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# T'S



# CHRISTMAS

*Johnny Valentine  
D'Linda Valentine  
Betty Jolly  
Luis Arellano  
Elaine DeLeon  
Florence Davies  
Leona Waldrip  
Paula Kirbie  
Mae & Frank Hill*

may the peace, joy  
and beauty of the  
season be yours.



# Merry Christmas Specials



Borden's **BUTTERMILK** 1/2 gal. **59c**

Sheds Whipped **MARGARINE** 16 oz. **2/\$1.00**

Carbonated **GATOR ADE**  
28 oz. **5/\$1.00**



**COKES**  
Plus Deposit & Tax  
**\$1.44**  
32 oz. 6 pk.



Pet **TOPPING**  
10 oz. **52c**

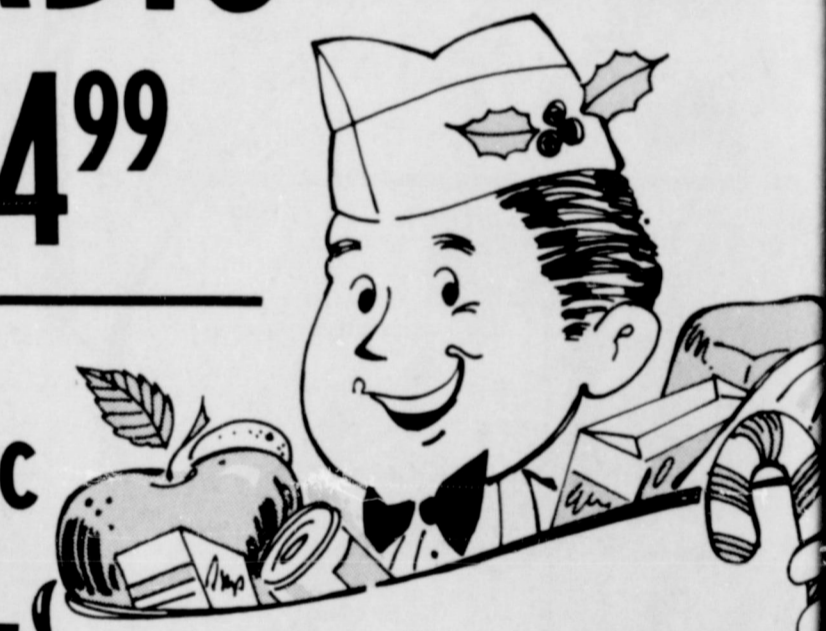
Sammy's Pride **MILK**  
gal. **\$1.39**

White Swan **HOMINY**  
**4/\$1.00**

Little Transistor **RADIO**  
**\$4.99**

Arm Allergy **RELIEF** **99c**

Candy Stripes Paper **CUPS** 7 oz. 40 ct. **39c**



White Swan Vanilla **WAFFERS**  
**39c**

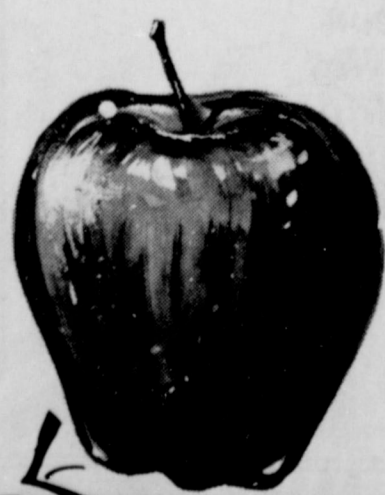
We want to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and thank you for your Patronage. You have helped a new business get started in Tahoka by shopping Rim - Rock when it would have been easier to shop at a more convenient store.

We appreciate your past business and look forward to being of service to you next year.

Thank You  
Rim - Rock Grocery



## Rim Rock Grocery



**APPLES**  
4 lbs. **\$1.00**

**WILL GRIFFIN SAYS**

Expert Takes Dim View of "Ban The Bacon" Scare  
 Agricultural Extension Service specialist with the Extension Service says that all the commotion about an alleged chemical causing chemical in bacon is blown

totally out of proportion and is based on misleading information.  
 Dr. Gilbert Hollis, an area Extension Service specialist based in Lubbock, says the uproar started when a news wire story carried on Sunday, Oct. 19, 1975

**Child is Born**

Exult at the Blessed Birth of the Prince of Peace! We send wishes for Holiday Blessings to all our friends.



Odd Electric & Refrigeration

quoting Dr. Donald Houston, assistant deputy administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.  
 "We will probably require certain actions by the industry," the quote said, "within a specified period to remove nitrosamines from bacon or take some action so that the product as we know it will not be available."

Houston had replied to a reporter's questions referring to a television show which linked a chemical agent in bacon with cancer.  
 Hollis says that consumers need to understand the clear facts about bacon rather than believe innuendos and unfounded implications.  
 The American Meat Institute, he says, has worked closely with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration ever since any hints of cancer related problems were presented. Because nitrosamines were found in fish meal treated with nitrite about five years ago, investigation was begun of meats cured with nitrites and nitrates.  
 The problem, Hollis says, is that nitrite is used in curing bacon to inhibit the growth of organisms that

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cause botulism. Nitrites also play an essential role, he says, in fixing color, providing a distinct cured flavor and preventing rancidity.  
 USDA - approved levels of nitrite in bacon can result in formation of very minute amounts of nitrosopyrrolidine after cooking, considered to be a carcinogen to experimental animals. Hollis says that lowering amounts of nitrite in bacon could reduce the probability of formation of these nitrosamines but would also increase the probability of botulism, a type of food poisoning that can result in rapid paralysis and even death.  
 Commercial average levels of nitrosamines in bacon are about 10 parts per billion equal to one penny out of 10 million dollars.  
 Hollis says this amount is so small that danger is virtually non-existent.  
 "Through eating, drinking and breathing we take in thousands of microorganisms every day that could cause us harm. You can't live in a totally sterile environment," he adds.  
 Additional research has been underway to determine a safe process which will

consistently produce non-detectable levels of nitrosamines, Hollis says. Studies in Germany, for instance, show that after 600 days (a normal life span of rats) of feeding 3.0 milligrams per kilogram of body weight per day to rats, liver tumors developed while no tumors were found in rats fed 1.0 milligrams.  
 According to the American Meat Institute, for an average 150 - pound person to run any risk of nitrosamine having the same effect as in rats, he would have to consume 46,000 pounds of bacon a day every day of his life or consume as much bacon daily as 100 people eat in a lifetime.  
 "That is a pretty small risk," Hollis says.

**Introducing**



Mr. and Mrs. Gary Morrison of Wilson are the parents of a daughter born at 3:57 p.m. in the St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock, Dec. 11.

The baby weighed 9 lbs. 9 ozs. and has been named Cassie Ruth. Mr. Morrison is Chief of Police at Wilson.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George C. Wells of Tahoka and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morrison of Lubbock. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom N. Hale of Tahoka.

Mr. and Mrs. David Martin are the parents of a daughter born Dec. 13th at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. She has been named Miranda Renee and weighed 7 lbs. 15 ozs.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Riddle, Dan Martin and Jo Ann Mock. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Riddle, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Martin and Mrs. Claude Thomas.

**JOY TO THE WORLD**  
 As you experience the transcendent joy of this Yuletide, may your blessings abound and bring you every happiness and fulfillment.

Tahoka Safety Lane  
 Leslie Paris

**Christmas Joy**

Memories of an old fashioned Christmas fill all our hearts with joy... the joy of giving and sharing. We want to share warm wishes for all good things with you, our dear friends.



**DAIRY QUEEN**

**Faith Circle Christmas Luncheon**

Faith Circle held its Christmas luncheon at noon December 15 in Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Hubert Eddy was in charge of arrangements and everyone brought a covered dish.

The program was given by Mrs. Jim Wells. She reviewed the book "Our Christmas Story" by Mrs. Billy Graham.

Eighteen members and guests were present to enjoy the meeting.

**Toys For Tots Begins**

The Lynn County Community Action has begun collecting "Toys for Tots" for Christmas. These toys will be distributed to all needy children.

If you have any toys you would like to donate take them by the Community Action Office or call 998-5094 and they will pick them up.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

HOLIDAY BELLS ring out a message of happiness and joy and glad Christmas tidings! Our special thanks.

**Dorothy's Beauty Service**



**RESIDENT OF THE MONTH IS LILLIE [GRANDMA] OWENS.** She is 90 years of age. She has lived here since 1934 and has been living at Colonial Nursing Home since 1973. She was born in East Texas. Her husband's name is William R. Owens they have 4 children, Willie Owens, Myrtle Tally, Elise Webb, and Winnie Kizzar. She has eleven grandchildren. We, the staff at Colonial want to thank Mrs. Owens for sharing with us a personality of love and thoughtfulness. We are the ones who have gained by her presence here with us.



**99TH CHRISTMAS - Mrs. Alice [Grandma] Reed sees her 99th Christmas.** She has been in the Colonial Nursing Home since 1970. Along with the other residents we would like to invite all their families and friends to come to the Christmas party, December 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Santa will be here to distribute gifts. Refreshments will be served.



**Modesta Alvarado Couple Plans Feb. Wedding**

Mr. and Mrs. Macario Alvarado announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Modesta, to Mr. Luis G. Arellano son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilberto Arellano also of Tahoka.

The couple plan to marry February 7, 1976 in St. Jude Catholic Church.

**News Office Will Be Closed Next Week**

The Lynn County News office and Valentine Impression Printing will be closed Dec. 22 thru Dec. 26, so that employees may have a short vacation. There will be no paper that week and the next addition will be published Jan. 1st.

We, the staff of the Lynn County News and employees of Valentine Printing, wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Wilson 4-H**

The Wilson 4-H Club met Dec. 12. The meeting was called to order by Rita Rios. New officers were elected, they were Reporter - Deedie Daniell, Vice Pres., Terry Nolte. A program concerned with personal needs was discussed. The club will meet in Jan.

**FINNEY SAYS**

Theologians and scholars argue endlessly about the birthday of Christ. But we; the common people have decided that December 25 is the day. And probably, having more common sense than theologians or scholars we are right. Anyhow it is a date to pay reverence to a man who has had more effect on the lives of countless millions of people than any other man in the history of the world.

The wisdom and beauty of Christ's words have brought solace and peace to uncounted numbers of people.

The ancient customs and traditions we have interwoven into the celebration of this holy day brings only kindness, generosity - and happiness to old and young alike.

And in this vein Audrey and I would like to thank all of you for the kindness & friendship that you have brought to us over the last 18 years.

May we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Audrey & C. Edmund Finney

**CHRISTMAS**

Enjoy peace at heart and hearth for Christmas. Warm thanks.

**Wyatts Body Shop**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

This year's model is filled with holiday happiness and good fellowship for you. Our warm gratitude for your continued confidence.

**Bray Chevrolet Company**

### Cotton Prices Are Advanced

Grower prices were \$7.50 to \$15.00 per bale higher during the week ending December 12, according to Paul R. Dickson, in charge of the Lubbock Cotton Classing Office. Farmers sold mixed new crop lots of mostly grades 41, 32 and 42, staples 29 through 31, mikes 3.3 through 4.9 for 46.30 to 47.50 cents per pound. Mixed lots of mostly grades 41, 51, 32, 42 and 52; staples 28 through 30, mikes 3.2 and lower brought 37.75 to 39.40 cents.

The USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service reported trading was active and growers offered new crop cotton in moderate volume. Demand was very good, Dickson said.

Prices paid growers for cottonseed ranged from 75 - 110 dollars per ton, mostly

75 to 85 dollars. Grades 42 and 52 were the predominate grades classed this week. Grade 42 accounted for 45 percent and grade 52, 27 percent. Bark reductions were assigned to 35 percent of the samples classed.

Staples 29, 30 and 31 were the predominate lengths. Staple 29 amounted to 26 percent; staple 30, 40 percent; and staple 31, 18 percent.

Mike readings 3.5 through 4.9 amounted to five percent of the total. Mike group 3.3 through 3.4 accounted for six percent; 3.0 through 3.2 range 24 percent; mike 2.7 through 2.9, 40 percent; and 2.6 and below, 25 percent.

Press tests indicated breaking strengths at Lubbock averaged 85,000 pounds per square inch.

About 105,000 samples were classed by the Lubbock Classing Office during the week ending December 12. This seasons total stand at 518,000 samples compared to 366,000 on the same date a year ago. Harvest slowed Friday because of fog and high humidity.



1976 CALENDARS - Girl Scout Troop #396 presented Colonial Nursing Home one of the Girl Scout Bicentennial calendars for 1976 that they have been selling. Corine Lard accepts the calendar from Karen Stewart for the home. Neva Maynard looks on. Other girls representing Troop 396 are Amy Porterfield, Elena Del Toro, Lani Brown, Alma Hallmark, Kim Paynes, Denise Dodson and Sandra Womock. Yvette Paynes from troop 273 helps too. The girls enjoyed visiting with the residents while there.



GIRL SCOUTS SING - About 50 Tahoka Girl Scouts, from 1st thru 7th grades, their leaders and some mothers met at the Scout Hut at 9 a.m. Sat. They journeyed to Colonial Nursing Home where the girls sang for the residents of the home. Troop #273 presented a skit. After visiting some of the residents they all went back to the Scout Hut where they had refreshments before going home. The girls presented two large boxes of mixed fruit to the home.

### Homer Lee Funeral Held

Services for Homer Lee, 85, of Sundown were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Harold Davis, pastor, and Artie Hicks, minister of Sundown Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial was in Littlefield Cemetery under the direction of George C. Price Funeral Directors of Levelland.

Lee died at 4:30 a.m. Thursday in Cook Memorial Hospital in Levelland after a brief illness.

Born in Winwood, Okla., Lee moved to Hockley County in 1937 where he farmed until his retirement. He was married to Cora Goff Dec. 25, 1910, in Sayre, Okla.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Rena Richardson of Cortez, Colo., Mrs. Ann Skinner of Kalkaska, Mich., and Mrs. Iona Billbrey of Sundown; eight sons, Wilburn of

Sherman, Noel of Vinson, Okla., Carl of Dumas, Bobby of Wilson, and Roy, Ralph, Glynn and Donald, all of Sundown; three sisters, Mrs. Rosa Pokorney of Garden Grove, Calif., and Mrs. Ruth Wilson and Mrs. Mamie Firestone, both of Chula Vista, Calif.; 25 grand-children and 20 great-grandchildren.

Lee's grandsons served as pallbearers.

### T-Bar Bridge Winners

Winners in T-Bar Duplicate Bridge last week were: Mrs. Winston Wharton and Mrs. Gene McKee, first; Mrs. Jess Gurley and Bobby Stone, second; Mrs. T.E. Leverett and Mrs. Frank Hill, third; and Mrs. Roy LeMond and Miss Echo Milliken, fourth.

Preceding the game the club honored a member, Mrs. Bobby (Jan) Stone, with a "pink and blue" shower.

### FHA Open House - Today

There will be a Christmas Open House today, December 18, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Homemaking Cottage. All parents, relatives, and friends of students taking homemaking I & II, Coop homemaking, FHA members, or any other interested persons are invited to come see the handcraft items on display. The items will be on sale after school hours and profits will go to the Toys for Tots Project. Cookies and punch will be served so be sure to come join in on the Christmas fun!

## NEW HOME NEWS

by FLORENCE DAVIES

Sue, Newton, Susan and Chris of Wink, spent the week end here with us, they came Saturday to attend the Semi-Final football game between Odessa - Permian Longview, played in Jones Stadium, Saturday night. And they declared it was the most exciting game they ever watched. And the 62 yard field goal kicked barefooted by Russell Wheatley added much to the excitement. The magic of "MoJo" held as the Panthers won 10-9 over the scrappy No. 1 rated Cowboys from Longview.

Coby James celebrated his fourth birthday with a party in his home. Nov. 11th after gifts were opened. Birthday cake decorated as a football field was served. To Cory and Todd Ballard, and Kendal Smith, Kyle James, Kim Smith and Le'Shea Kieth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ballard were in Sundown, Saturday for funeral services for Mr. Homer Lee, father of Bobbie Lee of Wilson.

Mr. George Parker of New Caney, Texas, is prepped doing fine after open heart surgery, Thursday in the St. Luke's Hospital in Houston. He is a brother of Monroe and Bob Parker.

Bob McAllister, Clifton Clem and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Harmonson were in Las Vegas, Nevada, last week for the AG Convention. New planes and equipment for crop dusting were displayed.

Mrs. Floy Parker was in Brownfield all day Saturday, Dec. 6, helping with a school of instruction in Eastern Star, held in the Masonic Hall.

Pat Caudle of Dallas visited here last week with his Grandmother, Mrs. John Armontrout.

Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Hickerson of Tyler spent Thursday night here with Mr. and Mrs. Boswell Edwards.

Under the direction of Buddie Hawkins, A Christmas Cantata "A Song Was Born" was presented in the New Home Baptist Church Sunday night by the Adult Choir assisted by some members of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Dwayne Smith was organist with Mrs. Jerry McNeely at the piano. Jack Clements was narrator. "A Song Was Born" told of the birth of the Song Of Salvation, and was beautifully presented. A fellowship hour followed in the fellowship hall.

Mrs. Mattie Hawkins and Mr. and Mrs. N.C. Evans of Brownfield visited with their children Buddie and Elaine Hawkins and girls Sunday and attended the Christmas Cantata in the New Home Baptist Church Sunday night.

Mrs. Stanley (Sherry) McNeely miraculously escaped serious injuries Friday Dec. 5th., at the site of an overturned cotton trailer on the road, she has been treated for misplaced vertebra in her neck. Sherry was employed in the office at the West Point Gin but has been unable to work since the accident.

Our sister, Mrs. M.M. Shearer was dismissed from Medical - Arts Hospital in Lamesa and returned to her home last Thursday.

### Large Crowd At Bridge Party

Visiting players came in the winners during the annual Christmas party of T-Bar Duplicate Bridge Tuesday night of last week. Twelve tables of players participated, and several other people came for the buffet meal served prior to the game.

North-South winning pairs were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poindexter, Lubbock, first; Mrs. Pauly Cope and Mrs. Thelma Bennett, Lubbock, second; Mrs. Clint Walker

Mr. E.L. Cooley is doing good at home after surgery Saturday, Dec. 6th, in the Methodist Hospital. Their daughter, Mrs. Ed Miller and family of Big Springs spent Saturday night here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jequin Perez were in Olton, Monday for funeral services for Mr. Perez's nephew, 19 year old Ventura Reyes Jr. of Olton. The young man was killed and his 17 year old passenger, Jessie Montez of Abernathy was critically injured in a one car wreck North of New Deal, Sat.

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and Mrs. Jess Gurley, Mrs. Bobbie Barha, Mrs. Juanita Szy Brownfield, fourth; and Harold Gene Frank, Mrs. Bernice Roberts, East-West winners Wayland Taylor and Margaret Noble, O'D first; Mrs. Bobby Stone, Mrs. Connie Kelly, Mrs. Klydie Scudder, Mrs. Nan Chessier, field, third; Reid and Mrs. Laura Yarb Lubbock, fourth; and Audie Norman and N.B. Hancock, fifth.

Prior to the game 2, players honored Bobby (Jan) Stone "pink and blue" show

Winners in that were: Mrs. Winston ton and Mrs. Gene first; Mrs. Jess Gur Bobby Stone, second Frank Hill and Mr Leverett, third; Miss Milliken and Mrs LeMond, fourth.

### Sewing Club In January

The Lynn County munity Action w conducting sewing beginning in January one interested in learning should call 998-50

### Remember Christmas Tomorrow... As It Was Today



Do you remember how your children looked last Christmas? You would if you had captured those special moments in pictures. A KODAK INSTAMATIC Camera and Kodak film will make this Christmas one to remember. Kodak film... it does make a difference.

Dayton Parker Pharmacy  
TAHOKA, PH. 998-4300



Merry Christmas

In the spirit of this festive holiday, we extend sincere thanks and warm wishes for a truly old-fashioned Christmas.

G.W. White Mobil

### \$5.00 Christmas Gift Suggestions \$3.00

FOR THAT LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SHOP B&B PANT & GIFT IN MINI MALL O'DONNELL

10% Discount on all Ready To Wear Candles, Jewelry, Scarves, Hosiery, & Knicknacks Present This Ad For Discount Of:

- \$5.00 on \$50.00
- \$3.00 on \$30.00
- \$2.00 on \$20.00
- \$1.00 on \$10.00

On Any Purchase In Store Between

Dec. 17 - 24

Open 9 - 6 Mon. - Sat.

9 - 8 Fri.

\$2.00

\$1.00

## Growing old used to be a game we played.

Having an imaginary cup of tea with your best friend was great fun. It was playing grownup. And we've all done it.

But growing up also means growing older. It means assuming responsibilities. Preparing yourself for the future. And the Sentry has a plan that will help you do just that.

Introducing the Individual Retirement Account (IRA). A guaranteed tax savings that turns into a guaranteed income when you retire.

If not participating in other pension funds, you can put as much as 15% of your annual income (up to \$1500 a year) into an IRA at Sentry Savings Association. The amounts deposited in IRA's are tax deductible within the above limits, and earnings on these accounts are not taxable until withdrawn. At that time your income will probably be less and so will your taxes.

Give us a call today or come by one of our convenient offices for full details. Growing old could be fun again... if you've got something to look forward to.

This chart shows the advantages of the IRA plan over a 30-year period. It is assumed the money invested earns 7 3/4% interest compounded daily.

YEAR	TOTAL IRA CONTRIBUTIONS \$1500/YEAR	TOTAL INVESTMENT VALUE
5	7,500	9,520
10	15,000	23,545
20	30,000	74,646
30	45,000	185,558

NOTICE - Deposits in IRA's before Jan. 1, 1976 are deductible on 1975 income tax returns.

