

# Dimmitt Citizens Donate Set New DHS Band Uniforms

Dimmitt High School Band the Battle of Flowers in San Antonio next year wearing brand-new uniforms was made last band director Ralph donations to purchase of the needed ninety had been made. "We and ordered the last forms trusting that we to pay for them when e sometime between d 10. people donated enough forms Smith said. The sters club had about and enough addi-

tional has been collected during recent weeks to bring the total to \$5,250. Some people bought two uniforms, some one and some made partial payments. Most of the donations came from Dimmitt merchants, Smith said, with some individuals also contributing. Each uniform, to be constructed of Australian wool, costs \$70., and will incorporate several basic improvements over the old uniforms.

Each uniform will have fully adjustable waistbands and legs. Some of the best of the present uniforms will be retained to help fill out the need for 130 next fall. The new uniforms will be almost identical in appearance to the ones now in use.

Smith stressed that the band still accept donations to help pay for the remaining 15 uniforms, although the active drive has been ended.

"We were really surprised at the generosity of the people of Dimmitt in helping us buy the new uniforms," Mr. Smith said. "They were more than generous and we really appreciate it."

Dimmitt was among five of the best bands in the state who were invited to the Battle of Flowers Festival in San Antonio. He plans to work the High School Band hard in preparation for the Festival.

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## Drys Score Court Victory In Dispute Over Legality of Liquor Election

Castro County's wet defendants lost out in the first stage of their court battle over the legality of a recent precinct 4 liquor election

in a decision announced Friday. District Judge Harold M. LaFont ruled in favor of the protesting dry forces and immediately afterwards Jim Witherspoon, Hereford attorney representing the wets, gave notice of appeal to the District Court of Civil Appeals in Amarillo. An appeal was expected as the automatic result regardless of the decision handed down by Judge LaFont.

In a nutshell, the decision by the Judge was that the October 10th election had been called illegally.

The case is expected eventually to go to the State Supreme Court, which ruled in a somewhat similar case last summer that political subdivisions in "dry" counties could hold local option elections.

Roy Bass and Ken Hobbs, Lubbock attorneys representing the dry forces here, contended that the earlier ruling did not apply here and Judge LaFont agreed.

While the Judge's ruling is under appeal, state law provides that liquor stores already opened in Precinct 4 can remain open.

Bass and Hobbs based their successful arguments here on the fact that the Supreme Court's ruling last summer was in a case from Dimmitt County, which had voted dry after the 1935 amendment to the U.S. Constitution repealing national prohibition.

Judge LaFont ruled that the Dimmitt County case was different from the Castro County situation in that this county has been dry always and has never been voted wet.

The Castro County case has potentials of setting new precedents all over the state. The case will undoubtedly reach the state Supreme Court and that tribunal will have the task of either differentiating between the Dimmitt and Castro Counties situations or proclaiming that under any circumstance the town and precinct will have jurisdiction over the county in local option matters. If the dry forces win in the court battle only counties which were once wet and voted dry after prohibition was repealed can have wet towns or precincts. This will hold true unless the Court reverses its former decision.

The case will be tried next month in the 7th Court of Civil Appeals in Amarillo where Judge James G. Denton will render a decision.

Precinct 4 went wet October 10th by a vote of 160 to 92. Eight liquor stores have opened in the precinct since that time and are reportedly doing a brisk business.

The suit against the County Commissioners contesting the legality of calling the election was filed October 29 by Rev. Murry Brewer, local Baptist Minister, on behalf of four Precinct 4 voters. They are Odie Moore, Otis McMennamy, Jimmy Burnett and Dan Heard.

## School Offers Farm Electric Short Course

A Farm Electrification short course for adult farmers will be held January 11 through 15 under the sponsorship of the Dimmitt High School Vocational Agriculture Department, according to Paul Hilburn Superintendent and Jim Dowty and J. O. Seale, teachers of vocational agriculture.

The short course is being sponsored by the vocational agriculture department of Dimmitt High School.

Mr. Bob Jaska, Farm Electrification specialist with the Vocational Agriculture Division of the Texas Education Agency and the Department of Agricultural Engineering at Texas A & M College, will do the instructing in the course. He is headquartered at Texas A & M College.

Mr. Jaska holds a Master's Degree in Agricultural Engineering. Since 1947 he has been prominent in research work in Farm Electrification at A & M College, in addition to teaching Farm Electrification in the Agricultural Engineering Department. His research and field work carried him over the entire State so that he is very familiar with all types of electrical problems on the farm.

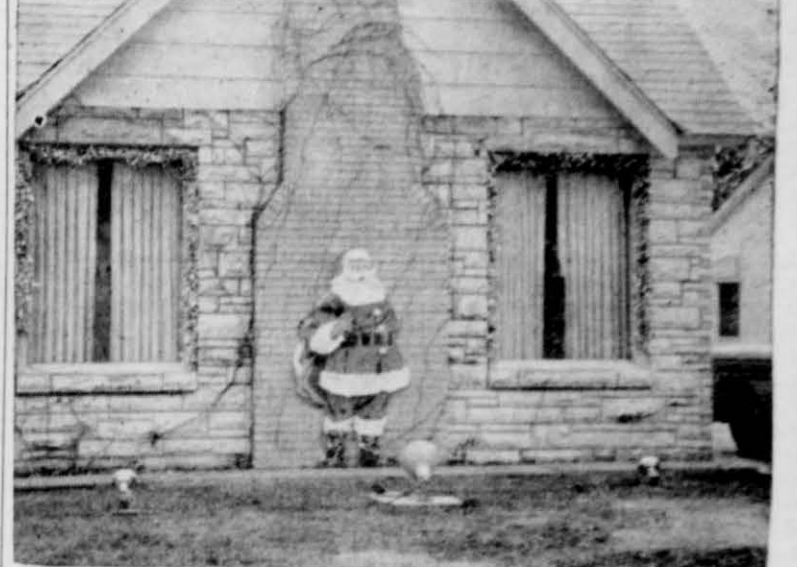
"Many Farm Electrification short courses in various parts of the state have been taught by Mr. Jaska and all have met with outstanding success," according to Walter LeBay, area supervisor of vocational agriculture, Plainview, Texas. Arrangements for the adult education short course in Farm Electrification and in other fields are made through Mr. LeBay's office.

The short course at Dimmitt is scheduled to begin January 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the vocational agriculture room of the South Grade School Building. Other meetings in the series of five will be held January 12, 13, 14 and 15. During the dates the short course is in progress, Mr. Jaska will be available to assist farmers with individual problems and to provide on-the-farm instruction, according to Mr. Dowty.

