

MOORE Or Less

by Johnnie Moore

Christmas is centuries-old, but the observance as we know it to day is somewhat young. The puritans and Pilgrims considered Christmas an illegal holiday. As late as 1855, it was a legal workday in many American cities and those who refused to work lost their jobs.

Saint Nicholas, the beloved gift-giver, was born in the semi-tropical city of Patara, Turkey, and lived a full and a colorful life without traveling very far from home.

It is said that he was marked for holiness from the day of his birth, at which time, according to legend, he stood up in his mother's arms to give thanks to God for being born. Even as an infant, he refused food on Fridays, and he observed this fast day as long as he lived.

The origin of the three golden balls which hang over the modern pawnshop is found in a typical story about Saint Nicholas. Three daughters of a poor nobleman, so poor they had no dowries, were trying to decide which one of the three should sell herself as a slave so the others could marry. Saint Nicholas heard their discussion and tossed a bag of gold through the open window and he repeated the act of generosity until all three girls were suitable married. This was the beginning of the legend of Nicholas, the saintly donor of gifts.

Later, as Bishop of Myra, he performed, reportedly, miracles which brought him widespread fame. The Roman Emperor, Diocletian threw him into prison; Constantine, the first Christian emperor, released him.

Today, Nicholas, is the patron saint of many countries, of children, and of sailors.

Saint Nicholas died in 342, on Dec 6, and for centuries his fame was restricted to the small area in which he had lived and died. In the 11th century, Italian sailors took his bones from the chapel in Myra and brought them to Bari, Italy. The voyage was an excellent one and since that time sailors have revered Saint Nicholas -- and his fame has spread to the far corners of the earth.

Modern lads and lassies might object, but in olden times the privilege of kissing beneath the mistletoe required that each maiden kissed be given a berry from the mistletoe branch and, once the berries were gone, so were the kisses.

The first Christmas observance in our part of the world was held shortly after Columbus discovered America. The Santa Maria heached on Christmas Eve and all Christmas Day, Columbus and his men worked to free her. When it appeared hopeless, she was stripped and as much gear as possible taken aboard the Nina.

However, the Nina was unable to carry all the men, and some were left behind in a fort, that in honor of the season was called La Navidad, the nativity.

Yoakum Second In State

Sales of U. S. Savings Bonds in Yoakum County totalled \$1,725 for the month of November, which represents 145.7 per cent of the 1961 goal for the county, Mr. D. P. Moorehead, County Savings Bonds Chairman, reported.

Sales in Texas for the first eleven months of 1961 were \$144,386,615; Sales of E and H Bonds in the month of November totalled \$11,963,137.

In an endeavor to achieve the 20th Anniversary Savings Bonds goal set for Yoakum County, Chairman Moorehead called attention to the Treasury Department's recent extension to Savings Bonds holders the privilege of switching appreciation Series E Bonds into current-income H Bonds without having to pay income tax on the accrued interest at the time of the exchange. He also reminded that any investor, other than Commercial Banks, can now buy up to \$10,000 per year (Maturity value) of Series E or H United States Savings Bonds.

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Cowboys Place 4th In Tournament

Plains Cowboy cagers wound up in fourth place on an eight team slate in last week's Denver City Invitational Basketball Tournament.

First place went to the host team Denver City, while second and third were won by Brownfield and O'Donnell in that order. Consolation prize was copped by the Littlefield five.

The Cowboys in a very fine display of their capabilities were able to win over the Seagraves Eagles in their opening game of the tournament by a score of 31-28. Plains which has been plagued by a lack of accuracy on their free-throws this season, hit its highest percentage to date as they were able to tally on nine of their sixteen attempts.

Scoring in the Seagraves contest was headed up by Jerry Jones who sank 8 points, with Jeff Smith and Ronnie Hendricks following right behind with 7 each.

In Plain's first defeat in the tournament, which was at the hands of the Brownfield Cubs, the Cowboys were a little on the cold side as they missed a total of 12 lay-ups and only made 7 of 19 free-throw attempts. This score wound up with the long side on the Cubs side of the scoreboard by a margin of 38-31. Plains' high scorer was Ernie Anderson who managed 7 points.

Plains' second defeat was delivered in tournament play by a very effective O'Donnell team. The final score was O'Donnell 40 to Plains 36. Again free-throw accuracy hindered the Cowboys severely as they sank to an all-time season low on percentage of FT's made. They only scored on 6 of 24 tries. One Cowboy did catch fire in the tilt, Ronnie Hendricks raked up 21 big points in the contest.

In Tuesday night's tilt against the all-powerful Seminole Indians, Plains actually looked good, but were simply contesting a superior team. Seminole had lost only one game this season, and that the season opener to Midland. They have beaten such teams as Tom S. Lubbock and anyone else who happened to get into their way.

The final score in this contest was 65 for the Indians and 37 for the Cowboys. J. B. Wilson was highpointer with 12 and Jerry Jones ranked next with 10.

This was the last ball-game until play will be resumed on December 30, following the Christmas Holidays. This tilt will be again against the Brownfield Cubs and will be played on the Cowboys home court.

Vote To Keep Referendum

Yoakum County cotton farmers voted by an overwhelming majority of 178 to 17 to extend cotton marketing quotas on the 1962 cotton crop.

The vote by voting boxes is as follows:

	For	Against
Plains	36	4
Bronco	9	5
Hilburn-Spears	11	4
Wayside	26	1
Tokio Co-op	32	1
Sligo	44	2
C G & S	20	0
Totals	178	17

An in favor vote by 2/3 or more of the voters present and voting means that marketing quotas will be in effect and a marketing quota penalty will be due on all excess cotton.

One year ago, Yoakum County farmers voted in favor of quotas on the 1961 crop 158 for to 13 against.

Two years ago the county vote was 166 for and 13 against.

Plains All Set For Christmas



FIRST PLACE WINNER--Shown above is one-third of the complete home decoration display which won first place in Plains Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas lighting contest.

Display is at the home of Mrs. T. E. Coke. Other winners were the P. W. StRomain's, second place and the J. M. Tippett's. The Foy Cogburn's received honorable mention.

Lighting Contest Wins Announced

Judging in the Plains Christmas Lighting Contest was performed Wednesday night, December 20.

J. E. Cooke, president of the Plains Chamber of Commerce accompanied three judges who viewed at length each of the eight entrants displays, judging on originality and on content.

First place winner was Mrs. T. E. Coke, 1001 E. 13th Street who hand made all her own display which covered the entire Christmas. On one side of the yard was a manger scene with all the participants and the manger made by Mrs. Coke. In the center is a group of gaily decorated carolers, also

hand made and on the opposite side of the yard is Santa in his sleigh with all the reindeer out in force.

Second place goes to the P. W. St. Romain's for their very beautiful nativity scene which was done in very good taste in almost life-size replica.

Third place, a reportedly difficult choice, went to the J. M. Tippett's, 700 - 1st. Street for a very original and hand made stained window effect.

Thirty dollars in prize money will be awarded the winners by the Chamber of Commerce this year, with \$15 for first place, \$10 for second, and \$5 for third place.

Eight residences were entered in total, which included Nathan Usleton, Frank Whitlock, Gene Young, Foy Cogburn, and Russell Faulkenberry.

Honorable mention was given to the Foy Cogburn's.

Prize Winners Announced

The pre-Christmas drawing for prizes was held at Woody's Hardware on Wednesday, December 20.

Winners of the very fine prizes were as follows: 12 gauge, Remington, shotgun - Billy Taylor. Boy's bicycle - Vernon Etheridge.

Full - size electric blanket - Louise Newberry. Woody's congratulations were expressed to each of the winners. Notification of the winners was sent also on Wednesday.

The drawing was a joint venture sponsored by three Plains business firms, Woody's Hardware, George's 66 Service, and The Cowboy Grill.

Commissioners Court Met

The Honorable Commissioners Court convened in Regular Session with the following members present, to wit: Honorable Dan Hancock, County Judge, presiding.

Vance W. Brown, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; H. C. Cotton Commissioner Precinct No. 2; Raymond Bookout, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; Mrs. Paul Lee, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; J.W.O. Alldredge, County Clerk and Ex-Officio clerk Commissioner Court.

Motion by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Cotton that the minutes of November term of the Commissioners Court be approved. Vote aye; 4 No 0.

Motion by Commissioner Bookout and seconded by Commissioner Cotton that the reports of the following officials be approved.

J. W. O. Alldredge, County Clerk
Bill Moorehead, County Auditor;
Elvis Craig, Tax Collector;
E. S. Bandy, Justice of Peace, Precinct No. 1;
Mary Lea Smith, Justice of Peace, Precinct No. 2;
Vote Aye 4 No 0.

In Special Session December 18, motion by Commissioner Cotton and seconded by Commissioner Bookout that the Tax Assessor Collector be authorized to make corrections on Tax values on Gordon Woods rendition. Vote; Aye 4, No, 0.

To Show Film

The Plains Assembly of God church will have a Missionary film, Sunday evening December 24, at 6:30 p. m.

The title of the film will be "The Nile Mother." It was sent from the Assembly of God Orphanage in Asuit Egypt.

Everyone is invited to come out and see this inspiring film.

Bank Now Gives 4% On Savings

Officers and directors of Plains State Bank have announced a new innovation in the area of savings accounts that they feel will be of very general interest to individuals in this trade area.

Anyone depositing money in a PSB savings account, and guaranteeing to let the money remain in it for a period of at least one year will now receive four percent interest on their savings.

Rate has, till now, been at a lower level, but officials feel with this added incentive, area patrons may very well be inclined to bring their savings to their home-town bank, as through this new saving's plan, they will earn as much for their money as they would in any Savings and Loan Association or other type savings institution.

Opinion was also expressed by the bank officials, that people in the Plains trade territory, are proud of the progress and advancement that their town and area are making, and pointed out that money invested at home will help the town and area to a very great extent.

The Record Installs Offset

The Plains Record, in its efforts to be able to serve this community and area better and better, has installed an offset printing plant.

Press is located in the same building with the existing offices of the Record.

Plans for the installation include a complete line of printing needs which includes such things as letterheads, envelopes, invoices, statements, business cards, and all other general and special forms.

The press has a wide range of uses, and is not limited in any way. It will print even photographs on your material or any other conceivable type of layout. It was also noted that there is a selection approximately 50 different hues and colors plus a multi-color process which can be obtained without great difficulty.

It is the belief of the staff of the Record, as it is with most business people in the Plains area that we are very fortunate in having the fine group of civic minded and public spirited citizens that we have in this area, and that, given an opportunity, patrons in this area will buy everything that it is

Cage Contest Draws Interest

The Basketball contest, which is running each week for 15 consecutive weeks in the Record is picking up momentum as more and more area citizens are joining in the fun.

Guesses on the outcome of the various games have been running consistently high and good.

Winners in this week's contest are as follows: First Place - Johnnie Fitzgerald, who missed only three of the twenty games.

Second Place - Rip Sewell, who missed four of the games.

Third Place - Joe Urice of Denver City, who also missed only four, but who missed the tie-breaker score, The Plains Seminole game, by seventeen points while Rip missed it only ten points.

This week's contest will be a little harder than the others have been, as there are no high schools playing in this period immediately after Christmas. Therefore, all twenty, rather than the usual number of ten, games will be College matches.

