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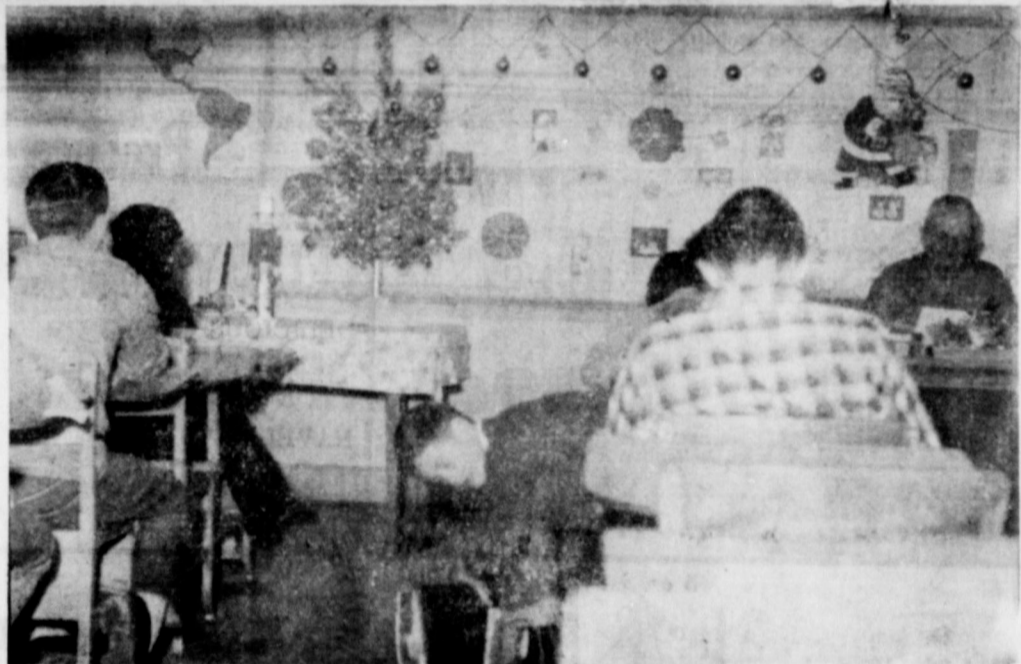
TWO LITTLE CHRISTMAS ANGELS READY FOR BED. The picture above depicts the true meaning of Christmas as Mrs. Clinton Green

tells the Christmas story to daughters, Debbie, 5 years old and Donna, 2 years old.



CHRISTMAS DAY WILL ALWAYS BE EXTRA SPECIAL to the Gene Browns above for on Christmas Day their lovely daughter Kathy (seated next to her father) will celebrate her thirteenth birthday. And what better way can

anyone observe Christmas than by celebrating their birthday on the same day Christ was born. Dicky, age 3, (seated next to Kathy) isn't interested in birthdays, only in seeing what's inside the brightly decorated package.



THE HOME ROOM OF C. E. Fox in the Junior High Department depicts a large Santa Claus and Christmas stocking at the front of the room which serves as a reminder to his pupils that

the Christmas holidays are near. The tree resting on a table in the far corner of the room is decorated with many beautiful multi-colored Christmas ornaments.



THEIR STOCKINGS WERE HUNG BY THE CHIMNEY WITH CARE in hopes that Saint Nicholas soon would be there. These precious little lads, Steve and Kelley Green, sons of Mr.

and Mrs. Bobby D. Green have hung their stockings and are anxiously waiting the arrival of Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. Steve is 2 1/2 years old and Kelley is 6 months old.



THE CITIZENS STATE BANK'S TREE OF DOLLS is being admired again this year by citizens of the Earth area as they enter the bank. These dolls, accumulated through the years by Mrs. W. R. Storkard are beautifully attired in lovely dresses created by Mrs. Storkard. More than 100 dolls are used each year by Mrs. Storkard in decorating the lovely Christmas tree near the entrance of the bank.



THE FOURTH GRADE ROOM of Mrs. Gladys Parish at Springlake Elementary School was among one of the very attractively decorated rooms, having wall decorations consisting of

wreaths, Christmas bells, reindeer and many other attractive designs. Also the beautiful Christmas tree which stands at the back of the room is very pleasing to the eye.

Santa Claus To Arrive In Earth Saturday Afternoon 4:00 p.m.

Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive in Earth at 4 p.m. Saturday, December 23.

He will be riding through Earth on the Fire Truck and will distribute treats to all the Kiddies.

The Earth Lions will meet at Paul's Super Market Friday night, December 22, at 6 p.m. to help with the sacking of candy which Santa will distribute to the children.

Candy will also be given to the Colored children at Springlake School.

Following Santa's arrival and distribution of candy to the children, baskets will be distributed to the needy.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to this worthy cause is asked to contact any Lion Club member or mail their donation to Earth Lions Club.

Earth Pump and Machine Team Squeezes Past Hereford 62 - 61

The Earth Pump and Machine basketball team played Hereford Monday night in a League game at the Springlake School Gym winning the game with a score of 62 to 61.

High point man was Carroll McDonald scoring 24 points. Jim Castleberry was second with 17 points.

Donnie Renfro was high point man for Hereford's team with a score of 24 points.

Earth Pump and Machine won their League game played with Bovina's outsiders, there Wednesday night, December 13, with a score of 96-59.

Carroll McDonald was high point man for the Earth team scoring 45 points. Jim Castleberry made 16 points.

Hawkins was high point man for Bovina with 24 points.

Earth Pump and Machine lost to Muleshoe outsiders recently, in a practice game, the score being 67-64.

McDonald was Earth's high point man with 27 points.

Gordon Wilson made 24 of Muleshoe scores.

Earths team also defeated Hereford in a recent game with a score of 77-73 in Earths favor.

The Springlake Wolverines lost to Earth Pump and Machine Friday night by 20 points, the game ending with a score of 91-71.

Carroll McDonald was again high point man for Earth, scoring 47 points. Jim Castleberry was second with 22 points.

Pat McCord became suddenly ill at his home Sunday night and was taken by ambulance to Methodist Hospital, Lubbock for tests and observation.

H. J. Gilmore was admitted to Greene Hospital-Clinic, Muleshoe, Saturday for medical treatment.

He was reported to be improved late Tuesday afternoon.

H. T. Ray was admitted to Littlefield Hospital-Clinic Friday afternoon.



Christmas is a time for remembrance at which we wish to greet friends with thanks in our hearts for the friendliness and cooperation received, and we seek to renew the trust which will serve, also, as the future basis of our business association. Merry Christmas to you and yours.

Services Held For James Duffy

James Duffy, 95, widely-known Texas and Oklahoma pioneer died Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in an Oklahoma City hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Mangum, Oklahoma.

Rosary was said at 8 p.m. Monday in Oklahoma City. Burial was in Mangum Cemetery under direction of Greer Funeral Home.

Duffy was chairman of the board of directors of the Amherst First National Bank and the Mangum First National Bank.

A son, C. A. Duffy, Sr., is president of the Amherst bank and another son, James T. Duffy, is president of the Mangum bank.

Duffy came to the United States in 1881 from Castleblaney, County Monaghan, Ireland. As a boy, he rode with trail herds from Texas to Kansas, and later worked as a West Texas cowboy.

He worked for several ranches including Frye Ranch, Mobeetie, Tex.; Turkey Trot Ranch, Hutchinson County; Laurel Leaf Ranch, Hemphill County; and Day Land and Cattle Company, Austin.

Duffy had been living in Oklahoma for the past several years.

Survivors, in addition to his two sons, include another son, B. A. Duffy, Abilene; a daughter, Mrs. James Burke, Oklahoma City; 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Larry Jarrett, Lockney, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Loftis were callers in the L. S. Griffin home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Walker and Kenny of Lubbock spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Glascock.

Junior Class Play Nets \$200 Thursday

The Juniors of Springlake High School presented their annual Junior play "The Ghosts Go West" in the school auditorium Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. before a crowd of approximately five or six hundred.

The play was under the direction of Mrs. John H. Lawrence.

Proceeds from the play netted the Junior class approximately \$200 which will be used by the class for various needs throughout the year.

Class sponsors are Mrs. John H. Lawrence and Danny Smith. Class parents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cowley and Mr. and Mrs. John Garrett.

Employees of Plant X Holds Annual Christmas Party

The employees of Southwestern Public Service Company at Plant X held their annual Christmas party Friday night, December 15 at the Sudan School Cafeteria with approximately 150 persons attending.

A Christmas dinner consisting of ham with all the trimmings was served.

Santa Claus was present and handed out gifts for all the children from a beautifully decorated tree.

The program consisted of group singing of Christmas songs.

A drawing was held and several nice door prizes were given.

The winners and their prizes were as follows: Mrs. Leon Foster, Earth, electric knife sharpener; Clinton Green, Earth, electric blanket; Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Hulcey, Earth, Scotch toaster and electric blanket; Mr. and Mrs. John Gatewood, Littlefield, Pole lamp and electric blanket; Jerry Roberts, Littlefield, electric kitchen clock; Lynn Mixon, Amherst, radio; Juan Perez of Littlefield, electric hand mixer; Troy Gilliland, Amherst, skill saw.

Those attending from Earth were Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McAlpine and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Hulcey and children, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Green, Debbie and Donna, Mrs. Leon Foster, Cheryl and David.

Mrs. Bud Elmore and Mrs. J. E. Elmore transacted business in Lubbock Thursday.

Mrs. Ilo Sanders, Springlake, underwent major surgery on Tuesday of last week in North West Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

She is reported to be doing as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Zou Wilson Honors Sister With Dinner

The home of Mrs. Zou Wilson was the scene of a Sunday dinner honoring her sister, Mrs. C. J. Montgomery of Houston.

A delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served to the honoree and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Wilson and family, Petersburg, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Haberer and children, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Barton, Mrs. Bonnie Green and Mrs. Dora Terry.

Large Crowd Attends Christmas Cantata At Springlake

A large crowd attended the Christmas Cantata "A Star In The Sky" at the First Baptist Church in Springlake Wednesday night, December 13.

The Cantata, under the direction of Ted Rowan, arranged and written by Bruce Carleton consisted of five soloists.

Soloists were Ed Jones, Bill Watson, James Washington, Gayle Jones and Betty Jo Watson.

A reception was held in Fellowship Hall immediately following the Cantata.

Refreshments of punch and cookies were served.

Youths Enjoy Christmas Caroling

Members of the Young Peoples and Intermediate Classes of the Earth First Baptist Church and the MYF of the First Methodist Church went Christmas Caroling Sunday night after the Cantata held at the Methodist Church.

Approximately twelve youths, caroling were accompanied by Jim Bottorff, Plainview, Baptist Youth director.

Baptist Church Has Lottie Moon Offering

The Earth First Baptist Church held their annual Lottie Moon offering at the close of church services Sunday with a total of \$1300 being collected.

The offering will be continued two Sundays and their goal of \$1800 is hoped to be reached by the end of the month.

Hal Hudson Named On All-Regional Team

Hal Hudson, senior at Springlake High School and Quarterback for the Wolverine Football Squad has been named on the Class A first All-Regional team, tying with Chuck Saul of Kress.

Due to the fine play of both boys both were named to the first team.

Hudson, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hudson of Earth, was also selected to the All-District team in both offensive and defensive.

Receiving honorable mention on the All-Regional team were Steve Holt and Dale Dent, for their fine play as tackles.

L. A. Glascock Honored On 79th Birthday December 12

L. A. Glascock was honored on his 79th birthday Tuesday, December 12 with a birthday dinner in his home.

A delicious dinner of chicken and dressing, with all the trimmings, was served.

The birthday cake iced in white and decorated in blue had the figure "79" in the center.

Those present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Glascock, Bazel Glascock and Mrs. Barney Glascock.

Family Party Held In Clayton Home

The home of Mr. and Ms. Wendell Clayton was the scene of a family Christmas party, Friday night, for members of her father's family.

The group enjoyed visiting and gifts were exchanged.

Refreshments of fruit cake, candy, coffee and Christmas punch were served.

Those enjoying the occasion included Mr. and Mrs. Luther Caraway, Amherst, Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Caraway, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Messer and boys all of Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sudderth, Bovina and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCutchan, Clovis, N. M.

Earth News - Sun Office To Be Closed Mornings Christmas Week

The Earth News-Sun office will be closed all day Saturday, December 23, and will remain closed until after noon on Tuesday, December 26.

The office will then be open in the afternoons only from Tuesday through Friday, December 29.

This is being done in order to give the News-Sun staff a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Middleton plan to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Oklahoma.

Among the college students arriving home last Friday to spend the Christmas holidays were Linda Kay and Bob Lawrence, Oklahoma Baptist University, Evelyn Clayton, ACC, Glenda Williamson, Polly Jean Middleton and Margaret Meadows, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene.

Earth First Baptist Church To Present Christmas Cantata

A Christmas Cantata "The Gift Supreme", under the direction of Jim Bottorff, Youth director, will be presented at 6 p.m. Sunday, December 24 at the Earth First Baptist Church.

The Cantata will consist of a duet, two Trios, one quartet and five solos.

Soloists will be Mrs. Jimmy Craft, Camilla Wheatley, Margaret Meadows, Mrs. Clarence Kelley and Mrs. Bobby D. Greer. The public is cordially invited to attend.



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FEEDERS GRAIN

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M. E. Kelley Home Scene of Lions Annual Christmas Party Monday

The home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kelley was the scene of the annual Christmas party for the Earth Lions Club, with approximately 45 persons in attendance, Monday night.

Jarvis Angeley who was principal narrator, presented each of the ladies with a gift on behalf of the Lions Club.

The program consisted of the Narration of "America at Christmas" with Mrs. Oletta Sanders, narrator, of the story with music by Donna Kay Rudd, Carolyn Kelley, Alicia Washington and Peggy Kelley, accompanied by Jill McCord at the piano.

The entryhall displayed a beautiful arrangement of white tapers and greenery accented with angel hair.

Red satin balls accented decorations throughout the house, the living room being decorated with gold, silver and red.

In the dining room the buffet was decorated with long tapers and flowers of deep purple entwined in Angel hair.

Refreshments of fruit cake, whipped cream, assorted nuts, candies, cheese sandwiches, pickles, coffee and punch were served from a table laid with handkerchief linen and white organdy, centered with an arrangement of silver and orchid flanked by greenery sprayed in white. Satin balls and carnations completed the arrangement.

Silver service and Crystal was used.

Special guests included Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sanders, Mrs. Dora Terry, Mrs. Minnie Pate, Mrs. Bonnie Haberer, Mr. and Mrs. Pete O'Hair, Donna Kay Rudd, Carolyn Kelley, Alicia Washington and Peggy Kelley.

Pupils of Mrs. George Laing Presented In Christmas Recital

A Christmas Recital was presented Monday night at the Earth First Baptist Church by piano pupils of Mrs. George Laing.

Pupils appearing on the program were Jane Holt, Kent Kelley, Jimma Banks, Jenna Banks, Butch Hamilton, Bryan Sanderson, Susie Adrian, David Holt, Connie Kelley, Jennifer Myers, Elizabeth Goode, Kathryn Ray, Jane Branscum, Kathryn West and Mrs. Laing.

Several Folk Songs and Carols were presented along with other numbers.

Mrs. Kelley Hostess To Town And Country Study Club

Mrs. M. E. Kelley was hostess to Town and Country Study Club Thursday night in her home.

Mrs. B. Campbell gave the Devotional.

Mrs. Gayle Littleton told a Christmas story, "The Cobblers Christmas."

Sharon Been sang two songs and led the group in a number of Christmas songs, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. J. L. Hinson. The entire house was decorated with beautiful Christmas arrangements.

Following a short business session refreshments of coffee, punch and assorted holiday cookies were served to the members and two guests, Mrs. Guy Kelley and Mrs. Pete O'Hair.

The next meeting will be held January 11, 1962, in the home of Mrs. Carra Morgan.

Mrs. Rena Williams, Amarillo, spent Sunday night and Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hooten.

NOTICE

The Earth Chamber of Commerce home lighting contest judges will judge all homes entered in the contest, Friday, December 22.

All entrants are asked to notify the Earth News-Sun office so that the judges will know which homes to go to.

Christmas Day, December 25th, the Nativity of Christ, is one of six days besides Sundays that all Catholics in USA worship at Holy Mass.

Earth Catholics will have their Christmas Day Holy Mass at 10:30 a.m. in the Earth Theatre here in Earth; A Midnight High Mass will be celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe. The general public is welcome.

Altrui Junior Study Club Has Christmas Party

The Altrui Junior Study Club met Thursday, December 15 at 8 p.m. at the Earth Community building with approximately 36 persons present.

This being the Clubs annual Christmas party, the members husbands were guests. Mr. and Mrs. Doug Parish were also guests.

A ham and salad supper was served from a table centered with a Christmas decoration playing "Jingle Bells."

Following the delicious meal, games of progressive 42 were played.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Lynn Glasscock, Mrs. Eugene Lee and Mrs. Carroll McDonald.

The next meeting will be January 11, 1962, with Mrs. V. J. Sigman as hostess, at which time the study will be on Mental Health.

88 Club Presents Pupils Of Mrs. Parish In Duo Recital

The 88 Club presented pupils of Mrs. Earl Parish in a Duo Recital at 7:30 pm. Monday, December 11, in the Auditorium of the First Baptist Church at Springlake.

Numbers and pupils presenting them were Brillilian, by Allyn Jones and Steve Sanderson; Black Tap Dance, by Debbie Martin and Gloria Stephens; All American Melody, by Becky Parish and Charles Kimbell; Gods Time is the Best time, by Donna Beth Street and Dalpha Banks; Promenade by Karen Jones and Alice Jaquess; There's Music in the Air, by Tresea Glasscock and Judy Jaquess; Country Dance, Debrah Curtis and Jimmy Lawrence; A Sad Little Song, Donna Lowery and Susan Parish; Teddy Bear Polka, Nancy Alair and Jacqueline Parish; Echo, Marion Dawson and Becky Littleton; Fascination, Cynthia Busby and Carolyn Kelley; Kid Koncerto, Marsha Dawson and Becky Parish; Gay Gavotte, Kent Coker and Jan Cleavinger; Toymakers Dream, Anita O'Hair and Debbie Martin; We March Together, Steve Busby and Steve Sanderson; Spanish Gypsy Dance, Joan Dawson and Karen Barton.

Martha Elmore, Lubbock, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Elmore.



LINDA JEANNE ETHERIDGE

Engaged-

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Etheridge of Bronco, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Linda Jeanne, to Neil Curtis Whittle, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Whittle of Muleshoe.

The wedding is scheduled for January 28 at the home of the bride-elect.

Methodist Church Choir Presents Annual Cantata

The Chancel Choir of the First Methodist Church of Earth presented their annual Christmas Cantata, "The Music of Christmas", at 6 p.m. Sunday, before a large audience.

Mrs. Norma Dawson was director with Marie Winders at the organ and Janis Cowley at the piano. Beedie Welch was in charge of decorations and Gayle Littleton was reader.

Participating in the event were Sopranas, Minnie Bulls, Ruby Jones, Beulah Newton, Bea Hinson, Marie Slover, Mary Kate Belew, Sharon Been, Dixie Parish; Altos, Leona Parikh, Clara Mae Jones, Mary Berry, Lucy Brock, and Gladys Parish; Tenors, Ross Brock, Dwayne Jones, Jack Hinson; basses, Crill Bulls, W. O. Jones, Ed Dawson, Dr. Richardson, Charles Axtell, Don Curtis.

Children Program Sunday Morning

The Methodist children's program was presented at the Sunday morning service under the direction of Mrs. Eugene Lee.

The program consisted of Christmas songs and scripture stories.

Graduating Class Of 1958 Holds Annual Party

Girls who were members of the 1958 graduating class held their annual reunion and class Christmas party Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rudd, Springlake, with Mrs. Henrietta Enloe as hostess.

This annual affair has been held around Christmas-time each year since the girls were freshmen in high school.

The group enjoyed visiting, playing cards and exchanging gifts.

A delicious ham and salad supper was served to nine of the class members.