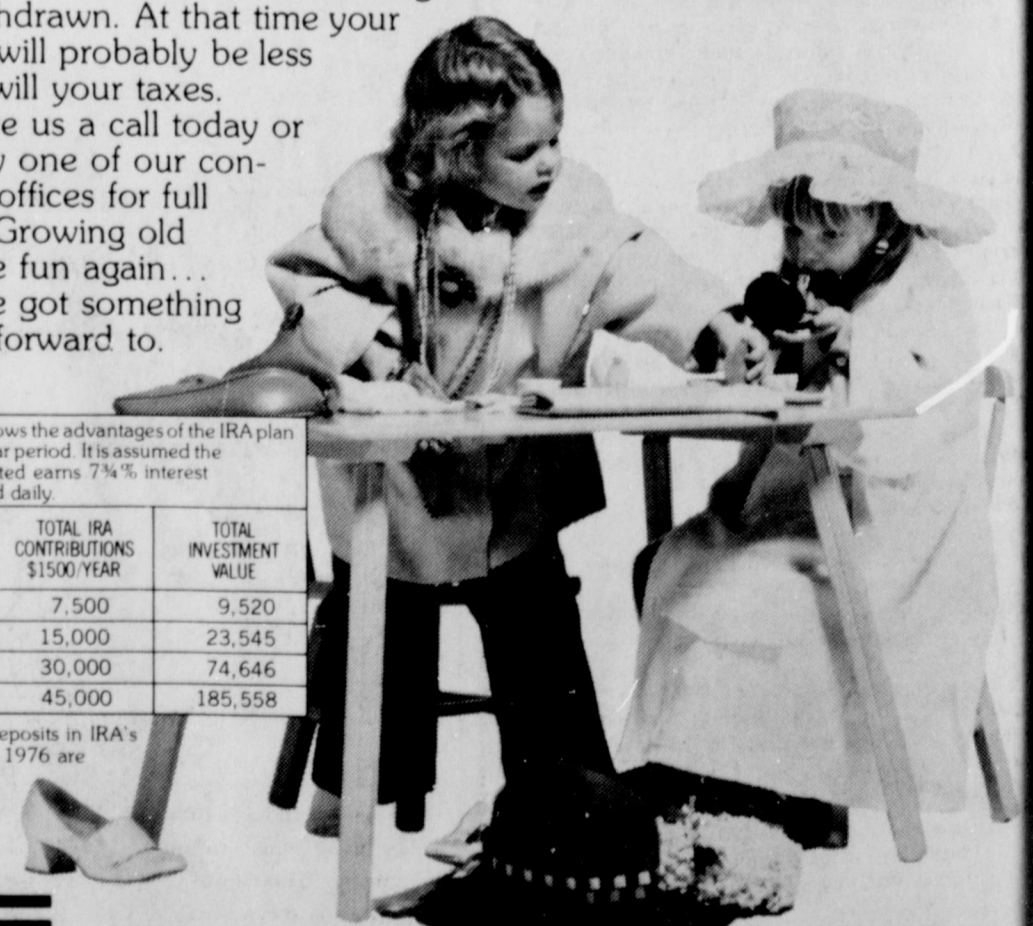


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 LEARNING CENTER

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 I want a training  
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Love  
 Ernest Miller

been a good boy  
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Dear Santa,  
 Please come to see me on  
 Christmas Eve night. I will  
 have a surprise waiting for  
 you.  
 When you come please  
 remember that I would like  
 to have a baby - that - away,  
 a leggo building set, a high  
 chair, and a tetter - tot -  
 watch.  
 My brother would like a  
 road grader, a car, a truck,  
 and a set of play keys.  
 I love you,  
 Amy & Adam Holland

Dear Santa,  
 I would like A Big Wheel,  
 a Truck, Pickup and a Farm  
 Set. Also nuts, Fruit and  
 candy.  
 Please bring Belinda,  
 David, Jacky and Jimmy  
 something, Merry Christmas  
 to you and Mrs. Claus I love  
 you. I am 6 years old and I  
 am in the 1st grade.  
 Your Friend  
 Timmy Jolly

Dear Santa Claus  
 I would like a Big Wheel,  
 Truck, Pickup, a Farm set,  
 candy, nuts and fruit. I am 6  
 years old and in the 1st  
 grade.  
 Please bring my sister  
 Belinda a nice gift, and bring  
 my brothers David, Jacky  
 and Timmy something.  
 Merry Christmas Santa I  
 Love You.  
 Your Friend  
 Jimmy Jolly

Dear Santa,  
 All I wanted for Christmas  
 was my two front teeth.  
 Well, my two front teeth  
 came in, so I don't need that  
 for Christmas.  
 Now I'd like to have a doll,  
 big as I am, and soft and  
 cuddly. I'd like to have a  
 stocking full of all sorts of  
 candy and goodies, and a  
 puppy named Ding - A -  
 Ling.  
 I've been real good for  
 almost ten months, so do you  
 think I could have a C-B

radio all my own? My daddy  
 never lets me talk on his.  
 Santa, we do not have a  
 chimney, so you can come to  
 our front door.  
 Your friend,  
 Donna Renee' Thomas

Dear Santa:  
 I am 3 years old & live in  
 Tahoka but will be in Gail at  
 Grand dad & Granny's  
 house for you to come see. I  
 would like a doll & suitcase  
 for Christmas. I told you I  
 wanted a bike but decided I  
 wanted my Daddy & Mommy  
 to give it to me for my  
 birthday in Jan.  
 My Sissy is 10 & wants a  
 Tapeplayer & some tapes. I  
 will leave some cookies &  
 hot chocolate.  
 I love you,  
 Lanae Monk

Dear Santa  
 Justin and I would like a  
 trampoline. Jenny would like  
 a doll Mom would like a new  
 house. Dad would like a  
 combine.  
 Love  
 Perry Haley

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a Baby  
 Alive that eats and drinks  
 and a bottle. And a plate and  
 spoon for Baby Alive. And a  
 diamond plastic ring. And a  
 little car with pedals I can  
 ride in. And a rocking chair.  
 And a camera to take a  
 picture of my dolls. And a  
 stove and icebox. Thank You  
 Santa. I love you.  
 Angela Draper

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Stephanie  
 Nance, I live at Plainview,  
 but I am visiting my Granny  
 and Pa Pa.  
 Will you please bring me a  
 piano, table & chair set &  
 dishes. Bring Tracy some-  
 thing to.  
 Love you  
 Stephanie

Dear Santa Claus,  
 Please give me a guitar,  
 roller derby skates, BB gun  
 scope, and a snoopy tooth  
 brush.  
 I live in the country one  
 mile north of Wilson.  
 Your good boy  
 Gary Clint Autry

Dear Santa  
 Please bring me peace &  
 quiet for Christmas this  
 year! Also please bring  
 Richard Cranford a letter  
 from his new Dallas  
 girlfriend and a good pig so  
 he can go to the Houston  
 Stock Show. Reggie House  
 would like a sock full of  
 candy to eat during "Ag"  
 class. Barry Bevers could  
 sure use a "Mickey Mouse"  
 watch to replace the one he  
 lost at the Dallas Fair.  
 Thank you Santa for being  
 so nice to all.  
 Merry Christmas  
 Mr. Lester Adams  
 Tahoka Ag Teacher

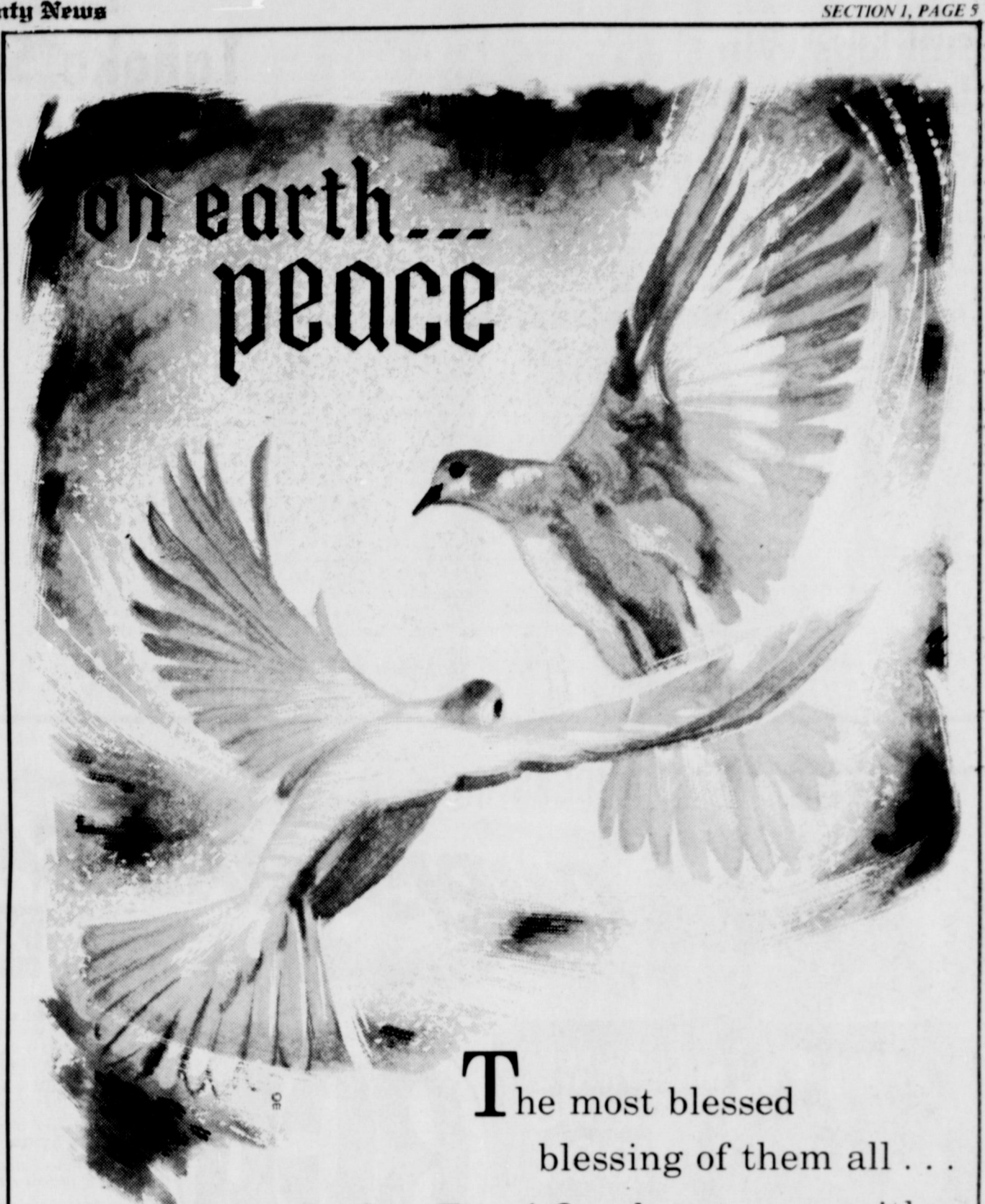
Dear Santa,  
 I would like A stove and  
 doll for Christmas  
 Rebecca Mendoza

Notice Voter  
 Registration

Applications for new voter  
 registration certificates were  
 authorized after a six - week  
 delay in federal courts. As a  
 result the re - registration is  
 voluntary, not mandatory, as  
 was intended by the Texas  
 Legislature.  
 Assessor - Collector  
 George D. McCracken hopes  
 to have applications in the  
 mail by December 22.  
 Since the new permanent  
 registration system began in  
 1972, many have moved,  
 some have died, that is why  
 the new applications are  
 being sent out.  
 All persons who were  
 registered as of November 4,  
 when the new registration  
 law went into effect, and  
 those who have registered  
 before Jan 31, will receive  
 new registration certificates  
 - even if they have not filled  
 out new application forms,  
 said Leroy Banks of the  
 Texas Secretary of State's  
 office.  
 The new registration  
 forms contain a place to  
 write in the voter's date and  
 place of birth, which is  
 required by the new law, and  
 a place to add the voter's  
 Social Security number,  
 which is encouraged but not  
 required. This information  
 will help catch any duplica-  
 tions in cases of people  
 registering to vote more than  
 once. Annual registration  
 was outlawed by the courts  
 in 1971.  
 The legislature this year  
 passed a law intended to  
 remove, or purge, all  
 existing registrations and  
 require persons to fill out  
 new applications in order to  
 be eligible to vote after  
 March 1, 1976. Federal  
 judges ruled last week,  
 however, that the voter lists  
 could not be purged.  
 Tax Assessor George D.  
 McCracken would like to  
 encourage the people of  
 Lynn County to cooperate in  
 this matter and return the  
 applications at an early date  
 in order that the voters list  
 may be updated and correct.

Mrs. Serna  
 Rites Set

Services for Mrs. Natividad  
 Perez Serna, 37, of  
 Wiggins, Colo., are set for 2  
 p.m. Thursday in St. Jude's  
 Catholic Church here with  
 the Rev. Pat Hoffman,  
 pastor, officiating.  
 Rosary for Mrs. Serna will  
 be tonight at White Funeral  
 Home. Burial will be in  
 Tahoka Cemetery under the  
 direction of White Funeral  
 Home of Tahoka.  
 Mrs. Serna died Tuesday  
 at her parents home in New  
 Home after a lengthy illness.  
 Justice of the Peace N.E.  
 Wood of Tahoka ruled she  
 died of natural causes.  
 Born in Maxwell, Mrs.  
 Serna moved to Lynn County  
 in 1949 from Big Spring. She  
 attended school in New  
 Home and was married to  
 Juan Serna in Tahoka. She  
 moved to Colorado in 1965.  
 Mrs. Serna was a member of  
 LULAC and a Catholic.  
 Survivors include her  
 husband; five daughters,  
 Mrs. Janie S. Medeles of  
 Hereford, and Isabel, Mary  
 Helen, Teresa and Julia, all  
 of the home; a son, Juan Jr.  
 of the home; four brothers,  
 Wenceslao Perez of Brush,  
 Colo., Ignacio Perez of  
 Colorado, and Hermilio and  
 Candelacio, both of New  
 Home; one grandchild.



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IS CHRISTMAS A HOLY DAY?

Most of the religious world claims to believe the  
 Bible, nothing added or subtracted, yet many  
 celebrate Christmas as a religious event. Biblical  
 authority for such a religious holiday can not be  
 found. Paul instructed the Colossians that they  
 should Christ's authority for all they taught and  
 practiced religiously -- "And whatever ye do in word  
 or deed, do all in the name of the Lord". (Col. 3:17)  
 The New Testament clearly stands opposed to  
 observing special days and seasons in a religious  
 sense. Galatians 4:10 and 11 says "Ye observe days,  
 months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you  
 will have bestowed upon you labor in vain". Please  
 read Colossians 2:16 also. Christmas was at one time  
 a traditional pagan holiday (Sun God Worshipers).  
 It was added as a religious holy day by Christian  
 preachers in about 500 A.D., 400 years after  
 the New Testament was completed. The Christian  
 world reject "seasonal religion" as well as  
 "traditional religion", and be faithful both in season  
 and out of season. (Matt. 15:9; 2 Tim. 4:2).

While most denominations observe Christmas as  
 a holy day, they reject scriptural authority in regard  
 to the event they are supposed to commemorate --  
 Christ's Death and Resurrection. Faithful Christians  
 commemorate the event, not it's date, upon the first  
 of every week by observing the Lord's supper.  
 (1 Cor. 11:26)

What can it possibly hurt for us to observe the  
 Lord's birth? John wrote in 2 John 9, "Anyone who  
 goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of  
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Janie Isbell Betty Ehlers

## Bulldogs Win Ralls Tournament

Saturday night the Bulldogs defeated Littlefield 62 - 42 for the Tournament Championship. David Graves and Danny Moore were the leading scorers with 18 points each. In the first game of the Tourney Tahoka defeated a badly out classed Southland team, 106 - 38. All ten men on the team scored with Moore leading with 18 points, and Graves and Botkin 16 each. In Friday's game the Bulldogs met the tournament favorite? Lubbock Christian High Eagles, and soundly defeated the Eagles 87 - 63. LCH's first loss of the season. The Bulldogs were a little tense at the start, unable to hit from the field early in the first quarter. The Bulldogs fell behind 14 - 2 but failed to rattle and continuing to apply pressure to the Eagles. The Bulldogs tied the game and went ahead 24 - 22 at the quarter as David

Graves hit on seven straight shots after missing the first four shots he took. In the second quarter Earnest Bailey hit 5 of 5 from the field as the Bulldogs stretched their lead to 47 - 33 at the half. In the third quarter Tommy Botkin's 8 points helped the Bulldogs to a 71 - 49 3rd quarter lead. In the third and fourth quarters Earnest Bailey hit on 12 straight free throws. The Bulldogs defense was outstanding as their pressure created numerous turnovers in all games of the tournament. In the Southland game the Bulldogs' put the ball up 119 times. David Graves & Danny Moore were selected to the tournament team, with David Graves selected as the tourney's Most Valuable Player, and according to the coaches Ernest Bailey was an exceptional player in the tournament.

### Varsity Girls

The girls first game was with Southland, and the girls defeated Southland with a score of 58 to 46. Highest scorer was Beverly Harvick with 24 points. Cindy Craig scored 16 points, and Elaine Draper scored 18.

Southland's highest scorer was Kelly Chaffin with 26 points.

The girls played Cooper, Friday and lost with a score of 40 to 69. Elaine Draper was highest scorer in that game with 17 points. Cindy Craig 16, Beverley Harvick 7 points.

Cooper's highest scorer was Brenda Ward with 22 points.

They played Jayton, Saturday and lost 51 to 66. Cindy Craig, and Elaine Draper each scored 20 points, Jody Breechen scored 9 points, and Janie Acosta scored 2 points.

Jayton's highest scorer was Pam Trammel with 30 points.

Girls record, 6 wins and 6 losses.

## Tahoka Squeaks By Brownfield In Overtime

Tuesday night the Bulldogs traveled to Brownfield, and in a screaming, foot stomping, heart stopper came away with a 92 - 90 overtime victory over the Cubs, as Danny Moore hit on a ten foot jump shot with 8 seconds left in overtime. The overtime period was set up when Mitch Raindl hit on a three point play with one second left in regulation time to tie the score at 84 - 84.

In Brownfield the Bulldogs met an aggressive and talented ball club, with one of the better players the Bulldogs will face this year in 6'7" Danny Hamilton the games leading scorer with 38 points. The Cubs jumped out to an early lead, and led by as many as 8 points but the Bulldogs went ahead with 2:52 left in the first quarter on a field goal by Tommy Botkin and Tahoka led 21 - 18 at the end of the first quarter. The Cubs came

back in the second quarter mostly on the hot hand of Danny Hamilton to lead 48 - 43 at the half. The Cubs came out hot after the half, outscoring the Bulldogs 18 - 10 in the third quarter to lead 66 - 53. At the beginning of the fourth quarter with less than 3 minutes left in the game the Cubs still led by 13, but from here on it was all Tahoka as the Bulldogs, relying on the hot hand of David Graves, who hit on 7 of 7 from the field in the fourth quarter cut that gap to 3 points, with just seconds left on the clock. David Graves stole the ball at mid court, passed off to Raindl going down the land and Mitch hit on the lay up and was fouled with just 1 second showing on the clock. With the Cubs leading by one Mitch went to the foul line, after 2 Brownfield time outs, and calmly sank the free throw to send the game into overtime. The overtime

period was just as hectic as the game with Hamilton hitting a jumper with 20 second left to give the Cubs a 90 - 89 lead. Graves was shot and missed and the ball was rebounded outside by Moore, who hit on a jumper to give the Bulldogs a 91 - 90 lead with 8 seconds left. With the 6'7" Hamilton standing under the Brownfield goal, David Graves came up with the play of the game as he stole the ball on the in bound pass, dribbled out and was fouled, making one free toss of a 2 shot foul to make the final score 92 - 90, Tahoka.

David Graves led Tahoka with 32 points followed by Moore's 22.

### Basketball Schedules

**New Home "Leopards" Basketball Schedule**  
Dec. 16, play Whiteface A & B Girls, A Boys, Here at 7:00.  
Dec. 18, play Whitharrel A Girls, A Boys, There at 7:00.  
Dec. 30 play Cooper A Girls, here at 6:30. And A & B Boys play Frenship here at 6:30.  
**New Home Jr. High**  
Dec. 15, play Smyer here at 5:30.

**Wilson High School**  
Dec. 16 play Meadow, A & B Girls, and A Boys there at 5:30.  
Dec. 18 - 20 play O'Donnell Tournament  
**Wilson Jr. High**  
Dec. 15, A & B Girls and A & B Boys play Ropes there at 4:30.

**Tahoka Bulldogs Basketball Schedules**  
Dec. 16, A & JV Boys play Brownfield there at 6:15 p.m.  
Dec. 18, A Boys play Littlefield there at 8:00 p.m.  
Dec. 19 play Roosevelt, A & JV Girls, here at 6:30.  
**Jr. High**  
Dec. 15, 7-8-9 Girls play Post here, and 7-8-9 Boys play Post There at 5:30.



The voice of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers was added to that of other cotton and general farm organizations favoring a producer referendum on funding of research and market development for U.S. cotton on Dec. 16.

PCG President, W.B. Criswell of Idalou, presented views in Washington at hearings before the Cotton committee of the House Committee on Agriculture. Committee Chairman David Bowen of Mississippi called hearings for December 16 and 17 to obtain testimony to bill to authorize a cotton producer vote on financing for Cotton Incorporated.

CI is the producer's national research and market management company set up under the Cotton Research and Extension Act of 1966.

Criswell, reflecting the wishes of the PCG board, subcommittee that PCG wants "legislation that will producers to decide whether they want more research market development of the kind they have been getting Cotton Incorporated, and whether they want to pay for it."

The PCG official emphasized that any increased contributions should be as a percentage of bale value fixed dollar amount. Such a system, he explained, would equalize CI revenue in high and low production years, tend to increase the number of dollars available to CI and erode each dollar's buying power.

Also, he said, "It is much more equitable to ask a producer to pay a percentage of his cotton's value than to pay for a fixed dollar amount on each bale whether the price is \$150 or \$300."

Producers have voluntarily supported CI activities since 1966 at the rate of \$1 per bale. This amount was supplied in early years of the program by \$10 million a year and \$3 million a year from Commodity Credit Corporation. However, the \$3 million from CCC in 1975 is expected to be the last appropriated.

In addition to this loss of CCC funds, inflation has substantially cut the number and size of programs that are carried out by CI with money from producers at \$1 per bale.

Chairman Bowen's proposal, made at the request of producers, would permit a producer referendum in which growers would have the opportunity to vote for or against an increase in his voluntary contribution to CI. The current rate is set by law and legislation authorizing a referendum on the passage of the referendum, is required before it is changed.

Under Bowen's bill as now written, producers would vote on whether to invest up to one per cent of the gross value of their production each year in addition to their current contribution. Passage of the referendum would require either a two-thirds majority of the producers voting or (2) a vote from producers who grow two-thirds of the cotton produced, provided those producers also constitute a majority of all producers.

If the referendum passed, the percentage of gross value to be paid by producers would be set, not to exceed 1 per cent, by the Cotton Board with approval from the Secretary of Agriculture. The Cotton Board is made up of cotton producers appointed by the Secretary from nominations of cotton interest organizations.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS



A couple who recently moved to New York are just beginning to learn how wary city people are. The other day, for example, when the wife found that she needed some boxes to store winter clothes in, the husband went



to the corner supermarket to get them. "May I have a few empty cartons?" he asked the manager. The manager of the store stared at him suspiciously. "Empty cartons of what?" he demanded.

A sailor who had been a farm boy in civilian life was interviewed on a quiz show. "Do you expect to go back to be a farmer?" asked the M.C. "Oh, no," answered the sailor. "After all those knots I learned to tie in the Navy I wouldn't dare to milk a cow."

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The cure for the blues is to surround your surroundings with beautiful plants. They are excellent for gifts and help to bring meaning to the message.  
Plants are in supermarkets, stores, garden centers and specialty shops. Keep in mind when selecting plants, that of the ones are explained, will last a year or more.  
Probably have a plant that you might take home -- airplane or plants, for example. Some after-dinner recycling parts and vegetable scraps and avocado tops and avocado pits grow into attractive plants fairly quickly. When started in water they trail vines. Orange seeds turn into small plants on your list this year, you want to give some to what to plant. The possibilities are your imagination. The house -- are empty cans, old glasses or old plant in a clay one of the best for the plant, but always the most accessory. If it is potted, you'll want some yuletide cans, mixed nut and shortening cans sizes for most small plants. They can be painted in no time at all. Toxic for plants are not to get any Add wooden drawer spoons for feet and to the side. Or wrap with medium thick natural look. A low basket can become a basket when made of straws or leather or shoelaces are. Punch holes in the

'cone' of newspaper.  
Try this recipe during the holiday season. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you and your family.  
Cranberry Surprise Salad  
2 cups fresh cranberries, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 envelope unflavored gelatin, 1/2 cup mayonnaise, 1/4 cup chopped walnuts, 1 orange or apple, peeled and diced, 2 tbsps sugar, 1 cup hot water, 1 tsp lemon juice, 1 tsp grated lemon rind, 1/4 tsp salt.  
Put cranberries through food chopper. Add 1/2 cup sugar, let stand 10 minutes. Combine gelatin, 2 tbsps sugar and salt; add hot water and stir until gelatin dissolves. Add mayonnaise, lemon juice and rind. Blend with mixer. Place in refrigerator tray and put in freezing compartment for 10 - 15 minutes, or until firm about 1 inch from edge but soft in center. Beat with mixer until fluffy. Fold in cranberry - sugar mixture, orange and walnuts. Pour into 1 quart mold and chill until firm. Yield: 6.



Billy Curry

## Curry Gets Silver Wings

Second Lieutenant William A. (Billy) Curry Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Curry of Rt. 2, Tahoka, Tex., has graduated from U.S. Air Force pilot training at Laughlin AFB, Tex., and has received his silver wings.  
The lieutenant now goes to MacDill AFB, Fla., for flying duty with a unit of the Tactical Air Command.  
Lieutenant Curry, a 1969 graduate of Tahoka High School, received a B.S. degree in 1974 from Texas Tech University where he was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps program. He is a member of Pi Tau Sigma and Tau Beta Pi.  
His wife, Janice, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Olen Renfro of Tahoka.



Debbie Pinkston

## FHA High Point Girl Of The Month

At the FHA meeting on December 10, Second Vice - President Janie Barrientez named Debbie Pinkston high point girl for the month of November. Debbie is a freshman at Tahoka High School and has been an active member in FHA by working in the concession stand and helping with the program at the November meeting. She was presented with a red rose.