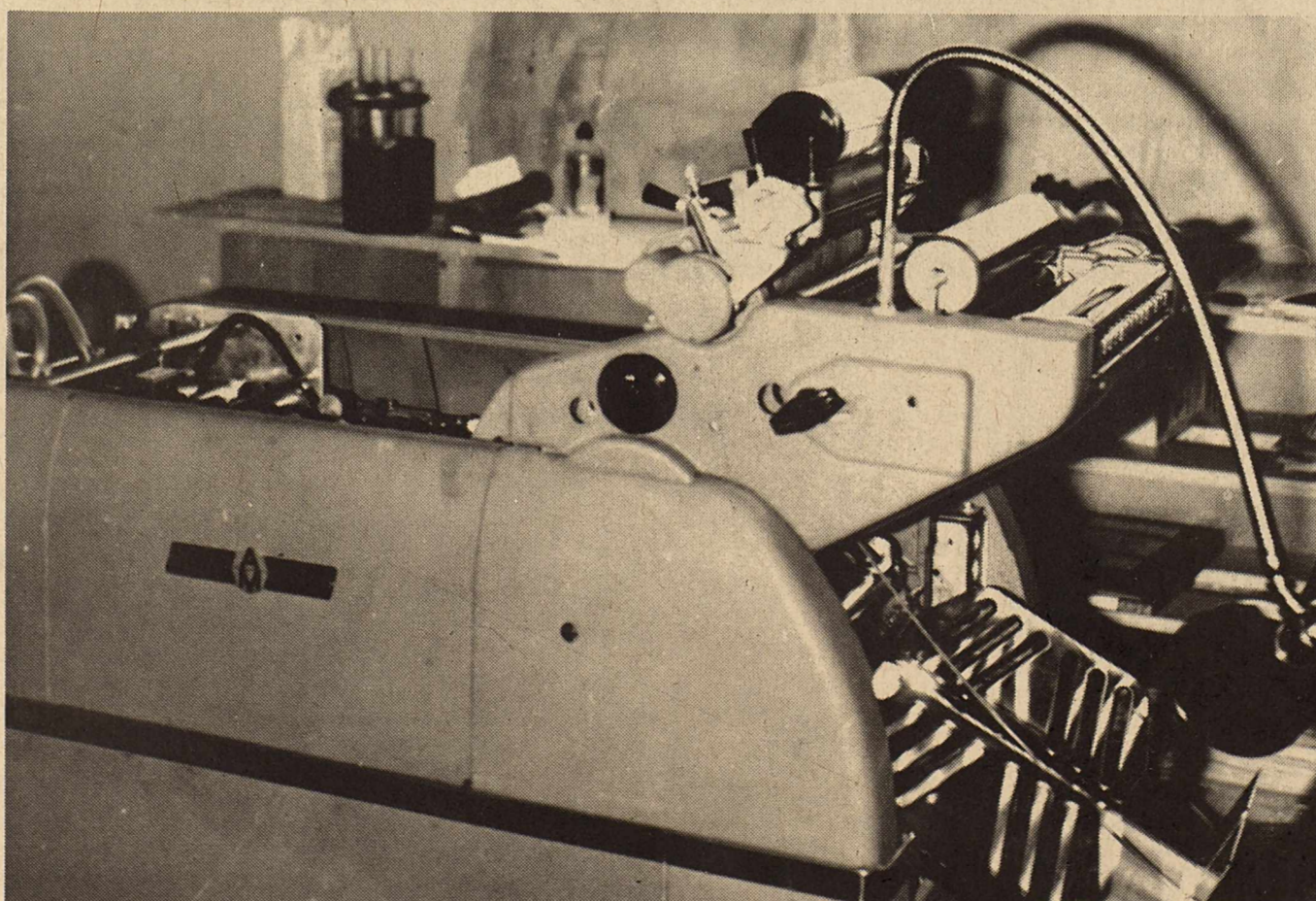
Games dates in this weeks contest are spread from December 26 to 30th.

Deadline for entry will be changed for this week only. Entry deadline is now set for this week for Tuesday at 5 p. m. rather than Monday at that time.

Notice

Yoakum County Library in Plains is declaring Free Fine Day December 27-28-29. If you have books that are overdue, take advantage of this opportunity. There will be no fines charged on these 3 days.

Merry Christmas



BRAND NEW--The Plains Record has just installed a new offset process printing press which is designed to handle all

kinds of commercial and job printing. The press has a range of fifty different colors.

Funeral Services for Mother of Resident

Funeral Services were held Friday Dec. 15 at 3 p. m. in the First Baptist Church of Brownfield for Mrs. Elco Evans, 76, long-time resident of Terry county.

The Rev. Ed Crow officiated. Burial was in Terry county memorial Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Mrs. Evans died about 6 a. m. Thursday morning in Amhurst, Texas.

She was a member of the First Baptist church of Brownfield. Mrs. Evans was the mother of Mrs. Robert Chambliss of Plains.

Stenos Are Needed By State

The state agencies served by the merit system council are in need of workers in the stenographic and secretarial classifications established in the state classification plan. Russell E. Shrader, director of the merit system council is stating, said that the participating agencies employ stenographers at beginning salaries of \$240.00, \$256.50, \$273.00 and \$291.00 per month and the secretaries start at \$256.50, \$273.00, \$291.00 and \$310.50 per month, depending on training and experience and the ability to pass appropriate merit system examinations which are now offered at least once monthly in twenty-seven cities in the state. Interested persons may obtain additional information about the examination schedule, the minimum qualifications for the classifications and the necessary application forms at any office of the Texas employment commission or by writing The Merit System Council, Post Office Box 671, Austin 64, Texas.

Christmas Dance Scheduled

Officers of the Yoakum County Youth Center have announced that there will be a Christmas Dance in the Youth Center which is located in the Denver City Community Building.

The dance will begin at 8 p. m. and is scheduled for Saturday night, December 23.

It is to be a semi-formal affair, with music being provided by "The Regals" who are from Brownfield and are rated as being a very popular musical group in this area.

Admission for the dance will be \$1 per person.

CHRISTMAS.
Greetings

BIG BULLY'S DILEMMA



SOIL Conservation NEWS

Yoakum Soil Conservation District will be on the air. K. K. A. L. radio at Denver City will broadcast a fifteen minute program each Saturday at 1:05 p.m. Your Supervisors would like to hear from you about the kind of program you would like.

Robert Chambliss will be on T. V. soon after Jan. 1. He will appear on the Goodpasture Milling Co. program over Lubbock T. V. station. Time and date will be announced later. Weldon Callaway information specialist will take some movie films of Mr. Chambliss and the work he is doing in soil and water conservation.

Maps were received this week on which to write Soil Conservation plans for J. M. Tippet, J. M. Deering farms and five farms owned by E. C. Hatton and the Ben T. Taylor ranch all of which will be

regular District plans. Maps were received on the H. G. Smith farm on which to write a Great Plains Program.

Work is progressing on the E. C. Hatton and I. L. Smith Great Plains Programs and will probably be completed this week.

C. L. Schmitz, J. M. Tippet, W. M. Nelson, Ray Bear-den, Rollin McCord, Wallace Randolph, J. P. White, W. L. Clamhan are a few who have spread or are planning to spread burs.

Christmas Cheer

Put the Yule log upon the fire and relax and enjoy the glorious holiday. We are thinking of you and wishing you well.

Plains Courts
Mr. & Mrs. D. E. Green

GOOD WISHES

1961

When we think of good friends we think of you. Thanks for your support and best of luck in 1961.

We Will Be Open Christmas
Mary's Coffee Shop

Classified Ads

PLUMBING: plumbing supplies, water heaters, commodes, repair parts, The Fixit Shop. GL 6-2955 33-tfc

WANTED: listings on Yoakum and Gaines County real estate. Write Dave Aylesworth Real Estate, Box 187, Muleshoe, Texas 39-tfc

SAVE at Woody's Hardware. Located outside high rent district Plenty of Parking. 29-tfc

LOOK: Butane and Propane now only 7¢. Call Bronco Gas Co. GL 6-2044. 38-tfc

FOR SALE: Three bedroom two baths, fully carpeted with concrete cellar and patio. Asking less than equity. 201 East 2nd Street at Avenue B Stanford Addition Call GL 6-4266. 48-4tp

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

To you, to the Garden Club and all others who participated in the Operation Christmas Card project, this holiday season, we wish to say thanks. \$347 has been deposited to the Yoakum County Cemetery Association because of extra thoughtfulness on the part of you good people.

Mrs. J. G. Cleveland, Secretary Yoakum County Cemetery Ass'n.

I want a bicycle and a pony and a BB gun. That is all. My friend, Lupe Escobar

I want a BB gun and an electric football set. Bring my sister anything. Love, Mike Duke

I want a BB gun and a football. Your friend, Santos Barrientes

Dear Santa, When are you coming to school? I want a football for Christmas and a typewriter and a ball. Please try to come and try to bring me them presents. Your friend, Robert Riojas

I would like an auto-transport truck trailer, a BB gun, and a horse. Your friend, David Babcock

How are you? I am ok. I want a record player and typewriter and a ring and a black Western hat. Your friend, Sue Spencer

I wish you wood ring me a bicycle and a wagon for Christmas. I also wood like a typewriter, and I wood like an army tank. Signed, Robert O'Quinn

I want a piano, a little red spinning wheel, a writing table. Your friend, Margie Ramos

Letter To Gov. Daniel

Honorable Price Daniel Governor of the State of Texas Austin, Texas

Dear Governor Daniel: This is in reply to your letter dated November 29, 1961, in which you asked that I, as President of the Texas Bankers Association, request this organization to propose revisions of the escheat law, which will include certain bank accounts. The Legislative Committee and Administrative Council of the Texas Bankers Association met with me today in their regular autumn sessions, and carefully considered your letter. Each body has unanimously directed that the following reply be made:

We were met at the outset by the "minimum requirements" which you have laid down as a must in any proposed legislation. If the Texas Bankers Association should agree to these "minimum requirements" it would be, essentially, an acceptance of your premises which our Association believes are not in the public interest.

This subject of including banks in a revised escheat law has been before our Texas Legislature at every session since you became Governor. However, the Legislature, in its wise discretion and in the exercise of a function given to it exclusively by the Constitution, has refused to pass such revisions and has repudiated your sponsorship of this proposal. Since the Constitution divides our government into the executive, legislative, and judicial departments, it is not understandable to our committees and the members of our Association why you are so insistent that your proposal be enacted into law -- so much so that you have called an expensive special session of the Legislature and have submitted to it this one project.

We note that you first sponsored this legislation as necessary for the collection of revenue to offset the huge deficit accumulated during your administration. Your public statements are presently directed to an effort to conserve the depositors' money. You overlook the fact that the depositor has voluntarily chosen his particular bank as the place and method of conserving his money.

The question you continue to raise is whether the conservator should be the bank of deposit or the state's general fund, which is currently in the red. It is our belief that this money should be available to the depositor in the bank of his choice upon his demand. The facts that these funds remain in commercial banks and that they occupy key responsibility in the total economy of the nation argue that deposited money remain in commercial banks for lending purposes. Any funds in banking channels are applied to the public good. Adequate loanable money and confidence in our banks are necessary for the growth of our economy.

We cannot help but feel that the banks and bankers of Texas are being used as "cannon-fodder" in a game of political warfare. We regret that statements have been made which were calculated to create misunderstandings between Texas banks and the general public. We cannot see any possible good to come of a continuation of these unfair and prejudiced attacks, whether made for political reasons or otherwise. We cannot accept, as a matter of principle, your reasoning in this instance.

It is fitting to correct one of the misstatements you have made about this matter in the press and on television: You said that Texas is the only state in which a bankers association has opposed escheat legislation. At the very time you made this statement, the bankers association of our next-door neighbor, Oklahoma, was opposing vigorously similar legislation there. Proposals to revise escheat laws in that state were defeated four times.

Finally, our committees assure you that the banks of Texas are public spirited and most interested in the welfare of our State. This interest has been

evidenced concretely by the fact that our banks have for years been carrying, without interest charge, the tremendous State deficit, created during your administrations. This public service, at the expense of the banks, has saved the taxpayers of Texas many millions of dollars.

Yours truly,
(signed) L. S. Goforth President Texas Bankers Association

FLOWERS By Wire

Joy TO THE WORLD... .. and peace on earth to all mankind.

1960

Flowers For All Occasions
Plains Floral

Make Sure Your Oven Is Clean Before You Put on the Turkey

If you are planning a big Christmas dinner with turkey and all the trimmings, be sure to start out with a clean stove.

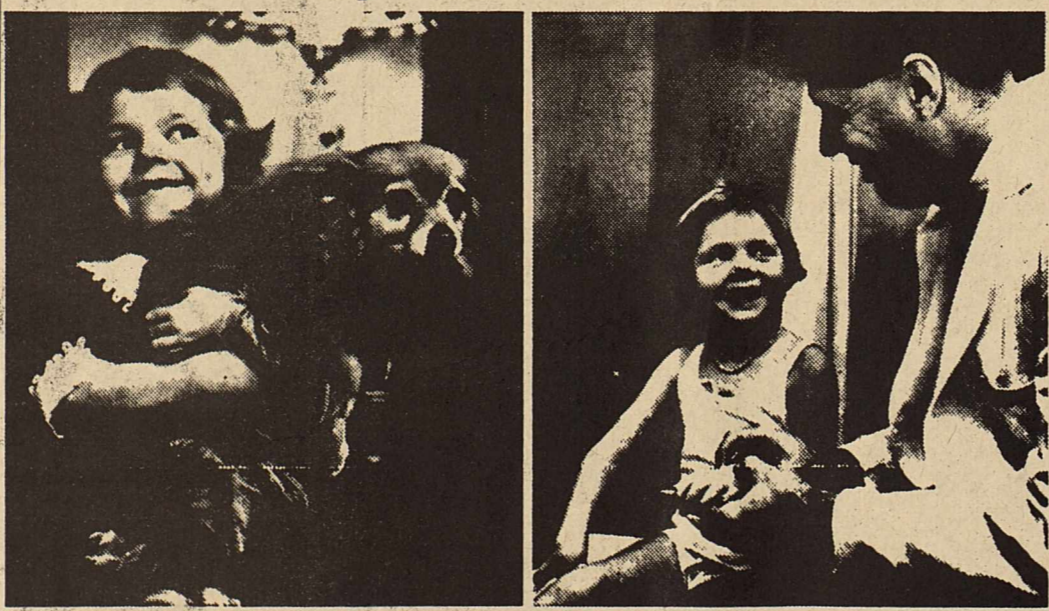
The National Board of Fire Underwriters reminds that the best way to avoid a grease fire is to keep the stove clear of grease. The Board recommends scouring of the oven as a timely precaution.

