruit, candy and nuts. Your little friend,
Charley Alvin Jordan
Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy two years old and I want a wagon, a horn, and some A B C blocks. Also oranges and apples. I have been pretty good, so don't forget me.
Bobby Loyd Jordan
Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl fourteen months old and you know a little girl that age couldn't be so very bad, so please bring me a dollie that cries, some blocks, and a pulling toy or two. Also some candy, fruit and nuts. Remember all the other girls and boys everywhere. Love,
Almeda Ruth Gampage
Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl three years old and I still live where I did last year. I would like to have a dollie and a ring; however, it will be alright if you don't come to see me, just so you visit my other little friends, especially those whose daddies are "Sojers." Santa, please don't forget my little new cousin, Mary Beth Milton, for this is her first Christmas. Don't work too hard and remember, I love you. Merry Christmas to you,
Mary Joy Reed
Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 5 1-2 years old and have been very good. So please bring me a doll, a set of dishes and a dresser set, some nuts, candy and fruit. Your little friend,
Frances Carolena Phelps
Memphis, Texas

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Jennie Mae Fancher
Hedley, Texas

Dearest Santa:
I am a little girl four years old and I sure get lonesome while my brother and sister are away at school. Please bring me a doll with sleepy eyes, an iron, and ironing board and a set of dishes. Also a little cook stove with an oven. Hoping you have pretty weather for your Christmas deliveries. Yours truly,
Judy Gwen Wynn
Memphis, Texas

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Memphis, Texas

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Jan Monzingo
Lakeview, Texas

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This year, perhaps more than ever, we have looked forward to the opportunity of sending a message of good cheer to you. We are aware of the disappointments that have been yours; we are familiar with the good things in life which have been yours to enjoy. And at this Christmas time, we want it to be one of those great occasions which you will long remember as being a happy season, full of hope for Health, Peace and Contentment.

Would like to wish each of you the Joys of the Christmas season because we feel deeply grateful to all our friends from whom we have had the privilege of serving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hightower

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WISHING YOU

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

MEMPHIS PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION

Job Is to Save Dollars Buy War Bonds Every Pay

It's An Old American Custom

This idea of wishing friends a Merry Christmas—but one to which we look forward—year after year. We are grateful to our many friends and it is to you that this message is intended.

BEST WISHES TO ALL!

MILDRED'S BEAUTY SHOP

IT'S CHRISTMAS, SO LET'S

Define Happiness!

WEBSTER SAYS.

"Happiness, n. (1) Good luck; prosperity. (2) A state of well-being. (3) Graceful aptitude; felicitous."

WE SAY.

"We sincerely wish that you will experience the full meaning of the word happiness as defined in the dictionary."

We know of no better way to impress the sincerity with which we express our greetings to you this glad season of the year.

ALAMO CAFE

Mrs. Oscar Gerlach, Owner

A FRIENDLY WORD

The value of a friendly word at Christmas or at any other time carries a significance unsurpassed. It adds to the feeling of satisfaction that comes from the knowledge of having friends during times such as those we have experienced during the past months. A friendly word is something that is indelibly impressed in the minds of people who have endured sacrifices and difficult times.

It is with full knowledge of the real meaning of a friendly word that we express our Christmas Greetings to you. When we say, "Merry Christmas," we want you to accept it as a word of cheer and goodwill. May all the blessings of a glorious Christmas be the good fortune of our many friends.

Wm. Cameron and Company

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Memphis, Texas
December 3, 1943

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Letha Irene Wand

Memphis, Texas
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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a pupil in the third grade. I am nine years old. Please bring me a doll, a doll suit case and doll high chair, fruit, gum, nuts and candy. Remember my little sister, Charlene. Your friend,
Alma Ruth Potter.

San Antonio, Texas
109 Wiggins Place

Dear Santa:
Please bring my sister and me a story book, doll, a pair of slacks, some house shoes and a monopoly set. Diane wants a color book and I want some books to read. We like candy and fruit too. Your little friends,
Sandra and Diane Sigler

Memphis, Texas
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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a pupil in the third grade. I am nine years old. Please bring me a doll, a housecoat, some slippers, ring, some games, fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend,
Betsy Jean Reynolds

Memphis, Texas
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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a pupil in the third grade. I am eight years old. Please bring me a football helmet, flying fortress, some fruit, candy, gum and nuts. Your friend,
Jorn Ira Foster

Memphis, Texas
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I am a pupil in the third grade. I am eight years old. Please bring me a locket, a pair of silk pajamas, a bracelet, some books, and games, also some fruit, nuts, candy and gum. Your friend,
Feret Lynn McKinney

Memphis, Texas
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I am a pupil in the third grade. I am nine years old. Please bring me a doll bed, some games, some story books, a doctor and nurse set, some fruit, gum, nuts and candy. Your friend,
Betty Jane Thompson

Memphis, Texas
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Donna Lee Webb

Memphis, Texas
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I am a pupil in the third grade. I am nine years old. Please bring me a bicycle, truck, nuts, and fruit. Your friend,
Howard Ray Scoggins

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I am a pupil in the third grade. I am nine years old. Please bring me an army rifle, some games and candy. Your friend,
Snow Price

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Peggy Smith

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Tonn Oakley

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Zelma Lois Carpenter.

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Frankye Dynn Srygley

Memphis, Texas
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Bobby Ray Mitchell.

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Daisy Hansen.

Lakeview, Texas

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I want a football and helmet and a game, also fruits, nuts and candy. Bring mother and Daddy and Broadus what they wish for. Don't forget other boys and girls. Remember all of the soldiers, sailors and marines and all service men and women everywhere. Your best friend,
David Spivey.

Littlefield, Texas

Dear Santa:
I have been a good little girl this year so please bring me a doll (12 in. high with curly hair), a nurse set and a set of dishes. Santa Claus, I have a little brother, Jim Tom, and he wants a gun, a stick horse and a book. Don't forget my cousin, Eudine Gable and my Grandma Messer who lives in Memphis. Your little friend,
Anita Messer

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll, a chair and a table and some doll chairs and a slate, doctor and nurse's set, and blackboard, telephone, and a book.
Norma Jean Townsend
P. S.—Don't forget my daddy.

Memphis, Texas
December 3, 1943

Dear Santa Claus:
I have tried to be a good boy this year. I want a chemical set, mounted suit, wood burning set, bicycle and a war bond that's all. I don't want much Christmas and don't forget the boys overseas because they got to get things too. Well, Santa, I am in the fourth grade and nine years old. Come to see every mother, father, boy and girl.
Your friend,
David Archer

Memphis, Texas
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Dear Santa Claus:
How are you today? I am fine. I am in the fourth grade. I have tried to be a good boy. Please bring me mounted suit and a doctor set, a football and a gun. And some candy, some nuts and fruit.
Come soon,
James Davidson

Memphis, Texas
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and a set of dishes and some fruit and candy. Don't forget the people that are fighting.
Your friend,
Billie June Horn

December 1, 1943

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy just three years old. I am a good little boy. Please bring me a toy gun, helmet, blackboard, lots of fruit, nuts and candy. Remember all the other little children, too. Love,
Tommie Max Brewer

Memphis, Texas
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Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a nurse set, a house coat, a pair of house shoes. And I would like a pair of skates and a doll.

Dear Santa, we do want much this year because the boys overseas won't forget us. They would like a box of candy. Well, Santa I guess I'd better close.
Yours truly,
Lorene Woodall

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you bring me a little pony for when I go back with Daddy I can take it with me.
Come soon,
Edna Joyce Bice

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy six years old. I want an airplane, a little car and a scooter. Thank you,
Curtis Eldrie Thomason

Lakeview, Texas
November 29, 1943

Dear Santa:
I am nine years old and have tried to be a good boy this year. For Christmas, I want a pair of boxing gloves and a punching bag. Santa, please don't forget my brother in the service and all the other men and women in the service. Don't forget all the boys and girls that have been good too.
Ronnie Gowdy

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, a pair of skates, some candy and nuts. Thank you,
Betty Harris

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Please bring me a gun and a bicycle. Thank you,
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Dear Santa Claus:
I should like for you to bring me a gun, a bicycle, a scabbard and a farm set. Thank you,
James Moss

Hearty Christmas Greetings



May the New Year help us forget the heartaches and disappointments of the past years.