Those attending were Linda (Kelley) Green, LaVerne (Bibby) Fennell, Earth, Pat (Armstrong) Goforth, Springlake, Mary Lou (McCord) Watson and LaRue (Glasscock) Walker, both of Lubbock, Wayne (Rutherford) Cooper, Plainview, Carol (Hamilton) Bryant, Muleshoe and Glenna (Loftis) Jarrett of Lockney, and the hostess, Henrietta (Rudd) Enloe of Amherst.

All the class members graduated from Springlake High School except Glenna Jarrett, who was a graduate of Neosho High School, Mo.

Several of the class members were unable to attend the party Saturday night.

White Auto Store Personnel Has Party Friday

The Annual Christmas Party for White Auto Store personnel was held Friday night at Sands Restaurant in Sudan with approximately 35 in attendance.

Guitar music was furnished by a Slaton youth.

Principal speaker was R. W. Poyner, president of the Corporation.

Chicken dinner with all the trimmings was served from tables centered with large white candles encircled with greenery and fruit. Gifts were exchanged from a toothpick tree surrounded by gifts.

Those attending from Earth included Mr. and Mrs. Paul Poyner, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neal Ellis, Glenna Williamson, Dudley Smith, Lynn Hooley, and Robert Cortes.

Our Wish For Everyone...

COUNTLESS BLESSINGS

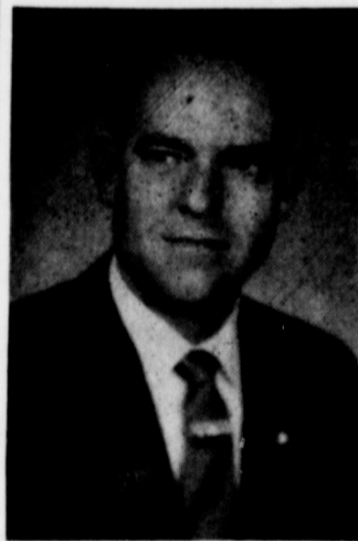


For Christmas

The approach of the Christmas season causes us to pause humbly and think of the many blessings we have received... and to express our innermost thoughts to customers and friends. These thoughts have to do with warm friendships — with true appreciation for favors — and a sincere "Thank you" for your patronage.

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WITH POLLY

This year as the Season of Christmas approaches so many people are complaining that they don't have the Christmas spirit. Perhaps it would be wise if we would re-evaluate our worth. After completing this analysis, then maybe if we each spent some time counting our many blessings, and if it doesn't total up that we all have much more to be thankful for than we have to complain about, and doubtless much more than we deserve it will surprise me.

This should give us a Christmas spirit and contentment that has no date, an undying thankfulness and contentment to retain the **WHOLE YEAR THROUGH.**

Our daughter is home for Christmas and we all plan to go to Oklahoma to be with our folks again this year.

What could be more wonderful than again being permitted the pleasure of being with our parents on a more Christmas.

And so we, like so many other folks in this wonderful community will leave for various spots over the U. S. A., my prayer is that God will keep each and everyone of you safe and sound until we meet again here in EARTH.

I had just about forgotten my high school days, they seemed to be so far back in the stoneage.

However in a flash Monday those grand old days were brought back to me with a shock, when I walked in the office and there stood one of my old bosom buddies of by-gone high school days talking with Ross.

She and her husband were on their way to Arizona to visit their son and family.

Funny the things one remembers at the first glimpse of an old pal's face.

Roses are dead,
Violets are drooped,
The Christmas paper is out,
And we're all pooped.
SEE YOU AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

Today Santa's last Day at Earth Gulf Station

Santa Claus has been attracting a lot of attention at the Earth Gulf Station for the past several days, especially from the kiddies of the Earth area.

Santa was present at the station from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, talking to the children and posing out bubble gum and candy. He is also presenting ice scrapers to the customers.

Today (Thursday) will be Santa's last day to be at the Gulf Station, which is managed by Wayne Jackson.

Merchants Will Observe Holidays

With Christmas Day and New Year's Day falling on Monday this year several businesses in both Earth and Springlake have reported to the News office the days they will be closed.

In Earth the City Hall, Pioneer Natural Gas Company and Southwestern Public Service Company will be closed December 25 and January 1.

The Citizens State Bank will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Earth Cleaners will be closed December 25-26 and January 1. The Earth Elevator will close at noon Saturday, December 23 and reopen for business Tuesday, December 26. The Star Cafe will close Sunday, December 23 and remain closed one week. The Earth Dry Goods will close Christmas day.

The Wolverine Drive Inn will be closed December 25 and 26 only. Paul's Super Market, Patterson Bros. Grocery and Taylor's Market Basket will be closed December 25 only.

Barton-Watson Inc., and Quickall-Pryor, Inc., will be closed December 25. Dent Farm Supply and Brown-White Equipment will be closed Christmas Day but someone will be on call all day in case parts are needed.

Rutherford and Co. White and Store, the Post Office, Layman Bro's Butane, Winders Fertilizer will be closed December 25 and January 1.

Springlake Schools will dismiss (today) Thursday, at 2:30 p.m. for the holidays. Classes will resume at 9 a.m. Tuesday, January 2.

In Springlake the business reporting they will be closed are B & M Grocery, Springlake Superette and Springlake/City Hall, December 25 and January 1. The Springlake Elevator will be closed Christmas Day only.

Wilson Green and daughter, Susan of Alexandria, Va. are to arrive today to spend the Christmas Holidays with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kelley.

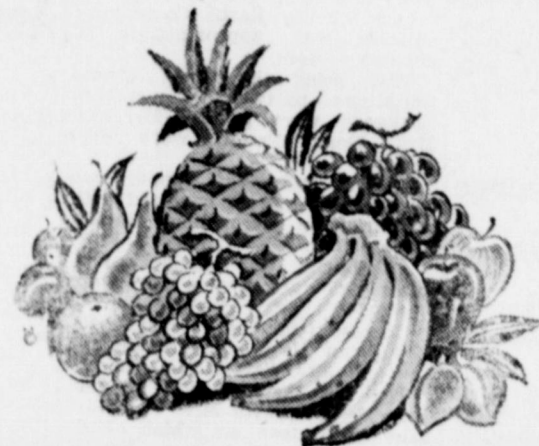


CHRISTMAS

HAMS WHOLE . pound **49¢**

Turkey HENS . . pound **39¢**

Roast FRESH PORK pound **39c**



Bananas pound **12 1/2c**

Walnuts pound **49c**

Mixed Nuts pound **49c**

Cranberries 1 lb. pkg. **25c**

Avacados 2 for **25c**

Gladiola Flour 5 lb. hag **39c**

Del Monte Pumpkin no. 300 can **15c**

Folgers Coffee 2 lb. can **\$1.28**

Folgers Coffee 1 lb. can **65c**

Libbys Sweet Pickles 12 oz. jar **43c**

JELLO 2 reg. size pkgs. **15c**

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Mission Brand Sweet Peas 2 no. 303 cans **29c**

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Cranberry Sauce 1 lb. can **19c**

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EARTH, LAMB COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1961

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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 5 years old. My name is Betty Gilmore. I have a brother named Danny and two sisters named Darlene and Barbara. We have all been pretty good kids. For Christmas I want a Doll with clothes, and a sewing machine, and Record player and a purse.

Danny wants a Bicycle and a choo choo train and a B B gun. Darlene wants a Record player and a doll, dishes and a purse to carry her lunch money to school in.

Barbra wants a Record player and a doll, and dishes and a purse to carry her lunch money to school in.

Santa I Love you a Bunch and I will leave you some cake and coffee on the table.

Lots of Love Santa
Your little friend
Betty Gilmore
P. S. I want some high heels shoes too.

Dear Santa,

I want a Wedding doll for my own. I want a typewriter for my sister, not me. Bring me some cookies for me, OK. I want a Kissy doll for other sister. And I want a B B gun for my brother. I want a record player and a radio for my other brother.

I want a Johnny Yuma set of gun for my bother. I want a Chatty Cathy doll for me. I want a football suit for my brother. I want a bride doll for me, not my sister. Bring my brother a Johnny Ringo cannon. I want a airplane for my brother.

Love
Beatrice Hernandez

Dear Santa,

I want a electric blanket for my mother. Will you bring me a radio? Will you a bicycle. I want a dress for my sister. And a candy for my brothers. I am in second my teachers name is Mrs. Ray.

Love
Dario Granado

Dear Santa,

I want a musket gun. I am seven years old. I like you Santa. I want a Johnny Yuma set of gun. I want an airplane. I want a football suit. I want a radio.

Love,
Danny West

Dear Santa,

I want a Johnny Yuma set of guns and a hat and train and football suit and B B gun and bike. I was good all the days and weeks. I am in the second grade and I am seven. I want a record player.

Love,
Steve Rodney Randolph

Dear Santa

I want a train. I want a Johnny Yuma set of guns. Would you bring me a real watch? I want a typewriter for my daddy. I want a dress for my mother. I want a tools set. I want a radio.

Love
Chris Brock

Dear Santa

I want a doll that walk and talk and a record player an some records and the little Storybook about the puppy. I am a good little girl. I like you Santa. Do you like me Santa, please? I want a Christmas tree with bells.

Love to Santa
Ortencia Oliveros

Dear Mr. Santa,

I want a piano. And I want a Kissy doll. I am in the second grade. And I want a record player. Buy me a doll Santa. Bring a record player Santa. Bring a pretty baby doll. I am a good girl.

Love
Julia Elizondo

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring me a Chatty Cathy doll. And some clothes for my Baby doll. And I would also like to have a typewriter for my mother. And some tools for my brother. I would like for you to bring my father an electric blanket. I am in the second grade and my teacher is Mrs. Ray.

Love
Becky Littleton

Dear Santa,

I want a bicycle. And a walky doll. I love you Santa. I have been good. And I am in the Second grade. I am eight years old. My birthday is in October.

Love,
LaDonna Lowry

Dear Santa,

I want some books and a doll and maybe some games, too. My little sister Kleta, wants a doll and buggy. Please don't forget my brother Danny, and my little sister Kleta, and all the other boys and girls.

Your truly,
Danny, Sharla and Kleta
Haberer

Dear Santa,

How do you like the northpole? I want a B B gun. Also a chemistry set, and some trucks and cars. Santa you are the best man. Do you think I'm mean or nice. We got a new person today.

Love John Kelley
Grade Second

Dear Santa

Dear Santa I want a B B gun. Dear Santa I like you. Santa I have been good. I want you and you want me. Santa do you want to bring me a B B gun? Santa I want you to have milk and nuts and candy. Go to my house.

Roberto Marrogain

Dear Santa,

I will go to Santa Birthday party I want a toy train. I want a gun. I like my Birthday party. I am glad to see you Santa. I want a football Santa.

Love
Pete Rodriguel

Dear Santa!

I want a typewriter for my sister and a Kissy doll. Bring a record player with records. I am in the Second grade. I love you Santa.

Love
Novna Cantu

Santa, As We Know Him Today, Created By Two Famous Men

Santa Claus, as we know him today—jolly smile, round, red cheeks and chunky figure—is the creation of two famous men.

The first was Clement Clark Moore, author of "A Visit to St. Nicholas," better known to us as "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Moore actually described Santa and gave him the famous reindeer and sleigh.

The second man, who put the actual likeness of Santa on paper to illustrate Moore's poem, was Thomas Nast, a great cartoonist.

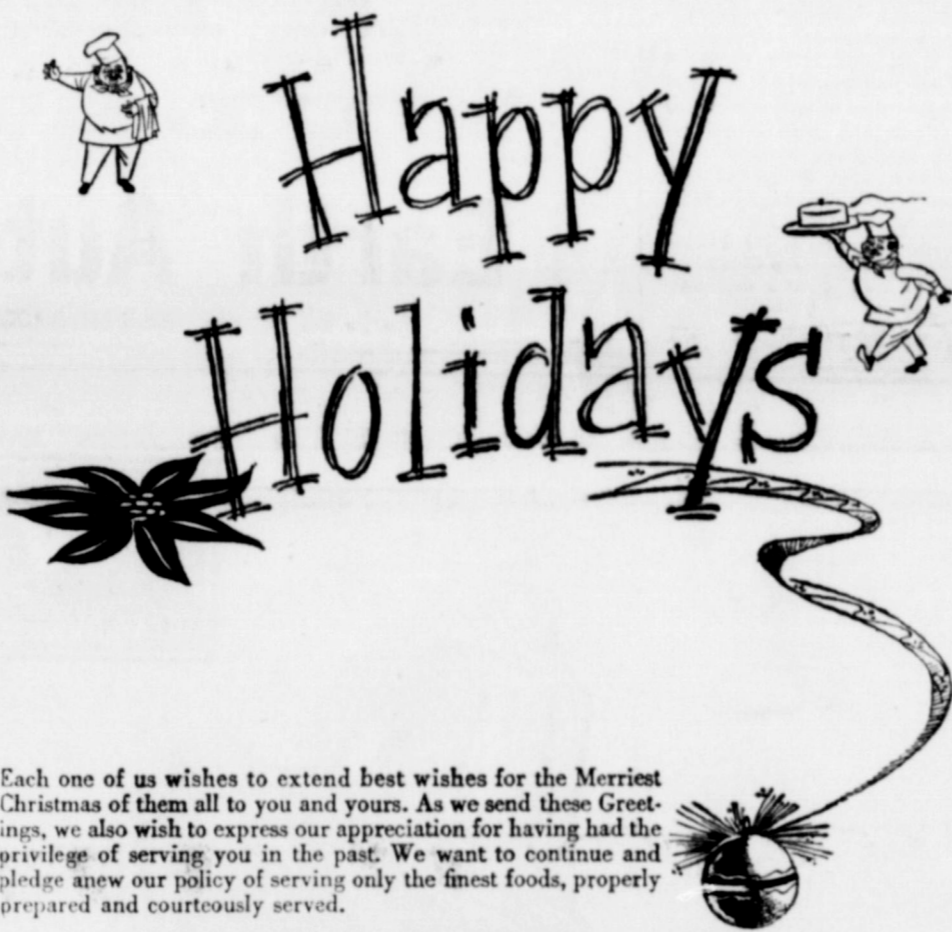
Nast drew the familiar, fat merry old fellow with red cheeks and white beard, dressed in red, wearing a cap and boots, carrying

a pack of toys and smoking a short pipe.

The artist then gave Santa a spy-glass so that during the year he might pick out the good children from the bad, and also a big book in which to write their names and keep records.

This conception of Santa Claus first appeared in 1863. Since that time the pictured Santa has been the same, although the spy-glass and pipe seem to have been dropped by the way.

**Cities Don't Grow
—Men Build Them**



Each one of us wishes to extend best wishes for the Merriest Christmas of them all to you and yours. As we send these Greetings, we also wish to express our appreciation for having had the privilege of serving you in the past. We want to continue and pledge anew our policy of serving only the finest foods, properly prepared and courteously served.

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CHRISTMAS

especially reminds us that

we should thank God for His greatest gift to us:

"For unto you is born this day a Savior which

is Christ, the Lord." Let us also remember how

Christ ministered to others, especially to those

who are among the less fortunate. Let us ever

preserve a social conscience as Christ com-

manded us: "What ye do unto the least of these,

ye do unto Me." To you and your loved ones,

we extend our most sincere wishes.

HERBERT DUNN

LAMB COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR — COLLECTOR
LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS



May Christmas, 1961, once again remind us of our Christian faith that we may reaffirm a divine belief in an ever-living God for it is through him that all blessings flow!

**SOUTHWESTERN
PUBLIC SERVICE
COMPANY**

Christmas -

There's More, much more to Christmas

Than candle-light and cheer;
It's the spirit of sweet friendship,
That brightens all the year;
It's thoughtfulness and kindness,

It's hope reborn again,
For peace, for understanding
And for goodwill to men!

The famous Christmas expression "Peace on earth, good will towards men" actually is a mis-translation. The original Greek, as written by Saint Luke, reads: "Peace on earth to men of good will."



MEMBER F. D. I. C.

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EARTH, TEXAS

Christmas Is Time For Remembering

While it is not true, of course, that "Christmas is for children," no other season or holiday brings to both young and old such vivid memories of earlier, happier times.

Christmas is certainly a happy time for the young. There is a sparkle and sweetness to the Christmas season that time cannot dim within our heart.

When the snow falls and the winter winds blow cold against the frosted panes, there is warmth and contentment in the glow of a hearth fire, and it is a luxury for children of all ages to close the eyes and call back joyful, happy scenes that are so deeply treasured they can never be forgotten.

CHRISTMAS IDEA

Would you like to make this Christmas a memorable one? You can do it by preparing a special gift for a "stranger." Usually, with so many people to remember, most of us get out pencil and paper and decide how many relatives and friends we "must" give presents. This year, why not select an "extra" gift and turn it over to some organization which has the task of helping to bring something of Christmas to the less fortunate. Such would be a true "gift"—one given with no idea of receiving something in return.

Outdoor Decorations Are Very Popular

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

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

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

Carols Traditional On Beacon Hill

Every Christmas Eve the lights of Boston's Beacon Hill shine more brightly as happy carolers sing out their Yuletide greetings.

The custom of Beacon Hill carols was originated by Frederick W. Briggs, in 1895, after spending a merry and musical evening in an English town. In recent years some 150,000 Christmas celebrators have joined the wandering minstrels in celebrating Joyous Yuletide on the Hill.

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

KEEPING

Christmas

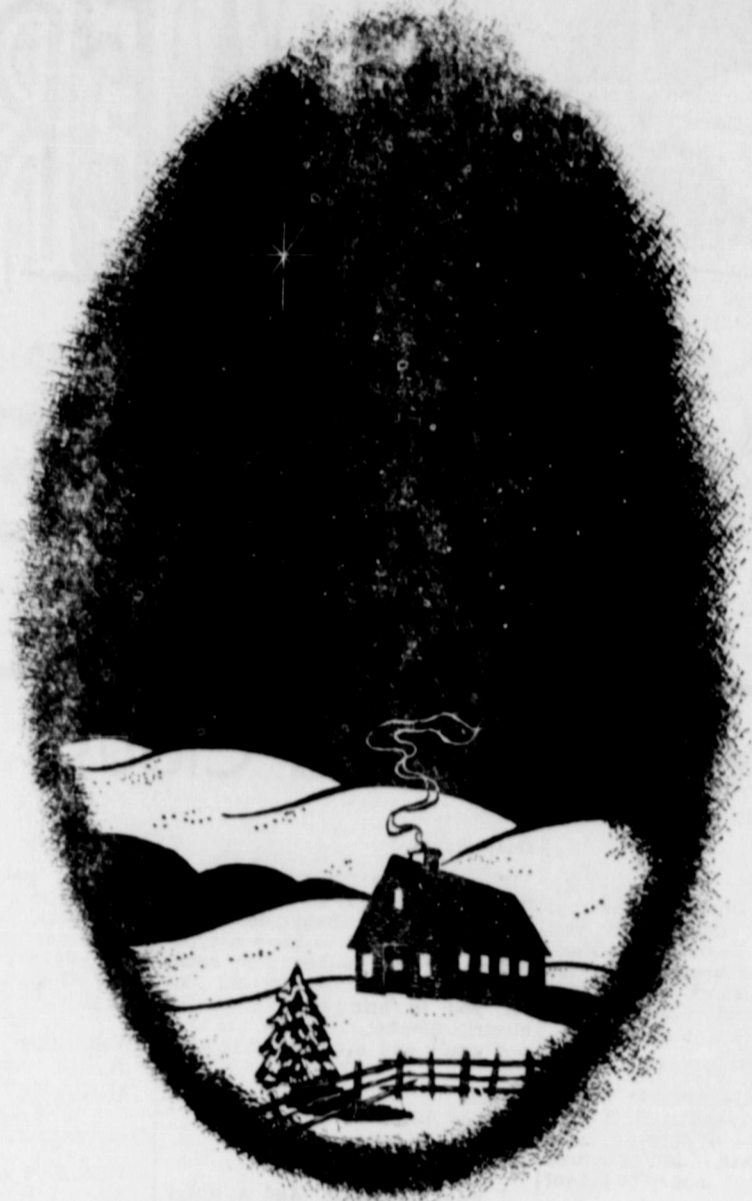


It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life.

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

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

—Henry Van Dyke



It is a sincere pleasure to remember our friends at Christmas with a few words of greetings and good wishes.