Keep Grease Away

In addition, while cooking, grease containers should be kept away from the stove.

When frying food in a pan on top of the stove, remember that a large flat pan cover and a long handled fork can be used to smother a fire.

Sarah Goes Home for Christmas, Hastened by New March of Dimes



"Can I go home for Christmas?" That is the plea of tens of thousands of hospitalized children at this time of year. Too often the doctor's answer must be a regretful, "no."

But among the lucky ones who made it last Christmas was Sarah Rauchbauer, 7, of St. Paul, Minn. After seven long months of racking pains due to rheumatoid arthritis, Sarah posed the question to her doctors at the University of Minnesota Children's Rheumatism Clinic, which is supported by the March of Dimes.

The doctors hesitated to say yes because Sarah had been making such good progress in the hospital—after being a very sick little girl, and in great pain, for many dreary days and nights.

Finally, Dr. Homer Venters (above, right) carefully examined the child again, consulted with his colleagues, and decided to gamble.

"We reasoned that fulfillment of our little patient's longing to be home for Christmas—with her mother and father, her brothers and sisters and her dog Mitzy—might do Sarah more good than the hospital. So we sent her packing."

The experiment was successful. Now Sarah is home for her second Christmas since she fell ill. She returns to the clinic once every three months for a checkup. She still limps slightly (yet note her carefree jig, lower left, on arriving home for good; and the joyous embrace she gave Mitzy, upper left).

In addition to The National Foundation—March of Dimes grant which made Sarah's treatment possible, the voluntary health group has made other grants to its research study centers in arthritis and birth defects as part of a program financed by contributions of the American people to the March of Dimes each January.

tie a ribbon on this:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

May this happy Holiday Season bring to you and yours merry-making happiness and every full measure of contentment.

All these things we wish for you, remembering as we do all your past favors and kindnesses to us, and recalling too, what a pleasure your friendship has been.

PLAINS OIL COMPANY

LOYD INSURANCE AGENCY

"All Your Insurance Needs"
Dec. 28
Texas vs. Texas Tech

LATT'S HUMBLE SERVICE

"If You Can't Stop Wave As You Go By"
Dec. 29
SMU vs. St. Louis

PLAINS OIL COMPANY

"Your Wholesale & Retail Cosden Dealer"
Dec. 29
Arizona vs. Brigham Young

WHITE'S

"Open Till 8 From Now Till Xmas"
Dec. 27
North Western vs. Princeton

THE ELSORITA SHOP

"Quality Clothes And Friendly Service"
Dec. 27
Notre Dame vs. St Louis

PLAINS BARBER SHOP

"W.H. Kirby And Jerry Don Daniels"
Dec. 30
Toledo vs. Butler

D.C. NEWSOM GIN

"Heres Wishing Good Luck To The Cowboys"
Dec. 30
Tulsa vs. Lamar Tech

BASKETBALL CONTEST

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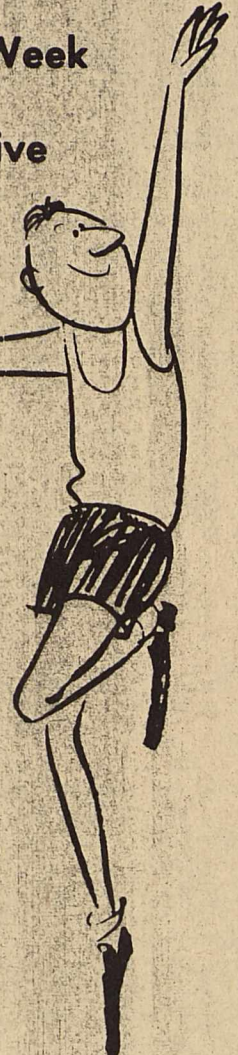
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If You Pick Every Game Correctly

RULES & INSTRUCTIONS:

- Contest will run for 15 weeks. Each week is a separate contest.
- There are 20 games to pick each week.
- Anyone can enter (over age 12). Enter as many times as you wish.
- Entries, the entire page, must be postmarked or turned in to the Record office no later than 5 p.m. on Monday before the games the following Tuesday night.
- In case of tie contestant guessing closest to the correct score on the tie-breaker game will be the winner. In case of identical scores, prize money will be divided.
- Employees of the Record and their families are not eligible to enter. Owners and employees of participating merchants may enter.

NAME _____
PHONE _____

PLAINS STATE BANK

"Built On Service"
Dec. 29
TCU vs. Oklahoma City

COGBURN-YOUNG HARDWARE APPL-FURN.

"Where Your \$ \$ Have More \$ \$"
Dec. 30
Indiana vs. Loyola

ALMA'S RESTAURANT

"We Strive To Make Dinning Out A Pleasure"
Dec. 30
Wichita vs. Oklahoma City

TUMBLEWEED DRIVE-IN

"A Coke Or A Meal Your Business Is Appreciated"
Dec. 30
Marquette vs. Bradley

MOORE & ODEN INC.

"Something New Everyda y"
Dec. 30
Xavier vs. Western Kentucky State

BUDDY'S AUTO PARTS

"Automotive, Farm & Industrial Parts"
Dec. 29
Miami Ohio vs. Miami Beach

PLAINS FARM SUPPLY

"A New Generation Of Power"
Cotton Growers Delinting
"Wet Acid Delinting"
Dec. 27
Ball State vs. Loyola

VIVAS BEAUTY SHOP

"Beauty Unlimited"
Dec. 26
Bradley vs. Cornell

PLAINS AUTO SERVICE

"Let Us Solve Your Repair Needs"
Dec. 27
Butler vs. Illinois Wesleyan

CURRY — EDWARDS

"Service And Dependability"
Dec. 29
Creighton vs. Princeton U.

COWBOY GRILL

"Pleasing You Is Our Pleasure"
Dec. 30
Illinois vs. Colgate

GOODPASTURE

Grain And Milling Co.
"Sol U Phos Fertilizer"
Dec. 29
Texas Tech vs. William & Mary

RANDALL'S BARBER SHOP

"A Better Clip-Joint Can't Be Found"
Dec. 30
Auburn vs. Florida State

Dirt Gardeners Tour Homes

Plains Dirt Gardeners met on Saturday night December 16, 1961 at the club room. First on program was a tour of homes in the area to view both indoor and outdoor Christmas decorations.

First enroute was the Jesse Hale home and the Roger Harvey's. The Harvey's whole house is a glow with Christmas. Then we visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Loyd, also drove by the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Young. Mr. and Mrs. Tippet have some lovely windows decorated with Biblical scenes, also a lovely tree and some dried arrangements. From there we drove by the Foy Cogburn home on to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hunter. She had decorated for Christmas with no red, but it was just lovely. An all green tree and various orange decorations. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Duke have many Christmas arrangements in their house. A clever birdcage center piece on the coffee table with deer in it's center.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lewis decorated with a snowman to greet visitors at their front door. As we arrived this snowman swayed gently from

side to side in the breeze. She had other interesting arrangements in her living and dining room.

Mr. and Mrs. Overton have lovely arrangements through out their house to add gaiety to the holiday season. She had placed some unique arrangements of driftwood and poinsettias on the wall in her dining area.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Smith was the last of our Saturday nights journey. Their front porch was aglow with old fashioned friendliness. An old lantern was converted to electric and decorated along with porch post. Inside in candle light. All were just lovely.

Back at the club room we exchanged homemade Christmas corsages, 71 names were turned in on Project Christmas Card with a total of \$389.00 paid in, of which \$350.00 was deposited to the Cemetery Association after bill of \$39.00 for full page ad was paid to "The Record". Our thanks goes to the public who have helped make this possible and also to Mr. Moore for giving this special rate, for this project. Mrs. John E. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Thelma Ellis, Mrs. Roy Stockstill and Mrs. Jack Palmer served fruit cake and orange ice cream punch.

The Local Angle

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McClellan visited in the home of her brother and family the Charlie Strickland's on Sunday and Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Flood visited in Odessa Sunday with Foy's parents and Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Liscomb. Wanda is recovering from surgery very nicely.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. S. F. Pride over Saturday and Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ted

Murph and family of Lubbock. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Booger Beal and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wright and family of Denver City were guests for lunch on Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Smith is visiting in Brownfield with her daughter and family.



Dorcas SS Holds Xmas Party

Dorcas Sunday School Class of Plains First Baptist Church held its class party in the home of Mrs. Truitt Jones, which is located northeast of Plains.

The party was held last Friday, December 15, and it began at 7:30.

About 45 class members, husbands and children were in attendance at the annual event.

During the festivities, Santa Claus visited the group and gifts were exchanged.

Refreshments of Fruit cake, tea and coffee were served.

Methodists To Have Evangelist

An evangelistic campaign will be initiated throughout the Brownfield District of the Methodist Church January 22 through the 26th. There will be three days of preparation and three nights of Witnessing for Christ. During the first three days of the week the ministers of the Brownfield District will meet in the First Methodist Church Brownfield for meditation, prayer and instruction. Instructing the ministers in evangelism will be Bishop Eugene Slater and Dr. Eugene Goley. After the three days of preparation the ministers will return to their local churches for three nights of witnessing to their congregations.

Evangelist for the local church will be the Rev. John Fitzgerald of the First Methodist Church Crowell, Texas. Visitation minister for the church will be Rev. Allen Forbis of Texline, Texas.

A fine job is being done in the local church by Mr. Murel Thompson who is Chairman of the Commission on Evangelism. In getting ready for the forth coming revival the local commission has taken

a census, prepared a prospect list and is in the process of organizing prayer cells.

Santa Claus brought the Methodist Church a new organ for Christmas. The complete installation was made last Saturday the 9th of December. We hear via grape vine that the church is also going to get chimes. Purchase of the organ was made by Mr. A. B. Carpenter and Mr. Gene Young who is the local choir director for the Methodist Church. Gratitude is expressed by the local congregation to each generous donor.

One would be soulless indeed, if he could keep from expressing appreciation for the sense of wonder that has been added to our town by the recent lighting effect. I was awe inspired and gladdened when I caught my first glimpse of the beautiful array of lights which illuminated our town. I do not find adequate words to express my exact feelings but I think that it can be said this way: you have said in a very reverent and beautiful way "Christ is Born" in our town and in our world.

R. H. Meixner

"What's For Me?"



Photo Courtesy Canadian National Rail "Prince", pet deer friend of guide Jack Wilkinson in North Algonquin Park, Ontario, along the transcontinental line of Canadian National, ponders the meaning for him of the Christmas tree decorated for "Prince" and his other animal friends. Could be on Christmas morning "Prince" may find some choice and a supply of tasty apples awaiting him at the base of the tree.

LETTERS TO SANTA



I hope I have been a good boy.

Please bring me a ball, bat, glove, a farm set, and a Learn to Draw set.

Your friend,
David Barnett

I want a BB gun, a basketball, a football, and a train.

Your friend,
Mike Cox

I want a doll and a teddy bear.

Your friend,
Sandra Bryant

I want a baby doll and a boy doll, a vowel family book, a jumping rope, and a color book.

Your friend,
Shirley Moore

I want a little doll, some dishes, a bicycle, a bride doll, and a necklace.

Your friend,
Deborah Wiseman

I want a walking doll, a baby doll, a jewelry box, a ballet suit, high heels, and a record player.

Your friend,
Juanita Boyd

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy seven years old. I want you to bring me a play rifle, a hot rod set, a robot, a robot commander, a model airplane, a football, a football suit, a dump truck, an electric train, a bicycle, a cowboy suit, and a pair of guns.

Your friend,
Ricki

Please bring me a Barbie doll and a zipper notebook for Christmas.

Thank you for the nice letter you sent me.

Sincerely yours,
Debra Chadwick

Dear Santa Claus, I want a football, a chemistry set, and some boots for Christmas.

I got your letter, and I liked it very much.

Sincerely yours,
Mike Loe

Christmas is near and I'll tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like a doll, a dish set, and a watch.

I received your letter. It was a very nice letter. You are a very nice man.

I would like something for my father, grandfather, grandmother, and sister.

I hope I've been good. Please bring Mrs. Patterson a very nice present and a very nice Christmas.

I wish you a Merry Christmas, and may God bless you. Sincerely yours,
Teresa Hill

Please bring me a watch, a chemistry set, a football set, a frontier set, and an electric four-way race set.

Sincerely yours,
Ricky Del Orr

I want an electric train, a football or a basketball, and a goal.

I hope this will be a happy Christmas.

Sincerely yours,
Steve Williams

I am a big girl. I am seven years old. I want a kissing doll, a little red spinning wheel, a bicycle, dishes, a doctors kit, a watch, baby clothes, a rocking cradle, a Tiny Tears doll, and a hot rod set for my brother.

Your friend,
Daleta

I am a little boy. I am seven years old. I want a train.

Your friend,
Neal

I am a little boy; I am seven years old. I want a hot rod set, a football suit, a record player, an airplane, and an electric train.

