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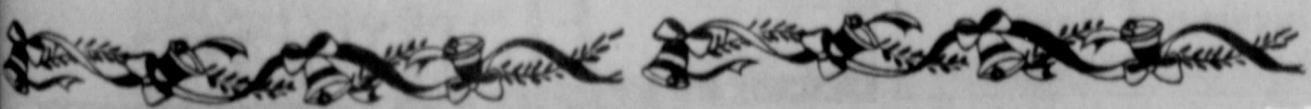
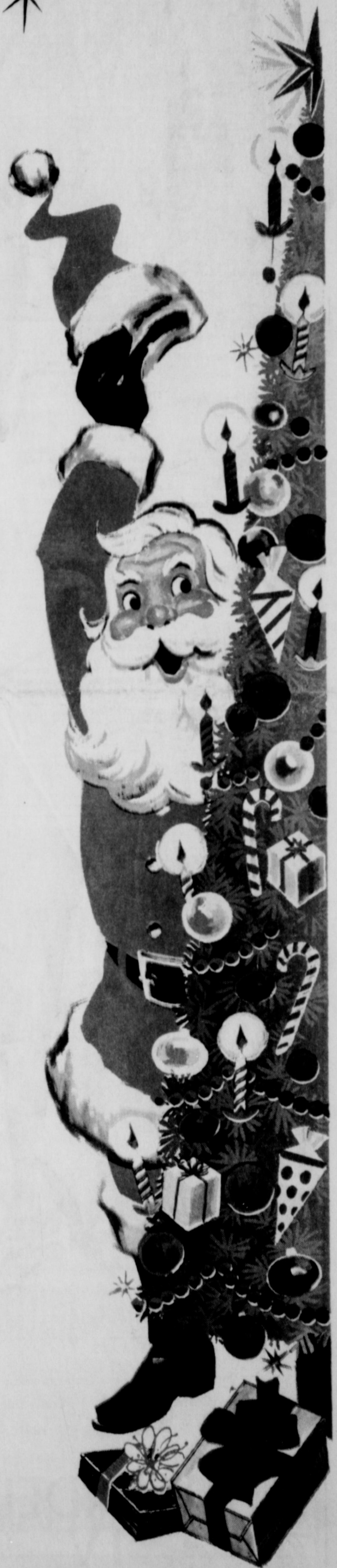
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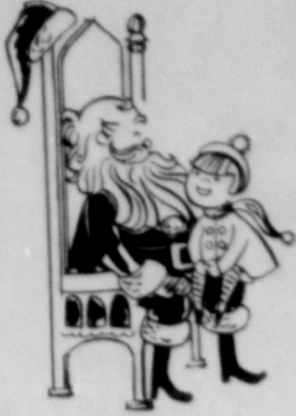
... and from our Rural Correspondents

and Newsboys!

THOUGH IT'S BEEN SAID OFTEN BEFORE,
COMES A WISH THAT'S OLD YET EVER NEW —
"MERRY CHRISTMAS, FRIENDS . . .
MANY, MANY MORE!"



LETTERS TO SANTA



Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade.
I would like Inch worm and
Living Baby Love and a sleeky
a Barbie Piano bike.
Benita

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade
I would like. Tiny Tell and
bike.
Love
Michelle Dows

Dernice
Dear Santa,
I am in First Grade, the
and Tender Love I would like
like bicycle Shog-n d Share

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade.
I would Shop and Share and
Tender Love
Sherry Tanner

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade.
I would li kea record player
and clothes.
Love, Sandra Eakin

Teresas
Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade.
I would like Piano.

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade.
I would like drums gun hol-
ster football B-B gun
Teresa

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade.
I would like Living and Tender
Love
Missy Dillon

Dear Santa
I am in the First Grade.
I would like, bike drums foot-
ball Suit, B-B gun.
Benny

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade,
I would like eleticr football set
G.L Joe bike football football
Suit
Love Brent Holt

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade, I
would like eleticr football G.
L. Joe and gun holster B-B
gun.
Lupe Solis

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade.
I would like bike a Barbie
Lillian
Sincerely Yours,
Javier Gutierrez

Dear Santa Clause,
I waved to you on the parade.
I want a talking GI Joe,
A yellow dump truck, a horse
trailer and a cement truck.
Don't forget my stocking. Fill
it with M&Ms, peanut butter
cups and fuzzy toes. Santa,
remember I'm getting a new
baby. I also want a horsey
truck. I am a good boy and
I'm 4. Karla will share her
play doe machine.
I love you Santa. Bye Bye
Joel Kraig Lancaster

Dear Santa Clause,
I've been real good this year.
I am a First Grader and I am
7 years old. I watched you on
T.V. on the parade. I want a
Fisher Price school house,
a Cinderella watch, a radio &
hat is pink and white and a
playdoe machine. I will have
something for you to eat and
drink. Remember my stocking!
M&M's, Snicker bars, and
fruits. If you have an extra
slinky, I would like one. You
are real sweet and funny to!
I love you
Karla Denise Lancaster

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. I have
been good most of the time.
Please bring me record player,
Head-of-Joedoll, a Baby go bye
bye, and a Merry Christmas.
Love
Zandra

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade.
I would like drums gun hol-
ster football B-B gun
Love Justisno

Dear Santa I been verry bad
will you please forgive me?
bring me and my famlay some
toys So we can have a Merry
Christmas.
Denise Taylor 8
Bridgett Taylor 4
Inez Taylor 7
Don Taylor 11
645 East Kent
Slaton, Texas

Santa Treasure Land
Avenue Park
North Pole 60637
Dear Santa Claus,
The time has come for me
to tell you my wishes. I was
hoping that before Christmas
I would strike oil so that I
could get what I have always
wanted. Since it has not hap-
pened, I want you to bring me
an A in Language Arts, a motor-
cycle, a yacht, three sport
cars, and my own airport.
Dear Santa, please don't for-
get me.
Sincerely Yours,
Javier Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old I have
been good most of the time.
Please bring me Ding-a-ling
Football Game The voice of
the mummy, Johnny Lighting, and
a hot wheels
Love
Mike

Dear Santa
I am 8 years old. I have
been good most of the time.
Please bring me bicycle, watch
and wagon, tv, sled mittens,
shoe, skaate for Christ-
mas.
Love
John Stolle

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. I have
bee good most of the time.
Please bring me timey Tell,
minibike, bingo, and mixer,
clothes, Register, paint, for
Christmas.
Thank you,
Love Lisa

Dear Santa
I am six years old I have
been good most the time,
please bring me BB Gun, B
Bies, Flat of United States,
Voice of mummy game.
Love
Mark Degun

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old. I have
been good most of the time,
please bring me shoeskates,
bean-bag, Allicedoll, and peace
Barbie Lemonade stand for
Christmas.
Love,
Sheryl Wallace.

Dear Santa
I am 9 years old I have
been good most of the time
Please bring me tiny tell doll-
ar picture of You Santa and
a Record player for Christmas.
Love
Sylvia

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old I have been
good most of the time Please
bring me a record player and
doll for Christmas.
Love
Anita

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old I have
been good most of the time.
Please bring me barbrej, dishes,
bike, and jump in rope for
Christmas.
Love
Rosglie Medrano

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. I have
been good most of the time.
Please bring me a, Baby Tender
Love and Skates and Hurry
up and Da'ni bug me and bur-
ber bag for Christmas.
Love
Sharee

Dear Santa,
I am 4 years old I have been
good most of the time. Please
bring me dolls and bicycles
and a boll bed table set, a
wagon and a play TV
Love
Charles



HELP! HELP! SAVE ME MOMMY!

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi! It is almost Christmas
and there are lots of things I
want. The first thing is for me;
I want a Cassette tape recorder.
The second thing I want is for
my family to have a very nice
Christmas. Another thing I want
is to buy my mother a Mother's
ring with eleven stones on it for
Christmas. One more thing I
want is for every one to have
a very happy Christmas and
for the children to receive so
many toys that they can play
with them all the year until it
is Christmas again. Santa, have
a very nice and happy Christ-
mas yourself.
Sincerely yours,
Rosa

Dear Santa Claus,
What I might want for Christ-
mas I already have; that is the
love of others. I have love from
my parents, brothers, sisters,
friends, and other relatives.
Love is the only thing I want
for Christmas; it's something
I feel would make the world a
better place to live if we had
a little more of it.
Sandy
P. S. I wouldn't mind a little
more.

Dear Santa,
I'm not going to ask for toys
or anything like that because
I feel I'm too old for that. But
I will ask, if you can, for you
to make everyone realize that
Christmas isn't just for getting
gifts. Sometimes I think Christ-
mas should be changed to gift-
mas. That's as bad as changing
the Christ in Christmas to X.
Sure, I like to get gifts. Every-
one does, but we should realize
that people give us gifts because
they love us, and we should
give gifts to our friends and
family because we love them;
not just because they gave us
one or because that's the pro-
per thing to do.
I think maybe we should start
concentrating on celebrating
Christ's birthday. I think most
of us concentrate on getting
gifts.
Love,
Karla

Dear Santa Claus,
With the days moving rapidly
toward Christmas, I've decided
to correspond with you as I've
done in the past. I know you are
busy and have a lot of letters
to read so I'll make mine short.
My list of needs is a little bit
longer than last year since I'm
a year older and my interests
have grown abundantly. Would
you please bring me a book of
trigonometry, and if there is
room in your bag, bring me a
Jaguar sports car? I would
like a water bed, a snowmobile,
or a minibike. Also Santa I
would be forever grateful if
you'd bring me some stocks and
bonds. I would prefer them of
the AT&T and U.S. Steel variety.
I hope your back injury suf-
fered during last year's heavy
work load is better. This year
I'm going to leave you Diet
money.
BYE SANTA! Never too big
for Christmas.
Susan

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been good this year and
I hope you'll remember that
when you're around in my neigh-
borhood. So if you can, please
bring along a ping pong table
or something small like that.
Santa I've got one wish this
year and that's to let the spirit
of you to be in every person
that might not have a Christ-
mas like I'll probably have
and also let each one have a
very Merry Christmas.
Love,
Karan

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish you a happy Christ-
mas and hope that when you go
around handing out gifts that
you will please every one with
the gift you offer them. I'm
sure they will enjoy them. If
you get around to my house,
whatever you leave I'm sure
will please all of us.
Sincerely your friend,
Marcelino

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I've been real
good this year except for things
like catching the back fence on
fire and small things like that.
How's Mrs. Claus? Give her
my best regards. Now, let's
get down to business. I'm 14
now and I think I need a car. I
used to ride Karan's two-
seater, but it's too cold now.
Besides the chain is broken.
I also need a new pair of roller
skates, except this time will
you put four wheels on them
instead of five! If you can't
send these things, just send
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Santa's Kiddie City
135 Circle Ave.
N.P., North Pole 00700
Dear Super Santa,
This Christmas I want a new
car to drive around town. I
also want a driver's license
so that I will not be breaking
the law. I also want to get an
A on every semester test and
an A on every report card I
receive this semester. I also
want three girl friends all at
the same time. I also want you
to fix me a bikini factory and
make me boss. I also want
a swimming pool in my back
yard, and push a girl into it so
that I can save her from drown-
ing. Don't let me down now,
Santa.
Sincerely yours,
Raymond Rubio

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might short circuit if it gets
wet by Rain & Snow. I love
you, Santa,
Thank you,
Ronnie, Robinson

Route 1, Frost Hill Lane
Santaland, North Pole-00001
Dear Super Santa,
How's the "Mrs." doing?
This year I would like to ask
that you bring a very cute
boy to Slaton who likes auburn-
haired, freckled-faced, green-
eyed girls. Then bring me a
super-brain so maybe I'll be
able to get through the next
semester. Then I would like a
great, super - deluxe memory
for the 100 lines of poetry
we're saying this year. Last,
but not least, I would like a
closet that "runneth over" with
clothes. I gotta go now, but I'll
try to see ya' on Christmas
night!
Sincerely,
Donneva Sikes

Super Santa
2001 Toyland Dr.
Wonder-where-I-am-Land
00001
Super Santa,
Since you brought me all
that extra "stuff" last year I
won't ask for as much this
year. To start off with you're
going to have to do something
about Mrs. Schlueter. Why, just
today she said she didn't want
to have a thing to do with me!
I even offered to teach her
class. (That's gratitude for ya!)
Whether you know it or not,
I've got a little 16 months
old sister named Juli. When
people come over to see us,
they always say how "sweet
and darling" she is and every-
thing. Well they've got another
think coming. Why that girl
could tear our whole house down
in less than an hour. So for
my next item I want an auto-
matic room picker-upper. You
better make that a "Super-
auto - matic room picker -
upper." You can give "Jetsy"
the "power" to hold things in,
so we can breath more freely
in Language arts. Well, I said
I wouldn't ask for much, so
I guess three items is enough.
Don't forget me Christmas Eve!
Sincerely,
Leslie Self

Super Santa
1/2 North Pole Avenue
North Pole, Alaska
Dear Super Santa,
I am asking three
year. They are as
Haquelle Welch, (2) 1972
en, and (3) a 1972
Sincer
Tommy

Super Santa
North Pole, U.S.A.
255 1/2 North Pole
Dear Super Santa,
Hi, how are you?
Fine, I hope, I want
to arrange things for
the eighth grade. I
driver's license the
21, a 1972 Corvet
quel Welch in my ste
is all for this year.
Sincer
Jo
P. S. Also two tho
ars for gas and fuel
pair. Thank you
happy Christmas,
bye until next year.

Dear Santa,
Hi, Look Santa, I
to beat around to
here are my
Christmas. I bet you
to read them, I'll
it short. If possible
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Christmas so I c
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find out who's naughty or nice.....

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa
I want a doll for Christmas and a little form you and a good little for me girlfriend name Kathleen, and a watch, for Christmas, I want a Easy Bake Oven for Christmas I want a bike for Christmas I want a wagon for Christmas I want a black doll.
Your friend
Jacquin Gray
Age 8

Dear Santa Claus
I been very good. I want you to bring me. A picture and Best of the West toys a toy car. And GI Joe's Secret of the Mummys tomb. And cowboys chaps.
Your friend
Henry Espinoza
Age 8

Dear Santa Claus
I want a watch, I want a pair of lace up boots, and most of all I want a raider. I will see you December 25 1971.
Your friend
Sharon Johnson, Age 8, 3 grade, Mrs. Thompson.

Dear Santa Claus
I just want to say that I want a bicycle for christmas, and I will Be Happy. And I want a wagon for christmas, and I will Be Happy and Sant have a Merry christmas and a Happy New Year.
to Sue Garcia
from Santa
age 9.

Dear Santa
I have been good. I have ate every thing that is good for me, for Christmas I would like a mini bike. I'll leve you some thing to eat. We don't have a Chemone. But you will find a way in I am positive I hope Rodof the Red Nosed Reinder will glide your slide on Christmas.
Your friend
Floyd Clemons
Marry Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am being a good boy. And I want a bike for Christmas well that's all I want.
Your friend
John Gatica

Dear Santa
please send me and my famil some thing and some fruit to send me and my sister a doll my Grandaddy want, two front teeth and my Big mama want whatever you can bring her I am 9, my other two sister are 13, 11, me and my sister name is Sandra and Erma and Rose. My father is still in the Rest Home Rosevelt Riddley. And we asking for pray that the Lord will send him home to us. Come to Doisha Johnson house, 840 Jean Street.
Sandra Riddley

Dear Santa
I am 10 year old I have been good most of the time Please bring me car football game and ---- for Christmas
Love
Albert

Dear Santa,
I an 9 years old I have been good most of the time Please bring me doll bicycle Schoolbag money dress Tops Telephone
I Love You
Love Linda

Dear Santa,
I am 9 years old, I have bee good most of the time, please bring me jacks, ball money and bicycle for Christmas.
Love
Martha

Dear Santa,
I am 9 years old I have been good most of the time please bring me Hot Wheels set Truck bee gun bicycle Ding ailing new shoes SSP Chocolate candy for Christmas.
Love,
Larnee

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old, I have been good most of the time. Please bring me a Baby that tels time and new Buffy wig and a Portable Organ Sno - Cone Machine, Baby Go Bye Bye Doll and Baby Tender Love MERRY CHRISTMAS
Love
Sheila

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old, I have been good most of the time. Please bring me a camera, Electric Shot Shooting Gallery, and Electric Football Game.
Love,
Mark Meurer

Dear Santa
I am 8 years old I have been good most of the time. Please bring me Wagon Cowboost bird and SSP for Christmas.
John Brown

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old I have been good most of the time please bring me shoes and a coat and a drum and a suit and a football and skates and a Electric Eye Camera and a 7x35 wide angle binoculars.
Love Leonard Trevino
Merry Christmas Santa,

Dear Santa,
I hope you will bring me a girl bike because I sometime am lots when I go to school because I have been a little bit good an sometime I help my mother and father. But sometime I don't help my mother and father and today is my birthday.
I love you Santa from Diana Tamez

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I can not wate until December 6. With all the toys, and candy, if you don't mind I would like a, Time, Tell and a tea set, a black board, and a bycicley It is good to know when it clouse to when you come. My teacher Mrs. Thompson is a good Teacher. She gives me a more work to do, but she is still good. My class is going to do a Christmas play, it is so pretty ween the whole twon is full with. I hope the children get toys all over the world.
Love
Kathy Meeks

Dear Santa,
I would like two walkie talkies for my little sister and me and another little something. I have been good. My little sister has too. Come soon,
Denise Dodson

Dear Santa,
I want a Velvet doll, and some baby doll clothes. O and I would like some clothes for Velvet.
Love
D'Jane Jones

Dear Santa,
I would like a basketball, it is red white and blue, I would like a B.B. Dart Pellet gun. Also I would a Toss a Across and a Screaming Demen. And a game called Sorry and a game called Clue. And a basketball gold.
Love Your Good Friend
Terry Reed Moses

Dear Santa
I would like to have a beaycle, I like beaycle. I can ride on it. I have been a good boy. I help my mother fix up the trees and help her cut the grass.
love,
Johnny Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Christmas Presents I want a sat of dishes and I want a bicycle to, and that is all, I love you Santa Claus.
forn
Denise Morale Lott,