A Happy YULETIDE
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EARTH, TEXAS



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We are selecting the finest "Merry Christmas" we have in stock... wrapping it carefully, delivering it quickly to you with our sincere thanks and best wishes for a

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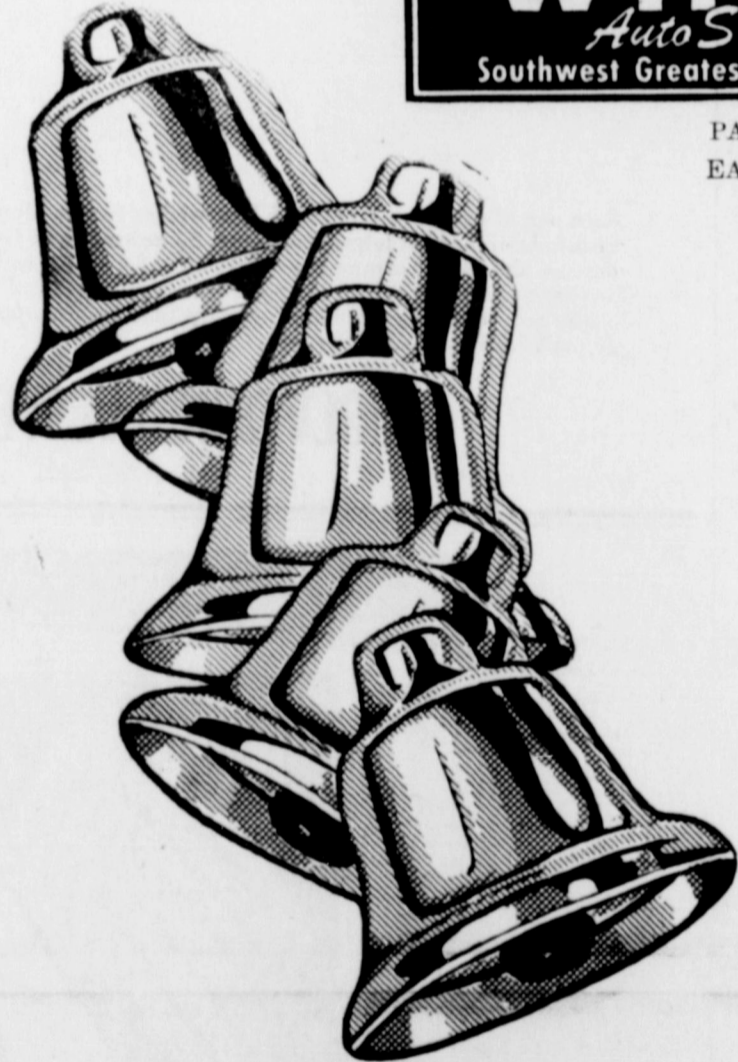
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RING OUT!
Merry Christmas
to our loyal friends

Christmas In Colonial Times

Back in the early 1700's, when the United States were the Colonies, the settlers in Williamsburg, capital of Colonial Virginia, celebrated Christmas with the customs they had brought from England. There was no Santa Claus (a Dutch tradition), no Christmas trees (a German tradition), no Nativity creche (an Italian tradition), and no "chimney stockings" (an American adaptation).

Christmas in Colonial Williamsburg was primarily a holy day, but the atmosphere was not solemn. Churches and homes were decorated with greens while candles burned in all the windows to welcome carolers.

There was public celebration, too. Musicians played special concerts, and fireworks and cannon were exploded to lighten the general merriment. Feasting, of

the groaning board variety, was in order with dishes of roasted fowl and hare, marrow pudding, ham, oysters, sausage, shellfish, often capped by whole roast boar on a platter. Some gifts were given then as part of the Christmas celebration, but not nearly on the present-day scale.

Today in Williamsburg a visitor can turn back the calendar two centuries and celebrate Christmas much as the colonists did. The old capital has been restored as closely as possible to its pre-Revolutionary appearance, and at Christmas time many of the old customs are carried out. Most familiar to twentieth century Americans would be caroling and the burning of the Yule log.

Uncle Daly says the man of the hour is the one whose wife told him to wait a minute.



BURN A BAYBERRY

According to tradition, one who burned a bayberry candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day would have a long life and a happy one.

An old verse reads:

*"To learn your luck for the year they say
Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas Day.
If the flame burns bright and the light shines clear,
Good Luck will be yours throughout the year."*



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—Henry Van Dyke

About Mistletoe

One cannot help but wonder how mistletoe came to be the "kissing plant." The mistletoe is a parasite, or "thief" which attaches to a host tree and under certain circumstances will sap the life out of a healthy, sturdy tree.

Mistletoe usually grows on oaks, mostly in the top branches. The seeds are probably scattered by birds.

Self Respect

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The story is told of a man who bought himself a silk hat, a cane, and tall coat. In his hunger for dignity, he ordered his former associates henceforth to call him "Mister Smith."

Symbols of dignity alone, of course, do not win respect; but in the eye of "Mister" Smith was

a newborn attitude of self-respect which could not be ignored. One of his associates laughed at him—and nursed a swollen jaw for more than a week!

"Mister" Smith began a program of living up to his new self-assumed dignity. He became serious, earnest, industrious. He was important in his own eyes and gradually, as they often do, men accepted him at something like

his own evaluation. The leading men of the town began to speak to him when they met him.

"Mister" Smith became a tradition in his pioneer town of seventy years ago, and became a wealthy citizen. Men must respect themselves before they hope to have others respect them.

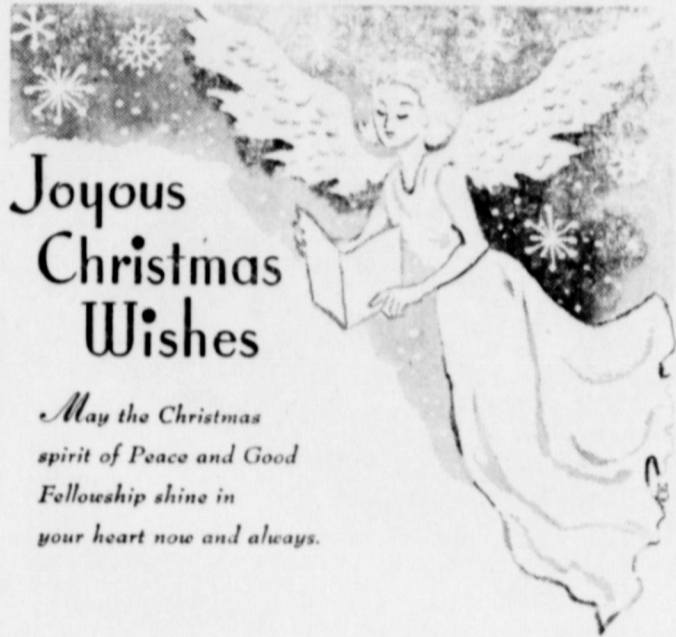
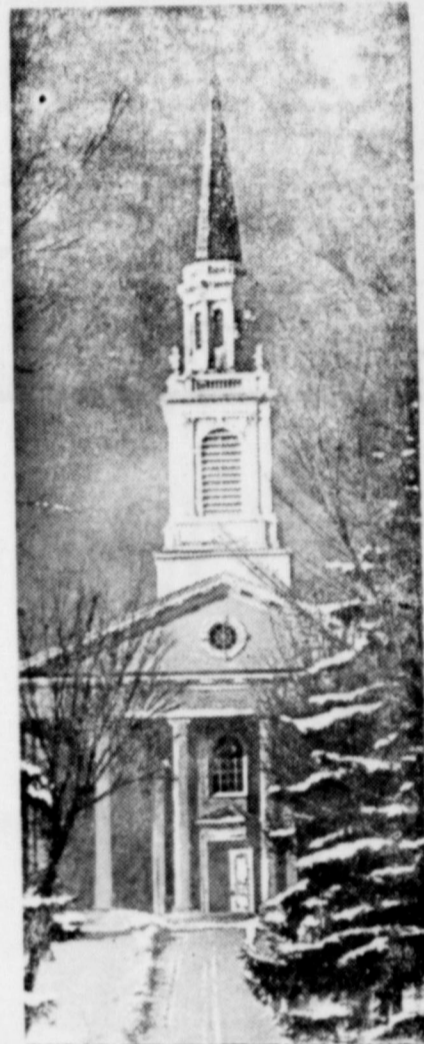
It is not necessary that we should all think exactly alike, but we should all think.



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

BRITTIAN PHARMACY

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Joyous
Christmas
Wishes

May the Christmas spirit of Peace and Good Fellowship shine in your heart now and always.

Hammons Funeral Home

LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS

A Blessed and Merry Christmas
and A Holy and Happy New Year

With a deep sense of gratitude and humility, we pause during this Christmas Season to count our many blessings. All of us have received them in abundance and we thank the Infant Saviour for our generous share.

The administration and the staff of the South Plains Hospital-Clinic extend to you our sincerest wishes for a blessed and Merry Christmas and a holy and Happy New Year.

**SOUTH PLAINS
HOSPITAL - CLINIC**

AMHERST, TEXAS



Greetings

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

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Original Injun' Puddin' New England Treat

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

Original Injun' Puddin'
 5 cups milk
 1/2 cup dark molasses
 1/4 cup granulated sugar
 1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
 1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
 1 teaspoon salt
 4 tablespoons butter

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



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 the most wonderful,
 happiest Christmas ever!

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**LETTER TO
 SANTA CLAUS**

Dear Santa Claus:
 I want a Doll, a purse, and some Red Pajamas. Bring Joe and Rosie some thing too, and my friend, Anna too.
 I will go to school next year.
 I Love you,
 Josie Flores

Dear Santa Claus:
 Please bring me a Kissy doll and a typewriter and a desk.
 Love
 Laquinta Clark

Dear Santa,
 My name is Melissa Elaine Been. I am four years old. I have been pretty good.
 I would like a bicycle and wagon. I also want some dishes and baby doll. I want a football too.
 Don't forget my little friend Marriane Messer she has been goo, too.
 Melissa Been

Dear Santa:
 I am in the Second grade. I want you to bring me a train, and bring me a football suit. I want a real watch. Please bring me a B B gun, and for my mother a wedding doll, and for my sister a Kissy doll.
 Love
 Sammie Matlock

Dear Santa
 Can you bring me a big sword? I am in second grade and I am 10. I want a hammer, I want a B B gun, and I want Johnny Ringo cannon gun, and I want something nice for my mother.
 I love you.
 Oscar Flores

Dear Santa,
 I want a piano. And a Kissy doll. Bring me a typewriter. And a Wedding doll. Bring me a dress for my mother. I am nine. I am in the Second grade. You are pretty. I want you to bring my sister a wedding doll. I am good all the day.
 Love Josie Ureste
 And she is!

Dear Mr. Santa.
 1. I want a bicycle, and a piano, and 2. A wedding doll, and I want a puppy. 3. I want a Kissy doll and a Bride doll. 4. I bring a Chatty Cathy and a radio. 5. I bring a record player. 6. You are pretty too Mr. Santa.
 Love Gloria Castillo

Dear Santa!
 I want a Jonny Ringo cannon and a B B gun. Would you bring me a big bike? Would you bring me a set of guns? I want Casper the talking doll.
 Thank you very much.
 Stephen Hay

Dear Santa,
 I want a train to play with. I want a football suit. I want a B B gun. I want a Johnny Yuma set of guns. I want a musket. I want a bicycle. I want a real watch.
 Thank you.
 Dorio Ozuna

**MERRY
 CHRISTMAS**

and thanks for all past favors

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Merry Christmas



It is our sincerest wish that this Christmas brings a great abundance of warm and lasting pleasures to everyone.

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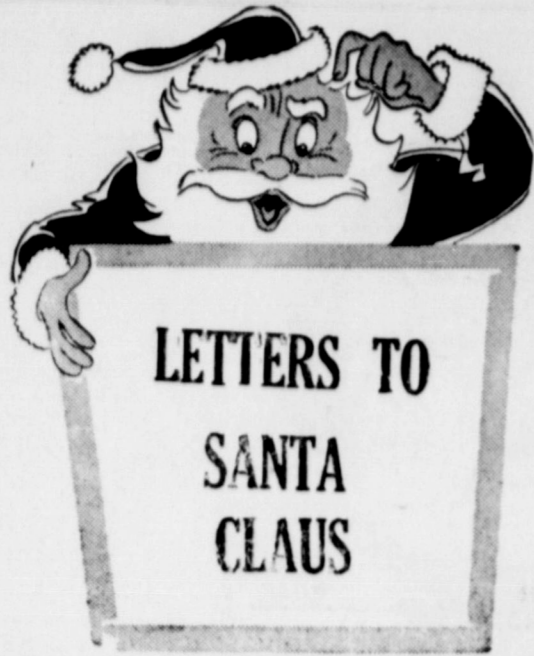
The Spirit of Christmas

MAY CHOICEST BLESSINGS BE
 YOURS THIS HOLY CHRISTMAS DAY.
 MAY GRACES IN ABUNDANCE FILL
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HOW TO SAY Merry Christmas

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

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

ANSWERS: 1. Italian; 2. Swedish; 3. Chinese; 4. Greek; 5. Portuguese; 6. French; 7. Japanese; 8. Hawaiian.

'Happy New Year' In All Languages

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

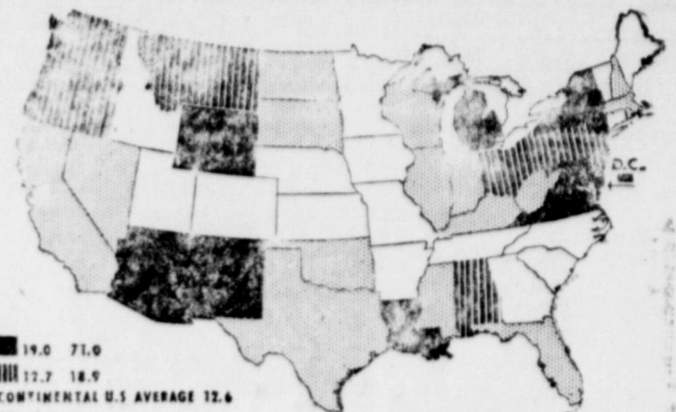
Should you be sending a card to friends in Paris, the greeting would be "Bonne Annee!" In Spanish, the greeting is "Feliz Ano Nuevo!" and in sunny Italy, "Buon Capo d'Anno!"

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

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

SHOP THE CLASSIFIED WAY

Geographical Distribution of Active TB in Children Under Five



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This map shows the newly reported active and probably active cases of TB per 100,000 among children under five years of age in 1958. Although most active cases develop in people with old infections rather than new ones, it is only by stopping new infections that we can hope eventually to eliminate TB. Your TB association's program to wipe out TB is supported by Christmas Seal contributions.

Dear Santa,

I am six years old and haven't been very good but for Christmas I would like a nurse set and ice box and stove.

Don't forget Bart at Lubbock and Donita at Midland. I hope you come to see all my friends and bring them lots of toys.

I sure am glad that Christmas is nearly here. I hope I get to see you in Earth on Christmas Eve.

Your friend,
 Marianne Messer

Dear Santa

I am a little girl and I am only 2 years old. My little brother is 1 year old. Santa, for Christmas I want a doll, a blackboard, and a stroller. My little brother wants some cars and a pegboard and hammar. I want other things but these are most important. The house will be warm when you come. So you can get warm.

Thank you
 Debbie and Loyal Truelock

Dear Santa!

I want a train and a B B gun. Bring me a bike and a bicycle. I want an electric blanket a football suit. I want a Johnny Ringo cannon. I want a Johnny Yuma Set of guns. I want a hammar and a puppy.

Love
 Darrell Carr

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring me a Chatty Cathy and sum candy. And some dress. I want a monkey for my baby. I want electric blanket for my mother and father. I am in Second grade. I been a good girl.

Love
 Joar. Garcia

Dear Santa,

Please send me a apple and a orange. I am in the Second grade. I have a good teacher. I guess I have been good. I love you. Please send me the biggest apple and orange you can find. I would like a shirt.

Love,
 Cris Dent

Dear Santa,

I am 6 years old. I am in the first grade. I would like to see you Christmas. I would like a Chatty Cathy doll, Baking Set, and Kitchen Set. I would also like a Stuffed animal.

Love
 Earlene Walker

Dear Santa,

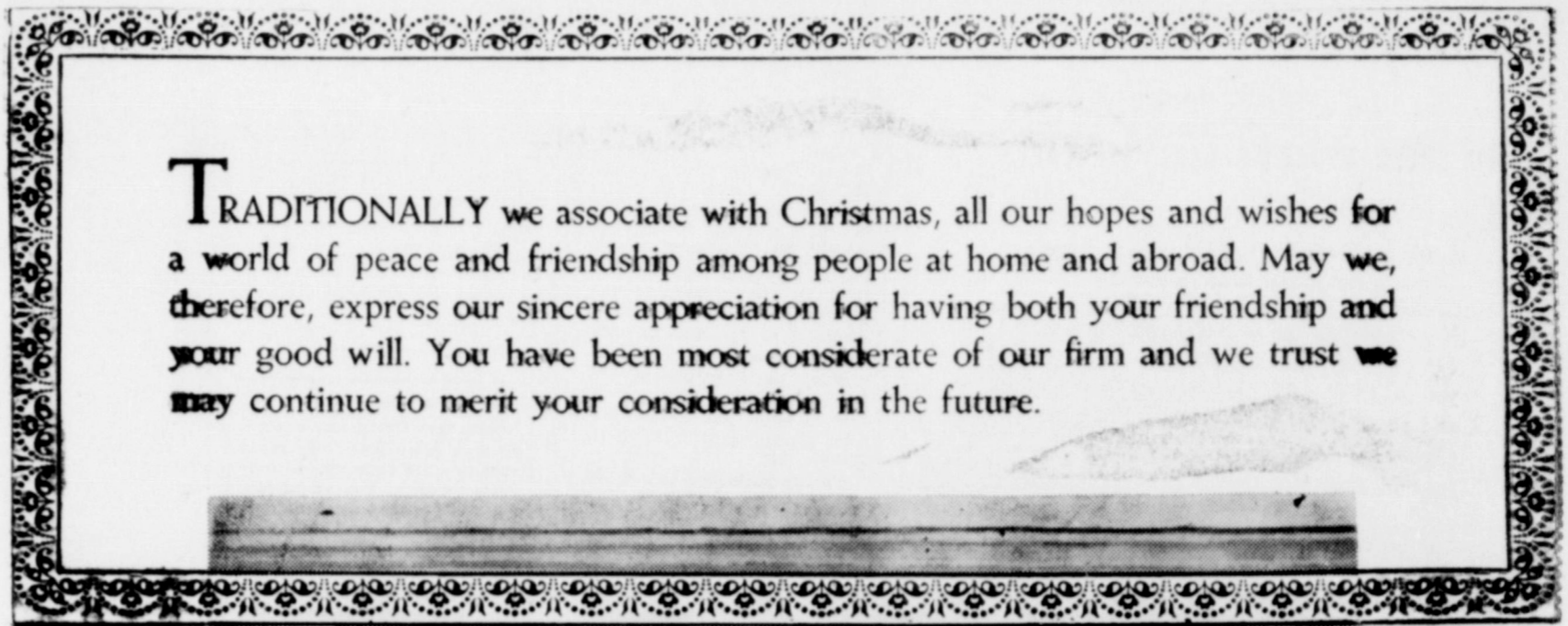
I am 9 years of age. I am in the fourth grade. I would like to see you Xmas. I would like a 20 inch New Born baby doll. The doll is at White Auto Store, Earth, Texas. I live on Birch Street 290. I would like a stuffed animal. I would like a kitchen set too. Don't forget my older sister, Shirley. Bring her something nice.

Love,
 Marynell Walker

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a Barbie doll and a record player for Christmas.