Farmers interested in attending the short course should write or call Mr. Hilburn, Mr. Dowty or Mr. Seale. An entry fee of \$3.00 will be charged. Farm Electrification Short Course Certificates are to be presented to each farmer who attends all the training sessions.

Mr. Jaska states that the short course can be adjusted to wishes and interests of the farmers enrolled, but that he expects to cover such subjects as safety, how to properly choose wire sizes and in-

## Dimmitt Decorates for Christmas



This big, rotund Santa is already paying his respects to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wilson.



Where Santa can't depend on a nice, smooth snowfall to drive his sleigh over, he must resort to the ever faithful buggy. Seems as though he may have unhitched his reindeer on Mrs. Sam Gilbreath's lawn, left a cheery western "howdy you all" for passers-by and gone inside for a cup of coffee with the Gilbreaths.



Bambi, his other animal friends and the big Prince Buck are enjoying a little Christmas frolic around a beautifully decorated tree on the lawn of Mrs. G. L. Willis, Sr.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS GREETING**—The greeting below is from all the undersigned people to their friends. They lected to giv the money they would ordinarily spend for Christmas cards to a fund entitled "Operation Christmas Greeting" which was set up by Tierra Blanca Medical Society Auxiliary to provide needed equipment for Castro County Hospital.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Our Christmas wish for everyone we know is for a wonderful holiday season, just filled to overflowing with all the traditional joys, warm good cheer and good fellowship.

We'd like you to know how very much we have appreciated your patronage and we're looking forward to the pleasure of serving you in the future as we have in the past.

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- W. T. Beck
- and Mrs. K. Roberts
- and Mrs. D. Neumayer
- and Mrs. R. E. Cogswell
- and Mrs. Ed Wilson, Jr.
- and Mrs. H. H. Carlile
- and Mrs. Ester Noble
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- and Mrs. Ben Hill
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- and Mrs. Charles Wales
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- and Mrs. Carl Page and family
- and Mrs. J. O. Seale and boys
- and Mrs. Jim Elder and girls
- and Mrs. Steve Taylor and family
- and Mrs. Bob Lindsey and children
- and Mrs. Dewey L. Wright, Sr. & Dorothy
- and Mrs. Sam Gilbreath
- and Mrs. E. M. Word, Buck and Doris
- and Mrs. G. B. Duncan and Glenn
- and Mrs. Joe Butler and boys
- and Mrs. Raymond Annen, Faye & Claude
- and Mrs. Ivor Bagwell and Nelda
- and Mrs. Harold Stephens
- and Mrs. Cecil Oglesby and family
- and Mrs. James Bradford and boys
- and Mrs. Jack Cartwright, Edwin & Jerry
- and Mrs. Ira Page and boys
- and Mrs. Clarence Bearden
- and Mrs. Ralph Smith and boys
- and Mrs. John Will Nichols and boys
- and Mrs. Leland Smith and family
- and Mrs. Earl Harrison
- Elvis and Jennie Burch
- Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Youts
- Mrs. Joe Hastings
- Carlos Calvert family
- Mrs. Leona Rothwell
- High Plains Clinic
- Buna Owen Plumbing
- Mr. and Mrs. Monty Boozer
- Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Giles
- Mrs. Maud Lawrence
- Mrs. Elizabeth Huckabay
- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nelson
- Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Holland
- Whites Auto
- Howard Hershey family
- Baylets Shoe Shop
- Mrs. Nettie Graham
- Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Farris
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Latimer
- Mr. and Mrs. Ted Word
- The R. O. Nelson family
- The Jack R. Miller family
- Mark Lindeman family
- Mr. and Mrs. George Sides, Gregg & Cinde
- Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Underwood and girls
- Mr. and Mrs. George Bradford
- Mr. and Mrs. Lon Boothe and Janie Mae
- Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bagwell
- Dr. and Mrs. Bill Kempe and family
- Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Zeigler and family
- Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kemp and family
- Mr. and Mrs. Houston Lust and family
- Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Ray Tate
- Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kemp and family
- Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Stokes and family
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vaughan and family
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill Birdwell and Jim
- Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gollehon and family
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Armstrong and boys
- Mr. and Mrs. John L. Merritt and family
- Mr. and Mrs. Clyde T. Damron
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- Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cleavinger and boys
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- Mr. and Mrs. Jim Golding
- Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Howe, Sr.

visiting from Amarillo, is spending the Christmas Holiday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hooper Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Richburg and daughter, DeAnn.

Patients in Castro County Hospital, types of illnesses and dates of admissions.

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Mrs. Castonada and baby girl, December 21  
Daniel Frierson, med. Dec. 21

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Mrs. Don Carpenter and baby boy, Dec. 15-17  
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Floyd Dickie, med., Dec. 15-19  
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**FAMILY REUNION**—Castro County Hospital has been the scene of many gatherings in the past. Some were happy, some were sad. A mixture of the two marked the Christmastime family reunion of Mrs. Melinda Turner and her children. Mrs. Turner, wife of the late Kenneth Turner of Dimmitt, is seriously ill at the hospital and one of the best presents she could have received was a reunion with her children. They are (left to right, standing), Dr. Jim Fite, Muleshoe; Dr. Lynn Fite, Olton; Mrs. Bessie Lee Earnest, Beaumont; (sitting, left to right) Marvin Fite, business manager of West Texas State College, Canyon; Elmer Fite, Pampa groceryman and Mrs. Turner. Not shown are J. C. Fite of Elkhart, Texas; and Hugh Fite, Casper, Wyoming.

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FOR SALE—6 24 ft. lots, joining with 4 room and bath house

FOR SALE—Direct residential lot on SW 5th St.

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FOR SALE—Frame, brick veneer residence located on 1009 West Stinson St.

FOR SALE—Frame, brick veneer residence located on 1002 West Stinson St.

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### Christmas Rose Very Popular As Yule Flower

Growing in popularity, the Christmas rose has become a serious competitor of holly, mistletoe, poinsettias and other plants that decorate our homes at Christmas time.

The diminutive plant puts forth seven or eight white rosette-like blooms tinged with pink. It has lustrous dark green foliage and a mature plant is no more than a foot high.

A cold-weather plant, the Christmas rose flowers naturally in December or January. It withstands snow and low temperatures. It does not propagate well in the United States. Most of them are imported to florists from Belgium and the Netherlands. They develop best in soil peculiar to the western parts of those countries.

**Grows In Low Countries**

Gardeners in the Low Countries grow the plant from slips taken from the parent plant after it has finished blooming in January. The

shoots are grown under glass. In incubation a Christmas rose's leaves are pruned regularly to give it added strength for blooming. After three years of care the plant is mature and ready to put forth its famous winter blossoms.

Ancient Romans were familiar with the Christmas rose and eagerly sought it for medicinal use. They believed that eating the roots would "clear the brain, cure stupidity, and relieve insanity."

