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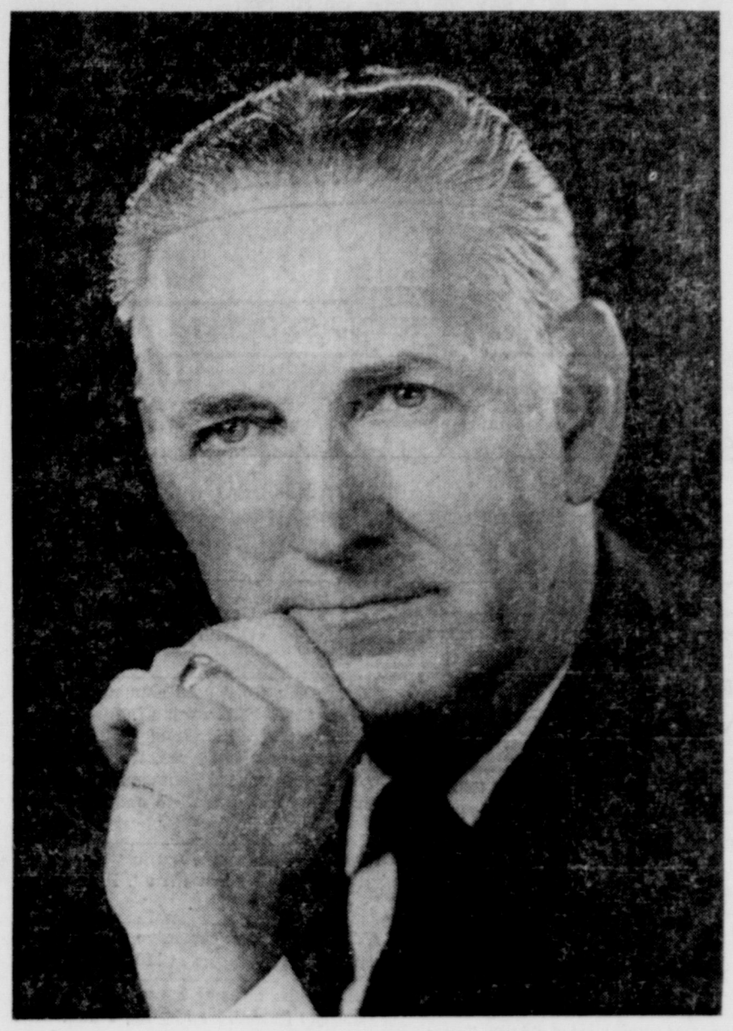
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Munn to be chamber speaker



Melvin Munn

Radio commentator Melvin T. Munn of Dallas has been announced as the speaker for the annual Morton Area Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held here January 16.

"We are indeed fortunate in obtaining such a distinguished speaker for our banquet and I am confident that he will draw a large audience to the celebration," chamber president Bill Wells stated in making the announcement.

The annual event, to be held in the Morton schools cafeteria beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, January 16, will see the installation of a new slate of officers and members of the chamber board of directors. The new board members were named in a recent election held by mail with all members of the chamber participating. Officers for the coming year will be elected at the next meeting of the board to be held Monday, December 28.

The newly elected board members include Mike Doss, Doss Thriftway Super Market; Jimmy St. Clair, St. Clair's Variety Store; Wayne Wilcox, U.S. Soil Conservation Service; Carl Proctor, Proctor-Walker Insurance Agency; James Dewbre, First State Bank and Don Lynskey, Farmer.

Efforts to obtain Munn as the banquet speaker began in early November and due to his congested travel and work schedule, negotiations extended up until late last week before final confirmation was obtained.

Local residents are probably well acquainted with Munn's radio voice due to his broadcasts of the Life Line series which is released over several area radio stations every day. He writes, directs, produces and records the Life Line broadcast in Dallas for more than 530 radio stations six days, and over 430 stations seven days, each week. Most stations run his broadcasts twice each 24 hours.

Munn is a native Texan, having been born April 5, 1916 near Ennis in Ellis county, reared in Navarrow, Hill and Kaufman counties and educated in Texas schools. He was married August 7, 1948 to the former Virginia Weems of Greenville and Dallas and has a 21-year-old son, Michael and a 17-year-old daughter, Deborah Kay Munn.

His business and professional experience well qualify Munn for his duties as commentator on the Life Line broadcasts. A brief resume of his background is as follows:

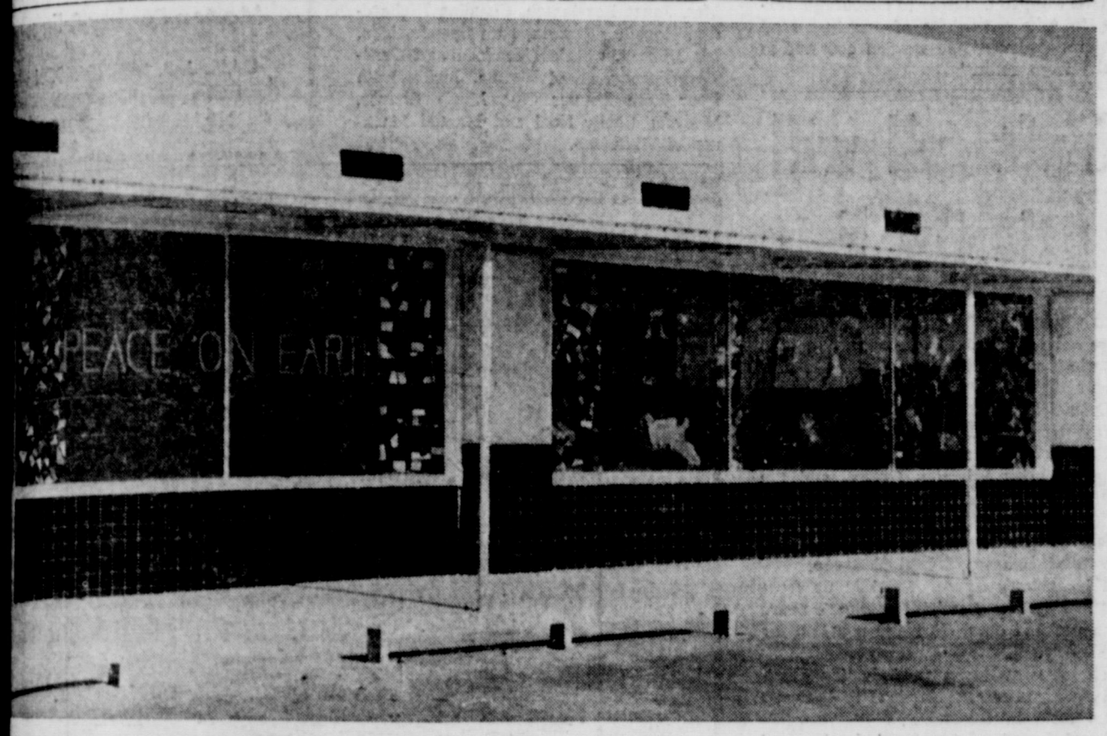
1934-36 — Director of religious education, First Methodist Church, Longview.

1936-45 — Republic National Bank, Dallas.

1945-51 — Announcer, feature broadcaster, K.R.L.D. Dallas.

1951-59 — Director of public relations,

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S IN DECORATING CONTEST . . .

ARLEUR GARDEN CLUB was declared first place win- in the Morton Downtown Christmas Decorating Con- t on the strength of their work in decorating the former ggly Wiggly building windows located on the northeast rner of the square. Theme of the project is "Peace on Earth" which is appropriate to the times. The first place earned the club $50 which was donated by the Morton Area Chamber of Commerce. Club spokesmen said that the money will be used in furtherance of other club civic and service projects.

ribe surge tomahawks LCHS five

aying without the services of all-stat- erry Harvey, the Morton Indians had ght off a bad case of cold shooting e catching up with the lanky Lub- Christian High Eagles Tuesday night he last two minutes of the game to home a 55-53 win, the Tribe's four- h of the season.

CHS's loss was only their second of season and their first in fifteen starts. Indians have been responsible for the sses in the Eagles' 18-2 season mark. e same two teams will collide Mon- in first round action of the Caprock day Tournament, to be staged Decem- 28th through the 30th in the Lubbock icipal Coliseum. Gametime is set 0 a.m.

nother win over LCHS in the tourna- t would pit the Tribe against the win- of the Paducah-Ralls game. Other s involved include the district 3-AA ns of Floydada and Dimmitt, as well Meadow and Shallowater.

ast Tuesday's action promised an ex- g time for the Indians in the coming rnament game. Morton had to over- e an 11-point deficit twice in order to the taller Eagles, and never led in game until only 1:58 was left to play.

he Tribe's better-than-50-percent shoot- average that they had displayed in past several games did not materialize none of the starters could find the ge. And, as the game got underway in the cavern-like LCC fieldhouse, the hosts quickly banged in their first five shots and took a quick 14-3 lead before the Tribe could get anything going. Morton trailed, 18-9, at the end of the first quarter.

LCHS leaped ahead 20-9 early in the second, but Elton Patton sparked a brief rally that pulled Morton to within four, 24-21. Five straight free throws padded the Eagles' margin, however, as they left the court at halftime with a 29-23 lead.

During the third, Morton trailed by as many as ten before things begin to happen. Steals by George Pritchett and Stan Coffman and accurate free throw shooting pulled the Tribe to within one, 42-41, as the period closed.

But LCHS jumped ahead early in the fourth, 49-43, and appeared headed for their nineteenth win.

At that point, the Indians' press, which had been pretty mediocre for most of the game, suddenly begin to click and provided several turnovers. Patton scored from the corner with four and a half

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Holiday slate

Offices and businesses in Morton ve announced the following holi- ay schedule:

The courthouse will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day nd all day January 1 with the ex- eption of a short oath-taking cere- ony that is open to the public be- inning at 9 a.m.

City Hall will close at noon Christ- as Eve, closed Christmas Day and ll day Friday, January 1.

First State Bank will be closed rom noon Christmas Eve, Christmas ay and all day New Year's Day.

St. Clair's Department Store will e closed Christmas Day, Saturday, ecember 26 and all day New Year's ay.

County grand jury hands down nine indictments Monday

The December session of the Cochran county Grand Jury handed down nine indictments involving four persons and passed 12 cases involving six persons as it sat in an all-day session in Morton Monday. he indictments were passed to District Judge M. C. Ledbetter of 121st District Court.

The majority of the true bills went to Lonnie Rae Coker and Carl George Davis who are being held on charges of burglaries that occurred in Morton last November 8. Each received three indictments on charges of burglary by breaking at three buildings in Morton. They include the offices of Fred Payne, accountant; Ike's Farm Store and Taylor and Son Furniture.

Loot from these burglaries have been recovered in police raids in Lubbock and the two have been connected by law enforcement officers with the recovered property. They are presently being held in jail at Portales, N.M. on similar charges.

Paul Cisneros was indicted on one charge of arson and on one count of destruction of property. He is charged with the burning of a farm house on the property of Olin Lewis that occurred as part of a series of acts of vandalism on farms east of Morton in the early morning hours of November 22. The destruction of property charge stems from damage to a tractor belonging to Hershel Tanner that took place the same night.

The ninth indictment went to Charlie Lavinder on charges of theft by bailee of an automobile belonging to Juan Caberra Guajardo on December 2.

Bail in each of the nine counts was set by Judge Ledbetter at $1,000 and all those indicted with the exception of Davis and Coker who remain in custody at Portales, posted their bonds and were released.

Provisions of cotton program in farm bill announced by DOA

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the second in a series of articles that have been released by the Cochran County Committee which will be puplished in the Tribune in an effort to clarify the newly passed three-year national farm program. Today's article deals with the cotton program exclusively).

1971 Cotton Program

A national average 1971-crop price-support loan of 19.50 cents per pound, net weight basis, and other features of the new Agricultural Act of 1970 Program for upland cotton were announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Simultaneously, USDA revoked the upland cotton marketing quota and national acreage allotment proclaimed October 15, 1970, which was required by existing legislation at that time and which would have been in effect for the 1971 crop in the absence of new legislation.

The national average price-support loan rate of 19.50 cents per pound is for middling 1-inch upland cotton (micronaire 3.5 through 4.9) on a net weight basis, average location. Application of loan rates on a "new weight" basis is a change from the previous method of basing loans on gross weight. The change to net weight loans was announced by USDA on March 27, 1970. If loans were made in 1971 on the basis of bale gross weights, as was

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Officers-elect set oath-taking rites

Seven newly elected county and district officials will take office in a swearing-in ceremony to be held in the Cochran county courthouse New Years Day, it was announced this week by county judge-elect Glenn Thompson.

The ceremony, to be held in the 121st district court room, will begin at 9 a.m., January 1 with the invocation to be given by Rev. Paul McClung of the First Baptist Church. District Judge M. C. Ledbetter will administer the oath of office to the new officials. The ceremonies will close with the benediction to be given by F. J. Collins, minister of the Church of Christ.

Following the program, which is open to the public, refreshments will be served.

A short business session will be held by the commissioners court after the oath-taking ceremony, then the courthouse will be closed for the holiday, Thompson stated.

South Plains cotton classing offices top 1.5 million bale mark

The four area classing offices at Lubbock, Brownfield, Lamesa and Levelland had classed samples from approximately 1,536,000 bales of cotton through Friday, December 18th, according to W. K. Palmer, in charge of the Lubbock Cotton Classing Office of the USDA. This is approximately 96 per cent of the estimated production of 1,603,000 bales for the twenty county South Plains area made by the Lubbock Cotton Exchange.

The seasonal classing offices at Brownfield, Lamesa and Levelland have closed for the season and samples remaining to be classed from those areas will be classed at Lubbock. There were 30,000 unclassed samples on hand on Friday.

The cotton harvest is now virtually complete and sample receipts have declined to less than 2,000 a day at the Lubbock office. Many gins have completed operations for the season and most have less than 100 bales left to gin.

Strict Low Middling Light Spotted was the predominant grade at Lubbock last week with 30 per cent of all cotton classed. Strict Low Middling made up 22 per cent, Middling Light Spotted 18 per cent, Low Middling Light Spotted 7 per cent and all Spots and Tinges 17 per cent. Fifteen per cent was reduced in grade because of bark.

Staple length continued to average approximately 31/32. Thirty-one per cent of all cotton classed at Lubbock last week was 15/16, 32 per cent 31/32, 18 per cent 1-Inch and 12 per cent stapled 1-1/32 and longer.

Fifty-four per cent of the cotton "mik-

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CHILLED BUT ENTHUSIASTIC . . .

A BONE-CHILLING TOUR OF MORTON was taken Friday night by junior members of the First Missionary Baptist Church to bring some Christmas cheer to many of the less fortunate folks in town. The group, accompanied by their intreped chaparones, carrolled at the hospital, nursing home and various other places around town to bring good cheer and the Christmas spirit to those who needed it. They made a teeth-chattering pause here in front of the courthouse where the Tribune recorded their photo for the years to come.

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Gov. Smith's 'drive friendly' approach urged for holidays

Gov. Preston Smith continued his strong personal appeal to Texas motorists this week, urging them to drive firendly during the coming holiday season to make this year one with fewer traffic fatalities than 1969.

"The holiday season is a time of year when family relationships and consideration for our fellow man are most meaningful," Gov. Smith said. "It is tragic to think of the heartbreak and sorrow which results from completely meaningless deaths on our streets and highways.

"I sincerely hope the negligence of a few will not mar the holiday happiness of many," the Governor said.

The Governor pointed to a chart in his office which shows traffic fatalities this year are running slightly below the number recorded last year. "We have the opportunity to reduce the number of traffic deaths in Texas this year," Gov. Smith said. "But to do so, Texas motorists must heed the safety admonitions which are being publicized through an all-out effort of newspaper, radio and television facilities in our State."

He further expressed full support of the Department of Public Safety's "Operation Motorcide," the law enforcement department's effort to prevent highway violence. The DPS has estimated 87 persons will die on Texas streets and highways during the two holiday weekends, but is planning a massive drive to help keep the toll under its own estimate.

The Governor pointed out that his office of traffic safety has sponsored drives during each of the dangerous holiday week ends during the year. He expressed the view that the statewide campaign was 'DRIVE FRIENDLY' is becoming a state of mind among Texas motorists," he said. "During Thanksgiving, slightly more than 30 fatalities were recorded. Last year, 58 were killed in traffic during the same holiday weekend.

"In my view, this is confirmation that Texas drivers are more safety conscious than ever before," the Governor said.

"We are fortunate in Texas to have one of the world's finest systems of streets and highways," he added. "They provide a means for all of us to travel during the holiday season to join our loved ones and friends. This is especially important during this time of the year.

"We want to continue to encourage Texans to take advantage of our fine road system. And we hope we can continue to make them safer."

Texas January draft call will draw 905 from priority lists

The January draft call for Texas is 905. Local draft boards will fill the call with men from the Extended Priority Selection Group and with men from the First Priority Selection Group for 1971.

Colonel Duncan explained that the Extended Priority Selection Group includes all those men in I-A and I-A-O on December 31, 1970, whose random sequence numbers were reached by their local boards during 1970 but who were not called. This group is made up of young men born between 1944 and 1950 who have not reached their 26th birthday.