Love,
 Reene Clark



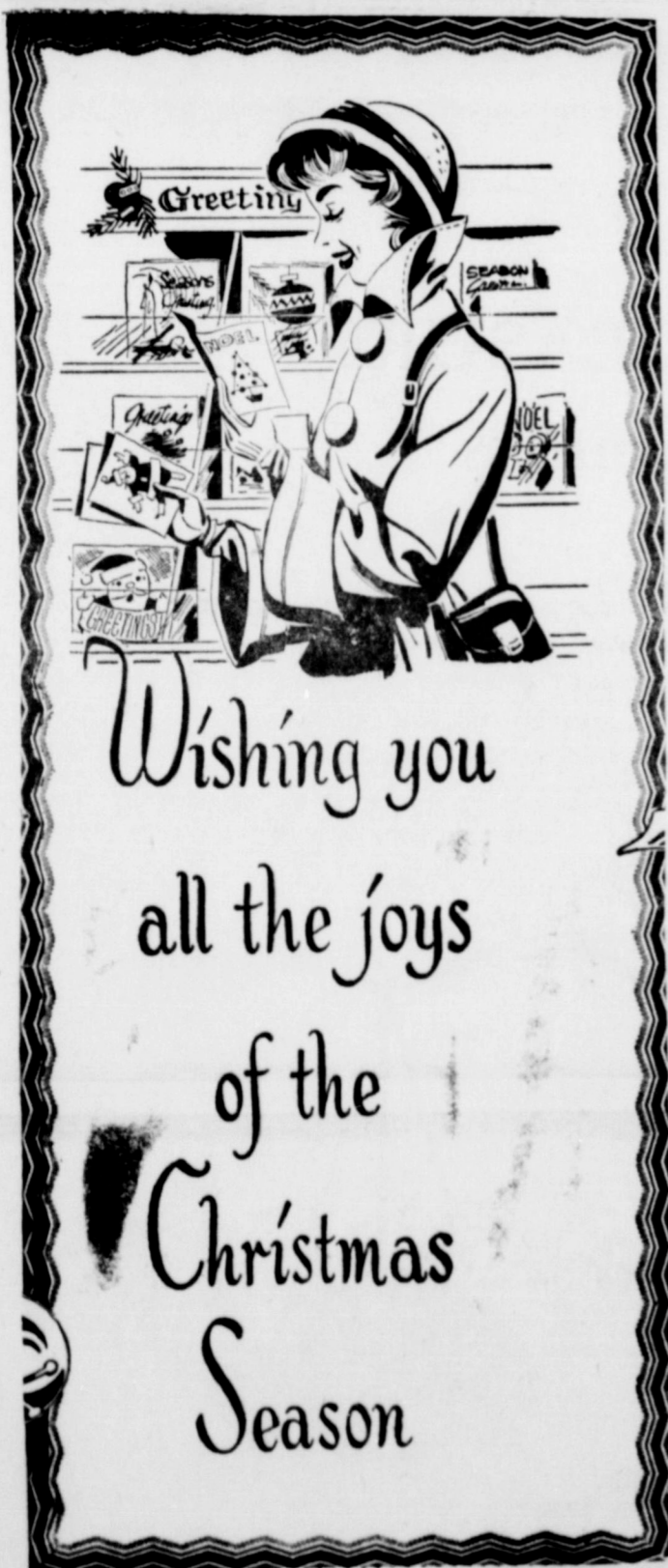
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Calling by number saves time. Station to station calls are even faster and more economical. And, to avoid last minute delays, call BEFORE Christmas.

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The long span of the bridge of your life is supported by countless cables that you are spinning now, and that is why today is such an important day. Make the cables strong!



FOR PEACE — A prayer for peace is the theme often repeated at Christmas. This is the time of year when we are most aware of the need for "Peace on Earth" and good will to men.

How to Make Christmas Balls

Making pinecone balls for Christmas decorations can be fun. Here's what you need: bottle caps, 8- to 10-inch lengths of string, a darning needle, painted cork, toothpicks, a waxed lunch bag, a half-pint of white paint and artificial snowflakes.

First, draw the string through the cork with the needle and tie it around the cork, making a hook. Then insert the toothpicks into the cork so that all sides are covered, giving a porcupine effect. Drop the ball into a large waxed lunch bag containing paint and shake until the ball is well covered with paint.

Shake the drippings off the ball and remove from the bag. Let set for a few minutes before sprinkling with snow or glitter.

Put the balls in a safe place to dry—allowing at least 18 to 24 hours.

Holiday Custom

In Czechoslovakia, the Christmas tree is the center of much attention during the holiday season. The tree is decorated with many candies, assorted candies, nuts and fruits and is surrounded with singing and dancing until the New Year at which time the children eat the goodies before the head of the household discards the tree.

Science Proved Our Earth Is Centuries Old

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

According to Jewish dogma and tradition, the Day of Creation antedated the birth of Christ approximately 3,761 years. Thus, the Jewish calendar, which the Jews adopted during the 13th century, reads 5720 in relation to 1959 A. D.

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

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

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

First Observance

The first Christmas observance in this country took place shortly after Columbus discovered America. The Santa Maria was beached on Christmas and Columbus and his men were unable to free her. The ship was stripped of as much gear as possible and when the Nina was unable to accommodate all of the Santa Maria's crew, some of them were left behind in a fort, that in honor of the season was called Le Navidad, the Nativity.

Life is much like Christmas— you are more apt to get what you expect than what you want.



When CHRISTMAS Comes

How good it is to send a greeting to each of our good friends and customers. We are truly aware of your many past favors and the friendliness and goodness of the people whom it is our privilege to serve. May we continue to merit such consideration.

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MEDICAL ARTS HOSPITAL and CLINIC

LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS

Some Thoughts About Having A Safe Holiday

There are "do" and "don't" rules for every season of the year, and Christmas is no exception. In fact, Christmas is such a happy time that we are likely to be a little less careful about the possibility of accidents than we are at other times of the year.

Here are some suggestions for an accident-free holiday season:

Do not use any cotton, paper or flammable material for decorating the tree or around the base of the tree. Do not place electric trains or other electric powered devices around the tree because metallic tinsel can fall across the track, cause a short circuit and start the train transformer to burn.

Safe Toys

Avoid toys operated with flammable liquids. Nitrocellulose (it looks like celluloid or plastic) toys burn with surprising ferocity. Some imported toys are made of these flammable materials.

Select electrical appliance gifts with fire-safety in mind. Choose only those electrical toys and tree-decorative lighting sets which are laboratory approved. If there is doubt, ask your Fire Department if they are approved.

Never place lighted candles in windows. Sentiment and flame do not mix! Keep the curtains or any other flammable material at windows pulled back at least 6 inches from any electric candles or wreaths.

Fire Hazards

As you unwrap gifts on Christmas Day, put all the wrappings in a carton and dispose of them promptly. Don't let them pile up around the tree, the fireplace, or any heating device.

Christmas costumes and paper or cloth decorations can be flame-proofed by dipping them into the following solution, wringing them by hand and allowing them to dry: 3 quarts water, 7 oz. borax, 3 oz. boric acid.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

It is said that the Christmas spirit led St. Francis to pray that "I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood; as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Christmas is a spirit-lifting season... marking the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem... and as such it promises a golden blessing for all mankind.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

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

TURKEY and CRANBERRIES

Practically every nation has its special Christmas dish, and since Americans represent people from all parts of the world, it is not surprising that one finds different holiday menus in the various parts of our country. Two menu headlines, however, have thoroughly American pedigrees... turkey and cranberries.

Indians ate wild turkey, cranberries, and pumpkins before the first European colonists arrived. The turkey on present-day holiday tables is a domesticated variety of the native wild turkey. Though thoroughly American, the bird acquired a name indicating foreign origin. It is believed this happened because the gobbler was mistakenly identified with the guinea cock, a bird imported from Africa by way of Turkey.

Big Business

Raising domesticated turkeys is an exasperating business, producers say. The birds are dull-witted, sometimes will not eat for no apparent reason and stampede at the slightest provocation. Cranberry growers flood their bogs in winter to protect vines from cold and insect pests. Machines grade cranberries by their bounce—berries with plenty of bounce are firm and good.

Among other foods on the holiday table, olives and celery are foreign-born. Celery first made its appearance in France, in the 17th century. Olives probably originated in the region extending from Syria to Greece.

Potatoes, corn, lima beans, Tomatoes, sweet potatoes, squash and garden peppers claim to be American, born and bred—but most of them first grew in South America, rather than North America.

Partners in Glory

Have you ever looked at the glory of a great cathedral, and traced it back to its beginning? The rocks in the hillside, the iron ore in the depths of the earth, the trees in the forests, these all went into its making. The sand and silica for its glass; metal, wood, and stone shaped by a thousand hands, now join in something greater than the sum total of all material and all effort.

It is a glory more substantial than a dream; it has the power to thrill the wayfarer, and within its walls the weary have found rest unto their souls. If I had carved a tiny leaf, if I had carried the wood, or stitched a curtain, I should be glad. The vision of the final glory would cheer the most monotonous hour. Life itself is like that.

Holiday Custom

In Czechoslovakia, the Christmas tree is the center of much attention during the holiday season. The tree is decorated with many candles, assorted candies, nuts and fruits and is surrounded with singing and dancing until the New Year at which time the children eat the goodies before the head of the household discards the tree.



CHRISTMAS WISHING... Will Santa remember? That's the question in the minds of youngsters everywhere as the magic night comes closer and closer. This young fellow seems to be going through the catalog to check on the availability of some of the items he requested Santa to leave under his family tree.

Greek Tradition

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

CARDS

Did you ever wonder who started the custom of sending Christmas cards? Historians give credit to a 16-year-old engraver, who lived in London in 1842. William Maw Egley. He designed a small card to send to his friends. Only one hundred copies were made of his quaintly cluttered design, which depicted a formal banquet, a dancing party and a group of skaters.

Beneath the illustration young Egley wrote: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You"—which still seems to be the most popular phrasing ever written.

The first Christmas card to win complete acceptance was sent in 1862 by a London publisher, Charles Goodall & Sons.

In the 32 years that intervened the idea had spread to the United States, and in 1874 a Boston lithographer, Louis Prang, issued his first Christmas card and an industry was launched.

Prang's cards were world famous for their beauty and craftsmanship. Their price ran to several dollars each.

He used few of the traditional

Christmas scenes, so familiar today, but instead depicted spring flowers, harvest scenes and children at play.

As you watch the burning logs in an open fireplace, remember what a woodsman has said about his campfire: "Every color or tint to which a tree is exposed during its life glows in the fire when that tree is burned. Look deep into the coals and you can find the pinks and violets of dawn, the blueness of the sky, the burning brightness of the noontday sun, the angry black of the thundercloud, the crimson of the sunset, the silver radiance of the moonlight and the brilliant transparency of the stars."

IT'S STILL CHRISTMAS
In Spain they say, "El Natal."
In Italy, it is "Il Natal."
Hollanders say "Krest-Misse!"
In Germany, they refer to "Weisnachten."
In the English-speaking nations, it is called, "Christmas."

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
From The Staff Of
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MULESHOE, TEXAS

CHRISTMAS HAPPINESS

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



Again it's the Holiday Season and as we approach this wonderful occasion we are mindful of the many pleasant associations and experiences that have come our way during the twelve months just closing. The friendships resulting from these associations mean much to us and we hope to merit the confidences and loyalty which they have brought. We're sincerely grateful for your splendid support and we are aware of our obligation to offer the finest service to you. May the Christmas be overflowing with goodness and happiness for you and those dear to you.

Greetings



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The Inn

No room in the Inn but room in the Stable! Joseph, go tell Mary that! O Girl with the dark clustering hair and the weary pained eyes, to the Stable with Thee! For if of thee "The Familiar with Grief" shall be born, let his life begin in a Stable. So poor Wail of the World, go staggering along, led by mute Joseph to the Stable. And in coming years thy heart shall quiver when in scorn of thy child they whisper, "He was born in a Stable". God help these Woman! Would that thy mother were near thee now! But put thy Baby—God keep thy heart from breaking—in the Manger. So nestle in the hay-Son of Mary, for Foxes have holes, and the Birds have nests, and thou tonight has a Stable for a birthplace, and Manger for a crib.

But twice a thousand years swing by, and the whole world waits by the Manger. Oh I wonder not that the skies grew so strangely bright that night the Christ was born. I wonder no that fragrant Melody rippled o'er the Jasper walls and entranced the adorning Shepherds. I wonder not that

the Wise Men from afar headed the great procession of Christmas Givers.

Again all of us must go to the Stable selected. Come, let us go to Bethlehem; Come all ye Proud, and be rebuked by the lowly Jesus; all ye Rich, and present to Him your gifts; all ye poor, and see Poverty deeper than your own, ye Embittered ones, and behold God exhausting Himself to bring Joy to Man; ye who are Weary, to the heavy-laden Son of Man; ye Burdened, to the World's Burden-Bearer; ye Bewildered, and look upon the Way by which the Prodigal may return to God; ye Sin-darkened Sons of sorrow, and bathe in the great Light of the World; ye Friendless and Forsaken to the Brother Born of and for adversity; ye Sick ones to the Great Physician, and ye Dying ones to the Fountain of Life. How dear to the heart Thou art, O Thou Christ of the Stable and the Manger!

(This is an article from the pastor's scrap book, written by a former pastor, W. B. Hinson. It is sent forth with the hope that it may bless others as it has blessed me).

LITTLE PATIENTS PRODUCE OWN NATIVITY SCENE



This week the proud and beaming little boys and girls at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children were busy building and painting a new Nativity scene for all to see and enjoy this Christmas. Here two of the handicapped children are displaying their talented efforts to Hospital President John McKee of Dallas. Left to right: Ricky O'Daniel, Longview, Tex.; Mr. McKee, and Anovela Dunn, of Irvine, Tex., who is in a full boy cast.

Greetings



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

EARTH TIRE and SUPPLY

PHONE 257-3432

A Careful Holiday

Americans are "holiday-minded" and, usually, enjoyment of a holiday means piling into the family car and taking off for a visit with friends and relatives. Christmas and the after-Christmas holidays are no exception.

Yet, this is the time of the year when driving conditions are at their "worst" in many sections of the country—snow, ice and unpredictable weather conditions.

Most winter drivers have snow-grips, chains, and comfortable auto heaters, all of which make driving easier and somewhat safer—certainly more enjoyable. But winter driving offers many more hazards than are present during other seasons of the year. So be careful—don't mar the holiday season by injecting a note of tragedy. If you drive, drive carefully, as if your life depended upon it—which it does.

Selection of Proper Toys Important

There is no hard and fast rule by which one can tell the exact toy for a certain age child, but some toys are better than others for children at different ages. Also, the toys you select can turn a happy holiday into a time of needless tragedy if you do not exercise caution in your selection.

Sharp toys or poorly constructed toys are the ones that cause the most accidents. Avoid them. Generally children from infancy to two years like bright-colored, lightweight toys of various textures. They should be washable, too big to swallow, and free from rough edges.

Toddlers from two to four years want push and pull toys. Trucks and cars big enough to straddle and push, wagons, wheelbarrows, small doll carriages, peg-boards and pounding sets are also good for this age group.

Take your time in the selection of toys for children of all ages and it will make for a happier, healthier and safer holiday.

HOPE YOUR CHRISTMAS IS MERRY Too!



We know ours will be. The opportunity to know and serve many wonderful people like yourself throughout the year makes our Christmas doubly enjoyable. Your friendship is our most prized possession. As we celebrate Christmas we wish you and yours the best possible Season's Good wishes.

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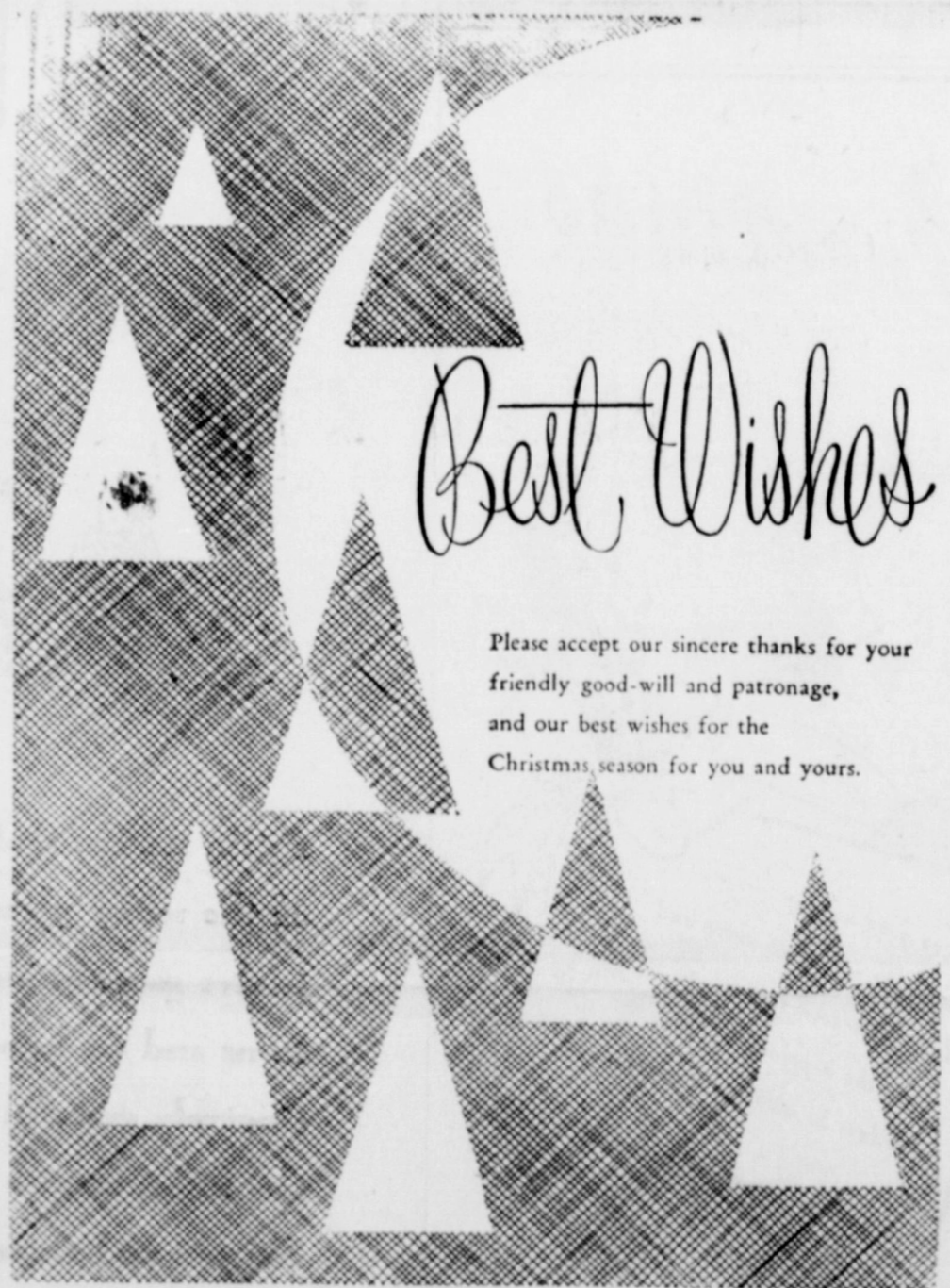
EARTH, TEXAS



It's all made out in your name! As we look forward to another year of banking service we are sincerely appreciative of friends like you. Your loyalty and confidence have made Christmas and every day wonderful for us! We hope your future is filled with all good things and that this will be your Merriest Christmas ever!

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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,

I am in the third grade. Please bring me an electric food center and a doll.

I am ahead of my class.
Respectfully yours,

Daisy Ruth Washington

Dear Santa

I am seven years old. I am in the Second grade. I live three west and three miles north from Earth. My school is Springlake. I would like to have a bike, Coca Cola machine, a Sears Service Station, a Cavalry Set, and my little sister is three years old and get her a Chatty Cathy Doll.

Love
Dale Wheatley

Dear Santa:

I am seven years old. I go to school at Springlake. I am in the Second grade. I live at the El Paso Gas plant. I want a Shirley Temple Doll. I wish ever one a Merry Christmas. I want you to bring my mother a bathroom set. I want you to bring my sister a pair of househoes. I want you to bring my brother a pair of househoes. I want you to bring my father a yair tools set.

Love
Teri Darlene Cooper

Dear Santa:

I want a train for Christmas. I am a good boy to my teacher. My school is Springlake. My name is Paul. I go to Springlake School.