**A Christmas Legend**

Like many flowers, the Christmas rose has its own special legend. According to the story, a poor shepherd girl watched the Wise Men come with rich gifts to present to the newborn Christ Child, and she wept because she had no present to offer. An angel suddenly appeared.

Learning the cause of the girl's distress, the angel waved a wand, carpeted the ground. The young shepherdess gathered blossoms. When she presented her gift, the infant smiled. As His fingers touched the delicate white flowers, they became tinged with pink.

The plant's legendary association with Christ carries to regions where it blooms in early spring. There it is often called the Lenten rose.

## Christmas

Christmas is many things: snow and sleds, sunshine and palm trees, a holiday from work; the light in children's eyes; the laughter of friends; the joy of a feast; a time of sadness for some who remember seasons past.

Christmas is even more a time for prayer and worship; a time of meditation about the story of the birth of a child in a distant land we are unlikely ever to see.

Christmas is a combination of all these things, but we feel that everyone, regardless of religious beliefs, should celebrate the occasion in some way or another manifesting love for our fellowmen.

St. Francis expressed this Christmas spirit in his prayer: "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."

With these thoughts in mind, let us take the time to give thanks unto Him for His many blessings; let us reaffirm our faith; let us ask for His guidance.

As individuals, and as a nation, let us on Christmas day pray for the less fortunate people of the world that they may find new hope; let us pray for peace and that the nations of the earth may dwell in harmony.

Pray that we may find this Christmas new vision, courage and inspiration to face each tomorrow.

Henry Van Dyke wrote inspiringly on 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 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?"

We leave you with these thoughts and our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



May the joyous spirit of the season lift your heart... brighten your life... and be with you for a long time to come.

Thomas Jewelry



## Season's Greetings

With all the warmth of the Yuletide spirit, we extend to everyone our very best wishes for a holiday as bright and glowing as a Christmas candle... as joyously beautiful as the sound of church bells ringing across the land. May the happiness of the season remain forever in your heart.

WHITES AUTO STORE

Whatever else may be lost among the years, let us keep the spirit of Christmas... its wonderful meaning never ends. To our faithful old friends, to our cherished new friends and to those whose friendship we hope to earn, we extend the Greetings of the Season.

**ROBERT E. THOMPSON LUMBER CO. INC.**

**Warm Wishes**

We take a gift of words, good cheer, adorn it with a friendly smile, and give it to you and yours. What is it? It's our package of holiday wishes warmly felt, heartily said. May your Yuletide season be merry and bright... filled with happy memories.

**CASTRO GRAIN CO.**

### Write Letters To Santa Claus...

Letters to Santa Claus by the grade pupils in Miss Bertha's room.

Santa Claus, please bring me a Bride's Doll me necessary. I love you. I love good. Love, Phyllis Sue Anderson

Santa Claus, please bring me a watch and I am being good. Love, Lee Ann Hill

Dear Santa Claus, Please come to see us. We will try to be good girls and boys. We love you. We work hard. Please bring me a ring and some skates. Please do not forget the other boys and girls. Love, Sheila Diane West

Dear Santa Claus, I love you. I am good. Please bring me a ring and some skates. Also, I want a doll. Love, Kerl Jo Kirby

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a bicycle and a doll. I love you. Please do not forget the other boys and girls. Love, Connie Adams

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a bicycle. I want a big bicycle. I love you. I am good now. Love, Rosita Velasquez

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a Bride's Doll and some moccasins. I love you. I am being very good. Love, Judy Godfrey

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a doll. I am being good. Love, Gloria Leal

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a gun and a binocular field glass. I am trying to be real good. Please come to see the other boys and girls too. We all work hard. We love you too. Love, John Thomas

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a tool-belt. I will be good until Christmas. I love you now. Love, Mark Simpson

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a gun (you know what kind I want. You heard me tell Miss Doran when you peeked around the corner of our room), and I want a train too. I am being real good. Love, Billy Dale Dollar

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a bowling set. Do not forget the other boys and girls. Love, Byron Hutto

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a train and a bowling set. I am a good boy. I want a B-B gun too. Love, Sam Porter Lindsey

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a good bicycle. Love, Garry Lawson

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me two guns. I like guns. Love, Hector Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a good bicycle. Love, Heriberto Cavazos

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me two guns and a B-B gun. I want a bicycle too. Love, Johnny Joe Ramos

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a gun and a bicycle. Love, Joe Casarez

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a B-B gun and a tool-belt. Love, Rafael Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a wagon to play with. Love, Ignacio Reballon (We hope the other nine pupils did not forget to write. Some of

them were ill when these wrote letters to Santa Claus.—Bertha Doran)

Dear Santa, My little brothers and I have been pretty good this year. Danny wants a Paladin suit with guns and Top Grain Leather Belt with tools.

Dear Santa Claus, I'm a little girl who will be six years old Christmas Eve. I want a doll with a suitcase and an ironing board with an iron that heats. My brother, Lester, wants a Farm Set, Road Machinery and a

cattle truck. My baby brother, Jess, wants a little toy doll, sleeping bag and a teddy bear.

We have all been good. Also bring us some fruit and nuts. Tell Rudolph "hello." We love you. Yours truly, Rita Lee Womack

Dear Santa Claus, I want a doll with some clothes and a dress and a basket. Love, Graciela Velazquez

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**Joy at CHRISTMAS**

To our many good friends and neighbors, we send a special greeting at this wonderful season of the year. Heartily, we wish for all a holiday time glowing with happiness... packed with fun and festivity. And to all we say a most sincere "Thank You" for your patronage throughout the year.

**Cobb's** Claude Faubus and Personnel

**GREETINGS**

Here's a holiday tradition we really cherish... time out to tell you how much your loyal friendship and patronage mean to us and to wish you and your family a very healthy, happy and cheerful festive season!

**FRAZIER'S JEWELRY & GIFT SHOP**

**Greetings of the Season**

In the spirit of a good old-fashioned Yuletide, we wish for you and your family all of the traditional joys of the season. May your days be bright and your hearts light, as you store up a rich treasure of happy memories.

**KING-SEELY FURNITURE & APPLIANCES**

**Season's greetings**

May your name be right up at the top of Santa's list to receive a bountiful measure of all of the good things that make this joyous holiday season so richly rewarding... love and laughter; good fellowship and good cheer; friendships strengthened; cherished memories rekindled; and this above all: a sense of deep contentment. Yes, may your Christmas be a truly merry one!

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**Merry Christmas**

All our best wishes to you and your family. Have a Christmas as merry and bright as the ornaments on your glittering tree.