The First Priority Selection Group for January will include men with random sequence numbers 100 and below and random sequence number 100 is expected to remain the ceiling for several months. This group is composed of young men who reached age 19 during 1970, and who received lottery numbers in the July 1970 drawing and have not received deferments or exemptions from service.

Colonel Duncan stressed that those men in the Extended Priority Selection Group will be ordered ahead of those in the First Priority Selection Group, and the 100 ceiling applies only to the 1971 First Priority Selection Group and does not affect the liability of those men in the Extended Priority Selection Group.

The January figure of 905 is up from 489 in December, and is the state's share of a national quota of 17,000 men, all for the Army.

The state quota for pre-induction physical and mental examinations is 4,340, up from 3,376 in December.

Local board quotas for induction and pre-induction examination in January are scheduled to be mailed to the state's 159 boards December 16.

Elementary students sing for Christmas

Fifty students from the elementary music department of the Morton Schools, under the direction of Mrs. Connie Gray, entertained the Senior Citizens at a party in the home of Mrs. Ray Griffith December 16.

Forty-five students went Christmas caroling Friday and sang for three patients confined to their homes.

The remaining 400 students sang for MHS students Wednesday, December 23.

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We would like to thank all the many friends for the beautiful flowers, food, prayers and thoughtfulness during the illness and death of our beloved mother and grandmother, Leta Holloman. Our special thanks go to the doctors, nurses and hospital staff for making her last days as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. May God bless you all.

The Holloman Family

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We wish to thank all those furnishing work or equipment in putting up our land. The friendship and good will is sincerely appreciated. God bless you all.

Vernon and Maurine Blackley

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to express my appreciation to the wonderful people for the cards, gifts and visits which I received during my recent stay in the hospital. Especially I want to thank you for your prayers and interest concerning my illness. May God bless each and everyone of you.

J. Wayne McDermett

CARD OF THANKS

May we express our thanks and appreciation to each of you for your many kindness shown us during the death of our dear son and brother. For the flowers, food and visits and a special thanks to Dr. Dubberly and the hospital staff and to both ministers. May God bless each of you.

Mrs. Sallie Walden and Family

For COLDS take 666

Horizon Club hold slumber party

The Horizon Club met Friday, December 18, in the home of Malinda Webb for their Christmas slumber party.

Hamburgers, chips and dips were served to the group. Gifts were exchanged and carols were sung and games were played.

Those attending were: Jeanie Coker, Cassandra Reeder, Debbie Adams, Sherri Owens, Debra Williams and two guests, Linda Brown and Donna Sanders, the host, Malinda Webb, Mrs. Doyle Webb and Mrs. E. L. Reeder.

Next meeting date will be January 6.

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Candles are important custom of yule scene

Throughout the world wherever Christmas is celebrated it is customary to place a lighted candle in the window l. . . The legend is that candles originally were set out to light the Christ child's way as he made his visits to the children.

One explanation of the custom of hanging stockings on Christmas Eve recalls the baronial halls of England where huge fireplaces were constantly in use . . . Each Christmas a special log, the Yule log, was thrown on the fire . . . This log burned steadily as long as the feaasting and celebrating continued. Naturally, it burned with a pengent odor and stockings were hung over the fireplace to absorb some of this odor and to protect the owners from evil spirits. A far cry from the present custom of loading them with goodies!

Hospital notes

Patients admitted to Cochran Memorial Hospital December 16 through December 22 were: Bessie Mae Hawkin, Mrs. Brenda Thorn, Linda Thompson, Isabelle Orona, Mrs. Jerry Winder, Rickey Nesbitt, Mrs. Janet Barrington, Claudine Richardson, Novelle Goodwin, Rita Spence, Mrs. Ida Dobson, Charles Mendoza and Geneview Turney, all of Morton. Jackie Ruth Poor from Denver City, Maria Chavez, Bledsoe; Bobby Neal and Manuel Martinez of Whiteface.

Yule stockings and signs begin with St. Nicholas

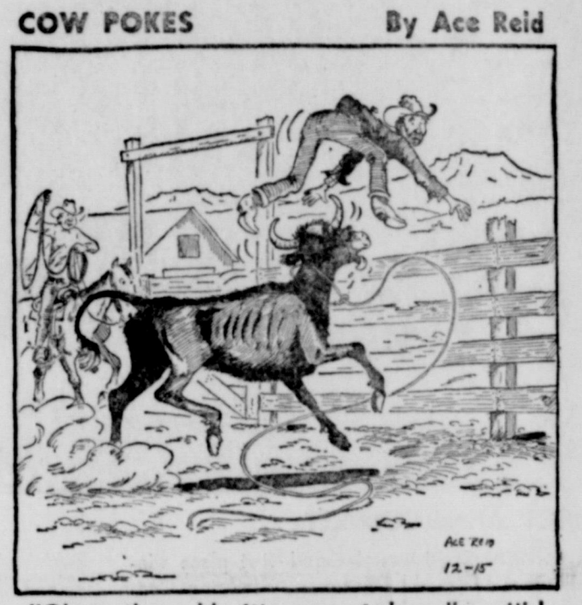
Both the Christmas stockings and pa broker's signs are traditions that co from legends about the first "Santa Cla — St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra, in A Minor.

This early Santa was known far wide for his generosity. And, so the st goes, he wanted to help a merchant had lost all his money and had no to provide dowries for the marriages his three daughters. In secret, he went night to the merchant's house with a of gold when the merchant's oldest dau ter was old enough to be married. He peated the process for the second and th time. The third time the merchant watch to see who brought the gold and told story of his good saint's generosity.

According to the legend, one bag gold fell into a stocking hung up by chimney to dry, and thus began the c tom of hanging up stockings to be fi with gifts.

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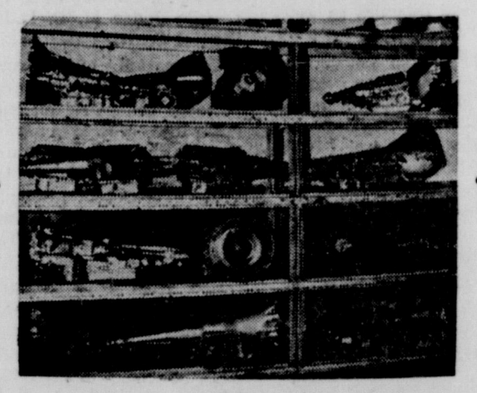


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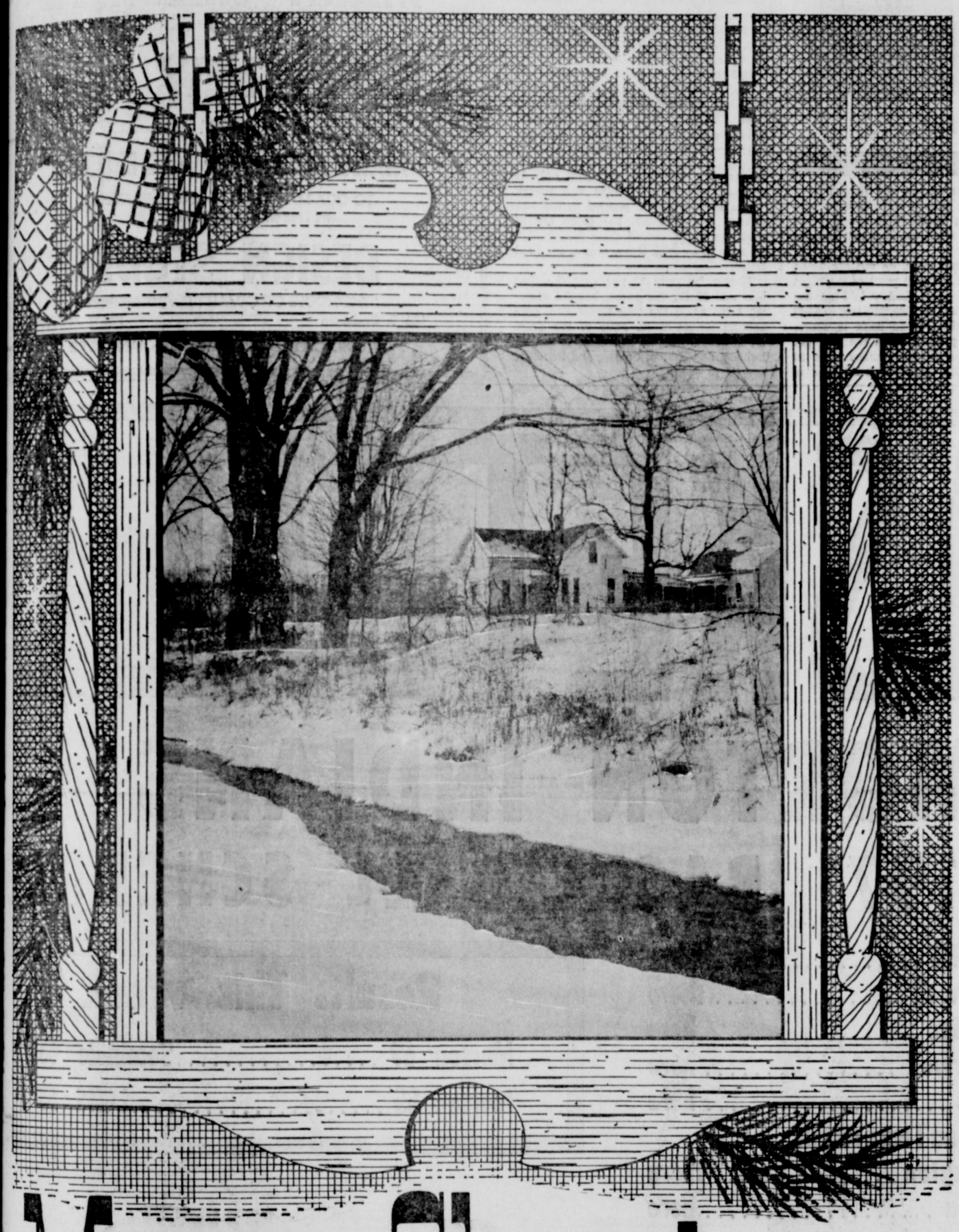
Orders for free Arbor Day Program Kits are still being accepted by the Texas Forest Service, a part of The Texas A&M University System, for delivery before Arbor Day, which will be observed in Texas, January 15, 1971.

The kits are free on request to Texas school teachers and heads of conservation-minded organizations. Each kit contains materials for a classroom tree-raising project and suggestions for an appropriate observance of Arbor Day. A kit also contains two quality pecan seeds (pecan is the state tree of Texas) and instructions for planting the seeds. The Program materials include poems and songs about trees and information about Arbor Day.

Address requests to Arbor Day Kits, Texas Forest Service, College Station, Texas 77843.

Caroling everywhere

IIn every country where Christmas is celebrated, carols are a part of the celebration.



Merry Christmas

Nature has covered the world with a mantle of white . . . making our thoughts turn back to other holiday seasons, when carols sounded joyfully around the piano and laughter rang out merrily around the hearth. We wish all the joys of past Christmases we have known, to each one of you.

Cochran Memorial Hospital District

Indians suffer first defeat; win consolation in DC tourney

The Morton Indians lost their first game of the season last Friday night to the Levelland Lobos, but demonstrated the lessons learned in the setback by roaring from behind to top Seminole and capture consolation honors in the twelfth annual Denver City Tournament.

The 64-62 loss to the AAA Lobos snapped an eleven-game win streak, one of the longest in the school's history, the Indians' last loss coming at the hands of Taft in the semifinal round of the 1970 state tournament. But following Friday's game, the Tribe topped Tahoka, 82-41, before edging Seminole, 69-65, in the final round, both games being played on Saturday.

Morton managed to hit only four of ten free throws against the Lobos, but hit 46 per cent from the field in the 64-62 loss. In spite of the cold charity shooting, the Tribe appeared headed for their twelfth victory as they jumped to an early 9-4 lead over Levelland, but the Lobos worked a fast break for scores several times and took a 39-38 lead at halftime.

The Lobos jumped ahead 48-40 in the early minutes of the third period, but saw that lead erased as Morton's M. C. Collins came off the bench to inspire the Tribe to roar back into the lead. Morton then led, 58-54, but Levelland outscored the Tribe in the early minutes of the fourth and took a 61-85 margin spread before Terry Harvey bucketed two points. The Lobos then went into a semistall with two minutes left, but the Tribe got the ball back with a minute to go and Terry Harvey was fouled as he scored for the Tribe to narrow the margin to 63-62 in favor of Levelland. His free throw missed the mark, and Levelland stalled the ball until three seconds were left on the clock.

Hoping to steal the ball, the Tribe did not foul until too little time was remaining. Levelland's free throw was good, but Terry Harvey's 30-foot shot at the buzzer was not and the Indians tasted their first defeat.

Harvey scored 23 points for Morton.

The Tribe hit a blistering 64 per cent in Saturday morning's game against Tahoka and coasted to an 82-41 win, but managed to hit only seven of 13 free throws. Elton Patton and Stan Coffman hit 18 apiece for the Tribe while Cliff Gardner canned 20 for the Bulldogs.

Saturday evening's game against Seminole, 60-54 losers to tournament champion Lamesa in the opening round, was as exciting as any played this season. The lead changed hands several times throughout each quarter. With four minutes left in the game, Seminole jumped ahead 51-47, but field goals and free throws by M. C. Collins and Terry Harvey put Morton ahead by four, but Seminole bounced back to lead 61-59.

Seminole's stall was halted by a foul, and the missed shot enabled the Tribe to tie the game with five seconds left as Keith Embry hit from 15 feet.

In the crucial overtime, the lead changed hands three times, but Morton edged ahead on baskets by Collins and Elton Patton.

With seven seconds left, Patton's first of two free throws put Morton ahead, 67-65, but his second missed the mark. However, George Pritchett leaped high to tip the rebound in to put it away for Morton, the Tribe's thirteenth win of the season.

Terry Harvey and Keith Embry were named to the all-tournament team by Denver City officials.

Three Way news

Three Way high school basketball teams played Lazbuddy on the home court Monday night with both girls and boys winning the game. Three Way held an invitational tournament the past week-end with several teams playing. Three Way high school boys basketball teams won first place and Three Way girls getting second place.

Geno Abbe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abbe underwent knee surgery last week at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Three Way FHA girls went to Portales Tuesday night to entertain the childrens home with a Christmas party. Several mothers went with the girls.

Julie Carlisle, small daughter of the Nelson Carlisles, underwent surgery in a Littlefield hospital last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Green and son from Jal, N.M. spent the week-end with her parents the Jack Furgesons.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Warren entertained their children Friday night with a Christmas party. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dupler and boys from Morton, Mr. and Mrs. John Hodnett and girls from Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Warren and children from Maple and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Warren and children from Maple.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gunter had their sons and families for Christmas dinner Sunday. They were Mr. and Mrs. John Gunter and family from Muleshoe and the Byron Gunters also from Muleshoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Tyson spent the week-end with his parents the George Tysons.

Mrs. Thompson from Kenniwick, Washington is visiting her daughter and family the Johnnie Wheelers.

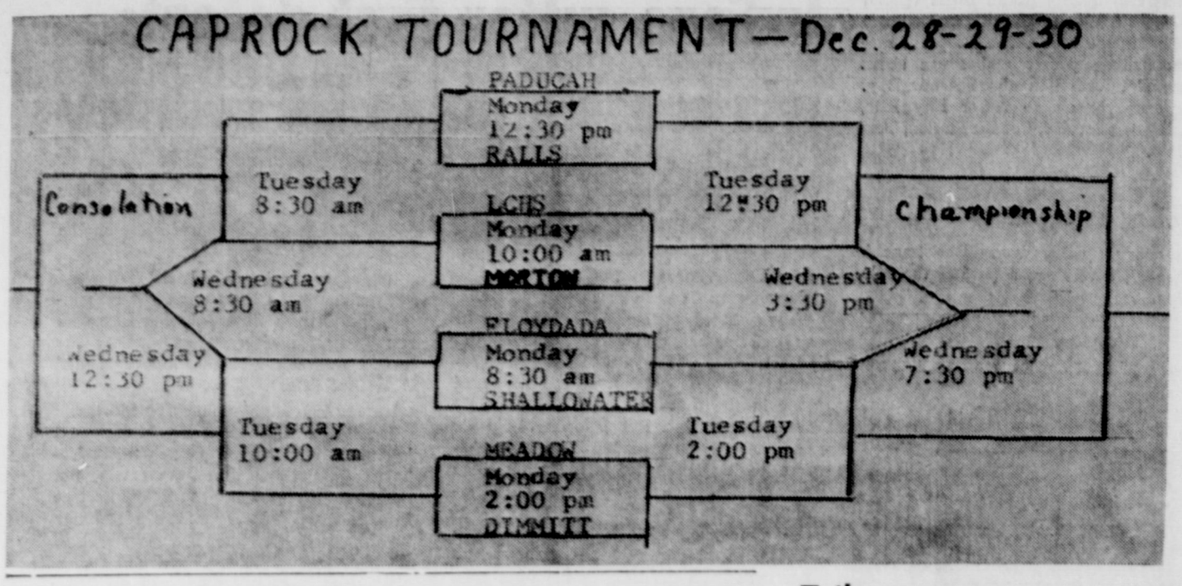
Tommy Terrell is home from Mountain Home, Idaho for the Christmas holidays to visit his parents the D. V. Terrels and see his wife and daughter who has been visiting her parents the T. D. Davis family.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

and our sincere thanks to our friends and customers and to Helen, Truman and Mike Doss for making our years in Morton such happy ones. We are leaving Morton with mixed emotions to make our home in Munday. We shall miss each of you.