Love Santa
Paul

Dear Santa:

I live west of Earth. I am seven years old. I am in the Second grade. My school is Springlake. I want a Bride doll. Bobby wants a truck. Roger wants a truck.

Love
Laura Ann Martin

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 7 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me a Poppy doll in pink, and some fruit and candy. Please remember all the boys and girls.

Thank you,
Love, Carla Bills

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy seven years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me a electric football set and a basket ball and a electric race car and track. Please remember all the boys and girls.

Thank you,
Edie Lenn Lackey

Dear Santa,

I want a train and a football suit, and my mother a dress, and my little sister Debbie a Kissy doll. And my daddy a dog leash, and my uncle Don a new gun.

Love Mike

Dear Santa Claus

I am a little boy 7 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me a B B gun an watch an football set an football suit, electric race car and track, skates. Please remember all the boys and girls. Thank you.
Mike Cleavinger

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 7 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me a Bride doll.
Please remember all the boys and girls.

Thank you,
Love Vicki

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl seven years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me a piano and a batone. Please remember all the boys and girls.

Thank you,
Regina Mooks

Dear Santa,

I want a doll, a record player and Santa bring my sister a doll too. I m nine. I am in Mrs. Ray's room, Second grade. Santa I been good. Bring me nuts too, and candy. Bring me a puppy.

Love
Rita Marruquin

Dear Santa

I want a bicycle, and a big candy, and a puppy.

My name is Alberto Martinez.
Love,
Alberto

Dear Santa,

I want a Bride doll. I 7 years old. How old are you? I want a set of dishes too. I am in the 2nd grade. I am a nice girl.

Love Leah Galloway

Dear Santa,

I am in the second grade. And I want a football. I have been batting all the time. Maybe I am going to be a good football player. And I want a bat too.

Love, Alberto Cavazos

Dear Santa,

I want a Kissy dolls too, and Santa a Bride dolls, eords for my record player and Store book and hammer for my father too, and candy and a puppy too, Santa and Chatty Catty for my mother a typewriter for my little boy.

Love

Mary Flores

Dear Santa,

I am good to you. I am in the second grade. I want a B B gun and my brother wants B B gun. My little brother wants a B B gun. I love you Santa. Do you love me?

Love

Ray

Dear Santa,

Will you bring me a train? And a football suit.

Santa bring me a B B gun. Santa bring me a Johnny Yuma Set of guns.

Santa bring me a sword. Santa bring me a musket.

Love, Robert Gilmore

Dear Santa:

I live in Earth. I'm in the Second grade. I am 8 years old. Mrs. Harper is my teacher. I like two guns.

Love, Alfonso Neigoda

Please bring me two guns, a Dear Santa Claus, bag of fruit and a bag of nuts.

Willie Ray Carr

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a bicycle.

Roosevelt Riley

Dear Santa:

I am seven years old. I live in Springlake. I am in the Second grade. My little brother wants a gun. I want a Playhouse and furniture to go with it. I want a Tiny Tears Doll and a music box too.

Love

Jane Holt

Dear Santa:

I am nine years old. I'm in the Second grade. I live in Springlake, Texas. I love you, I would like a bicycle and a B B gun and a truck, and some dolls for my sisters. I have two sisters and a present for my father and mother.

My Love

Jimmy Peralez

Dear Santa Claus:

I am eight years old. I am in the Second grade. I live in Earth. I go to Springlake School. I would like to have a Thumbalena Doll. And I would like to have Patch Doll, 40 in. I would like to have a nurse kit 85 pieces. I would like to have a stuffed trunk which is a musicbox. I would like to have a Stole, a hat, and a muff.

Love

Janet Britton

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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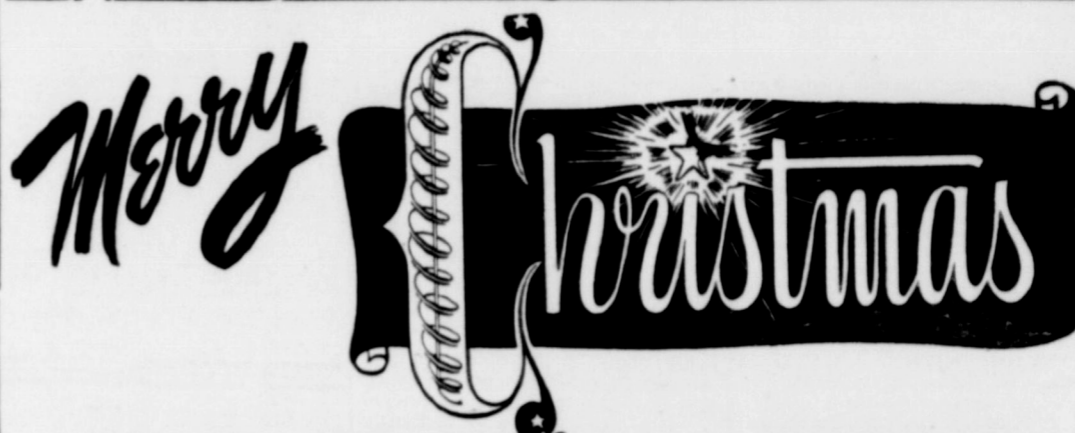
HAPPY NEW YEAR



from all of
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EARTH, TEXAS



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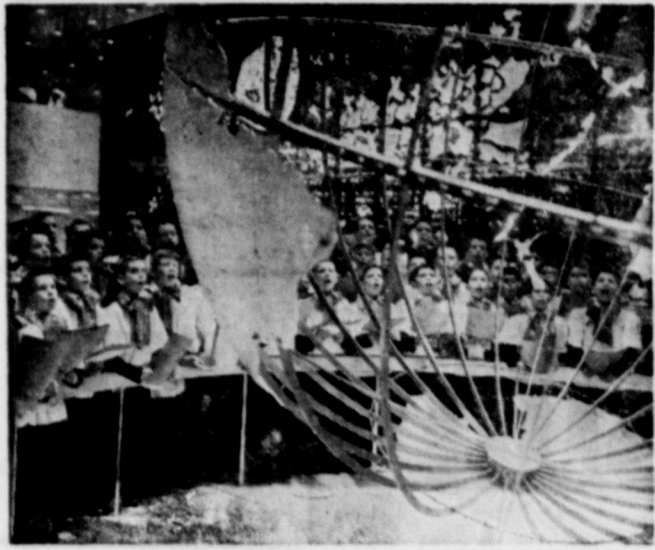
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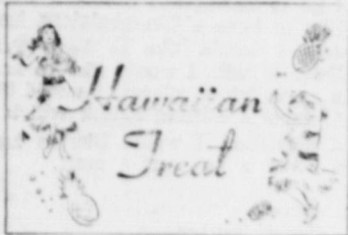
HAPPY NEW YEAR

EARTH BARBER SHOP

FLOYD HOUSTON, Owner



PEACE ON EARTH — New York's Incarnation Boys Choir carol before Fifth Avenue shoppers from two-story glassed-in ticket office of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. The boys participate in annual Christmas carol festival arranged by the airline.



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

Hawaiian Nut Bread
(Makes 1 loaf)

2 eggs
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup melted shortening
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup crushed canned pineapple (do not drain)

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

Trimming the Tree

The manner in which it is decorated can take away or add to the appearance of the most beautiful Christmas tree. Too often, the number of lights used to trim a tree is arrived at by guesswork and the results are disappointingly "spotty" or "lopsided." Professionals achieve good lighting effects by using this formula:

Height of tree (in feet) x width of tree at base (in feet) x 3. If your tree is 6 feet high and 4 1/2 feet wide at the base, the formula goes like this: 6 x 4 1/2 x 3 = 81 lights for a good lighting effect.

KEEP IT SAFE

Don't let YOUR happy holiday go up in smoke this year. Every fourth fire is caused by matches and smoking, so don't let carelessness spoil your holiday.

Keep plenty of ash trays about your house during the Yule Season. Empty ash trays frequently—after making sure that no burning cigarettes are left in the trays.

The Spirit of Christmas



At this joyous time of Christmas, may happiness fill your heart and may the blessings of peace, good health and good fortune be yours.

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus:
I live in Earth, Texas. I am eight years old. I go to Springlake school. I want a Kiss doll. I am in the Second grade. Would you bring our mother and father a present.
I want some candy.
Love,
Louise Eusle

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 8 years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a watch a B B gun, electric race car and truck. Please remember all the boys and girls.
Thank you
Denis Cowley

Dear Santa:
I am nine years old. I go to school at Springlake. I have two brothers. I want a truck for Christmas. Bring my brothers a Bee Bee gun. Don't forget my mother and daddy.
Love
Ruben DeLana

Dear Santa:
I live in Earth. I'm in the Second grade. I have been a good boy. I'm seven years old. I want a Corruptor Set, football and a tea. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love
Gregory Slover



May the gladness of Christmas linger with you like the delightful music of a sweet song.

Earth Floral and Gift Shop
MR. and MRS. SPENCER BEAVERS

Reptiles of Old Popular in Toys

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

Dinosaurs, the great reptiles that once dominated the earth, varied widely in shape and size. Some were no bigger than chickens, while the mighty Brontosaurus reached a length of 80 feet and weighed about 30 tons.

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

Choose Right Toys

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

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

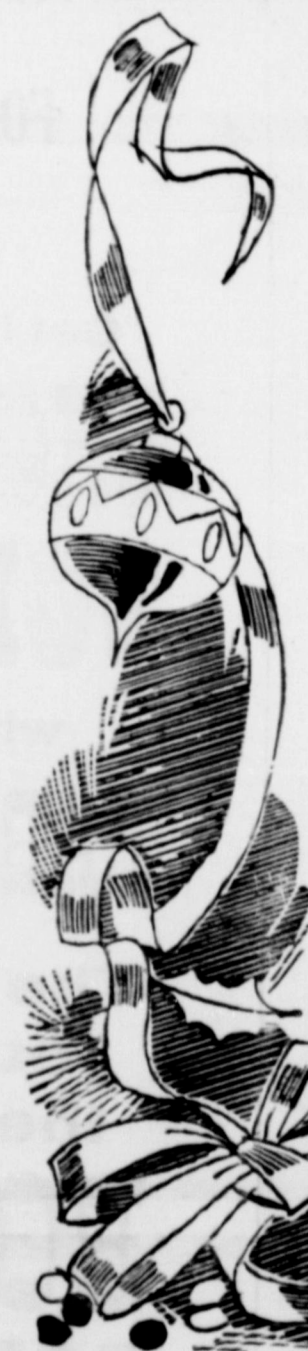
Gift-Giving 'Must' For Big Business

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

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

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

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



Season's

Numerous indeed are the hearts to which Christmas brings a season of peace. But it is into those hearts where overflowing goodness continually goes out to others that Christmas brings a full measure . . . and a sharing of the joy they experience at all seasons of the year.

May you be among those who enjoy Christmas the year 'round . . . for the spirit of Christmas is a part of our lives now and ever.

Greetings

FROM THE STAFF OF

Littlefield Hospital & Clinic

LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS



Season's Greetings

As shepherds watched their flocks . . .
a Star shone brightly in the hush of a Holy Night . . . a Babe was born in a manger . . . and a new spirit of Peace and Good Will came into the world.

May that spirit abide with you and your family now and always.

LITTLEFIELD STEAM LAUNDRY
LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS



TRAINS AND TREES

Most dads can't resist setting up Junior's train on Christmas Eve. It's fun—but it can be dangerous unless pop is careful. If an electric train is to be displayed, it should be put in operation some distance from the Christmas tree. Sparks from an electric train could cause a fire if they come in contact with dry Christmas tree branches.

Tot's Accident Prompted Christmas Tree Lights

Christmas tree lights were "born," according to some reports, after a little boy crawled under his Christmas tree and upset a candle. Luckily, only the dad's hair was singed. The child's father, a telephone man, decided that the candles would have to go. In their place, he soldered several dozen switchboard lamps to wires and covered them with brightly colored paper. Thus, safer, brighter lights replaced candles on Christmas trees.

Keep Children Busy As Holiday Nears

Children get bored during the Christmas season. Sure, Christmas is a season of excitement for the young ones. The trouble is they get so excited waiting for Santa to come that they become impatient—and need something to occupy their time. The wise mother will give them something to do. Children enjoy making things with their hands. They are anxious to help decorate the house and the tree.

Many parents brush them aside, saying, "You are too little"—and the children are left with their boredom. Give the kids a chance to help. Put them to work with a cookie cutter. Draw simple designs on cardboard for them to cut out and color. Let them paint holiday messages on boiled eggs with water colors. They will be happier and, once you get them started, you will find that you have more free time of your own.

Redeemer Legends Common Among American Indians

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

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



Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy 7 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me a Robot. Please remember all the boys and girls. Thank you, Kem Bock

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy 8 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me a bicycle and a B B gun. Please remember all the boys and girls. Thank you, Albert Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl 9 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me Tiny Tears. Please remember all the boys and girls. Thank you, Hope

Dear Santa Claus, I want a wagon and two guns. Robert Lee Garret

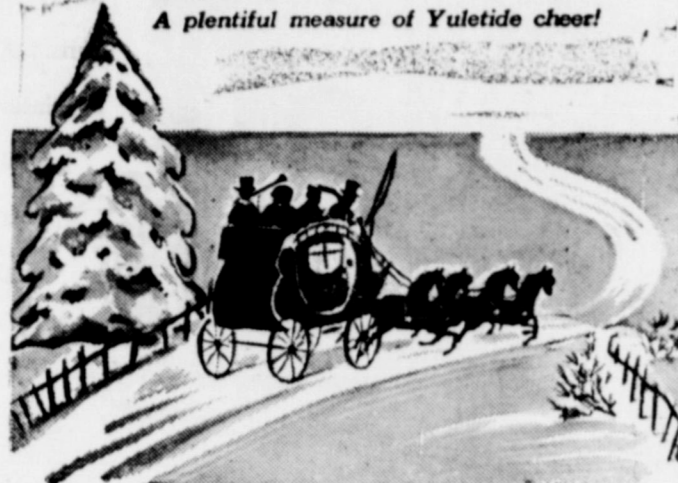
Dear Santa Claus, I want a Kiss Doll and a watch for Christmas. Doriscene Renfro

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a gun and some fruit. Charles Ray Carr



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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



Thanks for your past patronage — Looking forward to serving you next year . . .

STEPHENS and SONS
YOUR M-M DEALER
EARTH, TEXAS

Season's Greetings
As brightly as the star of Bethlehem, that Silent Night, may the spirit of the first Christmas shine forever in your heart. May its message of Peace and Good Will become an abiding source of hope to you and yours.

O. D.'s Pump and Machine

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy 7 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me electric football set B B gun case, watch. Please remember all the boys and girls. Thank you, Donnie Wheat

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy 7 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me a record player and some Christmas records and a electric train. Please remember all the boys and girls. Thank you, Love, Virgil Dean Scheller

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl 7 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me a doll that looks like a baby and a Bible with a zipper and with my name on it and some house shoes. Please remember all the boys and girls. I am going to give you an apple and a cake. You will be chubby when you leave my house. Thank you, Love, Cindy Berry

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl 8 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me a baby doll. Please remember all the boys and girls. Thank you, Karen Hinchliffe

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me a drum a dictionary a Bible a bicycle a record player. Please remember all the boys and girls. Thank you, Leslie Haber

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl seven years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me. Please remember all the boys and girls. Thank you, Gloria



A CHRISTMAS GREETING

Let us harken to the clear-voiced choristers, as they hail the approach of another Christmas! May you partake in fullest measure of all of the joys of the season and carry its inspiration with you into the New Year.

Thank You
For Your Past
Patronage — We Look
Forward To Serving You
In The Future . . .

TRACY PERKINS ROOFING

PHONE 385-5200

LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS

Greetings

May the joys of the Holiday Season surround you and your family, and linger long in your home and in your heart, to brighten the days that lie ahead. A Merry Christmas to everyone.

OLTON STATE BANK

MEMBER F. D. I. C.

OLTON, TEXAS



EARTH THEATRES



A merry Christmas

Our Yuletide best to all our friends... for a season packed with all the wonderful things that Christmas means!

Thanks For Your Past Patronage — Looking Forward To Serving You Next Year . . .

LUCILLES BEAUTY SHOP
Phone 257-4472 — Earth, Texas

Christmas COMES TO US



Do we come again to the season of Christmas . . . or, does the Christmas come to us?

Christmas comes to us, as always. All we need do is wait. Pretty strings of lights appear along Main Street. Store windows seem to come alive with thousands of toys and gifts and most desirable things. Up and down most any street in town, merry, many-colored windows reflect the spirit of warmth that is so much a part of the season.

Soon we begin to receive cards in the mail, from folks around town, from relatives, and a few from once-dear friends we lost somewhere in the past.

Begrudgingly at first, then with mounting enthusiasm, we undertake the obligations of meeting our own gift and Christmas card list. We begin to feel an inner glow, a sense of fellowship with the world—and by the time the holiday arrives, we are really glad it's Christmas!

Yes, Christmas comes to us, whether we like it or not. We cannot escape it.

But, do we really come to the spirit of Christmas when Christmas comes to us? Not if our celebration of Christmas begins and ends with the program outlined above.

Pretty lights that twinkle and glow; pretty cards from friends new and old; is this the purpose of Christmas?

Gift giving—trying to remember everyone who is likely to remember us; is this enough when Christmas comes?

Christmas brings to each of us the opportunity to share in the most magnificent moment of all time—the birth of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer, the Savior of all mankind.

Yes, Christmas comes once a year, with all the outward trappings we have come to know so well. Yet it is for nothing—unless each individual heart comes again to be filled with the true spirit of Christmas; the realization and appreciation of the fact that on this day God sent his only son to save the world.



Saint Nicholas



A little bit of time and a small amount of paint are all you need to add a distinctive personal touch to gifts for some of the "special" individuals on your Christmas list. By adding a few decorative designs with paint you can transform a simple item into a treasured present. Little designs, first names, initials that you can do so easily yourself are extra-cost items if you purchase them as ready-made presents.

Gift shops, novelty and stationery counters are brimming with possibilities for making attractive presents. Small apothecary jars enamelled in gay colors make ideal spice sets. When the enamel is dry, label each jar in large, easy-to-read contrasting letters. A just-right gift for the culinary expert on your list. The same assortment of jars labeled for nails, bolts, screws and the like will make a fine present for a do-it-yourself enthusiast.

To please a garden enthusiast, pick up a few gardening tools at the hardware store. Coat the handles in a bright colored enamel, and later add a few decorative designs. You will actually be doing the receiver a double service, for the colorful handles will make the tools easier to spot in the grass and serve as identification for borrowing neighbors.

Paints which come in handy aerosol spray cans are ideal for painting small items, are as simple to use as shaving cream or hair spray.

Once Each Year Mankind Remembers Bethlehem

In these modern times, man looks often toward the heavens, searching for the latest satellite. Centuries ago, lonely shepherds on a hillside looked upward, but their eyes beheld a different light, a holy light, and with this light a message, a given sign that a wondrous event had taken place in the city of Bethlehem.

Once, but once a year, man's thoughts turn elsewhere as he raises his eyes to the sky. He thinks not of space ships and satellites, nor of platforms in the sky.

Once a year, man comes again to realize that there is a goal beyond that of earth and a higher purpose than reaching the moon.

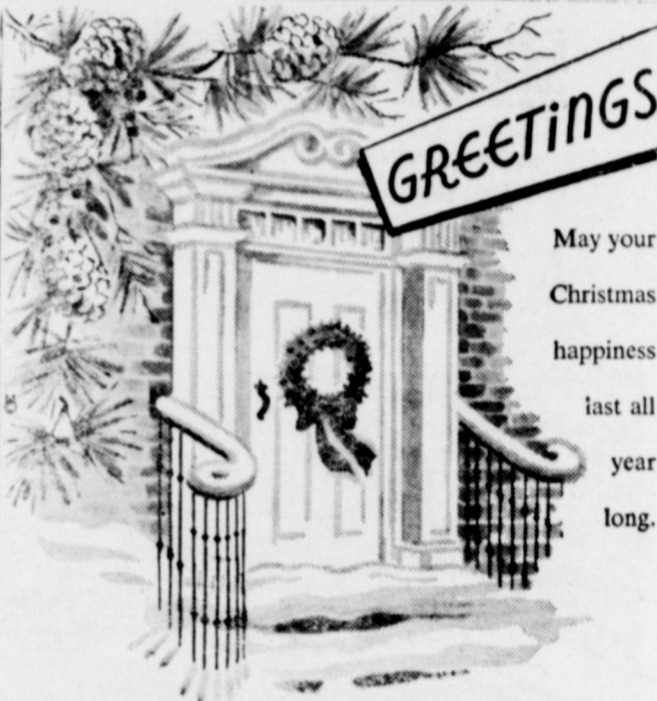
Once a year, man remembers that Christ was born so all the world might attain eternal life.



