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CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP: THE HIGH SCHOOL HALL

Beta Club members chose some of the neediest families in town for their Christmas project. Here they meet to plan delivery of foods and toys. At top, holding toys, are left, LaDonna Jones, Beverly Orr and Kim Judd. Clay Don Lacy has an arm full of

toys and Don Lewis a basket to carry them in. Below are Allen Murdock, left, and Brenda Willis, Kim Judd, Kathy Mote, Kay Coffee and Cindy Hernandez wrap cakes and cookies, including some for diabetics.

Teens Bring Christmas To Needy Families Here

Members of Wellington High School Beta Club saw something of the true Christmas spirit Sunday afternoon, December 21, as they distributed food, clothing and toys to a number of needy families.

Later they told of their amazement at such things as the pleasure small children revealed when they were given toys, or the gratitude of a mother that her two small girls could have coats.

Mrs. Bill Wilson, Beta sponsor, said the members gathered and prepared the gifts themselves—with no request for outside help. They laid their ground work early, consulting with Mrs. Tessie Burba of the Community Action Program and Tom Vermillion, child welfare worker who recently was reassigned to Lubbock. The Beta members asked for the neediest cases.

Many of the club members have good clothes they have outgrown, or they have younger brothers and sisters with good but outgrown garments. These were brought in. Storage closets were combed for toys no

longer used.

Mrs. Burba had explained to Beta members that most of these families were using food stamps, and while this provided for essential foods, there were many things that

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Two Women Named To PRPC-CJC Board

Two posts on the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission Criminal Justice Advisory Board for 1976 have gone to Wellington women.

They are Mrs. B.M. Sims, recently appointed to the board of regents of West Texas State University, and Mrs. Charlene Poteet, female probation officer for the 100th Judicial Juvenile Probation Program.

Retiring from the board is Bob Watson, director of the 100th District probation program.

Both work with the Amarillo Mental Health Mental Retardation Regional

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Merritt Durfey, Area Leader, Dies Dec. 17

W.M. (Merritt) Durfey, prominent farmer and community leader who lived south of Loco, died in Childress Memorial Hospital at 5:20 p.m. Wednesday, December 17. He had been in ill health several months.

His family had been early settlers in this area.

Mr. Durfey was one of those instrumental in making possible Childress Memorial Hospital, and he served on its board of directors. He also belonged to the Childress County Farm Bureau, and a number of years ago, he served as a trustee of the Loco School.

In many other ways, he served his community, as well as Collingsworth and Childress Counties, for he was active in both.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Durfey was born May 19, 1909, at Clayton, N.M., where the family lived for a few years, but two years later they returned to this area. About 1920, his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Durfey, moved into Wellington, so that their children might attend school. He was graduated here in 1928 and then attended Texas A&M College.

He was married to Miss Mabel Newman on May 23, 1935, in Wellington. She preceded him in death March 9, 1967.

Funeral services were conducted at First United Methodist Church Friday at 2:00 p.m. The Rev. James Price, pastor of First Methodist Church, Childress, officiated, and burial

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Christmas Business Up from A Year Ago, Merchants Say

By all count, Christmas business in Wellington is better than last year, and for some merchants, the best in a number of years. Here is a random sampling of their comments.

They attribute this to a number of things—better crops and higher prices for those crops, more buying at home rather than out of town, satisfaction with the price they must pay here and for some an increase in out of town customers.

Bill Hatch of Hatch Dry Goods gave all these reasons for increased business and added that most of the Christmas purchases in his store have been practical—clothing and household linens. People began buying right after Thanksgiving, and there have been fewer last-minute purchases.

"Christmas business has been good—very good in fact—ahead of last year," said George Shadid of The Fair. He feels generally improved economic conditions are responsible, after the distress of 1974 with the collapse of cattle and cotton prices and poor yields.

"In this area, people buy only good merchandise," he added. The Fair is another store that experienced increased business from out of town—more than last year. Among the major Christmas items have been lots of ladies robes, coats, worlds of sportswear and lingerie and long dresses, said Mr. Shadid.

Mrs. John Ingram re-

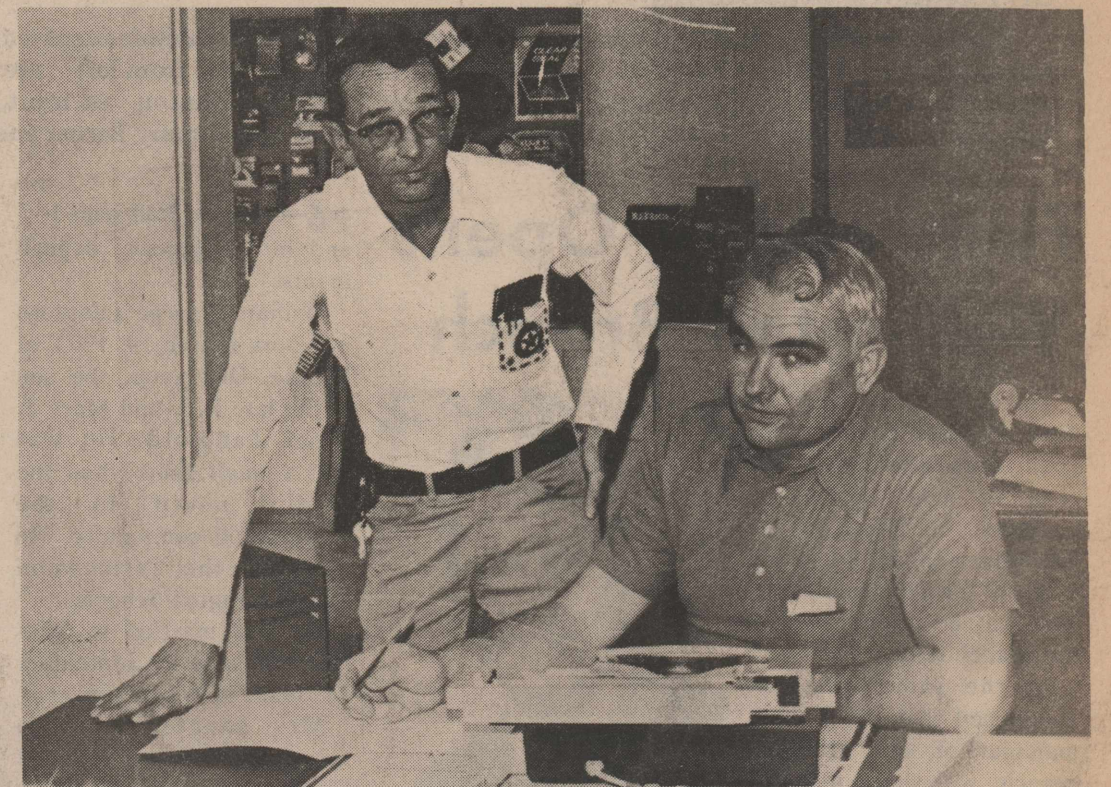
ported a brisk trade in the sale of children's clothing. Many women, at the same time, are doing Christmas shopping and are buying top

quality materials. Some build-up in the economy is responsible, she believes.

Mrs. Ingram noted quite a few out of town customers;

however, this store has always attracted many of these buyers with its quality fabrics.