**GLENN RATCLIFF**  
CONOCO WHOLESALE

**Season's Greetings**

...and warmest wishes to all our friends

**WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE**

**GREETINGS** and best wishes for the holiday season

Many and marvelous are the joys of this festive season. We wish you a bountiful share of all of them!

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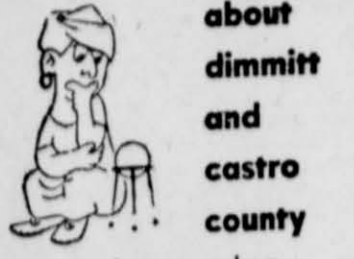
**My Bible**

By Henry Van Dyke

"Born in the East, and clothed in oriental form and imagery, the Bible walks the ways of the world after land to find its own everywhere. It has learned to speak in hundreds of languages to the heart of man. It comes into the palace to tell the monarch that he is a servant of the Most High, and into the cottage to tell the peasant that he is a child of God. Children listen to its stories with wonder and delight, and wise men ponder them as parables of life.

"It has a word of peace for the time of peril, a word of consolation for the day of calamity, a word of comfort for the hour of darkness. Its oracles are repeated in the assembly of the people, and its counsels are whispered into the ears of the lonely. The wise and the proud tremble at its warnings. But to the wounded and penitent it has a mother's voice.

"The wilderness and the solitary place have been made glad by it, and fires of the hearth have lighted the reading of its well-worn pages. It has woven itself into our deepest affections and colored our dearest dreams, so that love and friendship, sympathy and devotion, memory and hope, put on the



about dimmitt and castro county by bascom nelson

**Merry Christmas!**

Despite the low price of grain, poor business in some lines, and any other chronic type of unhappiness that may plague the people of this area, there remains many reasons for good cheer.

Since last Christmas:

1. There has been no war involving the United States.
2. National calamities have been at a minimum.
3. New medicines and medical techniques have been perfected.
4. The Communists have made no great advances anywhere.
5. About 90 percent of the dire predictions of news commentators didn't happen.
6. And so on ad infinitum.

We are still the owners of many, many times more spiritual and material benefits than any race or society before us.

It is pleasant to see that many homes were Christmas decorated despite there being no formal contest conducted this year.



"Just Tho' U'd Like To Know" by Mary

Christmas is just around the corner and I've gone shopping so I've just got time to wish you a Merry Christmas.

Mary

**ATTEND TEA**

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wilson attended a tea and reception Sunday afternoon for the District Eastern Star in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Darr Quohe in Plainview. Mr. Wilson is on the Board of Directors for Benevolence of the Order of Eastern Star.

**Whoever Heard Of This?**

The first \$15,000 down buys this Half-Section. 67 acres of wheat and 17 acres of cotton. All in cult. but 39 acres. 2—WELLS on natural gas. 2—room house. 1/2 minerals. Wheat is up, growing nicely and goes with sale. If you are in the market to purchase a well located place you will do very well for yourself if you "Stop Right Now" and come look. This one just cannot last at \$150 per acre and only 15,000 down.

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**METHODISTS HAVE SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The Methodist congregation observed the Christmas season with a special service Sunday evening. Darris Egger, pastor, read the scripture of the birth of Jesus. The senior choir sang several Christmas anthems. Mrs. Egger sang the solo part to Holy City. Blue Jr. Choir sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem." After the candle lighting and benediction, the group went to Fellowship Hall where refreshments were served and an old fashioned pounding was held. Rev. Egger and his family.

**Sunday Guests**

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gilbreath had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Waggoner of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ben Mitchell of Dalhart, Mr. and



friends all good things. May this Christmas much happiness and great joy of spirit to you and yours.

**E. L. IVEY INSURANCE AGENCY**  
Representing Farm Bureau Insurance Co.

**Season's Greetings**

We send you these greetings with the sincere hope that they find you together with all your loved ones, enjoying the peace and happiness of Christmas.

May all the joys of the season remain with you throughout the year ahead.

**KENNETH JACKSON DITCHING**

**FROM SUNNYSIDE**

**California Visitors**

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nighdick of Santa Maria, Calif., visited for several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Curran of Missouri where they will spend the remainder of the holidays with another daughter, Mrs. Lee Welch and her husband.

**Plainview Visitors**

Mr. and Mrs. Whitt of Plainview were Sunday guests in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Keith Howard and family. They also attended the Methodist Christmas service where Mrs. Howard is organist.

**Home on Leave**

Mr. Edward Roberson, who is stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash., is home on leave from the Army for a visit with his brother Tommy. His father is K. E. Roberson of Hart and his mother is Mrs. O. B. Winkle of Dimmitt.



Good wishes and greetings go from us to you at Christmas time, with the hope that you and yours may enjoy all the happiness that goes with a real old-fashioned Yuletide.

**MASSENGALE RADIATOR SHOP**  
Phone 153

**SEASON'S BEST**

We are glowing with warm wishes to our faithful old friends and our cherished new friends.

May this Christmas Season bring happiness and joy, peace and contentment to all.

**HARMAN'S**  
BILL PAULA, SARENA, BEN, WADE, LOIS, GLADYS, ARMAVENA, RUBY, AUDIE, ESTHER, RACHEL, AND JOE

**ROY PATTON DIES In Lubbock Monday**

Mr. Roy Patton of Lubbock, brother to Mrs. Horace Carlie and Mrs. Wes Mablin, died Monday evening while sitting in his chair. Mr. and Mrs. Carlie and Mr. and Mrs. Mablin have gone to Lubbock to be with the family. Funeral arrangements are pending.

**New Grandparents**

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Benton are the grandparents of a little girl who was born to Ruth Ann and J. M. Hill of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Benson, who live in Lubbock, are former Dimmitt residents.

**Hosts at Sunday Dinner**

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nelson were hosts at Sunday dinner to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Simpson Sr., of Hereford, Mr. and Mrs. Amy Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Nelson and sons Ronnie and Tommy. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nelson.

**Home on Leave**

Mr. Charles Sweatt and Mrs. S. V. Sweatt of Sunny set the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. V. H. McRee and Mrs. Roy Deagan and son of Orlando, Florida.

**Omela Bradley was home from Plainview for the weekend.**

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

**Mr. Travis Flanagan of Tulia was a supper guest Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Tex Conard and family.**

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**Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Westmoreland and Lori from Lubbock visited Sunday and Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Loudder.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Powers and family of Plainview visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Powell and family of Earth.**

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

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**CHRISTMAS JOY**

May the joyous message of the Babe of Bethlehem once more shine brightly in your heart... and, as you celebrate Christmas with your loved ones, may you experience deeply and fully all the blessings of the Day. May its happiness abide with you and yours through all the years to come.