Dear Santa,
I am hoping you will bring me a basketball and goal, Mini-bike, cowboy things like spurs, hat, rifle holder for horse saddle and little play ford 8,000 tractor.
Your friend
Tom Dulin

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a bump car. My mother wants me to have a T.V. I have been a good girl.
Your freind
Paula Chew

Dear Santa,
I wants a bike for Christmas, and walkie talkie for Christmas and a guitar.
Lonnie Gray

Dear Santa,
I am 10 years old, I have been good most of the time. Please bring me football, R.R. gun, and zoo for Christmas.
Love
Gabriel

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old, I have been good most of the time. screaming Demon, and --- FOR Christmas.
Love
Kenneth

Dear Santa Claus,
I just want a doll for Christmas and a coat I will buy My friend somethank for Christmas and I with buy my father and mother some to for Christmas.
Your friend
Lupe Diaz

Dear Santa
How is it in the north Pole. I have been good. I can not wate until December 6. With all the toys, and candy, if you don't mind I would like a, Time, Tell and a tea set, a black board, and a bycicley It is good to know when it clouse to when you come. My teacher Mrs. Thompson is a good Teacher. She gives me a more work to do, but she is still good. My class is going to do a Christmas play, it is so pretty ween the whole twon is full with. I hope the children get toys all over the world.
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Dear Santa,
I want a racing, cars, set. And a game call tepee, and I want a gun, and some army men, and a drum, and I want a football. A telescope, and a robet, I have been a good boy.
love,
Tony Aguirre

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. I want a bike and a record player. I have been a good girl.
Love
Mary Beatrice Darria

Dear Santa,
I would like a bicky and a football suit and a Snop Snop.
From
David Sadler

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy. I want a miniture pool table, Battel-ship and radar, monoply and a hockey set and a screamingis demon
Your friend
Brent Aycock
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
I want a watch, horse, bicycle and a s,p,p, and a foot, ball, and many other things to.
Your friend
Mike Gaydos

Dear Santa q
I hope you will bring me a engian powerd plane ready to
Love
Lisa Porona

I am 9 years old. I have been good most of the time Please a bring me a 3 wheel bicycle Jeep helicoptil
Love Louis

Dear Santa
I've been a good girl. Please Santa bring me a piano and a record player, and please bring my brother a tricycle. And please bring my baby sister a doll and the dolls name is Smarty pants. And please bring my mother and father a lamp and gulf club and a rattie.
Your friend,
Lisa Porona

fly with a crome scopp. I've been a good boy.
your friend,
Mark Lincoln

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas. I wants a walkie talkie for Christmas. I wants a football and a football suit.
Your friend
Edward Clemons

Greetings of the Holy Season

May the many blessings of Christmas fill your hearts with peace and happiness.

KERTAN STUDIO
Beverly

A Message of Hope for Peace in a Troubled World...

Merry Christmas from all your friends at

BILL ADAMS

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Greetings

We pray for lasting peace at Christmastime and always.

The Englands

H.M. (Bud) & Glynn Dubbin & Donna Kay
235 S. 9th St. Robert Glen Slaton, Texas



COTTON TRIMMED SANTA---Students in the Early Childhood class at West Ward School are pictured above with a Santa Claus made from paper and cotton. Leader for the group is Mrs. Nancy Howard. Students are Karen Yarbrough and Cindy Claus, standing; and Timmy Stokes, Susan Smith and Jeff Puryear, sitting. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

Dear Santa Claus
I want a timing tell doll, and a chalk board. And a doll like you. And a desk. And a play school desk. And a calendar. And a flag. And a mail-bag. And a Spelling, Arithmetic, Language, Geography book. And I want most of all a work-book. And a baby go, by, by.
Love
Sandra Martin

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Your friend
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Merry Christmas

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love,
Tony Aguirre

Dear Santa,
I want a ring. I want a science Kit. I have been a goo grill. Have you been a good boy? And have a Merry Christmas.
Love
Rosa Littlefield

Dear Santa,
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Your friend,
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Christmas greetings

In the spirit of an old-fashioned Christmas we extend best wishes to all. We hope you and your loved ones share in the many old-time joys and blessings of the season.

BOWNS BODY SHOP

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some shoe
skates my others are broken.
Please bring me a barbie case
too. I need some pants too.
Your friend,
Shellie Smith

**LETTERS
TO
SANTA**

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Mini Chopper
for Christmas. I would like
it red, white, and blue. And
I would like a football set, I
would like to have a red, white,
and blue suit.
Kyle Williams

Dear Santa
I would like a for Christmas
and tow big games, and a Bingo
game.
from
Joe Deleon

Dear Santa Claus
I want a pair of shoe and a
doll and a pair a soks and a
coat and pants and a bicke and
I've been good and how are you,
Your friend
Tina Hubert

Dear Santa Claus
I want a doll and a book and
some colors, and I wants some
clothes I want a clock and a
wagon to, I want a board, and
some dress to, I want a hat,
and some mitten, I want a cat,
and I want play dishes to, and
I want a goat, and I want a dog,
and a guitar.
Cecilia Alvarado

Santa Claus
I with Santa Claus to by me
a ball Santa Claus have a doll
for me I have a doll
Nancy Willis

Dear Santa Claus
I want for Christmas is some
clothes and a doll that tall and
I will give you some food or
drink and the toys that you
gave me was good,
Debbie Rivera
THE END



MERRY CHRISTMAS TIME--Students in the Resource Room at West Ward School are pictured above with a gaily decorated Christmas tree. Teachers for the room are Mrs. R. J. Hurst and Marie Scott. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

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a luger caryer for my moter-
cyckl. And pleser remaber to
bring the poor girls and boy
toys to.
Your friend
Lonny King

Dear Santa Claus
I want to see you so does my
bother. He just loves the tree
you gave us. He wants a Zoom-
cike. And I want some school
clothes. Thank you Santa Claus
Thanks for my clothes and my
bother Zoomcike.
Your friend
Peggy Jo Lemley

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too Santa Claus,
Dear Santa Claus,
I wish you could
what I went for my
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bicycle for my Christ
and Thank you
friend
Angie

Dear Santa
Is it cold up there in the
North Pole? and how are your
deers doing? And I have been
good this year. For Christ-
mas this year I want a football
and a windbreaker and clothes.
Your Friend
Toby Pickens

Dear Santa Claus
I like to have a football set,
Good by!

Dear Santa Claus
I hope you have fun clim-
bing up and down the chimneys
but you wont have to through
our chimney because we dont
have one. But you can go throu
our door. I have been good all
these days. My family has been
good too. Santa Claus will you
get me a Football suit.
Your Good Friend
Ike Ledesma

Dear Santa Claus
How are you? I am fine.
I am eight and in 3rd grade.
I hope you have a nice time on
your trip. I am excited for
Christmas to come. I hope you
will remember to bring the
poor boys and girls something
and all the other boys and
girls, too. And if you have
anything left I'd be glad to have
it. I hope you will send me a
picture of you.
Love
Diana Sikes

Dear Santa Claus
I am 9, and I want a Baby
go By By, and I want a wagon
to, And I want a Book about
Christmas, By Sant Claus,
Mary Vasquez
Your friend,

Hope the Holidays "Suit You"

Best wishes for a very me
Christmas season from the people down

O.Z. BALL & CO.



**Christmas
Greetings**

When the crisp fragrance of evergreens
scents the air...when the lights of the holiday home
say, "Welcome"...that's Christmas! Hoping it's
merry and bright, full of delight, for our
appreciated patrons, we send greetings and gratitude.

FARMER'S GIN

Greetings

With a little help from
friends we've built up a fine patronage
From our hearts... "Happy Holidays, Thank you"

FORREST LUMBER CO.
CECIL OPAL
WAYNE

Dear Santa Claus



Dear Santa
I want a doll that has her long hair. And I want a music purse for Christmas. I have been a good girl.
Love
Esther Carmona

Dear Santa
Please, Bring, a football, suit and, Bring us a football to I have, Been a nice boy
To Santa Claus Thank for Christmas.
Love
Albert Scott

Dear Santa
I would like to have a set of dishes for Christmas. Santa and I would like to have a Head to tow doll too. Santa I am a good girl. I hope we all have a good Christmas. This is a short letter but I am glad that I send you this letter
Love
Christina Pina

Dear Santa
I like to have a jet plan for Christmas. I being a good boy at school.
Your friend
Mike Gloria

Dear Santa
How are you? I am just fine, would you bring me a watch. Please? Also a Barbie drawing game. If you get this letter call 3388.
Love
Cathy Davis

Dear Santa
I want a doll and a watch for Christmas and bike and Easy Bake Oven.
Elaine Weldeorn

Dear Santa
I just want to say that I want a bicycle for Christmas. I will be happy if I have one as happy as can be. I like Christmas it is my best holiday. I like you Santa Claus because you give use things buy.
Your friend
Carmel Jaramillo
Age (8)

Dear Santa
I want a football and some clothes and a watch and a S.S.P. car and a toy watch for my twin brothers and a easy bake oven for Mary sister.
Your friend
Carlos Racha

Dear Santa
I'm six years old. I would like a record player, easy-bake oven, Dressie Bessie, Yours, truly
Carolyn Wilkins

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a very good boy. Please bring me a machine gun, a set of cowboy guns, a big wheel and a football helmet. Please bring our baby who will be here December 24th some toys too.
I Love You,
Todd Sartor

P.S.
I am four years old.

Elizabeth
Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade. I would like, Tiny and piano. Living Baby Baby Tender Piano.

Dear Santa
I am 8 years old. I have been good most of the time. Please bring me, Clay, a litt doll, for Christmas.
Love
Carolina Rocha

Dear Santa
I am 8 years old. I have been good most of the time. Please bring me TrainFootball Suit and for Christmas.
Love,
Keith

Dear Santa
I am 8 years old. I have been good most of the time. Please bring me a football a coat and SSP for Christmas.
Love,
Sidney

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. I have been good most of the time. Please bring me a Watch, and a Timey Tell doll and a Barbie Picture maker and a easy Bake even, and a Love Barbie.
Love
Cathy Davis

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old I have been good most of the time. Please bring me doll, bike, Talking show, and mopoly, for Christmas.
Love
Susan

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. I am 8 years old. I have been good most of the time. Please bring me A BB gun, Bicycle, bout catch cold game, The Voice of The Mummy game Roller skates, Baseball glove, airplane and a Guitar.
Love,
Terry

Dear Santa
I am 8 years old. I have been good most of the time Please bring me a pin ball mochine and a rock'm sock'm rowbots
Love
Clay Ham

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. I have been good most of the time. Please bring me minitbike, go-cart and operation, BB Guns for Christmas.
Love
Rob

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old. I have been good most of the time. Please bring me a work shop, Bean bag chair, Desk, Vaew Master's, some cloths for Christmas.
LOVE
Mark Ford

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. I have been good most of the time. Please bring me a cash Register and crumpe record player Tea set and a Chalk board with chalk
LOVE
PHYLISS MOORE

Dear Santa
I am 7 years old. I have been good most of the time. Please bring me a cash register and a slinky and a Light Bright.
Love
Gayle Strain

Dear Santa
I am four years old. I would like to have a Spin-Buggy, sock 'em boxing robots a gun the shoots plastic balls, SSP. Santa I will have a piece of cake out waiting for you.
Yours, truly
Roger Dale Wilkins

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you. I've been a very good girl all three months of my life. For my very first Christmas I would like a busy box, a Winnie the Pooh Bear, and a hobby horse (with a ball, seat on it). I will be spending Christmas with my Grandpa and Grandma Montgomery and my three uncles.
Love,
Lee Ann Potter



ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS MY TWO FRONT TEETH!

Dear Santa,
Please may I have a Big Wheel and a football helmet and a football. Please don't forget Joey and David, my little drothers. from
James Chance

Dear Santa Claus
I want a fire engine Like Jeff does & lots of toys & stuff.
I Love 'em
Patrick Wheeler
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear Santa,
We have been good kids this year. Sundie wants a baby and clothes for her, a slinky and a pair of houseshoes, Angie wants a Polly Turl & Curl, a slinky and some house - shoes. Please bring Chuck an Inchworm and a tractor.
Merry Christmas,
Angie, Sundie & Chuck.
P. S. Our little cousin Christy wants a doll and doll house. She lives in Maryland.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas Please bring me a teething ring that really works. Also some toys to my brothers & sister so they can entertain me. I am 8 mos. old.
Thank you
Love
Patrick Lewis

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the trampoline you sent early. We are having lots of fun on it.
With Love
Brad Lewis

Dear Santa,
I am 4 yrs old. I've been a good boy & helped my mother with the baby Patrick is 8 mos. old.
For Christmas I would like a Big wheel & Screamin' Demons, Patrick would like some little play toys. Bring Brad, Linda, Alan & Mike something too.
With Love,
Kevin Lewis

Dear Santa,
I am two years old and I have been a pretty good boy this year, if you overlook a few minor incidents. For Christmas I would like some cars, trucks, candy, and bubble gum. Santa, please remember my two brothers, Charles and Vance, and all the other boys and girls.
Love,
Bradley Rudd

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade I would like Barbie and a bike. Piano.
Mary

Dear Santa
I am 7 year old I want a sleepy Beauty Doll and cash Box Bank. And Barbie Doll wigs.
Thank you
Alice Sanchez
Westward School

Dear Santa,
I'm a little boy 6 yrs. old. I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me Western Town and accessories. If you want to you can bring me some little trucks and cars and bring me some clothes to. My two brothers and I want a game called Dynamite Shack. Put some fruits and candy in my stocking. I love you very much.
Love,
David Clary
Rt. 2, Post, Texas

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is it snowing there. How are you elves and reindeer? How is Mrs. Santa. Would you bring me a King Arthurs Castle and accessories. Also bring me some clothes and anything else you want to. I'm 8 yrs old and have been good. My big brother Donnie would like to tape recorder. Put some nuts & fruit in my stocking.
Love,
Ronnie Clary
Rt. 2, Post, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am in the First G. tape recorder clothes and play B-B gun GI Joe Bike, tube
Love
Billy Townsend

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade. I would like, Barbie and a bike.
Love
Josie

Dear Santa,
We have been extra good this year so please leave us the following things for Christmas: 2 round-trip tickets to Dallas A Tommy Doll, A cowboy, 6-A's in Typing I Class and 2 extra credits in English in case we flunk. Coach Davis wants 2-6' 8" tackle, 2-6' 5" ends, a teddy bear, a football autographed by the Dallas Cowboys, and a life size poster of Lance Rentzel, Kathy & Debbie want All-Poo and Miki-Poo. Bring Mrs. Patti Mitchell a happy day. Lynne M. wants a certain Wilson Cowboy & Glenda wants to keep her Brent doll. O.K? We will have some cookies and a glass of milk in the kitchen for you.
Linda S. & Terri C.

Dear Santa,
My name is Sharee Woods. I live in Posey My address is Route One Slaton, Texas. I want a Baby Tender Love and Don't Bug Me.
Thank You,

Dear Santa
I am 7 year old I want a Sleepy Beauty Doll, and a little girl wig.
Thank you
From Mariana Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Love Bridget Scott,
I am in the First Grade. I would like Tiny Bible and a bike record player.

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grad a foot ball suit

Bruce

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kyle Joe and on Christmas Eve when you come, don't forget me! I will only be 25 days old and I didn't know if you knew about me yet. Karla and Kraig want me to have a musical animal and some toys I can hold in my hand and play with. Remember my stocking. You might leave an extra pacifier! Look for your milk and cookies Santa.
I love you,
Kyle Joe Lancaster

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Baby Tender Love, and a puppy dog that walks when you pull it with a battery. And some clothes for some of my dolls. Also some candy.
Thank you very much!
Beth Stolle-age 3
BETH

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade. I would like gun and holster
Darrell

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Up. My brother wants a gun and hot wheels. His name is Johnny.
Thank you From Both of Us.

Dear Santa
how are you? I am just fine, would you bring me a watch. Please? Also a Barbie drawing game. If you get this letter call 3388.
Love
Cathy Davis
Thank You, Santa

Dear Santa,
Jayson and I have ben good. He is my brother he is 2 1/2 years old. My brother wants a gun, moterbisk, Inch worm, and I want a minitbik.
Your friends
Jayson & Mitchell Bartley

O, Holy Night
For Unto Us
A Child
Was
Born.

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Manger Scenes Inspire Rejoicing

Dramatizing Birth of Christ Awakens Awe and Wonder

Creche, Christmas crib, manger scene, crib of Bethany, *praesepe*—in many countries, the representation of the Nativity through figures from miniature to lifesize goes by many names.

Under any name, the re-creation of the manger springs from one guiding, and abiding, purpose—bringing people closer to Christmas. The highest wonder of the Christmas story is its sheer simplicity and reality.

A Child, the Son of God, born in a manger on a starry, silent night is a concept all can comprehend because of its closeness to human experience.

Anyone who watches a child before a manger scene this Christmas will readily see, in the child's awe and enthusiasm, that re-creating the Miracle of Christ's birth is an exalting experience.



SINCE DAYS OF OLD, REPLICAS OF THE MANGER scene have helped to bring mankind closer to the meaning of Christmas. The crib or creche here is typical, in its presentation of Mary, Joseph and the Infant Jesus, with the shepherds and Wise Men and, of course, the animals of the manger. It's typical, too, of the way the Nativity and the events surrounding it have long inspired artists and craftsmen, musicians and singers, poets and writers.

Begins in Italy

Christmas belongs to the people. So thought St. Francis of Assisi.

His way of helping his Italian parishioners grow closer to Christmas was to create the very first *praesepe*, or Christmas crib.

His carol, "The Song of the Creatures," made the Nativity still more real to them since it told of the lowly animals which were part of their lives and livelihood.

All this happened early in the 13th century. From that time, the idea of the creche or crib has spread to virtually every country on the globe.

Today, especially in Latin America and Europe, the manger scene sets the theme for a holy and happy Christmas.