Opal and Leo Guffey

Tribe surge...

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minutes left to narrow the Eagles' lead to 49-45. Keith Embry contributed a pair of free throws before Coffman tied the game at 49 all with just over two minutes left.

Fifteen seconds later, he put the Tribe ahead with his fifteenth point of the night and a minute later, Embry laid up another two points to give Morton a 53-49 lead. The Eagles roared back to score, and then got possession as the ball got away from one of the Indians with 30 seconds left. But Embry lost no time in stealing the ball back and with only 11 seconds left, M. C. Collins was fouled.

The Morton senior popped in the two charity tosses to put the game out of reach as LCHS scored their final bucket on a tip in by Rick Russworm at the final buzzer.

Morton hit only 32 per cent the first half and 37 for the game, but did somewhat better at the free throw line, connecting for 13 of 19. Four of the Tribe hit in double figures. Coffman's 15 led the Indians, and Patton, Collins, and Pritchett scored 10 each.

Melvin Munn...

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operation to Dallas on January 1, 1967 where it remains today.

Some of Munn's service and leadership recognitions are as follows:

Listing in Who's Who in the South and Southwest, honorary citizen of 62 cities and 19 states, president of Dallas Kiwanis Club, Lt. Governor, Division Two, Kiwanis; District chairman, Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis District, committee on Key Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Dallas.

1959-63 — Insurance sales and public relations consultant, Pampa.

1963-64 — Public relations consultant to various members of both the House and Senate, living in Washington, D.C.

1965-66 — Joined the Life Line Foundation as commentator in Washington, D.C. on January 1, 1965.

1967 to date — Life Line moved its Clubs, Conventions and Resolutions; vice president, Texas Safety Association; president, Children, Inc., Dallas; chairman, Speakers Bureau, Dallas United Fund and has held 17 other presidencies and 34 board positions on church, service, business and professional organizations.

Munn will arrive by air in Lubbock in the afternoon of January 16 and will be met by a delegation from the Morton chamber who will transport him here for the speaking engagement. He will depart for Lubbock again directly after the banquet.

Tickets for the chamber banquet are priced at $3 each and can be obtained from any chamber board member or by contacting secretary Tennie Wall at chamber office.

SWEDEN BEGINS YULE EARLY

Swedish Yule ceremonies begin officially on December 13, St. Lucy's Day. According to legend, St. Lucy went about carrying food and drink to the needy. Today Swedes give the legend reality by choosing one of the girls in the family to represent St. Lucy. St. Lucy rises early and wakes each member of the family, serves them coffee, and bakes buns.

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NOVEMBER 30 — Farwell ..... here
DECEMBER 1 — Ralls ..... here
DECEMBER 3-5 — Friona Tournament
DECEMBER 8 — Lovington ..... there
DECEMBER 11 — Dora ..... here
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DECEMBER 22 — LCHS ..... there
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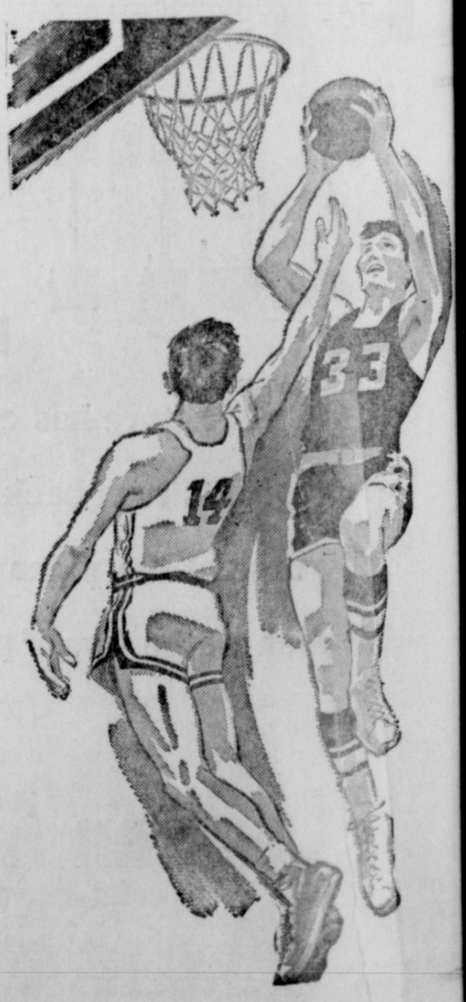
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JANUARY 19 — Littlefield ..... there
JANUARY 22 — Friona ..... here
JANUARY 26 — Abernathy ..... there
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FEBRUARY 5 — Lockney ..... there
FEBRUARY 9 — Dimmitt ..... here
FEBRUARY 12 — Littlefield ..... here
FEBRUARY 16 — Friona ..... there

Results This Week

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GO, BIG INDIANS + YOU CAN DO IT!



American greeting

American Christmas car was sent J. Pease of Albany, N.Y. in 1853. a dry goods merchant, designed, and mailed this first card which rved as an advertisement for his ts.



BLESSINGS OF THE YULETIDE TO EVERYONE

Whiteface Variety

Dessie Bowden

LaFleur Garden Club given program by Mrs. Schooler

Mrs. J. L. Schooler of Star Rt. 2, Morton, gave a program on Christmas arrangements, in the home of Mrs. L. Z. Scoggins Dec. 19.

Mrs. Schooler is a National Flower Show judge and is a member of the Whiteface club which she helped to organize and served as president of for 2 years. She was formerly a member of the Cochran Co. Garden Club.

As her topic she choose "Let's put the Spirit back in Christmas."

"This is a personal thing," she told the group. "What you make or use should reflect one's own personality." Be conservative, use material available to create what you want to feel. She showed wreaths, arrangements, centerpieces, door props, candle holders, door pieces and a large church arrangement constructed from paper products inner rolls, magazines, gold foil, styrofoam balls and angel hair, with greenery from the mountains gathered by Mr. Schooler. One particular piece was a pipe organ with angels singing in the foreground — was very striking and easily made from material on hand.

One basic commercial form to invest in would be the wreath of everwearing plastic. She showed how it can be changed from year to year with just a few ribbons, bows, balls, pine cones, etc. to create new and interesting designs. These come in a variety of leaf forms and can be sprayed to suit the individual "But however you do it, do it your way," she re-emphasized.

Mrs. Schooler did an arrangement to show how easy it is to make something lovely from scratch. She then read the Christmas story from the second chapter of St. Luke and concluded the program with prayer.

A short business session was conducted by the president Mrs. Olin Darland. Roll call was answered to "My favorite Christmas carol."

The special landscaping committee gave reports on the recent planting of the trees shrubs at the County Courthouse. These were purchased from Tom's Tree Place in Lubbock.

It was announced that the club had won first place in the window decorating contest and was awarded a check for $50.00.

Mrs. W. C. Wiggins resignation was accepted with regrets.

It was voted to sell the remaining State Flower notes before ordering new ones.

A gift exchange was held, the gifts consisting mostly of hand made items by members.

Refreshments were served to two guests, Mrs. Roy Davis and Wynn Crone and eleven members Griffith, W. A. Woods, Roy Hill, Owen Egger, Don Samford, J. L. Thomas, Murray Crone, Darland, Schooler, the hostess and Miss Lessye Ward.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Bobby Travis on Jan. 7.

South Plains...

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ed" in the Lubbock office was in the 3.5 and better micronaire category, 12 per cent "miked" 3.3 and 3.4, 17 per cent 3.0 through 3.2, 11 per cent was 2.7 through 2.9 and 6 per cent was 2.6 and below.

Prices were $1.25 to $2.50 per bale higher on all qualities during the week. Demand continued very strong for all cotton except the high grade, long staple qualities. Prices ranged from the loan or near the loan on high grade, low micronaire cotton. Most lots sold at 19.00 to 20.75 cents, regardless of quality. All cotton in the Lubbock market is selling on a physical price basis with little or no regard for the loan. Demand continued very strong for low grade, low micronaire cotton and this forced merchants to pay 19.00 to 20.75 cents for lots containing low grade, low micronaire cotton. Below grade cotton was selling at 17 to 18 cents.

Prices quoted by the Lubbock Cotton Exchange for the most predominant qualities in the 3.5 to 4.9 micronaire range were: Strict Low Middling 15/16 — 20.35, Strict Low Middling 31/32 — 20.55, Strict Low Middling 1-Inch — 20.95, Middling Light Spotted 15/16 — 20.40, Middling Light Spotted 31/32 — 20.60, Middling Light Spotted 1-Inch — 21.00, Strict Low Middling Light Spotted 15/16 — 20.30, Strict Low Middling Light Spotted 31/32 — 20.45 and Strict Low Middling Light Spotted 1-Inch — 20.60.

Cottonseed prices were steady and ranged from $53.00 to $62.00 per ton to the farmer. Average price was $58.50 per ton.

College will offer income tax course

As a community service, South Plains College will offer a timely course in Income Tax Procedures beginning January 13. The four weeks course will meet each Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 104 of the Technical Arts Building.

Jeff Pate, Levelland CPA, will be the instructor. Cost of the course is $10.00. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office of Continuing Education at South Plains College, Phone 894-4921.

Provisions...

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the case in 1970 and many earlier years, the 1971 loan rate would be approximately 18.70 cents.

Price-support loans available to program cooperators for different individual qualities will be based on the middling 1-inch rate. A schedule of premiums and discounts for these various qualities will be issued at a later date.

The 1971 loan rate was established under provisions of the Agricultural Act of 1970 which provides for a level to reflect — for middling 1-inch upland cotton, micronaire 3.5 through 4.9, at average location in the U. S. — 90 percent of the estimated average world price for such cotton for the 2-year period ending July 31, 1970.

A preliminary set-aside program payment rate to cooperators has been established by the 1970 Act at 15.00 cents per pound. The final set-aside program payment, together with the national average market price for middling 1-inch cotton, micronaire 3.5 through 4.9 in the designated spot markets during the August — December 1971 period must equal the higher of (1) 35.00 cents, or (2) 65 percent of parity as of the beginning of the marketing year, Aug. 1, 1971. The payment will not be reduced if the rate as finally determined is less than the rate of the preliminary payment. The payment is made on a quantity of upland cotton determined by multiplying the acreage planted within the farm base acreage allotment by the payment yield established for the farm. The farm payment yield is based on the actual yeidd per harvested acre for the immediately 3 preceding years, adjusted for abnormalities caused by drought, flood or other natural disaster. There are, however, two exceptions: (1) The 1970 farm projected yield must be substituted for farm actual yields for 1968 and 1969, and (2) the farm payment yield for 1971 cannot be less than the 1970 farm projected yield if the total production for the farm in 1970 was at least equal to the 1970 farm projected yield multiplied by the 1970 farm domestic allotment.

The agricultural Act of 1970 limits cotton payments to any person to $55,000. This limitation does not apply to loans.

Special provision for small farms also is provided. The payment rate will be increased by 30 percent to any producer who (1) is on a farm on which the base acreage allotment is 10 acres or less or with payment production from the farm base allotment of 5,000 pounds or less, (2) resides on such farm, and (3) derives his principal income from cotton produced on such farm. This additional payment will be made on the basis of the producer's share of cotton actually harvested within the allotment on the farm in 1971.

Loans on 1971-crop upland cotton will be available to program cooperators for a term of 10 months from the first day of on presentation of warehouse receipts reflecting accrued storage charges of not more than 60 days. This will allow producers an extended period during which the loan program may be utilized to promote orderly marketing and price stabilization. In prior years, the loan maturity date was July 31, following the year in which the cotton was produced.

Also announced, as required by the new law, is the national production goal of 11,993,500 bales (standard bales of 480 pounds net weight) and a national base acreage allotment of 11,500,000 acres for the 1971 crop of upland cotton. The national production goal is the sum of the estimated domestic consumption and estimated exports for the 1971-72 marketing year which begins August 1, 1971, plus an allowance of five percent of the estimated domestic consumption and exports for market expansion, plus an adjustment necessary to provide carryover stocks in the United States on July 31, 1972, equal to 50 percent of the average offtake for the 3 preceding marketing years.

The national base acreage allotment of 11-1/2 million acres is apportioned to the states on the same basis as in previous years. These allotments are as follows:

Alabama, 677,655; Arizona, 238,721; Arkansas, 955,267; California, 531,107; Florida, 22,241; Georgia, 582,383; Illinois, 2,012; Kansas, 8; Kentucky, 4,921; Louisiana, 400,494;

Mississippi, 1,099,845; Missouri, 256,996; Nevada, 2,540; New Mexico, 123,780; North Carolina, 312,363; Oklahoma, 534,823; South Carolina, 477,216; Tennessee, 381,938; Texas, 4,884,609; Virginia, 11,081; U. S. Total, 11,500,000.

The law provides that the national base acreage allotment shall be apportioned to the States on the basis of the acreage planted (including acreage regarded as having been planted) to upland cotton with in the farm acreage allotment in the years 1965 through 1969, with adjustments in these acreages as required by law.

The 1971 base acreage allotment for each state will be apportioned among counties and the county allotments among farms according to provisions of the law and regulations issued by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir:

I just want to let the people of Morton know how much we appreciate your hospital and complete staff. Our son, Rev. Jackie Thompson from Whiteface, had surgery there last week. Your doctors there were the nicest, especially Dr. Dubberly, whom we met.

I have never met nurses who were so nice. Everyone was just great. We have never been in a place like this.

May God richly bless every one of them.

Always, your friends,
Mr. and Mrs. Less Thompson
225 Ave. I, Hereford, Texas

Cards were general

Most of the popular Christmas cards of the later 19th century in Europe had no particular Christmas significance. There were some manger scenes and others of religious nature, but these were far outnumbered by landscapes, flowers, kittens, and similar subjects.



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Joy To All at Christmas!

A sincere thanks for your patronage this year.

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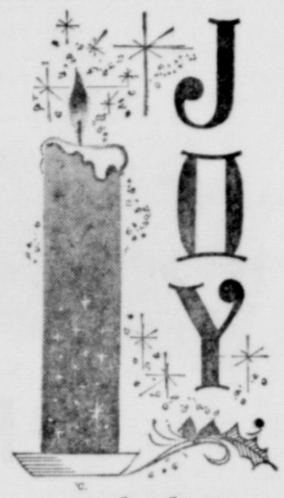


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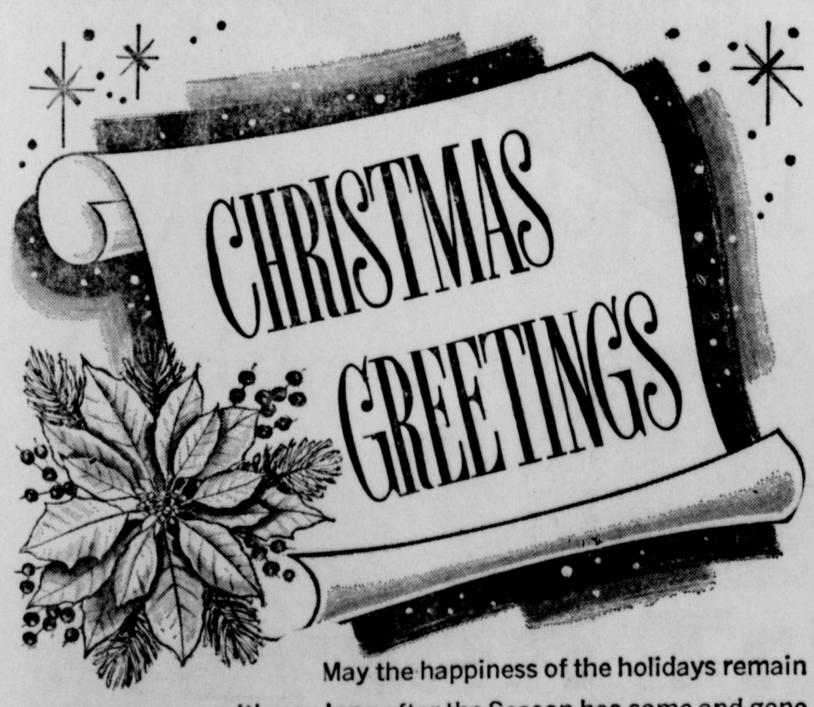


CHEER TO ALL

A happy Noel to all our customers

Whiteface Grocery

Johnny and Bobbye McClure



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the happiness of the holidays remain with you long after the Season has come and gone

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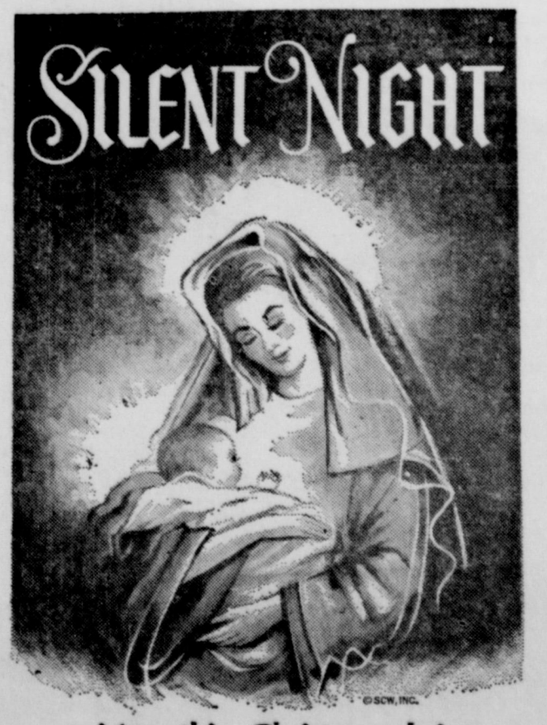


MERRY CHRISTMAS

&

Happy New Year

RAMSEY SHOE SHOP



SILENT NIGHT

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May this Christmas bring peace and happiness to you and all your loved ones about you.