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N.E. CHILDERS

BOB WATSON

Watson, Childers Named to Manpower Planning Council

Two Wellington men, both law enforcement officers, have been appointed as members of the Texas Panhandle Manpower Area Planning Council (MAPC), they were notified by George Louder, executive director.

They are Bob Watson, director of the 100th Judicial District Probation Program, and Deputy Sheriff N.E.

Childers.

Their appointments were made by the board of directors of Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

County Judge Zook Thomas is completing a term on this council.

As members, Mr. Watson and Mr. Childers will be involved in the planning of

manpower programs and services in the Panhandle region for the economically disadvantaged, unemployed

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Bill Langford Dies Suddenly Wednesday Night

W.G. (Bill) Langford, 72, widely known farmer, butcher and grocer, was dead on arrival at Collingsworth General Hospital at 10:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 17, a few minutes after he suffered a heart attack at his home.

Mr. Langford had a heart ailment since 1971.

He was a lifelong resident of the area, and almost all of this was in Collingsworth County.

Mr. Langford farmed for a long period in the Cottonwood community, but during part of the time he was also associated with Wellington grocery stores as a butcher,

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Christmas Eve Mass Will Be Held Here

Midnight Mass will be said at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church on Christmas eve, the Rev. Father B.A. Earpen has announced. Confessions will be heard at 11:00 p.m., followed by carol singing at 11:30. Mass will begin at midnight.

Father Earpen will also conduct services at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in

Shamrock Christmas Eve, with confessions at 7:00 p.m., carols at 7:30 and Mass at 8:00.

He said that Christmas Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

"Everyone is welcome to these services," Father Earpen said, "and we extend best wishes for a blessed Christmas to everyone in the community."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!

These puppets regularly tell Bible stories for children of First Baptist Church. Sunday, Dec. 14, they donned birthday hats and held a party for the baby Jesus. In charge of the project are

Bill Billington, narrator, Mrs. Billington and Mrs. Denzil Lacy. The puppeteers, who remain anonymous, are high school and junior high students.

Burglars Take Drugs From Pruden's Thurs.

Burglars entered Pruden Drug in the early hours Friday, December 19, taking an undetermined amount of two tranquilizing drugs, preludein and vallium, Sheriff John Rainey has reported.

Apparently nothing else was taken, he said.

It is believed two persons entered the store.

They climbed a pipe at the back of Shop and Wash, went across the roof to the second story of the Pruden building, then lifted the heavy glass from a skylight to get into the drug store,

according to Sheriff Rainey. They left by the skylight also.

Mr. Pruden said the skylight glass was unusually thick, and that one time several years ago he had removed one pane while considering putting an air conditioner there, and it was so heavy he had to pry it out with a crow bar.

Sheriff Rainey said that it is believed the burglary occurred between 1:30 and 4:00 a.m. Friday.

It is the third time that Pruden Drug has been broken into during this year.



GIVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

These children presented the Christmas program for the annual yuletide tea given by the Young Women's Christian Council of the Church of God in Christ. In the back row, from left are Sylvia Hunnicutt, Kay Jones, Mark Hunnicutt, Renee Jones, Angel Lewis and Margaret Johnson. At front, are Timothy Moore, left, Erma Barber, Tracy Hunnicutt, Terri Jo Jones, Daron Moore, Jimmy Barber and Regina Moore.

First Federal Opens Wellington Branch

The Wellington branch of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Childress is now open for business, according to an announcement by Bennie F. Foard of the Childress office, who will be co-manager of the branch here.

At the same time, he announced that Bill Collier, manager of the Memphis branch, will share management duties. In addition, Beth Adams, the wife of Sam Adams, is teller for the branch here.

The Wellington branch is located at 815 West Avenue. The building, which First Federal acquired several months ago, has been completely remodeled throughout its interior, with walls paneled and floors carpeted.

Work on the exterior is still under way, and upon its completion, formal opening of the business will be held.

Mr. Foard is in the management training program of First Federal at Childress, having begun work in September 1974.

Reared at Brice, he graduated from Childress High School in 1966 and received a BBA degree from West Texas State University with a general business major in 1970. He is licensed as a real estate broker.

He is director of the Childress Rotary Club, secretary of the Childress Chamber of Commerce and county chairman of the Easter Seal Society.

Prior to joining First Federal Savings and Loan Association, he worked in the District 25 office of the Texas Department of Highways and Transportation in Childress.

He is married to the former Sharon Walkup and they have two daughters, Cheryl, 5, and Janie, 18 months.

Mr. Collier is manager of the Memphis branch of First Federal. He grew up at Estelline, graduated from Childress High School in 1966 and received a BS degree from Texas Tech University with a major in agricultural science. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and was on the Dean's List.

He joined First Federal in 1974, and shortly thereafter the Memphis branch was opened and he transferred to that town. Previously he engaged in ranching with his father.

He is married to the former Deanna Allison of Childress, and she presently



BILL COLLIER



BENNIE FOARD



BETH ADAMS

teaches music in Memphis Elementary School.

Mrs. Adams is a life-long Collingsworth County resident. The former Beth Dodson, she is the daughter of Mrs. O.E. Dodson and the late Mr. Dodson. She is a graduate of Quail High School and attended West Texas State University.

She is a former deputy county-district clerk and prior to that was employed in the offices of the Mill Iron Ranches and for Paul Spillman, attorney. Away from Wellington, she worked for Morrow Thomas Hardware in Amarillo.

She has two sons, Mike Barjenbruch of Canyon, and Larry Adams, a junior in Wellington High School.

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and in the grocery departments.

William George Langford was born March 14, 1903, at Madge, Oklahoma, the son of the late E.P. and Mary J. Brock Langford. He was still a small child when the family moved to the Cottonwood community. He attended the Cottonwood and Wellington Schools.

He was married to Miss Euby Glasgow on September 22, 1923, at Wellington.

Mr. Langford was a member of First Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted at First Baptist Church Saturday at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Roy Collins, Jr., pastor, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, under the direction of Kelso Funeral Home.

Pall bearers were Hardy Wright, Luther Sullivan, Elmer Haralson, Louis Alford, Herman Belew and Judge Zook Thomas.

Survivors are his wife; three sons, Billy Langford and Jimmy Langford of Wellington, and Bobby Langford of Ft. Cobb, Oklahoma; two daughters, Mrs. J.D. Bruce of Glade-water and Mrs. Sue Curtis of Los Angeles, Calif.; three brothers, J.V. Langford and John Langford of Phoenix, Arizona, and Henry Langford of Wellington; two sisters, Mrs. Jess Messick of Springer, N.M. and Mrs. Roy Jackson of Lovington, N.M.; 10 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. One daughter, Linda, died in 1961.

Members of Mr. Langford's family received word Saturday of the death of his oldest sister, Mrs. C.C. Piore of Ruidosa, N.M., who will be remembered here as Mable Langford. She was 86 years of age and had been in ill health. Her funeral was held Tuesday, December 23.

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Televisions have been a good Christmas seller, says Buster Hughs, of Ace Hardware. A number of complete entertainment centers have been sold. People are buying more expensive gifts, and this is due to better crops and improved economy, he believes.

"Business has been marvelous. It was really spectacular Saturday," declared Judy Hall, owner of Mode O' Day, who is experiencing her first Christmas in business.

"We had lots of out of town people," she noted.

James Sullivan of Sullivan Hardware and Furniture found business "Very good, very fine." Christmas sales have included many types of items carried in the store,

some furniture, also major appliances and other types of merchandise.