Told in Rhyme

The story of the Nativity and its meaning for mankind is a favored poet's theme, as is the holiday cheer of hearth and home.

Poets as diverse as William Shakespeare, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, John Greenleaf Whittier and T. S. Eliot have made their contributions.

Numerous carols first were poems—witness Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "I Heard

The Bells on Christmas Day"

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat,
'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep.'"

Probably the overwhelming winner among widely-known secular Christmas poems is Clement Clark Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas."

The poem, written for his own children in 1822, is popularly called, "Twas the Night before Christmas."

Inspires Music

In serious music as well as popular carols, the Nativity scene lives on.

Handel's "Messiah," Bach's "Christmas Oratorio," Berlioz' "L'Enfance du Christ" are noteworthy examples of music performed every year after year at Christmas.

More recently, Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," Honnegger's "Christmas Cantata" and Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" have joined the holiday medley of musical treatments.

BEEES GET BUSY
On Christmas Eve, bees hum holiday carols and melodies, says legend.

Dickens Story: Mr. Pickwick's Christmas...

by CHARLES DICKENS

It was a very pleasant thing to see Mr. Pickwick in the centre of the group, now pulled this way, and then that, and first kissed on the chin and then on the nose, and then on the spectacles, and to hear the peals of laughter which were raised on every side; but it was a still more pleasant thing to see Mr. Pickwick blinded shortly afterwards with a silk-handkerchief, falling up against the wall, and scrambling into corners, and going through all the mysteries of



blindman's buff, with the utmost relish for the game, until at last he caught one of the poor relations; and then had to evade the blind-man himself, which he did with a nimbleness and agility that elicited the admiration and applause of all beholders.

The poor relations caught just the people whom they thought would like it, and when the game flagged, got caught themselves. When they were all tired of blindman's buff, there was a great game of snap-dragon, and when fingers enough were burned with that, and the raisins gone, they sat down by the huge fire of blazing logs to a substantial supper, and a mighty bowl of was-sail, something smaller than an ordinary wash-house copper, in which the hot apples were hissing and bubbling with a rich look, and a jolly sound, that were perfectly irresistible. . . . Up flew the bright sparks in myriads as the logs were stirred, and the deep red blaze sent forth a rich glow, that penetrated into the furthest corner of room, and cast its cheerful tint on every face.

Realism Reflected at Christ's Birthplace

In the Middle East, where Christ lived, Christmas has a touch of realism. The patriarch comes from Jerusalem with a troop of cavalry in gorgeous array. The service lasts from 10 p.m. until long after midnight.

After the reading of the gospel the clergy and congregation leave the church and journey to the Grotto of the Nativity.

The Twelve Days of Christmas were set aside by Alfred the Great of Britain.

CANING EVIL
Because candy canes have the legendary ability to ward off evil, they became part of Christmas, bringing good.

Art Spreads Story Of His Birth

The Nativity scene has always stimulated and challenged painters and sculptors.

In turn, great works of art depicting the story of the birth of Christ have, through the years, enriched the lives and enhanced the spiritual insights of millions.

Earliest Christian art was simple and graphic, as clear and easy to appreciate as a comic strip.

Later, religious paintings became stilted.

Then, Italian Renaissance painters instilled renewed warmth and humanity into art, renewing, too, individual art appreciation, through their natural, lifelike creations.

Their work gained much from the stimulus of the changing times and the new approach to art, fostered by the support of the Medici and commissions for paintings and sculpture from the church.

For instance, Raphael, famous for the "Sistine Madonna," came to Rome from Florence to do a fresco decoration in the Vatican at the same time that Michelangelo was painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

Artists from other countries, too, traveled to Italy, there to experience and be influenced by Renaissance thought and feeling.

Holiday Is Favorite Theme for Writers

Whenever the talk turns to Christmas books and stories, somebody's sure to mention Charles Dickens.

His "Christmas Carol," published in 1843, is synonymous with holiday conviviality, and its underlying theme stresses the spiritual truths and blessings of the Nativity.

"God bless us, every one," cried Tiny Tim Cratchit, and the cry still echoes.

While Dickens may be a word for Christmas, many another author has written of this religious festival and merry feast.

Among the best known examples may be scenes from children's literature.

Louisa May Alcott's "Women," published in 1849, seem old-fashioned ways, but girls took joy in the story of Beth and Amy.

These fictional come to life for the and never more so the Christmas scene.

that opens the book the March family festive breakfast family.

While they break bread and milk, they truly feasted, knew the joy of sharing.

Another old favorite Douglas Wiggin's "Christmas Carol" of

Christmas brings to mind the peacefulness and wonder of the Holy Night when Christ came into the world.

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LETTERS TO SANTA

May Alcott published a book called "The Story of Santa Claus" in 1863. It was the first time that Santa Claus was described as a jolly, portly man with a white beard and a red suit. Before that, he was a thin, bearded man in a brown suit. The story of Santa Claus has become a part of our Christmas tradition. It is the story of a man who gives to the poor and who brings joy to children all over the world. We hope you get my friends what they want.

Dear Santa,
I hope you had fun on the way. For Christmas I want a B.B. gun, my brother wants a bow and arrow. How is Rudolf? Does his nose still work? My friends do not believe in you. I hope you have a fun Christmas. And I hope you get my friends what they want.
Your friend,
Timothy Bednarz, *****
Box 106 Wilson, Tex. Dec. 8, 1971

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas very much. How are you? I like you very much too. We are going to have a party at our house at 7:00. I hope you will bring me a B.B. gun. I will leave you a present under the tree.
Your friend,
Joe Hernandez, *****
Box 27 Wilson, Tex. Dec. 8, 1971

Dear Santa,
I want a doll To play With it and I want Some books to I Love you Santa and I Love you to Rafaela
Love Rafaela *****
Box 101 Wilson, Texas Dec. 8, 1971

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me a talking doll. Remember my sister and brother and my dad and mom and aunt and friends. And I like you the way you say ho ho Merry Christmas to all! We all love you. And Merry Christmas to you. You will have fun in the snow with all your rein deer. And I can not wait until Merry Christmas!!! And I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Janie Zauala *****
Box 63 Wilson, Texas Dec. 8, 1971

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a truck.
love
Nolme *****
Wilson *****

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a trike.
love,
Ana *****
Box R.t. 1 Wilson, Texas Dec. 8, 1971

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a truck
love,
Milson *****
Martha

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a lox an Wile *****
Rt. 2 Wilson, Texas Dec 9 1971

Dear Santa,
How are you? My brother wants a mini - bike I want a Shop and Sheryl and a Timmy Tell and Barbies County Camper and a Sun and Fun Buggy. I want so many things. I bet you are getting ready to go. Are you? I have got to go now Bye.
Your friend,
Donna *****

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a truck
Love
Ramon Gonzalez *****

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll.
love
Juanita *****
Wilson *****

Dear Santa,
I want a house I want a Ball
love Mary Angel *****

Dear Santa,
I want a airplane.
Love,
Elias Hernandez, *****

Dear Santa,
Ples ge me a boll I waot a reng I waot a Balrnu I waot a pla
Sylvia Munoz

Dear Santa,
I watn-a-doll I Watn -a-tab I Watn-a-sat-uf dish I Watn-a-naki I Watn-a-a-ring ples pat mi Mother a wig.

Kim Roys *****

Dear Santa,
I Watn a truck This Truck go if *****
Ricky Hall *****

Dear Santa,
will you bring me a gun and a truck. Love Santa.
Eddie Alvarado *****

Dear Santa,
Please Bring Me a Timey-Tell *****
Wsan, Karlo *****

Dear Santa,
Please bring. me a truck airPlane
David Cook
Wilson, Texas.
Box 83 79381
Love Santa *****

Dear Santa,
Please and will you Get mer a cetmck
lov Rick Kahlich
Wilson *****

Dear Santa,
I want a race track and air plane.
Love,
ken wilke *****
Wilson *****

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Living Baby Tender love.
Angie Wilke
From Wilson *****

Dear Santa,
I want a Timey-Tell and Rallr-Skas. I Love you Sant Very mach.
Love
Lisa Steinhauer.
Wilson. *****
Box 104 Wilson, Texas Dec. 7, 1971

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas. We are going to make a big christmas party at are houses. I hope you will bring a B.B. gun. I will leave you a present under the tree.
Your friend,
Tony *****
R t 175 Wilson texas

Dear Santa,
I which you will come on Christmas time and I also like to see a nice Christmas tree on Christmas we are have party i which you cone and will have lots fun and also for Christmas a ball and boots and some good Thanks and i which you a Mary Christmas have a good time i thankyou
Name Gloria Garcia *****
Box R.t. 1 Wilson, Texas Dec. 8, 1971

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa, I hope you will come to school. I hope you will bring me a wathshins, machine and a dryer for Christmas. I am in school now.
Your friend,
Sally Alvarado *****
Box 1-235 Wilson Texas Dec. 9, 1971

Dear Santa,
I hope you are well Santa. I hope you will bring me a top will you bring me a car for christmas and a bicycle.
Your friend,
Jesse Alvarado. *****
Box 2 Wilson, Texas Dec. 8, 1971

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me toy and to my sister and brother and my dad and mom and aunt and friend. And I like you the way you say Ho Ho Merry Christmas toall! We all love you and merry Christmas to you. You will have in the snow with all your. And I can not to you. I love you Santa !!! Please bring me a bycycle.
Your friend,
Lalo Rios *****

Dear Santa,
My brother wants everything in the book, but then I don't care. Please give him something for Crismas. His name is Neal.
My brother Cliff does not want anything. He can't find anything he want, because he is at a odd age.
My brother Timmy wants a lot of Chemistry stuff.
I want a typewriter and thats all. Please remember Pam and Cindy my best freinds. Please don't forget anyone in the world. All the children in the world are good. You are a good man. I think your elfs are cute. Miss Santa Claus is nice too. I hope you are well. Well so long see you Christmas Eve night.
Your friend,
Karol Steffens *****
Box 754 Wilson, Tex. Dec. 9, 1971

Dear Santa,
How are you doing in the North pole? Remember don't forget Mrs. Meader. She is very kind to me. Are you ready for Christmas? Have you got all the things packed? How is Rudolf? Don't forget about Tracy and Mandi. I hope you think the grade room looks nice. Do you now where we are going for Christmas? I'm in thrid grade we all liked the letter you sent us. My best friend is Donna and Debra. Please bring me New Velvet and clothes for her. And the witch witch game.
Your friend
Kerrie *****
Rt. 2 Post, Texas Dec. 8, 1971

Dear Santa,
I know you are busy. How are you and your wife? Is it snowing there? I will have my stocking hung. I want you to bring me a Night set. That is all I want this year. I like you Mrs. and mr. Santa. Thank you for all the toys. I have enjoyed them. Thank you for the letter you sent us. Thank you for the stuff you put in my stocking.
Your friend,
Ronnie Clary *****
Rt. 1 Post, Texas Dec. 8, 1971

Dear Santa,
Derick and I have been real nice so you will come see us. I hope that red nosed reindeer is ok. Is Mrs. Santa in real nice to all the little children. Derick and I hope everything is ok. I want a skiddlepool.
Your pal,
Lance Dunn *****
Box 834 Wilson, Texas Dec. 9, 1971

Dear Santa,
I like Chritmas. It's fun to

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a ball.
Love
Carolina Mesa *****

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a truck
Richard *****

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll
love
Lucille Hall *****
Box 54 Wilson, Texas Dec. 8, 1971

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl all this year. I hope you had a nice time making toys. I want a talking Barbie Angle baby and Velvet too. I hope you had a good winter and a good summer. Bring toys for little girls and boy. And I hope you have toys for girls and boys. "How are you doing," "I hope you have a Merry Christmas". How are you and your wife? I have bean feeling fine. "Have you"? I hope your elves are fine. I hope you go to Rose's house and Maries house and other places. I hope you have a Merry Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Tamera Houchin *****

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Your friend,
Tamera Houchin *****



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Quiet thoughts turn to this time of peace, happiness and togetherness. It's a season when families and friends harvest many joys and blessings. Christmas is also a nice time to thank friends like you.

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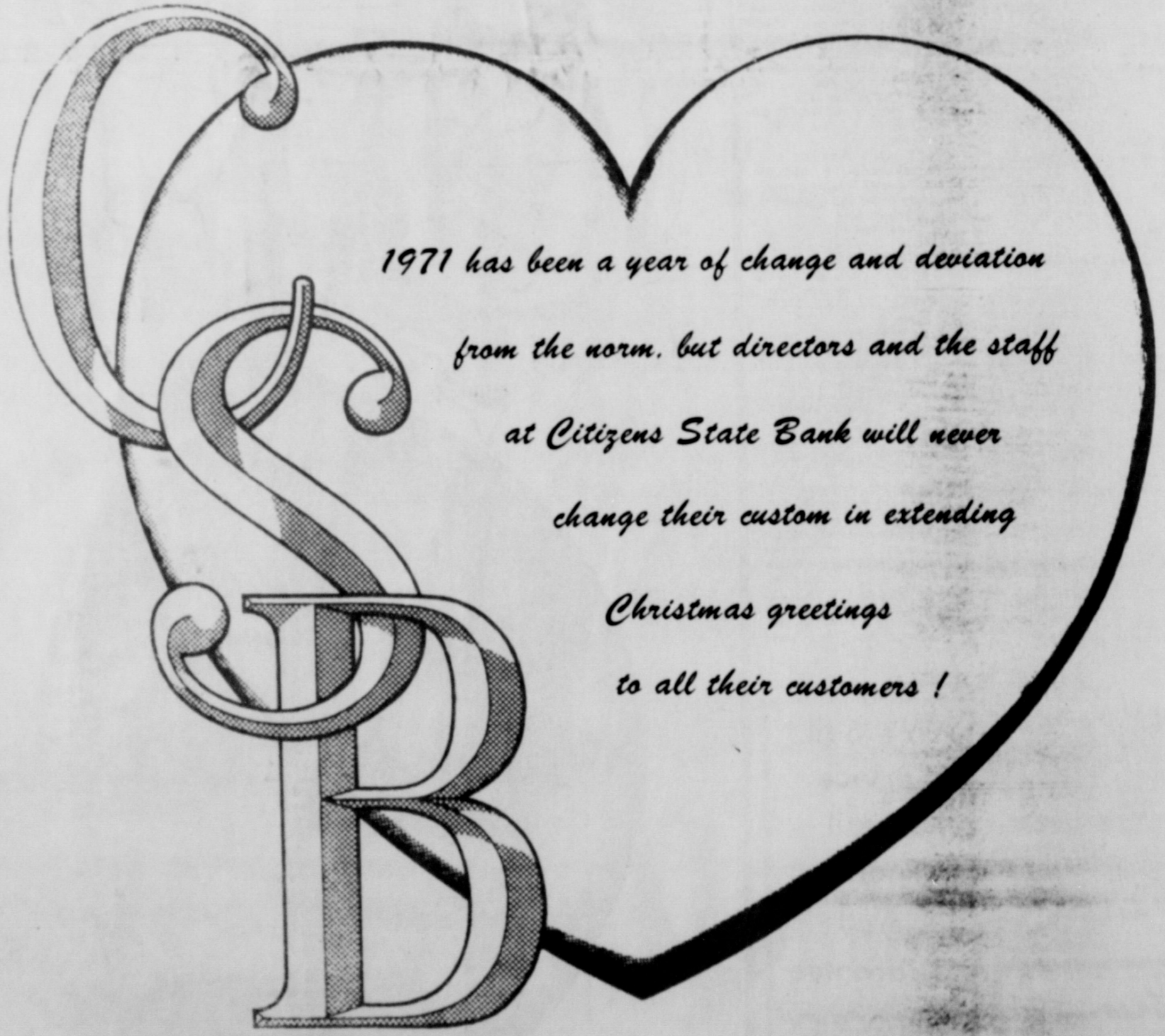
Christmas Greetings

Joy to the world! All the gentlest thoughts of love, friendship, and dreams come true are what we wish you during Christmastime.

Wilson Oil Company

Merry Christmas Merry Christmas Merry Christmas

Season's Greetings



*1971 has been a year of change and deviation
from the norm. but directors and the staff
at Citizens State Bank will never
change their custom in extending
Christmas greetings
to all their customers !*

Merry Christmas Merry Christmas Merry Christmas



Merry Christmas



Report Next Week

The New Year hold forth on the economic, building and construction, taxes, personal income, and business and Financial Forecast reports to analyze these matters, and predicts the progress of the year. The special feature appears next week.



Speedy Nieman

Division Street says to the man in the sky is the limit.

Thoughts: Friendship is the glue that holds us together. It is the highest expression of love.

Need your help! J.W. Holt, chairman of the community project Christmas baskets for the less fortunate this year.

Financial Institutions To Close Noon Friday

Trophies for West Texas Girls Invitational Basketball Tournament

The Slaton Slatonite

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THURSDAY, December 23, 1971

Weather

| DATE | HI | LOW |
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| Dec. 21 | 65 est. | 32 |
| Dec. 20 | 66 | 42 |
| Dec. 19 | 66 | 36 |
| Dec. 18 | 54 | 24 |
| Dec. 17 | 56 | 24 |
| Dec. 16 | 59 | 36 |

Harvest in High Gear, Bale Count Climbs

Nieman, Associates Buy Hereford Paper

Acquisition of The Hereford Brand and Southwest Offset Printing Co. was announced today by G. G. Nieman and associates.