**EDD HARRIS LUMBER CO.**  
HART, TEXAS

**PEACE... Joy... and HAPPINESS**

Across the ages, the sacred message of the Babe of Bethlehem spreads a wonderful radiance through our hearts, our homes, our churches. We greet you at Christmas with the wish that peace, joy and happiness may last for years.

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"YOUR FORD DEALER"

# More Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
We have been good little girls. We would like a big doll this year. We would like a dress, and bracelets.  
We would like some dishes. We would like bunk doll beds.  
Love,  
June & Peggy Ewing  
Box 63  
Dimmitt, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a little Tomi Doll with some clothes. I want a Purty doll and a gold ring with a diamond in it and a tall 28 inch teddy bear. I have tried to be a good girl this year. We will have you some cookies and a cake under the tree.  
I want a machine gun which shoots plastic bullets and a walkie-talkie. I want an erector set. And if you can I want a hand grenade. I have tried to be a good boy this year.  
Many Thanks and a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Arme and Ben

Dear Santa,  
I am 5 1/2 years old, and I have been a good girl. I hope I would like a Cinderella watch, a new doll one with lots of hair that I can brush, and of course any kind of new clothes. We will be waiting for you, so do be careful!  
Love,  
Rita Viek

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you? I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a Cinderella dress, can-can, Burp doll and candy, nuts and fruit. Santa, don't forget our little boys and girls.  
I hope I can go to school in two more years.  
I hope all of your reindeer are feeling good.  
Are your little elves making the toys? Is Mrs. Santa making cookies?  
Love,  
Martha Jane Bates

Dear Santa,  
I have been a pretty good girl. I am 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me an iron and ironing board, a big baby doll and a stroller. If you don't have time to make my doll any clothes, that will be alright as I have some of my baby dresses it can wear. I love you.  
Juanita Ewing

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a little car and a Flek up and a two horse trailer and another trailer and a boat and that is all.  
Love,  
John Wayne Kropp

Dear Santa,  
I am nearly 8 years old, and I would like a real watch, some new records, and any kind of a new toy.  
Love,  
Cecil Jones  
508 West Bedford St.  
P. S. We have been pretty good this year.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll with Leonardo's, also a play ice cream mixer, play divan and piano. I have a little brother, Mark, he would like some pull toys.  
My big brother would like a Winchester saddle gun, a big can of Tinker Toys and a B-B gun. Thank you so much.  
Love,  
LeAnn Merritt  
P. S. We live on Route 2, Hart, Texas.

Dear Santa,  
We love you. Please come to see me and all good boys and girls.  
Love, LeAnn Merritt

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We love you. Please come to see me and all good boys and girls.  
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We love you. Please come to see me and all good boys and girls.  
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We love you. Please come to see me and all good boys and girls.  
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Carolyn Scarborough would like a baby doll with clothes, a house coat, a pair of house slippers and dishes. I'm in the 3rd grade, my teacher is Mrs. Reisdorph she is very nice and don't forget her. And bring her something nice and bring my mama, daddy, sister and brother something nice.  
Merry Christmas Santa.  
Love,  
Carolyn Scarborough

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## Mrs. Applegate's Revolt

By Shirley Sargent

"I WANTA bike for Christmas," Terry Applegate said positively. "I want a 26 inch." "Why don'tcha ask for a rocket ship while you're at it?" Hartley was fourteen, two vast years older than his brother. "I wanta 28 inch and then you can have my 24 inch."

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time so he couldn't fill the bill even if he wanted to. Don't any of you remember what Christmas really means?"

"Sure," Hartley said, "we're celebrating Christ's birthday." "That's right and Christ didn't go around saying 'I wanta,'" Marcia interrupted excitedly. "No, he found out what people wanted and needed and gave it to them."

"What are we supposed to do about it?" Terry demanded angrily. "Forget that we want anything!"

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"What do you have to report, Hartley?" The priest in Mr. Applegate's voice was evident. "Well, you know that old man who sells papers at the corner? He gets pretty cold in that little stand so I'm trying to raise enough money to buy him an electric heater."

"Mrs. Applegate winked the tears of pride back. "Doesn't look like there'll be much peace and quiet around here, but at all I want really is happiness and you three have already given it to me."

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## Stocking Hanging Became A Custom Through Accident

With delight and great expectations every American child hangs his stockings by the fireplace at Christmas time. These hang a fascinating tale of adventure.

Once upon a time—so the legend goes—kindly Saint Nicholas, who was in reality Bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, unintentionally originated the custom of hanging stockings by the fireplace on Christmas eve.

Saint Nicholas was a kindly man and very rich. He loved to make mysterious journeys into the country and poor sections of the community to bring secret gifts to the poor. For a long time his identity remained hidden, but he was caught at last with his sack of gifts on his back.

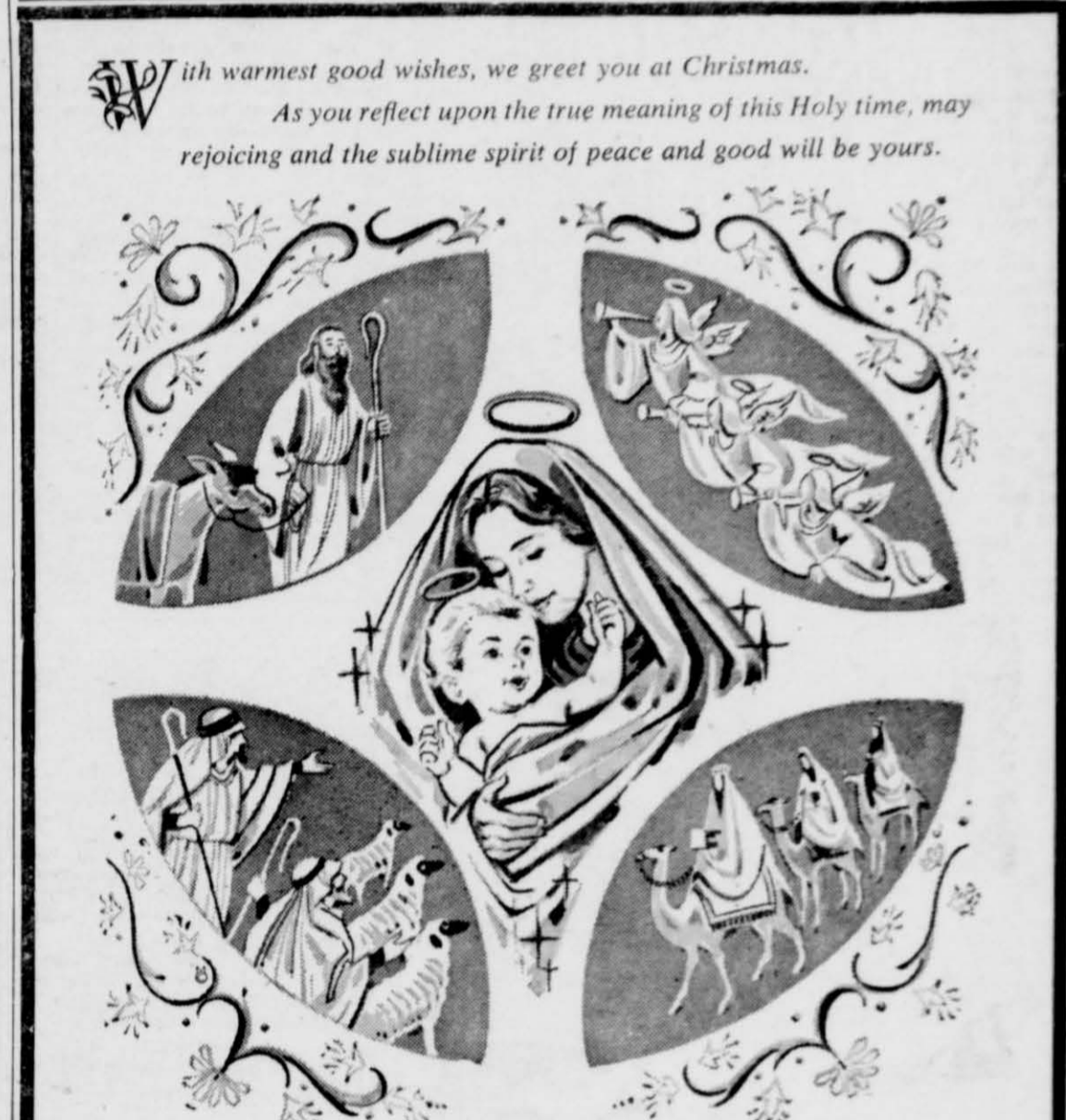
From The Cityway  
Saint Nicholas knew an old nobleman who was very poor and who did not want anyone to know of his poverty. Wanting to give him a gift of money Saint Nicholas crept to a window of the house and saw the old gentleman asleep by the fire.