## Phebe K. Met Dec. 9

On December 9, Phebe K. Warner Club observed its Christmas meeting by having a party at the Colonial Nursing home. The social committee, with Mrs. Binie White as chairman, was in charge of tables and furnished the punch. Other members brought fruit, cakes, cookies, and sandwiches. After serving all the residents of the home, club members presented refreshments. During the serving Mrs. Nan Adams played Christmas songs on the piano.  
For the program, Mrs. Harold Green led everyone in the singing of Christmas Carols. Mrs. Madaline Hegi told the Christmas story as found in Luke, and Mrs. Lady Stewart dismissed the meeting by leading the group in repeating the Lord's Prayer in Unison.

## Bond Sales 60% Of Goal

United States Savings Bond sales in Lynn County totaled \$5,110 during the month of October. Sales for the ten-month period were \$78,447 which represents 60% of the 1975 sales goal for the county, according to County Bond Chairman F.B. Hegi.  
October sales in Texas totaled \$20,266,476 compared to sales of \$21,154,479 during the same period of 1974. Total sales for the January - October 1975 period were \$201,801,647, representing 86% of the \$236.8 million goal for the year.

## ACS Shows Cancer Films

American Cancer Society films were shown at the Catholic churches in O'Donnell and Tahoka. Mr. & Mrs. Isidro Fuentes arranged the showing of the films. Monday, December 8th, a general information was shown to a good crowd in O'Donnell. Wednesday, December 10th, a similar film starring Mr. Magoo, was shown in Tahoka. The excellent turnout for these films demonstrates the interest in the area to learn more about cancer and its seven warning signals.  
The American Cancer Society can provide films to any organization in the county. Their library of films covers a large variety of topics relating to cancer and its cure.

## SPAA Gets Grant

Congressman Omar Burlison announces the approval of a \$17,826 Community Services Administration grant to the South Plains Community Action Association, Inc., and the areas served are Anton, Garza, Lynn, Terry, Yoakum, Cockran, Morton, and Lamb

Counties with headquarters at Levelland, Texas.

The grant will run for two months beginning January 1, 1976 and will provide such services as outreach, referrals, counseling, placement, education training, and general assistance to low income people. Agency will additionally continue programs in economic development, for training and placement.

## Weed Control Meeting Set

A Cotton and Grain Sorghum weed control meeting will be held on January 2, 1976 at 7:00 a.m. in the Tahoka Cafeteria. Dr. James Supak, area Cotton Specialist with The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will discuss weed

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control in cotton and grain sorghum and will provide information on all new herbicides. Mr. James Valentine, area Soil Chemist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will provide information on soil fertility.

A free breakfast will be served to all participating in the meeting.

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About twenty members of the class attended a covered dish luncheon meeting at the home of Mrs. M.C. (Willie) Thomas on Wednesday when she was hostess for the Sunday School Class for women her age group of First Baptist Church. A short Christmas program was presented and gifts were exchanged. Everyone reported a very enjoyable time. Mrs. Bertha Williams is teacher of the class.

Mrs. Fern Hillhouse visited in Comanche the past weekend. She was accompanied on the trip by Thelma Dewbre who visited with the M. L. Greens while there. The two ladies drove down on Friday afternoon and back on Sunday. They reported excellent weather but met the cold front at Post Sun, night.

Going to Lubbock on Saturday, Mrs. Don Carpenter visited with her grandson & wife Billy and Nancy Carpenter when they were hosts to a Pre-Christmas Party that night. A large number of relatives were present and gifts were exchanged as many of those attending will not be together again at Christmas-time. Mrs. Carpenter's children are having carpet installed in her apartment at Golden Manor for her Christmas gift.

Twelve members of the 88 Group had their Christmas party in the home of Ora Curry on Friday night. They enjoyed games, good eats and an exchange of gifts. A beautiful ceramic owl was presented the hostess. The group will not meet this Friday night.

Twelve members of the Tahoka Rebekah Lodge met in the home of Thelma Dewbre on Monday night for their Christmas Party. Each member brought a dish and a lovely meal was enjoyed. Gifts were exchanged and Louise Wyatt entertained with organ selections. As

climax to the party, members prepared 16 boxes of fruit and other food stuffs to be distributed to shut-ins as their Christmas benevolent project.

Leaving here Saturday afternoon, I joined my sister in Lubbock and together we visited relatives in Amarillo where she has two daughters and their families and I have a son and his family. After attending church at Second Baptist Church, where Charlie Jones is pastor, the families gathered in the home of Frank Tows on Sunday for a birthday dinner honoring my sister Leta Brown. Mrs. Tow a teacher in Amarillo High is the former Bettye Brown. Returning home on Monday we stopped at the farm home of our cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Styles in the New Deal community and had lunch with them.

Annual Christmas Party for the Past Noble Grand Club will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Massey on this Thursday night. Members are to bring their husbands as guests.

The newly organized "Golden Age" group will have a Christmas Party Friday night at 6:30 at Pythian Hall. Come, bring a friend and a gift to exchange.

## File For Office With County Clerk

Anyone wishing to file for office in Lynn County should file at the Lynn County Clerk's office, according to Woodrow Brewer, County Chairman. Mr. Brewer lives in the country which makes it inconvenient to file with him and he will go by the Clerk's office and sign the form for you.



Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Caraway

## Caraways Will Note Golden Wedding Day

A reception from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, December 21st, in the Community room of the First National Bank at Tahoka, will honor Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Caraway in observance of their golden wedding anniversary.

The former Pearl Johnson moved to Lynn County in 1922 from Brady, Texas. Cecil Caraway lived in Lynn

County 53 years. They married Dec. 19th 1925 in Tahoka and farmed 34 years, now retired and residing in Hico, Texas.

Hosts for the reception will be Mr. and Mrs. Cecil L. Caraway of Hico, Mr. and Mrs. Don Caraway of Lubbock and Capt. and Mrs. William I. Latham of Alabama.

Serving the guests will be the granddaughters, Teri Caraway, Trina Caraway, and Tricia Latham. The color theme will be white & gold. Friends & relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

## Sunshine Club Christmas Party

The members of the Sunshine Bridge Club held their annual Christmas party at the Lubbock Club, Lubbock, Texas, on Wednesday December 10th. A lovely buffet luncheon was enjoyed, and the table decorated in the beautiful Christmas spirit.

After a day of bridge Sue Hagood won high, Jeanne McCord, was second high, and Fredra Townes won the Sunshine prize.

The next meeting will be held in January at the home of Lottie Joe Walker.

## Record Hop Friday Night

The Tahoka High School junior class is sponsoring a "Record Hop" by radio station KLLL of Lubbock, Friday night, Dec. 19, from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Tahoka Community Center. Admission will be \$2.50 per person and proceeds go to the junior class.

# WILSON NEWS

BY PAULA KIRBIE 628-3611

## Birthdays

December 23, Brent Brieger, Dec. 24, Wilbert Wuensche, Kenneth Cawthron, Dec. 27, Angelia Zavala, Dec. 28, Kent Gatzki, Dec. 30, Stan Meador.

## Anniversaries

December 20, Mr. and Mrs. Lupe Zavala, Dec. 21, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hamilton, Dec. 22, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lichey, Mr. and Mrs. Don Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Daniell, Mr. and Mrs. Stew Rice, Dec. 27, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Meador, Mr. and Mrs. E.K. Sheperd, Dec. 29, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones.

## Christmas Holidays

The students will be dismissed on Friday, December 19 at 2:30. This will start the Christmas Holidays. School will start back on January 5.

## Basketball

The Jr. High will be playing Southland on January 5, at 5:00, there. The boys A & B, and Girls A will be playing.

The High School A Team will be playing in the O'Donnell Tournament this weekend, December 19, 20. The girls first game will be Friday at 8:15 a.m.

# First Christmas Carols

The first carols were dance songs, or ring songs, sung by villagers around a Maypole, or to celebrate other festive occasions throughout the year, during the Middle Ages. Later they became more exclusively associated with Christmas.

The word "carol" derives from the Greek and Latin word "chorales" meaning "chorus." The phrase, "Christmas Carols" first appeared during the 16th century in England in little songbooks printed by Wynken de Worde and Richard Kele.

**DANCE CAROLS** — Best examples of these rounds or ring dances are still to be found in Sweden, where people dance around the tree singing many rollicking songs. Elsewhere, dance carols are merely sung, although many of the tunes are known to inspire dancing feet.

**SHEPHERD CAROLS**, of and about the shepherds to whom the angels appeared, and their coming to the stable with humble gifts are the most human and appealing accounts of Christ's birth. They were sung to accompany the vivid portrayals of this scene in the medieval "mystery" plays, which were common in England as well as all other European countries. Best known today is the traditional English carol, "While Shepherds Watched."

**LULLABY CAROLS** were among the earliest Christmas songs and like all cradle songs have a rocking, lulling rhythm and a simple melody. "Cradle rocking" carols or "Kindelwiegen" were a part of the church ritual in Germany and Austria.

A good example of this type of carol is the 16th century English carol, "What Child Is This?" which was sung to the 16th century dance tune, "Greensleeves." Another is the 19th century American anonymous carol, "Away In A Manger."

One of the most beautiful of all lullaby carols is the "Coventry Carol," which was a part of one of the English medieval "mysteries." It is sung by a group of women, portraying Bethlehem mothers just before Herod's soldiers slaughter their babies.

**CAROLS OF THE MAGI** — The arrival of the Magi with precious gifts for the Christ Child is the most picturesque and colorful part of all Christmas pageants. The Magi songs all tell this rich, spiritual story. Among the most familiar of these to Americans is "We Three Kings," the words and music for which were written by John Henry Hopkins, Jr. in the 19th century.

**NATIVITY CAROLS** — There are many varieties of these. The first hymns in honor of the Nativity were written in Latin during

the 5th century, when Christmas was established as one of the great feasts. It was not until the 13th century when St. Francis of Assisi invited his friends to write in their native tongue. Nativity Songs were written for the people to sing. From Italy, these Nativity songs spread throughout all Europe.

Two of the most familiar of these are: "Joy To The World," written by Watts in the 17th century and "Stille Nacht" (Silent Night) by Joseph Mohr. The original was called for a guitar accompaniment.

**LEGENDARY CAROLS** spring from the folklore of people throughout the world, inspired by superstitions and pre-beliefs. One thing they have in common is that they all tell a story.

Most well known of these is the traditional English "I Saw Three Ships" or "The Boar's Head Carol" both from the 16th century. The latter is still sung at Christmas dinner at Queen's College, Oxford, as the boar's head is ceremoniously brought in. "Good King Wenceslaus" by J. M. Neale in the 19th century is about a fervent Christian Duke of

Carols of custom deal with Christmas customs that have been attached to Christmas celebrations. The yule log and the holly hells with boughs of holly come from the Hebrews, Romans and other ancient peoples whom the evergreens were symbolic of triumph over death. The wreath originally from the ivy crown of the Romans in Bacchanalian festivals was the Anglo-Saxon drink "Waes-Hael" which means "Be healthy" and which was part of Early Saxons.

"O Tannenbaum" (O Christmas Tree) the traditional German carol of the early days of wandering would always leave a grove of trees in the middle of the land they cleared.

**CAROLS FOR THE TWELVE** — During the 6th century, the 12 days of Nativity to Epiphany were celebrated season, celebrated in medieval times by many gay customs including banquets, caroling and "mumming" originally was a sort of pantomime performed by masked and costumed actors. Best known of these carols are the traditional English "God Rest Ye Merry Gentles" and "The Twelve Days of Christmas," based on an old French rhyme and

## T.T. Morales Rites Held

Services for Tomas T. Morales, 74, of Wilson were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Wilson with the Rev. James O'Conner, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Morales died Wednesday in Mercy Hospital in Slaton. Born in Mexico, Morales moved to Lynn County in 1949. He married Victoria Vara, August 21, 1924, in Uvalde County. Morales was a retired laborer.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Tomasa Luna of San Pedro, Calif., and Mrs. Lucia McCain of San Francisco, Calif.; five sons, Juan of Fullerton, Calif., Rey of Tahoka, Richard of Slaton, Chon of New Deal and Antonio of New Home; a sister, Mrs. Maria Ortiz of San Antonio, 23 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

## DECA

Denise Jones, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Jones. She is employed by Mr. Eual Davis at Soil Conservation Service. Denise has been a member of F.H.A Co-op Homemaking Project Chairman and Decca Secretary. Denise's job is customer service, Book-keeping and typing.



Denise Jones



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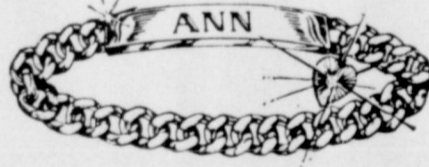
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**Lynn County News**

fiscal year 1971 it took 1.63 days for the average first class letter to reach its addressee. In the fiscal year that ended last June, it took 1.56 days.

That's hardly a picture of deteriorating service, is it? During the fiscal year 1975 we regularly delivered properly addressed local first class mail overnight at least 95 per cent of the time. There were some service delays during the pre-Christmas season, when our daily mail volume doubled, but such delays have always prevailed under those circumstances. Even so, mail service for Christmas, 1974, was also the best on record.

We have moved recently to upgrade regional and cross-country service for first class mail to a level previously accorded to air mail. This eliminates your need to use air mail postage for long-distance mail service.

The upgrading will reduce by as much as a day -- in most cases from three days to two -- the time required for a first class letter to be processed and delivered across the country.

Every reliable indicator we have tells us that mail service is substantially better than before -- it moves more dependably, more quickly and fewer pieces are missed. But there are still those who claim service has deteriorated.

When an occasional letter is delayed, or does go astray -- all the on-time letters and packages are forgotten in the rush to castigate the Postal Service.

When you think about it, it is astounding that the overwhelming majority of the nearly 90 billion pieces of mail gets through on time, without incident.

One idea that is frustrating to us is the notion that each increase in rates must be met with a parallel improvement in service. This assumption completely ignores the fact that the same impact that inflation has on the individual family or business is felt by the Postal Service -- but in much greater measure, because we must purchase a great deal more in goods and services than the average individual or business.

It costs you twice as much to fill your car's tank with gas as it did a few years ago. But you don't expect your car's gasoline mileage to double.

Hamburger costs twice as much as it once did. But we don't expect a pound of hamburger to go twice as far or be twice as good.

Remember the five-cent Coke? At 20-cents or more it still tastes like a five-cent Coke.

Some of you may remember the luxurious house you could once buy for \$15,000 -- 10 rooms, three baths and a four-car garage, in the best part of town. And the daily paper that sold for three cents -- a nickel on Sundays.

The list of items that have gone up in price but not in value could go on endlessly. So why is that people expect mail service to keep improving in leaps and bounds when we are forced to increase rates?

I firmly believe that any fair-minded person, objectively considering the facts, would have to conclude that while postage has indeed risen, the increases have generally kept with price changes throughout the economy.

And compared to many other industrialized nations, our rates are still a bargain. Converting the local currency to our own, in Germany it costs almost 20 cents to mail a letter... In the United Kingdom, 18.3 cents... In Sweden 21.1... In Japan, 16.8 cents... Australia, 23.5 cents... France, 18.4 cents.

And in the United States, as of December 28, 13 cents. The Postal Reorganization Act requires that the Postal Service, within certain boundaries prescribed by Congress, establish rates in such a manner as to cover, as nearly as possible, the overall costs of operating the Service.

We came close to meeting that goal in fiscal year 1972, our first year of operation, and extremely close -- considering we're a 12-billion-dollar-a-year operation -- in fiscal year 1973, when our loss was 13 million dollars.

But then we found ourselves caught in a bind between inflation -- ever-rising costs -- and an inordinately slow rate-making process that drove us into an untenable financial situation. The result was a deficit, last fiscal year, of nearly a billion dollars.

This year things look worse. Even with a rate increase we anticipate a huge deficit. One of the reasons is that when the Postal Rate Commission finally did okay a rate increase for the Postal Service, it was too little, too late.

It took us two years, from start to finish, to get the Postal Rate Commission to determine that the 10-cent stamp and other postage rates were necessary to cover postal needs. And then, by the time the decision was made, those rates were no longer adequate to cover our needs.

I know of no business that could have survived those two years of double-digit inflation without increasing its prices.

So, while the independent Postal Rate Commission pondered, the Postal Service deficit mounted -- not because of incompetence, but because of bureaucratic red tape in a time of raging inflation.

The red ink may be ours, but the red tape wasn't. Those are the why and the wherefores of rates and service.

Now let me tell you about some of the things we are trying to do to reduce the red ink.

Knowing that under existing circumstances the Postal Service cannot possibly make ends meet, the Postmaster General has asked Congress to grant temporary relief in the form of an additional public service appropriation, to cover the difference between revenue and costs, for the next two or three years. During this period, the Postmaster General proposes, a study commission should determine what costs should reasonably be charged to the mailer, and what costs should be borne by the general taxpayers as "public service" costs.

He has also asked the Congress to revise the ratemaking process, to make it more responsive to the actual monetary needs to operate a viable postal system.

In making the proposals, the Postmaster General made it clear that the Postal Service cannot, in good conscience, ask the public to pay higher prices for postage unless it is willing to make sacrifices of its own. So he ordered a service-wide belt-tightening program, aimed at cutting postal expenditures as close to the bone as possible.

Here are some of the elements of that program: We have taken steps to implement nationally, as soon as feasible, a program to increase productivity by equalizing the work requirements of letter carriers. Most carriers now work an eight-hour day. The Letter Carriers' Evaluation System will try to assure that all of them do.

We have applied a strict limitation on filling postal vacancies from outside the Postal Service. We have put a lid on all but the most essential overtime work, and even that must be approved by the next highest level of authority, unless it is directly connected with the distribution and delivery of the mail.

ties they represent do not suffer a cutback in essential services. Rural delivery service, frankly, represents better service than many of these small offices can now provide. The GAO report found that, in those areas where he have instituted rural delivery in place of a small country post office, nine out of ten customers were pleased with the change. Only one in ten preferred going to the village post office to pick up the mail, rather than having it delivered to the rural box.

Our office, of course, will not be affected by the new closing policy. The types of post offices that might be eliminated under the new policy are like these which have recently been closed: Drum, Ky., which served no families, had receipts of \$105 from transient customers, and cost \$3,801 to operate; Rosebud, Ill., which served six families, had annual receipts of \$573, and cost \$5,587 a year to operate; and Kelly Ga., which served 16 families, had annual receipts of \$1,802, and cost \$7,337 a year to run.

In the four short years since the Postal Service began full operation we have brought to the Postal Service constructive labor-management relations that represent a fair bargain for the American people -- the type of positive relations geared to avoid the kinds of strikes, work stoppages and other labor problems that have plagued many foreign postal administrations. The cost to this country's commerce from destructive labor relations -- from confrontation negotiations rather than true collective bargaining -- would be enormous. We think we have averted that through a fair contract.

The quality of mail service has improved. It is better, more timely and more dependable.

After a two-year wait, rates have increased, but only enough to keep us in business. I wonder how many of you could have gone through those two years without a pay raise or, if you operate a business, without increasing your prices? Even if Congress did have control of the rate-making process, as some have proposed, it would cost no less to send your mail. You'd have to pay the bill, either through postage or through taxation.

We've done a better job of cutting costs and holding the line on expenditures. Appointments and promotions within the Postal Service are made on the basis of merit, not, as was often the case in the fairly recent past, on the basis of political pull.

In short, we're proud of the job we do. And it's going to get better.

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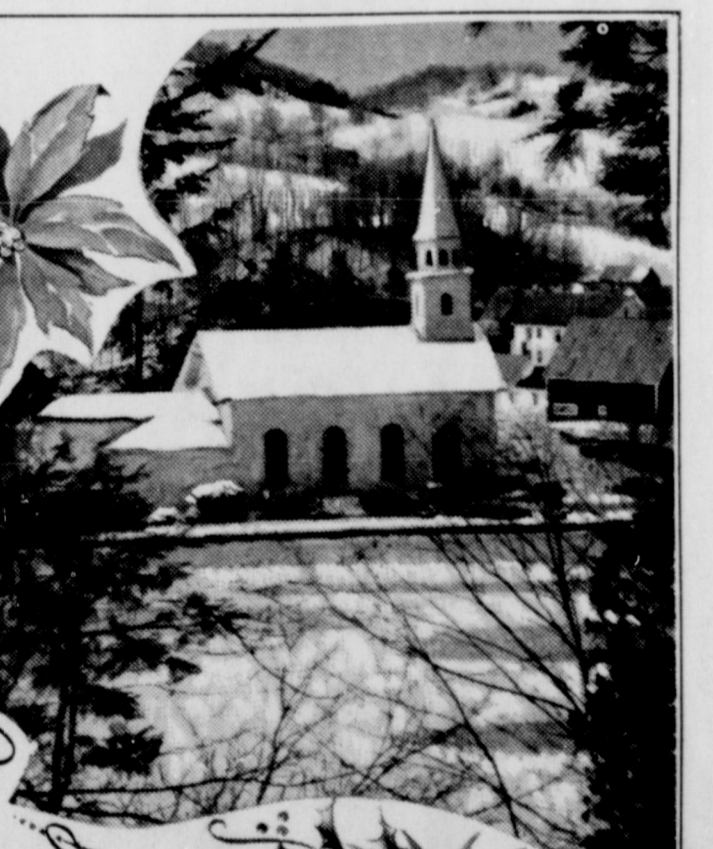
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**Rate Increase Necessary**

Service has a program necessary to solve the service's problems, Charles Townes said, and the General wants to see the expenditures on the bone as...

Henry Wheeler Shaw, whose writings under the pen-name "Josh Billings" were popular in the mid 19th Century, once observed, "It is better to know nothing than to know what ain't so."

I'd like to use this opportunity to dispel some of the things you may now believe you know about the Postal Service which simply "ain't so."

And, more positively, I'd like to share some truths about the Service which I think you will find interesting and enlightening.

All of us who work in public service get a certain amount of criticism. The Postal Service certainly gets its share of it plus, I'm afraid, a goodly portion beyond that.

We expect and welcome constructive criticism. We have even been accused of being masochistic about it. We recently introduced a new Consumer Service Card program that actually encourages people to bring their criticisms to us, or to make whatever comments they wish about the Postal Service.

But what concerns me is that a rising tide of unwarranted and plain wrong criticism may actually be reaching such a point as to cloud the improvements we have made in your mail service over the past four years.

One of the most often heard remarks about mail service these days is that it has declined since it was relinquished by Congress and turned over to the Postal Service.

Now, that simply is not true. There has been a decline, all right -- a steady one -- but that has been in the average number of days it takes from the time of deposit to the time of delivery of a letter. In

closing small Postmaster stepped out the Post Office, active arm of a report said the Postal close 12,000 and save \$100 without a price. Master defended rates and the performance of the year system 700,000. "In it took 1.63 average first to reach its the fiscal year, it took 1.56

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## Grain Sorghum Plans Demonstration Project

"We do not know your grain sorghum, but we should!" was the response of Boris Runov, the Soviet Union's Deputy agricultural minister, as he and members of a five-man U.S. grain sorghum trade team made tentative plans for demonstration feeding projects in Russia.

The meeting with top Russian agricultural leaders climaxed a three-week seminar tour of Europe and Russia by the team, representing the U.S. Feed Grains Council, Grain Sorghum Producers Association and the Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board.

Runov told team leader Elbert Harp, GSPA - TGSPB executive director, that his people "would like to cooperate with you in demonstration work with poultry and pork to illustrate

the value of grain sorghum."

The grain sorghum promotion team is the first official market development team to be permitted into the Soviet Union. The invitation from Runov followed a visit last year by him and his top aides to the Lubbock area where they studied sorghum production and utilization.

Team members included Harp; Jack King, GSPA - TGSPB research director; Dr. Lloyd Rooney, cereal chemist from Texas A&M University; John Baumgardner, animal science professor from Texas Tech University and Dr. Halvor Kolshus, U.S. Feed Grains Council European director.

While in Moscow, the team conducted a five-hour seminar designed to acquaint the top Russian agricultural leaders with the

nutritional feeding value of sorghum. The talks, highlighted by slide presentations, covered the origin of sorghum, hybrid development, chemical characteristics of the kernal, feeding value of sorghum compared to corn and price comparisons.