Dr. M. McNeely

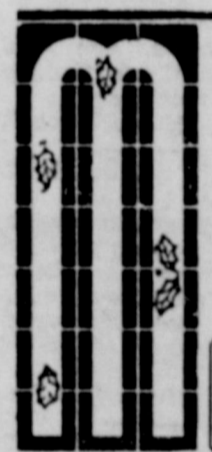
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We assure you that we will make every effort to serve you next year as efficiently and effectively as possible. We have a certain standard that we expect to set as a goal and our every effort will be directed toward the achievement of this purpose.

May you enjoy this Christmas in every respect.

Season's Greetings

A. W. HOWARD COTTON CO.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

We see no reason to change our Christmas sentiment this year, although we realize the difficult times that all have been through. We are equally conscious of the importance of Christmas and the opportunity it gives us to renew old acquaintances and to encourage new ones. Let us set this one day aside to forget the unpleasant realities of life and to remember the pleasant associations of friends and loved ones. Let us look forward to a season of complete enjoyment; making the best of the facilities that are ours. We wish each of you a joyous Yuletide and a Season of contentment.



A WEALTH OF HAPPINESS

MAY THE JOYS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON GO WITH YOU ALL THROUGH THE NEW YEAR

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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for a MERRY

AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

The board's all set and the tracks are clear for a Merry American Christmas. It is that time of the year when all of us strive to remember the good things in life, the value of friendly relations and to set our signals "all clear" for the New Year. Make your reservations now for a happy journey through the coming year.

DAVIS IMPLEMENT COMPANY

Tracy L. Davis

SEASON'S

To All

AMERICANS

And Friends of Americans

Because of the sacrifices of American youths and their willingness to serve, an American Christmas is again possible. Without their efforts Christmas this year would be of small importance.

It is fitting and appropriate that we remember them at this glad season of the year. At the same time remembering our friends here at home who have also made tremendous sacrifices in order that the American way of life may be maintained. We wish you all the best possible.

GREETINGS

TARVER'S PHARMACY

On the Corner

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a machine gun, dart game, war set, log set and be sure and bring some nuts, candy and fruit.

J. T. Harris

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a machine gun, dart game, war set, log set. Be sure and bring me some nuts, candy and fruit.

Ronny Mac Smith

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll and some nuts and plenty of other things.

Patsy Dell Shafer

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll and a doll bed and dishes. Bring me plenty of candy and fruit.

Estelline Austin

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll and a blackboard and plenty candy and a doll buggy and plenty fruit and nuts.

Maggie Don Simmons

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a ring. Plenty of candy and nuts too. Please bring me a B B gun.

Delton Ledbetter

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I am nine years old and I don't want much this Christmas. I want a house coat, house shoes, a Bible and a ring. I want some nuts and candy and fruits and don't forget the soldier boys. I am in the fourth grade.

Your friend,
Virginia Miller

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a girl nine years old, and am in the fourth grade. Please bring me a ring, housecoat, house shoes and skates. And don't forget the boys, girls, men and women who are fighting for us. Thank you.

Odesa June Hubbard

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:

Remember the fighting boys overseas and in the air. I don't want as much candy as I had last year.

I want a gun for Christmas. I don't want to ask you for as much candy as I had last year.

Your friend,
Eugene Wand

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a jeep for Christmas and a ship. I would like to have a football and a pair of gloves too. I don't know anything else I want. My little sister would like to have a doll. I would like to have some candy too.

Your friend,
Richard Finch

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:

Please do not forget the fighting men. That are fighting across the sea. They would like some Xmas too. Will not ask for a lot of things. I want a bicycle, an air gun and football.

Your friend,
Frankie McCraw

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a gun and scabbard, a bicycle, a wagon, a mounted suit, candy, fruits and a funny book. That is all I want this year. Come soon.

Your friend,
Ralph P. Wright

Levelland, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I am getting Mother to write to you for my brother and I because I haven't learned to write enough yet. I started to school this year and I like to go. I ride the bus and have lots of fun.

My brother Dwayne is four years old and he has been pretty good for a boy and I've been good too. I want you to bring me a doll with hair, and I'd like to have a ring too. Bring Dwayne an anti-aircraft gun and something to build with. Remember all other boys and girls and don't forget the eats.

Lots of love,
Joan and Dwayne Cummins

Conway, Texas

November 26, 1943

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy six years old. I have tried to be a good little boy. I help daddy outside and also help my mother in the house. I have a little sister 19 months old and a little sister four years old. I would like an airgun but I understand our fighting men have to have the guns to whip the Japs with. So if you have a wooden gun, it will please me. Also a large wagon, a little army tank, a little machine gun, and a little jeep. I will hang my stocking up so you will fill it with fruit, candy, nuts. I have an uncle in the army at Fort Ord, Calif. Please don't forget him. His name is Pvt. Coy D. Grant. Don't forget any of our boys in the service. I have a good many cousins and a grandmother and two uncles in Memphis. My other grandmother and grandfather live at Littlefield. Also lots of little friends at Memphis and up here. Will close, with love. Your little friend,

Jimmie Jack Grant

December 1, 1943

Dear Santa:

I want a doctor and nurse set. I have been a good girl and want a doll and some candy and oranges and apples and nuts.

With love,
Johnnie McDaniel

Lakeview, Texas

Box 27

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl of seven years. I would like very much to have a doll with real hair and a set of dishes and some clothes for my doll. I also have a little brother who is four. He would like to have a jeep, a machine gun, and an army truck. He would also like a blackboard if it is at all possible. I have a brother who is stationed at Fort Dix, N. J., don't forget him and his wife. We have been good, Santa. We remain,

Loueta and Tommye Ioor

Dear Santa:

We have been pretty nice boys so we are expecting you to come to see us. Please bring us a wagon and a pair of kid gloves. If you can, bring me a wrist watch, I'd be proud of it. Bring Don a ring, he is too small for watch. Also bring us lots of candy, oranges, apples and nuts. Think of mother and daddy.

Billy Joe and Don Oakley

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a bicycle, or blackboard and house shoes, nuts, candy and fruit.

Sue Miller

Dear Santa Claus:

We are a girl, age 5, and a boy age 2. We have been good all the year. Please bring us a doll, a fuzzy bear, a nurse set, a book, a truck, some soldiers, some tanks, and planes, a banjo, a doll house and furniture. Please don't forget little John Eldon Woods. He is only one year old, but he wants a tricycle. Thank you. Your little friends,

Paula and Swayne McCauley

Giles, Texas

November 28, 1943

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 7 years old. I have a little sister 5 years old also. We have been good and have helped mother and daddy all we could. We are expecting you to come to see us Christmas eve night. My cousin, Clyde D. March of Camp Barkeley came to spend his furlough with us and he gave us both a real pretty doll with blond curly hair, so we want you to bring us both a doll bed and a table and two chairs together. We have our sink and stove and dishes, that you brought us last Christmas. We would also like to have some candy, and fruit, but best of all we would like to have our brother here for Christmas. He is stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash. You will find a nice big cake for you under the Christmas tree. Your little friends,

Patricia Ann and
Alice Jane Cheshier.

Dear Santa:

I am only 2 years old but I have tried to be a good boy. Please bring me a ball, a train, gun, a car, some books, nuts, fruit and candy. Please don't forget Don and grandmother. I will leave you a piece of mother's fruit cake for I know you will be cold and hungry. With love,

John Carroll Coleman

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy eight years old. I am crippled and walk on crutches. I go to school. I am a good little boy. I want a B B gun and candy and fruit.