The good Bishop climbed to the roof of the house and dropped his gift down the chimney, thinking it would fall on the hearth at the nobleman's feet.

However, it so happened that the gentleman's daughter had hung some stockings to dry by the fire and the money fell into one of them. From this kindly deed of the good Bishop has grown the widespread custom of hanging stockings at Christmas time.

Did in 1087  
The anniversary of Saint Nicholas' death in 1087 eventually became a festival in the Russian church, and in time the name became corrupted to Santa Claus and associated with the festivities of the Christmas season, with its tree, its decorations, the holy and the mistletoe.

These today are the joyous symbols of Christmas.



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All of us here wish you a holiday as festive as the season's gay sights and sounds. A merry, merry Christmas to you and your dear ones.

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# Greetings

What a melody it would make, if we could put our good wishes to you into song! Every happiness of the Yuletide season... plenty of mirth and merriment... all the joys of exchanging gifts and greetings... all the pleasures of discovering anew what a heart-warming time of the year this is... these are our wishes for you!

**CARLILE THEATRE**

**Season's Greetings**  
The joyous Christmas Season is here again... to brighten our lives and to lighten our cares.

To all our wonderful friends, we hope this glorious holiday will bring everything that makes for a life of happiness and contentment.

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BOBBY CUNNINGHAM - FRANK & MARY THORNTON - JOE

# Christmas Greetings

Good cheer to you and yours! We're wishing you the merriest, brightest Christmas ever. May you enjoy all the pleasures of giving and receiving... and may your heart and home be warm with the lasting treasures of love and fellowship.

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Pat. T. D., Johnny

# Merry Christmas

All aboard for the merriest Yuletide ever... bright with good cheer, light with laughter and filled with the warmth of close friendships and family reunions.

And to our host of friends and neighbors we send good wishes for the Holiday Season and offer our deep appreciation for their continued loyalty and good will.

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For an attractive holiday centerpiece, arrange long-needle pines in plastic foam with gilded green leaves and ball ornaments in the center. Place pillar candles behind the green.

In ancient Rome, the priests called the people together on the first day of the month, known as the Calends, and announced the sacred days and festivals to be observed during the month.



Mountain Christmas

By Shirley Sargent

JUST because we live ninety-seven thousand miles from civilization, Betty Abernathy said heatedly, "no reason we can't have modern conveniences."

Jim Abernathy, who was as stolid as his wife was slight and as she was excitable, enduring as she was, said "Darling, we have electricity, running water, and Poverty Flat is only twenty miles away."

"Oh, I hate logical men!" Betty looked out the window of their mountain home at the far flung snow-covered peaks. "Here's Christmas coming and I bet you haven't an idea in your head."

Jim tapped his pipe slowly "Betty, before I brought you here, I warned you that the adjustment from city life would be difficult and promised to make things as easy as possible. I hope to have TV in by Christmas day."

"Leave it to me," he felt less confident than he sounded. "Do you realize that neither of the Culens have ever seen a set outside of magazines?"

"You'll have a good picture here," the expert decreed, "but your set will have to be up here."

"Heavens, that's right. They've been here since Nathan retired ten years ago."

Community Present

"Yes, and ten years back TV was still in its infancy."

"Heavens," Betty repeated. "Jim, let's send it to someone who has a present. Thank how they'll enjoy it."

Jim drove the twenty miles to town in their fine engine real jeep with frequency in the ensuing weeks. Getting reception at 5,000 feet was a real problem. At the cabin, they could have sound, but no picture. Nathan Cullen and he scouted a nearby ridge with the TV man from Poverty Flat.

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"Here?" Jim glanced at the encircling pine trees with dismay. "What about snow?"

Nathan, a giant of a man even in his seventies, answered briefly. "Put up a tent with a woodstove in it. Effie's keen on seeing TV for Christmas. Put me in mind of a child."

Book the men two days to erect a satisfactory antenna on the roof of wind-swept ridge and another day to set up a "Theater" as Nathan called their tent.

Christmas night, they all poured out of the jeep into the already heated tent where the TV set reposed in walnut splendor.

Nathan and Effie leaned forward, never taking their eyes from the big twenty-one inch screen. Even the commercials enthralled Effie.

More Fun Than TV

Effie cried watching one Christmas drama. "My, those poor people have so many troubles. It must come of living in cities. Poor things."

When Jim came back from stoking the fire, Betty whispered to him. "She's more fun than the TV."

A second play, a spectacular, was so entrancing that they were reluctant to turn off the set. When they trooped out to the jeep, they discovered four inches of fresh snow. Jim dropped the enthusiastic Cullen in front of their redwood board and batten home.

"You certainly gave us a Christmas present," Nathan said. "My, yes," Effie said, "now we've seen that life can be beautiful."