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MINNIE'S SHOP

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Opal Suffey

Helen Doss

FROM ALL OF US AT DOSS THRIFTWAY

to all our friends and customers, we extend

Season's Greetings

We appreciate the patronage afforded us during the past year and look forward to serving you again in 1971

Leo Suffey

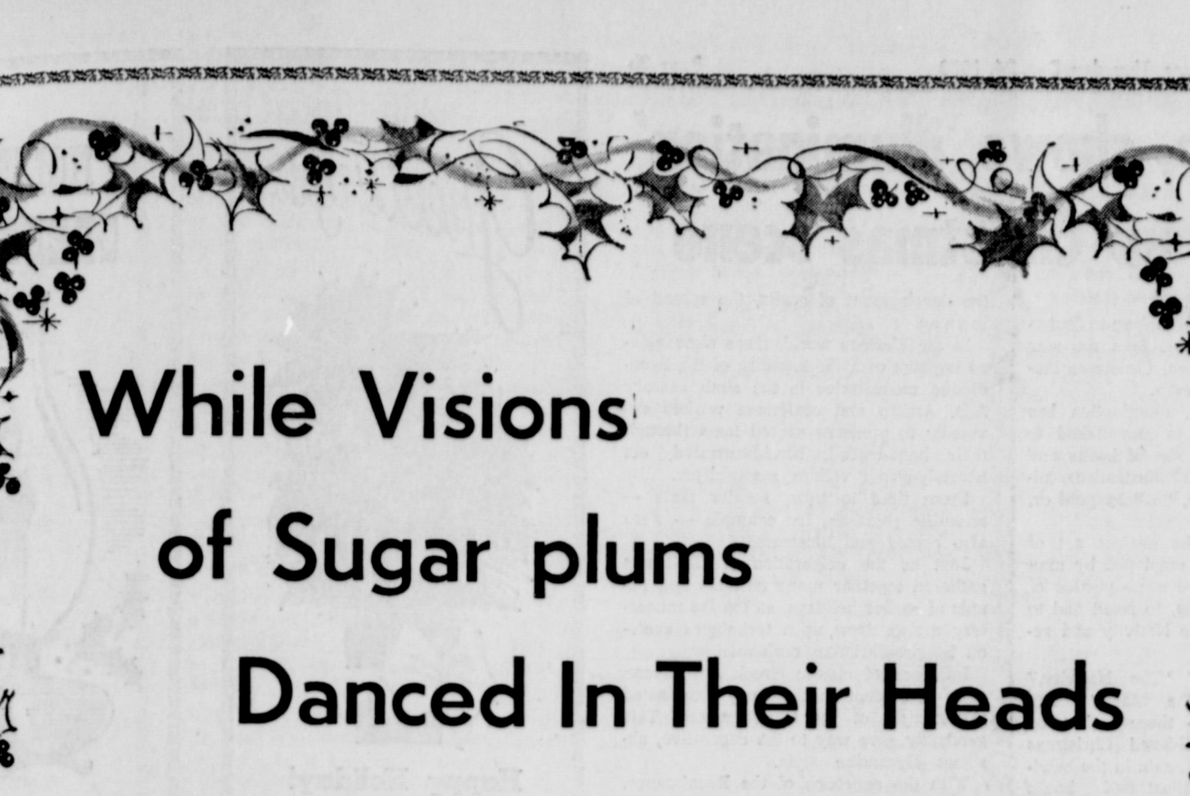
Mike Alb

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Truman Doss

While Visions of Sugar plums Danced In Their Heads



Your prayers have been heard . . . your good nights have been said . . . and you are off to dream-land . . . with visions of sugar plums and other wonderful things dancing in your innocent little heads.

Christmastime is for you, my children. It is for you because the first Christmas nearly two thousand years ago was for you. The celebration of the birth of the King of Kings . . . the savior of not only you two, but of all mankind.

Your parents can appreciate the gift of the Christ Child to the world many years ago, because the gift of two precious youngsters to us are the greatest gifts ever received by us. If we should never receive anything more, our cup runneth over.

As you dream, my children, dream of the wonderful things of the world and universe. There is much strife and anger and hatred in the world today, but it is all overshadowed by the goodness in people. Love, helpfulness, thoughtfulness . . . these are the things, that, when all people become familiar with, and practice, will make the world the better place that it will be.

And faith, my little ones. Faith in your fellow man, and most important of all, faith in He whose birthday we celebrate on this Christmas Day. When we all become faithful to Jesus Christ and His teachings, peace and good will will prevail among all men and all nations.

Your little hearts are so filled with joy and happiness and enthusiasm . . . may they always be. Keep your love for each other . . . let it overflow and encompass those whom you meet and associate with as you grow older. This is one of the teachings of Jesus.

Dream on, my children, of your sugar plums and fairies and yes, of Santa Claus, too . . . and awake this Christmas morn with joy and thankgiving in your hearts. Merry Christmas, my darlings, and may God watch over you always.

May the Joy and Peace of Christmas always be with you

Morton Tribune

Bill Sayers **Jean Sayers** **Edith Linder** **David Murrah**

Morton Tribune

MORTON, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1970

Caroling custom had origin in ancient pagan ceremonies

Strictly speaking, the word "carol" should be applied to the lyrics written to go with a round of dancing, namely a dance measure. However, as with many words common usaage has changed its meaning until now it designates almost exclusively the songs written to celebrate the Christmas festival.

The original meaning of the word "carol" is right in keeping with the first caroling, for it consisted of both dancing and singing. The "crib" of the Savior, in the traditional setting, was placed in the center of the church at Christmas and the carolers formed a ring to dance around it. Like the tricks performed by the juggler in the famous story, the dancing was offered reverently. Thus, some of the most famous Latin Christmas hymns were written to dance tunes.

THE CUSTOM OF caroling found its way into the Christian church from pagan rituals. The clergy, although opposed to the practice, had to accept it and so contented themselves with limiting its practice.

The struggle between the clergy and the churchgoers went on for years. Even as late as 1209, it was necessary for the council of Avignon to forbid theatrical dances and secular songs in churches. Little by little the religious dances were done away with. Those which survived the longest were the dances performed on Shrove Tuesday.

FROM THE BEGINNING, the Christmas festival, which coincided with the Latin and followed the Teutonic feasts of the winter solstice, lent itself to gaiety.

There are numerous carols still in existence dating back to the 15th century which have many characteristic features of the folksong.

The earliest collection of carols printed made its appearance in England in 1521, issued by Wynkyn de Worde. It includes the famous Boar's Head carol, which in a slightly altered form is sung at Queen's College, Oxford, England, on the bringing in of the boar's head.

Carols express Yule joy, echoing across the ages

Voices rise in songs of joy and praise. As the joyous season arrives, the vibrant sound of carolers is heard in churches, at family gatherings, in groups going from house to house to celebrate with song.

Carols are as much a part of the Yuletide as the tree, gifts and Santa himself.

It all began with the first carols in the 13th century, says the Encyclopedia Americana.

The earliest English carols were composed anonymously, perhaps by clergymen or court musicians. Simple tunes and strong rhythms were characteristic, and the musical form featured a refrain, to repeat before and after each stanza.

Words were written, generally, in the English vernacular or in "macaronic" form — a combination of English and Latin.

The first printed collection of carols appeared in 1521. It included the "Boar's Head Carol," still sung during Christmas dinner at Queen's College, Oxford, England.

Even then, however, the practice of passing on carols orally, from generation to generation, continued. Among these were carols in ballad form, such as "I Saw Three Ships" and "The Cherry Tree Carol."

Caroling fell into disrepute in the 17th century, and carol singing was forbidden by the English Puritans. Those who colonized America carried this disapproval with them.

After the Restoration, in 1660, caroling was once again permitted and the custom slowly revived.

Some of the most popular carols date from the 18th and 19th centuries. These include "Adeste Fideles," possibly by Francis Wade; "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," with words by Charles Wesley and music by Felix Mendelssohn; "Joy to the World," with words by Isaac Watts, music by George Frederic Handel.

Probably the most popular of all carols is the 19th century "Silent Night" with words by Joseph Mohr, the village priest of Hallein, Austria.

Many stories are told about the way this carol came to be written. One legend says that on a snowy Christmas Eve in 1818, Father Mohr went to bless the newborn baby of a poor parishioner.

On that night he was so inspired by the beauty of the mother and child that he wrote the poem "Silent Night."

Watch for toys that might be dangerous for younger children

For preschool youngsters, the Christmas morning discovery of new toys from Santa is the high point of the holiday. But too often the fun and excitement are marred by the tragedy of accidents caused by unsafe toys. From the anxious moment of a cut finger to fatalities, the hazards of unsuitable toys take their holiday toll.

While no parent, grandparents, friend or relative who plays Santa Claus for a preschool child would knowingly give a toy not safe for play in the before-kindergarten world, they can be misled by the appeals of novelty, price, "cuteness", or color.

—Be sure all paint used on toys for children is non-toxic. Because youngsters "taste" everything, this is particularly important.

—Check the material of which a playtool is made. The toy which breaks easily and unexpectedly into jagged or small pieces is a hazard for preschoolers. Wood and soft, strong plastic are especially acceptable for the preschooler's toys.

—Sharp edges or corners, protruding nails, splinters in wood are safety hazards which can be avoided by checking the toy thoroughly before buying.

—Electric toys are not recommended for younger preschool children and, in addition, they tend to stifle the creative and imaginative challenges of "learning while playing."

—From the toddler stage, children should be taught to put their toys away. Providing a special place — toy box, shelves, or cupboard — encourages habits of neatness and safety.

Christmas is a happy time, particularly when the enthusiasm and delight of the season are shared with youngsters. Giving special attention to toy safety can help assure the happiest of holidays.

For holiday parties, try cranberry punch ringed by ice wreath

Traditionally, the holiday season is the favorite time of the year for entertaining friends and family, and one of the most popular ways to celebrate is to have an open house.

Actually, it's the easiest and the most fun for the hostess. There's no need to worry about limiting the number of invitations because guests will be coming and going at different times through the afternoon or evening.

And the menu can be simple, but in keeping with the spirit of the season. Set a festive holiday table with Cranberry Wreath Punch and your favorite homemake, too, merely mix four simple infree to spend all the time with your guests.

Cranberry Wreath Punch is easy to made, too, Merely mix four simple ingredients: bottle cranberry juice, bottled lemon juice, a can of pineapple juice and gingerale.

Be sure to serve this punch well-chilled. To keep the punch bowl cool and for a little added holiday touch, make an ice wreath by freezing an ice ring with cherries and mint leaves in a salad ring mold.

To accompany the punch, serve guests a variety of your homemade cookies. Lemon Holiday Macaroons is a new and enticing recipe to add to your repertoire. This idea is also a simple one — a definite advantage during this hectic season.

CRANBERRY WREATH PUNCH

2 quarts cranberry juice
1 can (46 ounces) pineapple juice
1 cup bottled lemon juice
2 quarts gingerale

Chill all ingredients. Pour cranberry juice, pineapple juice and bottled lemon juice into a large punch bowl and stir. Add gingerale and ice; serve at once. Yield: 5¾ quarts or 36 five-ounce servings.

LEMON HOLIDAY MACAROONS

½ can (2/3 cup) sweetened condensed milk
¼ cup bottled lemon juice
1 package (7 ounces) flaked coconut
1 package (4 ounces) glazed cherries, chopped (about 2/3 cup)

Mix sweetened condensed milk, lemon juice. (Milk will thicken.) Add coconut and chopped cherries; mix. Form into 1-inch balls and place on greased cookie sheet, or drop by teaspoonfuls. Bake in a 300 degree oven about 30 minutes, or until slightly browned. Remove from cookie sheet immediately. Yield: about 2½ dozen.



JOY
at CHRISTMAS
to all our customers

Enochs Co-op Gin

Bob & Louise Newton

Art, too, shows 'illumination' to light up Christmas scene

Illumination.

The very word seems to belong to Christmas, the season of light. Like the star that guided the wise men, Christmas illuminates the spirit of man.

In an artistic sense, illumination has another meaning that is also linked to Christmas: The decoration of books and manuscripts with colorful illustrations, initial letters and borders, "lit" by gold or, occasionally, silver.

Like all the arts, the ancient art of illumination was often employed by man in his efforts to capture some portion of the wonder of Christmas, to retell and to picture the story of the Nativity and related events.

"The Annunciation," "The Nativity," "The Adoration of the Magi," "The Flight into Egypt" — these and other scenes from the well-loved Christmas story appear again and again in the hand-lettered, individually-illustrated books known as illuminated manuscripts.

In the early Christian era, illuminated manuscripts were generally the products of monasteries and cathedral schools. The first examples of illumination appeared, however, centuries before the birth of Christ.

The Egyptian "Books of the Dead," manuscripts intended for tomb burial to serve as guides for the deceased in the afterworld, offer examples of gold-lit vignettes dating back to 1350 B.C.

These "books," written on papyrus scrolls, envisioned afterlife as a continuation of life on earth. People and animals were pictured, along with decorative lettering showing swirls of gold and sometimes silver.

The coming of Christianity brought a continuing concern with religious subjects as the text for illuminated manuscripts. Monasteries of Egypt and Syria were early dedicated to the creation of art, the development of crafts, the spread of learning.

In the Western world, these aims gained impetus with the founding of the Benedictine monasteries in the sixth century A.D. Artists and craftsmen worked devotedly to preserve sacred texts through their hand-copied, hand-illustrated, ela borately-bound vellum manuscripts.

From time to time, secular texts — scientific treatises, for example — were also copied and illustrated.

Just as the celebration of Christmas gathered together many customs and rituals of earlier holidays, so too the monastery artists drew upon techniques evolved by pre-Christian craftsmen.

Influence of classic Greek and Roman style is evident in the early illuminated manuscripts of the Christian era. This gradually gave way to the decorative, abstract Byzantine style.

With the approach of the Renaissance, more natural, realistic techniques came into use, in illumination as in other forms of art.

In the preparation of illuminated manuscripts, a master artist often set the style for copyists and assistants to follow, since even the decoration of an initial letter could be a major project.

A single letter might occupy an entire page, and a complete scene or miniature painting might be contained within the boundaries of, for instance, an initial "C" or "D."

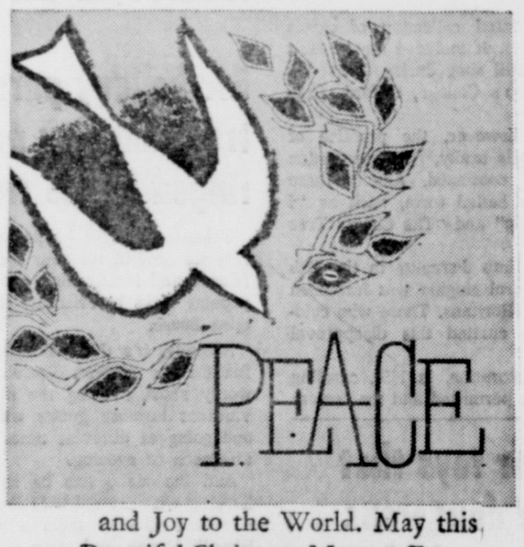
Some manuscripts, in fact, represent the work not only of more than one artist but of more than one generation of artists.

Today, illuminated manuscripts are treasures of libraries and museums, and rightly so, for throughout a thousand years of Christian history, the art of illumination brought an extra dimension of beauty to manuscripts that are, in themselves, precious works of art.



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Pageant has history in medieval dramas

As young actors and actresses of the community rehearse their roles for their special Christmas play or pageant, they take part in a custom treasured through the ages.

Since the Christmas story first was told, mankind has sought and found countless ways to create it again and anew, in song and story, in art and drama. The modern Christmas pageant, a feature of church observances in communities near and far, may well trace its history to early religious dramas — the mystery, miracle and morality plays of the Middle Ages.