Tom Wilkins of Wilkins Furniture compares his business to that in the area as a whole. "A salesman told me a few days ago that the merchants who are advertising and muddying the water are doing business. Those who are sitting around on their hands are not. I'm trying to muddy the water," he said.

He called attention to the large number of out of town people who have shopped in Wellington this year and said he will lay carpet bought for Christmas well after the holidays.

"Great—the best Christmas season we've had in years and years, almost as long as I can remember," declared Mack Saied of Saied's Department Store.

"I think it's because we have the best stock of merchandise. Farmers made good crops and people are buying quality merchandise. Our out of town trade was about as usual. We always have lots of out of town customer," he said.

Lyndon Crelia of Parsons Drug calls business "real good—better than I had expected." He noted increased selling in all departments. "I'm pleased. I think some of the things we've had down town, Santa Claus, staying open Thursday nights, helped. People bought at home instead of going out of town."

"Business is great—I believe better than last year," said Mrs. Clifford Christian of Sears Catalog Store. "Last year lots of people were already through with their Christmas shopping by December. This year they are still buying." She noted microwave ovens are a big seller.

Robert Lewis reported that grocery stores are experiencing good Christmas business but he also pointed out that increased prices account for some of this increase.

People are buying lots of things, but not of the gourmet or fancy type food. They are planning good, Texas style food for their Christmas dinner.

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and underemployed, funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA).

The first meeting will be on Thursday, January 15.

Mr. Childers has been a deputy sheriff from time to time since 1970, and when he entered law enforcement work as a full time vocation a year ago, he trained under the manpower program.

"It is a big help to the men

and women who receive training, and for their employers," said the deputy sheriff. He formerly farmed in the Marella community.

Mr. Watson returned to Wellington to head the Collingsworth County Juvenile Probation Program after being in law enforcement and security work in other Texas cities. When the program grew into the 100th

Judicial District Probation Program, Mr. Watson became its director as well as juvenile probation officer.

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was in Memorial Gardens under the direction of Kelso Funeral Home. pall bearers were Lynn Carter, Jack Davis, A.V. Lowrie, Cecil Masten, Art Kane, J.B. Killian, Bill Harbin and Earl

Alexander.

Surviving Mr. Durfee are three children, Mrs. Sess C. Collins of Houston, Mrs. Loyal Duffy of Oberlin, Kansas, and Bill Durfee of Colombia, Mo.; a sister, Mrs. V.E. Warrick of Wellington; a brother, Dean

Durfee of Midland; and 9 grandchildren.

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Love Dru Lacy

Dear Santa,

I would like a ten speed bike, please. And also a rub a dub dolly. Snow Con Maker. And some good surprises, too, please.

Love,
Lori Lacy
Age 9

Dear Santa

I have been a good girl This year Please bring me a Baby Alve. a bike an da horn.

Robin Burnam

Dear Santaclaus

I Loveyou TTTPower is What I want for Christmas, and a racetrack. a pinidallnachine, and footballtoo. i havebeen good

Kirdy Ray
Pennon

Dear Santa Claus.

Ime a girl and I am years od. my nane Is Mary Ann.

I wot a doll four christmas. I Love you Santa Claust

Love,
Mary Ann Coronado

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a doll that sneezes and a Weeble Tree House.

Thank you
Lyndy Forrester
Age 4½

Dear Santa Claus

I like you. I want a doll and a bike. for Christmas and a watch also. I have been good. girl. ll

Love you Shirley Ellifritz

Dear Santa,

I want "Baby that away." I want a "easy bake oven." I want a "ice ceam machee. I Love you Santa!

Betty Needham

Dere Santa

I want you to Please bring me a horn and a doll I have been a good girl this year. I Love you

Linda Lacy

Former Quail Man Named to Who's Who

Kenneth L. Allen, 1938 Quail Rural High School graduate, has been elected to appear in the 1975 Who's Who.

A career Air Force officer, he retired in 1965 with the rank of Colonel, and with his wife of 32 years, Onita Belle, makes his home in Ft. Worth.

He is president of Beaudet Construction Company Grimes-Allen, Inc.; Madre's, Inc.; Woodcrafters Company, Inc.; Town House Interior, Inc.; and Innskeep, Inc.

He is now serving on the president's Advisory Council of the American Institute of Management, a position awarded "for his distinguished management performance."

Allen entered the Air Force immediately after graduating from Texas Tech with honors in 1942. He flew two combat tours of 55 missions in Europe in World

War II and was awarded the Air Medal with five clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and Certificate of Valor for heroism in combat. he also earned the Air Force Commendation Medal for outstanding performance of duty. Three times the Red Cross has awarded him the "Award of Merit" for service.

He is a graduate of the Air Force Management School, Pilot's School, Radar School, Squadron Officer's School, Bomb Commanders School, Air Command and Staff College, Air Force Institute of Technology, Engineering Officer's School, with Masters degree form the University of Pittsburg in Management.

In high school, Allen was active in student affairs and served two years as president of the Future Farmers of America Chapter. He was State Champion in scholastic competition in 1936, 1937 and 1938.

Wellington, Tex
Dec. 15, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl I am 8 years old
I am in the seond grade. I am in
Mrs. Camp's room.
I want a organ.

Love, Lesa White

Grain Agreement May Have Future Problems

COLLEGE STATION--The recent grain marketing agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union is designed to provide for orderly marketing of grain. However, there are still some "question marks," contends an economist in marketing for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The agreement states that the U.S.S.R. will buy six million metric tons of wheat and corn each year between 1976 and 1980. However, soybeans and other grains are not included. The agreement still leaves room for instability in the world grain market," points out Dr. Russell McDonald.

"The big question is what the Soviets will do during years when they produce a bumper grain crop. They could break the agreement with the U.S. or boost their own exports by the same amount of their imports from the U.S. These alternatives would still leave unchanged

the annual fluctuations in world demand for U.S. grain.

"Another alternative for the Soviet Union would be to expand storage facilities and build grain stocks during years of bumper crops. This would provide the stability sought by the U.S.-U.S.S.R. agreement," notes the Texas A&M University System economist.

Based on history, the Soviets have experienced a poor grain crop every three or four years due mainly to weather conditions that afflict their key production areas. Furthermore, the institutional inefficiencies of collective production contribute to grain production shortfalls by dampening individual incentives.

"In addition to protecting themselves from a poor grain crop, the Soviets are also trying hard to improve their diets by increasing livestock numbers. Thus they will need increased supplies of grain to feed their herds. Currently, the Soviets con-

Paul Wilbur on Vice President's Roll at TSTI

Paul David Wilbur was recently named to the Vice-President's Honor Roll at the Mid-Continent Cam-

pus of Texas State Technical Institute, according to Lovel A. Pillow, General Manager of the Amarillo Campus. Membership to the Vice-President's Honor Roll is attained by maintaining a 3.5 grade average.

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Year's End

Now days are short, nights long and raw, With pinching frost, and slabby rain and snow; But let good rousing fires, and Christmas cheer, Still mix'd with charity, conclude the year.

— John Nathan Hutchins (1799)

New Atlas of Mexico Uses Over 200 Maps

AUSTIN* (Spl.)--Mexico in maps. That's the new edition of "Atlas of Mexico" just published by the Bureau of Business Research at The University of Texas.