Ross Hill

Estelline, Texas

November 30, 1943

Dear Santa:

I am just any other little girl or boy on your route. I am seven years old. I always want to be good. I am counting on your stopping at my house Christmas eve night. I want a doll, and an army truck with soldiers and some paper doll furniture, lincoln logs, and I guess that is about all. Hope all other little boys and girls have been good too. Love,

Doris Chaudoin

Wichita Falls

1523 North 9th St.

Dear Santa:

Please send me a doll that says, Mama. I want a blackboard too. I am six years old and started to school and I made a good grade on my report card. Please send my little sister, Betty Jo, some toys. We would like some candy and fruit too. With love,

Peggy Lowe

Memphis, Texas

December 1, 1943

Dear Santa:

We have tried to be a good boy and girl this year. We don't want to ask for too much. We would like a dart board. Some crayons, doll clothes, and any thing else you have for an 8 year old boy and 6 year old girl. Don't forget our brother Derrell at Austin. Please include us some candy, fruit and nuts. Your little friends,

Johnny Clinton and
Mary Ann Brumley

Relax, Folks! ... IT'S CHRISTMAS

Let's take a few minutes off to wish everyone around us a very happy occasion. We need a little relaxation to better prepare ourselves for the problems of the coming year. Let's make it an old fashioned American Christmas.

HAYES CAFE

"God grants liberty only to those who love it, who are always ready to guard and defend it."—Daniel Webster.

It is from such great Americans that we find it possible to maintain Christmas in its original manner. It is our sincere wish that we will have the privilege of expressing some form of Christmas greetings to our friends for many years to come.



BEST WISHES FOR AN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

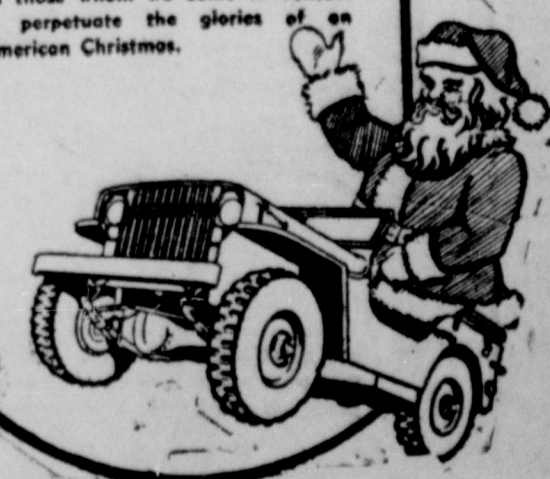
HIGHLAND MERCANTILE CO.

J. L. Barnes

Santa Has Traded His Reindeer

In this day and age old Saint Nick has gone all out in his efforts to please his friends. In some distant parts of the globe he may even surpland his reindeer and sleigh with a jeep... or a tank... or a P-40... but knowing him like we do, we know that he will find a way to bring the true spirit of Christmas to all.

It is a comforting thought and a blessing to know that regardless of the unhappiness and disappointments which have been the experiences of many the past few years, there remains the traditional feeling of good cheer at Christmastime. Let each of us be conscious of the things that are expected of us this present season. Let each of us spread cheer and happiness and good fellowship with all those whom we come in contact to perpetuate the glories of an American Christmas.



POTTS CHEVROLET COMPANY

Tomie M. Potts

LET'S GIVE A THOUGHT TO

Christmas

Let's make it our express purpose to enjoy a season of happiness on a par with those happy occasions of the past. Let's make this possible by being considerate to those near us and by being thoughtful of those far away. Let's strive to forget the heartaches, keeping foremost in our thoughts the reunion of loved ones and friends at some future date.

When we express our Season's Greetings, we are thinking of you and your loved ones.

CHARM BEAUTY SALON

Myrtle Wood

Greeting

YOU On This Great Occasion



MERRY CHRISTMAS Grundy Abstract & Title Co. Webster Ins. Agency

Wishing You A MULTITUDE OF BLESSINGS

May peace be with you at this great season of the year. We are mindful of the friendships and associations that have been ours during the past year and the splendid volume of business resulting from it. You have been most generous and you have been extremely considerate in our efforts to supply your needs, and we are truly grateful. It is with these thoughts in mind that we wish you a multitude of good things at this Christmastide.

TEXAS SERVICE STATION

J. R. Saunders, Owner

Christmas Tidings

Christmas tidings and the best of good wishes to each of you who have favored us with your friendship and good will in the years past.

We are interested in each of you and we desire to share your disappointments as well as your happiness. If the past year has been one of trying times, we want you to know that you are foremost in our thoughts and we sincerely trust that the Yuletide Season will help you in some measure to find a greater joy than has ever been your experience.



Sproles Motor Freight Lines, Inc.

B. B. McMillan, Agent

NO BLACKOUTS At Christmastime IN AMERICA



Elsewhere in this world there are many who will not be able to enjoy the bright, colorful lights of Christmas. Let's be thankful that here in America, at least, there is no blackout at Christmas time.

Let's be thankful that we are privileged to enjoy Christmas and the American way of life only because American youth accepted the challenge and has made possible the perseverance of the traditional American Yuletide Season.

It is in full appreciation of the things our fighting youth have done that we express to you our Christmas thoughts when we extend SEASON'S GREETINGS. Please bear in mind that we are also thinking of those men who have served their country so efficiently in the protection and perseverance of this glorious tradition.

KING FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING
KING BURIAL ASSOCIATION

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Lakeview, Texas
November 26, 1943

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy six years old. I think I have been very good and have minded mother and daddy and helped every way possible. I am asking you for a machine gun, a writing desk, and chair, a truck, candy, nuts and fruit. Also remember Henry Cecil and me with a blackboard. Please bring mother and daddy something. Love,
Royce Gerald Hardaway

Lakeview, Texas
November 26, 1943

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy seven years old. I have tried to be very good this year, that is, to help mother and father. I want you to bring me a pair of boxing gloves, a big truck and lots of candies, nuts, oranges and apples. Your little friend,
Raymond Earl Hall

Lakeview, Texas
November 27, 1943

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl eleven years old. I have been very good in helping mother and daddy this year. I want you to bring me lots necklace, and a little toy dining room set, and also bring me lots of candies, nuts, oranges and apples. Be sure and don't forget mother and daddy, and all the other little boys and girls. Your friend,
Wilma Ruth Hall

November 24, 1943

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 1 1/2 years old. I don't remember last Christmas as I was too small, but I've been a good little girl this year, so I'd like for you to bring me a doll buggy, or a rocky-horse, just which ever one is convenient. Also a big doll and a picture book and just a few nuts, fruit and candy. Now, don't forget my cousins and grandparents, love,
Barbara Jean Palmer

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a bicycle and some candy.
Thank you,
James Freeman

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll and some candy.
Thank you,
Madgeine Wilson

Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl nine years old. I have been a good girl. I want you to bring me a little doll and a big doll, a ring, a pair of house shoes and a house coat. If you have one to fit me. And I want some story books and candy, nuts and fruits too. Your friend,
Hazel Jordan

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy four years old. I think I have been very good because I dry dishes, some times, for my mother and I drive for daddy to head maize. I know you can't find many toys this year, but I would like to have a train, a football, a machine gun and some new house slippers. Don't forget my little brother, my sister, mother and daddy and my three uncles in service. Your pal,
Keith Adcock

December 2, 1943

Dear Santa: I am a little girl, six years old. I want a blackboard and a doll with curly hair and a set of dishes. Don't forget my little niece, Lydia Kay. Your little friend,
Joy Lillian Daniell

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll. Thank you,
Mary Ann Crone

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: How are you Santa Claus? I am good this year. I don't want very much. Will you bring me a wood burning set? I am in west ward school. I am in the fourth grade and don't forget the soldier boys.
Sincerely yours,
Willie Pickring

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I want a football, a monopoly set, a pair of leather gloves, a story book. I want some candy and nuts and fruit. I don't want much this year so I will close.
Your friend,
Coy Smith



"LONG MAY OUR
LAND BE BRIGHT
WITH FREEDOM'S
HOLY LIGHT."

MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO EACH OF YOU

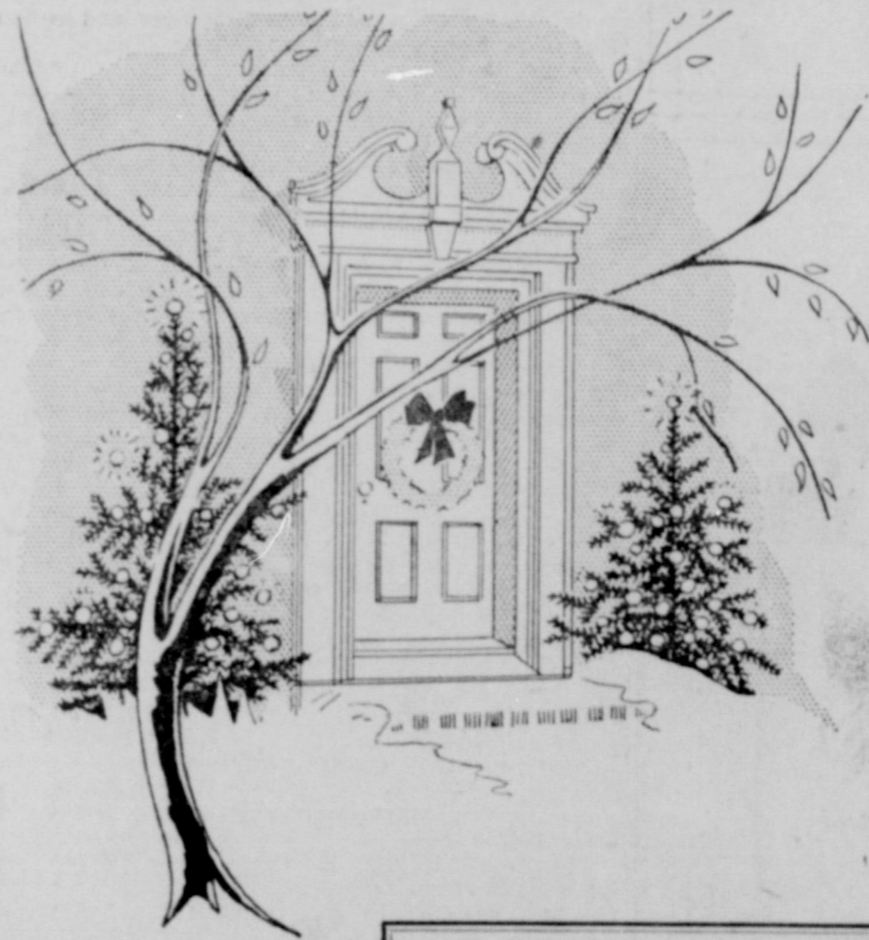
Wishing you all the happiness which may be contained in an old fashioned American Christmas.

AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

City Feed Store & Hatchery

J. F. FORKNER, Owner

LOOKING FORWARD AT CHRISTMASTIME



the harmonious associations we have had during the past, we eagerly look forward to a continuance of them in the future. —We sincerely hope that these friendships have been as pleasant to you as they have been to us.

—May the true Christmas spirit remain unchanged although our lives have been affected by circumstances and events within the past year. From the pleasantness of the Yuletide season today we derive strength to meet the problems of tomorrow.

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season

FROM

- O. V. Alexander
- Nell Cunningham
- W. V. Coursey
- *Captain John Deaver
- T. H. Deaver
- A. A. Dunlap
- F. N. Foxhall
- *Staff Sgt. O. L. Helm
- Marsene Holt
- D. L. C. Kinard
- J. E. King
- S. S. Montgomery
- Vivian McCulloch
- Thos. E. Noel
- T. E. Whaley
- Roselyn Williams
- Pauline Wynn

Officers, Directors and Employees

* On leave of absence, serving with the Armed Forces of United States.

First National Bank

MEMPHIS, TEXAS

IT'S THE YULETIDE IN AMERICA
And So—We Wish Each of You

MERRY CHRISTMAS

JOSH'S LAST STAND

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO AMERICANS EVERYWHERE

SERVICE BARBER SHOP

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

DR. L. M. HICKS

Season's Greetings

SHAW'S CONOCO STATION
Night 155—PHONES—Day 98

File This, Please

FOR REFERENCE EVERY DAY NEXT YEAR

Merry Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lawrence

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a pocket knife and a B B gun too.
Billy Ray Miles

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a football, a bicycle, a football helmet and a pair of gloves and some clothes. I don't want much candy and fruits. I will try to be a good boy.
But most of all I want a war bond. Your friend,
Ted Shafer

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doctor set, an army set, a log house and two guns and two scabbards.
I tried to be a good boy. Come soon,
Rayford Hutcherson

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I want an army set and a gun. Don't forget the boys overseas. I don't want much this year. Goodbye,
Doyle Hawthorne

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a little table and chairs, a large set of dishes, a real baby buggy, nuts, fruit and candy. Thank you,
Sincerely yours,
Gloria Harris

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl just four years old and I have tried to be good.
Santa, please bring me a new dress for Christmas. I would like a blue velvet, size 3, if you can find one. Also I would like an identification bracelet and anything else you would like to bring. Bring nuts, candy and fruit, too, please.
Be sure to remember all the other little boys and girls and especially my little friend, Dwain Ellerd. I'm sure he has been good.
Thank you very much,
Carole Ann Yarbrough

Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy three years old. I have been a good boy this year, and I would like for you to bring me a little jeep. Don't forget to bring my little brother, Carl Wayne, something too. He is almost a year old and he's a good little boy.
I love you and will be looking for you Christmas.
Doyle Keith Robertson

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy nine years old. My name is Teddy Ray Lockhart. For Christmas I want a gun and a scabbard and a cowboy suit.
Teddy Ray Lockhart
P. S.—Fruit, candy and nuts and pair of house shoes.

Parnell, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a set of American logs and anything else you have.
I have tried to be good. Bring Mike something. He is one and one half years old.
Love,
Tommy Cope

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll and some candy. Thank you,
Anita Jo Hartsell

Hedley, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
We are two little girls who used to live at Memphis. I, Edith Lillian, am three years old. I want a doll and some fruit and nuts and candy. I, Virginia Ellen, will be five years old soon. I want a doll, too, and some apples, oranges, candy and nuts.

Memphis, Texas

We have been very good little girls. We help Mother lots and we play with our little sister Ann Ruth, who is seven months old. Please bring her a toy to play with. She can't eat candy and nuts, so we think she will just want plenty of good Carnation milk.

Very truly yours,
Edith Lillian and Virginia Ellen Messer

Estelline, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl three and one half years old. I have been a very good girl. I want you to please bring me a mamma papa doll, a piano, sewing kit, and a black board. Santa, please come to see all of the good little boys and girls.

Your little friend,
Gaynella Jones

Lubbock, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please bring me twin dolls. The brother and sister are the ones I want the most. I have tried to be a good girl. I will be at grandmothers. Your friend
Sherry Ann Truelove
P. S.—Don't forget Teddie and Bettye Gayle.

Pampa, Texas

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl and would like for you to send me a large doll with curly hair. Don't forget my little nieces, Joyce Carol and Barbara Jean. Also my nephews, Willard Ray and Billie Frank. Don't forget all other boys and girls. Thanks a lot,
Billie Juanell Palmer

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. I want a doll for Christmas. I want a set of dishes for Christmas. I want a teddy bear for Christmas. I want a toy dog for Christmas. I want some candy for Christmas. I want some nuts for Christmas.
Tommie Sue Roach

An American Christmas

Camp Alhambra Grocery

F. O. Harris

We will be closed from Thursday evening, December 23, until Monday, January 2, 1944

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
We know you have many little girls and boys to bring presents to, please don't forget anyone. We want two dolls and a doll house. Our little brother wants a truck and a rocky horse. Since there is a war, we don't feel like we should get lots of things, so there will be plenty of presents for all the little children every where. Yours truly,
Betsy, Patsy and Bubby Godfrey

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been very good this year. I am a good citizen in school. I want a doll, nurse set and set of dishes. Your friend,
Nan Crowder

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl. I have helped my mother. I want a doll, a set of dishes, and house shoes, and a nurse set, candy, nuts and fruit too. Your friend,
Sandra Joan Caldwell