Harp pointed out that because grain sorghum is not included in the recent US-USSR grain pact, there are no sales restrictions. "Russia can buy all the sorghum it needs without prior approval of our government," Harp said. "But now they are reluctant to buy sorghum because they know so little about it."

"The Russian grain crop is reported to be at disastrous level this year, which creates an unusually strong need for them to import more grain," Harp said. "This should be a good opportunity for grain sorghum sales in the future."

The team's visit to Russia, arranged by U.S. agricultural attache Roger Neetz, is a part of GSPA - TGSPB's continuing market development program, carried out overseas through the U.S. Feed Grains Council. In

## Hospital News

Dec. 9 Thru Dec. 15 Admissions

Earline Tippit, Cal Huffaker, Pablo Zamora, Myrtle Connally, Amy Barrientez, May Evans, Mathew Miller, Francisca Guerrero, Houston Bain, Juanita Sanchez, Ramon Salazar, Glenn Jackson, Dayton Parker, Jane Hair.

Dismissals

Monroe Stice, Bobby Swinford, Eula Stewart, Danny Candillo Jr., Jose Zarate, Joy Spears, Nancy Pearson & Baby Girl, Earline Tippit, Cal Huffaker, Mathew Miller, Francisca Guerrero, Juanita Sanchez.

Remaining

Ambrosia Reyes, Cruz Guerrero, Helen Jean Sims.

Transferred

Ollie Riddle.

In addition to the Moscow seminar, programs were presented in nine European countries including Poland and Yugoslavia.

## Lynn County News

## Mohair Industry Prospects As Goat Shearing Nears

AUSTIN--Fall goat shearing is nearing completion throughout Texas at a time when the mohair industry appears to be on the upswing.

This year's production is expected to compare favorably with 1974 production of 8,400,000 pounds, halting the steady decline that has been the rule over the past several years, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White reported.

The kid crop for the season also is expected to increase in Texas.

During a sale, adult wethers between \$1.90 and \$2.44 a pound, well above the average of \$1.40 clip averaged and \$2.44 brought \$2.95.

Texas produces 90 percent of U.S. exports almost entirely to foreign countries.



Mr. & Mrs. Orville Stanley

## Mr. & Mrs. Stanley To Be Honored Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Orville J. Stanley will observe their 50th Wedding Anniversary at a reception Sunday, December 21, 1975 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ Annex 2320 Lockwood, Tahoka, Texas. Their children and grandchildren will host the reception.

The former Esther Nelson

and Orville Stanley were married December 24, 1925 in the home of the bride near Close City, Texas. They have lived and farmed in Lynn County since that time. A year ago they moved to Tahoka and now reside at 2028 S. Second Street.

All their friends and relatives are invited. No gifts please.



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## Farmers Need To Educate Consumers

The crying need for the farming interests of America to present the true role of agriculture to the rest of the nation was emphasized in a talk at the Rotary Club Thursday noon by U.S. Senator Jerry Litton of Missouri.

He was not here in person, but the talk was a film arranged by David Sprayberry, and brought to light many truths and corrected false impressions about agriculture, especially in regard to prices.

The speaker on the film pointed out that 20 years ago, the average citizen spent 32 percent of his spendable income for food. Today, he spends less than 16 percent for food.

Not too many years ago, the farmer was in good position in legislative halls, but today Congress and Government is dominated by urban people who know little or nothing about agriculture. Too often, the farmer is being made the scapegoat for high food prices.

An urban colleague in Congress recently asked Litton, "When can we be able, again, to buy steak for \$1.00 per pound." And Litton told him, "Since you have been in Congress, your salary has jumped from \$15,000 a year to more than \$40,000, and next year it is scheduled to reach \$50,000." He said that got his point across.

The speaker made for farm organizations and farm-related people to get together on a program, quit

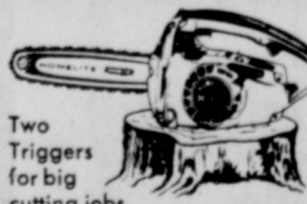
bickering among themselves, and present their problems and the role of agriculture to the rest of the nation in a united and understandable manner.

The talk, spiced with a lot of humor, proved very entertaining and instructive, and contained true facts that need to be presented through the news media.

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Up and Down Again... A Better Buy... Prospects Brighten.

Farm costs are up, farm prices are down. That's the summary of the latest agricultural price report from the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

Parity is now down to 73; a month ago it was 76, as was the case a year ago. Only two commodities - oats and mohair - are above parity.

Meanwhile, prices paid by farmers showed a six per cent increase compared to a year ago. Lower prices for livestock feed were noted, but higher prices were paid by farmers for clothing and motor vehicles.

Hog prices showed a big decrease, averaging \$47.60 for November, which is \$7.20 under a month ago. Parity for hogs is \$48.80.

In other categories of livestock, beef cattle averaged \$31.20, up \$1.50 from a month ago but still more than 50 per cent below parity ratios. Calves averaged \$26.60 compared with parity at \$68.90. Sheep prices were only a dime below parity, averaging \$15.90.

Most crop prices are under levels of a month ago. Wheat averaged \$3.54 per bushel, which is 50 cents under a month ago and more than a dollar below parity. Grain sorghum averaged \$4.04; that is 42 cents under a month ago and \$1.16 below parity. Cotton price average in Texas, at 43 cents, is under a month ago and about half of the parity level.

Eggs showed an increase of 10 cents per dozen from a month ago; mohair was about 25 cents per pound above parity; oats were 19 cents a bushel above parity.

All this points up to one fact of agricultural life: while prices farmers receive decline, the cost of food to the consumer is continuing to increase.

**STILL A GOOD BUY FOR CHRISTMAS** this year is Texas farm produced food. One of the good buys you should consider now is citrus. The quality of grapefruit coming out of the Rio Grande Valley continues to be excellent. Another good suggestion is Texas pecans, now being harvested throughout the state.

**MEANWHILE, WHEAT AND OAT FIELDS** generally are making satisfactory progress, but a rain is needed to push them along; some areas report grain fields dying due to lack of moisture.

The only major crop yet to be harvested in the state this year is cotton. Harvesting of that commodity is more than 50 per cent complete.

**PROSPECTS FOR A GOOD COTTON YEAR** in 1976 are now shaping up, according to a number of economists and forecasters.

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CAN YOU GUESS WHERE the photograph above was taken? Maine? Vermont? Upper New York State? Actually, it was taken in what we have come to associate in our minds as "sunny California!" Photograph courtesy of The Oakland Museum, Oakland, California.

The romantic and beautiful snow scene above, so typical of Christmas and Santa's world, was taken in Loomis, California, about 1919.

Loomis is northeast of the capital city of Sacramento. Sacramento itself embraces the site on which Captain John A. Sutter, in 1839, arrived and started building the adobe house that became famous as Sutter's Fort. This seemingly undramatic act set the stage for the colorful and turbulent gold rush.

California is a land of stark contrasts. Tropical flowers bloom in mid-winter in the south, and oranges ripen within sight of snow-capped mountains. Only a few hours away from snow-covered ski trails, bathers sun on sandy beaches.

The Sierra Nevada, the coldest part of the state, has experienced freezing temper-

atures even in the summer. Winters are long and severe and some of the peaks are snow covered all year. Although snow is nearly unknown in the valleys of the central and southern coast, at Tamarack, in the Sierra Nevadas, the yearly snowfall averages about 454 inches.

Early in 1960, the winter Olympic Games were held in Squaw Valley, high among the Sierra Nevada mountains. Athletes from about 30 countries competed.

Christmas in California has many moods — like its weather and geography. Spanish and Mexican traditions and customs flavor the holiday as well as those brought to the west, when the frontier was settled.

California's ever-growing population draws together at Christmas, in the spirit of peace and brotherhood that mark this holiday all over our great nation!

## Christmas Trees For Ecology...

Many people believe that the cutting of trees for Christmas "robs" nature and destroys a portion of our forests each year, but the truth is that nearly three-quarters of such trees are raised specifically to be cut at Christmas-time. Most of the remainder are "thin-ning"—young trees cut in forests to improve the growth opportunities for other trees.

Forestry experts and nurserymen point out that young, growing trees give off more oxygen and absorb more carbon dioxide than mature ones, so that the cultivation of Christmas trees actually helps the ecology. In contrast, they say, the manufacture of artificial trees uses up valuable energy and natural resources, which are not recoverable.

After Christmas, discarded trees can be used in various ways to benefit the environment. Even if you live in a city, ecologists suggest, you can help by getting in touch with a local conservation organization or commercial nursery.

## Mae Gerhard's Gingerbread Creche

(Enough for 1 nativity set)

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| ½ cup shortening                       | 1 teaspoon soda      |
| ½ cup dark brown sugar (firmly packed) | ½ teaspoon salt      |
| ½ cup molasses                         | 1½ teaspoons ginger  |
| 3½ cups flour (sifted)                 | 2 teaspoons cinnamon |
| ½ teaspoon vinegar                     | ½ cup buttermilk     |

Cream shortening, sugar and molasses together. Sift flour, salt, soda and spices together. Blend first mixture, alternating with vinegar and milk. Chill for 1 hour. Roll dough out to ¼ inch. Use wax paper pattern and cut with knife, dipped in flour. Remove the pattern. Transfer the dough to a greased cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 15 minutes in 375° oven.



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## GREETINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

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# Holiday Fun Prompt Party Ideas

gatherings just turn into parties — relatives drop in, greetings, and sudden it's a party! Games designed for the season can spur the fun.

Large or small, planned or impromptu, following are suggested.

"break the ice," when all of the guests are not well acquainted, is to play a game. A Christmas game can be played by pinning a name tag on the guests. "Santa's Angel" on the other side of the card. Then the guests are to guess his name.

Another way to start a party is to have a little game. Have a little card with the names of the guests and the words "Christmas."

has the object in his hand is out. This continues until the circle is reduced to one — the winner!

### Pin the Star

Children never tire of exciting party games, while the adults may need a rest. One game that is loads of fun for kids to play and adults to watch is a seasonal version of "Pin the Tail on the Donkey." This one is "Pin the Star on the Christmas Tree."

It's easy to cut a large shape of a Christmas Tree out of green construction paper and tape it to a wall or door, making sure it is low enough for the littlest guest to reach the top.

Each child gets a paper star with tape on the back and takes his turn being blindfolded and spun around. The one who can place his star closest to the top of the tree wins.



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Dear Santa,

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Thank you Santa for giving me the boxes. I am going to put your picture of you and Mis. Santa on my Christmas tree. I can't find out what is in the boxes. My mom wants a dress and my dad wants a wach. I will see you an Christmas dear Santa and Mis. Santa.

Thank you  
Love Christy Smith

Dear Santa Claus,

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Dear Santa  
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Dear Santa,

I love, you Santa Claus. Dear Albert I will go too. I love you Kent.

Albert

Dear Santa,

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I love you,  
Doug Lawson

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Johnny Morin

Dear Santa Claus

I love you. you or a good Sonto claus I want a bike I wich that you will bring a doll and a kite.

Norma Hernandez.

Dear Santa Claus,

I love you I want a doll. I am a good gril. I hoep you will come at crismos.

Mary Ann Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a racing bike and I want to no is that your beard and I will be at the levelroom I hope to see you I hope you will breag me a racing bike I love you Santa very very much.

Love, Richard Calvillo.

Dear Santa Claus,

I Love You

Mitchell Hammonds

Dear Santa,

I am 7 yers old my name is David Rainld. I live in Tahoka Texas. I want a bb gun and a new bike a tyco race track. And a tos across.

Thank you  
David Rainld.

## Christmas Trees Recycled To Balance Our Ecology

Each year whole forests of young spruce trees are chopped down in their prime and displayed with decorations as Christmas trees in millions of American homes. After the two-week holiday season, they are discarded.

But Christmas trees can now be recycled. They can be given a second life in which their organic components can be put to work nurturing other life. A machine known as a wood chipper instantly reduces them to valuable garden mulch.

This mulch retains soil moisture and can be applied on top of snow to protect bulbs and stems of young trees and shrubs. Also, this coarse sawdust-like stuff is as good as salt or sand for improving traction on icy driveways.

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## Discarded Christmas Trees Help Prevent Beach Erosion

Each year, hundreds of volunteers from several Long Island communities gather discarded Christmas trees in order to implant them in the fragile dunes of Fire Island across the bay, which helps to prevent the sand from being blown off and washed away.



Tranquility. Serenity. Peace. May these treasures blanket this joyous season. For our loyal patrons, we're ever grateful.

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# Greetings

The season's warm glow is filling the air with happiness and cheer, laughter and joy.

And as we celebrate this special time, we want to take a moment to thank you for your valued patronage and good friendship.

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# GREETINGS

Our warmest wishes to you and your family for a holiday season that's brimming with glad times and good fellowship. May your blessings be many, enriching your days and bringing you joy.

**WEST TEXAS INDUSTRIES INC.**  
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May the peace and serenity of this holiday season fill you with hearthside warmth. For your kind patronage, our thanks.

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

**WEST POINT GIN**

### Legend, Lore Of Holiday Takes Varied Forms

The belief that Santa has a reindeer-drawn sleigh and was written in 1818 by a villager in Hallein, Austria. Father Joseph Mohr from Scandinavia. An old Norse legend about the goddess Hertha said that she rode on a reindeer's back. Her appearance in the fireplace in mid-winter was thought to bring good luck to the home.

Who invented that popular holiday beverage, eggnog? It has been part of the festivities for so many years that nobody really knows its origin.

One possibility is that eggnog came from the Old English hot drink, sack-posset, which was also made of eggs, milk, nutmeg and sugar.

Mistletoe, said to hold a license for kissing, was renowned in ancient times for many mystical powers. Because of its pagan associations, it was long forbidden in churches.

A German legend held that, if a sprig of mistletoe was carried into an old house, the ghosts of the house would appear and answer questions.

#### Mistletoe for Luck

Today, mistletoe is hung in doorways at holiday time. Kissing beneath it brings good luck to those fortunate enough to meet there.

In ancient times, it was believed that mistletoe had more control over luck, good and bad. A bit of mistletoe hung over a doorway was said to ward off evil.

A later belief held that mistletoe boughs hung for Christmas had to be removed by Candlemas Eve (February 1), or each leaf would bring forth a goblin to harass the household for the rest of the year.

## Holiday Blends Many Customs

"Anybody feasting or observing Christmas day in any way shall pay a fine of five shillings."

And so, throughout New England Pilgrim settlers had to treat Christmas as just another working day. Governor Bradford noted that "no man rested all day" on December 25, 1620, say the editors of Encyclopedia Americana.

Today, in the United States and Canada, Christmas celebrations are a colorful blend of customs from many lands. The main features of the holiday festivities are much the same everywhere—Santa Claus, Christmas trees, gifts, greetings, feasting, family visits, carol singing.

Each of these customs has its own history, and for the student of holiday lore and legend, the fascination lies in the variety of traditions brought by settlers from other lands and assimilated

into what is now a truly American, or truly Canadian Christmas.

#### Displaying Tree

The custom of the Community Christmas Tree began in the early 1900's with the people of Pasadena, Calif., who decorated a tall evergreen on Mount Wilson with lights and tinsel.

Madison Square in New York and the Common in Boston were the scene of trees set up in 1912. In 1914 Independence Square in Philadelphia had its first holiday tree.

Around each of these trees choirs gathered and sang carols. The custom of lighting the National Community Christmas Tree in Washington, D.C. began in 1923 when the University of Vermont sent a large tree to President Calvin Coolidge.

## Christmas in New Mexico

New Mexico, Land of Enchantment, is so called because of the beauty of the land and the history of its people. The Spanish conquerors who came to the area from Mexico, in 1540, to search for legendary gold, found only six small villages where Indians lived. The conquerors named the Indians Pueblo, a Spanish word for village.

In New Mexico, at the Santa Domingo Indian pueblo, the Christmas season is honored with a four day long, sacred ritual dance.

At 2 A.M. Christmas day

it starts. After mass, the Indians gather in the church with everything from green branches to colorful costumes. The dancers call their ceremonial dawn, when they their sacred plaza, they continue through the day.

The children dance the second day, and third, the older men take over. The entire pueblo day-long ceremonies last day, so ending the celebration.




**Christmas Greetings**

Let your spirits ride high this season with good tidings, warm hearts, and happy trails. And to all our kind patrons goes our sincere gratitude.

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Jerry Guin - Mgr.

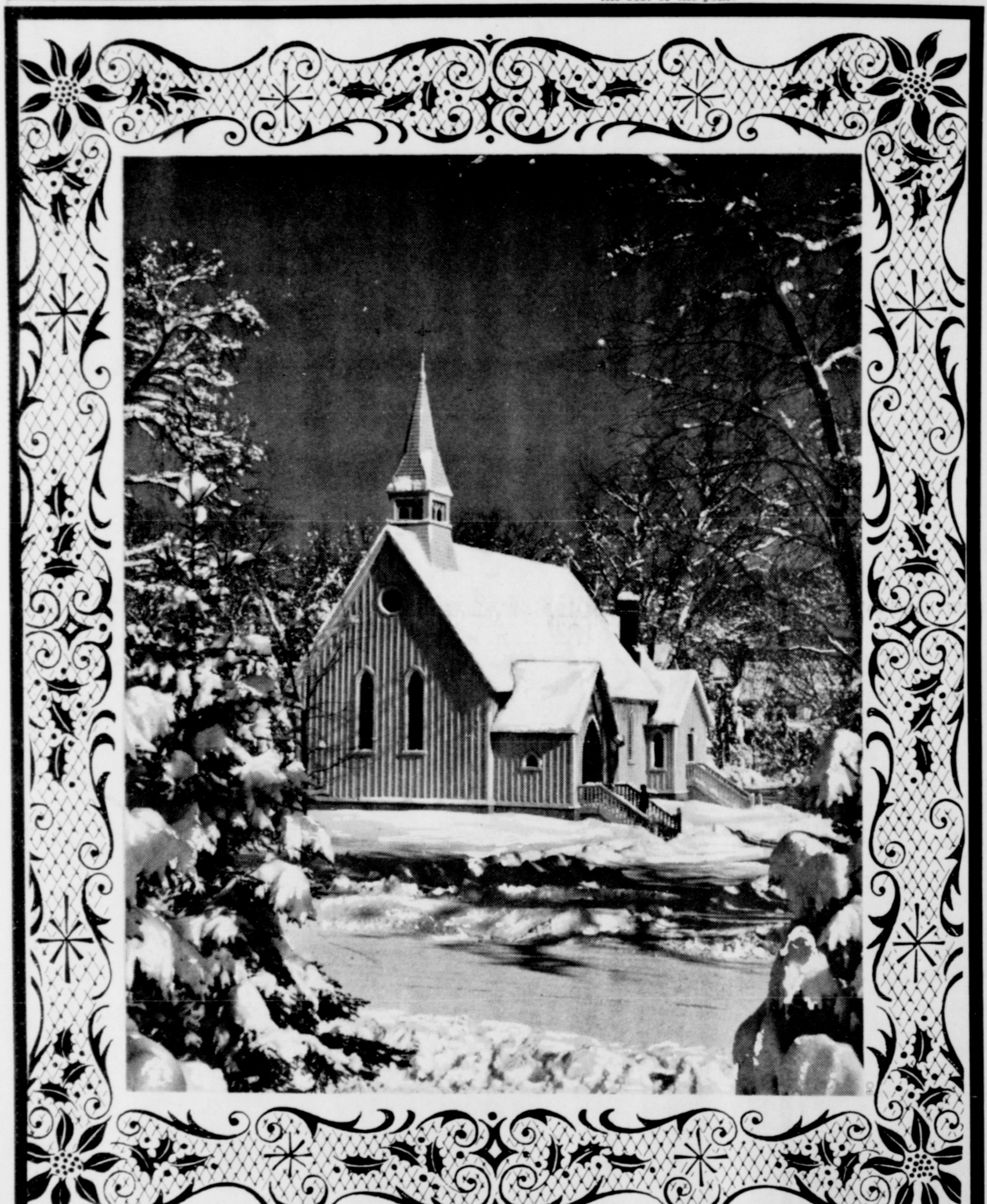
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Robert Harvick  
Lynn County Farm Bureau, 998-4320

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#### Add Special Touch

In Quebec, customs from France lend their special touch to a Canadian Christmas.

France gave Canada the "creche," gatherings after midnight Mass with family and friends, savory pork pies called "tourtières," collecting gifts from door to door for the less privileged persons of the community.

After mass on Christmas Eve, the people of Quebec gather at homes of loved ones to participate in a night-long feast called "revelion."

#### Performing Pageant

From Germany came the Nativity pageant, and the first play of this sort in the U.S. was performed at the German Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity in Boston, in 1851. Children dressed as Oriental shepherds offered gifts to the Christ Child at the altar, singing carols at the same time. The gifts were later distributed to the poor of the parish.

**Israeli Project Creates Biblical Zoo**

A grassy 10,000 acres in the Negev, 25 miles from Eilat, has been transformed into a veritable "Noah's Park" called the Hai Bar which, in Hebrew, means wild life preserve. Breeding herds of most of the 120 animals mentioned in the Bible have been collected and pastured here.

## Christmas Greetings

The peaceful calm of the land wearing a blanket of fresh snow gives great and simple dignity to His house. As Christians everywhere proudly celebrate the Birth of the Saviour, we take pause to offer a prayer of thanks for the good and wondrous teachings bestowed upon us through Him. May your holiday be filled with true joy and peace...

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### SCIENTISTS TELL ME ...

Robert L. Haney, Science Writer  
Texas Agricultural Experiment Station

#### Speed in Horses Is Only Partially Due to Heredity

Speed, beauty and courage in horses have all been combined in a breed we call the Thoroughbred. Though we know it was developed in England, its early genetic history is obscure. The breeding of horses for the sport of racing was established on a firm footing with the restoration of Charles II in the latter part of the 17th century.

All modern Thoroughbreds trace in male line of descent to only three stallions: the Darley Arabian (1700); the

Byerley Turk (1680); and the Godolphin Barb (1724).

Today, the breeding of horses for sport is more popular than ever and constitutes a multi-billion dollar industry. It's not uncommon for Thoroughbred yearlings with fashionable pedigrees to bring better than \$100,000 while other equally good looking animals of less illustrious pedigree sell for a few thousand dollars.

A recent sale of race horses in Houston, Texas, grossed \$1,250,000. There's much interest in Texas in Thoroughbreds; in fact, the Texas Thoroughbred Breeders Association numbers 700 paid members. That's the largest in the U.S.

A scientist, working with genetics at Texas A&M University, was fascinated by the wide variation in the sale price, which depended mostly on pedigree, of these young animals.

"Is such a variation justified on the basis of differences in the genetic potential for racing ability? How heritable is racing ability?" asked Dr. Nat Kieffer, geneticist.

A recent study by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station was made to determine the importance of genetics on racing ability of the Thoroughbred. The study was supported in part by the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders of Texas Foundation.

All three-year olds which raced over North American tracks in 1971 were used in the study made by Kieffer. There were 6,458 fillies and 7,113 colts and geldings which were sired by 3,228 different stallions.

The racing ability of an individual horse was determined, through computer comparison, as the number of lengths (one length=8 feet) the horse would win or lose to other horses in a typical race. Each horse was given a rating called the Performance Rate.

The average horse, Kieffer theoretically determined, would have a Performance Rate of zero. A horse which had a Performance Rate of +12 would in an average race theoretically finish 12 lengths in front of the average horse.

Likewise, a horse whose

Performance Rate was -12 would theoretically finish 12 lengths behind the average horse and 24 lengths behind one with a +12 Performance Rate.

Statistical analysis of the data showed that racing ability in the Thoroughbred is about 40 percent heritable. This means that on the average only about 40 percent of the difference in racing superiority of one horse over another is due to differences in heredity. The remaining 60 percent of the difference is due to such factors as nutrition, state of health, and abilities of jockeys and trainers, Kieffer explains.

So, after nearly three centuries of selection for speed and stamina, it should still be possible to improve racing performance through selections of superior stock for future parents.

However, Kieffer cautions, one should be aware that heredity, while important, is still less than 50 percent of what determines the racehorse's speed. What's most important about this study is that the knowledge gained here will aid in the breeding improvement of all horse breeds.

For example, in an earlier study of cutting horses, Kieffer found that cutting ability in a horse was less than 10 percent due to heredity. This emphasizes the importance of environmental factors which you can control. When purchasing horses it's doubly important to know whether you're buying desirable genes or superior environment.