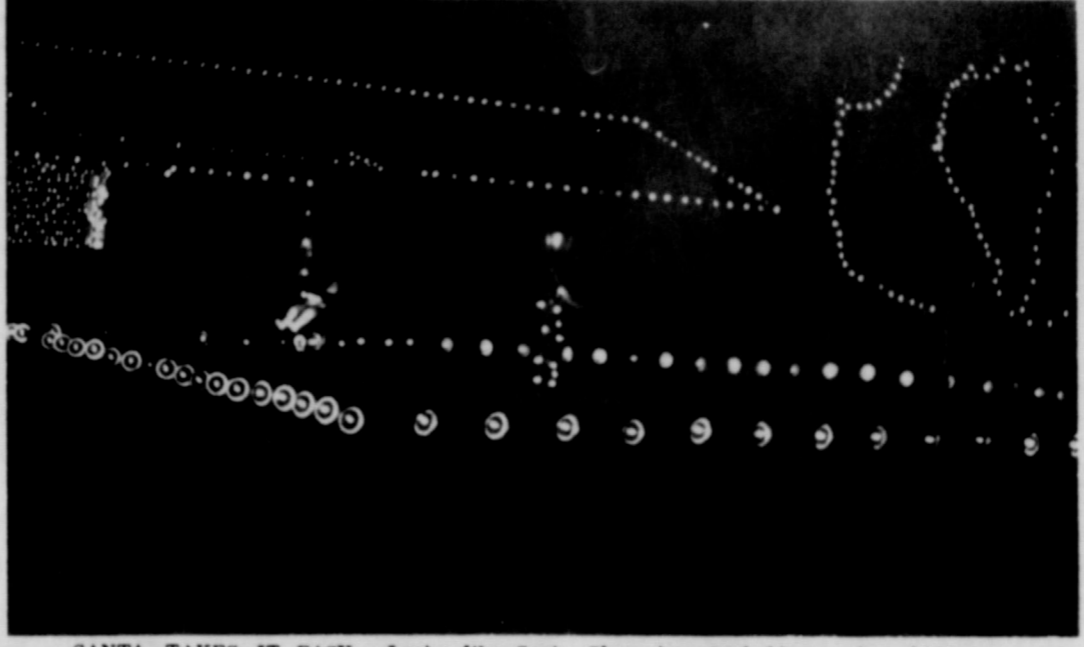
is effective Jan. 1. The Nieman family plans to move to Hereford about the middle of January.

Needy Families Need Boost

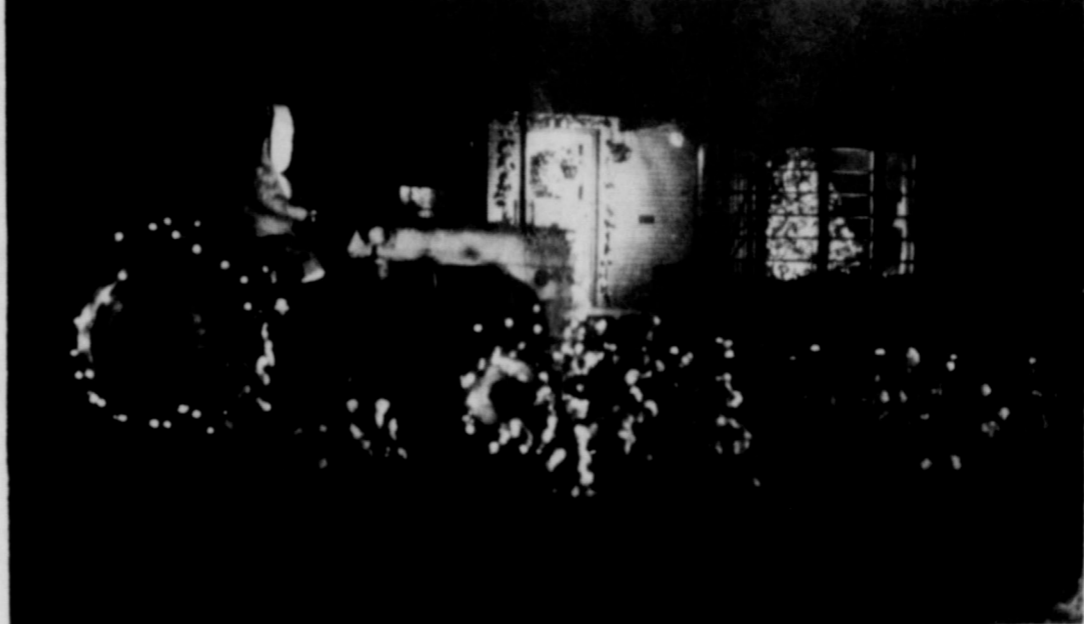
A number of needy families in Slaton will enjoy a merrier Christmas this year, thanks to the community "Operation Yuletide" program spearheaded by Slaton Lions Club.

Home Lighting Winners Named

Winners in the home Christmas lighting contest, sponsored by Slaton C of C, were revealed Monday night by the beautification committee.



SANTA TAKES IT EASY---Looks like Santa Claus has made his rounds and is now taking it easy in front of the L. W. Perkins home, 1460 W. Crosby. The Perkins home won first place in Ward 2 in the lighting contest this week.



COTTON IS THE THEME---The Harold Wilson home, 755 S. 21st, was judged as first place winner of Ward 1 in the Christmas lighting contest this week.

Girls Holiday Tourney Starts in Slaton Monday

Slaton will host 22 of the top girls' basketball teams in the state Dec. 27-30 when Slaton Chamber of Commerce sponsors its second annual West Texas Girls Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The holiday event was unveiled with such rousing success last year that there was little question about it being an annual event.

Winners Named In Wilson Xmas Lighting Contest

Jerry Ross, chairman of the Christmas display and lighting contest at Wilson this year, said he was pleasantly surprised when 22 home were entered in the contest.

Judging was held Monday night. Cash prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 were presented to winners in the outside and window and door divisions.

solution finals are slated Thursday.

Distinctive trophies await the top four winners in the championship and consolation brackets, and a sportsmanship trophy will go to one of the teams.

Teams entered in the tourney range from Class B schools up to Class AAA. Slaton's own Tigerettes will be defending champions of the premier tournament.

day will determine the winners in each bracket.

Slaton downed Petersburg in the finals last year, with Klondike edging Idalou in the third-place game.

Miss Cox hit 26 of 33 free shots in one game, and had 72 of 95 for the tournament.

Slatonite Office Closed Thursday

THE SLATONITE office will be closed Thursday through Sunday for the Christmas holidays, it was announced this week.

Aided by a week of mostly clear weather and gusty winds, Slaton area farmers finally moved into high gear in the 1971 cotton harvest.

A bale count by THE SLATONITE Monday evening showed 15,611 bales of cotton had been ginned in 11 Slaton and area gins.

In the first survey two weeks ago, only 8,540 bales had been ginned. Another week of clear weather should see another big increase in the bale count as farmers proceed with harvesting operations at a rapid pace.

Cotton harvest operations are increasing daily on the South Plains, according to W. K. Palmer, in charge of the U.S.D.A. Cotton Classing Office in Lubbock.

Most of the cotton harvested during the past week has been in the central and southern counties of the South Plains but activities are now increasing in the northern counties.

Grades of the cotton classed at the Lubbock office were lower than those of the previous week.

Low Middling Light Spotted (See COTTON, Page 5)

Friday Drawing Names Final Turkey Winners

The third and final week of the Christmas turkey give-away, sponsored by Slaton merchants, was held Friday when Santa Claus drew 40 more names to conclude the presentation of 120 free turkeys.

The free registration was held by some 32 firms, and the names were drawn from one box at the Chamber office each Friday at 4:30.

The promotion, sponsored by the retail trade committee of the Slaton Chamber of Commerce, ended Friday with the drawing of the 40 names following as turkey winners:

Jerry Moczygemba, Mrs. J. L. House, C. D. Schneiders, Ray Kitten, Mrs. Tom Ansley, Mrs. J. M. Drollet, Bob Mohon, Alene McCleskey, Wanda White, Katy Mueller; Billie Walters, Jo Ann Howell, Fred Steinhauer, Mrs. Fred Schmidt, Mrs. Cecil Griffin, Alice Jarmon, Danny Chapman, A. D. Nieman, Mary Beth Kiser, Bill Bednarz; Sam Moore, Don Clary, Mrs. O. B. Allen, Betty Knight, Harvey Hancock, Wayne Edwards, Mrs. V. G. Decker, Robert Long, Altha Scott; R. G. Box, Eulalio Torres, Frank Cruz, W. V. Childers, Albert Mitchell, O. F. Kitten, Mrs. G. N. Smallwood, Millie Quintero, Louese Hughes, B. R. Rallsback, Juanita Adams.

50th Anniversary Set Sunday



MR. AND MRS. MELBA N. THOMPSON

Mr. and Mrs. Melba N. Thompson will be honored with a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, in their home in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary.

Hosting the event will be the children of the couple and their families: Messrs. and Mmes. Johnie Garnett of Garden Grove, Calif., O. L. (Buddy) Thompson of Plainview; Ray Cook of Wilson; J. C. Robertson, Melba Thompson Jr. and Wade Thompson, all of Rt. 4, Lubbock. The couple has 17 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The former Miss Lela Mae Boyd and Thompson were married Dec. 26, 1921 by Rev. Barnett Gunn.

Thompson came to Lubbock County with his family in 1916 from Tarrant County. Mrs. Thompson came in 1920 from Wise County. Both families settled East of Lubbock.

They moved to their present home South of Lubbock, on Route 4 in 1934. Thompson was engaged in farming until retirement.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are members of the Cooper United Methodist Church.

WELCOME SUBSCRIBERS

THE SLATONITE would like to welcome the following new subscribers: CONNIE GOAD, Lubbock; LOIS MERRELL, Missouri; MRS. T. V. ELLIS, Slaton; ROD SHAW, Lubbock; L. B. THORNTON, Florida; R. E. AYERS, Taft; JOHN F. DAVIS, Slaton; OLA BROOKSHIRE, Slaton; ROY ROBINSON, Wilson.

Mrs. Bob Bivens, Lubbock; A. A. Raschke, Westbrook, Tex.; Dow Winchester, Miramar, Calif.

Senior Citizen Club Meets

The Rev. Delmas Luedke, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church was speaker for the Senior Citizens as they met Friday.

Rev. Luedke gave thanks for the meal, then he and his wife, and new daughter, Jennifer joined the 33 members for lunch. L. H. Hogan of Levelland, visiting Mrs. Lehman Brown, was a guest of the club.

The Senior Citizens will not meet again until Jan. 8.

Sla-Ton Tops Club

The Sla-Tons Tops Club met Thursday night in regular session with Mary Wilson, leader, presiding. Eight members and one guest, Mamie Perez, weighed in with four losing weight. Lola Montgomery won the Grab Bag prize by losing the most weight. Helen Meeks won the weight and attendance dimes for three weeks.

The devotional was presented by Irene McCormick, "That was Yesterday".

The Tops club will meet Dec. 23 to weigh in at 6 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Dec. 30 at 7 p.m. in Mercy Hospital lunchroom.

Jolly Club Holds Party

The Jolly Quilting Club held its annual Christmas party last Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Davies.

After a salad dinner was served to the members and their husbands, the group exchanged gifts.

In European countries, finding an almond in the holiday pudding means marriage next year.



Lavon Nieman

LETTER TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus, This Christmas season brings me mixed emotions. But more important than anything, it is Jesus Christ's birthday and that is what the holiday is really all about.

It also makes us want to stop and count our blessings, share with others and gather with our friends and relatives. Santa, I know I'm asking for a lot, but what I really want is to be welcome in the town we are moving to, Hereford, and be loved and accepted as we have been in Slaton. I realize people there will never take the place of our dear friends here, but I hope it will give us the opportunity to make many more new friends.

Seven years and four months ago, we came to Slaton. The people here have been good to us. They've provided us with a prosperous living and, Santa, I want them to know, that we'll never forget them for this. Nor will we forget the women and men who have cooperated in furnishing news for stories and pictures.

A newspaper is important to every town, and I think we were lucky to have had the opportunity to work with the people here. So be extra special to these people here, Santa. If you can, please fill their stockings check full because they deserve the very best.

Your friend,
Lavon Nieman

WW

The Christmas Tour of Homes held Friday night seemed to be quite successful. Highlight of the tour was the appearance of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus at each home on the tour.

By the time I visited four homes, I was so full of refreshments, I was about to pop. If you didn't take time to make the tour, you missed an enjoyable evening!

WW

I particularly enjoy reading the Letters to Santa that the area children write each year. Today's issue has so many that I hadn't read them all when I wrote this column. But of the ones I did read, one sentence really caught my eye. It said, "If you get this letter, call me at 3388". The writer had a little doubt that we would send the letter on to Santa Claus in time for him to get it.

WW

If you've already contributed to Operation Yuletide and still want to do something in the way of giving and the holiday spirit, I have one suggestion to make.

The drive to begin a toy library at the Housing Authority of the City of Slaton sounds like a good idea. If you have used toys, games or books, the children living in the apartments could certainly make good use of them. And knowing Gladys Blair, executive director, as I do, I feel quite sure she will oversee the operation for its best benefit.

Items may be taken to the administration building located at 420 E. Powers on Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed during noon hour).

WW

Diane Kuss, a Slaton product who is now employed as a commercial artist in the advertising at the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, painted a beautiful nativity scene which appeared in the Avalanche Sunday.

Diane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kuss. I know they must be proud of their daughter as she has the opportunity of displaying her talents.

WW

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND WISHES FOR A VERY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

VFW Auxiliary NEWS

Five ladies and one Post member from VFW Post 6721 Slaton traveled to Big Spring last Thursday night for the Annual Christmas Party given by District #7. The Tempo Aires from Slaton helped to entertain the patients.

Those traveling from Slaton included Commander and Mrs. Travis Mann, President Louise Corson, Mrs. Fay Harris, Mrs. Leona Lamb and Miss Kathie Mann.

Lubbock, Levelland, Lamesa, Post and Slaton were represented in the District.

The Post and Auxiliary entertained eighty-one children at their Annual Christmas Party Thursday night. Mrs. Ruth Longtin's kindergarten class had the program and Santa Claus visited. Mrs. Perez assisted with the group's entertainment. The next Auxiliary meeting will be held Jan. 10 at 8 p.m.

NOSING AHEAD

Dasher? Dancer? Santa's most famous reindeer today is Rudolph of the red nose, from the 1939 song by Johnny Marks.



MRS. DICKY WALLACE
... Nancy Basinger

Wallace-Basinger Vows Read Friday

The chapel of the First Baptist Church in Slaton was the setting Friday evening at 7 o'clock for the wedding of Miss Nancy Kay Basinger and Dicky Milton Wallace. The Rev. J. L. Cartrite, pastor, officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Harley Wallace of Post and Mrs. Virgil Smith and the late Melvin Basinger.

Miss Toni Melcher of Slaton was maid of honor. Bud Sparlin of Post served the groom as best man. Ushers were Ray Lynn Basinger and Johnny Wallace of Post, brothers of the couple.

Wedding music was provided by Mrs. Gerald Smith of Slaton. Virgil Smith gave the bride in marriage. She wore a formal gown of candlelight satin featuring a scoop neck, molded bodice and controlled fullness in the skirt. The bodice was overlaid with Miramist, which also fashioned the long, lantern sleeves. Bands of lace marked the wrists and also edged the train. Her fingertip veil of illusion was held by a cluster of satin flowers. The bridal bouquet was of phalaenopsis orchids.

The bride is a graduate of Slaton High School, has been employed in Slaton State Bank of Post, a grade high school, is a member of the South Plains College land, where she makes her home.

Miss Melcher's gown was designed by velvet featuring a pink feathered collar. The reception was held at the home of the bride, Lester of Amarillo. Marilyn Basinger was the houseparty. The bride is a graduate of Slaton High School, has been employed in Slaton State Bank of Post, a grade high school, is a member of the South Plains College land, where she makes her home.

Merry Christmas The Steak



To our... we wish... filled... EURA'S BEAU...

Corleys Host Christmas Party

A Christmas breakfast was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Corley Sunday. Special guests were Mr. Corley's sisters and their families.

Attending were Mrs. Jimmie Dulin of Tahoka, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dulin, Tamera and Tawn of New Home, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dulin, Tom, Terry and Toye of Slaton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nielson, Gary and Dale of Floydada, and Mr. and Mrs. Welton Tilley, Dan and Dana of Wilson.

Others were Acil Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. Duke Mayfield, Kathy Carol, Connie and Harley Wayne, A. J. Moffitt, Barry and Lee, Johnnie Moffitt, Billy Joe Durocher, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Baxter, and Kenneth Corley, Steve and Jerry Carrol, all of Lubbock.



In the event we do not see you in person, we want to extend the warmest Christmas greetings-- from the bottom of our hearts-- and wish for you the happiest New Year! COMMISSIONER and MRS. MAX ARRANTS

Slaton Bakery

For Sale '66 Mustang
(See Classified Page)

1933 First Rockefeller Center Christmas tree erected—a 70-foot high Norway spruce with 1,200 colorful lights. Since then, huge Christmas trees—usually Norway spruce—have been a tradition in this New York business-entertainment complex.

PRE-CHRISTMAS

SALE

Open Evenings
Til Dec. 23

Stretch Nylon
Panty Hose
Petite, Ave., Tall

2 FOR \$1

Holanca Nylon
Stretch Briefs
Fits All Sizes

2 FOR \$1

No-Iron Marlboro No-Iron
Men's Sport Shirts
Solids Stripes \$2.99 ea.

2 FOR \$5

Fully Lined Care Free
Vinyl Table Cloths
52" x 70" 60" x 40" 60" x 140" 60" Round 52" x 52" - \$2.00

\$3

PAJAMA AND ROBE SET OF KLOPMAN'S SUPER VINO®

80% Dacron® polyester, 20% Cotton.

The perfect and practical gift for the man in your life. Features long sleeve, long leg pajama with two-tone contrast solid trim in assorted colors, A, B, C, D. Color-coordinated robe for a complete "one size fits all" comfort.