Brice, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
You have always been so nice to us and brought what we asked for. So that is why we are not asking for so much for ourselves, this time. Just bring us anything you happen to have that you think we would want. But we are asking for things for our little friends. Please bring Junior McAnear some blocks A B C's and a horn that toots. Bobbie Jean Johnson, a baby doll that cries and a kiddie car for she is a big girl now. Tommy Gattis, a baby walker and a cushion for his high chair. Nell Rita Cheek, a roly, poly baby hunting wrap and a rocky horse. Bobbie Joe, a lazy baby doll and a little sheep. Sammy McAnear, a baby stroller, he needs the sunshine so badly. There are dozen of other friends, but we can't think of the things they would like. Such as Jimmy Spencer, Merle Gale, Pat Holland, Bernice Phillips, W. H. James, and Richard Wood, Betty Craig. Oh, Santa, don't forget Barbara Myers, she wants a vanity set and a cigarette case and also a pair of nylon hose, if you please. We are hoping you can fill this order. Loving you always,
Sue Murff and Jean Patterson

Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl two and one half years old. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a baby doll and a set of dishes. I have a baby brother nine months old and he wants a rocking horse. We would like to have some nuts, fruit and candy if you have any to spare.
Love to you, Santa,
Patricia Gail and Jerry Lawrence

Big Spring, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
Hello, how are you? Remember me? I am a little boy seven years old. I used to live at Memphis but moved here to Big Spring.
Santa, I have been a very good boy this year and would you please bring me a machine gun, and a football and base ball and glove, some candy and nuts and fruit.
Lots of love, your friend,
Dale Frozier.

Santa Maria, Calif.

Dear Santa Claus:
We are two little girls that live in California and we don't want you to miss us. My sister and I want a laundry set, a doll and dishes. So don't forget us and bring my little brother a small bear for he is only ten months old.
We hope to see you Xmas.
Betty and Jean Rich

WITH all the sincerity in the world and with true appreciation of the many courtesies which have been extended us in the past, we look forward to the coming year with great anticipation. In acknowledging your courtesies, we wish to present our Holiday Greeting and to wish you a Season full of good hope, good cheer and good fellowship.

JOE C. WEBSTER
Your Goodyear Dealer

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

It is Christmas again and time to be remembering friends like you who remember us throughout the year. For your patronage and friendly good will we wish to express our gratitude and to wish for you all the good things in life which you so richly deserve.

Chas. Oren, Jeweler and Optometrist

A FRIENDLY GREETING

After reviewing the events of the past months and experiencing the problems which confront us under existing conditions, it is only natural that we welcome the peace and quiet of the Christmas season. It is comforting to know that we can free ourselves of the distracting thoughts that occupy our minds during ordinary days. It is difficult this year to express words which will bring comfort and peace to those whose homes and normal lives have been affected so greatly because of the American desire to maintain our way of life. Whatever we might say in this message may sound trite but please understand that our thoughts are sincere and genuine when we say that we wish you a Merry American Christmas. It is our way of expressing ourselves at this time and to let you know that we fully appreciate the trials that have been yours, the determination with which you have met abnormal situations.

WOMACKS FUNERAL HOME

Season's Greetings

BEST WISHES for an American Christmas

MILLER-MILLER MOTOR FREIGHT

BETWEEN US PERSONALLY!

There are so many things we would like to say to each of you personally. Personal wishes created by our mutual friendship. These are in our heart and you will know this simple greeting covers them all.

May this Christmas bring you an abundance of health, happiness, peace and prosperity.



BANTA'S CAFE

Our AMERICAN Heritage at Christmas time!


As another Christmas dawns, we in this organization are laying aside all other thoughts and are reflecting upon the many reasons we have for which to be thankful. Foremost, of course, is our American heritage. Yes, we ARE truly thankful that we are AMERICANS. We appreciate too, our friends and loyal customers who have meant so much to us and to the progress of this institution.

**So, to you, our friends, we extend heartiest good wishes. May the coming year see the dawn of a brighter day when the real Christmas spirit of Peace on Earth, Good Will toward men, will again prevail.*



Gerlach Battery & Electric

Through the CENTURIES




It is a far cry from the crude manger of Bethlehem nearly 20 centuries ago to the modern structures of worship.

But as time goes on and the world continues to progress, it is interesting to observe that the one custom that has remained unchanged is the observance of the coming of Him whose birthday we celebrate.

May His teachings predominate now at a time when the world seeks peace and contentment. This is our Christmas wish this year.

May we wish you all the joys of the Yuletide.



CICERO SMITH LUMBER CO.

BY J. G. BROWN

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Memphis, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus:
 If you have any guns please bring me two with two scabbards and a belt. I'd like to have a pair of boots if the army boys don't need all the leather. I have a little sister named Kathleen. Will you please bring her a doll. My little brother Sam would like a little toy of most any kind. Santa I'm soon going to be six years old. My mother says I am usually good but if you wont forget me this Christmas, I'll be a very good boy. Thank you, love
 Morton Hawkins

Memphis, Texas
 December 1, 1943
 Dear Santa:
 I am a little boy three years old. I want you to bring me a commando gun, a set of blocks, a jeep, a tank, tarin, and a negro doll, and a wooden wagon and lots of candy, fruit and nuts. Please remember the other little kids too. Love,
 Roy Don Spruill

Dear Santa:
 I am a boy 7 years old and I have tried to be good. I work hard at school and help mother all I can at home. If it isn't asking too much, will you please bring me a machine gun, a wood burning set, a football, some books, a ball and bat, nuts, fruit and candy. Don't forget John Carroll and all the other boys and girls. With love,
 Roy Don Coleman

Dear Santa Claus:
 You said write you early. We are two little boys and one little girl. We, the boys, want two farm sets. Our little sister wants a big doll. We all want a few nuts, candy and fruit. Thanks a lot. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Lots of love. Your little pals,
 Thelma Lou, Jackie D. and John D. Hall.

Conway, Texas
 November 26, 1943
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a little girl 4 years old and my little sister is 19 months old. My brother is 6 years old. We have all treid to be good. I help mother with the dishes, sweep the floors and rock my little sister, Lenora Sue, to sleep. I would like a new doll with curly hair, a little table and two chairs and a small doll for Lenora and some blocks and a little piano, if you have one. I will have Lenora's Sue's and my socks hanging up where you can fill them with fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget other little boys and girls. Lots of love, your little friends,
 Winafray Kaye and Lenora Sue Grant

Memphis, Texas
 December 3, 1943
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a pupil in the third grade. I am eight years old. Please bring me a doll, fruit, gum, nuts and candy. Your friend,
 Peggy Gean Cutrell

Memphis, Texas
 November 27, 1943
 Dear Santa:
 I am a little boy six years old. And I have started to school. Will you please bring me a football, log cabin, building blocks, battle ship and some little cars. I would like some fruit and nuts. Your little friend,
 Jackie Ben Boone

Dear Santa:
 I love you very much. What I want for Christmas is a nurse set, and a desk and chair. I am 9 years old and I have five sisters. I have one little sister and she wants a doll and I have one niece and she wants a doll too. My niece's name is Lena Joyce Fuller. My sister's name is Reba Mitchell. I have been good and I hope you have enough toys to go around.
 Louise Mitchell

Lakeview, Texas
 November 29, 1943
 Dear Santa:
 Mother, daddy said we have been three good little boys and girls and that you would bring us something. We two boys want a tricycle and each of us wants a gun and holster set. Della Jo (our little sister) wants a table and chair, a set of dishes and a doll buggy. And Santy, don't forget the candy, nuts, oranges and apples. Your little friends,
 Max, Harvey and Della Joe Kennedy

Memphis, Texas
 December 3, 1943
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a pupil in the third grade. I am nine years old. Please bring me a football helmet, a B B gun, a map of the world, and a football suit. Your friend,
 Billy Ran Lyn

Lakeview, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a little girl 5 years old. And I have been a good little girl and I want a doll, an ice box, a cabinet, a blackboard, some gloves, house shoes, and don't forget my sisters and brothers, K. D., also my cousins and grandparents and bring me some candy, fruit and nuts. Your little friend,
 Shirley Ann Nabers