Your friend,
Ricky Hanna

I am a little girl seven years old. I would like to have a bicycle, a kissing doll, a Thumbelina doll, a Tiny Tears doll, and a cowgirl suit.

Your friend,
Sharon

I am a little boy. I am seven years old. I wish I had a tool set, a shetland pony, a football suit, a hot rod set, and a saddle.

Your friend,
Kenneth

I am a little girl seven years old. I would like to have a Dennis the Menace color-form set, a Thumbelina doll, and a desk.

Your friend,
Angella Beth Romans

Merry Christmas 1961
PLAINS Auto Service

At Christmas
We remember with awe the meaning of this holiday. May it be an inspiration to you.
D.C. NEWSOM GIN

Season's Greetings
Greetings to our friends everywhere. We hope to serve you during 1962.
PLAINS ELECTRONICS

'A Christmas Carol'

Few stories so completely express the true Spirit of Christmas as does the classic tale of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens.

The story tells of the spiritual rebirth of a miserly, mean old man and the eventual happiness he helped bring to others.

The familiar telling of the story of Scrooge, the three ghosts, Tiny Tim and the others — has become a veritable classic.

Dickens wrote the "Carol" in 1843 and it was first published in London shortly before Christmas.

Its reception was spontaneous and great; soon its fame spread around the world and it was printed in many languages.

None of the other Christmas

I am a little girl seven years old. I wish for a toy chest, a doll house, dishes, a red spinning wheel, and a buggy.

Your friend,
Donna

dear Santa Claus, I am a girl seven years old. Will you bring me a cradle, a Tiny Tears doll with some clothes, a bicycle, dishes, a little red spinning wheel, and a doctors kit.

Love your friend,
Joetta Irene Warren

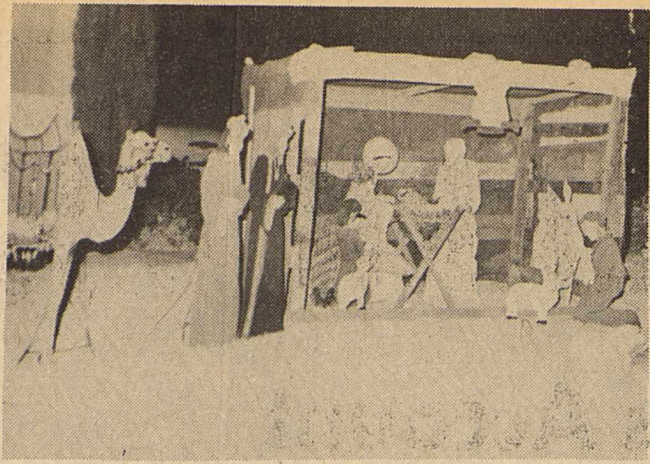
Phillips 66 WHOLESALE
HARDWARE, GASOLINE, DIESEL, BATTERIES, BUTANE, PROPANE, TIRES, ACCESSORIES
WILMETH OIL CO.

Silent Night
The lovely strains of the old song tell us again of the beauty of Christmas twenty centuries ago when there was born in Judea in the city of Bethlehem a child who was Christ The King!
THE PLAINS RECORD

IN CASE OF FIRE

At home
Quickly get everybody out of the house.
Call the fire department.
(Be sure everyone in your family knows how to call the fire department.)

At public gatherings
Walk, do not run, to the nearest exit. Call the fire department immediately. Keep calm.
—National Board of Fire Underwriters



COKE'S HANDY WORK -- Above is another portion of the Christmas display which won first place. The work was all hand made by Mrs. Coke.

Christian Church Has Program 20th

First Christian Church had its annual Christmas program at the Church on Wednesday evening, December 20. The gathering was very well attended. Several visitors, among the younger set were in attendance.

The program consisted of a program of worship led by the minister, Rev. Johnnie Moore, and the young people's choir led in the congregational caroling and sang two special numbers themselves.

Gifts were exchanged between Class members and their teachers and the congregation feted

the minister and family with gifts.

Favors, sacks filled with candy, nuts and fruit were passed out to all present and refreshments were served by Mrs. Moore. They consisted of punch, coffee, cake, cookies and nuts.

Guest Editorial

Undoubtedly the tourist business is one of San Marcos' most important and lucrative sources of income, and the local Vacation Association is telling the story of its importance this week in a full page advertisement in the Record.

The association is made up of several segments, but its most active members are, quite naturally, the motel and restaurant owners and the owners of Aquarena and Wonder Cave. Petroleum products distributors and service people are likewise active, for much of the business for this industry is developed from the traveler.

It is estimated that Texas will receive \$475 million from the 8.6 million out-of-state visitors who will have visited Texas during 1961. These people will spend an average of \$8.91 per day, and they will remain in Texas six days. They will average 1,105 miles of travel while they are in Texas.

Almost everybody benefits from tourist travel with the sellers of food taking the largest bite out of the tourist dollar—about 36 cents. Lodging costs 33 cents; 24 cents is spent for gasoline, tires, batteries, etc., and the other seven cents are distributed directly to miscellaneous businesses.

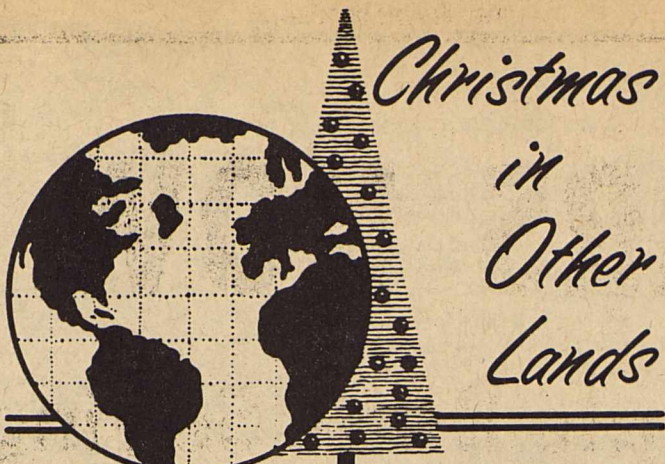
However, do not let the seven cents fool you, if you do not get something directly from the tourist. The dollars he spends for lodging, food, car expenses all find their way to some degree into every cash register in the community.

San Marcos stands, probably, at the top of the list in the number of tourists it attracts in proportion to its population. Therefore our community should be acutely conscious of what this program means in terms of dollar income.

The Vacation Association here has joined with like groups in every corner of Texas to promote a realistic advertising program for the state. Texas has the right under the constitution to spend money for advertising its attractions, for inducing people to come to Texas to make their homes, and to invite industry to move into our section.

What we need to do is to urge the members of the Texas Legislature to appropriate \$300,000 of public funds which will be matched by \$200,000 from private sources to give Texas enough money to get an advertising program off the ground.

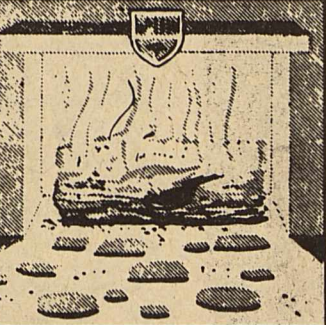
One reason for increased activity in support of an advertising program at this time is the realization of the fact that Texas has had a decline in income from tourism during the past three or four years. Actually, Texas is receiving \$74 million less this year than it got in 1957.



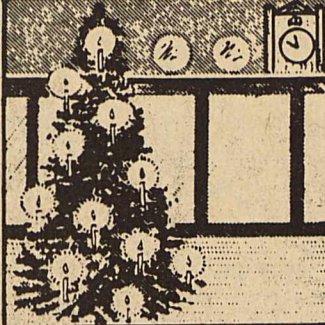
To Swiss children, "Samichlaus" is the jolly old man who brings gifts to good children. His badge of office are his staff and his huge bag of gifts, his flowing white beard and his strange headdress.



In Sicily, musicians from the mountains stroll through villages at Christmas time, and serenade the inhabitants with Christmas melodies. To the people of Sicily, their coming marks the beginning of the excitement of Christmas.



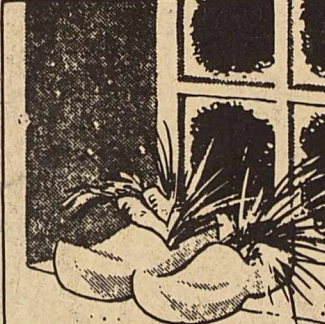
Every Christmas Eve, English families of yore placed the huge Yule Log in the fireplace. According to legend, if the log burned all through Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, good luck was sure to follow for an entire year.



Germany was the birthplace of the Christmas Tree. Originally, it was made bright by the light of a hundred tiny candles, but from its origin, over a hundred years ago, it has been decorated with a variety of ornaments: from popcorn to solid gold baubles.



The pinata is part of the charm of Christmas for Mexican children. It is a colorful earthenware crock filled with goodies and presents and it is hung from the ceiling. When a child shatters it with a stick, he in turn is showered with the wonderful surprises it contains.



In Holland, the children stuff their shoes with carrots and hay and place them on the windowsills each Christmas Eve. They believe St. Nick comes on a white horse, and it is for the good deed that they place this forage in their shoes.

OLD SANTA STILL SPRY

Santa Claus—the "Grand Old Man" of Christmas hits his stride at a near century this year — and the old gentleman never looked better.



For it was back in 1863 that Cartoonist Thomas Nast first created — on his drawing board — the image of Santa Claus as we know him — full grown to his white whiskers.

During the early '60's, Nast was commissioned to illustrate Clement Clark

MYF Goes Caroling

The Tradition of Christmas Caroling was kept alive in the Plains Methodist Church Sunday night of the 17th by the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

This group and their sponsors, Mrs. Jo Pyron and Mrs. Laurie Hunt, sought to brighten the Yule tide season for several of the shut-ins of the town.

Youth participating in the carolling were: Pam Randolph, Nancy Tippet, Jana Warren, Ralph Meixner, Moody Meixner, Joyce Warren, Robert Field, Debra Thompson, Linda Robertson, Rita Snodgrass, Oneta Jo Meixner, Sarah Hunt, Jackie Hawkins, James Tippet and Tommy Payne.

Moore's poem "A Visit From St. Nicholas" ("The Night before Christmas"). The drawings he submitted showed Santa Claus pretty much as he looks today.

Nast had previously achieved fame through his famous political cartoons that helped to smash Boss Tweed's infamous "Tweed Ring" in New York City.

So through the years — and in spite of 98 hard-working Christmas seasons — Santa Claus keeps "young" for the youngsters and the young in heart.

Motorcides Up For 61

Lubbock--The Texas Highway Patrol said today the latest traffic death figures for the state confirm a trend toward a higher motorcide total for 1961 than 1960 when 2,254 fatalities were counted.

Capt. E. L. Posey, in command of Highway Patrol, District 5-A, Lubbock area said, "It has become a certainty that the November toll of 1961 is higher than that of last year."

So it is of utmost importance that we further concentrate our efforts along the line of utilizing our Patrol strength as effectively as possible to "bring about the maximum voluntary compliance with the traffic law quickly."

"This is being done," he said, "by having arranged working schedules as selectively as possible in terms of time, location, and violations." He added, "the Patrol Supervisors have been instructed to have their men look for and detect those serious traffic law violations which are causative factors in fatal accidents, giving most attention to high speeds, driving under the influence of alcohol, and other hazardous violations."

"In addition," said Capt. Posey, "they have been instructed to utilize radar as much as possible, as well as road checks for Drivers License and hazardous violations in concentrated areas."

An experimental program of the Tennessee Game and Fish Commission will attempt to develop new strains of game birds. First order of business: a game bird that will be compatible with modern agricultural practices.—Sports Afield.

There are communities in England where no one will give matches, fire or light to be taken from the house on Christmas Day. Such a practice will bring trouble they believe.

In Ireland it is believed that the gates of Paradise are always open on Christmas Eve.



To all our friends, both old and new.

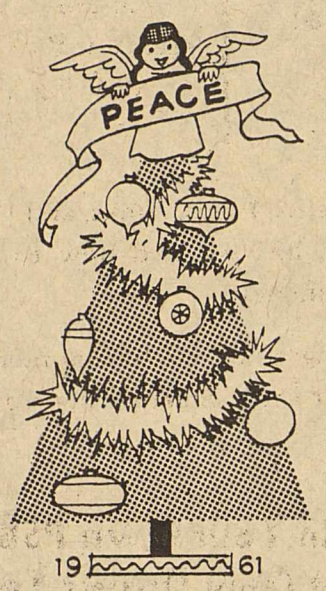
GLOVERS CLEANERS

May this Yuletide impart new joy and happiness to every part of the world.



Merry CHRISTMAS

Pic And Pay



1961

Sunshine Inn

We thank you all for your kindness.



Tele-Tronics



A Wish for an Abundant Christmas

May your Yuletide be filled, not only with countless wonderful gifts, but with the priceless abiding gifts of friendship, peace, and happiness.

We would like to add our gift to your abundant Christmas: It's just a word of sincere thanks for letting us serve you, and our wish that you may have a season of abundant joy.