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ly allowances mailed by the Veterans Administration to these students require prompt notification of any change of address.

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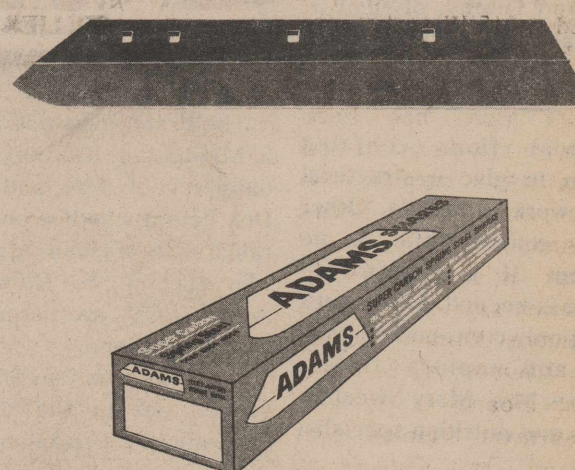
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Good Neighbor Party Held Fri.

The Christmas Party for the GoodNeighbor Club was held in the home of Mrs. Earl Alexander Friday, Dec. 19, at 2:30 p.m. Assisting Mrs. Alexander as hostess were Mrs. R.H. Ball, Mrs. O.A. Kiker, and Mrs. Nell Cook.

Mrs. Robert Barjenbruch conducted a brief business meeting and the members voted to send \$10.00 to Girls' Town in Borger.

Mrs. Barjenbruch read a poem telling of an early country school's Christmas celebration. A cat jumped in a window and some little boy's dog was lying beside his master. The dog jumped up and began chasing the cat. The cat, seeking protection, climbed the Christmas tree with the dog still in pursuit. It wasn't long until the cat and all the gifts came tumbling down. It seemed a tragedy at the time, but as so many times is the case, one can even laugh about it later.

Mrs. Ball read from Luke 2 commenting that Christmas should be a glorious and happy time for everyone.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served to Mrs. Coy Vaughan, Mrs. Ray Clubb, Mrs. M.L. James, Mrs. Doshia Dix, Mrs. Willie Smith, Mrs. G.E. Van Pelt, Mrs. Jerry Scott, Mrs. R.L. Karnes, Mrs. Barjenbruch and her mother, Mrs. Violet Potter and the hostesses, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Kiker and Mrs. Ball.

Terry Boswell, a student in the University of Texas is here for the Christmas holidays with his parents and sister, the Rev. and Mrs. James Boswell and Tami. Their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vinyard, Joel and Tiffany, of Denver, Colorado, will join them for Christmas.

Wheat flour contains gluten to give a structural framework to breads. Other flours contain little or no gluten. If a gluten-free recipe is needed, follow ones using only corn, potato, rice, soy and tapioca flours, advises Mrs. Mary Sweeten, foods and nutrition specialist.



The Glastonbury Thorn

Each Christmas, the small tree or shrub we know as the glastonbury thorn produces small clusters of white flowers. Except for the spring season, Christmastime is the only time of year that these flowers bloom.

There is an ancient legend to explain this interesting circumstance. The legend says that when Joseph of Arimathea ended a long pilgrimage in England, he drove his walking stick into the soil of Glastonbury. The staff budded and bore lovely white blossoms, and thereafter bloomed again each year at Christmas.

Because of this belief, the thorns came to be regarded as holy and pil-

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MRS. BRUCE EUGENE BROWN

Ceremony in Kansas Unites Donna Tarver, Bruce Brown

Miss Donna Kay Tarver was married to Bruce Eugene Brown of Junction City, Kansas, in the Sedalia Community Church, Manhattan, Kansas on Friday, December 5, at two in the afternoon. The Rev. Mr. Lomar, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, performed the ceremony.

The bride, who was living in Manhattan, Kansas, is the daughter of Mr. and Ms. Don Tarver who live on their ranch west of Quail. Mr. and Mrs. Leland E. Brown of Junction City are parents of the bridegroom.

A Christmas motif was carried out in the church decorations. Arrangements

of long-stem red roses and holly were used with candles and other greenery.

Providing the wedding music were Bob Montgomery, organist, Dudley Moor and John Bolton of Manhattan.

The bride wore a semi-formal floor-length dress of off-white lace. The wedding ring collar was of the lace, and inset lace accented the full gathered sleeves. The skirt in three tiers also had lace inset. She carried a long-stem red rose.

Carol Wallace of Topeka, Kansas attended her sister as matron of honor. She wore a cranberry floor-length dress with high neck and full sleeves. She carried a long-stem rose.

Larry Brown of Junction City, Kansas, was the best man, and ushers were Jeff McIlvain and John Heritage of Manhattan.

Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Tarver were hosts at a reception at the Ramada Inn.

Both the bride and bridegroom attended Kansas State University, Manhattan, where he was a radio and television major. Upon returning from their wedding trip to Kansas City, the couple will live in Alma, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Alston and son, Ronald, of Quail, are leaving Wednesday afternoon for several days with members of his family at Marble Falls. They will return Sunday.

Fix-It Tip

The blowtorch is the easy, handy way of getting heat for many repair jobs. While the older gasoline, kerosene and alcohol torches are still around, the propane torch is fast replacing them.

The propane torch consists of a burner unit mounted on a metal fuel cylinder smaller than a quart bottle. The cylinder contains propane gas under pressure which has turned it into a liquid. As it is released as a gas, it expands 400 times.

Size of the flame is controlled with a knob on the burner head. Air mixture is controlled automatically. Screwing on the burner head automatically opens the tank although the gas doesn't start to flow until you open the valve.

Capt., Mrs. Stanley Gosnell Plan Home at Fort Gordon

Southside Baptist Church in Olney was the setting for the wedding of Captain Robert Stanley Gosnell of Ft. Gordon, Ga., and An Hyang Cha, formerly of Seoul, Korea, Saturday, December 13, at six in the evening.

The Reverend Dick Turner, pastor of the church, officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. An Yang Kun of Seoul, Korea, while the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Robert Gosnell of Olney, and the late Mr. Gosnell. The family formerly lived at Wellington and Quail.

Baskets of gladioli and unity candles decorated the church, and wedding music was presented by Mrs. Jesse Willis of Olney, organist.

The bride was given in marriage by Wayne Cummings of Wellington, uncle of the bridegroom.

Her wedding gown was of white organza over silk, with appleblossoms on the yoke, and bishop sleeves. The skirt

Faithful Class Has Supper

The Faithful Workers Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church had a salad supper Friday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Tom Wilkins, Truett Holland, Joe Lennon and Barbara Archer presented a Christmas program in song.

The class members exchanged gifts and presented a gift to Rev. Roy Collins and Benny Kilgo.

Those members present were Mrs. Gene Bawcom, Mrs. R.C. Bryan, Mrs. Elmer Black, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Haralson, Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Harris, Mrs. Emory Hunter, Mrs. Edith Lacy, Mrs. Waymon Moody, Dr. and Mrs. R.C. McNett, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kennedy; associate members, Mr. and Mrs. Garner Altom, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Keller and guests Mr. and Mrs. Benny Kilgo, Mrs. Barbara Archer, Tom Wilkins, Truett Holland and Joe Lennon.