Where did church drama actually begin? One possible source is the tradition of the Christmas crib or manger scene, but scholarly research indicates that medieval religious drama probably had other, separate origins, according to the editors of Encyclopedia Americana.

Representations of the manger scene began with the use of doll figures, and history offers no evidence that people were ever substituted for the dolls. Living "actors" did, however, play a part in some early elaborations of church rituals.

In the 10th century, special chants written to accompany church music on festival occasions began to take the form of simple dialogues. These were little more than dramatic inserts in the church services, but here, researchers believe, religious plays had their start.

Easter dialogues and playlets probably came first, with Christmas plays developing as a natural result. Other religious dramas or mystery plays soon followed, until there were series of cycles of plays devoted to telling the entire story of the Scriptures.

Mystery cycles of the 16th century included as many as 40 dramas, which might be presented over a period of several days. The cycles developed in virtually every European country.

Typical plays dealt with such subjects as "The Creation of the World and the Fall of the Angels," "Noah and the Flood," "The Annunciation," "The Passion of Christ," "The Death of Pilate," "The Resurrection and Ascension," "The Harrowing of Hell and the Coming of Antichrist."

Along with the mystery cycles were miracle and morality plays. Miracle plays recounted the miracles of the saints, while the moralities presented allegorical messages of moral instruction, with characters personifying, for instance, Vice, the Devil or specific vices such as Gluttony, Pride, Anger, Hatred.

How many Wise Men? Answers are many!

Three wise men?

In New Testament stories of the Nativity, only St. Matthew tells of "wise men from the east" — and how many wise men followed the star to the manger is not stated. The tradition that there were three probably comes from St. Matthew's description of three gifts — gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Another explanation for the number three is the legend that the wise men symbolized all humanity, in turn represented by the races of Shem, Ham and Japhet, according to the editors of The New Book of Knowledge.

Early traditions mention varying numbers of wise men. Twelve was the number traditional in the Eastern church, while in the West, mosaics and paintings showed sometimes two, sometimes three, four or more wise men.

During the sixth century, the idea that there were three came to be generally accepted. In legends, the wise men were given names: Melhior, Gasper, Baltasar.

Although St. Matthew did not use the name "Magi," he implied it when he wrote of "wise men," for "magi" was commonly used in Palestine to mean "great, illustrious."

Today, Nativity scenes show three wise men or Magi present at the manger along with the shepherds, who hastened to Bethlehem on the night Christ was born. Some historians, however, believe that the visit of the Magi didn't take place until much later — perhaps a year or even two years after the birth of Christ.



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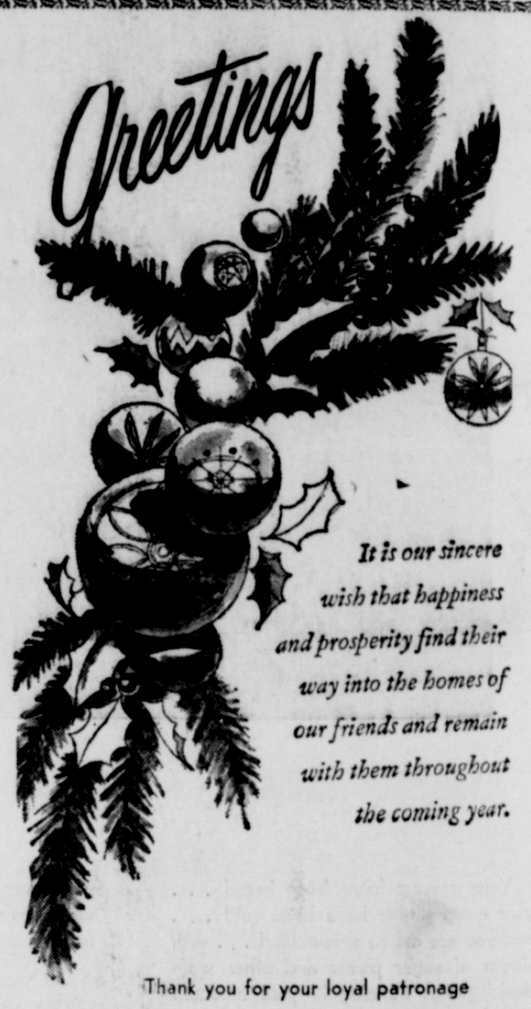
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Santa moving to take lead as gift-giver

More and more, Santa becomes the favored gift-giver in countries around the world, replacing a host of legendary figures who were said to bring gifts at this same season of the year.

Gift-giving time, too, is now more likely to be Christmas Eve, although the traditional date in European countries once ranged from St. Nicholas Eve, December 5th, to Epiphany Eve, January 5th.

Among the many who set the trend for Santa Claus is the German gift-giver, Kris Kringle. The name is a variation of Christkind — not the Infant Jesus himself, but his messenger who came to earth at Christmastime.

Christkind was represented by a child dressed in white robes, with a crown and wings of gold.

In Japan, the traditional gift-giver is a native god, Hotejosho. Represented as a kindly old man with a pack on his back, he is much like visions of the traditional Santa.

He is said to have eyes in the back of his head, the better to see whether boys and girls have been naughty or nice.

In Yugoslavia, Grandfather Frost — "Dede Mraz" — replaces Santa Claus.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Hot Wheels Sizzler and a bike.
Your friend, Bobby Salzar

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Baby Tender Love. I want a baton.
Your friend Gloria Cantu.

Dear Santa,
I wanta bike for Christmas.
Your friend, Willie Hopkins

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have an electric piano organ. With 37 keys 3 octaves 12 chords. With upholstered Bench and Three Song Books. candy, nuts and fruits.
Matt Rogers

Dear Santa Claus.
I would like to have a Plaaco Sportsman's Target Set. With two realistically styled hand gans with safty catches, 6 rubber tipped darts for the guns and 12 balanced plastic darts with safe rubber tips. 12 inch two-faced target. Instructions for many exciting games. and candy, nuts, and fruits. Remember the other children
Mitt Rogers

Dear Santa,
How have you been this year. I hope you keep warm this winter. My name is Kevin Key. I'm nine 9 years old I hope you think I have been good this year. I tried to be good. I'm in the 3rd grade, and make good grades. I better tell you want for Christmas. Well, Santa I would like a Wizzer Twriler, Twosome Trick set. And a NFL uniform set. And a Boys sighnet ring with the letter "K" on it, please.
Love! Kevin Key

Dear Santa, How are you doing? We're fine. Shelli would like a Pressy Bessy, Mattel o Phone and a wardrobe set for the Baby Tender Love she has. I would like a Baby Tender Love and her wardrobe set.
Love Shelli and Tammy Davis

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old, and I've been very good. Please bring me a Walky Talky.
Love, Paul Ruzicka

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy and I am seven years old. Please bring me a wagon a Robot a football and a football helmet. Love,
Jerry Embry

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bike, some dishes, and a pretty doll. I love you.
Love, Mary Ann Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a big drum set, a crazy-car, a crainer, and a movieprojector
Love, Mike Scoggins

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a football, and a football helmet. Please give toys to the poor boys, and girls.
Love, W. T. Holland

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll, a dress, dishes, and a swingie.
Love, Delia Arteaga

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Walky-Talky, a racing car, a camera projector, and a snow cone maker.
Love, Alex Trinidad

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Tractor and truck please give some thing to the poor little boys and girls.
Love, Roger Gattis

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Barbie doll, a doll buggy, and a bike. I like you very much.
Love, Corina Guajardo

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old. I have pretty red hair and freckles on my face. Please bring me a doll that looks just like me. I'd like to have a bike too.
Love, Ruby Howard

Dear Santa Claus,
Pleas bring me a dress, a doll, and some gloves.
Love, Isaura-Lozana

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bike, and I would like some white boots, a pretty dress, and a toy camera. I'm seven years old.
Love, Francis Moncado

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a football, a bike, a Walky Talky, and a train.
Love, David Garza

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a dall, some dishes, and a Walky Talky. Please give toys to the poor children.
Love, Eloisa

Dear Santa Claus,
Plesea bring me a dress, a doll, and a bike. I am eight years old, and a good little girl.
Love, Gail Williams,

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a walky-talky, a toy car, a truck,and a bike. I like you.
Love, Selly Riviera

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll, some boots, some dishes, a snow cone maker, a bike, and a dress. I'm 8 years old.
Love Rosa Lucio

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a gun, a helmet, a Robot, a foot ball, and clothes. Plese bring toys for the poor children.
Love, Kenneth Woods

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll, a coat, abike, and a dress. Please take care of your reindeers.
Love, Kathy Warton

Dear Santa,
I want a mini bike and a boy's watch and a trampoline and Bounceroo
Your friend Jerel Murrah

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Tenderlove, a table and chairs, a Bounceroo, a baton, Barbie doll, and a lite Brite.
Your friend, Connie Jo Foust

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a mini-bike and a Hot Wheels Sizzler.
Your friend, James Grant

Dear Santa Claus
I Want a typewriter for Chrismas. I like to play and write on them.
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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a mini-bike for Christmas.
Your friend, Cody Mac Dewbre

Dear Santa
I want a Thumbelina. I want a stove for Christmas. I want a table and chairs. and a baton I've been good.
Your friend, Sondra Lamberson

Dear Santa Clus.
I want a mini-bike, watch, Hot Wheels, typewriter and football.
Your friend, Jesus Grado

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a trampoline and a type writer.
Your friend, Joy Mauldin

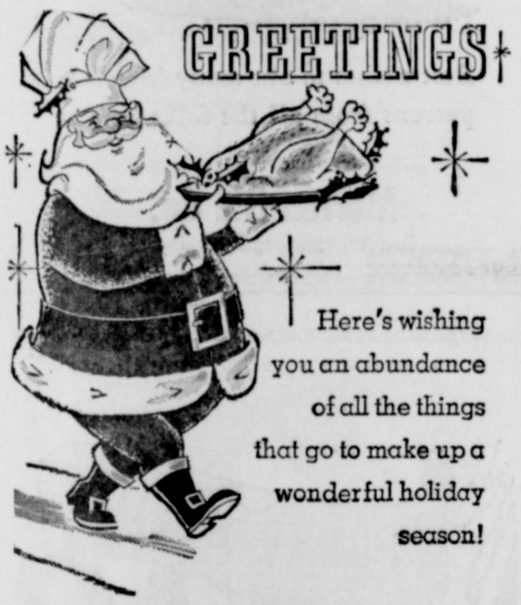
Dear Santa,
I want a watch and a Furga Doll. I want a lite-Bite and a Sewing machine. I want a Jewelry box. I have been a good girl.
Your friend Judy Mason

Dear Santa,
I want a baton and my birthstone ring. It is green.
Your friend, Gay Pruitt

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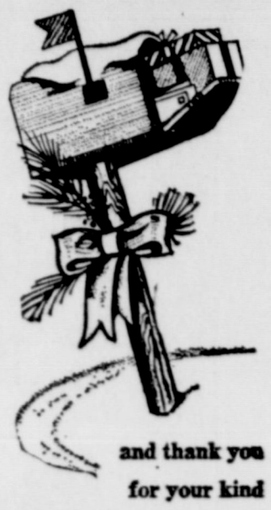
Legends about St. Nicholas are many, but they all relate in some way to his reputation for generosity. Pawnbrokers took him for their patron, and robbers looked to him as their protector. In the Middle Ages, robbers were sometimes called Knights or Clerks of St. Nicholas, says the New Book of Knowledge.



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Customs of yesteryear still have place in modern Yule

Candles and carols, trees and treats, gifts and greens — and Santa Claus, of course. Wherever Christmas is celebrated, these symbols seem to appear.

In the modern era of rapid communication, there is a growing uniformity i n the ways that people everywhere choose to mark the holiday.

Yesteryear's customs, however, still have their place in modern celebrations. It's a case of "the more things change, the more they stay the same," as countries, communities and individuals seek to cherish and preserve their own special holiday traditions.

Some of these traditions, as treasured in memory or kept alive in holiday ritual, are compiled in the following paragraphs, according to information from the editors of Encyclopedia International.

It's a mystery

Mysterious things happen on Christmas Eve, say country legends of Switzerland. Young people may foretell the future, if they drink from nine different fountains while the midnight church bells chime. Then, if they hasten to the church steps, their future mates will await them there.

Somewhat less romantically, older folk seek to predict the weather for the coming year, using onion peels filled with salt.

How many holidays?

raditionally, Belgians celebrate three holidays at the Christmas season — beginning with St. Nicholas Day, December 6th, when the good saint brings gifts for children.

Then comes St. Thomas Day, December 21st. It's a sort of "trick or treat" day for school children, who try to play tricks on their teachers.

The third holiday, of course, is Christmas.

Wrapping gifts

When German tradition is followed, unwrapping a Christmas gift can be an amusing but complicated process.

One gift may have many consecutive wrappings, each with a different name on it, and the final wrapping may reveal not a gift, but a card telling where the gift is hidden.

Other cards in other hiding places lead to a treasure hunt, ending in the discovery of the gift.

Picturing Nativity

The Christmas crib or presepio is an especially treasured part of the Portuguese holiday celebration. Every home and church seems to have one, and some of those in the churches are masterpieces of art.

Especially famous is the presepio in Estrella Church, Lisbon. This Nativity scene depicts the people of Bethlehem, in terra cotta figures. Unique among the crowd are the figures of an elephant and a bagpiper.

Baking cakes

If the weather on St. Nicholas Day, December 6th, is misty, a Dutch legend can explain it. St. Nicholas is baking his cakes.

Traditional cakes — Zelten or Klosse — are adorned with different figures. These, children are told, are the marks made by St. Nicholas' donkey as he steps over the cakes on his way through the mist.

Driving Yule out

St. Knut's Day, January 13th, is the traditional time for taking down Christmas greens in Sweden. According to custom, as the tree is dismantled, young folk dance while their elders sing, "Twentieth day Knut driveth Yule out."

This custom is believed to be derived from the laws of King Canute, written in the early 11th century.

Bringing the tree

Christmas trees were first introduced to France in 1837, when Princess Helen of Mecklenburg married the Duke of Orleans and brought with her to Paris the Yule customs of her native country.

In spite of this and many later efforts to advance the cause of the Christmas tree, Parisians still prefer the earlier tradition, which says that gift exchange time for French adults is New Year's day.

Tree radiates Yule meaning

The Christmas tree, a universally recognized symbol of the merriest season, radiates the meaning of the Christmas story.

For many people, the tree recalls the atmosphere of the holiday home and thus reflects the joyful warmth of the season.

As a religious symbol, the tree with its lights and greenery represents both the story of the garden of Eden and the belief in Christ as the "Light of the world."

Although only a century and a half old in America, the custom of the tree has a history that is measured in many centuries. The forerunner of today's Christmas tree was seen in medieval miracle plays, which were produced as religious instruction for the illiterate — in an era when illiteracy was common and the ability to read a rarity.

A play about Eve's eating the forbidden fruit in the garden of Eden was enacted with only one prop on stage, a single, apple-laden fir that became known as the Paradise Tree. The play ended with the promise of the coming of Christ and was usually presented just before Christmas.

At about the same time, people also decorated for the Christmas season with pyramid-shaped frames of light, symbolizing the birth of Christ as the Light of the world.

Early efforts to combine the Paradise Tree and the Christmas Light pyramid are recorded in manuscripts from Germany dating to the 16th century, collected by the Hallmark Cards research library.

The first tree was thought to have been brought to the United States by Hessian soldiers during the American Revolution. These homesick soldiers and other immigrants carried the tree throughout the country.

A major setback almost occurred in Cleveland in 1851 when a pastor decorated a tree in his home. His parishioners condemned the tree as pagan, but relented after an explanation of its religious aspects.

Conservation-minded President Theodore Roosevelt again nearly stamped out the practice when he banned trees in the White House. After one of his sons sneaked a Christmas tree in to the White House, a forester convinced the President that thinning helped forests.

The tree that is common today is a combination of the religious elements. The evergreen with glass, plastic or metal balls hanging from it is the Paradise Tree with its apples. Lights, tinsel, angels, a star on tip, ornaments and other "good things" reflect the Christmas Light.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa.
I want a Hot Wheels Sizzler.
Your friend Eric Kieth Robinson

Dear Santa Claus
I want a Baby Go By By and a Barbie doll, a big bike, a watch, a game, a Poay watch, and a Baby Tender Love. I've been a good girl
Your friend Kathy Dolle

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Hot Wheels I like to play with cars I have a cars I want some more.
Your friend, Carlos Medrano

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a electric football game set, and Hot Wheels Sizzler.
Your friend, David Masten

Dear Santa Claus.
I want a minibike.
Your friend, Noel Casarez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike I've ben a good girl
Your friend, Delfa Grado

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and two wagons, And a Track, and a Hot wheels, and a football set. I am a good boy.
Your friend, Albert. Rodriquez.



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Children show generosity, treat Santa to surprises

As a certain white-bearded, jolly old gentleman makes his rounds on Christmas Eve, delivering happy surprises to children the world over, he may look forward to being, in turn, surprised.

In the legend and lore of Christmas, giving to Santa is a time-honored tradition, with the gifts usually taking the form of food or beverage. Today, many families encourage children to be generous, by observing the custom of setting out treats for Santa — perhaps some candy, a dish of cookies, a glass of milk.