Plains Farm Supply

A CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND OF GIFTS AND TOYS

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More Good Buys

Where Your \$\$\$ Have More \$\$\$
Plains -Ph. 8785

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the dependable automatics

We Still Have Many Catalog

SALE Items and Many
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LAMPS
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YOUR DOLLARS NOW EARN 4%

In A Plains State Bank Savings Account

Yes, Your Savings Dollars Can Be Invested Right At Home
 In Your Local Bank And Draw Top Interest, 4%, If
 You Are Willing To Let It Remain In Your PSB Savings Account
 For A Full Year.



There's a big difference between making money and making the most of it.

Have you got what it takes?

It takes a lot of effort to:

Earn a dollar
 Keep part of it
 Salt it away
 in the bank
 Leave it there,
 drawing interest

But he who earns, keeps, banks, and lets his dollars grow, has learned how to make money make money.

There's nothing quite like having money in the bank — our bank. Start saving regularly here with us!

Money Invested In Your Own PSB Saving Account Not Only Draws You The Top Interest Dollar, But Money Invested Home In Plains Helps Plains Grow.

Why Should Plains Dollars Be Invested In Out-Of-Town Savings & Loan Associations When The Same Interest Can Be Earned Here, At Home, In Your Own Bank?

“How do they make their money go so far?”

And, There Is A Big Difference

THESE ANSWERS COMPILED FROM REGULATIONS GOVERNING BANKS AND SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATIONS

HOW MANY OF THESE QUESTIONS Can You Answer Correctly?

- CHECK ONE**
YES NO
- Is a savings account in a regular Bank and a Savings and Loan Association fundamentally the same?
 - Do regular Banks maintain larger ratios of their customers' savings in cash and government bonds than Savings and Loan Associations?
 - Do both regular Banks and Savings and Loan Associations declare in advance what rate of return your savings will earn?
 - Must regular Banks assure more immediate repayment of your savings than Savings and Loan Associations?
 - If your savings are not available promptly from an insured regular Bank or an insured Savings and Loan Association, does the insurance in both cases become effective immediately?

- 1. NO.** In a regular Bank your savings account is a deposit and you are a creditor. In most Associations your funds are investments in shares and you are a shareholder with the risks and responsibilities of share ownership. As a Bank creditor you have a legal right to demand and collect repayment of your funds at any time without extended delay.
- 2. YES.** Regular Banks—because they must meet the withdrawal demand of every depositor in the full amount without extended delay—must remain more liquid. Associations—because they are not required to repay savings funds (by repurchase of shares) without extended delay—need not remain as liquid. The average insured Bank carries about 50% or more of its total deposits in cash and quickly-cashable government bonds or other securities. The average insured Association has about 90% or more of its members' funds invested in long-term mortgages—and, because of its very purpose, cannot obligate itself to repurchase shares upon demand.
- 3. NO.** Regular Banks pay interest at a definite, dependable, pre-determined rate. Most Associations pay dividends on a “when and if-declared-after-earned” basis. Banks declare in advance what interest rates they will pay. This interest is a guaranteed return on your savings. When most Associations advertise a certain percentage return, they are actually saying, “We paid this dividend for the past period, and we expect to be able to pay it for the next.”
- 4. YES.** At regular Banks, funds must be made available to honor all withdrawal demands in the full amount without extended delay. If Banks do not do so within a certain number of days (usually no more than 30), the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation steps in member Banks and makes depositors' funds available promptly. If federally-chartered Associations are unable to repurchase members' shares within 30 days after request is made, they may invoke a “wait-your-turn” plan under which requests are filed and paid in numerical order. If the value of a member's shares is more than \$1,000, he may be paid \$1,000, if available, when his number is reached. The application is then renumbered and placed at the bottom of the list. When his number is again reached, and if funds are available, the process is repeated.
- 5. NO.** If an insured regular Bank could not meet the demands of its depositors promptly, it would be closed and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation would make depositors' funds available promptly. But with insured Associations the situation is different. If an Association could not repurchase members' shares, it first could invoke its “wait-your-turn” charter provision—a waiting period which conceivably could be of long duration. Only after an insured Association is declared “in default” and placed in the hands of a receiver by a court of competent jurisdiction is the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation legally obligated to pay. Since most Associations do not promise to repurchase their shares or pay dividends until they are able to do so, a receivership is a remote possibility.



PLAINS STATE BANK

“Built On Service”

Letters To Santa

I was very very happy with what you gave me last year, but this year I want an electric football set and I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Ace Hamm

Please bring me a Betsy McCall doll and please bring me a jewelry box and a set of dishes for Christmas.
Your friend,
Karen Sewell

I want a football and a BB gun and a watch.
I have been a good boy.
Your friend,
Clevey Kerby

I would like you to bring me a rickshade and a gatling gun. And a race car set and a walki talki.
Your best friend,
Boyce Trout

I wish you would bring me a record player and a watch.
Good-by.
With love,
Mary Brrientes

I want an electric train and a real horse, Santa, bring Mrs. Patterson a pretty present. Did Mrs. Santa write the letter I got?
I just want one more wish. I want a white Christmas.
Your trykm
Gary Livesay

I want a Tiny Tears doll with a cradle. A doll that talks and a bottle of candy.
Your friend,
Cynthia Lester

I love you. You are sweet to me. I want a doll that talks and walks and her name is Tandy. Will you please bring me a watch, please sir. And a cradle for my doll. I want an organ.
Your friend,
Donna Seals

I love you. You have been sweet to me. I want a Tiny Tears doll for Christmas, a doll cradle, and a bottle for my doll.
Your friend,
Elaine Felts

I want a car, a ball, a motor, a jack-in-the-box, and play ball.
Your friend,
Paul Romera

I want a helicopter and a BB gun and a record player. I want a 30-30 shotgun.
Your friend,
Danny Joe Parker

I want a toy typewriter and a jewelry box and an iron and ironing board for Christmas. I will hang my stocking and go to bed early.
Your friend,
Deborah Bradford

I want a play pin and a watch and a Thumbelina doll. And fill my stocking with candy and gum.
Your friend,
Diane Pate

Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll. I want a high chair and a watch and a trampoline and some candy and an iron.
Your friend,
Lynn Fitzgerald

I want a little byby doll and a dress for her.
Your friend,
Gloria Ortiz

I want a Farm set and some little animals.
Your friend,
Shelley Simpson

I want a Thumbelina doll, a broom, a mop, and a bicycle. I want a black and white pony for my brother for Christmas.
Sincerely yours,
Ginger Lynn Anderson

I am a little girl. I am eight years old. I want some dishes, a little red spinning wheel, a kissy doll, a Thumbelina doll, a doctors kit, and a bicycle.
Love your friend,
Ann Franklin

I want a BB gun and train, a gun and a holster set and cowboy suit.
Your friend,
Roy Randle
Thank you.

I want a doll that is 3 years old and a color form and a food mix set.
Your friend,
Sheila Taunton

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football and a pony. I want a bag of candy but bring it full. Bring me a clock to put on my hand. I want a little piano, too. Every year I'll send you letter. Goodby Santa Claus.
Your friend,
Antonio Uranga

Please bring me a chemistry set for Christmas.
I hope it will be a white Christmas.
Sincerely yours,
Lynn Cox.

Please bring me a Kissy doll, a bicycle, some dishes, Learn to Draw Set, and some clothes and a pony. My sister wants a pony, too. My other sister wants some bedroom furniture.
Sincerely your friend,
Vicki Gray

I want a Tiny Tears doll, a Timex watch (please shock-proof), a girls bicycle (blue), and a transistor pocket radio with an earphone.
Sincerely yours,
Rita Mullins

I am a girl. I am 6 years old. Please bring me a doll.
Love,
Denise Newsom

I am a boy. I am 6 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a bicycle.
Love,
Ernesto Floras

Dear Santa,
I am a boy. I am 6 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a bicycle and a BB gun.
Love,
Jimmy Don Chambers

I am a girl. I am 7 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a wagon.
Love,
Carolina Barrientes

I am a girl. I am 6 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a poodle and a doll.
Love,
Sherry Ann Patton

I am a girl. I am 6 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a toy poodle, a doll, and a car.
Love,
Betty Jo Stach

I am a girl. I am 6 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a wagon.
Love,
Lucy Barrientes

I am a girl. I am 6 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a doll and a buggy.
Love,
Linda Randle

I am a girl. I am 6 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a dog.
Love,
Hwelinda Cortez

I want an airplane that can really fly. I want a motor go-cart that has a button to punch to make it go.
Your friend,
Tommy Everett

I want a football helmet, and a football suit. I will make some cookies and you can have some hot chocolate.
Your friend,
James Stewart

I want a wedding doll, a real record player, a tea set, a table and a box of candy.
Your friend,
Janice Canady

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a fire engine and some boots.
Bradley Palmer

Rear Santa,
Please bring me a rebel gun set and a swing set with a slide. Please bring all the little girls and boys something nice, too. I love you
John David Moore

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a dollie and a swing set with a slide. I would like some candy and nuts in my stocking too. Please remember the needy boys and girls all over the world too.
Thank you Santa.
Melody Ann Moore

Dear Santa Clause
I am writing for me and my brother. Please bring me a BB gun.
Jimmy wants a Bull-dozer, and if you don't htnk he is to young he wants a BB gun too. He is six years old. Robert wants a watch and please bring us a set of bar-dumbell.
Thank You
Eddie, Jimmy and Robert Parsons

Dear Santa,
I want a cucky doll, and a concentration game, a play you hunch game. I want a stocking full of candy and a nice Christmas.
Your friend,
Glenda Miller

I want a watch. Make it water-proof and shock proof dustproof.
Your friend,
Jerry Lindt

I would like to have for Christmas a Barbie doll and her dress set. I would like a world globe, a big trampoline, a video village game, and a concentration game.
Your friend,
Jan McCarvey

I want a Kissy the doll who will kiss you. A little red spinning wheel and yarn. Some play highills that will not break, and some play lipstick and the set.
Your friend,
Sherry Kerrick

I am a little boy. I am eight years old. I wish I had a chemistry set.
Your friend,
Rolan

I want a Tiny Tears Doll.
Your friend,
Delores Cardenas

Dear Santa,
I am a girl. I am 7 years old. I want a Barbie doll with clothes and a big kitchen set. I want some dishes. My sister wants a Hugabye doll and Denzil wants a dumptruck. All Bradley will have is just a little blue rattler.
We will go to Cisco for Christmas.
Love,
Sherry Flood

I am a boy. I am 6 years old. I want an electric train. I want a Union soldier set.
Love,
Jerry Parrish

I am a boy. I want a football and a Rebel suit, and I am 7 years old. I want a snowsuit, too.
Love,
David Sewell

I want a Union soldier set. I am a boy. I am 7 years old. Please bring me a Union gun.
Your friend,
Tony Chandler

I am a girl. I am 6 years old. Please bring me a Chatty Kathy doll.
Love,
Nita Gilliam

I am a girl. I am 7 years old. Please bring me a Chatty Kathy doll. I want a green blackboard.
Love,
Gay Swann

I am a girl. I want a blackboard. I am 7 years old. Please bring me a Chatty Kathy doll.
Love,
Debbie

I am 7 years old. I want a BB gun for Christmas. I've been good. I want an electric rocket.
Love,
Ruben Flores

I am 6 years old. I am a boy. I want a football suit and a helmet. Please bring me a pair of football shoes, too.
Love,
Mark Beach

Dear Santa,
I am a boy. I am 7 years old. I want a BB gun, and a punching clown. And bring my mother a new bed. And bring father a pair of boots. Bring Stevie a fishing rod. Dianne wants a pixie suit.
Love,
Craig

I am a girl. I am 7 years old. I want a Chatty Kathy and a green blackboard.
Your friend,
Kay Swann

I am a boy. I am 7 years old. I want a Rebel soldier set and a Union gun. I have been good.
Love,
Lyndal Trout

I am a girl. I am 8 years old. Please bring me a wedding doll.
Your friend,
LaDona Hennington

I am a boy. I am 6 years old. Please bring me a BB rifle.
Your friend,
Allen Roseberry

I am a boy. I am 6 years old. I want an Etch-a-Sketch and a football helmet.
Your friend,
Dale Hinkle

I am a boy. I am 6 years old. Please bring me a camera and a football suit.
Your friend,
Lowell Trout

I want a trampoline. I am 6 years old. Don't forget Stanley. Remember I live in Plains this year.
Your friend,
Brian Ashburn

I am a girl. I am 6 years old. I want a kissy doll. I will be in Amarillo.
Your friend,
Kathleen McGinty

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an electric train. My birthday is close to Christmas. I've been good. Your good friend,
Gene Wauson

I am a boy. I am 8 years old. I want an Etch-a-Sketch and a football helmet.
Love,
Pedro

Dear Santa,
I am a boy. I am 6 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a BB gun.
Love,
Joe Pena

I am a boy. I am 6 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a truck.
Love,
Evaristo Flores

I am a boy. I am 6 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a Petti-car and a wagon.
Love,
Roy J. Taylor

I am a boy. I am 7 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a bicycle and a BB gun.
Love,
Joey Merrit

I am a girl. I am 6 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a horse, a doll, and a toy poodle.
Love,
Kim Hancock



TRIED OUT -- The PHS students shown above all tried out for the State Band of Texas. Left to right they are, standing, David Johnston and Larry Powell and seated are Jean Stewart, Jana Warren, Loretta Taylor and Marsha White.