Personal

Mrs. Betty Welch, with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Welch, Laura and Stan, of Ft. Worth visited friends here early this week. Mrs. Welch and Charley Welch formerly lived here. She will leave Sunday for a 10-day visit to the Holy Land.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bartlett of Boardman, Oregon, and his sister, Mrs. Ronald Hoeft of Pendleton, Oregon, are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ozro Bartlett, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clark and family.



Who's New in the Wellington Area

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Billington are the parents of a daughter, Amy Noel, born December 18, in Hall County Hospital, Memphis. She weighed five pounds and six ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Neeley of Texline are the parents of a daughter, Stephanie Kay, born December 10. She weighed four pounds six ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Neeley.

The yule log has long been an important part of Christmas. In Lithuania the word for Christmas means "log evening."

swept to a train of lace and silk. Her bouquet was of pink roses, with baby's breath and Stephanotis.

Miss Karen Gosnell of Olney, sister of the bridegroom, was the maid of honor. She wore a floor-length pink silk dress, with embroidered white roses accenting the skirt. She carried pink carnations and baby's breath atop a Bible.

Bill Tyler of Olney was best man, and Kimble Lawson of Lubbock, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, ushered.

After the ceremony, Mrs. Gosnell was hostess at a reception in the church fellowship hall to honor the couple.

The bride's table was covered with a white net cloth over pink silk, and centered with an arrangement of pink roses, candles and white carnations. Crystal and silver appointments were used.

Before her marriage, the bride was employed as a food supervisor at Humphreys Air Force Base.

Capt. Gosnell was graduated from Quail High School and received his degree from Texas Tech University in 1969.

He is a communications officer with the United States Army and recently returned after 16 months service in Korea.

Following their wedding trip through Arkansas, Tennessee and Georgia, Capt. and Mrs. Gosnell will be at home at Ft. Gordon, Georgia.

Attending the wedding from Wellington were the bridegroom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Creed, and his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cummings and Tim.

West Texas Utilities Co. Has Annual Holiday Party

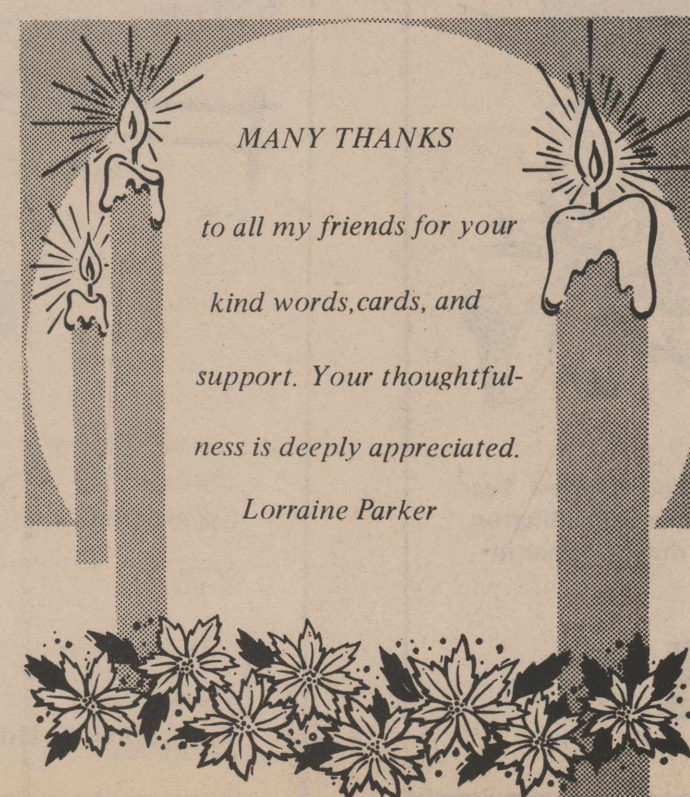
After the meal was served, gifts were presented to the children who were present. Then the entire group enjoyed playing games.

Attending the party were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Sikes, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Martin and Kevin, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cozad and Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Settle, Kristy, Jonni and Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pendleton, Mrs. Barbara Williamson, Miss Vikki Saunders, James Estes of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bob Browning of Memphis, and Al Berry of Childress.

Twelfth Night

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— Leigh Hunt (1784-1859)



MANY THANKS

to all my friends for your

kind words, cards, and

support. Your thoughtful-

ness is deeply appreciated.

Lorraine Parker

Traditions Light New Mexico's Celebration

Christmas in New Mexico is filled with tradition, gaiety, and candle lanterns. The candle lanterns are part of New Mexico's history and they illuminate the state's holiday festivities in a very special way.

When the Spanish first settled in New Mexico, way back in 1598, they brought with them the custom of lighting lanterns and bonfires for festive occasions.



Mountain villagers began setting bonfires and placing homemade lanterns along pathways at Christmastime . . . to light the way for Mary and Joseph and the Christ Child. The bonfires, or luminarias as they are called by New Mexicans, were made of pine and juniper branches and they stood from 2 to 4 feet high. The lanterns were called farolitos. As time went on, the farolitos became candles placed in sand, in paper sacks. These candle lanterns are now placed by doorways, along pathways and walls on Christmas Eve in modern times, lovely and glowing reminders of the old traditions.

Every Christmas Eve, thousands of visitors travel to Albuquerque to see the neighborhoods that are lighted with luminarias, as

Mmes. Cudd and Bartlett Host Christmas Coffee

A festive event of the holiday season was the Christmas coffee hosted by Mrs. Wayne Cudd and Mrs. Earl Lynn Bartlett on Friday afternoon, December 19, in Mrs. Cudd's home.

More than 125 guests called between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. including several from out of town.

An informal, relaxed atmosphere encouraged lighthearted visiting throughout the time.

The table was laid with a white net cloth applied with white poinsettias, and touched with beads and sequins. A centerpiece featured white poinsettias, winter greenery with touches of red. Silver appointments were used. Alternating at the coffee and spiced tea services were Mrs. Kent Clark, Mrs. Dudley Coleman of Dozier, Mrs. Benson Long, Mrs. Scott Wolf of Yorktown and Miss Jan McGill.

Nearby, the buffet featured a large Christmas arrangement of more than a dozen large candles of varying heights, set in a bed

of long-leaf pine. Other arrangements were placed throughout the entertaining rooms.

Other members of the house party included Mrs. Earl Clark, Mrs. J.B. Oney, Mrs. Cal Hurst, Mrs. Edd Henard and Mrs. Frank Light.



Holiday Reading

Christmas Day: No attendance at the office. I gave the day to relaxation, and, with a view to make an experiment upon the taste of the younger part of our present family, after breakfast I read aloud Pope's *Messiah*, a poem suited to the day, and of which my own admiration was great at an earlier age than that of my son Charles, the youngest person now in my family. Not one of them, excepting George, appeared to take the slightest interest in it; nor is there one of them who has any relish for literature. . . .

— John Quincy Adams (Dec. 25, 1820)

To be a good buy and an appropriate gift, a toy must be suitable for the child's age, size and developmental level, Mrs. Ilene Miller, family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, says.

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Wellington Couple Observes 68th Wedding Anniversary

Sixty-eight years ago on Monday, December 22, L.C. King and his bride rode four miles across country in their buggy, over snow, to be married in the church where they worshipped. This was in Clay County, and the date was 1907.

When they celebrated their anniversary this week, Mrs. King was a patient in Collingsworth General Hospital. She is 85 years of age, he is 87.