Genes are a permanent, transmissible investment whereas environmental factors are not.

#### Camels Are Most Picturesque of Bible Animals

Camels and Christmas seem to go together. The Three Wise Men used camels in their stately journey to Bethlehem to the scene of the Nativity. They have a rather regal bearing that has become an integral part of the Christmas picture.

The camel sees objects at great distances and scents water long before the driver spots an oasis. A great asset in desert travel is its "extra stomach" and a storage bin in the hump which enable it to travel long distances without food or water. The camel is also known for its snarly temper and foul breath.

The camel's gestation period lasts a year, and produces only one offspring at a time. The baby camel stands 3 feet high at 8 days. It suckles its mother's milk for a year.

#### The Bible Gives Sheep Deep Significance

Authorities disagree as to what kind of sheep existed at the time of Christ. Three varieties exist in Syria and Palestine today, sprung from the three wild sheep groups still found in Asia.

(1) The Asiatic mouflon, depicted on Sumerian vases from early Babylonia, supposed to have been domesticated around 3,000 B.C.

## Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,  
I want a nurf-mobile. I have been a good little girl, so has Les'lie & Jona. Les'lie wants a Holly Hobby Doll and Jona wants a Trans Am.  
Love  
Dene' Valentine

Dear Santa:  
My name is Kurt Bryan and I'm 5 years old. My mother is writing this letter for me since I can't write yet. Would you please bring me a racing car track, drums, a Evil Kneivel, a trumpet, some coloring books. I'll leave you some milk and cookies on the coffee table.  
Kurt Bryan

Dear Santa  
I have Been good this year.  
Please bring me Bless you Baby Tender love, a bike with Training Wheels, and a surprise.  
Love,  
Amy

Dear Santa Claus  
I have been a good girl this year.  
This is what I would like for you to bring me for Christmas.  
A barbie doll, jewelry, roller skates, cash register, Mr. potato head.  
Love,  
Nita Stice

Dear Santa,  
I want A baby thataway. A baby that can walk and crawl.  
Lupe Gutierrez

Dear Santa  
I want a John Deere Tractor.  
Paul Lopez  
age 5

Wishing you a holiday packed with good wishes and our thanks.

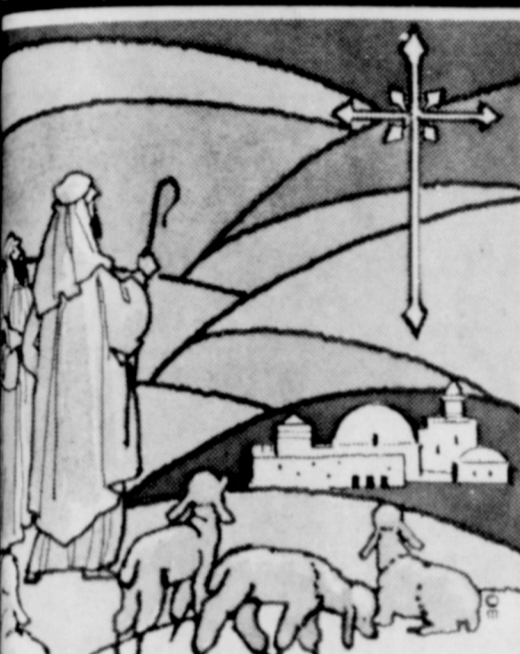
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Box 294  
Tahoka, Texas 79373  
Dear Santa Claus, and Mrs. Santa Claus  
Ronnie Dunn is being nice. And I want a chain saw and a Drill and a Boxing Deal and a Putt Putt race track and a hammer and some tools.  
With Love  
Ronnie Dunn

Dear Santa Claus  
I am five years old. Would you please bring me a bike. I want some soldiers and a teeter totter watch. And bring my baby sister some baby toys. Merry Christmas Santa.  
Mark Vega

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me a sit & spin 9 a bunch of toys. Please fill my stocking with candy canes & stuff. I have been a good little boy & don't forget the other kids in Tahoka.  
Thank you,  
Timothy Young

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a tricycle. I also want a GAF good guys view-master and a Nerf mobile truck. I am four years old and Mark is by big brother. Please bring my baby sister a toy, too. Bye Santa and Merry Christmas.  
Abraham Vega



## Silent Night, Holy Night

That night, long ago, a dazzling star guided shepherds to our Savior. On this holiday we hope the radiance of the season guides you to a happy and loving Christmas. Thanks, all.

From Everyone at the

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## Greetings

To you - the merriment that comes with trimming the tree, waiting for Santa, opening his gifts. To you - a holiday season bright with good cheer and warm with good fellowship. And to you, our sincere and hearty thanks for your patronage.

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**JOYOUS CHRISTMAS**

Rejoice at the Birth of the Heavenly King.  
Special thanks.

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# Merry Christmas

It's Christmastime. The land is cloaked in white serenity... hearths are aglow with golden embers of warmth and homeliness... peace and happiness fill the air. With our deepest appreciation for all the blessing bestowed upon us, we reach out to our friends and neighbors to share with us the joys of this Holy Season.

**Goodpasture Grain & Milling Co.**  
TOM AND DOROTHY HALE

### Scholars Study Source of Star Shining in East

"There shall come forth a Star" — Numbers 24: 17.

In this Old Testament prophecy by Balaam, was a real star meant, or does "Star" refer to a great person?

For centuries, Biblical scholars have considered this question. Many believe that the prophecy led the wise men to watch for and follow the "star in the east," of which St. Matthew wrote in his story of the Nativity.

The star itself is the source of many theories. Perhaps the best of all is that it was

a miraculous appearance and as such needs no explanation.

However, astronomers through the ages have sought to connect the star seen by the wise men with other reported celestial objects — a comet, perhaps, or an especially brilliant star that only appears at long intervals.

Still another theory suggests that the star may have been a configuration or grouping of planets. In 1604, the German astronomer Johannes Kepler theorized that Jupiter, Saturn and Mars

might have occurred in such a configuration at about the time of Christ's birth.

The fact that the star and the visit of the wise men were described only by St. Matthew has led to still another question. Did only the wise men see the star?

That they were so privileged is sometimes explained by the legend that the wise men were astrologers whose special interest helped them to notice the unusual brilliance of the three planets grouped together.



MINIATURE CHRISTMAS TREE, John Rieck applies the final touches to one of his charming creations.

### Goats Also on the Domestic Scene

Practically every family in Bible times owned at least one goat. A family could get almost their whole livelihood from the products of a goat. From goat hair, tent and garment cloth, curtains and pillows were made (1 Samuel 19: 13). Water bags, a vital necessity in these desert areas, were made of goatskin. Food products included milk, cheese and meat. Even the horns of the bearded goats were used.

### Kissing Under Mistletoe

The word "mistletoe" derives from the Anglo-Saxon "mistel-tan." It is a parasitic plant which grows on evergreen trees, with small yellowish-green flowers and waxy white, poisonous berries.

Under a sprig of mistletoe men are by custom led to kiss any women standing under it. This is supposed to first remove one of the berries and then sent it to the woman. When all the berries are gone this kissing game is over. It is thought this comes from an early pagan marriage rite.

Mistletoe was considered sacred by the Druids of ancient Britain and they performed elaborate ceremonies around it at the winter solstice. Because of these pagan associations, it is seldom used in church decorations.

### a wish for all



May the beauty of Christmas be an inspiration to you and bring pleasant memories and much happiness to all our friends... we say "Sincere Thanks."

Stitch & Sew

Janey & Jimmy McMillan

### Word 'Manger' Has 2 Meanings

The Bible tells us that the newly-born Christ-child was "wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger," a word derived from the French "mangeoir" or frame to hold animal feed.

It is interesting that the other common English word for a cattle-feeder, crib, which is derived from the German krippe, also means a baby's bed.

Even the French word crèche, which is often used to describe the nativity scene displayed in churches, homes, and other places at Christmastime, has the double meaning of "mangeoir" and a public shelter for the care of infants.

### MAGIC OF MAGI

Believed to have occult powers, the Wise Men were called Magi, the root of our words magic and magician. Magi were held to be magicians or soothsayers. They were also ancient priests who travelled far away to many lands in order to establish a following.

### Festive Cocktails For Teetotalers

**MOD-FASHIONED:** Chilled cola and lemon and lime soda mixed half-and-half. Pour over ice cubes and add orange slices, pineapple spears and maraschino cherries.

**NEW TWIST:** Chilled orange juice and quinine water mixed half-and-half. Serve as is or over ice cubes.

**SCARLET SLING:** Season chilled tomato juice with dashes of Worcestershire, Tabasco, lemon juice and celery salt. Insert a celery stick stirrer.

**RUSSIAN SOUR:** Mix equal parts of chilled strong tea and cranberry juice. Add frozen, concentrated, undiluted lemonade to taste. Add an egg white for every 4 cups and shake until frothy. Serve with orange slices and maraschino cherries.

### The Legend of the Christmas Rose

According to legend a little shepherd girl from Bethlehem followed the shepherds on their way to the manger. All the shepherds had gifts for Jesus but the little girl had none. She felt very sad and unworthy about this and hung back from the others. Just before they reached the stable, an angel appeared in a blaze of light and scattered lovely white roses before the little girl. So she gathered them up and laid them before the manger.

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### "Feast of Lights" in Merrie Old England

Over 1400 years ago, the Council of Tours decreed that the celebration of Christmas should continue on for twelve days through Epiphany, which falls on January 6th. This day, also known as "The Feast of Lights," is still observed by many churches.

It became customary, through the centuries, for the reigning King of England to open Twelfth Night revels by throwing dice. In the 17th century, Charles II played for high stakes, winning 150 pounds one year and losing 100 pounds the next, both tremendous sums

for that period. Festivities included choosing a King and Queen of the feast. Slices of a plum cake containing a bean and a pea were served and the man who got the bean and the woman who got the pea were crowned King and Queen. With toasts to the royal pair, the party got into full swing. Revels wound up with final kisses under the mistletoe. Before sunrise, all the Christmas greens had to be taken down because of the prevailing superstition that a goblin would appear for each leaf that was not removed in time.

### Decorator Icing

2 cups confectioner's sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 egg whites  
Food coloring

Beat egg whites until stiff. Gradually beat in sifted confectioner's sugar. To add food coloring, divide into individual bowls. Add coloring to each bowl until correct shade is obtained. Spread with knife or use decorator tubes or "paint" on with paint brush.

### Egg Yolk "Paint"

2 egg yolks plus food color  
Apply with paint brush.



### Glad Christmas Tidings

May the gala old-fashioned spirit of the holidays brighten your lives and hearts... thanks for being such good friends and patrons.

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Joyce Pebsworth                      Karon Lawson



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# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Rejoice! It's Christmas. During this holiday of heart warming thoughts we wish you peace and happiness. Thanks for your support.

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Dear Santa Claus  
 I like you to bright me a play Christmas tree for me and Im sister. I like a grile magic for Christmas. And I Like a book about cookings.  
 Your friend  
 Linda Tenorio

Dear Santa Claus  
 How are you I am fine. We got our Christmas tree on. We are waiting for our presents. Well Santa what I want is a jeleler magic. It is a thing to make jewler to wear. Santa you are a very nice friend. And I'm shore you can buy me something. May be I would like shrink magic. Well I don't have nothing to say. But I want is to come down here by Santa.  
 Love  
 Sally Gomez

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a Baby Alive. We are going to by a Chrismas tree Saturday. We are waiting for the presnest. I am going to save some cookies on a plate.  
 Your freind  
 Love Kyle

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I like you very nice. Santa you are very nice. Santa I like this year of December. Santa I like you very much. Santa Claus I want a Baby Alive, maybe you can get me one. and I want a Baby That way. I  
 Your frinad Johnny



wishing you a holiday crammed full of the treasures and delights of a wonderful Yuletide! To you and yours,  
 Merry Christmas.

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 Helen Jaquess



**Our best wishes at Christmas**

**gens & Son Pump Service**

**Merry Christmas**  
 To all the girls who wear pretty things, and to their families and friends, our greetings and thanks. Do have a lovely Christmas.

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never had one of those. Santa I have a lot of friends. Santa Claus I love you so much. When I going to have does dolls. I am going to be happy. Santa Claus. I am 10 year old. Santa you are nice very nise my mme is Marivel.  
 Your Marivel

Dear Santa,  
 I like a grile magic for Christmas. And I like a dog and a doll. I like a book about cooking. And I will leva some cookies. Milk. A I will leva a prest for you ok.  
 Love Jennifer Lea Nava

Dear Santa  
 I like you very mouch. I would like a doll that has long hair. I would like a big Raggedy Ann doll. I would like shink Mggic  
 Love Marisa Castro

Dear Santa Claus  
 I would like a doll I love you very much Santa Claus  
 Your Friend  
 Diana Alonzo

Dear Santa Claus  
 I like Christmas. I want a doll. I love you very much. I like you Santa Claus. My brother had been nice. I like to play with dolls. I love you Santa Claus. You are a nice Santa Claus. I want a doll for Christmas. December is a fun day. I like Christmas very much. My brother wants a model. I am a nice girl. I like to play with doll.  
 Your friend  
 Nancy love Nancy

Dear Santa Claus  
 I would like a polr dear to sleep with and my bruther wants a train and my seter want a bade thet a way my Mon won'ts a big prs and my dad wants a camra.  
 Love Santa  
 From Albert

Dear Santa  
 I want a picture of you. I would like a bike a 3 speed. And I Want my mom to get well. And I Want a doll for chistmas.  
 Love Teresa Sena

Dear Santa  
 This is Scott. Santa I want a Ten sped for chismus. I love you very very much. I have done vary much work.  
 love your freind  
 love Scott

Dear Santa,  
 I like Christmas verey much. For Christmas I would like a minie bike and a football.  
 Your friend  
 Robert

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I would like a BEBE gun If you come to my house I give you a big hug. Are you going to fly in your slead wihit your randear. if you do I will stay all night looking out the window. Maybe I went all the toy  
 Love Sammy  
 your fraind

Dear Santa,  
 I word what a lert tanr for Christmas.  
 I word what a play gont The name fo the gont is a chagball piaul.  
 Love Sant Claus  
 Shawn

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December 9, 1975  
 Box 36  
 New, Home Texas 79383

Dear Santa Claus,  
 How are you doing? I've got so many things to tell you I don't know what to tell you first. Well, I'll tell you what I want first, I want a pooltable, a bike, a trampoline, a bee bee gun, a 7 up maker, a watch. How is Mrs. Santa Claus? Is she fine? I hope so. Well I better go.  
 Your friend,  
 John McCasland

Rt 1 Box 111  
 Wilson, Texas 79831  
 December 9, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I am happy about Christmas. Christmas is fun you can get lots of toys unless your a good boys or girls. Santa I want you bring me a football. One time when my father told me that when baby Jesus was born brought him a Christmas tree.  
 Your freind  
 Manuel Hiracheta

Box 157  
 New Home, Tex 79383  
 December 9, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I would like to see you but I can't come, because I am going to my grandmother's house. I hope you have lots of kids come and see you. I will try to come next year, so I can tell you what I want. I want a basketball and goal. My brother, Jay wants

trucks and a train set.  
 Your friend,  
 Kelly Johnston

Box 213  
 New Home, Tex 79383  
 December 9, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I am writing to you just to thank you for the toys you always give me every year. You send something to me so thanks again. I want a bike and a watch for Christmas. Have a happy Christmas and a happy New Year.  
 Your friend,  
 Oscar Roman Jr.

Box 172  
 New Home, Tex 79383  
 December 9, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,  
 This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Timex watch and a racing track. That is what I want for Christmas. Merry Christmas!  
 Your friend,  
 Max Ortega

Box 283  
 New Home, Tex. 79383  
 December 9, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,  
 For Christmas I want a pool table and that is all. I hope you come. My sister wants a doll. My big sister did not tell me. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I will see you Christmas night.  
 Your friend,  
 Lance Kieth

Box 29  
 New Home, Texas 79383  
 December 8, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a baby Thataway for Christmas. It is a baby that walks and craws. Pretty soon we will put our Christmas tree up.  
 Your friend,  
 Leesa McBrayer

P.O. Box 212  
 New Home, Tex 79383  
 December 9, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I would like something to play with Santa Claus. We might get to go someday over there and I am going to see all the children that are over there with you. I would like a bike and a radio and a typewriter so I can get to

type. I wish it was already time to go up there to see you. I am going to play outside untill you come to my house. Can you come please I want you to come to my house the twenty fifth to my home.  
 Your friend,  
 Rosa Estrada

Route 4  
 Tahoka, Tex 79373  
 December 9, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want to come and see you but I can't because I have to babysit my little cousin. I hope you have lots of toys for kids. I want a jewel magic for Christmas. I'd like to have a jewel magic.  
 A jewel magic is fun to make jewels with. Santa Claus thats what I want. And

I want a watch for Christmas. Merry Christmas Santa Claus. How is Mrs. Santa Claus doing? Is Mrs. Santa Claus doing fine?  
 Your friend,  
 Deloris Maxwell

December 9, 1975  
 Box 154  
 New Home, Tex 79383

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a Timex for Christmas. My brothers want a Bubble gum machine for Christmas. We already have our Christmas tree. We will be nice to each other.  
 Your friend  
 Linda Villarreal

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**GREETINGS OF THE SEASON**

Here's an old-fashioned wish that's still right in style...may your holidays be the merriest!

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 Red-Dollie-Lupe-Pat-Grtrude

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# Mini Christmas Trees, Fascinating And Creative Hobby

According to John Rieck, a New York interior designer who has made a hobby out of creating and decorating miniature Christmas trees, this can be an endlessly absorbing and fascinating pursuit.

Mr. Rieck collects miniature decorations whenever and wherever he can find them. Many antique and curio dealers have learned of his interest, and notify him immediately when any tiny toys or other miniature objects turn up.

One of the best sources for tiny toys are antique doll houses. But other prospects are endless because not all tiny objects are necessarily antiques. When he travels,

Mr. Rieck often makes surprising finds. For instance, he found a shop in San Salvador that had hundreds of tiny Mickey Mouses, which are now part of his collection.

Some ornaments are rare and valuable. For example, he discovered some Austrian wax figures, Hansels and Gretels, that were barely an inch high.

Among the other miniature objects Mr. Rieck is on the lookout for are wax angels, teddy bears, toy dogs, mice, animals of all types, shoes, doll furniture, snowmen, soldiers, sleighs, musical instruments, bells, birds, fruit, trains and cars.

Most of these ornaments are made of wood, wax or porcelain. A few are ivory. Birthday cake candles are cut down to represent tree lights, and colored pipe cleaners are twisted to form interesting shapes.

There are also many inexpensive, small ornaments to be found in variety stores, which is where Mr. Rieck gets the small, artificial Christmas trees. Usually, he enhances them by adding branches for greater fullness and to accommodate more ornaments. The more ornaments the better, according to Mr. Rieck, because people get great pleasure, discovering each individual one.

Some tiny toys are placed under the tree along with match boxes and pill boxes, which are done up in gay wrappings to look like tiny Christmas presents.

Several of Mr. Rieck's trees are priceless as their treasured Victorian predecessors. Some are kept under glass bell jars.

His elaborate creations are probably quite beyond most of us. However, simpler versions can be done by anyone and children, especially. The same type of inexpensive trees can be used and tiny illustrations on Christmas cards can be cut out to serve as decorations. Stars, angels, toys, Santa Claus abound on these cards, many of which are glittering and colorful indeed. They can be mounted on firm cardboard for extra support before cutting them out. (Use gift boxes for this.) Hanging loops can be attached with a needle and green thread. They should then be filed in their proper categories in envelopes or small boxes. This should prove an absorbing project for children and result in an interesting and inexpensive hobby to enjoy the year-round.

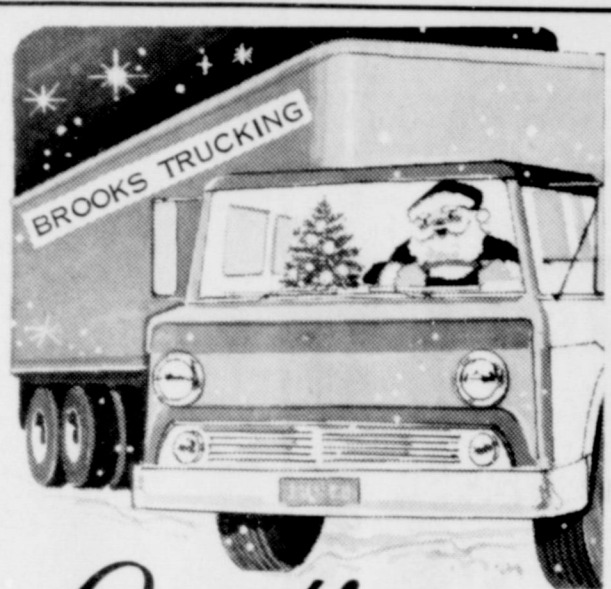
### "THE TWELVE NIGHTS"

In northern Europe, the Teutons observed the winter solstice, calling it Yule. As the nights were long, it was referred to as "the twelve nights."



There's nothing small about our wishes or our thanks! We appreciate your business and take time to wish you every happiness at Christmas.

McCord Motor Co.



## Greetings

Look who's bringing loads of joy and happiness for your loved ones. We enjoy helping you. Thanks, neighbors.

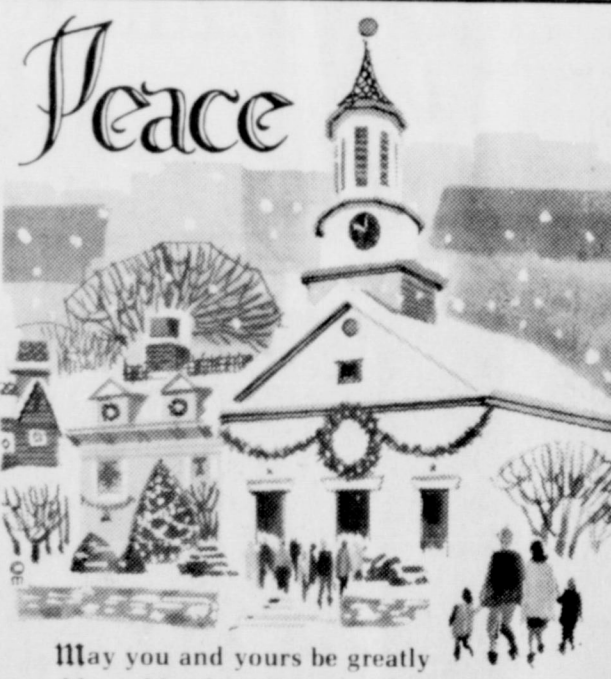
Neely Brooks Trucking



All of the parts that go into a Merry Christmas... grand gifts... good cheer... warm friendship... youthful excitement... all of these we now wish for you and your family. We have greatly appreciated your patronage. Many thanks, and a Happy Holiday!

Tahoka Auto Supply

Wade, Dude, Charlie, Toy, Amy and Adam



May you and yours be greatly blessed by the spiritual radiance of Christmas. For your valued patronage we express sincere Yuletide thanks.

Sherrill Grocery & Station

Gus & Mary V. Sherrill

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# Christmas Eve Tree Trimming Snack

Tree trimming is twice as much fun when everyone pitches in! When the last star is in place and it's time to relax and admire your lovely tree, a cup of cheer and a slice of holiday bread will be welcome.

### Mulled Fruit Punch

- 1 - 46 oz. can orange fruit punch
- 1 - 46 oz. can apricot nectar
- 6 whole allspice
- 8 inches stick cinnamon
- 1/2 lemon sliced thin

Combine all ingredients in large saucepan; bring to boil. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand for 1/2 hour. Reheat and strain spices out. Garnish with orange slices studded with cloves, after pouring into punch bowl. Makes about 20 servings, punch cup size.

### Bubbly Cranberry Punch

- 2 cans jellied cranberry sauce (16 oz. size)
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1 1/2 cups orange juice
- 2 large bottles chilled ginger ale (28 oz. bottles)

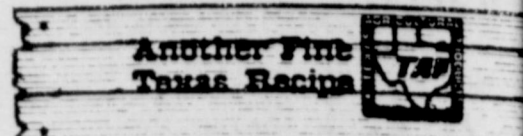
Beat cranberry sauce until smooth and stir in lemon and orange juices. Empty several trays of ice cubes into a punch bowl and pour mixture over them. Carefully add ginger ale and mix. Serve in punch cups. About 20-25 cups.