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\$8.50 set

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Scenes From The Christmas Tour Of Homes



REFRESHMENTS--Mrs. Clark Self, Jr., a hostess of homes, is pictured above serving refreshments at a decorated table. The tour was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. (SLATONITE PHOTO)



DECORATIONS FOR GRANDCHILDREN---Mrs. Alton Meeks, a hostess on the Tour of Homes, is standing at the door of her home where she greeted guests Friday evening. On the planter box in her home, each of her grandchildren will most likely find some nice surprises for Christmas. (SLATONITE PHOTO)



SANTA ENTERTAINS---Mrs. Howard Hoffman, left, one of the hostesses for the Christmas Tour of Homes Friday is visiting with one of the guests, Mrs. Frank Moore. Santa is featured on the drums as part of Mrs. Hoffman's decorations. (SLATONITE PHOTO)



SANTA---As Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus made the tour of four lovely Christmas homes Friday, they had candy for all their friends. Reaching into the candy Doe Kendrick. Also pictured is Mrs. Ronnie Kennedy. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

Past Matrons Meet Here

The past Matron's Club of the Eastern Star met with Mrs. Amanda Cook at her home Monday evening at 7 p.m. Gifts were exchanged by 15 members and one guest, Mrs. Fannie Ola Lawson of Houston. A shower of kitchen gifts were brought for the kitchen of the Masonic hall. The next meeting will be with Andrea Thompson Jan. 17 when the installation of officers will be held.

FOOT NOTES

BY MARGRET BARTLEY

Well, here it is! The time has finally come for that long-awaited day that is the delight of the young and old alike. Ideally, you should have all your shopping done, baking done and in the freezer, turkey ready for the oven, and the spare room ready for holiday guests. Time to give the house one more going-over before the big day. Ideally, I said, Everyone who comes up to all that may now set down and rest. To the thousands who are still standing, GET TO WORK!

Are you one of those who made the dreadful mistake of getting all your shopping done early? If you are, I am about to remind you of a few things that can happen, or may have already happened to you!

Let's face up to the fact that if you Christmas-shopped early, you will probably have to Christmas-shop twice. Here's why:

Some people change sizes the way other people change socks. What fit them in July doesn't fit them in December. So you must get them something else. Or:

You get them something you like so much that you decide to keep it for yourself. So you must get them something else. Or:

You get them something they positively need. But if they positively do need it, they're apt to realize it themselves before Christmas and get one. So you must get them something else. Or:

You get them an interesting gadget like an automatic clock-winder. Then shortly before Christmas, the stores all bloom with the new improved kind that not only winds the clock but feeds the partridge and waters the pear tree, too. So you must get them something else. Or:

You get them a cigarette lighter. But the week before Christmas, they stop smoking. So you must get them something else. Or:

You get them a ceramic piglet you stick cocktail sausages on toothpicks into. Then, a week before Christmas, you hear them say, "If there's one thing I can't stand, it's those ceramic piglets you stick cocktail sausages on toothpicks into". So you get them something else.

MORAL: Do your Christmas shopping at the 11th hour.

Here's my wish that you all have a wonderful Christmas filled with precious memories. If you will be travelling the highways to see loved ones, do be careful. Don't spoil someone else's Christmas by your own carelessness. And remember, it won't spoil the whole Christmas party if you are a little late. The old, "Better late than never" certainly applies to the holiday season when the highways are so crowded.

May the socks fit, the how-to instructions work, the turkey not burn and the installment payments be low!
PEACE AND CONTENTMENT. . .

it's Christmas!
We're chirping out happy holiday notes to greet you and wish you merriment.

Art Alley

CARDS OF THANKS

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!! We want to say "Thank You", and May God bless each one who had a part in 'giving' to the purchase of the Console Stereo for the Slaton Convalescence Home. It has already made this a Happy Christmas for a group of worthy people who deserve all the happiness we can give them. May each one of you have a Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Healthy New Year, and thank you again from: Slaton Nursing Home, Arlena Heck, Ethel Covey, Gladys Moore, and Wendell's TV.

Former Resident Dies Tuesday

Johnny Wayne Owens, 29, of Arlington died Tuesday morning in the Harris Memorial Hospital in Fort Worth after a lengthy illness. He is a former Slatonite and graduate of Slaton High School. Services are set for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, in an Arlington Funeral Home. Owens is survived by his wife, Shirley; his mother, Mrs. Grady Harris, formerly of Slaton and now of Cordell, Okla.; a sister of Arlington; and a half brother, Pete Harris of Temple.

Sister of Slaton Woman Dies in Houston

Mrs. B. F. Adam, 63, sister of Mrs. C. R. Bain, died Monday at 9 p.m. in a Houston hospital from an apparent heart attack. Services are pending.

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To all our friends and neighbors we sing a joyful carol of holiday wishes... love, peace, happiness, and togetherness.

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Fashions and Gifts

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Corning-Menu-Ette Set \$988
3 SKILLETS only

Corning Ware Electromatic Reg. \$29.95
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While Supply Lasts . only

Corning Ware Reg. \$20.85
SAUCE SET only \$14.88

Steam & Dry G.E. IRON only \$9.98

Give Him A Good POCKET KNIFE
We have an excellent supply.

LASATER-HOFFMAN HARDWARE

With a little help from our friends we've built up a fine patronage. From our hearts...

Merry Christmas

Pauline's Flowers



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE---Pictured above are Mrs. Ethel Young, second from left, and three of her friends who assisted in serving refreshments at Mrs. Young's open house held Sunday in her home. Left to right are Mrs. B. A. Hanna, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Fred England and Mrs. H. L. Kiker. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

Mrs. Young Is Hostess For Christmas Open House

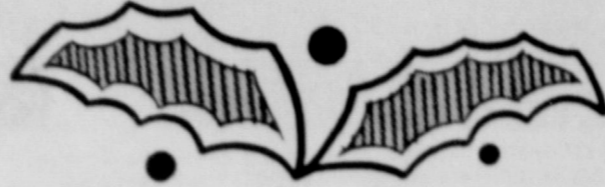
Over 200 guests attended the Christmas Open House held from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday in the home of Mrs. Ethel Young. Mrs. Young and her mother, Mrs. Lula Caldwell, greeted guests at the door.

Assisting in the house party and serving refreshments were Mmes. B. A. Hanna, Fred England, J. L. Cartrite, H. G. Stokes; all of Slaton; Newell Powell, visiting here from California, H. L. Kiker, Leon Williams and V. L. Cade, all of Lubbock; and A. M. Cade of Tahoka.

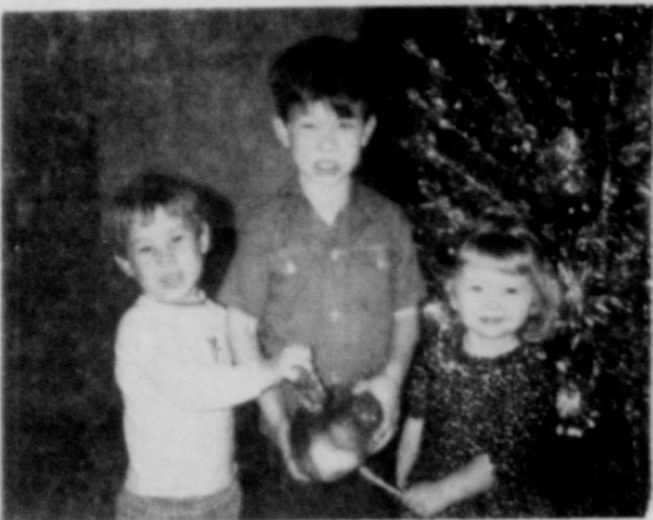
Also assisting in the house party were Mmes. Dolly Brown, Grady Wilson, Hilton Foerster, W. L. Housour, Edna Finley, Ed Caldwell and Carter Cald-

well. The refreshment table was laid with a red felt Christmas decorated cloth. An arrangement of red carnations and fresh holly centered the table. Silver and crystal appointments were used. Punch, coffee, cake and nuts were served.

Entertaining throughout the evening were Mrs. Leon Moore and Mrs. Foerster, pianists; Farron Foerster, drummer; and Jerry and Bruce Jordan of Tennessee who sang. The Jordan brothers are from Tennessee and were here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jordan of Brownfield. Guests from Lubbock, Wilton, Tahoka, Crosbyton, Abilene, and Slaton registered.



MOBIL HOME BURNS---A Tuesday-morning fire destroyed a mobil home behind the Beggs Fina Station on US-84 bypass. Fire chief Don Kendrick said the fire apparently started in the kitchen area. James Beggs, owner, estimated the loss at \$12,000 for the 4-month-old home and personal property. (SLATONITE PHOTO)



TURNIPS FOR CHRISTMAS???--It doesn't sound like a very good idea to these three youngsters as they hold a large turnip from the R. T. Moore farm near Wilson, Jayson Bartley, Timmy Burns and Tammy Gickhorn don't like turnips, and they "don't like this one, a lot!"

From Where I Stand

By Merle King



Whatever else Christmas is, it's a time of memories. For me, it's remembering the reading of "The Night Before Christmas" . . . the fragrance of fresh cut cedar . . . tree lights reflected on the tinsel icicles . . . the sparkle of powdered snow sprinkled from a box . . . remembering how old Santa made his initial visit to our town, landing on the top of the old Standard-Times building . . . thinking how very much his Ho! Ho! Ho! resembled the voice of someone I knew, then later finding his fur trimmed red suit and shiny black boots stacked neatly in the fire chief's office down at Central Fire Station . . . and being very careful to protect my little brother from this new found knowledge. What are you remembering at this holiday season?

MEMORY WAKERS
Speaking of memories, the tree in MARINELL'S STUDIO will awaken many memories for a lot of you. Her theme is an old fashioned Christmas and every small touch is a reflection from the past. A huge blue spruce is decorated with shiny red apples, candy canes, full cotton bolls, devil's claws, seed pods and pine cones, all tied with bows fashioned from gay patterned calico apron strings. Under the tree are many antique toys, including a sled, rocking horse, rag doll, string balls, tiny iron cars and wooden blocks. One small barrel holds several colorful pieces of dress goods, complete with some patterns printed by Standard Patterns and dated 1809. A pair of long black silk gloves are an added gift to "Ma from Pa". Fruit and nuts fill another small barrel where a note on a slate invites Santa to "help himself". Many lighted candles and fresh pine boughs add an especially warm touch to this nostalgic scene. Be sure to go by and take a look for yourself.

For others, memories are being created. Since last Christmas, JIM and SUE VICKERS have added a pair of twins to their circle. KURT and KERRY, who will mark their first birthday anniversary in January, have made it necessary for their Christmas tree to be placed out of their reach. So, it's in the play pen that their white flocked beauty stands, bedecked with pink, white and red "candy". The lollipops, gum drops, lifesavers and marshmallows have turned the tree into a confection good enough to eat. The Vickers' three year old daughter, MICHELE, remembers from last year the beauty of the tree and the excitement of the packages.

WEDDING GUESTS
Out of town guests attending the wedding Friday of Miss NANCY BASINGER and DICKY WALLACE included MR. and MRS. JOE LESTER, CINDY and CAROLYN of Amarillo; MR. and MRS. CHARLES WALLACE, MR. and MRS. PEARL WALLACE, MR. and MRS. ELTON LEE, MR. and MRS. JACK BURKETT, and MR. and MRS. CLOVER TUCKER and family, all of Post; MR. and MRS. BOBBY TRIMBLE of Midland; LARRY BASINGER, San Antonio, MARILYN BASINGER of Austin and MR. and MRS. J. H. TRIMBLE, MR. and MRS. TOMMY HINES, and MRS. EDWARD BYRD, all of Lubbock.

MRS. H. H. EDMONDSON plans to spend Christmas in Dallas visiting her son and family, the BOBBY EDMONDSONS.

MRS. W. F. RATLIFF, of Brownfield, is spending the Christmas holidays in the home of her son and family, MR. and MRS. STANLEY RATLIFF.

MR. and MRS. WADE THOMPSON were guests of MR. and MRS. ROBERT E. LEE at the Annual Ladies Day Luncheon at the South Plains Shriner Club. The luncheon was held at the Johnson House restaurant in Lubbock and the carrollers from the First National Bank presented the program of Christmas music.

Guests in the O.G. NIEMAN

Nursing Home News

by Bobbie Hogue



As Christmas grows nearer, the anxiety grows greater here at our Home. Every one looking forward to the big Christmas Party to be held for the Residents this year. Looks like fun!

The Wilson Lutheran Church group sent in a very nice donation the past week, to help on the stereo. Guess what we went over the goal, and the stereo was delivered to our lobby Friday afternoon. My how pretty it is, sitting there by our big tree.

Truly a day we shall always remember here at the home! As soon as the stereo was set up, several gathered around in their wheel chairs to listen to the first record, which was hymns by Ernie Ford. One lady applauded as the set was being brought in. How can we ever thank you enough? God Bless everyone of you who helped in this project, and we wish you a Merry Merry Christmas.

We went a little over the goal, as to the money raised. We had intended to purchase record albums, but several records have been donated to us, and we have difficulties with residents who cannot see our clock in our lobby. It is small, and very little numbers on the dial. So we feel it would be a

home for Christmas will be her parents, MR. and MRS. VERNON STEWART of Lamesa, his parents, MR. and MRS. A. D. NIEMAN of Levelland, and MR. and MRS. HARRY BRUNER of Lamesa.

ETC and MRS. JOHN TODD and daughter, JANET, are in Slaton visiting his parents, MR. and MRS. JOHN E. TODD, he will return to his position at the Pentagon on Jan. 15.

Guests in the home of MR. and MRS. JOE NEILON Saturday were 14 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. Neilon, who has been a patient in the hospital for two years, will be home for the day.

Have yourself a MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS, YOU ALL!

worth while thing to purchase a large clock for the lobby, enabling those to see the time better.

The Ladies Aux. came out Wed. afternoon to honor 6 residents who had birthdays this month. Those honored were Maggie Davis, Edith Lewis, Rebecca Swint, Elizabeth Fleeman, Lottie Geer, and Carrie Parker. The lobby was over flowing with friends to help eat birthday cake and drink punch.

Mrs. A. Wilke brought in a book of green stamps. We purchase items that will benefit our residents with these stamps. We appreciate those who give them to us.

Mrs. Stella Hamilton is a newcomer to the home this week. She has transferred from the Levelland Nursing Home to Slaton. She has a daughter who resides here, Mrs. Opal Hinson.

Several residents will be checking out for a few days this week end, to spend the holidays with their folks and friends. I will be having my family all home for Christmas this year. So, we will be seeing you next week. From The Staff, and the Residents of The Slaton Nursing Home, we wish you a Merry Christmas!

A little thot and a poem I pass on to you: Have you any old grudges you would like to pay- Any wrongs laid up-from a by gone day? GATHER THEM NOW-and lay them away, Make a new person, of old self today.

Hard thoughts are heavy to carry my friend, And life is short, from beginning to end- Be kind to your self, leave nothing to mend VICTORY will be yours, when this life ends.

THOT. Did you know you can walk so close to God, that there will not be room for the devil to step in?

Bobbie H.



FRUIT FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS--Kathy Lamb and Louise Corson place sacks of fruit under the Christmas tree at Slaton Nursing home. The fruit, from VFW Auxiliary, was distributed to residents at Christmas party Tuesday night.



PORTRAITS ON TREE--It has become tradition and Beverly Kercheval at Kertan Studio to trim the Christmas tree each year. This year the decorations of clear plastic trimmed in gold portraits inside each one. Red bows also decorated the tree. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

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To our best friends we want to say "thanks" and wish you the merriest ever.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Greetings FOR Christmas

Special delivery!
It's a friendly message brimming with the best of holiday cheer. We hope this Christmas is the merriest and happiest for you and all your loved ones.

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May the Spirit of this Christmas Seas bring Joy & Peace

From all the Evans' at
SLATON FLYING SERVICE

West Texas Girls Invitational Basketball Tournament

TOURNEY---
(Continued from Page 1)

reflected an average of 28.8 per game. Debra Holmes of Iraan was named the most outstanding guard last year.

Meadow scored the most points (81) for a team last year, and in their 81-63 win over Forsan, a record of 144 points for two teams was recorded. Slaton claimed the largest margin in a tourney game, beating Stanton by 67-22 for a 45-point edge.

The champion Tigerette team last year landed two all-tourney selections -- forward Sue Brake and guard Debra Greenfield.

The tourney is expected to draw spectators from a wide area of West Texas, and the big field of top-rated teams should provide keen competition for the winners' trophies. A number of Chamber directors, Women's C of C directors, and volunteer workers will be helping to conduct tourney affairs and provide concession stand refreshments.

COTTON---
(Continued from Page 1)

was the predominant grade at Lubbock last week with 44 per cent of all cotton classed. Strict Low Middling Light Spotted made up 23 per cent, Low Middling 11 per cent, and all Spotted grades 10 per cent.

Staples were predominantly 29 to 32. Ten per cent had a staple length of 29, 36 per cent stapled 30, 28 per cent was 31, and 15 per cent was 32.

Only nine per cent of the cotton "miked" in the Lubbock office was in the premium range of 3.5 to 4.9, 11 per cent "miked" 3.3 and 3.4, 36 per cent 3.0 through 3.2, 35 per cent was 2.7 through 2.9, and 9 per cent was 2.5 and below.

Cotton prices increased on the Lubbock market and were five to ten dollars per bale higher than the previous week.

The Consumer and Marketing Service of the U.S.D.A. reported increased trading in the new crop cotton. Average prices paid for the most predominant qualities in the 3.5 to 4.9 micronaire range were: Low Middling 30 - 29.95, Low Middling 31 - 30.15, strict Low Middling Light Spotted 30 - 30.20, Strict Low Middling Light Spotted 31 - 30.35, Low Middling Light Spotted 30 - 29.80, and Low Middling Light Spotted 31 - 30.00.



TIGERETTES HOST IN TOURNEY--Slaton's Tigerettes will be the host team and defending champions of the 2nd annual West Texas Girls' Invitational Basketball Tournament here Dec. 27-30. The Tigerettes go into the tourney with a 14-2 won-lost record. Members of the team, left to right, top row--

Managers Juanita Schwertner and Kerri Kern, Elnora Moore, Jan Davis, manager Eugenia Sokora, Coach Gay Benson; middle row--Gretta Stricklin, Patsy Gamble, Dru Ann Beard, Gorla Gass, Petra Gipson; front--Terri Sikes, Scharla Johnston, Joyce Heinrich, Loretta Dillon, Karla Kitten.

Ralls Nips Tigers, But Girls Triumph

Slaton's Tigerettes registered their third straight win in District 4-AA competition against Ralls here Friday night, but the Tigers sustained their first league loss in a close decision to the favored Jack-rabbit team.