Both are native Texans. She was born in Burnet County, he in Smith County.

Club Holds Christmas Party

Lillie Home Demonstration Club met Monday, December 15 at 7 p.m. for its annual Christmas party at the Heritage Room with Mrs. Georgia Bartlett, Mrs. Bill Hill and Mrs. Lowell Wells as hostesses.

After singing Christmas carols the group had a traditional turkey and dressing dinner. Gifts were exchanged and secret pals were revealed.

Those attending were Mrs. Clyde Emmert, Mrs. Elmer Haralson, Mrs. Malcolm Horton, Mrs. Bill Langford, Mrs. Henry Langford, Mrs. Bill Lindsey, Mrs. Jim Lowe, Mrs. Haskell Manuel, Mrs. Dudley Phipps, Mrs. Zook Thomas, Mrs. Fred Yarbrough, Mrs. Earl Hunter and the hostesses Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Wells.

Wash Leather Gloves Chosen

COLLEGE STATION--Washable leather gloves deserve a "hand" for their convenience and easy care, Margret Ann Vanderpoorten, a clothing specialist, says.

"Usually American-made leather gloves are washable, even when lined with silk, rayon or acrylic. But fur-lined gloves cannot be washed. So always check care instructions before washing any gloves," she said.

Miss Vanderpoorten is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

She noted that once leather gloves have been drycleaned, they can never be washed. So save money by beginning and continuing to care for leather gloves at home.

"Wash light and dark color gloves separately. Doeskin should be washed off the hands--but calf, pigskin and other leathers are washed on the hands. Apply rich warm lather with hand-washing motions. Use a washcloth or soft brush for cleaning fingertips.

"When clean, gently 'peel' the gloves off from the cuff down. Wash the inside

They came to Wellington from Clay County in 1913.

They farmed in the Pleasant Point community until they retired 21 years ago, when they moved to their home at 1305 Arlington Street.

The couple had two children, Mrs. Faye Branum, who now lives in Amarillo, and the late Loal King. Both finished Pleasant Point School.

Mr. and Mrs. King are members of First Baptist Church and as active as their years and health allow.

Attends Dairy Queen Meet

Mrs. Virginia Thomas, manager of Dairy Queen, and her mother, Mrs. Ralph Messer, were in Lubbock recently for a meeting of all Dairy Queen managers.

A Christmas party was a part of the meeting, which was held at the Villa Inn. Host for the party was Hollis Jones of Decatur, owner of the Dairy Queens. These are in an area from Decatur west to the New Mexico state line.

Lyman Daniels At Gathering

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Daniels, Renee, Ginger and Douglas were in Lorenzo Saturday, December 13 to participate in the early Christmas celebration of Mrs. Daniels' family.

The group met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Huckabee, an aunt of Mrs. Daniels. Those coming for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stall and Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Dryden of Longview, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hood from Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. Cam Lawson of Anton, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Huckabee, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hood and Billy Hood all of Lubbock.

The Fred Stalls and M.H. Drydens attended the football semi-finals between Longview and Odessa Permian which were held in Lubbock.

and then rinse in clear warm water. Squeeze gently, do not twist or wring. Blot excess moisture with a clean towel. Finger-press gloves into shape and dry away from direct heat or sunlight," she said.

Before gloves are completely dry, work them gently onto hands to reshape them. But if gloves have dried completely, roll them in a damp towel to remoisten. Then shape them on the hands.

Homesealers can make their own rainwear with the variety of water repellent fabrics such as treated poplins, denims, vinyls and coated nylons available now, Beverly Rhoades, clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Ser.

Belles Lettres Holds Party

The Belles Lettres Club Christmas party was held Tuesday evening, December 9 in the Heritage Room. Members and their husbands had their annual turkey dinner with Mrs. Bryan Denley, Mrs. Bob Hightower and Mrs. Joe Thompson as hostesses.

W.F. Harbin gave the invocation. Games of 42 were played during the evening and gifts were exchanged from the traditionally decorated tree.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Harbin, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Hightower, Mrs. Denley and visitors Mrs. L.M. Bartlett and Mrs. Cicero Gully.

Saturday 42 Club Honored

Members of the Saturday night 42 Club were entertained with a Christmas dinner recently. Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Keller and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crosby.

Decorations on the serving table centered around a large Christmas candle, and tables for four also featured candle and foliage centerpieces.

A turkey dinner with other Christmas foods was served. Games of 42 followed.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Woody Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur DePauw, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. John Eron Forbis, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Belew.

Dairy Queen Holds Dinner

Employees of Dairy Queen were honored with a Christmas dinner at Hay Camp Country Club recently. A gift exchange followed.

Attending were Mrs. Virginia Thomas, manager, Evelyn Gragson, Sonya Scott, Mrs. Richard Needham, and Kathy Turner.



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Christmas Party at Hay Camp Given Personnel of School

A buffet dinner at Hay Camp Country Club was given Wednesday evening, December 17, for those who are a part of the Wellington Schools--faculty members, administration, board members, auxiliary personnel and their guests. It is the first such holiday dinner held in the school.

The group gathered at six-thirty in the evening.

Some of those attending also stopped by the open house held before and after the dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Camp, near the country club. Mrs. Camp is a teacher in the elementary school.

Registering were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Adams, Miss Gertrude Aguirre, Mr. and Mrs. Doty Anglin, Phil Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Barton, Mr. and Mrs. David Baumgardner, Mrs. Nita Brantley,

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. John

Dodson WMS Holds Supper

The NWMS of Dodson Nazarene Church met Tuesday, December 9, for a salad supper, followed by an exchange of gifts. This was held at the church.

Mrs. Mayme Lewis gave the lesson from "Modern Moods in Missions," by Jerald D. Johnson. Its purpose is to inform Nazarenes of the latest developments in their world mission strategy, she said.

"Silent Night," was sung, then Mrs. Bill Holder, president, spoke of Christmas and Mrs. Maggie Webb gave as the devotional the Christmas story from the book of St. Matthew. A vocal selection was presented by Mrs. Ila Orr and Mrs. Roy Tisdale.

Twenty-four members and guests were present.

Younger 42 Players Feted

A 42 club, made up of some of the town's younger players, held its Christmas party Wednesday evening, December 10, at the Heritage room.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pounds and Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Gunnels were hosts.

A ham supper with all the Christmas trimmings was served. Later games of 42 were played.

A large Christmas tree, decorated with flags, was in the room, and decorations on the buffet table was a centerpiece of candles and pinecones.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Belew, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Gunnels and Mr. and Mrs. Pounds.

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Christmas Dinner Given For Nursing Center Staff

The staff of Thomas Nursing Center, their husbands and other guests were honored with a Christmas salad supper Wednesday evening, December 17, in Bura Handley Community Center.

Hosts were Mrs. Beatrice Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thomas.

A silver Christmas tree with red decorations was a center of attention. Tables were centered with candle arrangements and Christmas greenery, and this theme was repeated on the tables where guests were seated.

Later gifts were exchanged and games played.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Brinkley, Mrs. Alene Eads,

Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Ross O'Hair, Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Souder,

Mrs. Bessie Tucker, Mrs. Lucille West, Mrs. Goldie Woods, Helen Culppepper, Mrs. Albert Fulcher, Elizabeth Lewis, Margie Parker, Mrs. Fred Cummings, Mrs. Lucille Gilmore,

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Gibbs, Mrs. Ura Beal, Mrs. Pauline Cannon, Bart Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Riley, Mrs. Virginia Anderson,

Mrs. Jay Finley, Mrs. Ethel Reed, Gary Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Stallings, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lindley, and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thomas and Mrs. Beatrice Thomas.