### Yummy Frosted Holiday Bread

- 1 - 13 3/4 oz. pkg. hot roll mix
- 3/4 cup warm water
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsps. granulated sugar
- 2 tbsps. butter melted (margarine, if you prefer)
- 1/2 cup mixed candied fruits
- 1 cup white raisins
- 1/2 tsp. ground cardamom
- 1 cup sifted confectioners sugar
- 2 tbsps. light cream
- Candied cherries
- Sliced almonds

Sprinkle yeast from hot roll mix over warm water, in large bowl. Stir to dissolve. Add egg, granulated sugar and butter, mix well. Stir in fruit, raisins, cardamom, and flour mix from hot roll mixture. Cover; let rise in warm place about 45 minutes, till mixture about doubles. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead 10 strokes. Shape into ball; place in 9-inch pie plate and flatten. Let rise about 30 minutes, till doubled. Bake in 375° oven for about 30-35 minutes, covering with foil if it browns too quickly. Remove from pie plate and cool on rack. Mix together the sifted confectioners sugar and cream; drizzle over bread. Trim with candied cherries and almonds in wreath shape. Perfect for serving after tree trimming.



### SWEET AND SOUR SAUSAGE WITH RICE

- 1 lb. smoked country-style link sausage
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 can (20 oz.) pineapple chunks
- 1 large green pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 tsp. butter
- 1/3 cup honey
- 3 Tbsp. soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp. vinegar
- 2 Tbsp. cornstarch
- 2 tsp. ginger
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 3 cups hot cooked rice

Cover and simmer sausage in water for about 10 minutes, in 2-inch pieces. Drain pineapple, reserving liquid. Add liquid to make 1-1/2 cups. Saute green pepper and pineapple about 2 minutes. Add sausage, honey, soy sauce and cornstarch with ginger and garlic; blend in measured liquid. Sauté sausage. Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened. rice. Yield: 6 servings.



# Merry Christmas

Blessed are they who see Christmas through the eyes of a child! May the breathless anticipation of Santa Claus renew our sense of wonder and joy, this happy season. Magical wishes and thanks for your patronage.

Country Store

New Home

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

# O holy night...



May the spiritual peace and joy of Christmas abide with you and your loved ones. Thanks for your generosity.

Charlie, Toy  
Amy, Adam  
Holland



# Christmas Greetings

May sleighbells, laughter and the splendor of a snowy countryside bring you happy joys and a memorable Christmas.

Lyntegar Electric

And Employees

Each passing year brings a deeper appreciation of the pleasant associations and loyal friendships acquired in the course of business.

At this holiday time it seems most appropriate to express our thanks and extend Season's Greetings.

May the coming year bring Good Health, Happiness and Prosperity to you and your loved ones.

TAHOKA DRUG

## Holiday Cheer

is not in things, it is in us.

Wagner

...fulness and content are great beautifiers, and famous preservers of youthful looks.

Dickens

...do not know how cheap the seeds of happiness or we should scatter them oftener.

Lowell

...at signifies wishing and hoping for better times? ... may make these times better if we bestir our-

Franklin

... were made for enjoyment, and the world was ... with things which you will enjoy, unless you ... too proud to be pleased by them, or too grasp- ... care for what you cannot turn to other ac- ... than mere delight.

Ruskin

... every day that is born into the world comes like a ... of music, and rings itself all the day through; ... thou shalt make of it a dance, a dirge, or a life ... with, as thou wilt.

St. Francis de Sales

### ROUND TABLE

King Arthur's Round Table is traditionally believed to have been the site of the first Christmas feast. References to the famous king have been traced back to as early as 600 A.D.

## Burning the Yule Log

The burning of the Yule log is a custom handed down by the English who settled in America. On Christmas eve the log, set on the hearth, is kindled with the remains of the log from the previous year. Many superstitions surround the Yule log. It was thought by some to protect their home from evil spirits, others thought the ashes would help swollen glands! At Williamsburg Lodge, in Williamsburg, Virginia, the burning of the Yule log is still part of their traditional holiday celebration.

### Christmas Eve Legend

In Iceland, Christmas Eve is the holiest night of the entire holiday season. Legend has it that on the night before Christmas, many years ago, dwarfs, elves and other "little folk" danced in the streets.

## Iconography? It's Part Of Today

The ancient Byzantine art of iconography is a contemporary art, too, and very much a part of today. So declares John Paspaliopoulos, leading iconographer and owner-creator of the Byzantine Icons Studio, New York.

He points out that the turn of the century Art Nouveau technique, which has influenced much contemporary art, is related to Byzantine religious art. A non-realistic use of color and flattening of perspective are typical.

As an iconographer, Mr. Paspaliopoulos leads the development of a "Byzantine art of the 20th century."

Assisted by the artists of his studio, he has decorated some 30 churches in the United States. In his native Greece, he has decorated 19 Athens churches.

Like Byzantine artists of centuries past, Mr. Paspaliopoulos works with traditionally authentic egg tempera. He makes his own tempera from egg, vinegar and ammonia. To this emulsion, coloring agents are added.

He makes extensive use of gold leaf, another traditional element in Byzantine art. His work shows his own personal touch but always follows the pure Byzantine style.

### WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS TREE

In 1923, the first National Community Christmas Tree in the United States was set up on the White House lawn. The tree was a spruce from President Calvin Coolidge's home state, Vermont.

The following year, he presided at a ceremony under the sponsorship of the American Forestry Association, to urge the use of living Christmas trees.

### ANIMAL FEASTS

Ancient tradition has it that animals helped spread the joyous tidings of the Birth of Christ. Because of this, barnyard animals in many countries are served a special supper on Christmas eve.

Cattle kneel in their stalls at midnight, on Christmas eve, and for a moment have the power of speech. This belief, an old German legend, has been broadened to include all animals.

### There's Inspiration

As in all forms of art, the story of the Nativity has been a source of inspiration to iconographers through the ages.

The Madonna and Child have long been favorite subjects for icons, while Byzantine triptychs often showed Christ, Mary His Mother and John the Baptist.

Other early iconographers turned to St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra, as a subject worthy of attention. The good bishop is known in legend as the forefather of Santa Claus.

### Tiny Treasure Hunt

The simplest searching game is one in which one person leaves the room while another hides a small object that has been agreed upon beforehand—a small package, some wrapped Christmas candy.

When "it" comes back, he hunts for the object and the other person indicates that he is near it by clapping loudly or saying, "You're warm."

When "it" moves away from the object, the other person claps softly or says, "You're getting cold."

## Italian Foods at Christmas Vary According to Regions

Feasting is an integral part of the Christmas celebration, symbolizing not only rejoicing at the coming of Christ but, also, the spirit of sharing and brotherly love which is characteristic of the season. Like so many other aspects of Christmas, it is a blend of Christian and pre-Christian traditions, strongly influenced by local customs.

In Italy the dishes of the Christmas feast vary widely depending on the region. In the north, for example, the meal may begin with cappelletti ("little hats") stuffed with meat or tortellini, a sort of ravioli, followed by a main dish of meat, which may be anything from roast turkey with chestnut stuffing to zampone, a pork sausage packed in a pig's leg smothered with lentils.

In the area around Rome, the traditional dish of Christmas Eve is "capitone," a large female eel, roasted, baked, or fried, following a religious tradition which prescribes a meatless dinner on Christmas Eve, the Vigilia, or Christmas vigil. In accordance with this tradition, the Roman fish market, held the night of December 23rd, is a peculiar feature of the Christmas observance.

In the south of Italy, the feasting usually begins with macaroni with meat and tomato sauce, followed by chicken or meat in jelly.

Particularly characteristic of Christmas feasting in all regions are sweets: fruitcakes of various types (panettone) and other sweets in which nuts and honey figure prominently.

The Christmas season coincides with the lengthening day and the beginning of the New Year, and from ancient times nuts have been a symbol of fertility and a promise of the next year's harvest, also representing hope for increase in herds and flocks, and the family, as well. The use of honey, the most common sweetener in ancient Rome, was a traditional way of conveying the wish that the new year might be as sweet as the gift.

### Climate Key to Time of Holy Birth

The evidence that the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem took place in the dry season, that is, before the onset of winter, depends to some extent on what we know about the climate of Palestine today, which, scholars believe, is not very different from what it was during the time of Jesus.

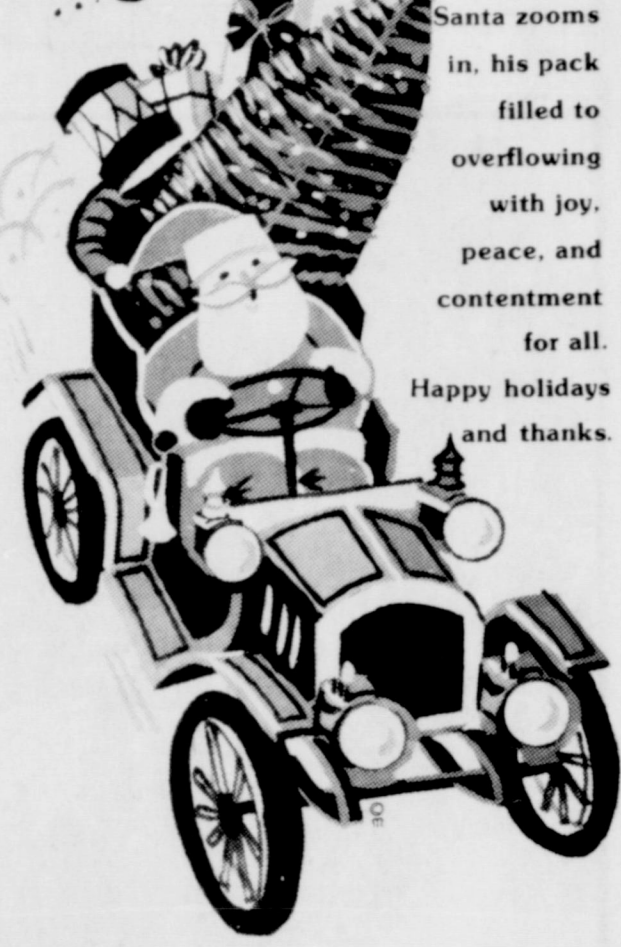


Merry Christmas

We sincerely wish you a holiday season full to overflowing with life's best. Thanks for giving us a very successful year.

Pins N' Needles  
Peggy & Phil Jennings

## Holidays Greetings



Santa zooms in, his pack filled to overflowing with joy, peace, and contentment for all. Happy holidays and thanks.

Quality Cleaners  
Glenda & Irvin Dunagan



## The Spirit of Christmas

May the light of love and understanding that bathed the world on the eve of His Birth shine upon you and kindle your heart with everlasting joy. Let us rejoice as we cherish the blessings of this holy season.

Wells Farmers Co-op Gin



Holiday bells ring out with Christmas happiness and joy ... and our deep appreciation to all our kind patrons.

TOGS & CURLS



## Merry Christmas

May the magic of Christmas unfold within your heart and home bringing special joys and remembrances. As this season of love and cheer arrives we extend warm wishes for a truly happy holiday. Sincere thanks.

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CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

- Cats and dogs
- Boy's nickname (poss.)
- Chairman's mallet
- Camper's shelter
- Sports area
- Transcaucasian people
- Fixes
- Palm cocktail
- Half an em
- A U.S. president
- Thoroughfare
- Confederate general
- Old times (archaic)
- Hint
- Donkey
- Crowds
- Marks of infamy
- Continent (abbr.)
- Spanish priest
- Calyx leaf
- Great quantities (collog.)
- Fragrance
- Hebrew dry measure (pl.)
- Quoted
- Weaver's reed

**DOWN**

- Father or mother
- Level
- Serve
- Gashed
- Oil of rose
- Goatee for one
- Necessitated
- English author
- Sports
- Wise
- Close to a re
- A re
- Over head train
- Russian cavalryman
- Biblical city
- Vipers
- Stems
- Exclamation
- Outer layer of tooth
- Lettuce with dressing
- Loonlike bird
- Untidy
- An
- Iroquoian
- Kick (dial.)

Delaware's Historic Churches . . .

Religion and the Revolution

The story of the American Revolution is interwoven with the patriotism and courage shown by members of the colonial clergy. From the American point of view, freedom of religion, as well as political and economic rights, was clearly at stake in the revolutionary struggle.

Today, the role of religion in the American Revolution is being revived in the historic old churches of Delaware, where American religious heritage has lain dormant in the silent churchyards and shrines for the last 200 years. At the Welsh Tract Baptist Church outside Newark, the military and religious conflicts are dramatically united near the site of the only Revolutionary War engagement fought on Delaware soil.



The mother church of the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware, Immanuel Church stands on The Green in historic New Castle.

In early September, 1777, one of the first Stars and Stripes was unfurled in land battle at Cooch's Bridge. Here Washington's troops attempted to delay the British redcoats at the creek while the Commander-in-Chief and Lafayette hurriedly assembled Continental Army units for the defense of Philadelphia.

Outnumbered, the Americans retreated along an old colonial post road and reassembled at the oldest primitive Baptist church in the country. The fundamentalist religion is still preached on one Sunday each month by self-taught elders in the severely plain meeting house, where the cannon's scar remains evident in a brick- over-portion of the wall.

Old Welsh Tract Church is one of 16 historic attractions on the "George Washington Country Heritage Trail," a self-guided tour of the five mid-Atlantic states, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C., that visits sites associated with the life of the First President. A side trip

to other Delaware churches—all within two hours' driving time—offers an interesting Bicentennial tour of religion in colonial America.

Nearby is New Castle, a small town which served as the capital of Delaware in the early Revolutionary War era and today retains much of its colonial charm. It is believed that William Penn stood on the present site of Immanuel Episcopal Church in 1683 to conduct the solemn "livery of seizen" ceremony, accepting "turf, twig, soil, and water" to symbolize his taking possession of Pennsylvania and the three lower counties on the Delaware River.

Across the village green stands New Castle Presbyterian Church, its interior restored to an authentic pre-revolutionary appearance. In March of 1706, the year Benjamin Franklin was born, the Presbyterian minister from New Castle met with six others from

the middle colonies to organize the first Presbytery in America. The present building was erected the following year and original hand-hewn oak beams, fashioned by expert ship carpenters, still support the gambrel roof of the old church.

Other attractions on the George Washington Country Heritage Trail include the U.S. Capitol, the battlefield which ended the American Revolution at Yorktown, a colonial mill on Maryland's eastern shore, Independence Hall in Philadelphia, and the favorite resort of the colonists, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia.

Oil Nations Buying More Farm Goods

Increased wealth of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has opened up a vast new market for agricultural goods.

Nearly 17% of the increased value of U.S. farm exports in 1974 came from shipments to OPEC, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These shipments jumped to \$1.6 billion last year—more than double the 1973 level.

Iran was the biggest OPEC customer, taking over a half billion dollars of U.S. farm goods. Venezuela ranked second, with \$300 million.

The only OPEC member to import less U.S. farm goods in 1974 than in 1973 was Indonesia. USDA officials attributed this decline to increased competition from such Asian suppliers as Pakistan, the People's Republic of China, and Thailand.

U.S. farm exports to OPEC are expected to increase by \$500-675 million this year, according to USDA estimates. Most of the increases will go to Iran, Iraq, the Arabian Peninsula, and Algeria.

Letters To Santa



Dear Santa Claus, I would like for you to leave me a Weebles West doll and playdoh. I would also like a picture viewer, and some small horses, snoopy playhouse. I have been a very good girl. I will be waiting for you on Christmas Eve.

Yours truly,  
Vanessa Hardt  
age 5

Box 244  
New Home, Texas 79383  
December 9, 1975

Dear Santa Claus, I can't wait for Christmas. I want to see what you are going to bring me. I am going to love to hear that I have been good so I can get something. I want a jet power hockey game, a watch and some clothes. My dog needs dog food to eat.

Your friend,  
Gerry Poul

Route 4 Box 147  
Tahoka, Tex 79373  
December 9, 1975

Dear Santa Claus, I want an Easy Bake Oven, and Jimmy wants an airplane. I hope that I have been good in your book and not on the bad list. Jimmy the same way too.

Your friend,  
Beverly Ann Powell

Box 94  
Wilson, Texas 79381

Dear Santa Claus, How are you? I would like to see you in real live person. I have seen a real live Santa Claus before, only the ones in a news paper or books. I would like a little purse for Christmas. I wanted to by it, but my mother said it was too much. I only cost two dollars and some cents. I wish whos ever behind that costum a Merry Christmas.

Signed,  
Angie Flores

ASTRO-DESTINY

- ARIES** Mar. 21 - Apr. 19  
Plan ahead to get the most out of this week. Be sure the hole in your pocket is sewed to the flow of money.
- TAURUS** Apr. 20 - May 20  
Attempts to learn something new will be enlarged by your aims. You've got the magic.
- GEMINI** May 21 - June 20  
The promises you make now will consume energy, think before you speak. It could be heartache.
- CANCER** June 21 - July 22  
There is an adventurous feel in the air. Your life will have that extra zip. Lucky you!
- LEO** July 23 - Aug. 22  
Try something new - a new skill, a hobby, be more fun than you ever imagined.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23 - Sept. 22  
Children play an important part in your life. Shut them out. You'll be missing a truly experience.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23 - Oct. 22  
Take things easy in the evening and try to for the hectic times in the office this a.m.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23 - Nov. 21  
You may find yourself a bit baffled by the things of the office. Don't be - everyone is on the same boat.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22 - Dec. 21  
Being impulsive can get you into a pack. Resist the urge if at all possible.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22 - Jan. 19  
Now is the time to make up for lost time. Full of vim and vigor and raring to go.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20 - Feb. 18  
Suddenly everything seems to fall into place. Money and happiness reins. It's a good week.
- PISCES** Feb. 19 - Mar. 20  
Your creative ability brings you into the spotlight. A novel way you have of presenting ideas may be successful.

**GREETINGS**

May the joys of Christmas . . . peace, serenity and goodwill . . . bless you, your family and your loved ones. Thank you for your support.

**D & J Implement**  
1229 LOCKWOOD  
998-4411

With fond gratitude for your warmth and friendship, we say **HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

**Twins Fruit Stand**

Letters To Santa

Route 4  
Tahoka, Texas 79373  
December 9, 1975

Dear Santa Claus, I want a sewing set and swimming pool for a Christmas gift and a lot of more things too Santa. I don't know what to get my mother. She needs some Sunday School clothes and she likes lady bugs. At Wards there are some lady bug earrings. Were you at Wards?

Your friend,  
Sherre Bruton

**Christmas GREETINGS**

May the peace and serenity of Christmas fill your heart, your home and your life throughout this blessed season and in the year to come. We take this opportunity to thank you for your continued patronage.

**Bryant's Seed & Delinting**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Santa's cart is overflowing with our good wishes for you and your family. Thanks for letting us serve you... it's been a pleasure.

**Tahoka Food Mart**

**Merry Christmas**

May your Christmas be merry and bright and you kindle the fire of hospitality in your heart and home. To our good friends, warm holiday greetings and thanks.

**Colonial Nursing Home**  
Patients & Staff

Doris Fayo  
Administrator

# Biblical Group of Domestic Animals Present at the Stable in Bethlehem

Scientists have established that domestication of animals first began in the Holy Land several thousand years before the birth of Christ.

The ox, ass, camel and sheep are known as the biblical quartet of animals because of their frequent mention throughout the Old and New Testaments. All of these were probably present in the stable when Christ was born.

Oxen, when mentioned in the Bible, may refer to bullocks, bulls, cows, heifers or calves, all of which belong to the Bovidae family.

The bullock was the young male ox; bulls were male cattle; heifers were young female cows; the ox was a castrated male bovine.

The ox, whose name is synonymous with physical strength, probably originated in Asia and appears to have been the first domesticated animal owned by families in the Holy Land. He was used for heavy farm work. Even the poorest family owned at least one ox.

The word "cattle" originally meant "possessions" in Hebrew and included flocks of sheep, goats and other herded animals.



ANIMAL FROM ISRAELI BIBLICAL ZOO, the Persian onager is a rare breed of wild ass, which, it is believed, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

Photo MICHA BAR-AM

still live here, near Mt. Ararat with almost no effort and some theologians feel that the site of The Garden of Eden may well have been located in this area.

In Bible times, every Palestinian family bought two lambs at Passover time. They killed one to eat at the feast celebrating their safe exodus from Egyptian bondage. The other, they kept as a pet for their children and as a future source of wool for their looms and food for their table. The lamb slept with the children, ate juicy grasses from their hands and drank from their cup. When the animal became full grown, they killed it and put down its meat for the winter, storing it in the sweet fat from its tail. The tail, which sometimes weighed as much as thirty pounds, was a real burden to the animal.

The purity, meekness and loyalty of the sheep for its shepherd inspired writers to refer to Jesus as "The Lamb of God."

The shepherds found compensation for their loneliness in this loyal love from their sheep and in the peace and beauty of the pastoral surroundings, whose revolving seasons they knew intimately, and in the music of their homemade pipes, to which they sometimes trained their frisky goats to dance.

### Emergency Call Numbers

**EMERGENCY AMBULANCE**  
998-4533

**CITY POLICE**  
998-4211

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
998-4505

**FIRE DEPT.**  
998-4122

## Manger Is Theme Of Latin Yule

Though Santa and gaily decked trees often appear nowadays in Central and South America, Christmas is traditionally a time for religious observances.

Mass, at midnight on Christmas Eve or early Christmas Day, forms the heart of the holiday in Latin America, and the creche or manger scene marks the season throughout churches and homes, say the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana.

Bountiful feasts, processions and other special events may provide a festive note, but custom says that gift-giving time is Three Kings' Day—Twelfth Night, January 6th, when the Wise Men brought their gifts to Jesus.

Children put their shoes under the bed or in the window, hoping to have them filled with toys and gifts. Water and hay are set out for the Three Kings' horses or camels.

While many Latin American countries share these traditions and celebrate Christmas in similar ways, each country also has its own special festivities.



## Piñata Fun Gets Break

A joyous Christmas mas tradition for Mexican boys and girls is the breaking of the piñata, a decorated earthen jar.

Sometimes, the piñata may be a caricature of people or animals.

The piñata is suspended by a rope that can raise or lower it. Each child is blindfolded and usually given three chances to poke at the piñata with a stick.

When it's broken, the piñata releases a bounty of delicious fruits, sweets, nuts and toys.

The children scramble to claim as many goodies as possible.

some cookies. I want a typewriter for me I want a easy bake oven with frosting too. Well, Santa Claus I guess this all for now?

Your friend,  
Mary Serna.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Santa Claus I saw you in a lot of places. I wish I had a bicycle. Mabe you can get one for me. You are a good Santa Claus. I want a watch for Christmas. My mother wants some money. My sister wants a doll.

Your friend,  
Robert Griffin

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LETTERS TO SANTA!

Dear Santa Claus  
I like Christmas. My brothers had been bad but fighting and to cry. I love you Santa Claus. And I am a nice girl. December is a fun day. I like you Santa Claus. I like you and I love

Your friend  
Ann

Dear Santa  
I have tried to be good this year.  
I would like to have a mini-bike for christmas.

Love,  
Bill Anderson

Route 4  
Tahoka, Texas, 79373  
December 9, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you? I am fine. I want a doll. I want a friend. I think that you are a nice Santa. We are going to put up our Christmas tree, a week before Christmas. we are going to put our Christmas tree up. How is Mrs. Santa Claus? Please come to my house for a Christmas. We will have a pie and a pot of coffee and

Sincerest holiday wishes with many thanks for your valued patronage.

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TRADITION HAS IT THAT shepherds should take their flock to church on Christmas day. French shepherd pictured taking part in a special holiday celebration which has been in the town of Baux for more than 10 centuries. Photo from the Encyclopedia International.