Dear Santa:
 I am a little girl two years old. I am Katrina Fayer's, Norma Jeans' and Shirley Ann's baby sister and I want a little doll and a tricycle and some little house shoes if you have any small enough and a little candy and fruit. I can't eat much because I'm not very large. So bye 'til Christmas.
 Patsy Nell Nabers

Lakeview, Texas
 December 3, 1943
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a girl eleven years old. I've been very good so please bring me a doll, pair of house shoes, a pair of pajamas and a locket. Please don't forget my cousin and brother and sisters.
 Norma Jean Nabers

Lakeview, Texas
 December 3, 1943
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a little girl 7 years old and am in the second grade. I have been a very good girl and I want you to bring me a doll, doctor and nurse's set, telephone, gloves and a little chair, and don't forget my teacher, Mrs. Knight, and all my little playmates, my cousin, sisters, and my brother, also my grandparents. Don't forget my fruit candy and nuts. Your little friend,
 Katrina Faye Nabers

P. S.—If it isn't asking for too much, you might leave me a pair of house shoes.
 Lakeview, Texas
 December 3, 1943
 Dear Santa:
 I am a little girl 7 years old. I want you to bring me a doll, go around to all little boys and girls. I want a big doll, a nurse set, a desk, and candy, nuts, and fruit. My little sister Sue wants a doll, a cradle and set of dishes. We are good little girls and help mother all we can. We hope to see you soon. With love,
 Lovelle and Sue Hodge

Memphis, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a pupil in the third grade. I am ten years old. Please bring me a doll, watch, some candy, fruit and nuts. Your friend,
 Joyce Ailene Isaacs

Memphis, Texas
 December 3, 1943
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am 9 years old. Please bring me a football, a B B gun, a football suit, a gun and scabbard, nuts, candy. Your friend,
 Duane Miller

Plaska, Texas
 Dear Santa:
 I am a little boy 7 years old and in the second grade. I like school fine and also my teacher, Mrs. Morris. I wish you would please bring me a farm set, a bath robe and house slippers, a machine gun, also some 10c defense stamps for my stamp book. Please don't forget my sister Joanna and my brother Tommy, also my friend James Harper, who is in the army, and all of the other good little boys and girls for we love you and depend on you to make us happy on Christmas eve night. Your little pal,
 Denny Joe Davis

Dear Santa:
 Please bring me some boxing gloves, a little truck, or a game, some nuts, fruit and candy. I am in the second grade, Mrs. Knight is my teacher. Come to see all the little boys and girls. And don't forget the service men and women. Your friend,
 Broadus Spivey.

Memphis, Texas
 December 3, 1943
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a pupil in the third grade. I am ten years old. Please bring me a B B gun, a pair of boots, a watch, candy, nuts, gum and fruit. Do not forget my little brother, Jerry. Your friend,
 Jimmie Oakley.

Dear Santa Claus:
 You will remember me as the little girl who wrote my first letter to the Democrat four years ago. I am now seven and live in Lubbock at 2708 24th street. Please bring me a doll cradle and Walt Disney's "Dumbo" and anything else you would like to give me. As always, I will have your breakfast under my Christmas tree. Love,
 Carole Jean Delaney

Memphis, Texas
 December 3, 1943
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a pupil in the third grade. I am nine years old. Please bring me a football, barn, a barge, army rifle, army containing a T boat, a flying fortress, a P-51, a ring, and nuts. Your friend,
 Frank Gayle Monzingo.

Dear Santa Claus:
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Memphis, Texas
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 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a pupil in the third grade. I am eight years old. Please bring me a B B gun, a football and some candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget my little brother Kenneth. He would like some little cars to play with. Your friend,
 Troy Wayne Taylor.

Memphis, Texas
 December 3, 1943
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a pupil in the third grade. I am nine years old. Please bring me a doll, a set of dishes, some nuts, candy and fruit. Your friend,
 Edith McGuire.

Memphis, Texas
 December 3, 1943
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a pupil in the third grade. I am nine years old. Please bring me a pair of skates, a story book a pair of boots, some candy, gum and a house coat. Your friend,
 Kathryn Hamilton.

Memphis, Texas
 December 3, 1943
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a pupil in the third grade. I am eight years old. Please bring me a doll that says "Mama and Papa" and one foreign doll. Your little friend,
 Jo Ann Hart.

Memphis, Texas
 December 3, 1943
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a pupil in the third grade. I am nine years old. Please bring me a doll, also a table with four chairs, also a set of dishes. Please don't forget the candy, fruit and nuts, and also a doll bed. Your friend,
 Billy Marlen Hartman.

Memphis, Texas
 December 3, 1943
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a pupil in the third grade. I am nine years old. Please bring me a play table, three chairs, a set of dishes, a play stove, a watch, some fruit, gum, nuts, and candy. Your friend,
 Juanita Russell.

Lakeview, Texas
 Dear Santa:
 Please bring me some boxing gloves, a little truck, or a game, some nuts, fruit and candy. I am in the second grade, Mrs. Knight is my teacher. Come to see all the little boys and girls. And don't forget the service men and women. Your friend,
 Broadus Spivey.

Memphis, Texas
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 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a pupil in the third grade. I am ten years old. Please bring me a B B gun, a pair of boots, a watch, candy, nuts, gum and fruit. Do not forget my little brother, Jerry. Your friend,
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Dear Santa Claus:
 You will remember me as the little girl who wrote my first letter to the Democrat four years ago. I am now seven and live in Lubbock at 2708 24th street. Please bring me a doll cradle and Walt Disney's "Dumbo" and anything else you would like to give me. As always, I will have your breakfast under my Christmas tree. Love,
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 Frank Gayle Monzingo.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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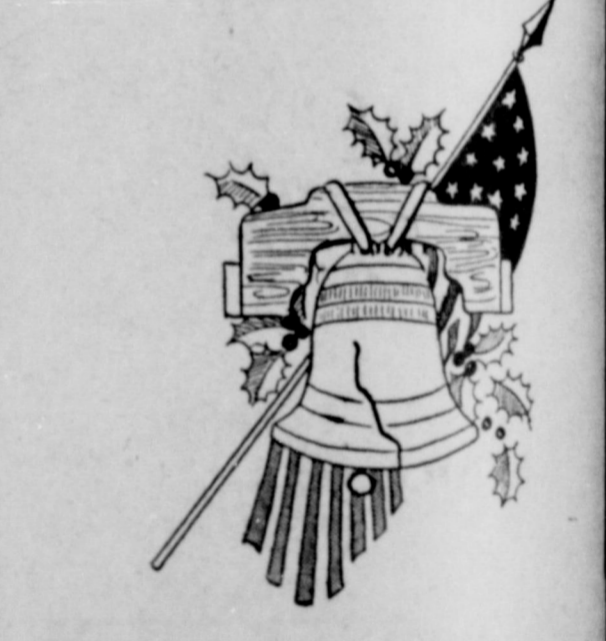
Many of us are rather take friends and courtesies ed, and so often we fail to our appreciation for the which are often ours. We in the habit of taking them in our stride without proper tion.