Christmas Luncheon Given Senior Citizens On Dec. 17

Senior Citizens organization and volunteers of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program held a Christmas luncheon Wednesday, December 17.

Mrs. Mack Horton read the Christmas story from the Bible, while Mrs. Haskell Manuel, RSVP director, told the story of the little donkey who carried the Virgin Mary to Bethlehem.

Mrs. Jack Lowry and Mrs. Rufus Sweat led the singing of Christmas carols.

As this was also the regular monthly luncheon, those who have birthdays in December were recognized, including Mrs. Rebekah Snider, Mrs. W.E. Brewster, L.C. Keith, Mrs. J.B. Stevenson and County Judge Zook Thomas.

Attending the luncheon were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Haralson, Mr. and Mrs. L.C.

Keith, Mrs. Mattie Childress, Mrs. Tom Parker, Mrs. Nell Land, Mrs. Bob Jones, Mrs. P.E. Lowrie, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Horton,

Mrs. Geneva Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Stevenson, Mrs. C.D. Damron, Mrs. Georgia Bartlett, Mrs. Earl Hunter, Mrs. Snider, Mrs. Doyle Sain and Mrs. Otho Talley of Dodson,

Mrs. A.V. Mote, Mrs. Brewster, Mrs. Sweat, Mrs. Lowry, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wadley, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Young, Mrs. Lonnie Harrison, Mrs. J.F. Michael, Mrs. W.C. Robertson,

Mrs. Bessie Tucker, T.P. Belew, Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Manuel and Mrs. Jean Reynolds.

Avoid carrying a lot of cash when shopping and try not to display how much you are carrying.

Buffet Dinner Given Husbands

Young Homemakers met Saturday evening December 20 in the Heritage Room for their annual Christmas party honoring their husbands.

Christmas decorations were used on all the tables with a large Christmas centerpiece on the buffet table. The club presented the centerpiece to Mrs. Vennum Fitzgerald, the club president.

After the buffet supper of turkey and dressing with all the trimmings, the group played games of 42.

Hostesses for the evening were members of the social committee, Mrs. Dennis Cudd, Mrs. John R. Henard, III and Mrs. Jerry Settle.

Members and their husbands present included Mr. and Mrs. Gary Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Henard, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Nicky Watts, Mr. and Mrs. Farris Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Settle, Mr. and Mrs. Henard and Mr. and Mrs. Cudd.

Peoples Host Board Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Peoples entertained School Board Members with a Christmas dinner, Wednesday night, December 17. After the meal was served, the evening was spent playing dominoes and visiting.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frank Knoll, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Wischkaemper, Mr. and Mrs. Rudie Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Knoll, Mr. Jim Ray and one guest, Rosalyn Puett.

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THREE FOR CHRISTMAS

This happy trio, anticipating Christmas, belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Daniel. From left, they are Ginger, Douglas and Renee. Seated in front of their tree, each holds, not a sock, but a big red shoe for Santa to fill on Christmas eve.



ANTICIPATING CHRISTMAS

Packages are stacked beneath the Christmas tree at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Campbell. Seated by them, and probably anticipating their contents are their children, Cliff, age 6, and Joie, one year old, and now large enough to be interested in it all.

Today's Christmas Traditions Derive from Ancient, Recent Times

Christmas as a formal observance has been celebrated by Christians since the third century. The word itself means Christ's Mass, connoting the religious rites that commemorated the birth of Christ.

Originally, Christmas Day was celebrated on both January 6 and December 25. During the fifth century, the Western world adopted December 25 as Christmas, with Eastern churches following suit later on.

Because December 25 was already a feast day in honor of the pagan sun god Mithra, Christians chose that date to honor Jesus as "The Light of the World."

In many ways, Christmas has served to replace the pagan customs of ancient times. For instance, in Germany, the winter solstice was observed on December 21 by pagans, and many customs of the pre-Christian celebration were transferred to the Christian holiday. Dramatic enactments of the birth of Jesus, Christmas carols, and the "manger songs" of medieval times were incorporated into the holiday celebration as time went on, replacing the old pagan customs.

The Christmas tree itself is believed to be derived from the use of palm trees in the worship of the Egyptian goddess Isis. During the winter solstice a palm tree with twelve shoots, representing the months of the year, was carried to celebrate the completion of one year and the beginning of another. The palm tree was replaced with a fir tree as the observance extended to northern climates.

The Yule log came into use around the 16th century and again, this custom has its origins in pagan times. At the time of the solstice, a sacred fire would be lit from a brand kept from the previous year's log. It is thought that the custom was brought to

England by the Vikings. In later times, the Yule log would be brought in with much ceremony on Christmas Eve to light the holiday fire.

The Christmas stocking is originally an Italian custom. Tradition has it that La Befana, a wandering witch, comes on the feast of Epiphany to fill the stockings of good children with gifts, and those of naughty children with ashes. La Befana's name is actually a corruption of the word, Epiphany, the feast that commemorates the bringing of gifts to the Infant Jesus by the Three Wise Men.

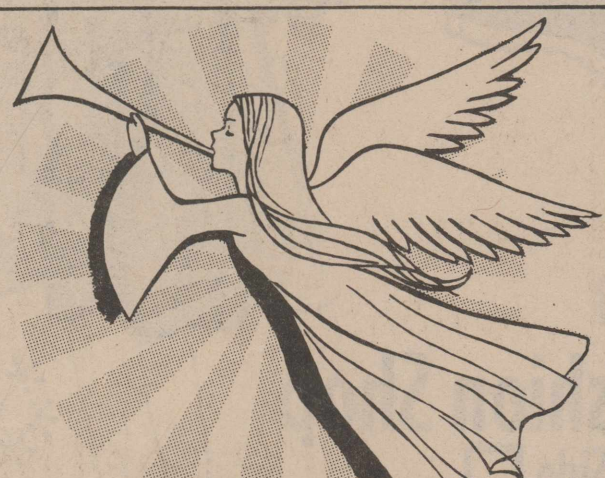
The exchanging of gifts dates back to early medieval times, and is probably inspired by the gifts of the Wise Men.

Christmas cards, however, are a fairly recent tradition. The use of cards dates back only to the latter half of the 19th century. They were an inevitable outcome of the practice of writing to distant friends and relatives at Christmas-time, a custom which came into greater favor with the increasing efficiency of postal systems.

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Merry Christmas To Everyone From Ruth and Roy Horn

Probation Officer Attends Two-Day Statewide Meet

Bob Watson, 100th Judicial District Probation Officer, attended the two-day training workshop for resource officers, held in Austin Thursday and Friday, December 18 and 19.

It was sponsored by the Institute of Contemporary Corrections and the Behavioral Sciences of Sam Houston State University, Huntsville.

The theme of this meeting was "Value Systems," with Dr. Don Beck and Dr. Christopher Cowan of North Texas State University, Denton, as speakers.

At present, 30 probation officers from throughout Texas have been appointed as resource people by the university. They are now undergoing training, and when this is completed, they will be able to return to their own areas and train other officers.