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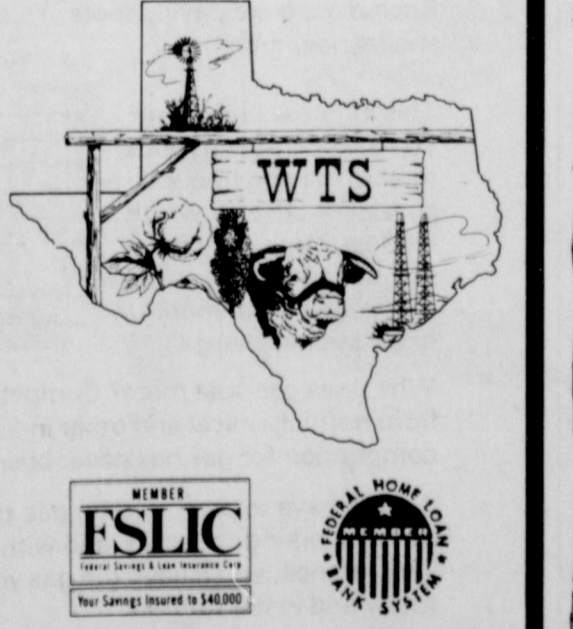
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MADONNA ADORING THE CHILD with the Infant Saint John the Baptist and an Angel by Lorenzo di Credi. Tempera on wood, diameter 36 inches. Courtesy of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rogers Fund, 1909.



THE NICCOLINI-COWPER MADONNA by Raphael, 31 3/4" x 22 5/8" wood. Andrew Mellon Collection. Photograph by courtesy of The National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

## The Madonna and Child in Painting

The Madonna and Child have long been a source of inspiration to artists. The period that produced the greatest works of art of the Madonna and Child, was the Renaissance, though there is evidence of painting of the Madonna long before.

The number of Madonna pictures increased after the Council of Ephesus, in 431 A.D., when the Virgin Mary and Child became symbols of the accepted Christian faith. The oldest paintings were found in the catacombs of the early Christians, built between the First and Fifth Centuries, as places of worship. As persecution of the Christians under Roman emperors became more intense, they took to the catacombs as places of prayer and refuge.

In the catacomb of Saint Calixtus, in Rome, one of the earliest pictures of the Holy Family was found.

Renaissance means the rebirth of the art of classic antiquity. Although dates of this period vary from country to country, it is generally agreed that it began in the late 1200's and lasted into the early 1500's. It was a time in which new styles developed in painting, sculpture and architecture. The society in which the artist lived greatly influenced his art.

Some of the greatest pieces of religious art were produced in this period. Paintings of the Madonna were fewer after the 1600's, but the really important paintings were produced before then.

Fra Filippo Lippi represented a sentimental trend in painting of the Renaissance. His "Madonna Adoring the Child" includes a deep forest background in his painting that shows the youthful mother kneeling before the Child. There is a feeling of light and delicacy in his stirring work "Madonna and Child Enthroned."

Some of the greatest paintings of the Madonna were done by Raphael in the late Renaissance. In his short but brilliant life, he did many paintings much admired by those who painted after him. Though his drawing was based on the study of models, his Saints and Madonnas are idealized representations. Among his Madonna paintings are "The Madonna of The Chair," "The Alba Madonna," "Madonna in the Meadow," and his "Sistine Madonna," originally painted as an altar-piece for the Church of San Sisto. This masterpiece shows the Virgin Mary supported on

clouds with the infant Jesus in her arms. Pope Sixtus II kneels in prayer on one side, Saint Barbara on the other. His "Niccolini-Cowper Madonna" shown above, hangs in the National Gallery in Washington, D.C.

Special mention goes to Andrea del Sarto, called the "perfect painter" by Florentines of the High Renaissance. He produced masterpieces like "The Holy Family," extremely satisfying and popular works of art.

One of the greatest painters of all time, Titian, a leading painter of the Venetian school, affirmed his joy of life in his "Assumption of the Virgin."

Giovanni Bellini, Giorgione, Alesso Baldovinetti, are among the many painters of the Madonna.

The Madonna and Child has been and will continue to be an inspiration to all in the arts, in life.

## Store Pecans Properly For Baking, Snacking

AUSTIN—Delicious, rich Pecan Pie is probably one of the most popular ways of serving pecans, but pecans also are a welcome gift and a favorite addition to a great variety of holiday sweets and snacks, too.

Because pecans become rancid unless stored properly, it is important to know how to take care of them, Texas Department of Agriculture home economists say.

Pecans in the shell will keep fresh and tasty for about a year if stored at a temperature of from 34 to 38 degrees F.

Shelled pecans should be stored in a covered glass jar in the refrigerator. Store in the humidifier or moist air section. Stored in this way, they will keep fresh for about six months.

Vacuum cans of shelled

pecans may be kept right on the cupboard shelf until they are opened and in the refrigerator after opening.

Cellophane bags of pecans come in recipe sizes, so it is easy to buy exactly the quantity needed. Leftover nuts may be kept in the bag if it is resealed with transparent tape. They'll stay fresher longer if kept refrigerated.

Pecans can be frozen, too. Put kernels in tightly covered

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Jingle bells echo through this special night, pealing wishes of merriment and joy to all, from Santa and us.

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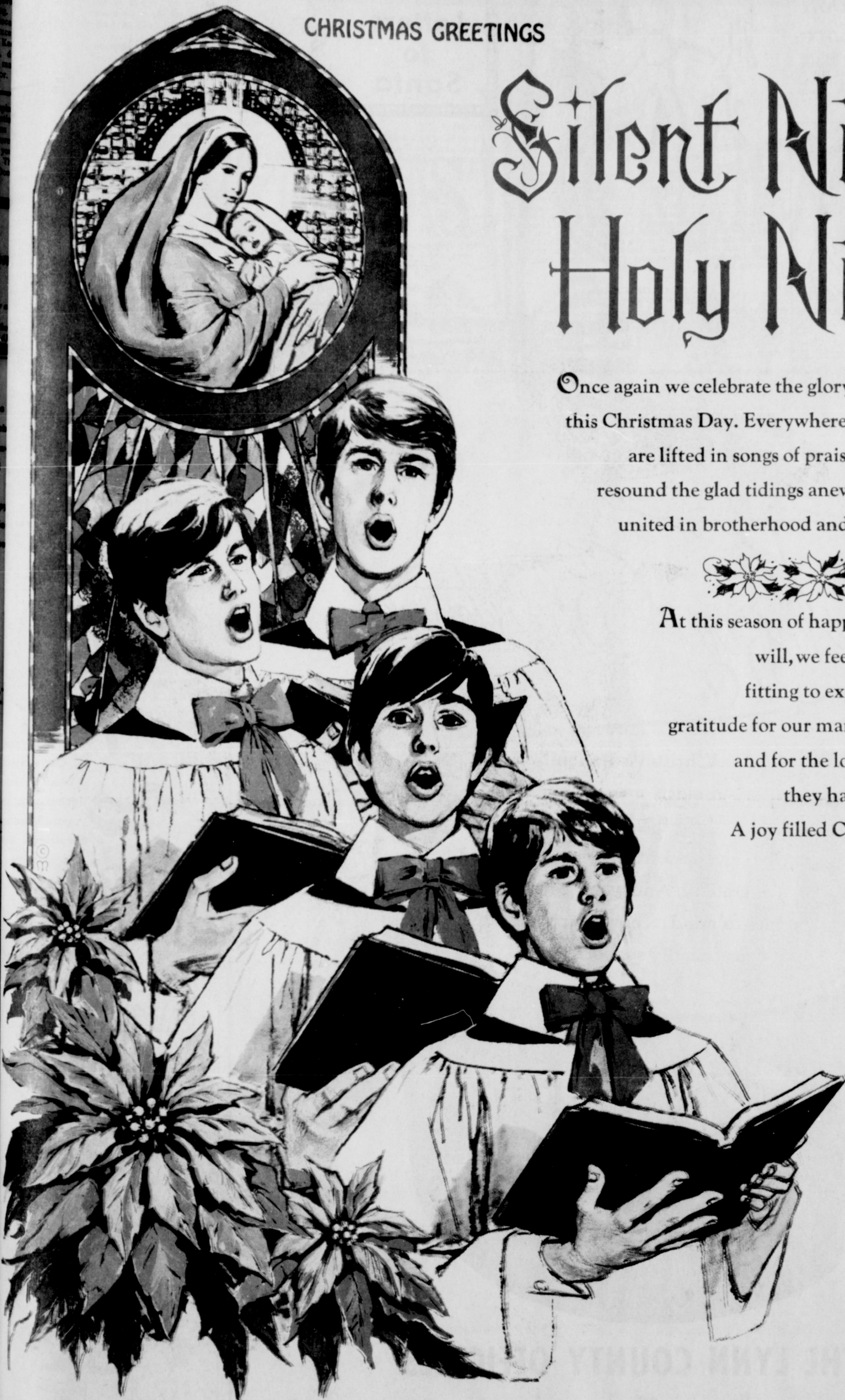
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

# Silent Night Holy Night

Once again we celebrate the glory of His coming  
this Christmas Day. Everywhere jubilant voices  
are lifted in songs of praise.. church bells  
resound the glad tidings anew. We rejoice...  
united in brotherhood and spiritual faith.



At this season of happiness and good  
will, we feel it is especially  
fitting to express our warm  
gratitude for our many good friends  
and for the loyalty and trust  
they have tendered us.  
A joy filled Christmas to all!



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### Make a Stocking Doll for Someone You Love

There must be at least one or two little girls on your Christmas list who would love to own a stocking doll! Since it will be an unusual and original gift, it will be treasured twice as much. Simple directions here provide a basic doll that you can dress in any way you wish.



Using a stocking or long sock, cut the pieces as shown. Sew the bottom of the body and stuff with clean rags, kapok or cotton and then tie the neck. Take the head in at the back if it looks too large for the body. Sew arms and legs and attach. Tie body in middle to make a waistline. Use bright red thread to stitch mouth and nose and make button eyes. Attach wig piece and fringe at bottom or braid. Yarn can be used for the hair also. Dress doll in any way you choose. Story book characters like Heidi or Cinderella make charming dolls. . . . costumes can be copied from a favorite book.

#### SHEAF OF GRAIN A SCANDINAVIAN CUSTOM

Scandinavian farmers traditionally practice the custom of attaching a sheaf of grain to a pole and placing it out in the snow as a Christmas feast for birds, often with suet added as an extra treat. It is said that no peasant would sit down to Christmas dinner until the birds had been provided for.

## JOYOUS Greetings

May the blessings of Christmas be with you today and always.

Thanks to you all.



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## Letters to Santa



Dear Santo,  
Please bring me a doll that can eat, and a play house, and a baby alive, and a tv.  
Thank you.  
Your friend,  
Patricia Zuniga

doll but its name is baby that way and a swimming pool  
Thank you  
Your frinde,  
Carla Ash

Dear Santa,  
please bring me a wagon, and bring me a car, and bring me a bicycle Thank you  
Christopher Colon

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicyc and a little manic, and a hat and a Kofuo Thank you.  
your friend  
Buck Stringer

Dear Santa,  
Pleass bring me a cowgirl suit, watch, play house, a

Dear Santa Claus,  
I like you San I won't a jl Joe I won't a walkie talkie I won't Some toy's I won't  
Love Ty Botkin

Dear Santa Claus  
I wont a pool table I hope you try to bring it at my home I will like to leave you some mik wint you go to my home.  
I love Jerry Alvarado

Dear Santa Claus  
I've bin very very nice. You will have something waiting for you. And I want a winter cap and a white hunting vest. My family likes you very much. I hope you leave somethigs for my family.  
Your very best frinde,  
Love Darin Hartman.

Dear Santa Claus  
I wont a pom poms. I wont a toy. I wont a doll. I wont a Cheerleader dress. I wont a radio. I wont a shoes. I wont clothes. Please pass through my house brobrthers and sestr are good  
Dora Luna

Dear Santa Claus  
I won't a ppv you are a nise p and a love Santa Claus and giv me she won's a Mini bike  
Love Shelley Brooks

Dear Santa  
I you to a dade and mi Mather you to you to you I you a landras and i you to tres landras and mi sestrs I am rare tv and mi Mather yous a ranuren and I you a ranuren hr mi you rs rnat baregu tlorsrs I you ant gam and I love  
Margie Rivas

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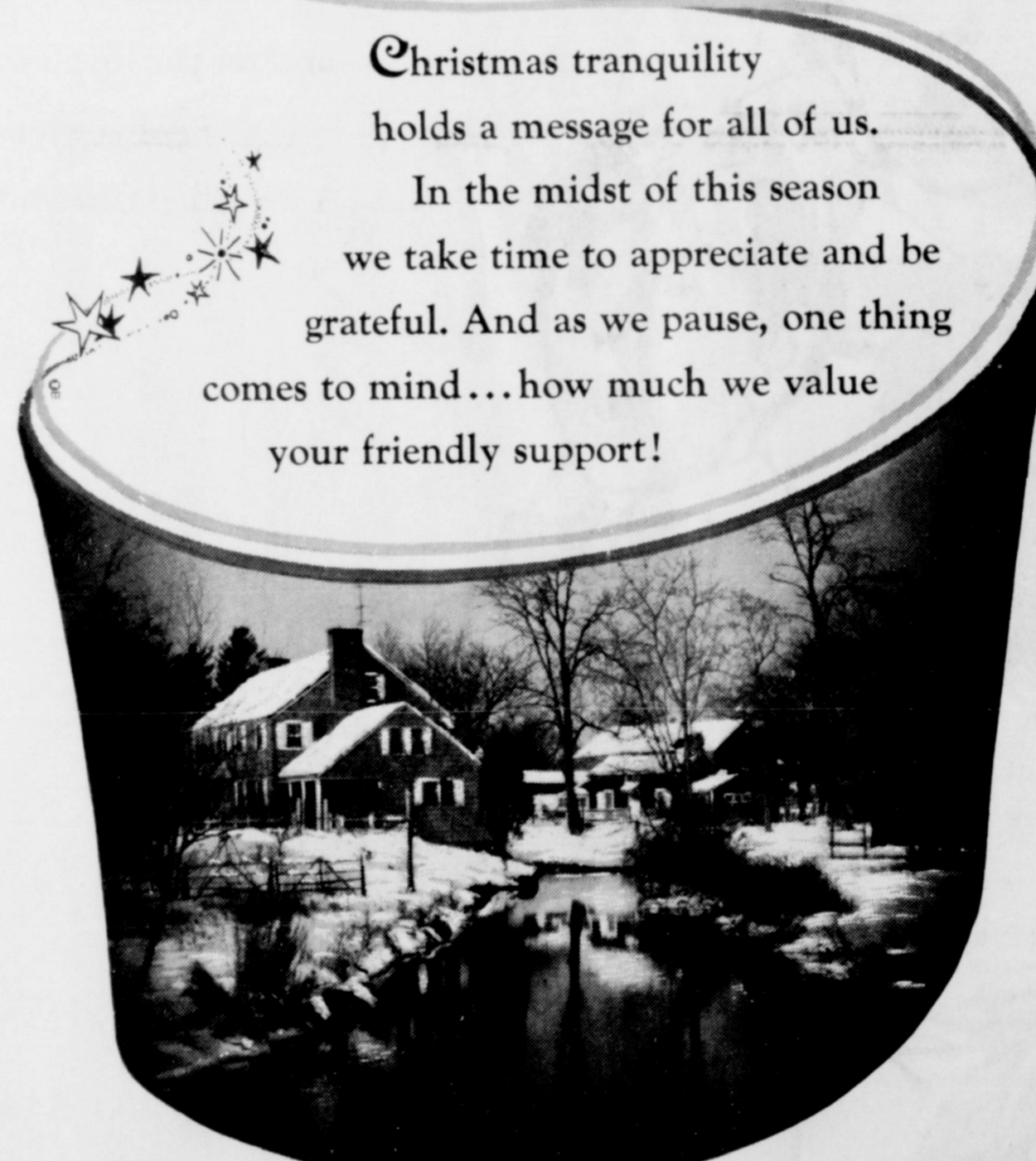
Dear Santa,  
I won't a doll and Cerich my Bruther wolke tolles taws my wons a Brslit  
Love Shan Under

Dear Sant,  
I woodg lia kda rale love, and I wont menbiake and a football som woklltkok  
Love Kevin Ba

Dear Santa Claus  
I love you. I wot a mo get it  
Love Kent Pebew

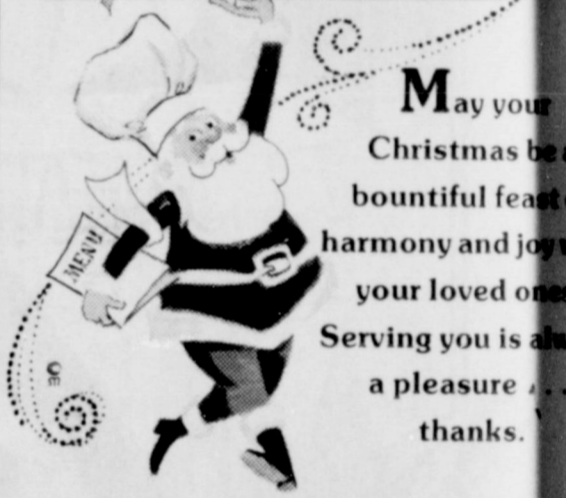
Dear Santa,  
I hope to see you crismus ev. Don't for get my crismus ev. If you do I Not love you any nary a not for get it.  
Love Regina E

# Merry Christmas



Christmas tranquility holds a message for all of us.

In the midst of this season we take time to appreciate and be grateful. And as we pause, one thing comes to mind...how much we value your friendly support!



May your Christmas be a bountiful feast of harmony and joy with your loved ones. Serving you is always a pleasure... thanks.

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# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



May your holiday be bright with happiness...warm with love and friendship...  
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# Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle,  
a truck, and a dog.  
Your friend,  
Stephen Summers

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a boll I  
like to haf a bicycle a boll  
bed Thank you  
Debora Knight

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle,  
and a truck, and a car.  
Your friend,  
Domingo Amador,

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle,  
and a purse, a ball, a bed,  
your friend,  
Maggie Alvarado

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a baby  
alive, a cowgirl surt, a  
cashregiser, Thank you, and

a watch and a boll name  
Baby that way  
Your friend,  
Brenda Chapa

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy  
Please bring the nubre 5. It  
is a bike.  
Gonzalo Santiago

Dear Santa,  
please bring me a bike,  
car and gittar.  
Stuart Handry

Dear Santa Claus  
I wot a pom poms I wot  
a games I wot a bike I wot  
a cold of Casandra

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been very nice. I  
hope you will drop by my  
house. And I might have  
something waiting for you.  
And I want a football jacket  
and foot ball cap and a easy  
tracer and a six million dollar  
man. And will you bring my  
mother something? And I  
like you very very much  
Santa Claus.  
Your very best Poul  
Love, Trey Teaff

Dear Santa Claus,  
I bin good to my Mothre  
and my dad my litole bruthr  
has bin good to if you neat to  
go git sun more toys git me  
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Alex Gomez

Dear Santa Claus  
I wot a doll I wot a purse  
and I wot a record play  
please bin me a easy bake  
oven I wot the pom poms I

## Lynn County News

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from Mary Tejada to  
Santa Claus Lov.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been very nice. And  
I want a b.b. gun and a three  
wheeler and a easy tracer  
and a pair of shoes and a six  
million dollar man and  
preing my mother and daddy  
something and  
your best pal  
Love, Jeff Martin

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a  
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player and som records, and  
a game name pay day and I  
have been nice and will be  
waiting for christmas and  
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and brang my daddy  
semthing and brang my  
brother something too, and  
ssp a brand brandr.  
Your best pool  
Love, Scott Boyd

Dear Santa Claus  
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won't a pom poms and a  
recorder and thank for the  
toys and thank for hleping su  
and thank your and thank  
you Santa Claus thank you  
Angie Moya Love  
Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus  
I won't a walkie talkie for  
christmas and a track and for  
my family my fother won't a  
tools for Christmas and my  
mothrs  
Love Robert Garcia

Dear Santa Claus  
I like you Santa Claus I  
hve Ben a good boy so and I  
hve a minibike thank you I  
hve good graes  
Love Kerry Stockstill

Dear Santa Claus  
I bin a good boy I wot a  
bebe gun and a games. I  
wot a GI Joe and a 6 million  
dollar man I wot a Minibike.  
I wot a train. I wot a car.  
from Ray Rivera

Dear Santa Claus  
I like pom poms 2 pom  
poms frn Christmas  
Jackie Lopez Love

Dear Santa Claus  
I have bin good to my  
Famils please bring us  
enthing  
I love you Santa Claus  
Julian Rodriquez.

Dear Santa Claus,  
please Santa Claus. I wot a  
6 million dollar man. I love  
you Santa Claus.  
Fransisco Cardenas  
HinoJosa.

Dear Santa Claus  
I like you. I won't a bbgun.  
I wot a 3 wheeler. I want a  
GI Joe. I want sum clothes I  
want a Mini bike  
Luve Shannon Simpson

Dear Santa Claus  
Please give me a cheer-  
leader dress and pom poms.  
And my littel dog some toys  
too please.

love  
Jacqui  
Lockaby

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a Cheerleade. I  
want a pom poms. I want a  
doll. I want a toy. I want a  
bike. I want a recorder. I  
want a ball.  
Melissa Menoz.

Dear Santa Claus  
I din a good boy I wot a Gi  
joe and a 6 millioon dollar  
man I wot a Mini dike I wot a  
gun I wot a cat  
frou James Demming

Dear Santa,  
I like to have you a pie I  
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a play pellit, gun like the I

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Dear Santa Claus,  
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Joe

Dear Santa Claus  
Please give me  
a bike I like you S  
And bring my b  
walkie talkie I w  
recorder

Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring  
And my sister  
player And my  
toys And my bro  
bike And I Love  
Claus  
Love Mary J

# Greetings

It's our favorite time of year and one of the most enjoyable customs of the season is greeting our many good friends and patrons and wishing them the best that life has to offer. Merry Christmas to you all!

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

May this time be your brightest gift for the season. Thank you for your kind...

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# PEACE ON EARTH

May the radiant light that shone over Bethlehem continue to enlighten the minds and hearts of men everywhere. May the blessed memory of that first Christmas bring joy and love to everyone. We add our expressions of thanks to all we have been privileged to serve.

**HANEY GIN**  
BOB HANEY

# GREETINGS

IN THE TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WE JOIN ALL MEN OF GOOD WILL IN PRAYERS FOR LASTING PEACE GRATEFULLY, WE THANK EVERYONE FOR THE TRUST AND CONFIDENCE THAT HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO US

**NEW HOME GIN**  
Jack Clements, Manager

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## Christmas Cookery: Old and New Traditions the Baker's Art

Christmas trees, which originated in Germany, were decorated with apples, symbolizing Adam's fall, and wafers, representing the Sacred Host, which signified redemption. The apples and wafers were replaced by Christmas cookies, which became more and more elaborate over the years. Christmas cookies were introduced to America in the 18th century by the early German settlers, who used their old cookie molds, made of clay, tin or wood, and their most treasured heirlooms.

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS



You can bet "dough" on it — we're wishing you a very merry Christmas!

JOE DURHAM  
THE BREAD MAN

Industrious Pennsylvania Dutch housewives baked them by the washbasketful in such varying shapes as fish, rabbits, men smoking pipes, horseback riders, hatchet-bearing Indians, stars, dolls, and of course all the characters and animals associated with the nativity scene. There were even some reindeer which were over a foot long. Until the early part of this century, Pennsylvania Dutch Christmas trees were decorated almost entirely with these edible ornaments and it was part of the celebration to eat from the tree all through the Christmas season, so that it was practically bare by Twelfth Night. This custom is still followed in Europe.

Outstanding cookie specimens were proudly displayed and used to decorate the windows. Cookies were tucked into Christmas baskets for the poor and it was customary to include several dozen cookies when returning molds that had been borrowed.

Many cookies were handed out to the Belsnickles, those costumed visitors, like mummers, who went from house to house checking up on the children's behavior during the year. It is said that some of the Belsnickles were so terrifying that children were known to confess to hitherto unsuspected misdoings.

After World War I, as American women began to emerge from the kitchen to go out in the business world and follow more modern pursuits, the practice of making elaborate cookies and breads was largely abandoned.

However, a few years ago, The Museum of Contemporary Crafts in New York City put on an exhibit called "The Baker's Art," which traveled to many cities throughout the country. This apparently helped set off a nationwide revival of interest in decorative baking.

Some of the most exciting pieces in this exhibition were submitted by Mae Gerhard, a teacher at The Hussian School of Art in Philadelphia.