A MESSAGE FOR Christmas

In the spirit of the first Christmas that "came upon a midnight clear" we extend our warmest greetings to you and yours.

SPRINGLAKES BEAUTY SALON
Lorene and Leona
Phone 986-2941



May your Christmas happiness last all year long.

CARLIS BILLS ELECTRIC
Earth, Texas



A Christmas Message to the Car Owners of This Area

A Joyous Christmas

To each of you, our customers and friends, and those whom we would like to call our customers and friends, we extend a Merry Christmas. It is our wish that you will spend a most enjoyable occasion with loved ones and friends and that truly this will be the finest Christmas of them all.

Also, we want to thank each of you who has given us an opportunity to service your car during the past year. It has been our high purpose to offer the finest quality workmanship with genuine parts on every job, whether a minor tune-up or a complete overhaul. We promise to continue this business policy. Meantime, we send

BEST WISHES FOR A SEASON OF HAPPINESS TO ALL

SLIM'S GARAGE

Phone 986-2651



GIGANTIC TREE

A shopping center near Seattle, Washington attracted plenty of attention by erecting a 212-foot Christmas tree. Trimming the tree required some 3,500 colored light bulbs—and the aid of a helicopter.

Columbus And Crew Celebrated Christmas

The first Christmas observance in our part of the world was held shortly after Columbus discovered America. The Santa Maria beached on Christmas Eve and all Christmas day Columbus and his men worked to free her. When it appeared hopeless, she was stripped and as much gear as possible taken aboard the Nina. However, the Nina was unable to carry all the men, and some were left behind in a fort, that in honor of the season was called La Navidad, the nativity.

Christmas Custom

Some folks pick up a box of Christmas cards and mail them out.

Others snap a picture of the children under the tree to illustrate their Yuletide greetings.

But for 25 years, a State College, Pa., couple have been doing it differently, and their friends won't let them stop now.

They are David and Madeline Campbell who for the past quarter of a century have collected zesty little bits of news from mutual friends—who broke their legs, were married, or had some other dramatic adventure—then boiled the information down and flavored it with Campbell poetry for an annual Christmas letter.

How did the Christmas letter get started?

"Who knows how it got started?" says Madeline. "How do you quit? Our friends won't let us quit."

Campbell is a retired Pennsylvania State University professor who for nearly 30 years taught engineering drawing.

Now, he is a once-a-year author and some 500 friends of Dave and Madeline Campbell—in a half dozen foreign countries and most of the United States—refuse to let the dynamic Campbell Christmas letter give way to a conventional card.



HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

...Won't You?

We hope you will, because your happiness is important to us. We've always tried to make our friends happy with service, both friendly and obliging. We look forward to seeing you . . . and serving you.

OLTON BOWLING CENTER

Phone 285-2666 — Olton, Texas

MAKE A SANTA
 Children will enjoy making a Santa sleigh from a long, thin type of egg carton.
 Tear the top from one end of the carton and use the carton dividers to form Santa's seat and dashboard. The sleigh can be painted or covered with red construction paper and sleigh runners made from four candy canes. Place a candle Santa in the driver's seat and fill the sleigh with Christmas balls.

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



MIXED REACTIONS . . . The young lady seems pleased but the reaction of her young gentleman friend is a bit different. He isn't quite sure of his opinion regarding the new boy dolls on the holiday market this year as companion to more familiar . . .



Who so putteth his trust in Jehovah shall be safe.

—(Prov. 29:25)

Every day, whatever we do, wherever we go, God goes with us; we are surrounded and infolded by the protecting presence of God. Knowing this, we are at peace — we never feel alone.

Forester Helped Today's Boys Have Holiday Tree

Franklin Pierce and Benjamin Harrison were among Presidents known to have yule trees in the White House. Theodore Roosevelt, a dedicated conservationist, banned the use of trees, for fear indiscriminate cutting would destroy the nation's forests.

His sons, Archie and Quentin, smuggled a tree into the White House and were saved from stern parental disciplining only when forester Gifford Pinchot convinced the President that selective cutting of young evergreens helps rather than harms the forests.



To all our friends we extend warm wishes for a Holiday that is full of love and joy.
 A Merry Christmas to all!

HARVEY BASS APPLIANCE

Muleshoe, Texas



a **Christmas Prayer**

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

LITTLE'S of Littlefield

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Little and Employees



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

Thank you, for your patronage this past harvest season, your business was deeply appreciated, your patience, cooperation and confidence made doing business with you a pleasure. We look forward to doing business with you for many seasons to come. As we approach this Holiday season our hearts are filled with thankfulness for you, our customers . . .

CENTRAL COMPRESS

Sudan

PLEASANT VALLEY GIN

NICKELS GIN

Sudan Road

Christmas Rose

Legend Associates Plant With Christmas Day

Numerous plants and animals are associated with Christmas legends and some of the most beautiful have to do with flowers. The Christmas rose, for instance, was said divinely created. A shepherd maid wept because she had no gift to lay before the infant Child in the Manger, when suddenly an angel appeared before her—

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

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

Of the others, Sainfoin, or Holy Hay, is believed to have cradled the infant Christ in the Manger. And the snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas Eve.



Gift and Fabric Shop

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Parish
Earth, Texas



LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,

I want a B B gun. I want a record player. I want a airplane. I want a train. I want a truck. I want some records. I want some tools.

Love
Brian Page

Dear Santa,

I want a real B B gun, and bring me a airplane. I want some football shoes. I am seven years old. I want some tools, and bring me a bicycle. I want some records, and a real watch.

Thank you,
Love, Terrell Ott

Dear Santa Claus,

I am seven years old. Please bring me a doll and dishes.

Janice Marie Allen

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 6 years old. Please bring me a doll.
Jimella Norman

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Rifleman gun and a truck.

Gearld Thomas

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 7 years old. Please bring me a doll.

Mary Hellen Washington

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl, 9 years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a big bear and play dishes. Please remember all the boy and girl. Thank you.

Angellito

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 8 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please remember all the boys and girls. Please bring me a Tiny Tears an a batone on a Bride doll an record player. Please.

Thank you,
Paula Kay Nunn

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy 9 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me a bicycle. Please remember all the boys and girls.

Thank you
Ruby

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy 10 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me B B gun case. Please remember all the boys and girls.

Armando

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy 8 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me a Bow and arrow, B B gun case. Please remember all the boys and girls.

Thank you,
Aaron Scheller

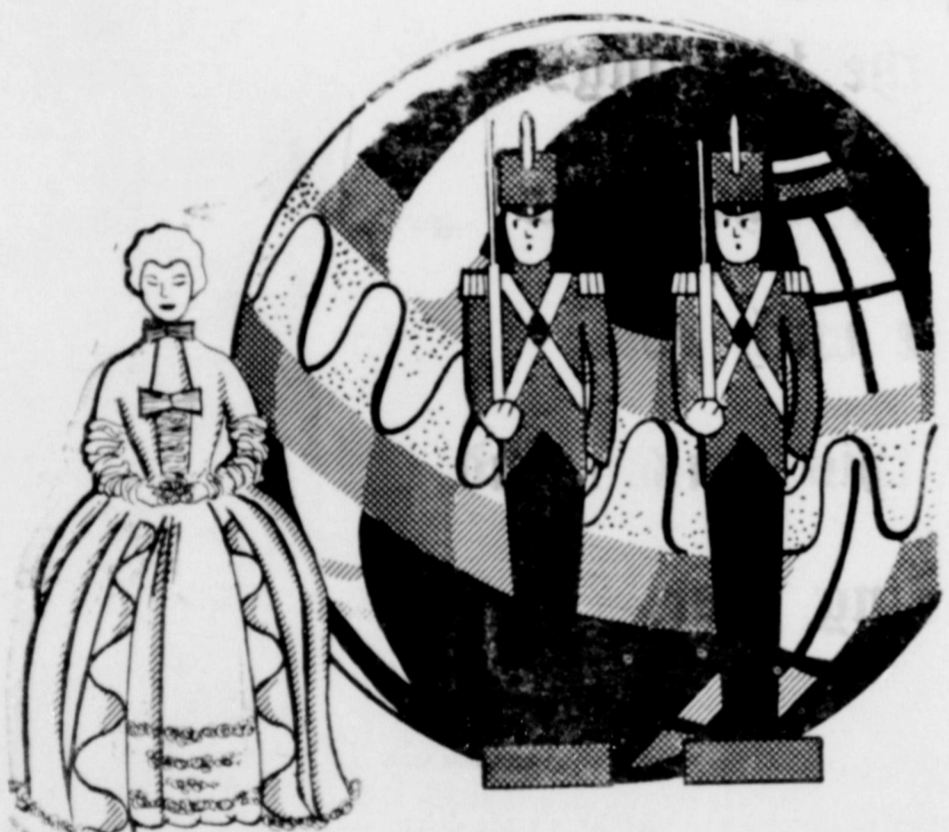
It's **CHRISTMAS**

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



HAPPY HOLIDAY

To All Of You From All Of Us
DENT FARM SUPPLY
AND EMPLOYEES
YOUR JOHN DEERE DEALER



MERRY CHRISTMAS
Everybody

EARTH CO-OP GINS, INC.



DR. W. D. HOLT
And Staff
MISS MINNIE GAUNA — MRS. BILLY ROBNETT

Be Certain You Display A Safe Tree

What kind of a tree is best for you this Christmas?

A SAFE tree, of course. Whatever variety of tree you choose this year, be sure that it is freshly-cut, with firmly attached needles. When you select the tree, strike the ground with the thick end. If a shower of needles fall, the tree has been cut too long and will not last for long.

Keep It Fresh

Do not buy your tree until you are ready to decorate it; if you do buy it early, keep it outside. It will stay fresher and will remain green longer after you have put it up. Keep it standing in water at all times.

Select the setting for your tree with safety in mind. Locate it in the coolest part of the room, well away from radiators, heaters, and the fireplace. This not only reduces the chances of fire, but as well assures longer life for the tree, as heat dries the tree quickly.

Use Tree Holder

A tree holder is a good investment if it has a bucket of water in which the trunk can rest. The ability of the tree to absorb water will surprise you, so be sure to check contents of the bucket often.

Do not use any kind of paper decorations on your tree. Use decorations made of glass, metal, or fire-resistant materials.

Use only electric lights on your tree—and check them thoroughly, particularly if they have been stored since last Christmas. Sets with frayed wiring invite disaster.

Provide Switch

Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning the tree lights on or off. If connection is located behind the tree, you may not be able to reach it in an emergency.

Inspect the tree frequently. If needles near lights start to turn brown, change position of the lights. When needles begin to fall freely, it's time to discard the tree.

AN APPLE FOR CHRISTMAS

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

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

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

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

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



THERE HE IS . . . Many a youngster would like nothing better than to catch Santa Claus coming down the chimney.

Baby Sitter Tips As Holiday Nears

Christmas is a busy time for parents—and a busy time for baby sitters, since parents are constantly on the go as the holiday approaches. Thus, a word to parents:

- Know your sitter personally, or be certain of her recommendations.
- Be sure that she is old enough to know what to do in case of an emergency; and young enough to be able to do it.
- Leave memo beside the telephone, telling her exactly where you are going and how you may be reached if needed.
- Leave telephone number of fire department and police in conspicuous place.
- Instruct sitter to keep children out of kitchen, if possible, and be sure she realizes that matches, electric cords and appliances are not playthings.
- Turn off Christmas tree lights when you leave, or instruct sitter to be certain that children stay away from the tree.
- Be sure that sitter knows what to do in case of fire: get children out of house; notify fire department; notify parents, in that order.
- Come home at the hour agreed upon, or telephone sitter if unavailably delayed.
- Have a safe, happy holiday.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:
I want toys for Christmas. I want a football for Christmas. I am eight years old. I want a gun and a sled for Christmas. I want a trunk for Christmas.
My School is in Springlake.
Good-by Santa
Love, Raymond Padilla

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 8 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me Baby doll.
Please remember all the boys and girls.
Thank you,
Dora B Sanchez

Dear Santa:
I am seven years old. I am in the Second grade. I want a watch and some Lincoln logs.
Love
Carl Sulser

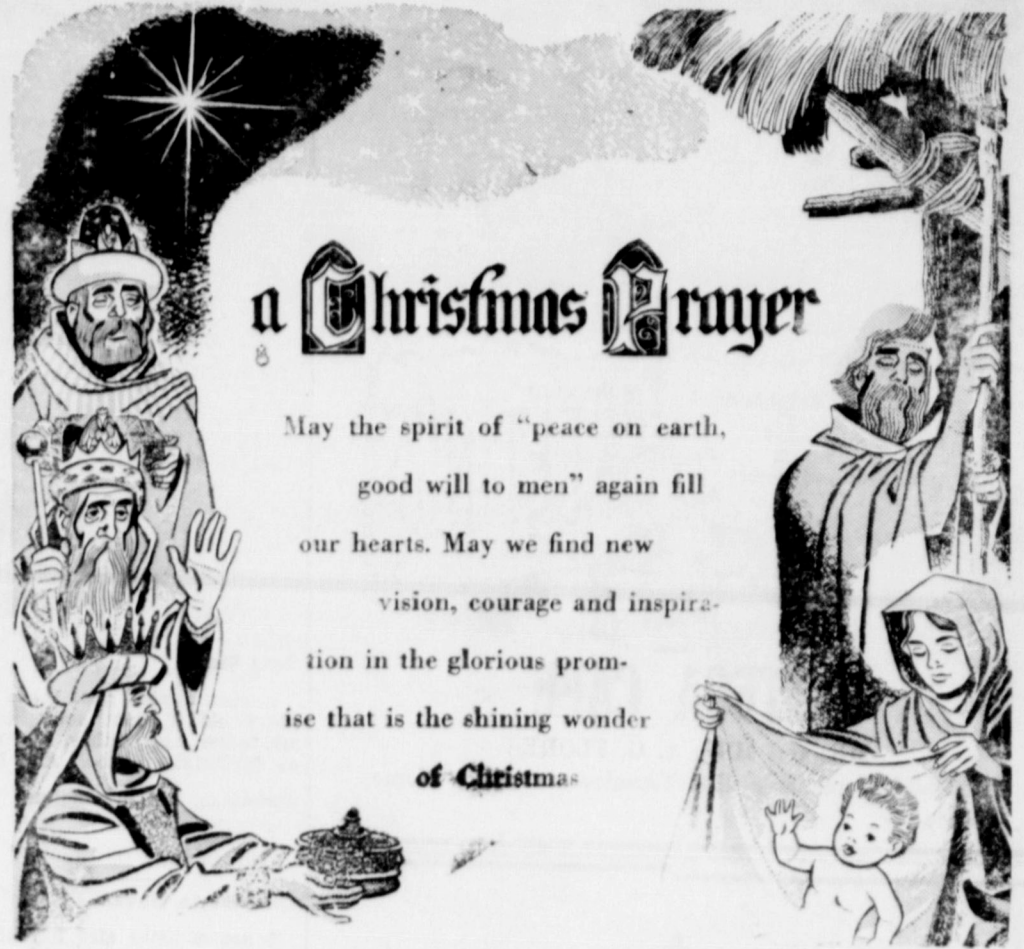
Dear Santa:
I am seven years old. I am in the Second grade. I live in Earth. My school is Springlake. I want a football helmet and a football suit.
Love
Jerry



CHRISTMAS Greetings

We hope you and yours enjoy a hearty Holiday... brimful of the love and joy that make Christmas.

WAYNE'S 66 SERVICE STATION
EARTH, TEXAS



a Christmas Prayer

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

LAYMAN BROS. BUTANE
LAYMAN BROS. SERVICE STATION
Earth, Texas



CHRISTMAS ROSES

One of the most beautiful of the legends associated with Christmas is that of the Christmas rose.

According to the story, Madelon, the child of a shepherd, saw the Wise Men pass toward Bethlehem, laden with gifts for the Christ Child, and she wept because she had no gifts to offer.

An angel appeared before her and asked, "Why do you weep?"

"Because," Madelon replied, as she brushed away her tears, "I have no gift for the Christ Child."

"A gift of the heart is best of all, but I will give you something to carry to the manger," and with this the angel disappeared, and in the same spot there appeared a beautiful rose, filled with white blooms.

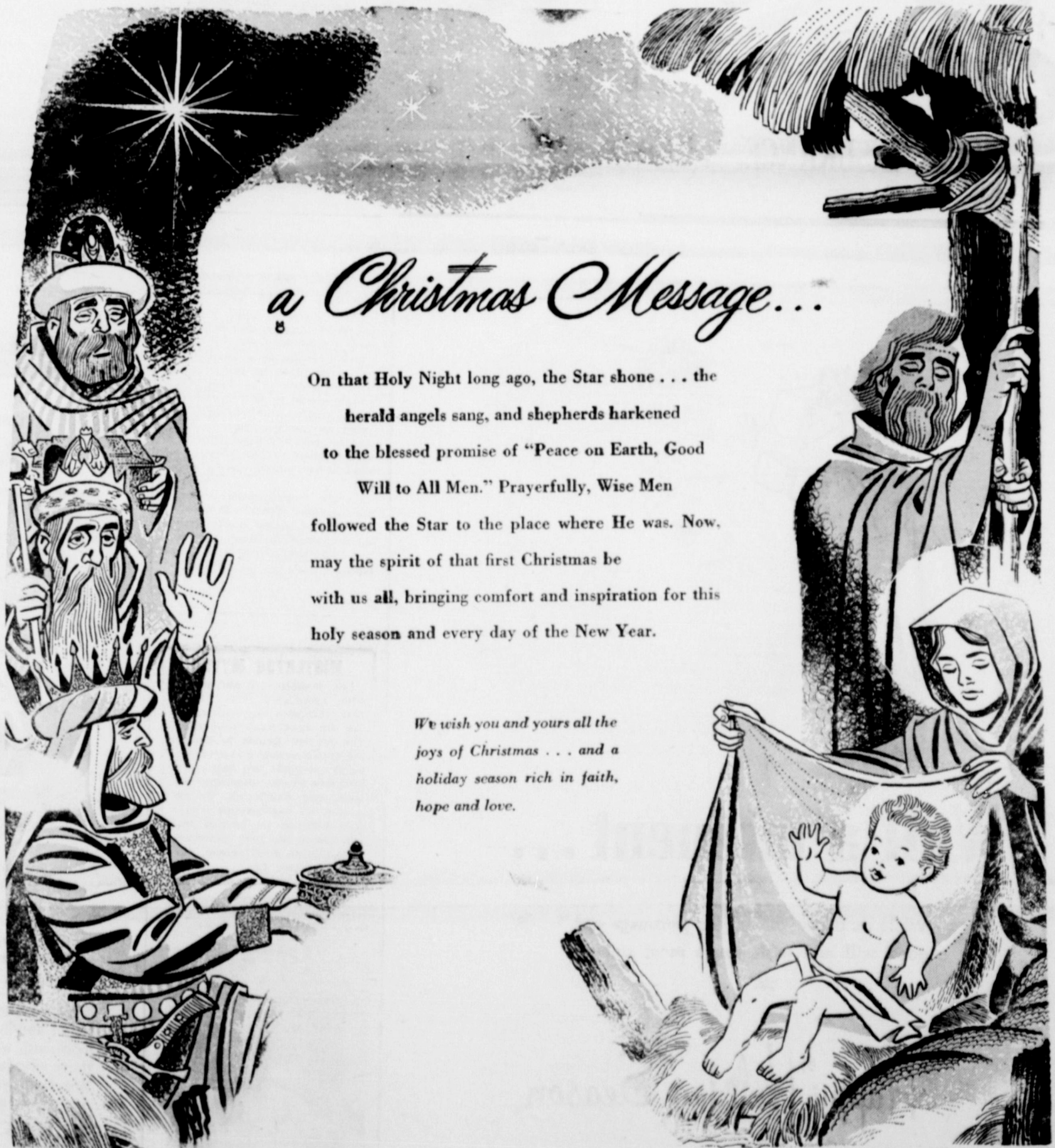
Madelon gathered the blossoms and joyfully went to Bethlehem. At the manger, she stood in the background as the Wise Men offered their gold, frankincense and myrrh. She hesitated, doubting that her small gift would be acknowledged or appreciated.