In their own home, Betty exploded. "Did you hear that silly Effie? Our life is beautiful. We didn't need TV to know that. Not much like checkers."

Jim said, taking her in his arms, "I'll take you up to the 'Theater' once a week just so you'll keep that Christmas spirit throughout the year."

Discarded Trees Can Be Put To Many Good Uses After Christmas

Many people find they have a problem of disposing of their Christmas tree after it is taken down. There are a number of things that can be done with it.

It can be put in the yard, if you live in a cold, snowy area, and from there you can hang suet, pieces of meat and dry bread for the birds.

Or, you can cut off the long branches and plant them as wind-breakers to protect outdoor plantings. Tepees can be built around exposed shrubs and tender plants. This will protect them from wind and prevents snow and ice from accumulating and bending the plants out of shape.

Whatever you do, don't burn it in the fireplace, no matter how small it may be. A dry tree will burn with almost the speed and fury of film or cellophane, and is dangerous.

If you live in the country throw them in ditches in the fields. They make excellent shelter for wildlife.

LOOK FOR SANTA

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Love, Vickie and Ricky Hunter

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year and I would like to have the following things for Christmas: a football suit and football and a game of Stadium checkers and Tickle Bee, some Legos, a mister, Jim cut, a lasso gun, a hot rod kit, a giant wheel game. I am 8 years old.

Love, Mickael Ray Cranford

Dear Santa, I have tried to be good but sometimes have failed, please forgive me.

I would like to have a Tom Thumb typewriter with keys you push down. I would like a case, but if you don't want to make a case I don't care. Also I want a basketball and net.

I will leave something to eat and drink Christmas Eve Night.

Love, Rebecca Futrell

Dear Santa, I want a pull toy and a teddy bear and a stuffed animal.

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Dear Santa, I've made my decision of what I want for Christmas. I want a farm set, wooden clothes rack, cowboy's clothes horse, Western Style Shoe Shine kit and an electrical science kit. I am 11 years old and in the sixth grade.

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Bring my little sister, Elaine a cooking set, a "Tiny Tears" doll and things to keep her nice.

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Love, Gordon Ray Cook

Dear Santa, I wish you please bring me a baby doll made by Effie. And a real watch that ticks.

I have been a good girl.

Love, Dolores Wilke

P.S. I'm in the second grade. Please bring my teacher Mrs. Wohlgenuth a present too.

Thank you.

Dear Santa, I have been a very, very good girl. Will you please, pretty please bring me a Baby Toodles with Blonde hair. I live at Rt. 4, Dimmitt, Texas. My name is Darla Lu Underwood. Will you bring me a music box and a Blue House-coat.

Love, Darla Underwood

Dear Santa, I want a Wanted Dead or Alive gun, a buckle gun, an electric train and a bicycle, and a football suit and some leather gloves and some boots.

From, Mike Cranford

Dear Santa, I want a cowboy belt and I want a cowboy hat.

Also I want a pair of boots and I want a doll, too.

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Love, Mickael Ray Cranford

Dear Santa, I have tried to be good but sometimes have failed, please forgive me.

I would like to have a Tom Thumb typewriter with keys you push down. I would like a case, but if you don't want to make a case I don't care. Also I want a basketball and net.

I will leave something to eat and drink Christmas Eve Night.

Love, Rebecca Futrell

Dear Santa, I want a pull toy and a teddy bear and a stuffed animal.

Love, Randi Lewis

Dear Santa, I've made my decision of what I want for Christmas. I want a farm set, wooden clothes rack, cowboy's clothes horse, Western Style Shoe Shine kit and an electrical science kit. I am 11 years old and in the sixth grade.

Love, Rommie Lynn Hutcheson Merry Christmas

Dear Santa, I want a doll named Pei-thilla, a stuffed animal. A ready-mix food set.

Love, Tommie Hutcheson Merry Christmas

Dear Santa, Please bring me a rocket launcher, football helmet, an army tank and some puzzles and games.

Bring my little sister, Elaine a cooking set, a "Tiny Tears" doll and things to keep her nice.

We've tried to be real good this year.

Love, Gordon Ray Cook

Dear Santa, I wish you please bring me a baby doll made by Effie. And a real watch that ticks.

I have been a good girl.

Love, Dolores Wilke

P.S. I'm in the second grade. Please bring my teacher Mrs. Wohlgenuth a present too.

Thank you.

Dear Santa, I have been a very, very good girl. Will you please, pretty please bring me a Baby Toodles with Blonde hair. I live at Rt. 4, Dimmitt, Texas. My name is Darla Lu Underwood. Will you bring me a music box and a Blue House-coat.

Love, Darla Underwood

Dear Santa, I want a Wanted Dead or Alive gun, a buckle gun, an electric train and a bicycle, and a football suit and some leather gloves and some boots.

From, Mike Cranford

Dear Santa, I want a cowboy belt and I want a cowboy hat.

Also I want a pair of boots and I want a doll, too.

I want a little puppy, too. And please bring me a doll buggy and please do not forget other children.

Love, Ruth Dyer

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Dear Santa, I want



May a wreath of good fellowship and happiness be round you and yours during this Holiday Season... this is our most sincere wish.

**LINDSEY CLEANERS**



May happiness and contentment enter your home to bring you a

*Joyful Christmas*

**TAYLOR'S DAIRY MART**

We Will Be Closed From Now Until Jan. 2



*Merry Christmas*

...and all good wishes for a completely happy holiday season

**C & C PUMP COMPANY**



**Miss Gail Cooper To Wed On Dec. 26**

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. (Buster) Cooper are announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Gail, to Hilary Ranson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Len Ranson of Levelland. Ranson is a senior pre-medical student at A&M College, Bryan.

The wedding will be Saturday, December 26 at 2 p.m. in the Dennis Chapel in Dimmitt. Friends and relatives are invited.

Miss Cooper is a junior majoring in speech at Texas Technological College, Lubbock.

**MRS. V. H. GILES IS HOST TO CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Mrs. V. H. Giles entertained the Homemakers Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church in her home at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening with Mrs. Raymond Hance presiding. After a prayer by Mrs. Giles, Mrs. W. E. Kirkpatrick read as a devotion "Let's Keep Christmas" by Peter Marshall. Mrs. Noel Gollehon and Mrs. T. S. Buckmaster sang a duet, "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child." Mrs. Buckmaster read a story, "The Vision of Herman Willoughby."

Eva Giles had charge of the exchange of gifts. Mrs. Kirkpatrick was presented a lovely lapel watch by the class. Refreshments of coffee and pecan pie were served to mesdames Wilburn Dollar, C. A. Hance, Ocie Smith, Sam Maynard, W. E. Thompson, Ray Martin, Raymond West, L. A. Leeth, M. A. Smith Jr., Arthur Oakley, Gollehon, Buckmaster, Kirkpatrick, Raymond Hance, Giles and Eva Giles.