Both teams are in holiday tournaments, with the girls opening against Lorenzo in the big West Texas Girls Invitational here Monday at 3:40 p.m. The Tigers will be in the Rotan Tourney Dec. 29-31.

The Tigerettes scored an easy 70-22 triumph over the Ralls girls Friday, while the Tigers lost a thriller, 83-81, to the Ralls boys. David Meyers won it for Ralls with two free shots in the last 12 seconds--his only points in the game. Lloyd Kitten hit 24 points for Slaton in the losing cause, while James Conwright and

Tommy Taylor added 17 and 15 points. Ralls' James Langston took scoring honors with 40 points, and brother Ray added 10.

Ralls jumped to a 26-17 lead in the first period, but Slaton rallied to knot the score at 40 when intermission time rolled around. Ralls moved to a 64-60 advantage as the final quarter got underway. The Tigerettes are 10-6 on the year and 1-1 in district play.

The Tigerettes are 14-2 going into the West Texas Girls' Tourney and will be the defending champs. Karla Kitten led the assault against Ralls Friday with 25 points -- three more than the total for the losers. Dru Beard and Gretta Stricklin added 14 points each in the 70-22 romp.

The Tigerette JV also had an easy time against Ralls, scoring a 63-32 victory as Cindy Kenney led the way with 24 points. Three others were in double figures -- Elaine Boyle getting 15, Doris Meurer 14 and Patti Melton 10.

St. Joseph's Teams Win

The boys and girls basketball teams at St. Joseph's School won two more games Monday night at Fluvanna.

The boys defeated Fluvanna 45-17 with Phil Bruedigam scoring 12 points and Gaylon Buxkemper scoring 10. Their record is now 7-1 for the season.

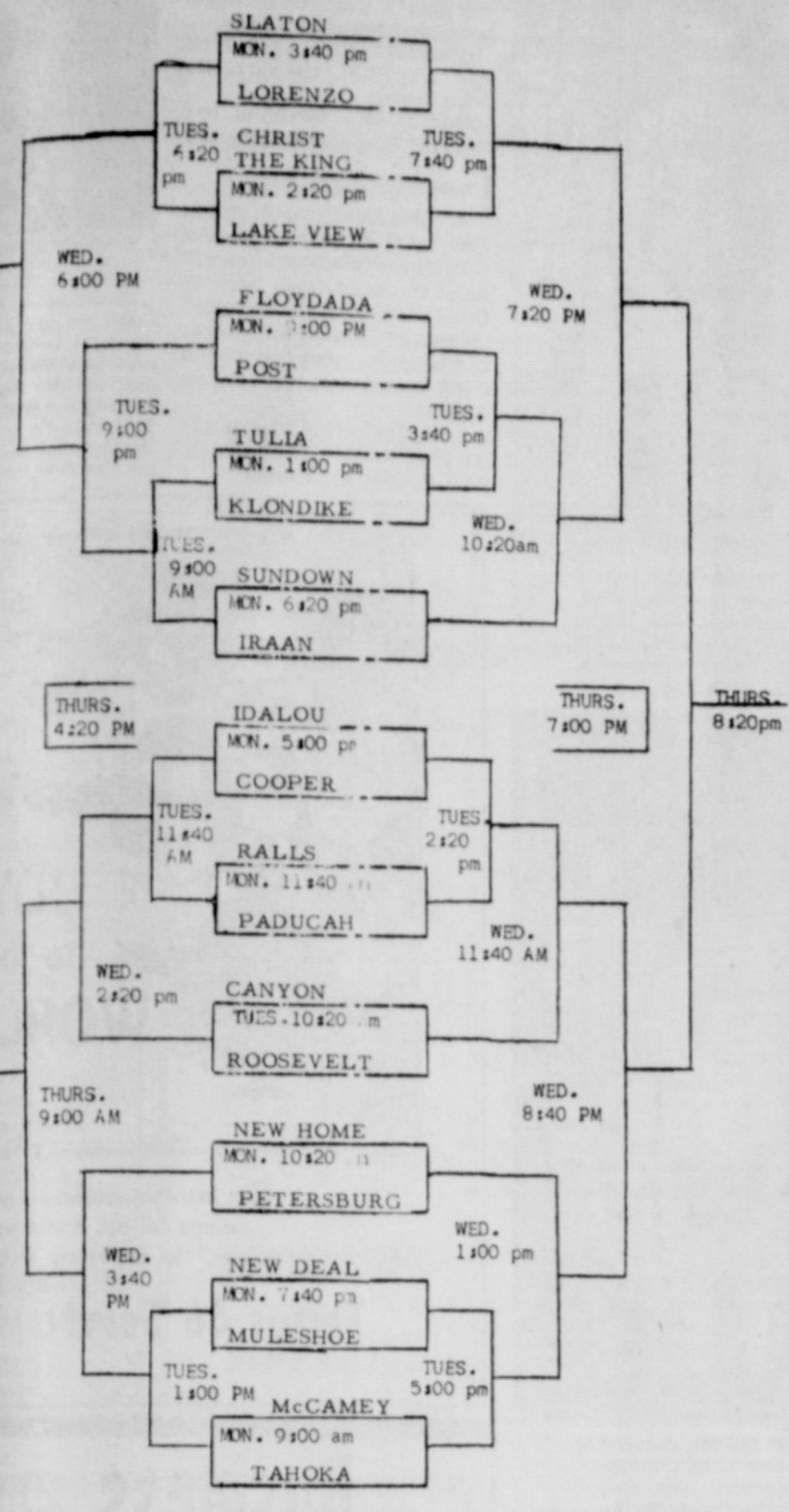
The girls won over Fluvanna 36-9 with Mary Buxkemper high scorer with 14 points. The girls record is 8-2.

Oscar Henderson, coach, said the teams next games will be in the Tulla tournament Jan. 6, 7 and 8.

Editor's Quote Book

What were once vices are now the manners of the day. —Seneca

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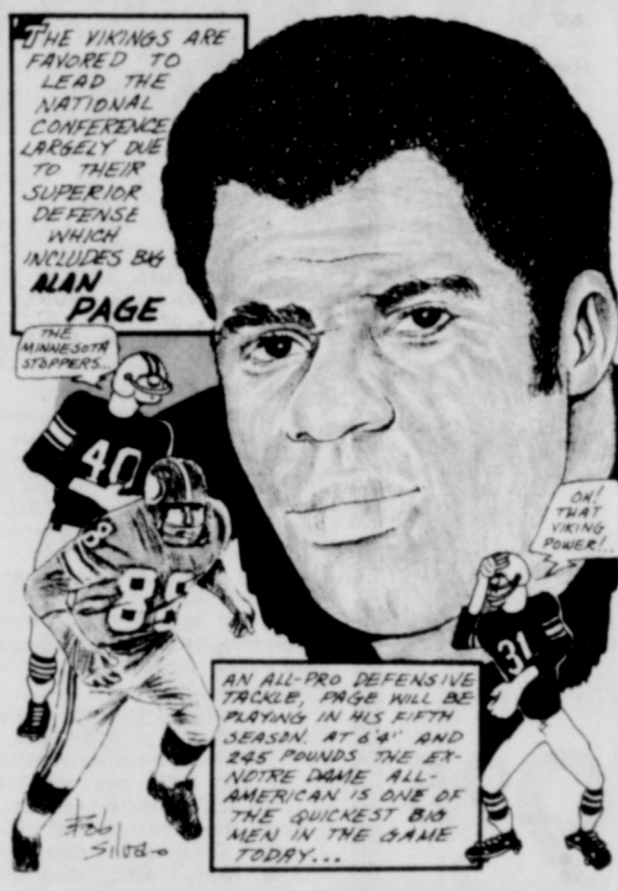
how to celebrate Christmas

This Christmas, mend a quarrel... Seek out a forgotten friend... Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust... write a letter... Share some treasure... Give a soft answer... Encourage youth... Manifest your loyalty in word and deed... Keep a promise... Find the time... Forego a grudge... Forgive an enemy... Listen... Apologize if you were wrong... Try to understand... Reject envy as unworthy... Examine your demands on others... Think first of someone else... Appreciate others... Be kind, be gentle... Laugh a little... Laugh a little more.



ALL AMERICAN RED HEAD--Slaton Lions Club will tangle with Moore's All American Red Heads--world champion women's basketball team--on Saturday, Jan. 15, in the SHS gym. Patty Overman, captain and leading scorer for the Red Heads, is also a comedienne and razzle-dazzle performer. She will be one of the featured players when the Red Heads take on the Lions Club in the exhibition game Jan. 15. Tickets are now on sale by Lions Club members at \$1.50 for adults and high school students, and \$1 for children.

SPORTS CORNER



First Community Tree Illumination

Two Pennsylvania communities, Riverside, California, and Salem, Oregon, were the first towns in the U.S. to sponsor the lighting of outdoor Christmas trees. Though widely separated in their geographic locations, all four of these towns "lit up" in 1913.

Fido, a dog's name is taken from the Latin fides meaning faithful.

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FRESHMAN TEAM---The freshman basketball team at Slaton High School, coached by Jackie Stewart, is pictured above. They are, left to right, front row--Keith Bumpass, John Wright, Kenneth Scott, Gary West and David Vall; second row--John Whaley, Bobby Hightower, Clay Mitchell, Craig Nieman, Glen Heinrich, Kelly Copeland, Doyce Field, manager; third row--Coach Stewart, Clarence Trotty, Allen Moates, Wheeler Smith, Chris Williams, Matt Kitten, Billy Ray Thomas and Martin Rameriz, manager. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

Expenditures Set for Santa Fe

Capital expenditures planned for Santa Fe Industries Companies in 1972 will approximate \$137 million, compared with an estimated expenditure of \$122 million in 1971, John S. Reed, president, announced today.

Most of the increase is for Santa Fe Railway which plans to spend approximately \$100 million in 1972, compared with estimated expenditures of \$89 million in 1971.

The railroad previously announced it will acquire 52 new and 50 rebuilt diesel locomotive units and 1,325 new and 568 rebuilt freight cars next year. Other major rail projects include a 2.6 mile line change in Cajon Pass, Calif., which together with installation of a traffic reversal signal system will materially improve operations on the double track line between Barstow and San Bernardino, Calif.; installation of 352 track miles of continuously welded rail; additional TOFC-COFC facilities at Kansas City, Kan., and Los Angeles, and a new container freight station and holding yard at San Francisco.

New microwave communications system will be installed between Beaumont and Longview, Tex., and between Kirbyville, Tex., and Oakdale, La. There will be other improvements to communications and signal systems, new hot box detectors and grade crossing protection, and additional computer equipment. There are also provisions for environmental control equipment at various

points. The \$37 million planned for non-rail improvements include additional tractors and trailers and improved terminal facilities for Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company. There will be continued oil and gas exploration and development by Santa Fe Natural Resources, Inc., additional pumping stations, laterals and storage facilities for Santa Fe Pipelines, Inc. and its subsidiary companies, plus acquisition and improvement of property for commercial and industrial development purposes.

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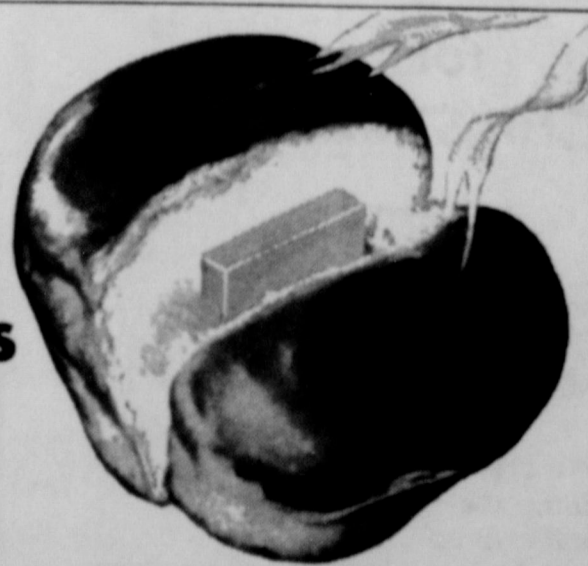


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Dancing with Joy

A Christmas carol might also be a Christmas dance. Origin of the word "carol" itself seems to trace back to the French word, "caroler" meaning to dance, and carols of yesteryear may have been sung by carolers dancing in a circle.

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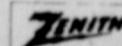
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SEASON'S GREETINGS!

Wilson News

Brenda & Sue Crowson



EVE PROGRAM
Lutheran Church in present a Christmas program, "Light a Candle for the Christ Child" at 6 p.m. This program will be the first, with the Sunday school program of hymns, prayers, and the singing of "Silent Night" by the worshippers. All who would wish to join in worship of the Christ Child, to special service of the church on Wednesday of the sermon topic "The Sermon on the Mount."

SERVICES
Wilson School Christmas services will be held at St. Paul's Church on

Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. The theme will be "Christmas in Customs."
Christmas Day services will be held at 10:30 when the sermon theme will be "The Greatest Day" taken from Luke 2: 1-7. Sunday School and worship services will be held on Sunday as usual.
New Year's Eve will bring a Christmas Carol Candlelight Service at 7 p.m. The theme will be "The Light Shines in the Darkness" from John 1: 4-8, according to Pastor Louis Balderach.

FELLOWSHIP
A fellowship was held Sunday night at First Baptist Church, when a church gift was presented to Pastor Darold Baldwin and family, and special guest was Santa Claus.
The Baptist Church will have only a worship service next Sunday, and it will be held at 10:30 a.m. There will not be an evening service.

CLASS REUNION
The class of 1968 of Wilson High School will hold a class reunion and supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Zant, Dec. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Their home is on the Taboka Highway near the Wayside Co-op Gin.

BOWLING LEAGUE
The Country Cousins Bowling League are taking a rest for the holidays. They will resume bowling Jan. 5.
Standings:
First: New Home Co-op 44-w, 20-L; Second: New Home Gin 32-W, 32-L; Third: Wilson Co-op Gins 26-W, 38-L; Fourth: Wilson State Bank 26-W, 36-L.
Opal Hamilton leads for high game with 258. She won an award for bowling a 100 plus, over her average. Joyce Kallich has joined the Wilson State Bank team.

BASKETBALL
The WHS Boys basketball team won second place in the Whiteface Invitational Tournament last weekend. They lost by one point against Bulah Saturday night. The girls lost both of their games. Karla Moore and Dany Crowson made the all tournament team.
Monday the varsity basketball teams played Taboka Varsity at Taboka, and met Southland there yesterday.
The junior high teams played Monday against Christ The King at Wilson.
School dismissed at 2:30 Tuesday for the Christmas holidays. They will resume classes Jan. 3.

CHRISTMAS AT STATE SCHOOL
The FTA sponsored a Christmas Party for two cottages of students at the Lubbock State School Tuesday afternoon. They sang Christmas carols, played games and served refreshments to the group.

CONCERT
The Wilson High School and junior high bands presented their annual Christmas concert Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Wilson School Board Meets

The Wilson School Board met in regular session Tuesday. Items of business included a presentation of various reports, approval to advertise a bus for sale, and adoption of a policy dealing with drinking at school events.

The reports presented included Federal programs, teacher pay raise information after the price freeze, average daily attendance, membership, and the lunchroom program. The school has received final approval for a total of \$16,125.00 for all federal programs for the 1971-72 school year. Average daily attendance for the second six weeks was 411.59 as compared with 394.32 in 1970-71 and 351.32 in 1969-70. Membership at this time is 442. The lunchroom report showed that between 365 and 385 are being served each day.

The board adopted a policy stating that the Board of Education or School Administration of Wilson Independent School District will have the authority to suspend any student or school employee who is found to be in possession of, or under the influence of, alcohol while at school or at any school sponsored activity.

In other action the board extended superintendent Glen Mitchell's contract to run through June 30, 1974. Mitchell has been superintendent at Wilson since July 1, 1967.



VISIT FROM THE NORTH POLE--When Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus visited at the August Kitten home Friday night on the Christmas Tour of Homes, they found the Kitten grandchildren waiting for them at the door. Crystal, 2, and Kelly, 4, are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kitten. Crystal told Santa she wants a doll and Kelly said he wants a BIG bicycle for Christmas. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

VISITING
Ronnie Anders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Anders is home from West Texas State U. for the holidays.
Sheila Turner, a student at Arizona State U., is visiting her uncle and family, the Glynn Moores. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Turner, former Wilson residents.
Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Harkey and children of Lorraine visited last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Church.

Mrs. W. F. Klos was released from St. Mary's Hospital Dec. 10. She had been a patient there for a week.
Mrs. Estelle Lemon and Mrs. Karen Bass of Lubbock spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lamb.

It is said that one who sits under a pine tree on Christmas Eve will hear angels singing.
If the sun shines through fruit trees on Christmas Day, it is a sign that the trees will bear much fruit.
A white Christmas presages a prosperous year.

Student Teacher Returns To Tech

by Tony Bishop
FFA Reporter
Anthony Tidbetter of Lubbock, has been student Vocational Agriculture teacher at Wilson High School for the past eight weeks. Dec. 14 was his last day of teaching as he returns to his studies at Tech. Tidbetter will graduate in May, and hopes to teach. As an alternative to this goal, he may return to his home of Albany, Tex. and go into the farm and ranch business.

Holly, Traditional To Christmas

Holly has long been considered the most sacred of Christmas greens; and the red berries are said to represent the blood of Jesus.
"Of all the trees that are in the wood, only the holly bears the crown!"
A display of holly was long a sign of Christian worship.
Folklore has it that holly in the window will keep evil spirits away from the house, and holly at a maiden's bedside, on Christmas Eve, will protect her from goblins!

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: For thereby some have entertained angels unawares. -- Hebrews 13:2

the Medieval ceremony of the 'royal peacock'

An elegant meat dish served in royal houses during Medieval times at Christmas, was the roast peacock. This dish was called "food for lovers and meat for lords."
A royal dish it was, too. The cooks carefully removed the skin with all its brilliant plumage. After it had been baked and partly cooked, the feathers were replaced and the tail spread out, just before the bearer entered the hall.