Through the ages, the gift-giver now known as Santa Claus has been called by many different names, but Santa's predecessors, like Santa himself, were often greeted with special treats.

In Italy, Befana is the gift-giver who preceded Santa. She took her name from the name for Twelfth Night — Epiphania, or Epiphany — and brought her gifts on Epiphany Eve, January 5th.

To make ready for Befana, tradition says, Italian children empty their pockets and hang up their clothes. Then into each pocket goes a surprise — something good to eat.

After taking out the treats Befana refills each pocket with gifts for the children.

Sweden has an unusual gift-giver —it's a goat! According to tradition, the Yulbock or Yule goat comes to the door of Swedish homes on Christmas Eve and tosses the family's gifts through the doorway.

Another legendary guest at Swedish holiday celebrations is Tomte, a kind-hearted elf who guards the home. A dish of food is placed in a quiet corner, so that Tomte may feast as he secretly observes the family fun.

In Denmark and Norway the legendary good spirit of the house is Nisse, who watches over home and farm and is sometimes said to be the gift-bringer, too.

His Christmas treat, the rice pudding traditional at Scandinavian holiday feasts, is placed beside the kitchen door or, on farms, in the hayloft.

Today's Santa relies on his reindeer for transport, but the gift bringers of yesteryear had other animal helpers, who usually shared in the holiday giving and receiving.

In Holland, for instance, legend says that St. Nicholas arrives early — on St. Nicholas Eve, December 5th — riding a white donkey.

For the refreshment of the good saint's donkey, children stuff their shoes with hay and set out a dish of water. Carrots and a potato are sometimes added.

Twelfth Night is, in Spanish tradition, the time for giving gifts, and the traditional gift bearers are the Wise Men, who as they journey each year to Bethlehem bring gifts for good children.

To feed the Wise Men's horses on their long pilgrimage, Spanish children fill their shoes with straw and set them on balconies or window ledges.

Why was the chimney picked? Ol' St. Nick has his reasons

Why does Santa come down the chimney?

Of all the traditions connected with Santa, his unconventional mode of entry might seem the most puzzling. Surely the magical gift giver, who has the power to drive reindeer through the skies and who can cover the earth in a single night, could find an easier way to enter a house.

Like most of the lore of Christmas, Santa's choice of the chimney has several explanations. For instance, legend has it that the original Santa, St. Nicholas, presented three maidens with gifts of gold for a dowry. Modestly concealing his generosity, he tossed the gold down a chimney, in secret.

Another theory claims that Santa copied a goddess, who was the first to deliver gifts via a chimney. According to this legend, when the Vikings of Norway celebrated the Yuletide or winter solstice in their great halls, a festive feature of the occasion was the appearance of the goddess Hertha in the fireplace.

As her name indicates, Hertha was goddess of hearth and home, and most appropriately arrived by way of the chimney, to deliver her Yuletide gifts of good luck and good cheer.

Still another explanation takes a practical point of view. Housewives of Northern Europe, cleaning house for the New Year, used to coax children to help with the chores by saying, "Let's clean the hearth. St. Nicholas will soon be coming down the chimney."

The children willingly set to work, and thus, says legend, a tradition was born. Even when he takes to helicopter or jet plane, Santa delivers his gifts by way of the chimney!

Language of love spoken by flowers

Like holly, ivy and mistletoe, flowers share in the legend and lore of Christmas. In terms of the Victorian era, the floral legend is an especially meaningful one.

A Victorian lady who received a bouquet from her admirer could either smell it or read it as if it were a letter. Often, it was a letter.

Young engaged couples, strictly chaperoned, found a way to communicate words of affection via flowers. Each flower had a special meaning.

Flowers in sequence could be used to spell out a fervent pledge of love. To help in composing — and translating — these messages, there were numerous tiny dictionaries listing flowers and their meanings.

The flowering honeysuckle, for instance, spoke of "bonds of love." A red rosebud told a lady that she was "pure and lovely." Red double pink meant "woman's love." And heliotrope carried a bold message, "I love you."

This Victorian language of flowers greatly influenced the design of Christmas cards of the time.

Though sentiments may be expressed differently, flowers still bloom on modern Christmas cards. A current card offers one example. Poinsettias flower on a background of mistletoe, and the message reads, "Just for you, honey, all my love at Christmas."

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa
I want a tampoline and hot wheels for Chistmas.
Your friend, Greg Greener

Dear Santa
I want a Dune-Buggy, and some boots I wish I could. have a mini-bike but my Daddy won't let me. Love,
Wayne Butler Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Tender — Love, a watch, a pant suit, and a Barbie Living House. Remember all the other boys and girls.
Love, Elaine Lynskey

Dear Santa,
I want a Chatty Cathy, Baby Tender Love, Bicycle, Skates, Merry Chrismas.
Your friend, Diann Brown
P.S. I have been good.

Dear Santa,
I want a Doll and Dishes. and I want a. Baton and Baby doll. for Christmas.
Dear friend, Delma Tobar.

Dear Santa,
I want a mini Bike, and a Football suit, and a Basketball suit.
Your friend, Freddie Mendez



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Dear Santa
I want a Football set, Skates, Basketball suit and a minibike Also a Trampoline. I've been a good boy.
Love Mike Whillock

Dear Santa,
I want a Football, a car and Basketball and airplane.
Abel Juarez Z.

Dear Santa,
I want many toys for Christmas. Thats All. I will love people too. Come to my house for Christmas.
Your friend. Toby Hernandez

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a Hot Wheels Set for Christmas I would like to see you I have been a good boy at school. The number of my house is 313
Your friend, Fermin Gonzales

Dear Santa
I want a Football set and another pair of Boxing gloves. and a operation.
Your Friend Dale Richardson

Dear Santa
I want a skateboard and a spiro-graph, bubble-plastic-super-elastic, wagon and a Happy New Year to the World.
Love, Karen Redman

Dear Santa.
I want a Baby Tender — Love, and a Baton, and a Doll, and a Purse for Christmas. I am a good girl.
Elva Guajardo

Dear Santa,
I want a Football and a mini-bike and a basket-ball
Your Friend Allen Sullivan

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a baby ender Love Doll and two more chairs like the one I have a playhouse. and that is all your friend,
Debbie Proctor

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a football helmet. hank you.
Your friend, Benny Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas.
Your friend Omar Acosta

Dear Santa Clause,
I like a Barbie Santa Claus, and I like you to Santa Clause, I am a good girls to Santa Claus.
your friend, Irma Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a bady go by by and a velvet and a hair styling set and a game called cut up and a wrist watch.
Your friend, Leigh Carter.

Dear Santa
I want a pair of cowboy boots and a toy horse. I am a good girl.
Your friend, Sandy Berkgren.

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas best of all. I would like a pretty doll and a bike with out training wheels. and a buggy.
Your friend Sharon Crone

Dear Santa Clause.
I would like a doll that has a house and three doll in it
Your friend Betty Fuentes

Dear Santa
I want a Drum Set and a Racing Track. Thank you.
Your friend, Dale Williams

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike, a Cyclone 500 racing set. I have been a good boy I have done very well at school. I live at 803 S.W. 1st Street
Your friend, Alex Snead

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of Boxing Gloves and Boxing bag too Rt. 1
Your friend, Gary Scoggins

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie doll that talks, Bicycle and play dishes.
Your friend, Nancy Matta

Dear Santa,
I would like a B B' gun, a Walkie Talkie and a tramp-o-lene
Your friend, Bart Simnacher

Dear Santa,
I want a Jamie West, Hot Wheel Sizzles, and a Basket Ball.
Your friend Todd Willingham

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Footballsuit a Basketball goal and a Baseball suit.
Your friend, Randy Hall

Dear Santa
I want a tramp-o-lene, a many bike and a basket ball.
Your friend, Duane Hodge

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl I would a new bike and a talking Barbie.
Your friend, Eva Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football helmet and a racing car.
Your friend, James Dent

Dear Santa Claus
I want a bicycle an I want a Ballerina Doll for Christmas Time
Your friend, Annie Merle Williams

Dear Santa,
I am Patricia Pierce. I want a walking doll. I have three brothers and one sister. My teachers name is Mrs. Amason. There are 26 children in my room. Your friend,
Patricia

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Jewelry Box and Adorable Cindy doll.
Your friend, Joy Rowband

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a doll house with five dolls in it.
Your friend, Barbara Buckley

Dear Santa
Please bring me a tramp-o-lene. I want this very much.
Your friend, Joe Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you very much. I hope you have a happy New Year. I would like to have a set of drums, football game, football suit, football and a kicking tee Thank you very much
Love Kent Fluitt

Dear Santa Claus
I am a little girl 2 years old. I would like to have a dollie and some dishes. I love you very much. Thank you
Kimberly Fluitt

Dear Santa.
Please bring me A tractor and any other toys you have for little boys Please bring my brother a record player
Thank you Will Box

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a ball, a bike, a train and a truck. I like you.
Love, Gilbert-Acosta

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bike, a snowcone maker, a wagon and a cotton candy maker.
Love, Jimmy Whitehead.
P.S. I am in the second grad. I have bin a nice-boy.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a baby doll, a talking Barbie, a watch band, and boots.
Love, Davena Rozell

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll, some dishes, a dress, a coat, and a nurse kit. Please give toys to the poor children.
Love, Laressa Ann Daniels

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a pistol, a scavage a red wagon, and a clown. I am seven years old.
Love, Bruce Johnson

Dear Santa,
I would like a Sand Buggy, a Baby Tender Love. A 17 inch Baby boy. a colorful Livly Living House.
Your friend Leslie Hawkins

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a mini-bike. I want a trampolian and a Hot Wheels Sizzler.
Your friend, David Edwards

Dear Santa Claus,
While I am sitting up in the school I would like to write a few lines to tell you what I want for Christmas I want bike and a Hot Wheels Sizzler.
Your friend, Lacy Jr

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Doll, a puppy. I like you Santa
Your friend Diane Romero

Dear Santa.
I want a Track and a Hat Wheels and a football.
Your friend, Leroy Cordova

Dear Santa,
I want some boots, basketball, minibike, and a football suit for Christmas.
Your friend, Buster Lamberson

Dear Santa,
I want a Baton, a Baby Tender — Love, and Skates. Remember all The other boys and girls.
Your friend, Rosa Matta

Dear Santa,
I want a Baton for Christhas.
Your friend, Billy Ann Coleman

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Tender Love. I am good.
Love, Janna Greer.

Singing carols

With voices lifted in harmony for ent Night," "The First Noel" and beloved songs, today's carolers carry a Christmas custom that originated turies ago.

In the fourth century A.D., St. was praised with a musical poem honor of the fight for Christianity the Byzantine emperor Julian. Late Greece, legends of St. Basil were s music and sung at Christmas and New Year.

St. Francis of Assisi led the villa of Grecchio in singing hymns of prai the Christ Child when in the 13th ce he created a manger scene in this h town.

Texas drilling and well service f employed 43,600 workers in 1969 with es of $342 million.

Tracing Santa

Santa's source, legend says, goes back to the fourth century, when St. Nicholas, a bishop of Asia Minor, was noted for his generosity and gift-giving.

In some countries, St. Nicholas still retains his role as gift-bearer. His day is, traditionally, December 6th, and European children await him on St. Nicholas Eve, December 5th.

A gray horse and a white donkey have each been credited with the honor of transporting him on his gift-giving journeys.

Cost was high

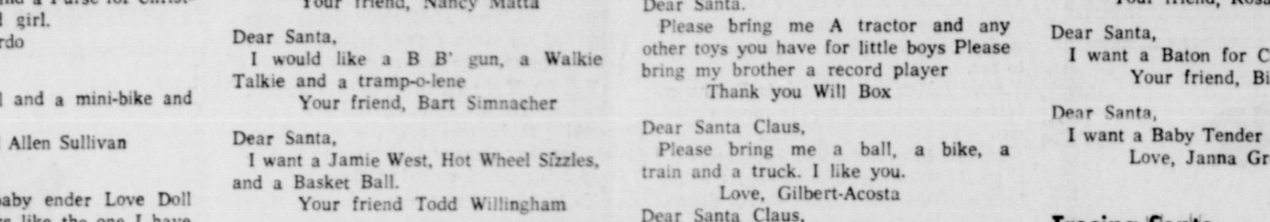
When Christmas greetings cards first came into their own in the United States, about 1875, some of the more elegant cards were encrusted with blown glass frosting and sold for as much as three dollars each.



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Reeves Shamrock



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The Rev. David Greka, Pastor
8th and Washington Streets

Mass schedule—
Sunday ..... 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
Monday ..... 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday ..... 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday ..... 7:30 p.m.
Thursday ..... 7:30 a.m.
Friday (1st of month) ..... 7:30 p.m.
Friday (2nd, 3rd, 4th) ..... 7:30 a.m.
Saturday ..... 8:00 a.m.

Sunday—Catechism Class, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Confessions—Sunday
Half hour before Mass.

Baptisms ..... 12 noon Sunday and by appintment.

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FIRST BAPTIST MEXICAN MISSION

Sundays—
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Training Union ..... 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays—
Prayer Service ..... 7:30 p.m.

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NEW TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Willie Johnson
3rd and Jackson

Sundays—
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Second and Fourth Sundays ..... 11:00 a.m.
H.M.S. ..... 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays—
Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
F. J. Collins, Preacher
S.W. 2nd and Taylor

Sundays—
Bible Class ..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays—
Midweek Bible Class ..... 8:00 p.m.

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FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Rex Mauldin, Minister
411 West Taylor

Sundays—
Church School Session ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service ..... 10:55 a.m.
Evening Fellowship Program ..... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

Second and Fourth Monday
Wesleyan Service Guild ..... 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays—
Women's Society of Christian Service ..... 9:30 a.m.

Each Second Saturday,
Methodist Men's Breakfast ... 7:00 a.m.



ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
G. A. Van Hoose
Jefferson and Third

Sundays—
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Evangelistic Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays—
Night Prayer Meeting and Christ's Ambassadors Convene Together ..... 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays—
Every 1st and 3rd, Women's Missionary Council ..... 2:30 p.m.
Every 2nd and 4th, Girls' Missionette Club ..... 4:30 p.m.

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FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Merle Moore, Pastor
Main and Taylor

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.
Training Service ..... 7:00 p.m.
Evening Worship ..... 7:45 p.m.

WMA Circles

Monday—
Night Circle ..... 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday—
Mary Martha ..... 2:30 p.m.
G.M.A. ..... 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday—
Midweek Service ..... 7:30 p.m.
Edna Bullard ..... 9:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Paul McClung, Pastor
202 S. E. First

Sundays—
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..... 10:55 a.m.
Morning Service KRAN ..... 11:00 a.m.
Training Union ..... 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays—
Helen Nixon W.N.U. ..... 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays—
Graded Choirs ..... 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Service ..... 7:30 p.m.
Church Choir Rehearsal ..... 8:30 p.m.

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SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Gilbert Gonzales
N. E. Fifth and Wilson

Sundays—
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Evangelistic Service ... 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays—
Evening Bible Study ..... 8:00 p.m.

Thursdays—
Evening Prayer Meeting ..... 8:00 p.m.

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EAST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Russell Dameron, Minister
704 East Taylor

Sundays—
Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.
Worship ..... 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays—
Ladies' Bible Class ..... 4:15 p.m.

Wednesdays—
Midweek Service ..... 7:30 p.m.

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MORTON, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1970

About local folks . . .

BY DUTCH GIPSON

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Brown attended the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Lillian Keeling in Georgetown. They also visited J. W. Moss, an uncle, at Belton, a daughter, Mrs. Hallie Bennett and family, at Lake Whitney and a daughter, Nell Coats and family, at Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Griffith spent Sunday in Lamesa and celebrated an early Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lillard Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Johnson are spending the Christmas holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Latimer, in Austin.

Shirley Ann Miller from East Point, Georgia is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Holland and daughter, Sherri Ann, Mr. and Mrs. John St. Clair of Houston arrived in Morton the early part of the week to spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. James St. Clair. Mr. and Mrs. Mayland Abbe of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy St. Clair will also join their mother in the Christmas festivities during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gipson will spend a few days visiting with her relatives in Sherman and Gunter during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Anglin, Ronnie and Renee, Mr. and Mrs. Donnye Baker and children spent the weekend in Ralls with Mr. and Mrs. Carol Baldridge and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Weems. Saturday night they enjoyed a "get together" and enjoyed their annual Christmas festivities, and attended church with the Baldridges and Weems.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gipson, Mrs. Arvel Snodgrass and Mrs. Johnny Pitts of Levelland attended the annual Tupperware Christmas party held in Plainview Saturday night.

Mr. Robert Butler of Tulsa, Oklahoma is visiting in Morton with his children and their families, Mr. and Mrs. S. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. James Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed W. Hester, Jr. left Tuesday night to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ed W. Hester, Sr., in Haskell.