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WITH full appreciation of the sacrifices you, and millions like you, have made and with thanks for your understanding of the problems which have confronted us in the past months, we sincerely greet you at this happy season of the year. We have the utmost faith in you, in our community, and in our country and we are grateful that Americans have the privilege of observing Christmas. May the blessings of peace give not only peace, but health and happiness and may the blessings be on every home in our nation.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa: I am ten years old and in the fourth grade. I want a football, a doctor set, bow and arrow set, wrist watch and a War bond. And don't forget the people who are fighting. Bring the poor children some of my toys if they don't have any.
Your friend,
Ernest Shaw

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a farm set and a truck. Thank you,
Dobs Cofer

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a bicycle and a gun. Thank you,
Harley Von Simmons

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll. Thank you,
Jolene Martin

Dumas, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl eight years old and I am in the third grade. I like to go to school. Santa I would like to have a desk for Xmas and some doll clothes. Also a house coat and house shoes. Please don't forget my little sisters and all the other little boys and girls. Good bye Santa 'til Christmas.
Betty Kennon

Dumas, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl seven years old and I would like to have a doll and doll buggy, also a house coat, Santa, I think I have been pretty good this year.
Jarita Fay Grimes

Dumas, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl six years old and I would like to have a desk, some doll clothes, also a house coat and house shoes for Xmas. I think I have been pretty good. Don't forget my little sisters, Shirley and Patsy. They are awfully sweet. Goodbye Santa until Xmas.
Jo Ann Kennon

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa: How are you? We are two little brothers five and two years old. We just couldn't wait any longer to write you and let you know what we would like for you to bring us Xmas. We would like a machine gun, a piece, a helmet and a gun and a tool set, and also a little bit of candy. Thank you.
Your little friends,
Barthol and Kyle Jones

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa: I hope you don't forget me this year. I don't care for much but would like to have a ring, a nurse set, a cedar chest and a little fruit, nuts and candy.
A friend,
Athelene Jones

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa: I am a boy. I want a football for Christmas. I am at school. My name is Tommy but my mother calls me "Junior" and Santa Claus, make every boy in the Army have a good Christmas and do not forget the boys overseas. Love,
Tommy Sweeney

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I do not want much this year. Do not forget the boys in the army and navy. I am nine years old. I want a book of stamps and a Bible and nurse set.
Your friend,
Nita Ann Offholter

Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa: I am four years old and I do the dishes some times for mother. Santa, I hope you visit the little girls and boys over yonder where the war is. I want a doll with hair, a telephone, a little cabinet, and fruit. I don't want very much. My little friends, Bredna Kay, Martha Jae, Nedra Sue and Glenda Pat are expecting you too. Your little friend,
Patsy Sue Turner

Giles, Texas

November 27, 1943

Dear Santa: I am a little boy five years old. I am a good boy. I help my granny and Juney with their work. I want you to bring me a little Scottie puppy, some fruit, nuts and candy. Bring me anything else you can. Be nice to my grandparents and bring Cackie something. She is my pal. Please don't forget my daddy. Yours truly,
Richard Stotts

Childress, Texas

November 27, 1943

Dear Santa Claus: My name is Bobby Joe Hawkins. I am five years old. I live with my grandmother and grandfather and my daddy. I have been a good little boy. I help my grandmother and grandfather with their work. I go to Sunday School when I can. If you can, bring me an army car, airplane, gun and guitar. Be sure and don't forget my little cousins and all the other little boys and girls. Thanks,
Bobby Joe

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a toy truck and some fruit. Thank you.
Bobby Erwin

Estelline, Texas

December 1, 1943

Dear Santa: I am a little girl nine years old. I am not going to ask for much because I know you don't have many toys this year, but I would like for you to bring me a doll, a cradle, and a ring, some candy, fruit and nuts. Please.
Anita Kay Dunlap

Estelline, Texas

December 1, 1943

Dear Santa: I am a little boy three years old. I have tried to be a good little boy. I don't know much about you but you are my friend anyway. So please bring me a football, a scooter, and some candy, fruits and nuts. Your little friend,
Ben Dean Dunlap

Fort Worth, Texas

December 1, 1943

Dear Santa Claus: I am living in Fort Worth now. I have been a good little girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a table and some chairs and a doll and fruit and nuts and candy. Don't forget my little cousin, Sarah Ann, and all the other children. Love,
Dorcie Stargel

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a big doll and some clothes for the doll and some candy, fruits and nuts and apples. Dear Santa Claus, Ruby and I are twins and want the same kind of dolls.
Pearlie Childress

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa: I am a little boy 7 years old. I am in the first grade at school. I have tried to study hard and am making pretty good grades. So will you please bring me an army helmet and a Commando gun on a tripod? Also some candy, fruit and nuts if you have it. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls who will also be looking for you. Thank you. Love,
Harold Aspgrren

Lakeview, Texas

November 30, 1943

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl six years old. I do not go to school. I would live very much to have a brother and sister doll set, a pair of house shoes, some fruit and candy and some color books and colors.
Sherry Ann Denton

Memphis, Texas

December 1943

Dear Santa: We are three little sisters, and we would like some skates, some dolls, some nurse and doctors sets, and some bubble sets too. I guess that is all we need because this is war. Be sure and bring your brothers and sisters some presents. Goodbye, Iola, Leona and Oleta Robertson P. S.—Be sure and bring some present to the other children, I forgot to tell you to bring us candy and nuts, and bring us some dishes.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 5 years old. I have been a good little girl and I want you to bring me a doll with hair and a set of dishes, stove, and iron. I have a little brother 9 months old and I want you to bring him a little red truck. I will be looking for you Xmas. Yours truly,
Nora Lou Thompson

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa: Please bring me a big doll and a black board and a set of dishes, nuts, and candy.
Aerrea Lee Henson

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll with hair, a pair of house slippers, and a waving set. Also I would like to have some nuts, candy and fruit. Your little friend,
Alice Joanne Kennemer

P. S.—Please don't forget my uncle Tom who is in the U. S. Navy.

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll and a little table and some little chairs to go with it and plenty of fruit.
Peggy Jo Evans

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa: Please bring me doll and a doll bed and a piano, some candy, some nuts and fruit. Your friend
Lavada Jo Davidson

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa: Please bring me a book satchel and a doctor set and plenty of fruit and nuts and please bring me a football and don't forget my big sisters.
Eddie Warren

P. S.—Dear Santa, please don't forget my grandmother and my grandfather and my mother and my big sisters.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a big doll and some clothes for the doll and some candy, nuts and apples. Dear Santa Claus, Pearlle and I are twins and want the same kind of dolls.
Ruby Childress



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GREETINGS

To one and all, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

This is an old, old wish, but one that is sincere. It conveys our thoughts explicitly.

May next year see us all more contented with the knowledge that the sacrifices you have made have been worthwhile to the maintenance of our way of living.

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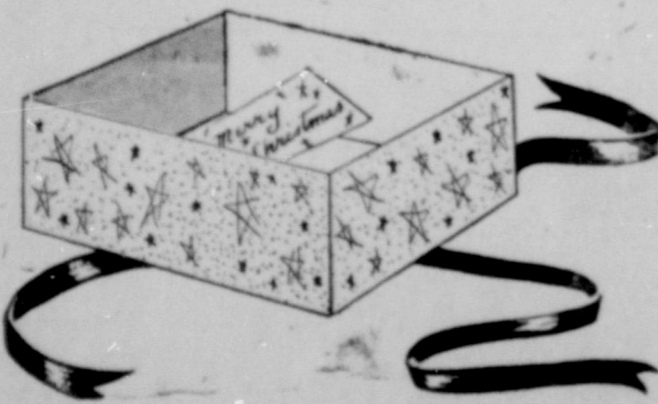
THE LID IS OFF!

It is time for the joys that come from good fellowship and from the remembrance of loved ones and friends whom we hold dear.

As you enjoy the pleasure of opening your Christmas packages and the atmosphere which surrounds such occasions, please keep in mind that we are remembering you for the courtesies which

you have extended us in the past; for the many favors large and small which have made our career in your community more enjoyable and more worthwhile.

Let's all realize for a day at least the lid is off and it is our moral obligation to ourselves and to our friends to make this a delightful Christmas and one to be long remembered.



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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Estelline, Texas

Dear Santa: I am a little boy 10 years old. I helped Mother and Daddy a lot. I hope Miss Ann a merry Christmas.

Santa, I would like to have a mountie suit. I want boots with it too. I want a large bow and arrow, three jig saw puzzles, one of the old world, one of the new world and all you can a lot of candy. Don't forget Ovent and James. Don't forget Mother and Daddy, put Bobby Frank in too. Don't forget all the soldiers, bring Mother a set of dishes, Daddy wants a pair of boots, 7 1-2. Your best Santa in the world.

Your friend, Bobby Lee Adams

Estelline, Texas

Dear Santa: We are two sisters writing you as it is almost Christmas. Alline is 10 and I am in the sixth grade and Thelma is in the seventh and is 11 years old. We live at Parnell. We want a corduroy suit and a 21 piece layette for our 13 in. dolls. And don't forget our soldier brother and his wife, and the rest of our family and don't forget our little fuzzy puppy, Bobby. And lots of candy, fruit and nuts. Hope to see you soon.