This was never a servant; it was the most distinguished or most charming lady present... followed by the ladies of the court, and accompanied by players of the lute, viol or cithern.

Altered Meaning
The meaning of "Merry Christmas" has changed somewhat over the years. Originally, "merry" meant "blessed, peaceful, pleasant."

Greetings
Silent night
May your Holiday Season be filled with every Happiness
KUSS ELECTRIC

A Joyous Christmas



A Star of wonder shone in the heavens, and Wise Men from the East came to worship a newborn King. May this spirit of reverence and rejoicing spread its wonder throughout your daily lives. Merry Christmas to all our friends and cherished patrons.

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To all our friends and patrons we wish the Merriest Christmas ever. Your loyal support has been deeply gratifying. Have a happy holiday.
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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I want a walking doll and a doll that has long hair please wish the whole world a happy MERRY Christmas and a joyful NEW Year.

Yours Truly
Angie Martinez

Dear Santa,
I am 2 years old and I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a red tricycle and a GI Joe. I would like some candy in my stocking. Please remem-

ber my brother, Scottie, too.
Love,
Bradley Moore,

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and have been good this year. Please bring me a gold bicycle and a GI Joe, and his helicopter. Please leave some candy in my stocking. My little brother is 2 years old and he wants a trike and a GI Joe too.
Love,
Scott Moore

Santa's Home
North Pole
Artie Circle
Dear Santa,
Everyone knows that you are real but won't admit it. Being 16 years old and still claiming to believe in you is very hard on a person, especially if it's a fragile thing like me. Even yesterday a boy was bothering me and I cried all day. The terrible, bloody face he had after I hit him was so disturbing. And do you know why he is bothering me? It was because someone told him I still believed there is a real Santa Claus.

That should tell you what I want for Christmas. I want everyone to believe in you. It would make life so much easier. Also, I would like for a few people to join my Easter Bunny fan club. I'm the only one over 8 years old in it. Our club house is so run-down that we meet just once a month to let it rest while we're not there. Would you speak to the Tooth Fairy about that tooth of mine that is about to come out. I wouldn't want her to miss a single tooth. If you would see about these things I would be eternally grateful. I will make sure that I send you a thank-you note.

Will always believe,
Gertrude Shagnasty,

Santa Claus
1023 North Drive
Presents, North Pole 10152
Dear Santa,
Would you bring me a dress that changes colors like an artificial Christmas tree with a colored light shining on it? I want this, please, because I am going to the Slaton Santa Ball Club Party. I would also like to wear with my dress a pair of glitter lace-up boots. Please bring them, also.
Love,
Alias Me

Santa Claus
North Pole Ave.
North Pole 67013
Dear Santa:
I would like a little island in a place where it would be warm all year around. I would like a big pan am 747 airplane, so I can go back and forth to my island. I would also like some smart pills, so when I am asked a very difficult question I can answer it quickly. The last thing I would like to have is a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Yours truly,
Robert

Dear Santa,
I sure hope your bags are full of goodies to bring to our house. When you come by be sure to leave a pair of coy boy (girl?) boots in my size. Of course I wouldn't ask just for myself. My oldest sister would like a few eligible bachelors between 28 & 35 to come her way. My other sister would like any thing you have left over. Blond, brunette or anything else as long as he's over 5 foot 8. We'll leave cookies and milk by the tree for you.
Love,
Deliah Abergastine
P. S. How bout a good looking cowboy to go with my cowboy boots.

Mr. Santa Claus
4360 North Pole Lane
North Pole, U.S.A. 00001
Dear Santa Claus

How are you and the Mrs.? Fine, I hope. To get to the point, I want a whole shipload of different 8th grade boys here in Slaton, and a special one for me. That bunch of boy dolls you sent last year weren't what you sent last year weren't what I asked for. That's why I had to send them back. A new 1972 car is something else I need. I want a real car, not a play one like you sent me last year. The five dollars you sent me last year didn't last long, like would like to have more, like 10,000 dollars. And Santa Claus, I've been a good little girl this year.
Love,
Demetra

Santa's Manufacturing Company Inc.
Holiday Avenue
North Pole, U.S.A.
Dear Santa:

I know that it's a regular mad house around the workshop, and that you're very busy and don't have much time, so I will make my letter brief and to the point. I'm not a greedy person so I only want a few simple gifts. I would like a blue and white Cutlass Supreme (with a driver's license), new bedroom furniture shag-carpet, a stereo, color television, trampoline, a dozen new dresses, contact lens, a tandem bicycle, and two new batons. Since this isn't very much, you can just bring me plenty of cold hard cash.
Thanks in advance for the gifts that you're bringing me.
Sincerely yours,
Susan Hendrix
P. S. You and the Mrs. have a nice Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and hot wheels picture maker. Have a happy New Year and a Merry Christmas.
John Clinton Grantham

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some granny boots, a see it bake it oven, a doll, dishes, and a new house coats. I have been a good girl this year.
Love,
Cheryl Ferguson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some boots, football suit, guns, screaming demon and cars
Love,
Jeffrey

Dear Santa
I would like a head-to-toe Daun and a Barbi picture maker. Have a happy New Year and a Merry Christmas.
Cinda Grantham

Dear Santa,
I am in the First Grade. I would like eleteric football set GI Joe football suit.
Love Jeff

Dear Santa
I am in the First Grade. I would like Barbie doll.
Annette

Dear Santa,
I am going to be sweet I want a doll, Kent wants a ball.
I Love You.
Noel
Age-Almost 4

PEACE



With deep sincerity, we send Christmas greetings and best wishes to all.

SLATON
STEAM
LAUNDRY

Little Prayer... be on your way Bless all our friends on Christmas Day



Southland News

BY TOMMIE WILKE



MERRY CHRISTMAS everybody. I am wishing for each of you a Most Blessed Holiday Season. Hope Santa is good to you and that everyone in your family is well and happy. Don't eat too much bird and dressing and fruit salad, because you know what it will do to you! In our list of the Southland-ites that now reside in the Slaton Rest Home, we left out a grand little lady, Mrs. Susie Bradshaw.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of E. L. Anderson who passed from this life at 11:50 a.m. last Wednesday morning after a long illness. His memorial services were held on Friday morning.

FUN-LOVING KING RESTORES TREE TO YULE STATUS

Ironically it was the "merry monarch," Charles II, that much-maligned king of England, whose licentious adventures were the scandal of 17th century Europe who actually caused the Christmas tree's return into English life.

It is said that the Roundheads, who beheaded his father Charles I, had banished the tree as part of the Devil's work, but on Cromwell's demise and the return of the royalists, the fun-loving monarch restored this picturesque custom, much to the joy of the English-speaking world.

at the Southland Methodist Church with burial in the Southland Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Norma Eckert of Southland, a son, James Edward of Amarillo, two brothers, two sisters, 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. May God comfort this family in their sorrow.

Carl Wartes was taken to the Post Hospital last Thursday morning and after tests were made, they found that he has double pneumonia and intestinal flu. He was a pretty sick fellow, but is feeling some better now.

Our deepest sympathies go to Mrs. P. W. Crawford whose uncle, J. E. Slater, of Celeste, Tex., passed away last Tuesday. May God comfort her with the knowledge of His love.

Clarence Taylor, son of Mrs. Alpha Taylor, isn't feeling too well these days and it would probably cheer him up a bit if some of you would drop him a card. His address is as follows: 2320 Franklin -- Nederland, Texas 77627.

DONAHOS VISIT
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wayne Donahoe and children from Ramona, Calif., are expected to arrive in the Southland community for the Christmas Holidays one day this week.

There are quite a few homes in Southland all decorated up for the Holiday! Sure do look pretty.

VISITORS COMING
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dunn are expecting their two sons, Jackie of Phoenix, Ariz., and E. L. of Dallas, home for Christmas about the 27th. of December.

Marie Nelson spent several days in the Post Hospital last

week.
PENNELL NE
Mr. and Mrs. B. recently attended the mas Party of the Galavan Club which was Shallowater Press. They were very surprised they were presented mas Money Tree.

Mrs. Opal Pennell along real good atious accident and is very good news to and friends.

Recent visitors to Pennell home were Lois McNeely, Mrs. wert, Mrs. John L. F. W. Callaway, M. Howard of Slaton, Mrs. C. T. Jordan, Mrs. Harvey Louis Heath from Plainree, Mrs. Jerry Pennell of Lubbock, Don H. Havis and Mrs. J. Donald Pennell who his birthday on Sun

"The Priceless Christmas is with of all. The rich, the young and old, the small, to take less Gift of Love, re You Receive, And ment that God asks You Believe!" CHRISTMAS!

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Greetings FOR Christmas

Special delivery!
It's a friendly message brimming with the best of holiday cheer. We hope this Christmas is the merriest and happiest for you and all your loved ones.

BROWNING
and MARRIOTT

Have a merry season full of love.

Serving you is a joy for us!

Anthony's
C. R. ANTHONY CO.

I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS...

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
and wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!
I thought how, as the day had come
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!
And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!
The wrong shall fail
The right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!"
HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW, 1807-1882

HOLY NIGHT



May we remember the real meaning of Christmas... God's love for

PEMBER AGENCY
Insurance



WATCHING! These kindergarten youngsters performed Friday night with a program for the VFW Children's Christmas party.

BELLS HAVE SPECIAL MAGIC AT CHRISTMAS

People consider almost living bells were dedicated hung and the was almost like a During the ceremonies were offered sound of the bell

might summon the faithful, stimulate devotion, drive away storms and banish evil spirits. One document of days long ago comments: "in those dark chambers, high above the turmoil and strife of human life, dwelt the

apostles of peace, whose salutations were never so welcome as at the time of the great Winter feasts of Christmas."

The novelist Victor Hugo calls the ringing of the bells "the opera of the Steeples."

Bells come in all shapes and sizes. Their moods span the ages . . . from the rattle of the African chieftain to the sweet-toned church bells.

Bells were originated according to legend by Bishop Paulinus, in Nola, in Campania, in the fifth century.

From his town and district are derived the name Campanula, the Latin for bell.

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: For thereby some have entertained angels unawares.
— Hebrews 13:2



Chester Williams Insurance Agency



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Home is where hearts are . . . especially during Christmas. Our hope is that every home is filled with the warmth of the true Christmas spirit. Many thanks to everyone.

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CALENDAR

DECEMBER 23
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Mrs. E. A. Kercheval
W. Q. Donley
Raymond Lindsey
Lance Mundkowski

DECEMBER 24
Mrs. Claud Townsend
Mrs. L. T. Kinser
Lloyd Jeffreys
Mrs. John E. Martin
Lonnie Clark King
Ernie Davis
Jean Basinger
Mrs. Billy Mayo

DECEMBER 25
Otho Dee Dillard
Mrs. Louis Mosser
Jimmy Jeffreys
Miles Beard
Mrs. C. E. Hogue
Michael Craig Brown
Hallet Johnson
Mrs. Joe Heinrich
Donald Kitten
Tracy Howell
J. S. Edwards, Jr.
Maria Teresa Melcher
Kenneth Burnett

DECEMBER 26
Jeffie Johnson
Mrs. Junior Becker
Mrs. Jim Sain
C. E. McCoy
Herman Schilling
Deborah Hunter
C. V. Lipps
Ronald Ratliff
Glenna Smith
Raymond Gonzales
Sandy Blevins

DECEMBER 27
Noel Lee Dickson
E. J. Kahlich
Mrs. Norbert Kitten
Mrs. E. E. Williams
Mrs. Earl Reasoner
Velma Jenkins
Debra Diane Montgomery
Billie Sherre Pointer
Joe Date McCallister
Mrs. John B. Walker

DECEMBER 28
Mrs. Alton Kenney
Mrs. Leon Kenney
Bernard Kitten
Mrs. Jack Clark
Joe Loke
W. W. Rodgers
Leslie Brown
Mrs. J. S. Hampton
Jo Ann Maynard
Mary Bonds
Scott Beard
C. M. Wheeler

DECEMBER 29
C. L. Kitchens
Marian Townsend
Byron Jay Weir
Tyra Biggs
Marsha Holloman
Billy Jack Haire
John R. Morris
Julie Hall

Ancient Shades
Wearing sunglasses may be considered very "in" today, but the Chinese wore tinted lenses 14 centuries ago to protect their eyes from the bright sun.



"I'D RATHER HAVE A DOLLY, SANTA!" Children received stockings full of fruit and nuts Friday night at the annual VFW Veterans Children Christmas Party. This young lady was a bit shy about accepting her gift. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

Use Natural Materials For Merry Christmas

Christmas decorations don't have to be all tinsel and glitter, according to an article in the December issue of "Texas Parks & Wildlife" magazine.

With many of the natural materials at hand, you can enjoy an old-fashioned holiday and it won't cost you much. You can make your own decorations, and "the results will speak highly of your creativity, patience and regard for Christmas," according to David Baxter, author of the article. "Gather Nature's Gifts."

"For centuries," said Baxter, "natural decorations made of holly, mistletoe, pine cones and colored leaves have been used at Christmas. Dried flowers and plants such as broomweed, yucca, milkweed pods and purple thistles are used at Christmastime in the Southwest."

Some of the natural decorations could double as gifts for wildlife. Bird feeder wreaths are one suggestion.

All you need to make a bird feeder wreath is clusters of milo, bunches of red pyracantha berries, dried water lily pods, pine cones, suet, wild birdseed, an eight-inch heavy wire frame, a ribbon and a spool of light florist wire.

The suet is melted and the birdseed is added to the fat. The mixture is then cooled and then stuffed into acorn cups, open pods or pine cones. The milo spikes are wired securely to the

frame. Then the pine cones, seed pods, berries and leaves are secured to the frame in an artistic manner.

Here are other suggestions: —Decorate your tree with stars made from milkweed pods.

—Use nuts for various decorations.

—Wrap homemade gifts in your own design, using the outline of pressed leaves and spray paint.

—Make bird feeders from materials at hand.

Right after Christmas is a good time to plant trees. Dig a hole for the ex-Christmas tree and mix subsoil with an equal amount of humus. Water the tree well and mulch with leaves.

Hometown Paper Is Fast Friend

Mrs. F. W. Lueck brought in the following article by Edgar A. Guest that expresses her feelings about her hometown paper:

"It's like a smiling, friendly face; It's like a voice you long have known, You see it in some distant place And rush to claim it for your own.

The paper from your old home town Has bridged the long and dreary miles, And with it you can settle down Among familiar tears and smiles.

It speaks of every friend you know, It tells of scenes you yearn to see; It brings back yours of long ago And tells of joys that are to be.

By Any Name, Santa Always Pleases Children

When what's-his-name arrives in town, everyone is glad to see him.

Who's that again? Oh, Santa Claus, of course. Or he could be—depending on where he is—St. Nick, Pere Noel, Father Christmas, St. Nicholas, Kris Kringle.

Washington Irving called him Father Knickerbocker. To Russians, he's Grandfather Frost.

This magical man of many names not only brings gifts,

it's speech is one you understand It tells of grief that you can share; It brings you, in that distant land, Glad messages to banish care.

There, among scenes and faces strange, The old home paper seems to be The faithful friend that doesn't change, A friend that you are glad to see.

he also has a lot of special gifts and powers, according to the lore of Christmas.

Santa inherits his powers from St. Nicholas, a fourth-century bishop.

Consequently, he's said to

be gifted at guarding the fortunes of children, merchants and sailors. He takes a special interest in helping single girls find husbands, and the earliest pawnbrokers called him their patron.



Rejoice and be merry in song and mirth! O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on earth! For this is the birthday of Jesus our King, who brought us salvation, His praises we'll sing!
Anonymous

For Sale
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Choice Lots & Building Sites FOR SALE
See M. G. Davis
SLATON LUMBER



"God Bless America" December 25th

To Our Friends:
The Holiday Season is here and we pause to extend greetings and express our appreciation for your friendship and good will.
In the search for the true meaning of this happy time we find that to be at peace with oneself and to have a friendly relationship with others is what we wish for all our friends.
Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men.
Let us all strive to make these treasures a reality to fulfill the destiny of America and all mankind.
We hope that your Holiday Season will be Joyous and Happy, and that the New Year will bring Health and Prosperity to you and yours.

With sincere best wishes,
FROM THE STAFF
Norene Behlen Frances Hodge Lydia Valderaz
Winnie Vaughn, owner

Cinderella's Beauty and Health Center and Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio
215 South 4th St. 828-3516



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Families and friends, young and old, come together during this season to rejoice at His birth. We join together to offer thanks!

SLATON IMPLEMENT



VFW CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY--Mrs. Louise Corson and Santa Claus wait expectantly for this young lady to decide what she wants Santa to leave at her house.

WORDS TO LIVE BY...

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.
Benjamin Franklin

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas time, when its mighty founder was a child, Himself.
Charles Dickens

Heap on more wood! The wind is chill. But let it whistle as it will, we'll keep our Christmas merry still.
Sir Walter Scott

A medley of wishes are coming your way . . . to add to your collection on Christmas Day. Thank you for your loyal patronage.

SLATON FARM STORE

NEWS OF AREA MEN IN SERVICE

Jones Home From Germany

Spec./5 Andrew Jones returned home last Tuesday after one year of service with the Army in Germany. He will be at home in Slaton with his wife Ruthie and daughter, Serena, until Jan. 8, when he returns to Germany for another year.

They will be visiting in the homes of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde King, and his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Haynes all of Slaton.

Jones saw his six months old daughter for the first time Tuesday when he returned home.



ANDREW JONES

Gary Davis

S.Sgt. Gary L. Davis, son of Mrs. C. L. Davis of Slaton, along with a group of 23rd Air Division enlisted personnel were recent visitors to Ent AFB, Colo., to participate in orientation briefings and visit local military installations.

The members were the second group to visit Aerospace Defense Command headquarters, under the command's new career incentive program known as "Project Open Door." The program permits selected people to visit ADC headquarters for the purpose of better acquainting them with the Air Force and the command.

All ADC members are eligible to participate in "Project Open Door," however, priority will normally be given to enlisted persons serving at radar squadrons who, by virtue of experience and assignment, have been limited in their exposure to the rest of the command and the Air Force in general.