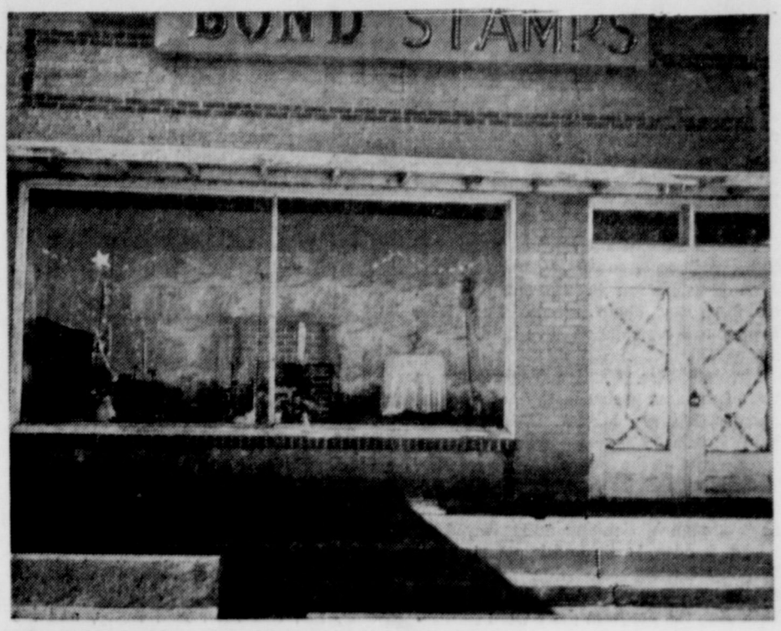
Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. White of Chicago, Ill. and Mrs. J. H. Gipson of Abilene visited briefly with their brother and son, Joe Gipson, Tuesday afternoon. The Whites were enroute to spend Christmas with their daughter and family who live in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Russell, Mary Ann and David of Fort Worth are spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hume Russell.

Expected visitors for Christmas in the home of Mrs. Hessie B. Spotts are her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Saunders and children of Abilene, her daughter, Mrs. Jeanne Lively of Lubbock, a grandson Robert Lively, of Houston and a brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank York of Albuquerque, N.M.

Mrs. Rusty Rowden of Lubbock honored Mrs. Lamel Abbe of Lubbock with a pink and blue shower. Guests from Morton, Enochs joined friends of Lubbock for a nice event. About 35 guests called. Many gifts were received from friends who were unable to attend.

Home for the holidays will be all of the Carlton Luper's children, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Brummett, Kevin and Coy, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Luper and Amie and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Luper, Joe Ray and Carrie Renee all of Lubbock.



SECOND PLACE DECORATION WINNER . . .

REBEKAH LODGE OF MORTON won second place in the downtown Christmas decoration contest with the arrangement shown above in the former Gold Bond Stamp building windows on the northwest corner of the square. The second place prize netted the lodge $30 which will be used to finance other projects carried on by the organization. The Morton Area Chamber of Commerce donated the money for the decorating awards.

Handel's great 'The Messiah' now recorded more nearly as was performed by composer

Among Christmas music there is probably no work so much part of the celebration as Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah."

Modern audiences until recently have been used to hearing it rendered by a full orchestra (about 90 pieces) and a chorus of 250 or more singers. But Handel didn't write it that way, and this Christmas music-lovers will be able to hear it in its close-to-original concept.

THE COMPOSER, George Frederick Handel, conducted a comparatively small orchestra and chorus: the number of performers varied. For example, if there were three good soprano voices available, he used three. Or two, as the case may have been.

In a recent record release one leading conductor used a 35-piece orchestra, and a 31-member chorale with four soloists.

To the 20th C. audience, used to blooming effects, the "Hallelujah Chorus," the most familiar part of the work, surprises with its "small" sound. Yet the musical ear will detect lean, clear, and beautiful sounds which sometimes were obscured by strident, overwhelming harmonies.

HANDEL USED the concerto grosso style, alternating the use of a few instruments with the entire orchestra; he was probably motivated less by aesthetics than by practicality.

Handel sketched and compsed the famed, opera-like oratorio within 21 days.

Whiteface News

Mrs. William Phillips is visiting in Colorado and Kansas with her children and other relatives. She plans to be gone about a month.

Mrs. J. B. Nixon has returned from a visit in San Antonio with her daughter and husband, the R. L. Condrays, and her daughter, Mrs. Fred Overman. Mrs. Overman returned to Whiteface with her mother.

Dessie Bowden and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Swinney attended the funeral of an uncle held in Munday.

Mrs. Lulu Knox is home from a stay in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock and Cochran Memorial Hospital in Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jennings spent the weekend in Gatesville visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. S. M. Lewis.

Claud Payne, father of Mrs. James Sinclair, passed away in a Levelland Nursing Home. Funeral services were held in Floydada where Mr. Payne had lived previously.

Look Who's New

Lee Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hill. Lee arrived at Methodist Hospital December 14 at 5 p.m. and weighed 9 pounds 9 ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hill of Sudan.

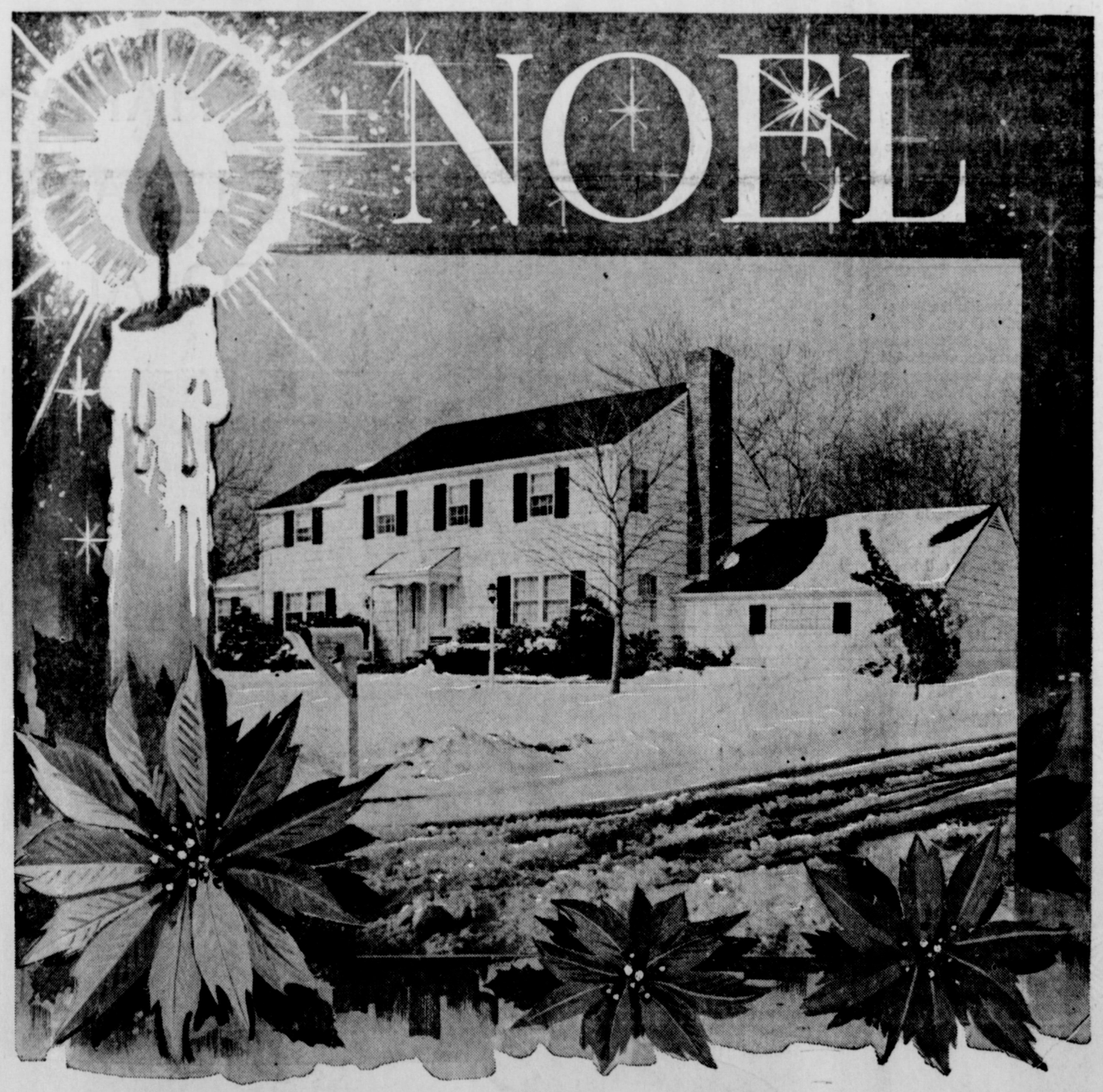
Juan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Asua. Juan arrived at Cochran Memorial Hospital December 17 at 8:50 p.m. and weighed 6 pounds 9½ ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morrison visited a few hours during the weekend with her parents who live in Chillicothe.



The Blessings of the Season to Our Friends

COCHRAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU INSURANCE



May the joys and blessings of Christmas be with you and yours through this season and the coming year. And with this may we add our sincere thanks for your kind patronage this past year.

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Ethel Buchanan
Larry Key

St. Clair's DEPARTMENT STORE

Fay Mills
Carrie Scott
Ruby Lee Smith
Myrna Turney
Lloyd Hiner



A Joyous, Blessed Noël

It's such a pleasure to say thank you to our many friends & customers at Christmas from all of us at

NU-WAY CLEANERS

Bula-Enochs news

We wish to say Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sayers and family and their staff and all of our friends and readers of the Morton Tribune.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bryant were in Littlefield Sunday afternoon to attend the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hutson in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen Huston. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant and the Hutsons have been friends since 1925.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vanlandingham were breakfast guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Vanlandingham Thursday. They were enroute home after attending the funeral services of Mrs. Vanlandinghams brother, Earnest Nicholson of Denver City. Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Denver City.

Mrs. Sandra Austin and her Junior and Primary Choir presented a program at the Enochs Baptist Church Sunday night. Following the program there were refreshments of cake, cookies, candy, doughnuts, coffee and punch served to the group by Mrs. W. B. Peterson and Mrs. Troy Price. The pastor and family were presented Christmas gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Grusendorf visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Nichols, and small daughter Tonya of Plainview Sunday.

Guests in the home of Mrs. L. E. Nichols last Sunday were a son, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dean Nichols, of Idalou.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. McCall had their family Christmas party Saturday night at their home. All of their children were present, Mr. and Mrs. Burley Roberts and children Melonie, Bryan and Timothy of Enochs, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie McCall and children, Kelly and Tanya of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Medlin and children, Dwayne and Becky of Brownfield, and Rondy of the home and his friend Becky Goodman of Morton, also Mrs. McCalls mother, Mrs. Nath Crockett, of Morton.

Gene Autry, from Rocharon, arrived Friday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Autry, and his family who has been here visiting for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pearson had Sunday dinner with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Don Henderson, at Muleshoe. Other guests for dinner were Mr. and Mrs. James Pearson and son, of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hall and daughter, of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pearson and family of Bovina, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pearson Jr. of Muleshoe. Supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Nowell and children of Muleshoe.

Mrs. C. R. Seagler drove to Canyon Monday and visited her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Lane, till Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Blanche Cash of Muleshoe, spent Saturday night in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Waltrip and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Layton and sons Jarrol and Keith and her father, Carl Hall, spent Saturday night and Sunday with their sister and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burris and family, at Wellman.

Mrs. Alma Altman had all of her children and grand-children home for Sunday dinner; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coats and children, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Coats of Lubbock, Deanna Coats of Clovis, N.M. Keith and Kem of the home, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Byrum and sons, Dwight, Brent and Stevie of Tucumcari, N.M. Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Altman, Ronnie and Mitzi of Three Way, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Baker and children, Forrest, Dwuayne, Susan, Rodney and Sharita of Morton, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Millsap and Kena of Clovis, N.M.

The G.S's of the Bula Baptist church had a slumber party at the home of the pastor and family Friday night. There were four present: Ida and Ovila Davilla, Janice Tiller and Sherry Claunch.

The Bula community Christmas tree will be at the Bula Baptist Church 7:00 p.m. Wednesday night.

The Bula ball teams played in the Whiteface tournament Thursday through Saturday night. The girls played Lazbuddie Thursday night winning with a score of 49 to 36, Shela Midlan was high point with a score of 29 points. Friday night they played Whiteface and won with a score of 46-40 high point was 21 points and Diane Crume 15 points. Saturday night they played Sundown and lost by one point 45-44. High score was Pamela Layton with 16 points, Diane 15 points and Shela Medlin 13. Bula won second place in the tournament.

The Bula girls and their coach and wife Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Hallbrooks, will leave Dec. 27, and play Monday at Duncanville. Others planning to go are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Claunch. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snitker, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Layton.



THIRD PLACE WINNER . . .

THE YM STUDY CLUB won third place honors in the downtown Christmas lighting contest with the above "Twelve Days of Christmas" theme in the windows of the Gwatney Wells Chevrolet-Olds building. Third prize brought an award of $20 which the club has announced will be donated to a worthy Christmas charity.

SP College offer adult courses in Spring program

As a community service, South Plains College will offer a course in Income tax Procedures, Conversational Spanish and a Physical Fitness Course for women.

Classes in Income Tax Procedure will begin January 13 and will run for four weeks meeting each Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 104 of the Technical Arts Building. Jeff Pate, Levelland CPA, will be the instructor and cost of the course is $10.

Conversational Spanish will be a fifteen weeks course and will meet two hours each Monday from 7 p.m. till 9 p.m. in room 6 of the Administration Building. The first class meeting will be January 11 and total cost for the course is $20. Frank Gonzales, Associate Professor of Foreign Language at the college, will instruct the class.

The Physical Fitness course for the Spring Semester will have facilities open daily Monday through Friday beginning January 11. After the women counsel with the instructor of the course, they are permitted to come at their own convenience between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. The course will last fifteen weeks and the cost is $15.

Further information as to times of registration and additional information may be obtained by contacting the office of Continuing Education at South Plains College.

Mrs. Stokes hosts Sewing club meeting

Mrs. Clayton Stokes was hostess for the annual Christmas meeting of the Busy Fingers Sewing Club Thursday, December 17.

Mrs. W. E. Childs, president, presided over the business meeting. Mr. Rolly Hill led the group in singing Silent Night and Mrs. C. C. Benham gave the prayer.

Members exchanged gifts and the meeting was closed with a prayer by Mrs. F. L. Fred.

Refreshments were served to twelve members and two guests.

The next meeting will be held January 9 in the home of Mrs. F. G. Kennedy.



CHEERS!
to all our loyal patrons
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Merry Christmas — Happy New Year



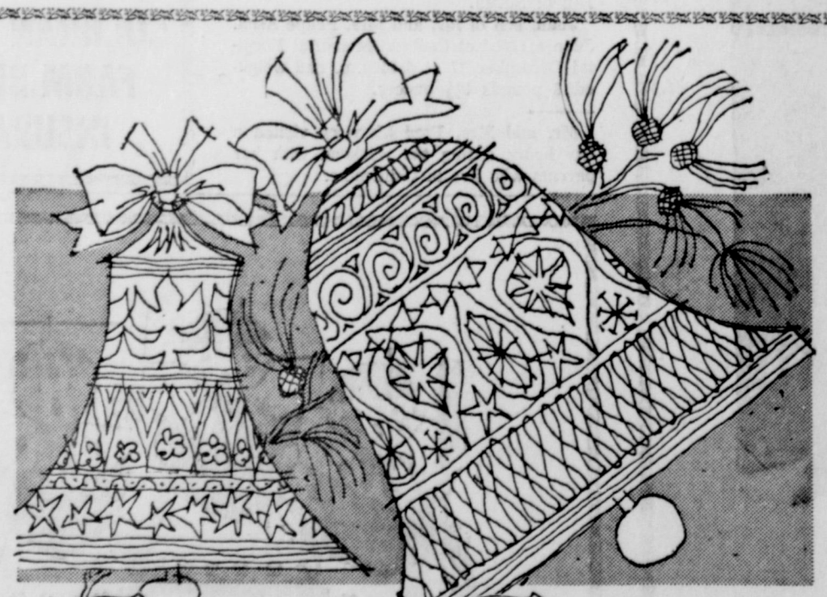
May we extend our best wishes to one and all
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Christmas Greetings

We regret that our Christmas card order was late in arriving and wish to take this opportunity to wish all our friends a Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year.

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Here's wishing you happy holidays!

CASA CABELLO

Kay, Linda, Karen, Barbie, Iolene



The low of supply and demand will be a significant factor in farm decisions on the High Plains in 1971, 1972 and 1973, according to Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock.

Johnson told a December 15 gathering of PCG Directors that "we cannot afford to make management decisions under the new farm program without full knowledge of both domestic and foreign production figures, consumption figures and overall supply conditions because these to a large extent will determine the market prices we can expect for a given commodity."

The comments were made in a discussion of the Agriculture Act of 1970, which for the first time since the 1930's gives farmers the opportunity to select the crop or crops they will plant and to decide with a minimum of interference how much acreage will be devoted to each. Benefits under the program are substantial enough that most farmers on the Plains will comply with program set-aside requirements and plant the minimum required acreage of at least one commodity for which they have an allotment, Johnson said. "But after that decision is made almost every farmer will be left with acreage on which he can plant just about whatever he pleases.