Mustering her courage, she stepped forth and lay the roses before the Christ Child. Immediately, the flowers turned from white to a most beautiful pink, the first Christmas rose.



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

EARTH DRY GOODS



a Christmas Message...

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

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

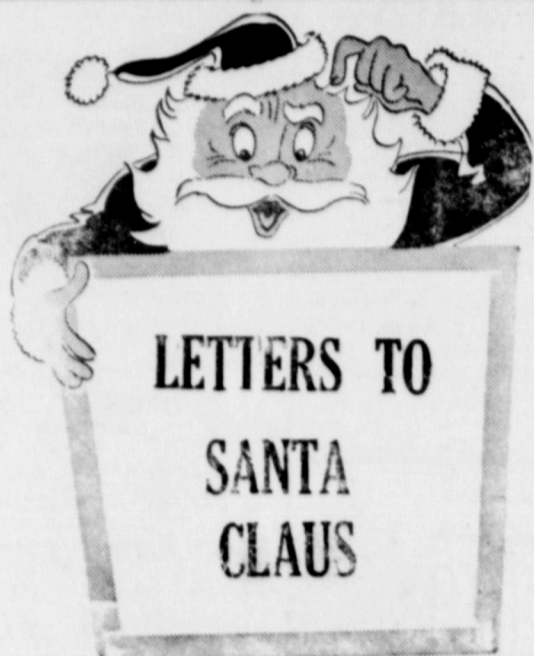
EARTH ELEVATOR



Our jolly good wishes go out to all our friends and neighbors for this season of good will and cheer!

AZTECA CAFE

MR. and MRS. A. G. FLORES
Plenty of Homemade Hot Tamales and Take Home Orders . . .



Dear Santa:

I want a play gun. I am seven years old. I want something for my father and mother. I live close to Springlake School. And I want something for my sisters.

Love,
Ben Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 7 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me a Tiny Tears. Please remember all the boy and girl.

Thank you,
Love, Sylvia Garcia

Dear Santa Claus

I am a little boy 8 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me a B B gun. Please remember all the boys and girls.

Thank you,
Edward

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy 7 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me a electric football set. Please remember all the boys and girls.

Thank you,
Love, Bruce Bridges



EVANS INSURANCE

Earth, Texas



THERE'S SANTA . . . Father and son pause in their window shopping to inspect Santa Claus surrounded by huge cand canes in window of Chicago department store. Boy! Get a load of those lollipops, pop. They'd last a awfully long time



... A CHRISTMAS

WISH

That you may have a most joyous and cheerful

Christmas — the kind that you will remember

ever growing happiness until this time

next season.

DODD ELEVATOR And FLAGG GRAIN, Inc.

MR. GEORGE BLANTON



Wait a moment . . .

While we thank you for your patronage and good will and wish you a most sincere

Happy Holiday *Season*

KING FURNITURE and APPLIANCE

NORTH HIGHWAY 385 — DIMMITT, TEXAS

Children Can Make Stained Glass Window

With mother's help children can make a pretty stained-glass window for holiday display.

Lay a newspaper on an ironing board and place on the paper a piece of waxed paper which has been trimmed to fit the window.

Peel crayon stubs in different colors on the wax paper. Place another sheet of waxed paper and another sheet of newspaper over this and iron quickly with a warm iron.

As the crayon melts, a lovely stained-glass effect will be created on the waxed paper, which can be framed in black construction paper and placed in the window.

MISTLETOE MYTHS

Like frankincense and myrrh, also associated with Christmas, mistletoe was once hailed for its medicinal properties. The ancient Druids of Britain attributed mystic powers to the mistletoe plant and believed it effective against diseases, poisons, and witchcraft. To announce an engagement with a kiss beneath its berries was considered the best guarantee of happiness, good fortune, fertility and long life.



COULDN'T WAIT . . . Children just can't resist the temptation to try to wait out old Santa and catch him coming down the chimney. It seems, however, that Old Santa is too smart for 'em, else he has a helper around the house no one knows about. The old gentleman never makes his appearance before all little eyes are closed fast in sleep.



As we extend Season's Greetings to the fine people of this area we are mindful of the many courtesies and friendships that have been ours to enjoy in the business relationships in the past. We are grateful for your consideration and wish for you a most pleasant Christmas observance.

May we also remind you of our willingness to be of service to all who are building, or remodeling, who hope to build or remodel or to those who just need a few items now and then. We want your friendships and consideration, and will do all possible to merit your patronage.

SEASON'S BEST WISHES TO ALL

BUILDING SUPPLIES

Everything for the builder, contractor, for home repairs . . . and for the "do-it-yourself" handyman.



H. S. SANDERS LUMBER

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Sanders — Earth, Texas



MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Joe Glascock, Truscott arrived last Wednesday for several days visit with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Glascock.

Mrs. Orville Cleavinger and Pat were dinner guests last Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Armstrong.

Sunnyside News -

By TEENY BOWDEN

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ivey were surprised with a birthday dinner in Mrs. Ivey's honor last Sunday by relatives. Their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Pruitt and Judy of Midland planned the surprise and came Saturday to help make the arrangements. Mokey Ivey and Terry Roberts from Abilene were also home from Tech for the weekend. Others present for the Birthday Dinner were Mr. and Mrs. George Barnard and family of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Barnard and family of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bill Barnard and family also of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wright & family, Buck Wright and son, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Files and family, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Touchstone, and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Billard and son all of Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Summers and Mr. and Mrs. Iris Tophstone of Dimmitt also visited with them in the afternoon.

Randy Powell went home with Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Powell and children of Earth last Sunday for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ott and family from Hereford were Sunday dinner guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Haydon. They all then visited in the Milton Ott home with Mr. and Mrs. Ott, r. and Mrs. Harry Mitchell & family of Springlake, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ott and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Loudder. The Mitchells also visited in the Milburn Haydon home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Rex Jenkins and Wanda, Mrs. Sonny Adams and children and Joy Horton of Littlefield visited Friday and spent last Friday night in Odessa with relatives and friends. They and Rex Jenkins visited in Knox, Texas last Saturday and Saturday night with relatives. Mr. Jenkins went quail hunting while he was there.

Freezing fog and drizzle continued all day Monday with some snow in the afternoon. The electricity was off all day Monday, Monday night, and Tuesday for many. Field work was not resumed until Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady Abbe who had been operating the Cafe moved from the community last Saturday. He was also a ginner. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Meeks of Earth have been operating the cafe this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Haydon left Tuesday to visit in Weatherford with his parents and in Gainsville with his sister and family. They returned Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bridges were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Morgan in Dimmitt Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lilley visited in Olton Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lewis and family.

The Spanish Story Hour met at the church Tuesday afternoon for their regular meeting.

The Brotherhood met Tuesday night with ten attending. Robert Paschal had charge of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Musgrove of San Ysidro, California visited Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kyser of Dimmitt were also supper guests Tuesday night.

Rev. Travis Hamm and Charlotte of Amarillo were dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Durham Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Powell visited with Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Powell of Earth Wednesday and brought Randy home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bridges left Wednesday for Weatherford after receiving word of the death of Mr. Bridges' aunt. They returned Friday night.

The WMS night circles had Bible Study together Wednesday night.

The Christmas program was practiced after the prayer service Wednesday night instead of regular choir practice.

The WMS Day Circles met together Thursday afternoon for the circle program from Royal Service. The Beginner Sunbeams also had their regular meeting.

Rev. and Mrs. Weldon Franks and Randy of Levelland were dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Durham Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phelan visited with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morris in Tulla. They also attended the Church's Christmas Parade in Tulla Thursday night.

Donnie Lilley attended the Associational Youth Rally in Littlefield with friends in Dimmitt Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paschal took Janie and Keith to see Santa at Milam's Toyland in Lubbock Thursday night.

The El Paso Plant personnel had their annual Christmas Party at the Steak House Cafe in Dimmitt Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Curtis of Mission, Texas; H. H. Curtis of Norwood, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Curtis, Mrs. Lillian Curtis, and Quincy Gibson all of Petersburg visited with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Curtis Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis also visited with them again Wednesday in Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duke attended the annual DeKalb Christ-

mas Dinner and Party in Plainview Thursday night.

Mrs. Clifford Little and Pattie of Olton visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Waggoner and family. Pattie stayed through Sunday with them.

Rev. M. D. Durham visited Friday in Dimmitt with Rev. R. C. Guest who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duke and family attended the Flag Community Christmas Party in Flag Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Humphery of Brownville visited at the store with several Saturday.

The Junior and Intermediate G. A.'s and their Counselors took a Christmas Program with gifts and treats to the Convalescent Home in Amberst Saturday. All the WMU Organizations had a party in furnishing oranges and candy for the treats. Those going were Mrs. M. D. Dursham and Mrs. J. T. Holcomb, Juanelle Conard, Terry, Miriam and Sandra Crisp, Nancy and Paula Loudder, Janie Paschal, Bobby Jan, Janita, and Janice Blackburn, Ann Spencer, Janice Townsend, Butch and Johanne Ruth Holcomb and Dian Roscoe. Mrs. Troy Blackburn also went.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baker of Canyon spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Curtis and children. Also visiting in the Curtis home Sunday was Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stephens of Petersburg and H. H. Curtis from Norwood, N. M. Mr. Curtis also spent Sunday night with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Messer and Bart of Lubbock spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Loudder and Doug. Mrs. Lowell Westmoreland and girls of Littlefield visited with them Sunday. Mr. Dwayne Loudder and boys of Flag visited in the afternoon with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lewis and family of Olton were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lilley and Donnie. Mrs. Lewis and children attended the Sunday evening services with Mrs. Lilley.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gilley, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Duke, and W. T. Duke all of Amarillo and Mrs. Alma Gillispie of Clovis were in the R. E. Duke home Sunday for their annual Christmas Party. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duke and family visited with them in the afternoon. Mrs. Gillispie also spent Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bowden and Mrs. W. E. Loudder visited in

the Hale Center Hospital Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Lillie Daniels who is seriously ill, and with her family.

The Christmas Program was practiced Sunday afternoon with a dress rehearsal.

One hundred twenty attended Sunday School with 89 in Training Union Sunday. The Christmas Program was presented in the evening Worship Service. Many of the Youth and some adults went Caroling after the services. Treats were presented to the children.

The Church has exceeded its \$600.00 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, and in the Special Offering taken Sunday for the Building Indebtedness almost enough was received to make two payments which would save almost another payment in interest.

Party Line.....

Mrs. Phillip Jennings and Robin returned to their home in Tucumcari, N. M. Wednesday after spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Rob Simmons.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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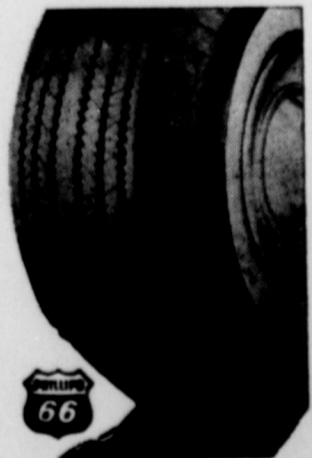
Greater Gladness at Christmas

Each year we greet the Christmas season with greater gladness, because it is then that we take time to tell our friends how much we cherish their friendship. Because we are proud to number you among our friends, and because we are grateful for your patronage, we send this greeting, and with it our sincere wish your Christmas will be most joyous.



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LETTERS TO
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Dear Santa Claus

I am a little girl 8 years old. I have been pretty good this year. For Christmas I would like a Thumbelina doll, Barbie doll, and a Ken doll, transistor radio. And a bride suit for Barbie, bridegroom suit for Ken. Don't forget Eddie Sam. We will leave you something to eat.

Love
Carlene Jones

P. S. Eddie Sam wants a pellet gun.

Dear Santa:

I would like a Chatty Cathy Doll. Please bring me the prettiest Doll that you have.

I Love You
L'Anna

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Fascination, and if you would please bring me the old spinning wheel.

Santa which doll do you think I should have a May Lou doll or a Bonnie baby doll?

Santa please very, very much bring me a play mobil.

Your friend
Susie Adrian

Dear Santa Claus:

I am five years old, and I can't write, so mommy is writing for me.

I have been pretty good this year. I want you to bring me a toy piano, a majorette suit, a Ken doll and case, and some dress up clothes. I want a play dough factory and anything else you'd like to bring me.

Bring my sister, Jan a sewing machine, a Barbie Doll and case, some Mosiac tile, and a watch.

My brother, Mike wants a football suit with double face guard helmet, an electric football game, and a ball toss game.

Please bring all the little children something.

Love
Pat Cleavinger

Dear Santa Claus,

I am in the fifth-grade. I want a doll and some dishes. Mother and father want watches for Christmas.

Yours truly,
Ollie Mae Thomas

Dear Santa Claus,

I am in the third grade. I am a good girl.

I want a doll and an electric food center for Christmas.

Respectly yours,
Davie Mae Lackey

Dear Santa Claus,

I am in the four grade. I want a doll and some dishes. Mother and father want watches for Christmas.

Your truly,
Betty Joe Thomas

Dear Santa Claus

I am nine years old and in the third grade.

Please bring me a gun, a truck and a tractor.

Yours truly,
Billy Ray Thomas

Dear Sir:

I am a good boy. I am in the third grade and am nine years old. Please bring me a bicycle and a gun.

Please Santa,
Ray Charles Mosley

Today's Toys Please
Both Father And Son

The average father isn't content to leave Junior's train as Santa delivered it—in the box. After Santa makes delivery, and just has to get down on his knees, set up the rails and give the train a few practice runs.

This, of course, is why toy-makers stress the "father and son" approach in selecting toys and advertising them.

Toys for the current Christmas season will please both the old and the young, and they run a wide range, from electric trains to scale models of ships and planes, power drill sets, model power boats and model airplanes.

Be Sure That Toys
You Give Are Safe

The anticipation of a visit from Santa Claus makes Christmas an exciting time for youngsters. The wide variety of toys on the market today makes the adult job of shopping for the kids likewise an adventure. But a word of caution is as timely as the season.

Some of the toys on the market today—such as miniature rockets, airplanes and automobiles—use kerosene, gasoline, or carbide for fuels. Parents, uncles and aunts should be certain that the toys they buy for children are safe.

Electrical toys, or those using acids and chemicals, are wonderful gifts, but parents or adults should supervise their use.

My Neighbors



"He's resigning."

Season's Greetings

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

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Letters To Santa Claus



Dear Santa: x

I live in Earth. I am eight years old. I want an Archer Set for Christmas and a Pellett gun and a Corruptor Set and a surprise. Good-by Santa.

Love
Hoyt Glascock

Dear Santa:

I am seven years old. I go to school at Springlake. I am in the second grade.

I live at Springlake School. I want a three year old doll for Christmas. My brother wants a Racing Set for Christmas.

Love
Sharon Gowdy

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 9 years old. Please bring me a Christmas toy. I want a B B gun.

Yours Truly,
Robert Lee Washington

Dear Santa:

I am seven years old. I am in the second grade. I go to Springlake School. I would like a Get Well Doll, trampoline and a leather purse with my initials on it. I hope everyone a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Marian Dawson

Dear Santa:

I live north of Spinglake and west about one-half mile. I am seven years old. I am in the second grade. I want a football suit and a new football. I want to give my two bigger brothers and sister a present too.

Love,
Eddie Alair

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy 7 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me guns. Please remember all the boys and girls.

Thank you,
Joe Flores

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy 7 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me a bicycle. Please remember all the boys and girls.

Thank you,
Billy Ray Fletcher

Dear Santa Claus

I am a little boy 7 years old. I am in the Second grade. Please bring me record player. Please remember all the boys and girls.

Thank you,
Leopoldo Flores, Jr.

Careful Wrapping For Distinctive Gift

Everybody gets and gives neckties at Christmas, so why not make your gift distinctive by using a necktie bow in decorating the box?

Fasten the ends of the ribbon under the lid about 1/4 way down, bring to center, tie the knot and shape the ends tie fashion.

Use dark blue, wine or green ribbon about one and one-half inches wide. These are attractive used on a striped or plaid paper.



Christmas is always the most important day of the year and one particular Christmas day, in the year 1776, greatly affected the course of American history.

On Christmas day of 1776, the struggle of the new American republic for independence seemed almost hopeless. Tattered, hungry, riddled with dysentery, the American Army was barely hanging on, with little left but hope. Along the banks of the Delaware River, some 2,500 men huddled waxy, shoeless, this bleak Christmas night.

In this setting, General George Washington said to his command: "This is it, gentlemen—victory or death. That is our only watch word."

"Notwithstanding the discouraging accounts, I am determined to cross the river and make the attack on Trenton in the morning."

The rest is history. Washington and his ragged army ignored the snow, ice and sleet to make a dangerous river crossing and an agonizing march to Trenton. Under Washington's inspired leadership, the Americans humbled the vaunted Hessian mercenaries and wrote one of the most glorious pages in the American history book.

Twelfth Night, Traditional End Of Yule Season

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

Epiphany means "appearance" and commemorates the visit of the Three Wise Men to the infant Jesus. Their arrival was proof to believers that Christ the Savior had been born.

The visit is told in Matthew 2: 1-2: "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

"Saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

Early Plays

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

Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" reflects this mood. It was probably presented in a command performance at Whitehall Palace on January 6, 1601, according to historians.

Today child "kings" crowned with golden paper coronets roam the streets of Europe on Epiphany singing hymns and carols. In Italy, millions of children awake and find their stockings filled with presents from La Befana, the good-hearted witch who takes the place of Santa Claus.

Dear Santa:

I am eight year old. I am in the Second grade. I live on Mr. Stout's farm. I want a gun, a car, and a rifle and for my little brother a truck and a car.

Love
Fred DeLone

Dear Santa:

I am nine years old. I live in Earth. I want a dolly that can cry. Merry Christmas to Santa. I want a dolly and some dishes. I go to school at Springlake.

Love
Gilda Marie Ray

Dear Santa

I live in Earth, Texas. I Love you. I would like a ball and a doll. I am 7 years old.

Love
Regina Cole

Cheerful Holiday Wishes



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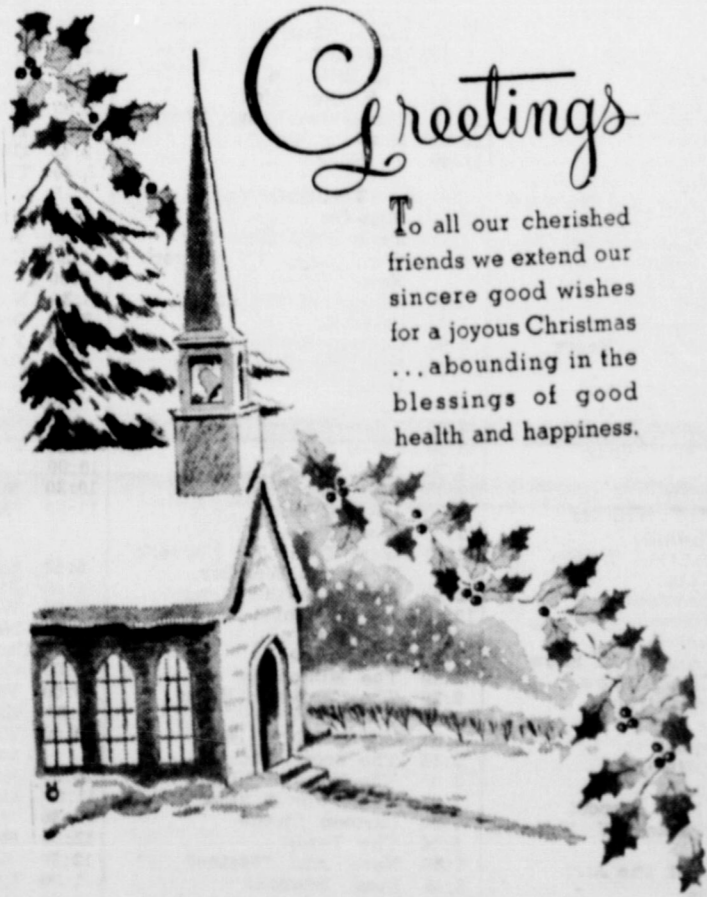
ALWAYS CHRISTMAS
Wherever they happen to be Americans can make the most of Christmas. The scene above shows Coast Guardsmen aboard a World War II combat cutter. A mop decorated with a single strand of Christmas tree lights isn't much, but it's enough to remind men of the spirit of Christmas—the Christmases of old and those yet to be.