Sgt. Davis is stationed at Volk Field, Wis.

Olen Wallace At Kelly AFB

SAN ANTONIO -- Airman First Class Olen D. Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Wallace, 1502 E. 16th St., Lubbock, Tex., has arrived for duty at Kelly AFB, Tex.

Airman Wallace, a communications specialist, is assigned to a unit of the U.S. Air Force Security Service. He previously served at Osan AB, Republic of Korea.

The airman is a 1969 graduate of Dunbar High School. His wife, Georgia, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George U. Smith, Slaton, Tex.

Renew At District Office Farm User Permits, LPG. Decals Expire Dec. 31, 1971

A representative of Robert S. Calvert, Comptroller of Public Accounts, will be at Lubbock District Office from Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, for the purpose of renewing Special Farm User permits, and issuing 1972 decals for LPG operated licensed vehicles. The current decals expire on December 31, 1971.

Renewal notices have been mailed to those who currently hold a 1971 decal, and these notices should be taken to the meeting place, and as before, it will be necessary to bring the vehicle. The decals will cost \$60.00 each, and must be placed on the vehicle by the representative.

All farmers and ranchers that have vehicles that are LPG operated should purchase their 1972 decals as soon as possible, preferably on one of the dates listed above, in order to avoid the penalties as prescribed by law.

Anyone unable to meet the above schedule may purchase a 1972 LPG decal from the

Lubbock District Office Located at 2424 34th Street, Lubbock, Texas.

Origin of Carols

In 1859, Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., an Episcopal rector, composed the words and music for "We Three Kings of Bethlehem Are."

"O, Little Town of Bethlehem" was inspired by a trip to the Holy Land. It was composed in 1868 by Phillip Brooks, an Episcopal minister. The music was written by Lewis H. Redner, organist of Brooks' church.

It is curious that one of the best-known carols, Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol", written in 1843, is to be read, not sung.



CHRISTMAS

The essence of the Christmas spirit words: Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward All Men. Around this simple premise, Christian Christian may join and make this season united purpose. Peace and Goodwill our hopes and aspirations for all of the world.

Hopefully, the recent beginnings toward our troubled world will be recorded in actions which led to an end of the shooting beginning of accord.

As for Goodwill, the divisiveness of the campaign and the civil disorders of the past have not brought us together. All must seek workable alternatives which preserve dignity of man and recognize that the path of right and wrong cannot be ignored.

Mutual tolerance and understanding are mankind's greatest Christmas gift to itself.

Religious Cards Take Lead In Popularity

"Sorry, we don't have any more Christmas cards, only some religious ones."

These words, supposedly spoken by a saleswoman to a last-minute shopper for greeting cards a good many years ago, wouldn't be meaningful now.

During recent Yule seasons, greetings with a religious

message have led to popularity. The idea that any for cards wants show only the car of Christmas was funny, and now isn't true.

Mer
Christm
The Steak



CUB SCOUT PACK 123, Den 2, dance around Frosty the Snowman Thursday night at their monthly pack meeting and Christmas party.

Intangible Gifts Are Bringing Best Blessings, in Abundance

Among the treasures and pleasures of Christmas, gifts loom large—as all who greet the Yuletide as a season of laughter and a time to be glad of heart well know.

Tangible gifts, large and small, have their place in the holiday scheme of things. They're the outgoing expression of the generous Christmas spirit.

It's the intangible gifts, though, that seem to shine most radiantly. Christmas after Christmas.

Blessed indeed is the Christmas that brings an abundance of such gifts!

NOEL

Joy To All at Christmas!

HANDY HUT GROCERY

Best Wishes

OUR THANKS AND BEST WISHES OF THE SEASON GO TO OUR MANY LOYAL AND FRIENDLY PATRONS. MAY THE COMING YEAR BE ONE OF GREAT JOY FOR YOU AND FOR YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY.

Eblen Pharmacy
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Merry
Christmas
from
KCAS

6 a.m. to Sundown



ST. JOSEPH'S TEAM---Pictured above is the girls' basketball team from St. Joseph's School with its coach, Oscar Henderson. Left to right are, Mary Bukkemper, Deana Wimmer, Diana Wimmer, Loretta Wolf, Clarice Schwertner, Dwana Mosser, Henderson, Dana Wendel, Jan Loke, Debbie Heinrich, Mary Melcher, Phyllis Heinrich, Margie Denzer, and Mary Denzer. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

Yule Lives In Legend And Lore

Twinkling on trees, glowing from windows, glittering everywhere, Christmas lights reflect, today, the candles of an earlier time.

A candle in the window can light the Christ Child on his way, says Irish legend.

Nativity scenes in homes and churches depict the animals of the Manger—and on Christmas Eve, the cattle, the sheep and all the animals present at the Nativity are given the gift of speech.

So says the lore of Christmas.

Blossoming on the holiday scene, greens and flowers spread their beauty and fragrance, reminding all of the living wonder of Christmas.

In legend, all flowers bloom at midnight on Christmas Eve, just as they did more than 2,000 years ago.

The legend and lore of Christmas expresses the simple faith that lies at the heart of this happy, holy time.

Some of the most delightful of legends are told in carols.

From France comes the "Carol of the Birds." Its words recount how the birds flew to Bethlehem to behold the Christ Child. Each bird, as it flew, sang a special song of praise and rejoicing.



TROPHIES WON---St. Joseph's two basketball teams won trophies in the Fluvanna Tournament. The boys won a first place trophy which David Flores is holding and the girls won the second place trophy which Dwana Mosser is holding. Coach Oscar Henderson is also pictured. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

Loved Carols Ring Out Everywhere

"It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old."

"Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright." "Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant."

Throughout Christendom, the words of these well-loved carols are familiar even to little children, and they'll be heard this Christmas wherever carolers get together.

"Joy to the World" was written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), English hymnist.

Watts, who is known as the creator of the modern hymn, wrote nearly 600 hymns. Many of these still appear in Protestant hymnals, says the Encyclopedia Americana.

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" is the work of Edmund H. Sears, a Unitarian minister in Massachusetts, more than a century ago.

Perhaps the most famous of Christmas carols, "Silent Night" was first sung on Christmas Eve, 1818, to guitar music.

Mice in the bellows had silenced the organ of a tiny Austrian church. Father Joseph Mohr met the challenge by writing "Silent Night." His organist composed a melody for guitar.

Father Mohr's inspiration—aside from the mice—was the

vast, still beauty of the snowy mountains around the village.

"Oh come, all ye faithful" is translated from the Latin, "Adeste Fidelis," and its exact beginnings are shrouded in the mists of time.

'Greetings' Say It's Christmas

All the merriment, all the magic, all the glory of Christmas comes now to the people of this community, like a wonderful package of gifts they can share and enjoy. The wrappings on the package glow with brightest promise—joyful music in the air, gleaming lights and gaily decorations, fun and festivity, trees and greens and all the trimmings for a Christmas just brimming over with the good things and glad times that the season inspires.

Now that the long-awaited moment has arrived, what does this community Christmas package hold? The tag gives a clue. It reads, "Greetings, good will and good wishes—Merry Christmas!"

In the community, in the home, in business and social relations, the true spirit of Christmas begins and grows from greetings.

The greetings may be—as evidenced by this special Christmas Greetings Edition—an expression of good will and gratitude from business people of the community, who are sincere in their desire to impart special appreciation of their patrons' confidence and trust.

But whether it's a cheery "Merry Christmas" to a new acquaintance, a warm exchange of season's best wishes with an old friend or still deeper exchange of felicitations with a loved one, the holiday greeting embodies the guiding spirit of "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Enchanting as they are, gifts, parties and other such gaieties are but the outer wrappings of the holiday package that means Christmas, with its message of fellowship, friendship and love.

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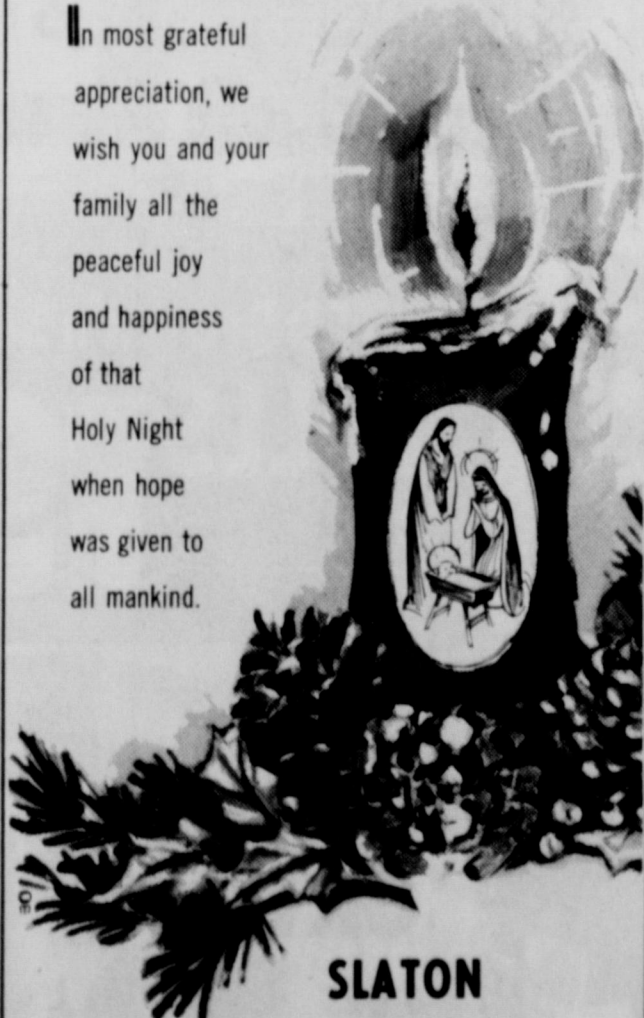
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our own special Holiday prescription of peace, contentment, happiness and the joy of our associations with loved ones and friends. You have been liberal with your consideration of our firm and we are truly grateful. Merry Christmas!

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GREETINGS

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There's a "Carol of the Flowers," too. Summoned to the presence of the newborn King, every flower blossomed, and each blossom was a symbol of the Little One's virtues.

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"I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing" tells of ships crossing the sea on Christmas morn, bearing Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

LAW AGAINST CHRISTMAS

"Whoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas and the like, either by forbearing labor, feasting, or any other way upon such account as aforesaid, every such person so offending shall pay for each offense five shillings as a fine to the country."

Law passed by the Pilgrims in 1659.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Rites Held For E.L. Anderson

E. L. Anderson, 79, former Lubbock resident, died Wednesday morning in Slaton's Mercy Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the First United Methodist Church of Southland with Rev. Charles Hastings of Lubbock officiating. Burial was in Southland Cemetery under the direction of Englands.

A resident of Southland for 13 years, he moved from Lubbock in 1959. He is survived by his wife; a son, James Edward of Amarillo; a daughter, Mrs. Norma Eckert of Southland; two brothers, Buford of Mineral Wells and Jack of Fort Worth; two sisters, Mrs. Eunice Black of Odessa and Mrs. Lola Brimberry of Abilene; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Tahoka Rites Held For Infants

Graveside services for Thomas Greory Carter, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Don Carter of Amarillo, were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Green Memorial Park at Wilson.

Kenneth Burnett, a Church of Christ minister of Slaton, officiated.

The child was stillborn about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

Beside his parents, the baby is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. K.A. Carter of 2301 46th St., Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Gatzki of Wilson; and his great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carter of Greenville and Mrs. Dave Gregg of Meadow.

William S. Gage Rites Sunday

William S. Gage, 65, brother of Mrs. Mary Newell of Roosevelt, died about 1:30 a.m. Saturday in Medical Arts Hospital in Littlefield after a week's illness.

A native of Arkansas, he lived in Littlefield for 19 years and was a cotton ginner.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Hammons Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jimmy McGuire of Lubbock, officiating. Burial was in Littlefield Memorial Park.

Survivors include his wife, Iva; two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Garnett of West Monroe, La., and Mrs. Marelyn Clover of Sudan; two sons, Lilly of Lubbock and Weldon of Littlefield; his mother, Mrs. Alice Gage of Levelland; four other sisters, Mrs. Dovie Cox and Mrs. Bonnie Eslinger, both of Whitharral, Mrs. Mildred Ratliff of Levelland, Mrs. Telsa Gibson of Barling, Ark., two brothers, Jack and Everett, both of Whitharral; and eight grandchildren.

Plea Issued For Motorists To Reduce Holiday Accidents

Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, today issued a plea for Texas motorists to join law enforcement officials in a conscious effort to reduce holiday traffic accidents.

Speir said the DPS expects almost 100 traffic fatalities in Texas during the Christmas-New Year holiday season. He estimates that 52 persons will be killed during the Christmas period from 6 p.m. Thursday, December 23 through midnight Sunday, December 26. An additional 46 deaths are expected during the New Year holiday which begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 30 and ends at midnight Monday, January 2.

Home Safety Stressed For Care-Free Holidays

Accidents never take a holiday - not even at Christmas. Check lighting strings for loose connections, broken sockets and frayed insulation. Replace lighting sets with UL-labeled equipment. Bulbs made in the United States are usually safest as some imported bulbs may have dangerous hot spots. Outdoor lighting should be UL-approved for outdoor use. Reese emphasizes to always turn off all decorative indoor lighting when you leave the house or retire for the night.

Use noncombustible materials - metal, glass and asbestos - for decorations wherever possible. Cotton batting, flock and decorating paper should be flame proofed. Keep natural evergreen decorations away from candles, the fireplace and other heat sources. Don't use polystyrene foam candle holders or polystyrene decorations near lighted candles.

Remove combustible gift wrappings as soon as possible and place them in a covered metal trash can.

Finally, never leave children alone or without proper supervision.

Be especially careful to keep matches and cigarette lighters out of their reach during the holiday period when your home contains more "fire hazards" than usual.

Have a family escape plan for use in case fire does strike and be sure doorways and stairs are not blocked by the tree or other holiday decorations.

The DPS director cited statistics which show that last year, December led all other months for fatal traffic accidents in Texas. He said deaths for the 1970 Christmas weekend were 14 per cent higher than the average three day weekend period, with those for the New Year holidays running 51 per cent above average. Deaths for all four major holiday weekends in Texas last year were 26 per cent higher than the average of all other comparable weekend periods.

In an effort to reduce the expected toll, Speir said the Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement officers will be out in force during the holidays, and will be paying special attention to hazardous violations such as speeding and driving while intoxicated.

Also, in cooperation with local agencies and the news media of Texas, the DPS will conduct its "Operation Motorcade" during both the Christmas and New Year holidays. Special tabulations on fatal accidents will be prepared and issued three times daily in an effort to focus maximum public attention on the accident and traffic problem.

Blue, black and green inks are used in printing a U.S. one dollar bill.

Rev. V.F. Love Rites Held For Former Pastor

Services for the Rev. V. F. Love, 59, pastor of the Southside Assembly of God Church in Lubbock were conducted Friday at that church. Love was the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Britt of Slaton.

Officiating at the service was Rev. D. E. Buchanan, assistant pastor of the church and the Rev. Haskell H. Rogers, and Rev. Charles J. Eastes, officials of the West Texas District Council of the Assemblies of God.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

The minister was deaconized at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital about 8:15 p.m. Wednesday after suffering an apparent heart attack at his home at 1103 83rd St.

Rev. Love, who had been a Lubbock resident 10 years, pastored churches throughout the West Texas area since he was 10.

Born in Jack County, he moved to Floyd County at the age of 6. He was married to the former Miss Edna Martin in 1934 in Childress.

He served as pastor of churches at Tatum, N.M., Wheeler, Iraan, Memphis, Colorado City, Wellington and Slaton.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Shirley



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SUNDAY'S SERMON

Christmas
Christmas comes but once a year and now that time is here. We call it the season of peace and joy. Many of us try in our own way to find this meaning and to make it a part of our observance.

The search is most successful in the final hours of preparation and with the dawning of the holiday. We give to others. We show love and affection for family and for friends. We are less concerned with self.

We are most successful if Christmas includes a visit to God's House. Here, in the presence of friends and neighbors, we join together as one, a unity of voices and hearts keyed to the message of love and hope that is the eternal story of Christmas.

"Gin" as used in Cotton Gins is an abbreviation for engine.

CARDS OF THANKS

Our Thanks to the fine people in Slaton for all courtesies shown us in the loss of my father, T. E. Hildebrand, May God bless each of you.

BARBARA AND EDJIE DAVIS AND FAMILY

WE WISH to thank each and every one for every deed of kindness, for the flowers and the food in the loss of our father, T. E. Hildebrand.

MRS. C. E. HOCUE
MRS. HOWARD HELLEN
MRS. FREIDA OSGOOD

I WANT to express sincere thanks to all my many friends for their visits, cards, flowers and food, and everything that was done for me during my illness. God love you.

MRS. S. H. VERKAMP

A special thanks to the hosts for the Christmas Tour of Homes, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Self, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. August Kitten, Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Hoffman, and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Meeks, and to all the ladies who assisted in the house parties.

Mrs. Leon Vaughn, chairman
Mrs. Bob Hopper, co-chairman
Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce

Heavy Statistic
Seventy percent of the people of the United States live in two percent of the total land area of the country.

Service Guild Party Held

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the First United Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. Douglas Wilson. Mrs. C. E. Smith served as co-hostess. Miss Gertrude King presided for the business session and presented the program, "I Give You Something To Make You Nice". Also taking part in the program were Mmes. Theo Conner, Clarice Layne, and Opal Rose.

Gifts were exchanged. A salad plate was served to Mmes. Leon Vaughn, R.H. White, Wilson Smith, Layne, Rose, Conner, Miss King, and two guests, Mrs. Vera Drewery and Miss Lillian Nightingale of High River, Alberta, Canada.



Christmas Greetings

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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

—John. III, 16

We come again to the season of Christmas and all mankind again is reminded that on a night long ago a child was born in Bethlehem. The angels sang. The shepherds came. And Wise men followed a magic star to a lonely stable. Since that time the tradition and trappings associated with Christmas have not changed this great, basic story of truth . . . that God so loved the world, he gave his only begotten Son.

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