"And whether he shows a profit or loss on these "extra" acres will depend largely on his accuracy in gauging the market at harvest time, whether it be for cotton, wheat, corn, grain sorghum or any other of the crops commonly grown in the area."

With this in mind Johnson presented figures showing world cotton production for 1970 is now estimated at 51.7 million bales, compared to aggregate world consumption of around 53.6 million bales. Thus the world's total supply of cotton is expected to be down to about 19.8 million bales on August 1, 1971, a drop of 1.9 million bales from the August, 1970 figure of 22.7 million. Johnson also noted that this will be the second consecutive year in which world production fell more than 1.5 million bales short of consumption and that consumption has exceeded production, worldwide, in three of the last four years.

In the U. S., 1970 production is expected to reach only about 10,270,000 bales while offtake for the year is estimated at from 11 to 11.5 million, including 8 million bales consumed domestically and another 3 consumed domestically and another 3 to 3.5 million exported. So the U. S. supply of cotton on August 1, 1971 can hardly be down less than 700,000 bales below the 5.8 million bale carryover on August 1 this year. If the more optimistic export estimate should prevail, the U. S. supply could be down to 4.6 million bales, a reduction of 1.2 million.

"These are important figures that must be plugged into any formula you might use to assess market prospects for next year's crop," Johnson said, but cautioned "it is important that they be recognized as parts, and only parts, of the entire picture."

Other factors that will affect market prices for 1971-crop cotton include the new U. S. loan level of 19.5 cents, basis premium micronaire and net weight; resale prices and policies adopted by Commodity Credit Corporation, and perhaps the most important of all — production volume in 1971.

On this latter subject Johnson called attention to the fact that production in the foreign Free World and Communist countries is forecast at 41.4 million bales, essentially the same as in 1969. "And should this level of production continue in 1971, as some expect, U. S. production under an 'open-end' farm program may well be the biggest unknown factor involved in predicting next year's world supply," he added.

USDA's planting intentions survey, the results of which are scheduled for announcement January 25, is something Johnson said farmers will want to study closely as a means to guessing both the volume of U. S. production in 1971 and the qualities that will most likely be produced.

Noting that CCC resale prices and policies in the past have had an adverse effect on producer markets, the PCG Board adopted a resolution reading "That PCG work with USDA officials and others toward CCC sales policies which will give producers an increased role in cotton marketing decisions and reasonable income protection; minimize CCC costs in connection with acquisition and resale of cotton, and make all cotton available to all customers at reasonable and stable prices."

Directors at the Board meeting re-elected six members of the PCG Executive Committee. They include W. L. Edelmon of Friona, Don Marble of Floydada, Bill Thompson of Shallowater, Jim Ed Waller of Lubbock, Joe D. Unfred of New Home and Lloyd Cline, Lamesa. Under PCG by-laws current association officers and all past presidents also serve on the Executive Committee. These include President Donnell Echols of Lamesa, Vice-President Ray Joe Riley of Hart, Secretary-Treasurer Paul Bennett of Littlefield and past presidents Wilmer Smith of New Home, Roy Forkner of the Canyon community and J. D. Smith of Littlefield.

Star of Bethlehem mystifies scientists probing heavens

Man probes ever more deeply into space . . . sending satellites into orbit, preparing to put earthlings on the moon — transmitting TV programs across continents and oceans with increasing regularity, maintaining weather stations — all with an aura of devastating casualness.

Yet men of science still are mystified by the strange and overwhelming radiance of the Star of Bethlehem which flooded the skies so many hundreds of years ago, anno domini. Perhaps, in the last analysis, mere scientific probing will not clear up the mystery to full satisfaction. "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

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

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

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

Astronomers do not know what causes a supernova. One theory is that the star's supply of hydrogen becomes exhausted. As the star contracts, the core temperature rises to 110 million degrees centigrade. The incredible temperature sets off helium-fusion processes, and the star becomes a huge nuclear fusion reactor which eventually flies to pieces.

Today it is thought that its dazzling light was an infrequent confluence of the planets Saturn and Jupiter which led three ancient scientists to Bethlehem on the night that Christ was born. But does that explain the miracle? The planets are a miracle in themselves.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a microscope, rock'em sock'em robot, Chemcraft 967, 5-HP Mini-Bike

Marty Whillock

Mike wants a 410 Shot gun and three boxes of 410 shells

Dear Santa, I Love you Dear Santa. I want a Hot Wheels Sizzler, from Eric K. R .



to all our loyal friends Happy holiday!

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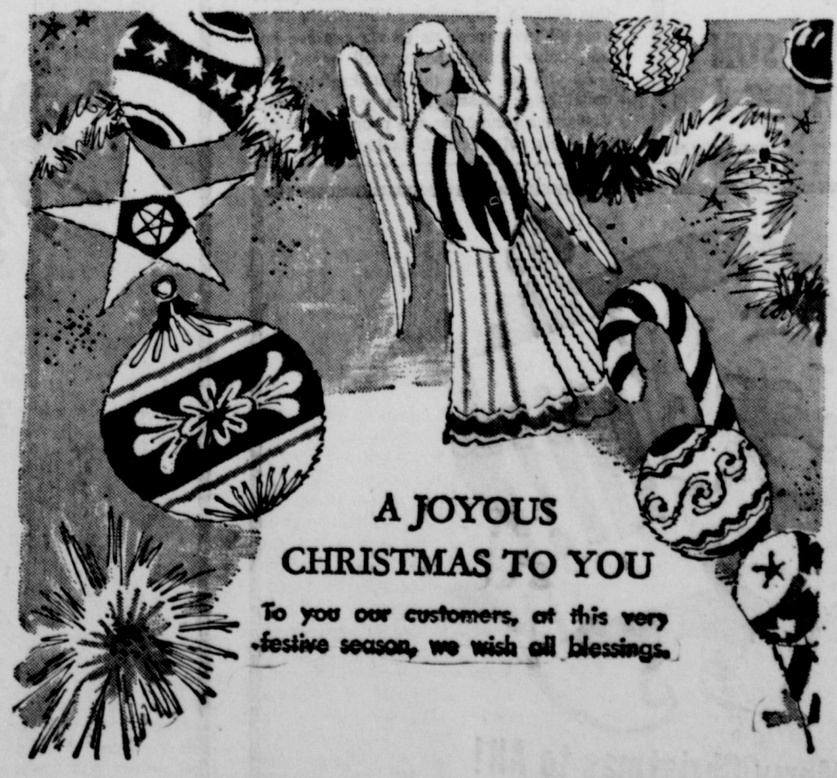
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

We hope Santa's got you on his list for all the good things of the season! Best wishes from

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS



A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS TO YOU

To you our customers, at this very festive season, we wish all blessings.

MAPLE CO-OP GIN

Indonesians' views of America given in missionaries' letter

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was taken from a newsletter received by the Owen Egger family of Morton from Faye and W. L. Armstrong, Jr. who are serving as Methodist missionaries in Indonesia. The couple is well known in Morton, having been frequent visitors here when W. L. was serving as pastor of the Methodist Church in Lorenzo. Space limitations will not allow publication of the newsletter in its entirety, but the views expressed on America's current problems give an on-the-spot report on how we are seen through the eyes of some Southeast Asians. They provide a vivid contrast to what is fed to the public through the news media each day. They also provide food for thought for fortunate Americans during the holiday season).

On Monday, August 3, we received a telegram from Abilene, Texas, stating: "Bob and I are getting married on Saturday, Love Jackie." The good news arrived two days after the wedding but we were filled with great joy for them. This is a belated announcement for those who have not already read the good news in the papers of West Texas. Jackie Faye and Robert Paul Davisson were married August 1, 1970 in a lovely home wedding in my cousin, J. F. Armstrong's home. J. F. did me the honor of giving Jackie Faye away as we could not be there. Bob is in the Air Force and stationed in Abilene, Texas. Their Address is 1902 N. 7th, Abilene, Texas.

The only disturbing news comes to us via radio and magazines from the United States. We live in Southeast Asia and find it hard to believe what we hear and read about America. Here in Indonesia we never hear that the United States is not wanted in Southeast Asia. The United States is considered one of the best friends of Indonesia and almost all Indonesians say that if the United States were not in Vietnam we here in Indonesia would have to fight communism again. Indonesia is still struggling to recover from what communism tried to do to this nation. Under communism there were no privileges. It was against the law to hold demonstrations except to stone Western consulates. No one dared to criticize the government unless he wanted to be imprisoned. You could not get adequate medicine, machinery, spare parts, or many of what we consider necessities of life. Fortunately Indonesia was able to defeat communism without outside help. People are free and value their freedom. They can criticize the government and do. There is freedom of the press; medicine is available, roads are being rebuilt, the economy has stabilized and people are happy. America with its aid and investments is a friend. Everyone wants to learn English. If a student here can go to America, he thinks he is going to Paradise. They cannot understand why American students should not be happy to have good schools in which to learn.

The nations of Southeast Asia are young. They are born out of a background of colonialism. Democracy as we know it is foreign to them, yet in their struggles and experiments with democracy they are far ahead of what communism has to offer. Democracy offers a constitution, freedom, and hope. People are very politically minded and exercise the right to vote. Indonesia is looking forward to general elections next year and has alreadral elections next year and has already begun to make preparation for it.

What you would call corruption is not that in the eyes of Southeast Asians. Certainly many officials get money other than their salary. How would you live if you received as a salary $100 per month and it costs $500 per month just to live? Part of the problem is the distribution of taxes. Indonesia receives much from export taxes but much of this goes to pay national debts. The present government is trying to raise its standards and has done much and corruption is being dealt with gradually. If it is corruption it is a kind of Robinhood corruption where money is gotten from those who can afford to pay and given to those who need it. Under communism everyone had less except the communist leaders.

It is hard for us as Americans to understand how anyone living in America could advocate the overthrow or destruction of our system of government. There is more freedom, opportunity, and challenge for everyone regardless of race than anywhere we have seen. I sometimes wish that those who violently oppose the United States would try their methods of opposition in Russia, China or other communist countries or try going to those countries to live. Perhaps one cannt appreciate freedom until they lose it, nor plenty until they are in want. We have been close enough to both situations to realize what our heritage means to us.

If in the name of Christ and in teaching Christianity: We put a little medicine on infected sores and thereby help heal them; we try to teach about family planning so that children born have a better chance to live; we try to improve farming methods that people may have more to eat; we try to help new Christians understand their Christian responsibility in stewardship; and if we try to help them build more permanent type churches; and if we teach them that they are important in God's sight and that God loves them. If we do all of this BECAUSE we have seen and experienced this in our own country, then perhaps we can be accused of propagating American influence which some people seem to think is so bad. We thank God we were born in the United States and had the privilege and advantages of Christian heritage and democracy.

Our 19-year-old son, Beyrl, is a sophomore at McMurry. We hope he completes his education but if Uncle Sam calls him, we expect him to answer without protest. Calvin is in the ninth grade this year in Singapore. Little Maria is in an orphanage near us so we can see her and know she is being well cared for.

As you celebrate this Thanksgiving, recount your blessings; as you celebrate Christmas remember the people of Southeast Asia who need a Saviour more than anyone. Keep us in your prayers and remember the people of Indonesia and their needs.

Your servants in Christ,
Faye and W. L. Armstrong, Jr.

P.S. Used Christmas cards, teaching pictures, and used clothing are always welcome and used.

Christmas in Israel

In Israel, the greatest Christmas celebration will be in Nazareth, the little town in the hills of Galilee, where all is related to the boyhood of Jesus.

Club to give contest money to Boy's Ranch

The YM Study Club voted to give the contest money won in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas decorating contest to Great Plains Boys Ranch at Pettit.

The club met in the home Mrs. Deryl Bennett Thursday, December 17 for their annual Christmas program. "Up, Up and Away with Santa" was the theme and Mrs. Fred Weaver gave the Christmas message. Roll call was answered with "The most useless gift I have ever received."

Members attending were: Mesdames Herman Bedwell, Royal Berkgren, Max Clark, Leonard Groves, John Wayne Hall, Robbie Key, Donald Masten, Kenneth McMasters, Dexter Nebhut, Dalton Redman, Ralph Ware, Fred Weaver, Bill Wells and Robert Yeary.

SWISS LIGHT ALP FIRES

In Switzerland, Christmas Day, or Weihnachten, is the traditional opening day of the winter sports season. A colorful sight on Chrisomas is the fires which are burned on the peaks of the Alps. Like flaming stars, they hang in the dark reavens

Pvt. Banda completes Army basic training

Private Robert R. Banda, son of [illegible] and Mrs. Patricio Banda of Whiteface recently completed eight weeks of Basic Training at the U. S. Army Training Center at Fort Ord, California.

He received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, combat tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Pvt. Banda attended Whiteface High School and his wife, De Lia, is residing in Whiteface while he is away.



Santa says, and we do, too: Happy Holiday to all of you!

From All of Us at

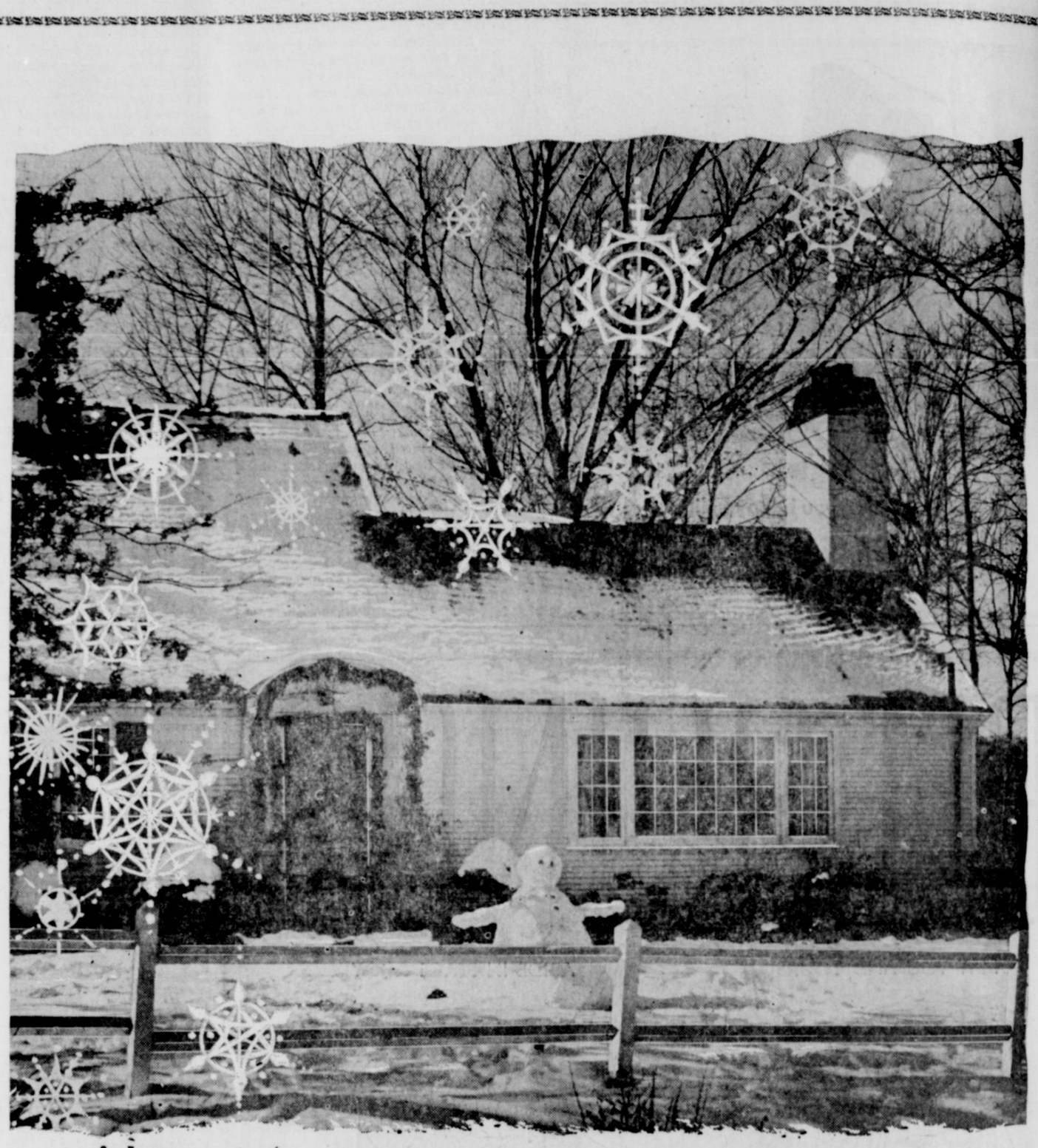
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Merry Christmas to All!

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Season's Greetings

FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU,

THOUGH IT'S BEEN SAID OFTEN BEFORE,

COMES A WISH THAT'S OLD YET EVER NEW—

"MERRY CHRISTMAS, FRIENDS . . . MANY, MANY MORE!"

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