Your loving friends, Thelma and Alline Spruill

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl nine years old. I don't want very much for Christmas, a wrist watch and a ring, fruit, candy and nuts.

Thank you, Wanda Sue Thomason

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa: I'm a little girl two years old with a little brother five days old, so I won't ask for much for myself. Bring me a new doll and a set of dishes, fruit, nuts and candy. But don't forget little brother and my little cousins.

Lots of love, Betty Eugenia Davis

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I would like these toys: army set, pair of boxing gloves and boxing bag, tommy gun, mounted suit. Thank you.

Your friend, Guy Wendell Hogue

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I do not want much this Xmas because a war is going on. If you have boxing gloves, and a punching bag and some fruits and nuts. Thank you.

Your friend, Ralph Lockhart

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I am in the fourth grade. I am a boy. I would like a chemical set and a pig and a War Bond.

Thank you, Frank Foxhall

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I am two years old. Please bring me a rag doll, a rocking chair and some candy, fruits and nuts. Love, Johnnie Kay McWhorter

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a farm set.

Thank you, Robert Ferguson

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me some toy bricks and candy. Thank you, Robert Breedlove

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll, a pair of skates and some candy and nuts. Thank you, Billye Ruth Hartsell

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a bicycle and a gun. Thank you, Richard Martin

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll and some candy. Thank you, Geraldine Greenhill

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll and some candy. Thank you, Pearl Tyler

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a gun and some candy. Thank you, David Duncan

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a bicycle. Thank you, Wayne Johnson

Newlin, Texas

Dear Santa: I am a little boy five years old. I am about the best boy you ever saw and help my mother a lot. Please bring me an Army tank, a black board, some crayolas, and color books, I'd like a Bible story book, too. Santa, please don't forget any little children anywhere. Your little friend, Gary Haxden Wasson

Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa: I've been a naughty little boy sometimes, but I'd like to have some peg toys and some tumbling blocks for Xmas. Love, Jerry Lon Montgomery

Memphis, Texas

Dearest St. Nick: First, we want to tell you that we have moved from Corpus Christi for the duration. We will be at Mama Jones' until daddy comes sailing home. Second: We have tried very hard to be good little home-front soldiers. Third: I'm Randy and I'd like a rocky horse for Christmas. Fourth: I'm Deanna and I'd like a doll-model and a two-story doll house. Please don't forget us. Deanna and Randy Spence

Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa: I want a blackboard and boxing gloves for Christmas. Bring my baby brother Jim Lacy a cuddle toy of some kind. Hope I see you Christmas. Donald Jack Montgomery

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 10 years old and in the fifth grade. I want a volley ball and a house coat and house shoes. Billie Jo Bradley

Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl four years old and I have been a good little girl. I want you to please bring me a doll with hair and sleepy eyes, a bath robe, and a little ring and anything else you want to bring. Santa please bring me a plenty of candy, apples, nuts and oranges. Your little friend, Carolyn Ann Hall

Bethel, Okla.

Dear Santa Claus: I would like to write you a few lines. You ask me what I wanted for Christmas. I am nine years old and I would like to have a doll and a ribbon. That is all that I want. I hope that I am not too late to write you. I hope you are O. K., I am. I guess I had better close. Your little friend, Bonnie Faye Brannon Newlin, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 5 years old. I want you to bring me a wagon and a soldier doll, some nuts, apples and candy. Don't forget my little nieces and nephews and all other little boys and girls. Mess Crawford

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy four years old, and since you can't read my writing, my mother is doing it for me. So if she tells you that I don't know how to be good, don't you believe it, because everyone else says I'm a pretty good boy. Now Santa, mother says that nearly all the toys have gone with my daddy to the army so you just bring me what ever you can, and maybe next year you can bring me a big train and truck. Don't forget Dennis Wayne, my little brother, he's only two years old and don't know as much about you as I do but he'll have a lot of fun with anything you bring him. So long for now, Santa. Jimmie Townsend

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa: I am a little girl two years old. For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a wagon, little doll, and airplane, some dishes, some blocks, and some candy and chewing gum. Santa, please remember all the boys in service and be good to my two uncles again this year. Cpl. Louis A. Richards, is stationed this year at Sheppard Field, and Cecil P. Phillips is stationed at Camp White, Ore. Your little friend, Joy Lynn Phillips

Newlin, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little three year old girl. I have been a good girl and want you to bring me a dolly, some little dishes, some doll clothes and some color and story books. I'd like some candy and fruit if you have any. Please don't forget my grandpa Hemphill and bring him cigars. Your little friend, Linda Kay Wasson

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll, a sewing set, a rocker, some candy, nuts and fruits. Juaneila Goffinet

Plaska, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: Christmas will soon be here. I sure will be glad. Please bring me a furniture set, cut out book, some dishes, a doll, fruit, nuts and candy. Your little friend, Bernice Joe Vallance

Amarillo, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I'm a little boy eight years old. I go to McKinley school study hard. I help my mother too. I want you to bring me a machine gun, woodburning, a world globe, and a basket my bicycle. Please bring my little baby brother a teddy bear set of blocks and a doll. We want some fruit, nuts and candy. Your little friends, Ben Fred and Jerry McCreary

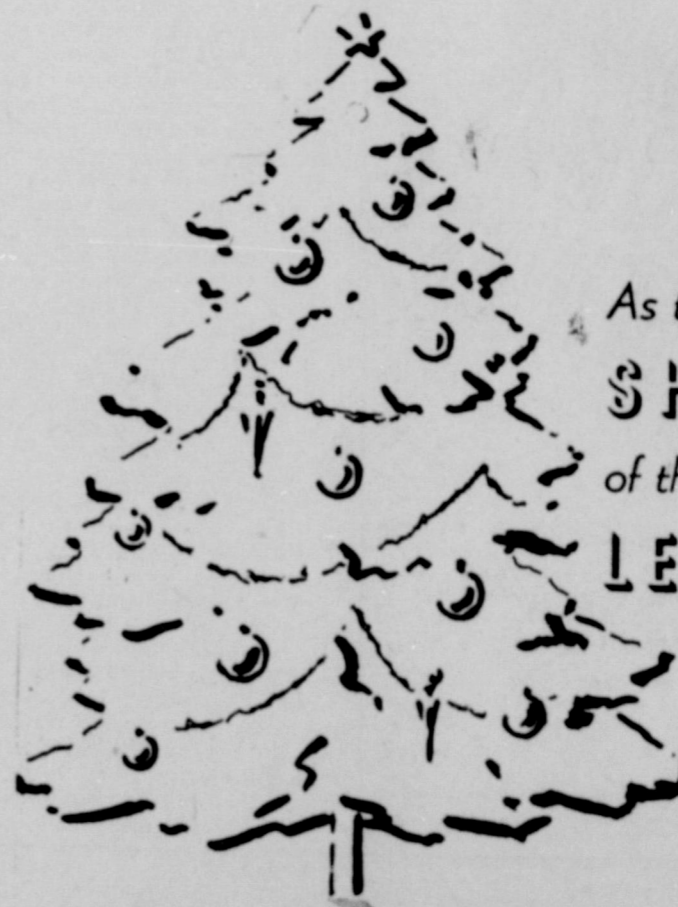
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Our Message to You

WE WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS



DURHAM-JONES PHARMACY



As the SHADOWS of the Year LENGTHEN

The Christmas season brings to a close another twelve months during which time all of us have had experiences which we will remember for many days to come. Some of these incidents we will treasure in our hearts. Other experiences we may endeavor to forget but it is our sincere wish that from the past year we will receive untold benefits which will strengthen us in preparation for the coming year.

And so as the shadows fall on the close of another year, we desire to express our Christmas greetings to each of you with whom we have come in contact and to wish for you all the better things that life affords.

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Merry Christmas

To You, and You!

It's our privilege to celebrate Christmas in the good old American way! Let's be thankful for this privilege.



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