I am a boy. I am 6 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a BB gun and a wagon.
Love,
Bruce

I am a boy. I am 7 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a bicycle.
Love,
Lester Kerrick

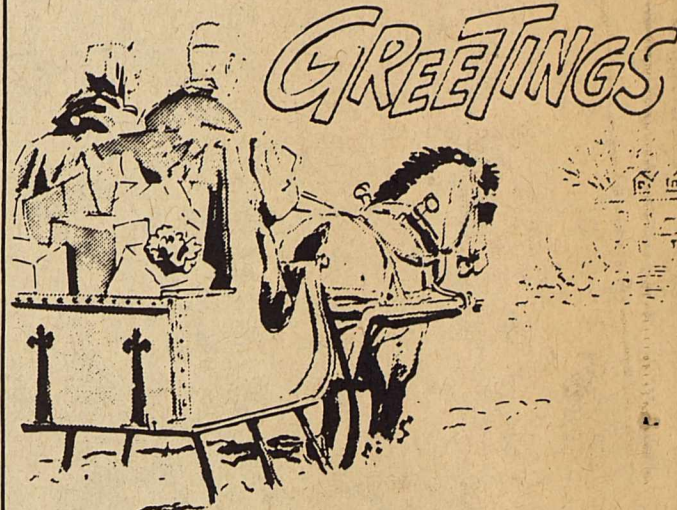
I am a boy. I am 6 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a fire truck and a bicycle.
Love,
Robert Wauson

Every year I ask you for a puppy, please bring me a puppy this year. I want a BB gun, and electric train, and a Miss Alexander doll.
Your friend,
Diane Spears

I hope you will bring me a long playing record player and an electric football set.
Your friend,
Jan Kennedy

I want you to bring me a BB gun and a bicycle.
Your friend,
Jose Cardenas

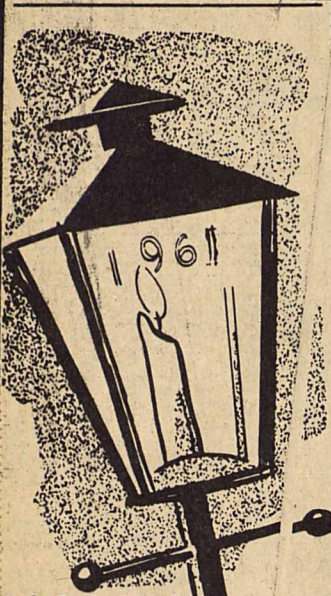
I would like to have for Christmas a cuddly doll, a typewriter with paper, a world globe, a video-village game, and a concentration game.
Your friend,
Virginia Romans



Amid the joys of the Holiday season is one we especially cherish—greeting good friends and neighbors. Have a very merry and happy Christmas.

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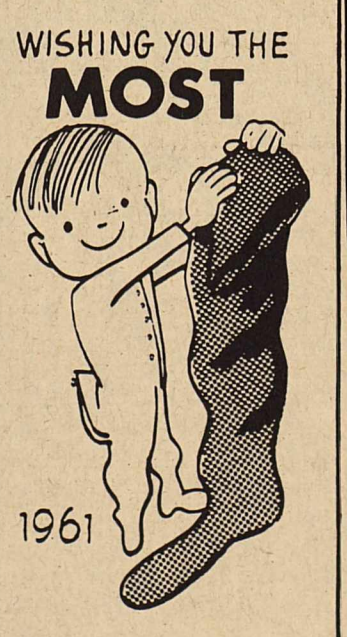


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The Shepherds
Those humble men, abiding their flocks by night, were privileged to see the wondrous Star of Bethlehem, and to know it heralded the coming of the New Born King.

From that time, mankind has heralded His coming year after year, and marked the time as one of renewed hope and faith through His teachings.

We extend to you our sincere wish for a Christmas of hope and faith in a measure so full that it will abide with you for all time to come.



Merry Christmas
Hawkins Food Market

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN



Children of the Methodist Home in Waco, Texas, sing hearty wishes of a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to their friends across the Southwest. The Methodist Home serves in providing a home-like atmosphere for children separated from their families by death, poverty and other misfortunes. Over 400 youngsters receive individual care in family sized groups at the Home which will soon celebrate its 72nd anniversary.

Avoid Store Fires

Retail Merchants With Simple Care Can Cut Hazards

Retail merchants can keep their stores fireproof and avoid the possibility of costly damage to their stocks and buildings by following a few simple safety tips this holiday season.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters points out that the fire potential of a store may be sharply reduced by disposing of shipping cartons as soon as goods are unpacked.

Clear Back Rooms, Cellars

To minimize fire hazards, back rooms and cellars should be cleared of such materials daily.

Here are a few other important rules:

- Smoking should be permitted only in specially designated areas (this applies both to the public and employees).
- To permit rapid evacuation if fire strikes, aisles and exits should be kept clear.
- A plan should be drawn on what to do if fire strikes. Clerks should be instructed how to handle fire extinguishers and other equipment that may be used for the control of small fires. However, every employee should be instructed to call the fire department the moment a fire starts, no matter how small it may be.

Christmas Decorations

- Only non-flammable decorations or at least slow-burning materials should be used in retail establishments. Decorations should be kept away from electric light bulbs.
- Any new wiring installed in connection with decorations should be done by qualified electricians.
- When extra electric lights are added in connection with Christmas decorating, make certain that electric circuits are not overloaded.

Help the Fire Chief Have Merry Holiday

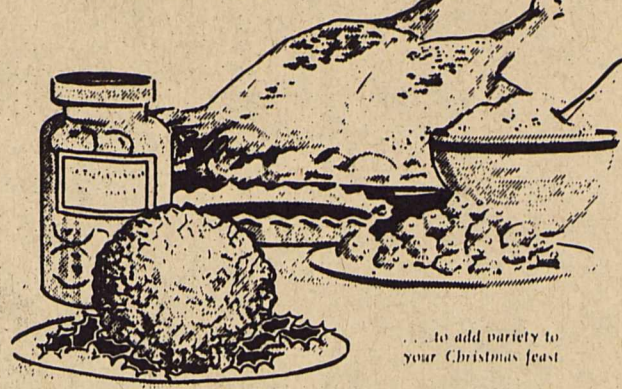
Help the fire chief and his men have a Merry Christmas this year by using care with fire around the house, says the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

The chief and his men, like everyone else, would prefer to have quiet Christmas dinners with their families, the Board adds.

You can make the chief happy by being careful to avoid fire this holiday season.

ular significance to our use of holly as a Christmas decoration — other than it is "traditional" and "pretty."

RECIPES



MINCEMEAT JUBILEE PIE
(New idea for an old Holiday favorite)

1 qt. vanilla ice cream
1 lb. jar prepared mincemeat
1/2 cup rum
1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup sugar
Make crust of graham cracker crumbs, butter, and sugar. Press firmly into 9 inch pie plate and bake in moderate oven 8 minutes.
Swirl ice cream slightly and stir in 1 cup prepared mincemeat. Spoon into prepared crust, wrap in foil and freeze.
For a glamorous Holiday dessert, make sauce with 1/2 cup rum heated with one cup prepared mincemeat... do not boil. Put sauce in gravy boat and serve over individual pie wedges.

JELLIED WALDORF SALAD

1 pkg. lime flavored gelatin
1 cup hot water
1/2 cup cold water
1 cup diced unpared red apples
1/4 tsp. salt
2 tbsps. sugar
2 tbsps. lemon juice
1/2 cup diced sweet pickles
1/2 cup chopped nuts
1/2 cup chopped celery
1 can (1 lb.) jellied cranberry sauce
Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add cold water and chill until partially thickened. Add apple and next 6 ingredients; pour into 8 1/2 cup molds. Chill until set. To serve: cut jellied cranberry sauce into 8 slices. Arrange on lettuce sprinkled with a little French dressing. Top each slice with unmolded salad. Garnish each with dot of mayonnaise, topped with nut half.

PUMPKIN ICE CREAM

1 No. 202 can (3 1/2 cups) pumpkin
1/2 cups finely crushed ginger snaps
3/4 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. almond extract
3/8 tsp. almond extract
3 pts. vanilla ice cream
Mix pumpkin, crushed ginger snaps and flavorings. Fold into softened ice cream. Freeze in tray of refrigerator. Whip up ice cream just before serving. Approximately 12 servings.

MANDEL KAGER
(Norwegian Almond Holiday Cookies)

1/2 cup soft butter
1/2 cup sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup chopped toasted almonds
1/2 cups sifted flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. ground cardamom
Mix together shortening, sugar and egg. Sift dry ingredients and stir in. Then mix in chopped almonds. Chill dough and roll into 1 inch balls. Flatten slightly on ungreased baking sheet. Top each cookie with almond half. Bake ten minutes at 375 degrees. Makes 3 1/2 doz. cookies.

GRANDMOTHER'S OYSTER DRESSING

4 cups dry bread crumbs
2 cups corn bread crumbs
Chicken or turkey broth
Milk
2 tablespoons butter
1 pint fresh oysters
1/2 cup minced onion
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. black pepper
1 tsp. poultry seasoning
3 uncooked eggs
Sprinkle salt, pepper, poultry seasoning over dry bread crumbs. Add melted butter, chicken or turkey broth, and enough milk to make soft consistency. Add minced onion and lightly beaten eggs. Mix well. Add oysters. Spread in flat pan and bake in slow oven for 1 1/2 hours.



WON BERTHS -- Marsha White and David Johnston, members of the Plains High School Band, recently won the top honor of being selected, through competition, as members of the State Band of Texas.



CRANBERRY ICE
(Use as appetizer or dessert)

1 quart cranberries
2 cups water
2 cups sugar
1 tsp. grated orange rind
1/4 cup lemon juice
2 cups cold water
Cook cranberries and two cups water until skins are broken. Put through sieve to make smooth pulp. Blend with sugar, orange rind, lemon juice and cold water. Pour into freezing tray and freeze until firm, stirring several times.
Serve as colorful Holiday appetizer in avocado halves which have been sprinkled with a few drops of lemon juice.
For a red and green Holiday dessert, spoon into center of pistachio ice cream ring and serve with slices of white cake.

CALIFORNIA ORANGE PUDDING
(Modern west-coast version of old fashioned plum pudding)

3 cups soft bread crumbs
1 cup milk
1/2 cup melted butter
1 cup flour
1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. salt
1 cup orange marmalade
Pour milk over bread crumbs, blend in butter then add flour, salt and soda. Add orange marmalade and steam three hours in well greased quart mold.
Serve with sauce made of:
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
2 egg whites
1 tsp. almond flavoring

Denmark First Country to Offer Christmas Seals

Christmas Seal sale is an annual institution and offers at the Christmas season an opportunity for all to aid in the fight against tuberculosis.

The idea was originated in Denmark by a postal clerk named Einar Holbøll in 1903. It was his idea that a special Christmas stamp could be issued to be placed on mail in addition to regular postage. The funds from this sale were to be used to build a hospital for the children of Copenhagen.

In 1904, with the help of King Christian and other prominent citizens, the first Christmas seals were printed and sold at regular post offices in Denmark. Each had a portrait of the Queen of Denmark, encircled by a wreath of roses. Printed at the top was the word "Jelum," a Danish word for Christmas. The date of issue was printed at the bottom.

Two years later Norway adopted the plan. In 1907 a Danish immigrant to the United States became interested.

As a result of combined efforts of a number of prominent Americans the first stamps were placed on sale December 7, 1907 at the post office at Wilmington, Delaware. The design was simple; a half wreath of holly and a

cross with "Merry Christmas" at the center and "Happy New Year" at the bottom. In 1919 the double-barred Cross of Lorraine was selected as the permanent emblem. A new design is selected each year, featuring the cross of Lorraine.

In the early years the American Red Cross sponsored the sale of these seals. In 1920 the National Tuberculosis Association began to carry on the Christmas Seal sale alone, as it has done ever since.

More than 3,000 organizations are affiliated with the National Tuberculosis Association. Since 1907 the disease has dropped from first to seventh as a cause of death in the United States. 45 countries now sell the seals.

Many families in Scandinavia place their shoes together on Christmas to assure living in harmony throughout the year.

In middle Europe, if your light goes out on Christmas morning it is thought you will see spirits.

The Holly Legend

Even before the Christians, Romans sent gifts of holly to friends to mark the December festival of Saturn. The superstitious Druids kept holly in their dwellings, as an invitation to the "spirits" to enter and seek shelter from winter cold and winter winds. The early Germans used holly in an observance which marked the return of the sun from its southward pilgrimage.