PLUM PUDDING

Plum pudding evolved from an early English dish known as "frumenty."

Traditional at the English Christmas feast, "frumenty" consisted of wheat boiled until the grains burst and, after straining, rebolled with broth or milk and yolks of eggs. Somewhere along the line an imaginative cook added raisins, other prunes, some spice, chopped suet, etc., and eventually the plum pudding came into being.

MERRY



Greetings

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CHRISTMAS

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NOVEL IDEA

Broken Christmas tree decorations are still useful. Cut cardboard into star shapes and apply fresh, white shellac. While the shellac is still wet, place the fragments securely on the cardboard. When dry, the shellac will hold them in place.



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PL—
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LaDonna were supper guests Wed-
nesday night of Mrs. Mildred
Free.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete O'Hair were
in Lubbock Thursday on business.

PL—
Mrs. A. C. Barton, Mrs. Ed
Haley and Brad were in Little-
field last Wednesday on business.

PL—
Mr. and Mrs. Rob Simmons
spent Wednesday night with his
father, John Simmons, Olton.

PL—
L. E. Sloan was in Olton Thurs-
day morning on business. He also
visited in the Bob Williams' home.

PL—
Mrs. A. M. Sanders, Mrs. Stella
Sutton and Mrs. Bobby D. Green
were in Plainview last Wednesday
on business.

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POINSETTIA CARE

Proper care will insure a long life for the poinsettia plant. Here are some suggestions:

Place the plant in a sunny window well away from drafts and excessive heat. A temperature of 70 degrees is recommended.

Examine the soil twice daily and keep it uniformly moist. When it starts to dry out, apply enough water to wet the soil to the bottom.

EARLY LIGHTS

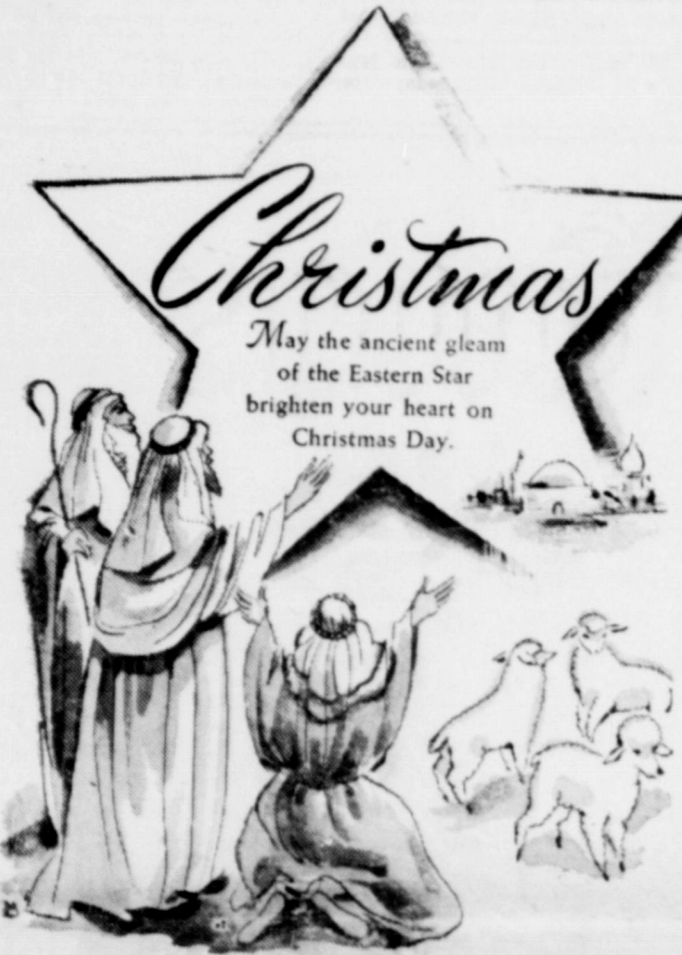
Barrel-shaped glass lights were among Christmas tree ornaments used before the turn of the century. Illumination shone brightly through the various-colored glass—amethyst, moss and emerald green, blue and gold balls and strings of tinsel.

FIRST MUSIC BOX

The first music box in the United States was manufactured in 1892 by the Regina Box Company, a branch of a German firm. Music boxes were developed sometime after 1750 by the watchmakers of Switzerland.

Cities Don't Grow — Men Build Them

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



Thank you for your past patronage. We truly appreciated your business and look forward to serving you in the future.
MR. and MRS. CECIL RUNDELL
SPUDNUT SHOP
Phone 3-5429 — Muleshoe, Texas

Saint Nicholas, the beloved gift-giver, was born in the semi-tropical city of Patara, Turkey and lived a full and colorful life without traveling very far from home. It is said that he was marked for holiness from the day of his birth, at which time, according to legend, he stood up in his mother's arms to give thanks to God for being born. Even as an infant, he refused to nurse on Fridays, and he observed this fast day as long as he lived. The origin of the three golden balls which hang over the modern pawnshop is found in a typical story about Saint Nicholas. Three daughters of a poor nobleman, so poor they had no dowries, were trying to decide which one of the three should sell herself as a slave so the others could marry. Saint Nicholas heard their discussion and tossed a bag of gold through the open window and he repeated the act of generosity until all three girls were suitably married. This was the beginning of legend of Nicholas, the saintly donor of gifts. Later, as Bishop of Myra, he performed miracles which brought him widespread fame. The Roman Emperor Diocletian threw him into prison; Constantine, the first Christian emperor, released him. Today, Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of many countries, of children, and of sailors. Saint Nicholas died in 342, on Dec. 6, and for centuries his fame was restricted to the small area in which he had lived and died. In the 11th century, Italian sailors took his bones from the chapel in Myra and brought them to Bari, Italy. The voyage was an excellent one and since that time sailors have revered Saint Nicholas—and his fame has spread to the far corners of the earth.

Christmas QUESTIONS?

- 1 Which state has a town named Santa Claus?
- 2 In which state is the town of Christmas located?
- 3 Legend says that the crown of thorns was plaited from which Christmas plant?
- 4 For how long has Christmas been observed on December 25th?
- 5 Which U.S. President forbade use of Christmas trees in the White House?
- 6 Who arranged the first manger scene, or crèche?
- 7 "Buon Natale" means "Merry Christmas"—in which language?
- 8 A mistletoe arrow served as an instrument of evil in Norse mythology. What were the circumstances?
- 9 Seven states boast a city named Bethlehem. Can you name them?
- 10 In which country is Lucia Day observed?

ANSWERS
1. Indiana. 2. Florida. 3. Holly. 4. Since 354 A.D. 5. Teddy Roosevelt, who later relented when convinced selective cutting would not destroy forests. 6. St. Francis of Assisi, who used live models. 7. Italy. 8. Loki killed Balder, the sun god, after Loki's mother had secured a promise from all living things, other than mistletoe, that they would not harm her son. 9. Connecticut, Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Maryland, and New Hampshire. 10. Sweden.



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With happy memories of many pleasant friendships, we extend our sincerest wishes for a jovious Christmas to all.

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From All of Us to You and Yours...

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Our gift to you... the comfort and convenience assured by the bright blue flame of natural gas. At this time of the year, particularly, it is extremely gratifying to be providing a service which contributes so much to warmth and contentment in the home during the Holiday Season. So from each and every one of us at Pioneer, Best Wishes for good health—and the happiest Christmas you've ever had!

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Christmas

Greetings

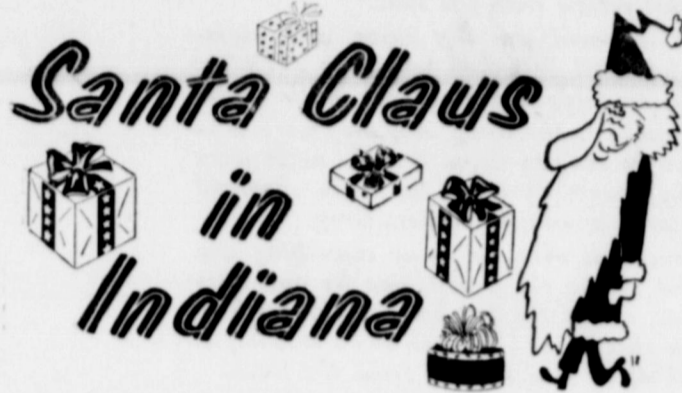
and every good wish for the coming year

BUSBY AUTO PARTS

Springlake, Texas



IT'S LIKE THIS . . . Old Kris Kringle makes a point, with extended finger, and young ears and eyes are keyed to every word. You can bet, after hearing Santa's words, these youngsters will be on good behavior from now on—at least until Christmas.



Santa Claus is the special friend of the young, which makes it only fitting that the town of Santa Claus, Indiana was named by children. Today, thousands of children, from all parts of the world, write to Santa Claus c/o Santa Claus, Ind., and each of them receives a return letter from Santa Claus himself.

The stage was set for this happy situation more than one hundred years ago. The citizens of this small Indiana town were gathered to select a new name for their community. Originally, it was called Santa Fe, but postal authorities suggested selection of another name since there already was a Santa Fe in New Mexico.

Timely Arrival
Community leaders were considering a number of names for the town when someone dressed as Santa Claus came in. Immediately, the children in the audience shouted "Santa Claus!" "Santa Claus!" The adults thought the name sounded fine, so the town of Santa Claus was born.

Business booms in the Santa Claus post office each year as Christmas approaches. Last year the post office handled well over 10,000 letters addressed to the old gentleman with the red suit and white whiskers—and each child who enclosed a return address received a personal reply from Santa Claus himself.

Many of the letters received are in foreign languages, but Postmaster Elbert E. Heinke enlists the aid of monks at nearby St. Meinrad Monastery and they translate. Answers to foreign letters, the postmaster explains, are adapted to the different customs and ideas that children of other lands may have about the holiday season.

Personal Reply
The American Legion at Santa Claus handles the letter writing operation each Christmas, sending a personal reply to each child who has included a return address.

Adults don't write to Santa Claus, but many of them do have their Christmas cards mailed from Santa Claus, Ind., so they will bear the unusual postmark. In all, the busy Santa Claus post office handles well over 3,000,000 pieces of mail during the holiday season.

What About Frankincense And Myrrh?

Gold has always been one of man's most treasured possessions, but what about frankincense and myrrh, the other substances which the Wise Men chose to offer as gifts to the infant Jesus? Why were they so highly valued?

Frankincense and myrrh are resins taken from trees and shrubs found on the dry, rocky, stony hills of Somaliland and southwestern Arabia. Peoples of antiquity used the two substances for a variety of purposes—for embalming and in cosmetics, perfumes, medicines, and incense.

Frankincense
Somaliland is chief producer of frankincense, although some comes from Arabia. Most frankincense comes from a small shrub-like tree with a stout trunk and pale brown and yellow bark. Its flowers are grouped in slender clusters and the fragrance of the blossoms is discernible for a considerable distance.

The resin flows from natural fissures in the bark of the tree, or from man-made incisions. It emerges as a whitish, viscous liquid that turns yellow and clings to the wound in the tree like tears. Every few days the resin is collected and the wound in the tree is freshened.

Ancient Arab traders introduced frankincense to many peoples. Today, the yellow tears and brown lumps of resin are sent to the seaport of Aden to be shipped to Europe, America, or Bombay.

Myrrh From Somaliland
Myrrh is obtained from trees of several species and most of it comes from Somaliland. Some of the trees are from ten to thirty feet tall, other myrrh-producing plants are mere bushes.

Myrrh flows freely from a break in the bark of the tree or plant and is collected in brownish-yellow or red brown masses that may be as large as a hen's egg.

The ancients used myrrh in embalming; the Egyptians used it in the mummification process and Roman physicians prescribed myrrh in treatment of dropsy, earache, eye diseases, bladder stones, abscesses and broken heads.

Frankincense was chiefly used for incense, yet was an early ingredient in prescriptions for chest pain, hemorrhoids, hemorrhages from the mouth and throat, broken heads, paralyzed limbs, bruises and ulcers.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Here they are!
The season's best wishes to all our wonderful friends. May you enjoy to the fullest every minute of this glorious holiday.

We thank you for your patronage throughout the years we have been in business, and look forward to serving you through the New Year ahead . . .

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MERRY Christmas



May the Christmas Spirit glow in your heart and Good Fortune smile brightly upon you through all the days of the New Year.

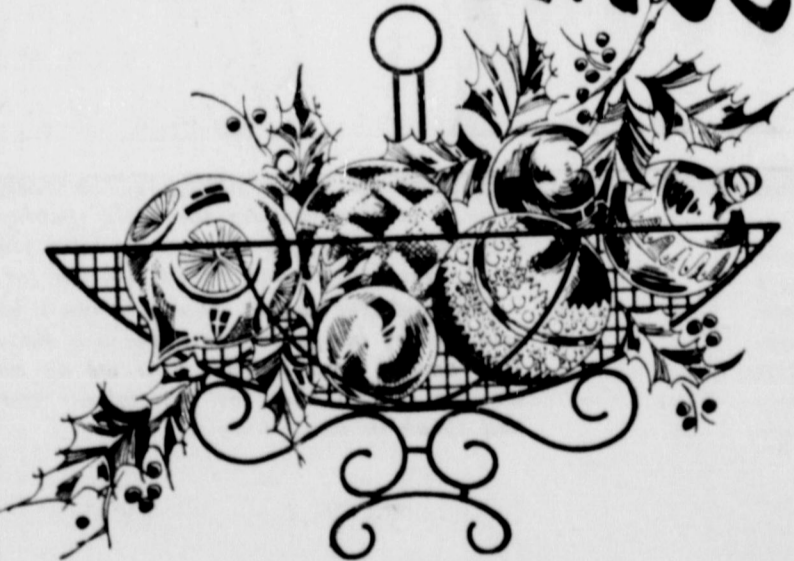
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One of the greatest pleasures of Christmas comes in sending good wishes to our friends.

Your friendship and patronage has made our work more enjoyable, and we want you to know that we sincerely appreciate your every consideration.

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

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Gifts You Make Yourself Are Most Appreciated

It is right that the spirit of giving should be so much a part of the Christmas observance, but giving should be within the means to give, as it is the gift itself and the thought behind it, and not its cost or value that is important.

Gifts that you make yourself in kitchen or workshop, are always greatly appreciated, for they are a gift of time and effort—two of your most valuable possessions.

Evergreen Wreath Easily Made From Wire Hanger

A wire coat hanger, a few sprigs of evergreen and a few minutes of your time—that's all you need to fashion a decorative evergreen wreath.

Leaving the hook at the top, simply fashion the hanger into a round ring. Fasten the evergreens to the ring with heavy thread and a large needle.

Sprinkle the evergreens with aerosol snow before hanging the wreath.



LIGHT OF HOPE
The scene above will be as appropriate as ever during the coming holiday season. This photograph, taken a few seasons ago, shows Christmas lights gleaming across the iron curtain from a tree erected by West Berliners at the Brandenburg Gate (background), on the Soviet-British border of the divided city. Every year, citizens of West Berlin decorate a tree on the border as a symbol of hope to their Red-dominated neighbors and a reminder that their hard lot has not been forgotten by the free world.

Sending Best Wishes

Our Friends



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

FROM THE STAFF AT
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The Little Shepherd

(A Story)

The littlest shepherd was always left behind. It was not particularly that he was so young, for he was almost to the age of manhood. Instead, it was because he was small, frail, and afflicted. One foot was considerably smaller than the other and it possessed no strength. Consequently, the lad could never run and play like other children. It was only through the aid of a crutch that he walked at all, and this with great difficulty.

Since early childhood, the little shepherd had tried to ignore his affliction and to convince others that it did not hinder his usefulness. But his elders still considered him a cripple and would assign him only the most menial of tasks. He was not even allowed to take a regular watch over the sheep.

"What would you do if wild animals appeared?" they asked of him.



"What any other would do," he replied. "I would sound the alarm to arouse those who slept. I would keep loose stones to throw at the animals and drive them away."

"And, what if some of the sheep strayed from the fold?" they inquired.

"I would fetch them back again," he replied.

"You, a cripple?" They laughed. "You would fall and break your neck on the hills. How would you catch the sheep if they decided to run? You cannot run."

"The sheep would not run from me. I would call them by name and they would return to the flock."



The elders knew there was much truth in the little shepherd's words. He knew each sheep in the flock by a special name and when he spoke to them each would raise his head and listen attentively. Yet the elders still did not think him capable of standing a night watch over the entire flock. This was a man's job, they argued.

On this particular night, however, they said to him:

"We must go to Bethlehem, as instructed, and we are told to have no fear for the safety of our sheep. The trail is much too difficult for you. Stay here with the flock and we shall return with the sun."

So the littlest shepherd was left alone, and frightened. He knew full well he would face stern discipline from his elders if anything should happen to the flock.

For hours, he spoke to the sheep as if they were little children and then he sang to them. But the night wore long and, in the course of time, the little shepherd closed his eyes for a minute of restless sleep.

When he opened his eyes, he knew something was wrong. He called to the sheep and, one by one, they raised their heads, except the last-born... the lamb so new to the flock that he had not yet given it a name. The littlest lamb of all was missing from the flock.

The little shepherd was much afraid and did not know what to do. He called out to the little lamb, but



there was no answer. He listened, as carefully as he could, but there was nothing other than the usual sounds of the night. The little shepherd knelt on the hard ground and prayed for guidance.

Somewhere, deep within him, a voice seemed to repeat, "Find the sheep that is lost," so he took up his crutch and went searching into the night.

The trail was rough and steep and the little shepherd had not gone far before the crutch slipped from his grasp and fell away, clattering against the rocks as it disappeared into the night.

The little shepherd was desperate. He wanted to call for help, but he knew none would hear. Slowly, painfully, he continued to search, the uneven hillsides forcing him to put unaccustomed weight on his weaker foot.

On and on he struggled, ignoring the soreness of his foot, oblivious to the branches and thorns which tore at his clothing and then his flesh. He knew that he must find the lamb and return it to the flock. He no longer feared discipline from his elders; they could inflict nothing worse than the torture he was now enduring. His heart went out to the little lamb, lost and alone, easy prey for wild animals, or else sure to die of starvation.

But, it was hopeless. Exhausted, the little shepherd sat down against a tree to rest. He knew that he was very, very tired and also very, very lost. Remembering that prayer had sent him searching into the night, he knelt again on the rocky ground.

"If I am lost, forever, Oh Lord, it is Thy Will. But if it pleases you, send down light to guide the lost lamb back to the fold."



And, there was light! A bright and glorious star in the sky. It shone not upon the little shepherd, but illuminated the far hillside where the flock rested comfortably in sleep.

With joy in his heart, the little shepherd made his way down the hillside, knowing that all was well, which it was. The sheep were all accounted for, even the littlest lamb of all, which rested contentedly at his mother's side.

The little shepherd was so happy that he sang to his flock until the dawn. With the morning, the elders came into sight and he ran down the trail to tell them that the flock was safe and all was right with the world.

The elders were so excited about their visit to Bethlehem they failed to notice the little shepherd was without his crutch until they gathered about the campfire.

"Come," they said, "let us find it or make another."

But the little shepherd said to them, "Do not search, nor make another. I have no further need."



And, this was true. With use, the weak foot became stronger and eventually the little shepherd grew into a strong, wise, and holy man. In later years, it is said, he became a loyal and tireless worker for Christianity.

It is said that among those who knew him, few could call him by his given name. He was known simply as "the one of great faith." This we do not know, but we are certain that his descendants roam the earth and speak in many tongues.

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