Miss Gerhard, who learned this traditional art from her Pennsylvania Dutch mother, created a beautiful gingerbread creche of more than two dozen pieces from five to six inches tall, all decorated in brilliant Byzantine colors. She has also made large and elaborate window puppets based on Christmas subjects, using a firmer but inedible dough.



NATIVITY SCENE, Group of cookies with colorful frosting decoration by Mae Gerhard.

Photo courtesy of Museum of Contemporary Crafts of The American Crafts Council

## Taking Care of Your Holiday Plants

Plants are living gifts. To keep them going for the holidays and after, here are some tips:

**Azalea:** Keep moist and cool. After flowers fade, cut them back a little. They can summer out-of-doors and should be fed monthly until the early fall.

**Christmas Pepper:** Keep in full sun with moist soil, but cool. Summer outdoors.

**Cyclamen:** Keep cool, and in full sun (55° or cooler). Keep soil moist and mist daily. Dry out as flowers fade. Rest in shade outdoors. Growth will be restored in late summer by watering.

**Kalanchoe:** Keep in full sun allowing the soil to dry out between waterings. Cut back after flowering and rest in shade in summer with infrequent watering. To start regrowth in late summer, feed and move in to full sun.

**Poinsettia:** Keep in full sun but out of drafts and keep soil moist. Water deeply until red bracts drop, then reduce watering and cut back. Feed every month and summer outdoors. Prune leggy shoots and bring indoors before first frost. From October 1 to Thanksgiving, keep in complete darkness from sunset to sunrise, to start flowers.

### Christmas Tree

A Christmas Tree game that everyone can play is a guessing game. In "Christmas Tree" the person who is "it" leaves the room while the other players decide on a secret word. It must be a verb, or a word showing action, such as run, eat or swim.

When "it" comes back, he tries to guess the word by asking questions using "Christmas Tree" in place of the word. He may ask, "Do children Christmas Tree?"

### Musical Candy Cane

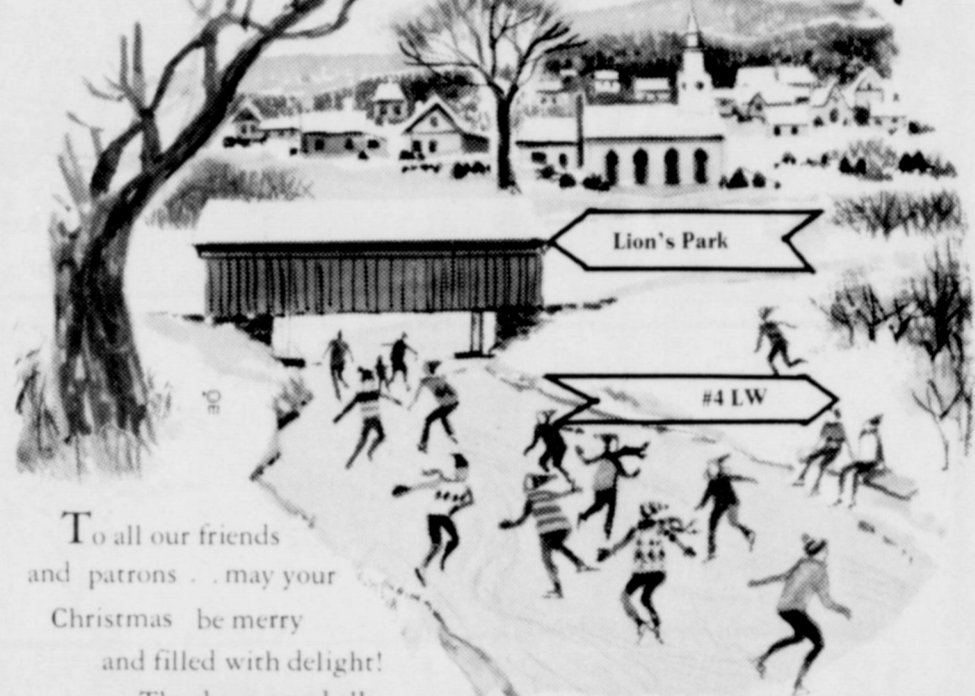
A lively combination version of Musical Chairs and Hot Potato makes use of some unbreakable symbol of Christmas festivities — a small package, one of the sturdier tree ornaments, a big candy cane.

One person who is not playing puts on a Christmas record. Everyone sits in a close circle and passes the object around. When the music suddenly stops, the person who



CHILDREN ANTICIPATE the arrival of "Kris Kringle," also known as Santa Claus, in this large electrotype reproduced from an 1891 specimen sheet of Christmas cuts offered by the A. Zeese & Co. of Chicago. As Kris Kringle prepares to descend the chimney of their home, the children, in box at bottom left, appear to be awake, perhaps in the hope of catching a glimpse of Santa.

# Holiday Greetings



To all our friends and patrons... may your Christmas be merry and filled with delight!

Thanks one and all.

**New Home Farm Store, Inc.**

"SELLING FARMS FOR PROFIT"

JOE D. UNFRED

## A Joyous Christmas



Rejoice in the glorious birth of our Savior. Find inner peace and warmth in the true spirit of Christmas. Our gratitude for your kind patronage.

**New Home Cooperative Gin**

New Home Lakeview

## Carols and Candles

Carols and candles bring added spirit and luster to Christmas.

The word "carol" comes from the middle English *carolen*, meaning "to sing joyously." The majority of our most familiar carols date from the nineteenth century. Some researchers believe that carol singing could be a carryover from the Roman songs of the Saturnalia. Francis Scott Key, noted lawyer and author of The Star Spangled Banner, also wrote carols. It is little known that the comedian Harpo Marx, of the famous Marx Brothers, also authored a popular Christmas carol.

Caroling on Christmas Eve is a tradition brought to America by our English forbears, that delights us all at holiday time.

**CANDLES** — Special lighting effects as we now know them, elaborate and colorful at Christmas, started with the romantic glow of holiday candles. Placing lighted candles in the window on Christmas eve is believed to have started in Boston. There are elaborate electric light shows in almost all large American cities, but candles still sell in the millions, showing that Americans enjoy their soft glow and associations.

### Lavish Feast

At Christmas, in the year 1492, when Columbus was spending his day in the New World, King Henry VII gave one of his most sumptuous feasts. The King (1485-1509), the Queen and members of the court dined on no less than 120 different dishes... with peacock as its climax! He observed holiday customs lavishly, to say the least, serving among the many delicacies a popular dish called "frumenty," made by adding sugar and spices to boiling hulled wheat.



# Christmas

As all herald the birth of Christ in the manger, we extend our wishes for an inspired and blessed holiday.

**Morton & Son Shop**

WILSON, TEXAS

With pride and gratitude for the loyalty you have shown, we extend our sincerest wishes that you and yours enjoy

# A Merry Christmas

**LOUDER GIN**  
C.T. LOUDER

**The Friendly Beasts**

Jesus, our Brother, strong and good,  
Was humbly born in a stable rude.  
And the friendly beasts around him stood,  
Jesus, our Brother, strong and good.

"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown,  
"I carried his mother up hill and down,  
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town,  
"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

"I," said the cow, all white and red,  
"I gave him my manger for his bed,  
I gave him my hay to pillow his head,  
"I," said the cow, all white and red.

"I," said the sheep with curly horn,  
"I gave him my wool to keep him warm,  
I gave him my coat on Christmas morn,  
"I," said the sheep with curly horn.

A Christmas Carol by ROBERT DAVIS  
From ENCYCLOPEDIA OF BIBLE LIFE —  
by The Millers, published by Harper & Row



Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a cheerleader I want a pom poms I want a doll I want a boll please pas through my house my bracbrthers and Se Strs are nis  
Mike Weathers.

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a cheerleader I want a pom poms I want a doll I want a boll please pas through my house my bracbrthers and Se Strs are nis  
Love Delia Rios

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a big train, and a foot ball suit, a foot ball, to a color book, and Colors, a bebe gun, and a big wheel  
Your freind,  
Lupe Bernal

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a little coke machine and some toys. I want a Steve Austin set and bike.  
Aarn Miller

Dear Santa,  
I won't a gun I won't a GI Joe I won't a speed I want a Minibike I want a pooltable Love Stephen Contrends

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a truck a bike and a dog.  
Ronnie Vega

Dear Santa,  
I have bin a good boy. Please bring me a cloock and I want a truck, and I want a minibike and I want a TV and a cashragister, me and my sister and a swimming poo, a ssp car crash.  
Your friend,  
David Perez

Dear Santa,  
I have ben a good boy. Please bring me a Big Wheel a tv, a new bicycle, a bebe gun, a tent, a set of tools, a rill tractor 4430, a swimming pool. Thank you, and a train set.  
Your Friend  
Jeff Forsythe

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle, a doll.  
Rosa Linda Baeza

Dear Santa,  
I have ben a good boy, please bring me a bicycle, will you bring me this to a toy car.  
Robert Smith

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll and a doll bed. Some building bricks, and a tv. Thank you.  
Your friend,  
Janet Anderson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a truck, a car, batman, and a crash bangem-up.  
Andrew Chapa

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a purse, a big doll with clothes and a pla TV.  
Sara Gutierrez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle, bring me a rifle, bring me a big Jim set with Wolfpack, love Santa to.  
Love Tony

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a truck, and a car, bring me a train, bring me a cowboys and Spot lites.  
Your friend  
Davy Saldana

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a ball, and a bicycle, and a wagn, and wats too I have bena gud to my mother and fothr Thank you.  
Tammie Hood

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a little ball, a bicycle, a doll, a doll bed, and a dishes.  
Augustina Leal

Dear Santa,  
I have ben a good boy. Please bring me a tent, a bicycle, a tv, a watch, a little knife, a big Jim set, and a train.  
Thank You,  
your Friend  
Cody Stice

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a minibick, and a helmet.  
Your frind  
Jerry Bee Stockstill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring a big Jim set, with wolf Pack, and a bicycle, a train set to, a Pro football to, if you can,  
Richard Lara

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me these things, a five speed bike, a six million dollar man- and his rocket, a tv, a radio, and a set of walkie talkies, a set of tools, a tent, and a bee bee gun, a YFL Football and a new Dallas cowboy suit number 12 and helmet to.  
Thank you.  
You friend  
Tadd Knight

The word "wassail" derives from the Anglo-Saxon "wæs hæl" which meant "Be in health." Wassail was a mixture of mulled ale, eggs, curdled cream, roast apples, nuts and spices.

**Calorie Counts to Help Through the Holiday**

With so many goodies surrounding us at time, who wants to diet? It can be a bore! A little careful planning can keep you full and your waistline from expanding. We offer hints to help you beat "the battle of the bulge." Calorie count is in parentheses:

- 6 shrimp (90) ... 3 1/2 ounces white wine and ... 5 artichoke hearts (55) ... 10 pretzel sticks
- 2 stuffed green olives (15) ... 6 oysters (65) ... pumpernickel (80) ... 1 nectarine (30) ... 2 oz roast beef (95) ... 8 small gumdrops (35) ... 1 caviar (25) ... 1 stalk celery (5) ... 1 ounce cat (85) ... 1 8 oz. glass milk (160) ... 1 good slice liver (75) ... 1 cup cottage cheese (240) ... cracker (20) ... 1 Wheat Thin (10) ... water, try a day (0)!

**HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

**CHRISTMAS BIRD FEED**

Those of you who are kind to our fine, feathered all year round will want to add some extra to your bird feeder. Cranberries and popcorn are special treat as do small boxes of suet and seed. Decorating a small tree near your house will add color for you, and nourishment for the birds. A few suggestions for decorating your bird tree:



**Rolling your way with GOOD WISHE**

To all our customers, sincerest wishes a Christmas that hums with complete joy and happiness. And for the pleasure of having served you, our thanks.

**Wilson Oil Co.**

628-2061  
WILSON, TEXAS

**Peace...**



May you, our dear friends, be blessed with a joyous Christmas filled with peace and happiness. Warm thanks.

**John Witt Butane Co.**



Wrap it up with a smile and our good wishes. Thanks to all.

**LADY BUG**

Dorothy & Eugene Bruton



**GREETINGS for CHRISTMAS**

As an expression of our thanks and good will, we are extending to all our friends and neighbors our very best wishes for a joyous and memorable Yuletide season.

**J.W. Edwards & Son**

NEW HOME

**The Legend of Befana**

Families of Italian origin are familiar with Befana. In these days of woman's lib, it is interesting to hear about this legendary lady.

When the Three Kings were on their search for the Holy Child, they passed the house of Befana as she was sweeping and cleaning her house. In answer to her inquiry, they told her of their search. She asked to go with them, but they continued on their way without waiting for her to finish her chores. When Befana tried to overtake them she failed, and so was unable to worship the Holy Babe with them.

Since then, the woman Befana wanders the earth seeking her lost opportunity. Italian children believe Befana rides through the air on a broomstick, on the eve of January 6, which marks the Feast of Kings, still seeking the Christ Child. She goes down chimneys, leaving presents for the girls and boys, as the Wise Men brought gifts to the Holy Child.

In Russia, the same custom was once familiar, though the lady there was known as Baboushka.

**Christmas Gesture**  
Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894), author of "Treasure Island" and "Kidnapped," was born on November 13 but "gave" his birthday to a girl born on Christmas Day. Stevenson made a gift of his birthday to a child named Annie H. Ide, to let her have "two joyous celebrations a year with a proper birthday and a Merry Christmas."

**Holly-Day Hum**  
Sprigs of holly should be placed in beehives at Christmas. So says an old English Christmas tradition. This custom stems from the legend that, at the Manger, bees gathered to hum a hymn of joy.

**a Christmas Carol**

There is no more appropriate time for us to sing your praises, than at this Christmas season. We wish our many loved friends an abundance of holiday treasures!



**FEDERAL LAND BANK ASSN**

Jay Dee House, Mgr.

# THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS IN BICENTENNIAL AMERICA

**THE BEGINNING** — On December 25, 1492, the history of Christmas started in the New World, when Columbus' ship, the Santa Maria, was abandoned off the coast of Haiti.

In Virginia in the year 1613 a record by an expedition of Captain John Smith reads: *The extreme winds, rays, frost and snow caused us to keep Christmas among the salvages where we were never more merry, nor fed on more plenty of good Oysters, Fish, Flesh, Wilde fowl and good bread, nor never had better fires in England.*

Settlers in Virginia brought many customs from England, the burning of the Yule log, ringing bells, lavish dining, dancing, games and Christmas carols. Churches and homes were decorated colorfully, and parties and balls were memorable.

The Pilgrim Fathers arrived in Plymouth some 7 years later, bringing with them their strong distaste for Christmas. Thanksgiving day, with its feasting and neighborly celebrations with friendly Indians, was more like Christmas.

In 1659, the General Court of Massachusetts enacted the law by which "anyone who is found observing, by abstinance from labor, feasting, or any other way, any such days as Christmas day, shall pay for every such offense 5 shillings." However, the Puritans did not have their way for long and the anti-Christmas law was repealed in 1681.

**HAPPIER CHRISTMASSES** — The chief winter celebration of the jolly Dutch in New Amsterdam was on December 6, St. Nicholas' Day. Significantly enough, it was a figurehead of this very saint that graced their ship, the Goede Vrouw, that brought them to America in 1630.

On St. Nicholas feast day the Dutch carried his statue down the street, with children joining in . . . the promise of presents bright in their eyes.

Gradually, however, the increasing number of English in this area brought about the adaptation of many of the old customs; with the arrival of the first German dissenters in 1700, we find a tremendous increase in the observance of Christmas. It is with the Germans that the universal customs of Kriss Kringle or Santa Claus, and the Christmas tree originate.

The rapid growth of our country brought about less religious antagonism. The intermingling of people of different religious and national backgrounds also helped.

One of the more important historical events that took place on Christmas was the crossing of the Delaware by George Washington and his troops, in 1776, when they defeated the Hessians at Trenton, New Jersey. The Americans routed the redcoats who were sleeping off the effects of the holiday!

Sunday Schools, which had their beginning in the first half of the nineteenth century, helped to promote the acceptance of many folk customs, most importantly, Santa Claus and the use of the Christmas tree. Charles Dickens, in his beautiful classics, did much to popularize this colorful holiday, but it was some time before Christmas came to be celebrated as we know it now.

**THE HOLIDAY ON THE MOVING FRONTIER** — The advancing of the frontier westward took with it this welcome holiday. Turkey shoots, which provided fowl for the table, were very popular. Festivities were often wild and noisy.

Traditional Christmases were celebrated in the west,

and in 1846, a German visitor to Texas writes about seeing a richly decorated and illuminated Christmas tree, in a territory held by Indians a short time before.

Firecrackers and the shooting of guns were a part of the southern Christmas that traveled as far north as southwest Pennsylvania. National groups who settled outside the thirteen colonies carried with them the old customs of their former homes. In New Orleans, the wanderings of the Three Kings was symbolized by the French réveillons, gifts were for New Year's day.

In the southwest, Christmas celebrations were greatly influenced by the Spanish. Los Pastores, an old miracle play, with the eternal struggle of Good and Evil as its theme, was staged and has been revived on and off, through more recent years.

Christmas was recognized legally, first in Alabama in 1836, and by 1890 all states and territories acknowledged it as well. Christmas is the only annual religious holiday to receive this secular and official sanction.

**ENTER SANTA CLAUS** — In America, Santa Claus is known by three names — St. Nicholas, Kriss Kringle, and Santa Claus. St. Nicholas first appeared in the first half of the fourth century in Asia Minor, as Bishop of Myra. Many miracles are attributed to him and there are many legends that attest to his generosity. He was the protector of sailors aboard Dutch ships, as well as the patron saint of young people. The first Dutch church built in New York City was named for him.

Sinterklaas, as he was known to the Dutch, eventually became Santa Claus . . . his original red and white vestments became our modern red and white Santa costume.

The Germans and Swiss who settled in Pennsylvania in the eighteenth century believed in the Christ child, who brought gifts to children on Christmas eve. English speaking settlers in neighboring areas transformed Christkindl into Kriss Kringle.

**POEMS AND PICTURES** — Clement Clarke Moore is credited with creating the current Santa Claus image and story in his poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas." The poem, originally written for his children in 1822, has been published an endless number of times and is one of the most popular American poems.

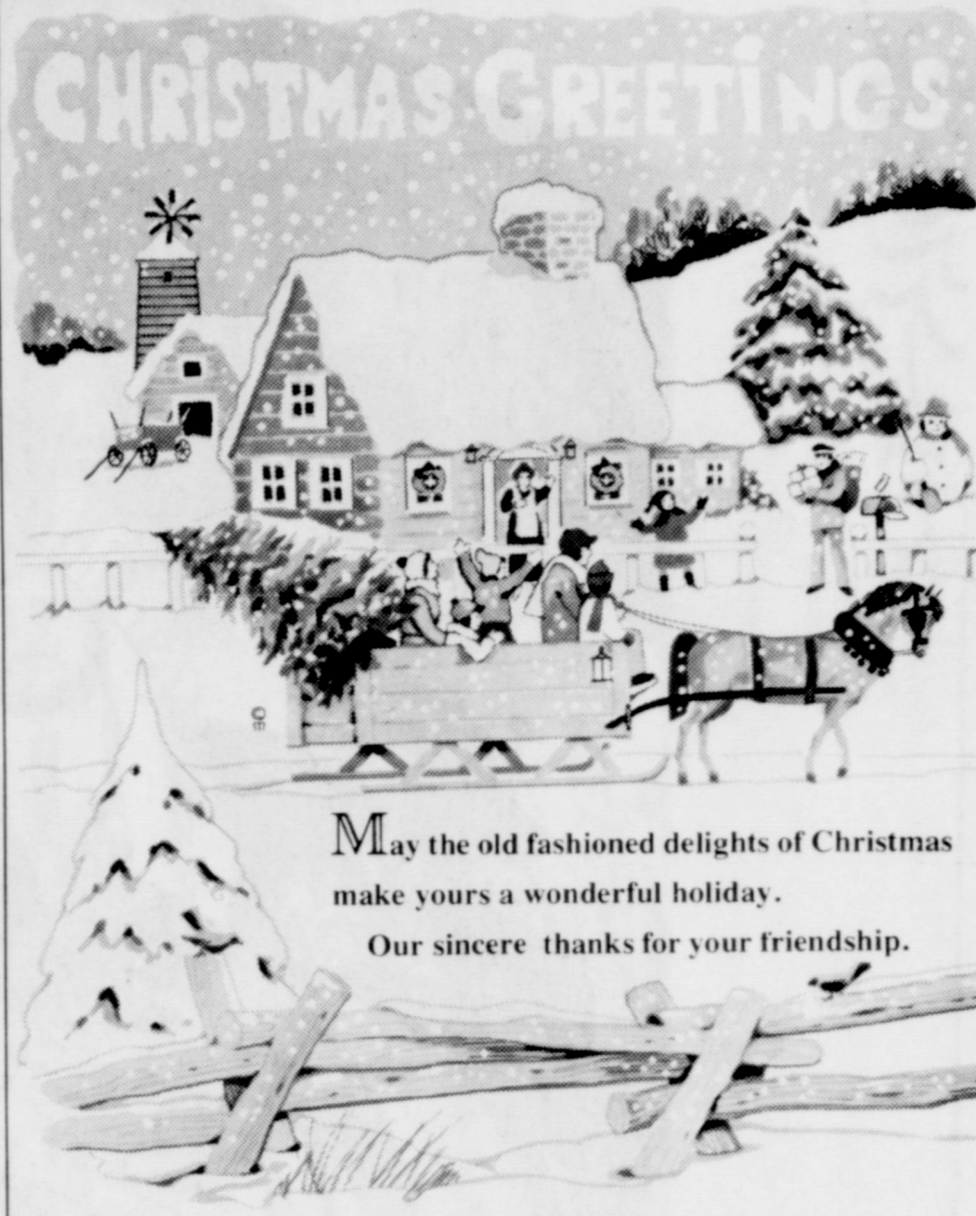
The fat, rosy-cheeked Santa we recognize today evolved from a series of cartoons by Thomas Nast, nineteenth century artist. His series of Christmas drawings showed too, how Santa spends his spare time through the year.

**AMERICA TODAY** — Americans today celebrate the Christmas holiday in many colorful ways. The tradition of this beautiful season is strong in America

**CANDLE SALAD** — Roll half a banana in colored sugar and set into a ring of pineapple. Take half of split unsalted almond, and stick into top of banana. The almond will actually burn for a minute or two when lit!

**PEPPERMINT ORANGES** — Roll fresh oranges gently on table top to soften, and cut small hole on the top of each one. Insert stick of peppermint candy. Small fry can suck the juice through the candy stick, making a double treat!

**FROSTY SNOWBALL MOLD** — Pour into a large mold, cranberry sauce that has been thickened with gelatin. When set remove from mold, onto salad greens, and decorate with tiny snowballs made of softened cream cheese.



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

May the old fashioned delights of Christmas make yours a wonderful holiday.

Our sincere thanks for your friendship.

**TATUM BROS.**

1029 LOCKWOOD 998-4717

Let us all celebrate Christmas in America!



**GREETINGS**

Over the fields and through the snow-covered countryside go our warmest Christmas wishes. In this tradition, we greet our friends and customers, with hopes for your holiday happiness, and with genuine appreciation for your good will.

**PETTY GIN**  
BILLY EMERSON, MGR.



POSTMAN by Norman Rockwell. Courtesy Hallmark Cards, Inc.

## ROCKWELL AT CHRISTMAS

Rockwell, perhaps America's best-loved artist captures the joyful spirit of a small town in this illustration commissioned in 1954 by Hallmark Cards. Rockwell's legendary attention to detail, his sense of fun and superb draftsmanship are evident in this nostalgic winter scene.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

As Santa comes down the slopes with his greetings . . . direct them to all of you. Have a merry, cheery Christmas! Jolly thanks loyal patrons!

**BEAUTY PARLOR**  
NEW HOME  
Barbra Cooley

## JOY at CHRISTMAS



As you and your loved ones gather together to share the blessings of this great holiday season, we extend, to you and yours, our warmest wishes for a bright and happy future.

**DRAW PAYMASTER GIN**  
ELLA & BURL MOORE



# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor...The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

We wish you and all you hold dear a very joyful holiday. May it be graced with health, happiness and peace. Our thanks for the kindness shown to us.



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