Holly, like mistletoe, is surrounded by legends and superstitions, dating back to pagan rites and rituals.

Today there is no partic-



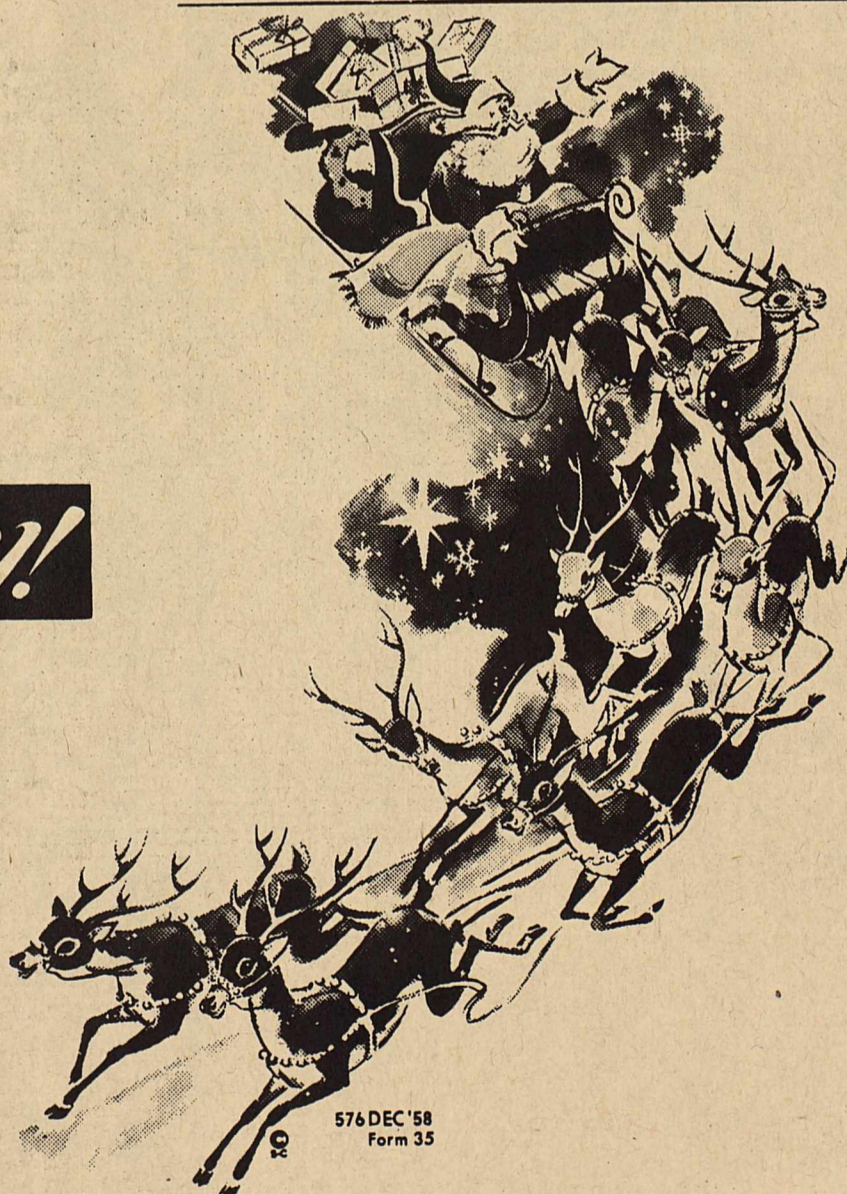
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Time For Fire Safety

Families Urged to Use Care With Fire Throughout Year

Families throughout the nation were urged by the National Board of Fire Underwriters today to keep the Christmas season merry by using care with fire.

Moreover, the Board asked that care with fire not stop at the end of the holiday season, but be carried on throughout the year.

11,350 Lost Lives

A total of 11,350 persons lost their lives in fires during the year 1950, and property damage exceeded \$1 billion for the fourth year in a row," said Lewis A. Vincent, general manager of the National Board.

"This appalling toll in lives and property can be reduced with a little more care on everyone's part,"

Mr. Vincent added.

Care Can Save Lives
 "Ordinary care around the Christmas tree can save lives and prevent property loss this holiday season."

"And continued care after the holidays are over can help keep fires at a minimum."

Nicholas, Beloved Saint of Children And Christmas

The "Santa Claus" of so many children in Europe is Saint Nicholas.

Saint Nicholas, reputed to be the hardest working Saint of all — was born in Petras, city in Asia Minor. His history tells of many great miracles, great deeds to help the poor and the needy.

He is patron saint to bankers, pawn-brokers, unmarried girls, children, mariners, scholars, and even thieves. He is said to have lived in the Third Century after the birth of Christ.

Over 600 years later, Saint Nicholas was adopted as the patron saint of old Russia and later by the Laplanders and Samoyeds. (From whom he probably acquired his sleigh and reindeer.)

Saint Nicholas is also revered in Germany, France, Switzerland, Holland and Luxembourg — and it is in these countries that he appears traditionally riding his white horse, carrying gifts for good children and whipping rods for the bad ones. His gifts are bestowed on December 6th.

When the Dutch settled in the American colonies, they brought with them the tradition of Saint Nicholas or "Santeklas," as he was affectionately called.



COWBOY BAND -- Plains High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Gene Young, presented the High School portion of the Christmas program.

Legend of the Bells

Many years ago, in the little town of Locen, Holland, there hung in the church tower two fine bells. Their clear tones gave comfort to all who heard them.

However, these bells had never been baptized, and one night, so the story goes, they disappeared from the church tower. The sorrowing townspeople searched everywhere, but the bells could not be found.

On the Eve of Christmas, the people longed for the joyous sound of the bells — proclaiming the Christmas spirit. Then, precisely at midnight, bell-like tones were heard through the snowy night. They seemed to be coming from a nearby pond.

Though the bells themselves were never found, each Christmas Eve, just at midnight, their chimes rang out over the town and the legend of the bells spread far and abroad.

Other towns, and other countries continued the custom of bell-ringing, and today it has become a beautiful part of the traditional celebration of Christmas.

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Christmas Card Custom

Person to person greetings at Christmas time have been exchanged for many centuries in every Christian community around the world.

The custom of exchanging greetings at Christmas via printed and illustrated cards is, however, a little over a century old.

According to existing records in 1843, an Englishman named Henry Cole introduced the "Christmas card".

Two months prior to Christmas, Mr. Cole, an educator and patron of the arts, had commissioned a British Royal Academy artist, John Calcott Horsley, to design a card depicting a typical family of that era gathered at a holiday feast.

The design was executed and the phrase, "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year" was added. A thousand copies of this were lithographed and then hand-colored.

Cole addressed and mailed a group of the cards to his friends.

He then offered the remainder of them for sale in a London stationer's shop, where they sold quite quickly and thereby started what since has become a traditional part of our Christmas observances.

Christmas seemed to have a lot of significance in the 1840's in England. It was at this time, too, that Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" was published, and Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's German-born consort, was reported to have introduced the first decorated Christmas Tree, into English life!

Christmas cards appeared in the United States shortly thereafter. No one knows exactly who introduced the idea in the States. However, credit is given to an Albany, New York dry goods merchant by the name of R. J. Pease.

It is said that he designed, printed and mailed one of the first examples of American Christmas cards as a special greeting and advertisement for his store.

Since then — the ex-

Christmas Foods Around the World

In America, the favorite Christmas dish is turkey and dressing with traditional cranberry sauce. Other countries have their favorite foods. In Austria, for example, raisins, currents, chopped figs and dates are made into a cake called Fruchtbrot and served hot.

Czechoslovakians serve baked carp with spicy sauce on Christmas Eve. In Denmark, the Christmas meat is goose. Plum pudding and mincemeat have long been favorites with the English.

In Sweden, the main dish at dinner is roast pig served with bright red apple in its mouth. Goose is also a favorite Christmas meat. Instead of turkey, the Norwegians serve such meat dishes as roast ribs of pork, pickled pork or barbecued young pig.

Popular in Poland is chopped meat rolled in cabbage served with vegetables and sour cream. It is called golumpki.

Hungarian families serve cakes in the shape of horseshoes and filled with

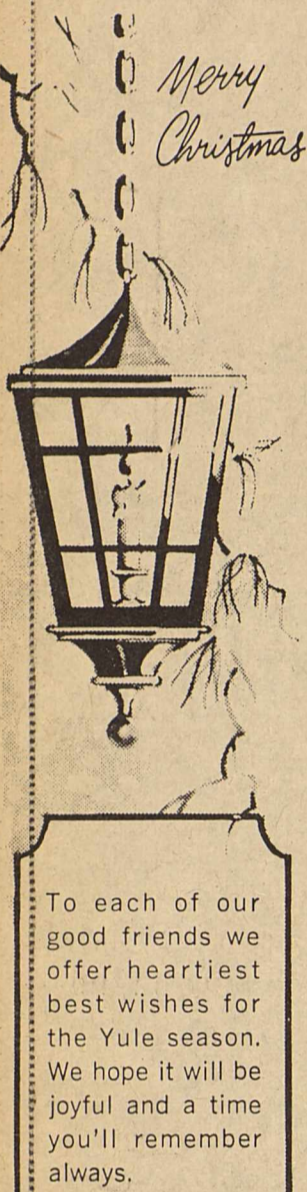
poppy seeds or walnuts. Flat hard cakes in the shape of beasts, birds or fish are traditional in Holland.

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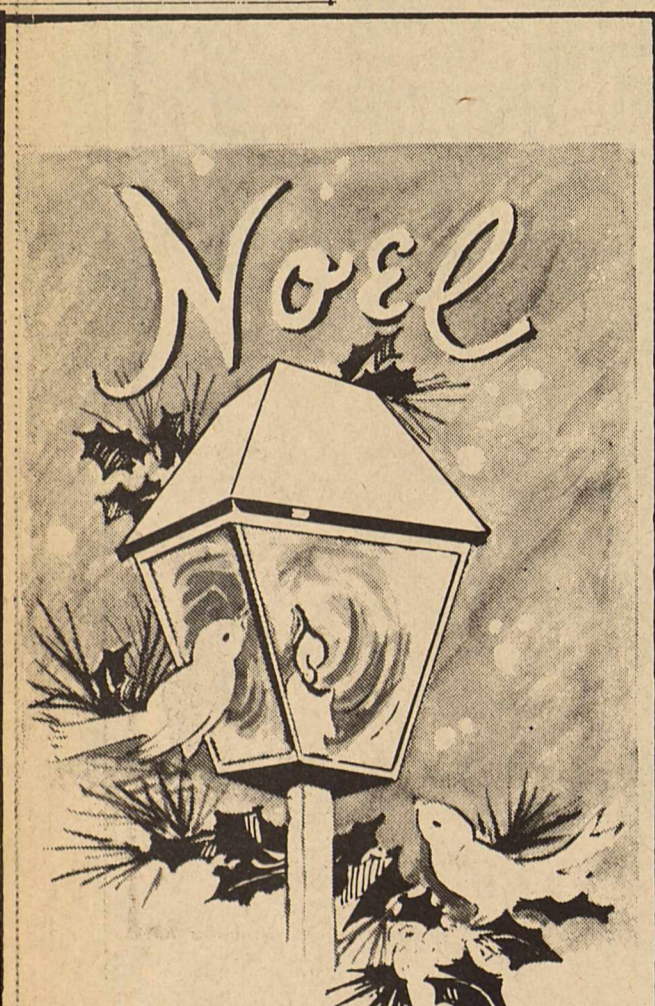
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To each of our good friends we offer heartiest best wishes for the Yule season. We hope it will be joyful and a time you'll remember always.

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May every heart and home in the land be brightened with the promise of this our Holy season.

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TIPS FOR SMOKERS

Keep plenty of noncombustible ashtrays about your home during the holidays and empty them often, the National Board of Fire Underwriters recommends.

The National Board points out that one out of every four fires is caused by matches and smoking.

If you are having house guests, make sure that upstairs bedrooms as well as the living room, dining room and kitchen are well stocked with ashtrays.

And, when you empty an ashtray, make sure no fire is in it.

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THE CHRISTMAS BOX



WHAT STARTED THIS CUSTOM?

Many years ago it was the custom to exchange gifts in January to ensure a lucky New Year. In some manner this custom was transferred to Christmas and the seasonal gift became expected on the day after the feast, or Boxing Day.

Influencing this custom was the earthen savings-box which had to be broken to remove its treasures. It is still used in Holland, usually in the shape of a pig and it is called the "Feast Pig."

Another explanation is the alms-box of the early church. Its contents were kept until the day after Christmas and for that reason it was called Boxing Day.

There are others who say the custom is merely a gratuity, similar to the Arabic backsheesh. It was regarded as the right of all who performed a service for others during the year to look for backsheesh at Christmas.

Christmas boxing among tradesmen continued for many years on Boxing Day. From this old custom, perhaps, comes today's practice of exchanging gifts in beautifully wrapped and decorated gift boxes.