**Grooms to Speak For Church Mission**

Jordan Grooms, D.D., pastor of the First Methodist Church of Big Spring for the past eight years, will be the speaker for the Enrollment for Christ Mission in the First Methodist Church in Dimmitt, January 3 through 8.

Dr. Grooms has served churches at Vega, Haskell, Levelland and Lamesa. He served as an exchange pastor to England in 1955 and has conducted preaching missions in Cuba and Mexico.

He received his AB degree from Bethel College in Tennessee, his BD degree from SMU and did additional graduate work in the University of Chicago. His DD degree was conferred by McMurry College.

Everyone is invited to attend the services to hear Dr. Grooms.

**Trip to California**  
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Howard and daughters are going on a trip to California this week.

**Joyce Bowden and Larry Johnson Wed In Hart Church**

Miss Joyce Ruth Bowden of Hart and Larry Don Johnson of Kress were united in a double-ring ceremony at the Hart Methodist Church Saturday, December 19, with the Rev. Lee Couch, minister, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. E. Hursting Bowden of Hart and the groom is the son of A. E. Johnson of Kress.

Given in marriage by her brother, Bob Bowden, the bride was attired in a floor length gown of chintilly lace over white slipper satin. The molded lace bodice was fashioned with a tulle yoke and a mandarin collar. The fitted sleeves tapered to points over the hands. The skirt, styled with scalloped tulle ruffles, featured tiers of lace flowing into a back-sweep.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Phillip Conaway of Colorado City, Texas. Bridesmaids were Connie Bowden, sister of the bride of Hart; Beth Hastings of Rosco, and Myrtle Caltharp of Eastmont. They were attired in red sheath velvet dresses with long sleeves and scooping backs. They also carried white muffs, with white fur head bands.

Best man was Charles Reinhardt of Kress.

Candlelighters were Harver Garrison of Hereford and Robert Motley of Idalou, Ring bearer was David Bass of Hart and Mike Oats of Petersburg. Ushers were Tommy Robertson of Idalou and Glenn Saul of Plainview.

The church decorations featured a candlelighted arch, red poinsettias and greenery.

The First Methodist Church parlor was the scene of the reception. It was decorated with white and red, poinsettias, and a 3-tier cake. Hostesses for the houseparty were Miss Beverly Mills, Miss Dorothy Plunkett, Mrs. Ken Weaver and Miss Geraldine Oats.

The couple will be at home at 2111 8th Street in Lubbock where they are both enrolled as junior students at Texas Tech. She attended McMurry College in Abilene for 1 1/2 years where she was named a college beauty. She is majoring in elementary education. Mr. Johnson has played football there two years and majors in economics. He is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

**Seniors To Be Honored With Party Tuesday**

The Seniors of 1959 are being honored with a party Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. (Dec. 29), in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith.

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**Dimmitt Folk Enjoy Holiday Parties**

Dimmitt people have been having a busy time with Christmas activities and parties this week. Conviviality of the Christmas season was enjoyed by guests attending a party in the Community Room of the Bank at which Ina and Jim Cleavinger were host and hostess. A ham dinner was served to Bill and Carolyn Jones, Kenneth and Ruth Jackson, Charlie and Courtney Armstrong, Johnny and Eva McCleskey, Frank and Shirley Wise, and Bill and Katy Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Manning had a few friends in for bridge and coffee Thursday evening. They were Mr. and Mrs. Junior Rothwell, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Elder and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harbour.

On Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Joe Butler served a Mexican supper to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. (Punk) Gilbreath, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Covington, and Mr. and Mrs. John Ethridge. Later in the evening, the guests played bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith hosted a bridge and refreshment party Thursday evening for their regular club. Guests were Messrs. and Mesdames Alvis Fuquay, James Bates, Jim Cleavinger, Kenneth Jackson, Frank Wise, J. D. Covington, John Ethridge, and Bill Culpepper.

Mrs. Ann Singer entertained a few friends with bridge Wednesday evening. A salad plate was served to Mesdames George Bradford, Norman Cleavinger, Sid Sheffy, Clarence Boarden, Margaret Boren, Wes Mabin, Grace Radloff and P. L. Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hays, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hays, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Oglesby were hosts at a Christmas party for the people



**Josetta Acker Engagement Told**

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Acker of Nazareth are announcing the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Josetta to Franklin Heinrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Heinrich of Slaton. Vows will be exchanged January 19th in the Holy Family Church in Nazareth.

who work for Hays Implement Co. at the Rawlings Dining Room on Monday evening. Guests were Messrs. and Mesdames Buck Felder, Luther Brashears, Marvin Reeves, Earl Griffith, Boyce Carter, Murry Hall and Tommy Hamilton.

Mrs. Hugh Curtis was hostess Thursday afternoon at a bridge session and the annual Christmas party and gift exchange. A chicken salad plate was served to Mesdames Wes Mabin, Edgar Ramey, Pearl Sheffy, Raymond Wilson, Horace Carlile, Ray Riley, Sam Gilbreath, George Bradford.

Faye Holland had a few friends in Saturday night for "84" and refreshments. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wright, Maggie Boren, Pearl Sadler, Willie Waggoner.

A group of young married couples who play "42" together, gathered at Ramey's dining room for turkey dinner Saturday evening. After dinner they went to the Bank's community room for games, coffee and candies. Included in the group were Messer and Mesdames Joe Nelson, Ted Godfrey, Burt Huggins, Bob Anthony, Ted Robb, Truman Touchstone, Larry Gambin, Troy Stafford, Clinton and Jimmy Glen, and Bruce Dowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lowe were hosts at a Christmas Caroling and party in their home this week. The guests were the eighth grade choir. Punch and cookies were served. A large group of youngsters met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Davis, Jr. Sunday evening after church and played games and had

**WARMEST Greetings**



May the holidays find you at the height of happiness, in the best of health... rich in friendships.

**CASTRO CLEANERS**



*Blessed*

*Blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year*

*And, at this time of year, may you be rich in happiness.*

**PINNER INSURANCE**

*Fay*

*Greetings*

*without the gladness*

*given and received. So, from all of us*

*here's a hearty, friendly greeting for a happy*

**MARTIN GIN**



*Peace on earth...*

Once more the Christmas message is renewed in our hearts. May the spirit-lifting joys of the season be yours.

**FROEHNER'S VARIETY STORE**

*Christmas Joy*

Joyful and triumphant, the message of Christmas echoes once more through the world. We wish for all our friends Christmas peace and happiness.

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