PINT SIZE SANTA -- Santa in miniature was seen for trade by David Sewell in Plains Elementary School's Christmas program last Tuesday.

Biblical Star Still Mystery To Scientists

Even in this advanced age — with satellites in orbit, sputniks and rockets — men of science still find mystery in the Biblical Star of Bethlehem that shone so brightly when He was born.

Some scholars believe it may have been a supernova, or exploding star. Others think it might have been a comet or perhaps a conjunction of the bright planets Jupiter and Saturn.

If it was a supernova in the Milky Way, astronomers say it would have unquestionably filled ancient stargazers with awe and the feeling that a great event might be taking place.

A "nova" implies a new star, but actually is not. It is rather an old star that suddenly flares up in a display 20,000 to 50,000 times brighter than the sun. A supernova is about 100 million times more brilliant than the sun.

Astronomers do not know what causes a supernova.

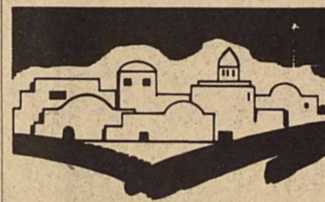
Candles Glow at Christmas

It would be astonishing, indeed, if no candles appeared in homes throughout the nation on Christmas Eve. The legend which surrounds the custom is believed to have started in Ireland.

There on Christmas Eve a large candle was burned which could be snuffed out only by one named Mary. As the Irish put it: "Who knows, on some Christmas Eve, Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe?"

The first use of candles for Christmas is not recorded anywhere. But according to an old legend, the "Christ Child Candle" was burned in windows to light His way if He made an earthly visitation. It was also lighted in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

One theory is that the star's supply of hydrogen becomes exhausted. As the star contracts, the core temperature rises to 110 million degrees centigrade. The incredible temperature sets off helium-fusion processes, and the star becomes a huge nuclear fusion reactor which eventually flies to pieces.



Pilgrims Gather In Jerusalem

Today, as through the centuries — every Christmas morning, thousands of pilgrims gather in the open fields south of Jerusalem to listen to the distant bells from Bethlehem.

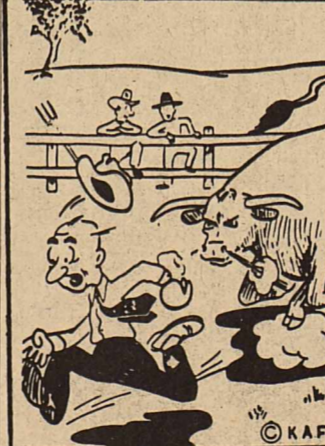
In the mists of dawn, these devout gather to sing, pray and meditate in the very area where Christ Himself was born.

Though Bethlehem is now owned by Jordan, pilgrims may travel there upon application and consent of both Jordan and Israeli governments.

On the Israeli side and the Jordanian side of the Holy Land, many special services are held to commemorate His Day.

If you are using a metal Christmas tree this year, the National Board of Fire Underwriters recommends that you use off-the-tree lighting with colored lights to give a softer and more beautiful illumination.

HUMBLE TIPS.



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W. G. Lattimore

'Twelfth Night' Traditional Yuletide Fete

Twelfth Night, or Epiphany, is marked with many customs, ceremonies and legends throughout the world. French and Swiss children, for example, look forward to the pastry they receive on that day, in which a bean, coin or china figure is hidden. Whoever gets the prize, is crowned king of the family.

Epiphany means "appearance" and commemorates the visit of the Three Wise Men to the Infant Jesus. Their arrival was proof to believers that Christ the Saviour was born.

During the Middle Ages, Epiphany or Twelfth Night, was commemorated with plays presented in churches. Solemn observances largely disappeared in Elizabethan England, and this became a time for revelry.

Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" reflects this mood. Historians say it was probably presented in a command performance at Whitehall Palace on January 6, 1601.

It is interesting to note that January 6th was first observed as Christ's birthday. January 6th was the day set aside as Epiphany, to commemorate the coming of the Three Wise Men and the first manifestations of Christ to his followers.

SHARE WITH "CARE"

Share your Christmas with the less fortunate in other lands. \$1 will send a food package through the CARE Food Crusade, New York City.

Christmas Comes Out of Pagan Past

December 25th marked an important date in the life of the pagans centuries ago, just as today this day is important to all in the Christian world.

The Sun Festival, one of the most important rites in the pagan world, was marked on this day and was followed by twelve days of a "high old time" devoted to the expulsion of evil.

Lighted torches, assorted bells and noisemakers, a hue and cry set up by the populace, were supposed to drive away all demons, witches and evil spirits.

To minimize the importance of pagan festivals that lingered in the first centuries following the Birth of Christ, the early Christian leaders turned this into a Holy Day.

In the Roman Julian calendar, December 25th was figured as the day when the sun was "born." On this day the light lengthened, the sun rays became warmer, stronger — and the chill of

winter would soon leave. The last day of this period — the twelfth day, January 6th — marked the conclusion of these noisy rites.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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and across the land folks hurry on these pleasant errands.

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Holiday Season be a joyous one.

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Make Sure Toys Are Safe

If you are buying toys for the youngster this year, make sure they are safe toys incapable of causing fire, shock or explosion, the National Board of Fire Underwriters advises.

Choose Safe Playthings

Miniature space vehicles, rockets, airplanes, automobiles, and other mechanical toys that use kerosene, gasoline, carbide or hydrogen peroxide for fuels may be hazardous if placed in the hands of unattended small children.

Supervise Play

The National Board urges that parents supervise all play with electrical toys, also those powered with fuels and chemicals.

On heat-producing and electrical toys the UL label of Underwriters' Laboratories is especially important.



The Christmas season would not be complete or a happy one if we did not take this opportunity to thank our many friends for their support and patronage.

DORTHAS



HERE'S WHAT I WANT -- The scene above is from Monday afternoon's visit to Plains by Santa Claus. The visit was sponsored and sacks of treats were gathered from local merchants by the Plains Lions Club.

Methodists Have Christmas Fete

A Christmas program was conducted at the Methodist church at 7 p. m. December 17, by various youth groups.

Nancy Tippit. After the program refreshments were served by the ladies of W.S.C.S.

The kindergarden and primary groups sang songs and Joetta Warren recited "The Night Before Christmas." Debbie Thompson, Janie Hamm, Marilyn Goehry, John Preston Robertson, Rusty Stockstill, Robert Fields, Moody Meixner, Joyce Warren and Rene Hendricks of the Junior department read poems, Choral readings and sang.

Pamela Randolph of the intermediate class read our oldest Christmas poem. Tommy Elmore gave a history of the song "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and Viva Hale sang it. Sarah K Field gave an interesting talk on "Keeping Christmas." Jane Warren read a Christmas poem to music furnished by Marsha White.

Roberts Snodgrass told a beautiful story of Christmas love. The program was concluded with a group of songs by the choir and a prayer by

A superstition of Christmas says if you don't have plum pudding on Christmas Day you will lose a good friend some time during the next year.

A Very happy
HOLIDAY
to you!

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WITH sincere thanks for your good will and patronage, we wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

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Escheat Law Protects Lost Owners and Missing Heirs

By Price Dandel
Governor of Texas
Lost owners and missing heirs have a big stake in proper enforcement of the new Texas Escheat Law and the ultimate inclusion of banks in the Act.

It is estimated that banks, corporations, and courts hold more than \$10 million for lost owners and missing heirs who might be located if proper advertising and other reasonable

efforts are required by law. In addition, the estimates indicate another \$10 million is held in the names of owners who have died without leaving any heirs or wills. Therefore, this money belongs to the State under the age-old law of escheat. It certainly does not belong to the holders of the money.

To protect the interests of lost owners, missing heirs, and the State, dissipation of this type of money must be prohibited, reasonable attempts to find the owners (including a published list at certain intervals) should be required, and reports should be made to the State on accounts whose owners cannot be located after seven years.

This type of law is recommended by the American Bar Association, the Council of State Governments, the Governors Conference and the Commission on Uniform State Laws. Already 40 States have enacted such laws.

Texas now has a new law of this nature applying to every- one except banking institutions. It provides that anyone holding money for owners who have been missing or unknown for more

than 7 years, after making reasonable efforts to locate them, shall report the list to the State Treasurer, who shall post the names locally. Any who cannot be located are then reported to the Attorney General, who must publish a list before proceeding to escheat the property to the State. The State then holds a sufficient revolving fund to pay the money to owners or heirs who may be located at any time in the future.

Banks should not be exempt from this law, because they hold a large amount of these funds in old dormant accounts where the owners have been lost for many, many years. There is even more reason for this law to apply to banks, because some of them--not a majority but a large minority--are escheating and transferring these deposits of long-lost owners to bank ownership without advertising for the owners or reporting to the State.

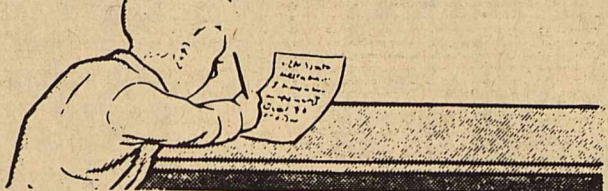
The State Banking Commissioner forbids State banks from engaging in this practice, and many National banks frown upon the practice and refrain from it. However, the National Comptroller of the Currency does not prohibit the practice.

The result is that at least 100 National banks have either made outright transfer of thousands of lost owner dormant accounts to their bank assets or converted them through purported "service charges" and unreasonable assessments. Some of these so-called "service charges" on small dormant deposits run in excess of 100% of the account per annum, thus transferring it completely to the bank in less than a year.

I emphasize that a majority of Texas banks are not following this practice, and they are opposed to it, but those which are thus consuming and converting the accounts of their lost depositors should be stopped. They should be required by law to hold dormant deposits intact, to advertise for the owners or heirs and to report to the State those who cannot be found after 7 years (the legal period for presumed death without heirs). This will assure depositors that if they die or forget their account, a real effort will be made to locate them or their heirs, and that their money will be conserved in full, either by the bank or the State for payment whenever they or their heirs may be found.

Accordingly, I have asked the Texas Bankers Association to work with those of us in State government in preparing a bill for the Special Session which will protect depositors, banks and the State. I am hopeful that the leaders in this outstanding profession will exercise their civil and professional responsibilities in this matter. When lawyers found abuses in their profession, they helped clean their own house. Bankers have the same responsibility. I have found no other States in which the banking associations opposed this type of

LETTERS TO SANTA



I would love to have a piano, a cooking set, a Chatty Kathy doll, a little red spinning wheel, a watch band, and candy and nuts.

Love,
Rita Joyce Brian

I want a BB gun, a firebird car, an electric train, a football suit, and a police suit.

Your friend,
Audie Wisener

May I have a three year old doll, a Paint and Press set, dishes, and record player? May I have nuts and may I have an organ and a cooking set.

I love you Santa Claus,
Your friend,
Terry Livesay

I want an electric train and a fire bird car.

Your friend,
Jim Uselton

I want a Chatty Kathy, a bicycle, a record player, a jumping rope; and now I say good-bye.

Your friend,
Josie Ortiz

I want a farm set and some little animals.

Your friend,
Shelley Simpson

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an electric train, cowboy boots, a rifleman gun, a record player, a bicycle, and a BB gun.

Your friend,
Tom Beal

I want a Mitsy doll, a record player, and an organ, too.

Your friend,
Radie Provence

law. It seems to be working well in other States.

The State and the people of Texas will profit also by this effort to protect deposits and find missing owners. It will disclose millions of dollars in the names of people who died without any will or heirs. Under the laws of all the States, this belongs to the State instead of the holders. There must be a way in which the State can locate these funds and continue to find owners if they should exist. New York has received over \$30 million since its law was enacted.

Time is important in this matter if there is to be anything left of dormant accounts for owners or the State in those particular banks which absorb the lost depositor accounts through transfers, assessments, and service charges. Therefore, I have made this top item of business for a Special Session of the Legislature on January 3, 1962. Other important matters will be submitted, but this one deserves priority consideration and prompt action.

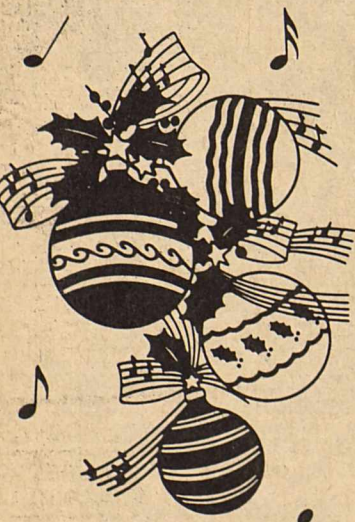
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Strawberries	10 Oz. Pkg.	5 for 99¢
Pumpkin Pies	Banquet	3 for 99¢
Cranberry Sauce	Shurfine 303 Can	2 for 35¢
Coffee	Shurfine Pound	59¢
Slab Bacon	Pound	53¢
Hens	Pound	47¢
Hams 1/2 Or Whole		55¢
Turkeys	Pound	43¢

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
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