Additionally, they will work with the Institute of Contemporary Corrections and the Behavioral Sciences in conducting other training schools.

Two Legal Scholars Join UT Faculty

AUSTIN*(Spl.)—Two legal scholars have been appointed to endowed faculty positions in The University of Texas Law School.

Hans Baade has been named to the Hugh Lamar Stone Chair in Civil Law. He is an authority on conflicts of laws, civil and comparative law, and international law.

William W. Gibson, Jr., will hold the Albert Sidney Burleson Professorship. Among his interests are decedents' estates, real estate transactions.

Experiment Stations To Observe Centennial

COLLEGE STATION-- State Experiment Stations across the nation can take pride in their achievements as they observe a century of progress this fall.

"The current state, national and world situations impose a new mandate for the second century of research service," says Director Jarvis E. Miller of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, the state's agricultural research agency.

Miller is coordinating local arrangements for the Experiment Station Section of

the 89th Annual Convention of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, scheduled to meet in Houston, Nov. 10-12.

The Houston meeting of State Experiment Station groups will feature special Centennial observances, Miller adds.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's 1975 Yearbook on Agriculture, "That We May Eat," will be presented officially. It highlights the research contributions of the state Experiment Stations in their first century of

operation.

Texas will share in a special Centennial film to be premiered at a dinner meeting on Nov. 10 at Houston's Shamrock-Hilton Hotel. The film pinpoints some of the major research breakthroughs by Experiment Station scientists and is called "The Unfinished Miracle."

Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz is scheduled to deliver the Centennial address at the dinner. Dr. Ernest Boyer, president of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, will preside, and Butz will be introduced by Dr. Robert Parks, president of Iowa State University.

A Press Conference for Secretary Butz is scheduled for 4 p.m. that afternoon in the Shamrock's Emerald Room.

Many other special observances are being planned to commemorate the Experiment Station's Centennial, which marks the founding of the first true Experiment Station at Wesleyan University in Connecticut in 1875.

The Hatch Act legislation of 1886 followed and provided a federal charter for Experiment Stations and allocated federal money for

Ecology Factor Spells End for Yule Bonfires

Twelfth-night, the night before the feast of the Epiphany, marks the end of the Christmas season. In past times, it has been the practice of celebrants to

observe the end of the holiday season by burning their Christmas trees in one great bonfire. But the ecology movement has apparently finished off any remnants of this old custom here in this country.

In one midwestern city, where the burning of Christmas trees had been an annual community event for many years, complaints from pollution-conscious citizens has forced the abandonment of the tradition. So much pressure was brought to bear on the local pollution control agency by environment-minded residents that harried officials were forced to reject a request for an open-fire permit from would-be Twelfth Night celebrants.

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Legend of the Lamb

There is a beautiful legend concerning one of the creatures in the stable where the Infant Jesus was born. It seems that there was a little lamb sharing the Blessed Child's first abode. As the animals all gazed in silent adoration upon the Holy Babe, this little lamb felt badly because it had no gift to offer the Newborn King.

Suddenly the lamb noticed how thin the Babe's blanket was... surely the Infant must be cold! The straw upon which He rested offered very little warmth. The little lamb

knew then that there was indeed something it could offer to this Holy Child. Quickly, the lamb nestled by the Child, sheltering Him from the cold.

Warmed by the animal's shaggy coat, the Christ Child smiled and touched the little lamb. According to the legend, the lamb's coat was suddenly transformed into soft, curly wool. And that is why, the legend says, all sheep now bear a warm and woolly coat... as a symbol of a special gift offered by that little lamb on the first Christmas night.

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Farmers Should Check New Tax Reduction Act

COLLEGE STATION--Americans will save \$23.1 billion in tax money this year as a result of the Tax Reductions Act of 1975. And some changes are of particular interest to farmers and ranchers.

Dr. Wayne Hayenga, economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, advises agricultural producers to give close attention to such tax changes as 1975 draws to a close.

"One change involves an increase in the level of investment credit," points out Hayenga. "A 10 per cent increase in investment credit is in the law through 1976. This credit applies to property bought or under construction after last Jan. 21 and before Jan. 1, 1977."

A permanent change associated with investment credit has also been made. Instead of having to wait to claim the credit when the construction is completely done, individuals can claim credit on progress payments during the construction period, notes Hayenga.

Also, the amount of used property that qualifies for investment credit has been increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

A tax break designed to help small farmers and other self-employed workers will make individuals with an annual income between \$4,000 and \$8,000 eligible for a refundable tax credit on all earned income, says the Texas A&M University System specialist.

"Earned income is defined

as any compensation for personal services and includes wages, salaries and tips, but not pensions and annuities."

People with an income of \$4,000 will get the maximum tax credit of \$400. As income goes up to \$8,000, the amount of credit decreases, Hayenga, explains.

"This tax cut operates like a negative income tax when the amount of credit is greater than a person's tax liability. If that happens, the excess credit is refunded."

For the general populace, a significant tax break for 1975 is an increase in the standard deduction to 16 per cent, a one per cent increase over last year. The maximum standard deduction for singles is now \$2,300 and for joint returns, \$2,600.

"An increase in personal exemptions is also in store for 1975 taxpayers," notes Hayenga. "Taxpayers will be able to deduct \$750 plus an additional \$30 tax credit for themselves, their spouse and each dependent. However, this extra \$30 credit does not apply to the blind or aged."

The maximum income allowable to claim a child care expense deduction has been increased from \$18,000 to \$35,000. For incomes above this, the amount deductible for child care expense decreases, says Hayenga. If income is \$44,600 a year or more, there can be no deduction for child care expense.

The amount of income needed before a tax return must be filed has been increased from \$2,050 to \$2,350 for 1975. This will be of some help to farmers and ranchers who hire their children, deduct the wages as expenses, and still claim the children as dependents, points out Hayenga.

Civil Service Seeks Applicants

The U.S. Civil Service Commission is currently accepting applications for Agricultural Commodity Grader (Grain) at the GS-9 level. Positions are currently available in Houston, Fort Worth, and Beaumont, Texas; New Orleans and Crowley, Louisiana; Jonesboro and Stuttgart, Arkansas. It is anticipated that similar positions will occur in the future in other locations within the Dallas Region.

The basic requirements are five years of experience in grading the quality of many varieties of grain or related commodities. An undergraduate degree in the field of agronomy or other agricultural specializations may be substituted for up to three years of the required experience.

If your experience, train-

ing, and/or education match these requirements, and you are available, complete and return two copies of the application form S.F. 171 to the following address:

U.S. Civil Service Comm.
Attention: Mid-Level Section
Dallas Area Office
1100 Commerce Street
Dallas, Texas 75202

Applications must be postmarked no later than January 5, 1976. You may obtain the SF-171's from any Federal Job Information Center.

If you are found to be eligible for these positions, your name will be referred for consideration in accordance with Civil Service regulations. If you are not selected for these specific vacancies, you may receive future consideration for similar positions on the basis of your qualifications and availability.

Set it with a Classified Ad.

TELEVISION SCHEDULE CABLE CHANNEL 5

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH December 28 - January 3

SUNDAY

10:15 a.m. Sunday School F.B.C.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship F.B.C.
6:00 p.m. Bible Study in Book of Daniel F.B.C.
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship F.B.C.

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Worship hour F.B.C.

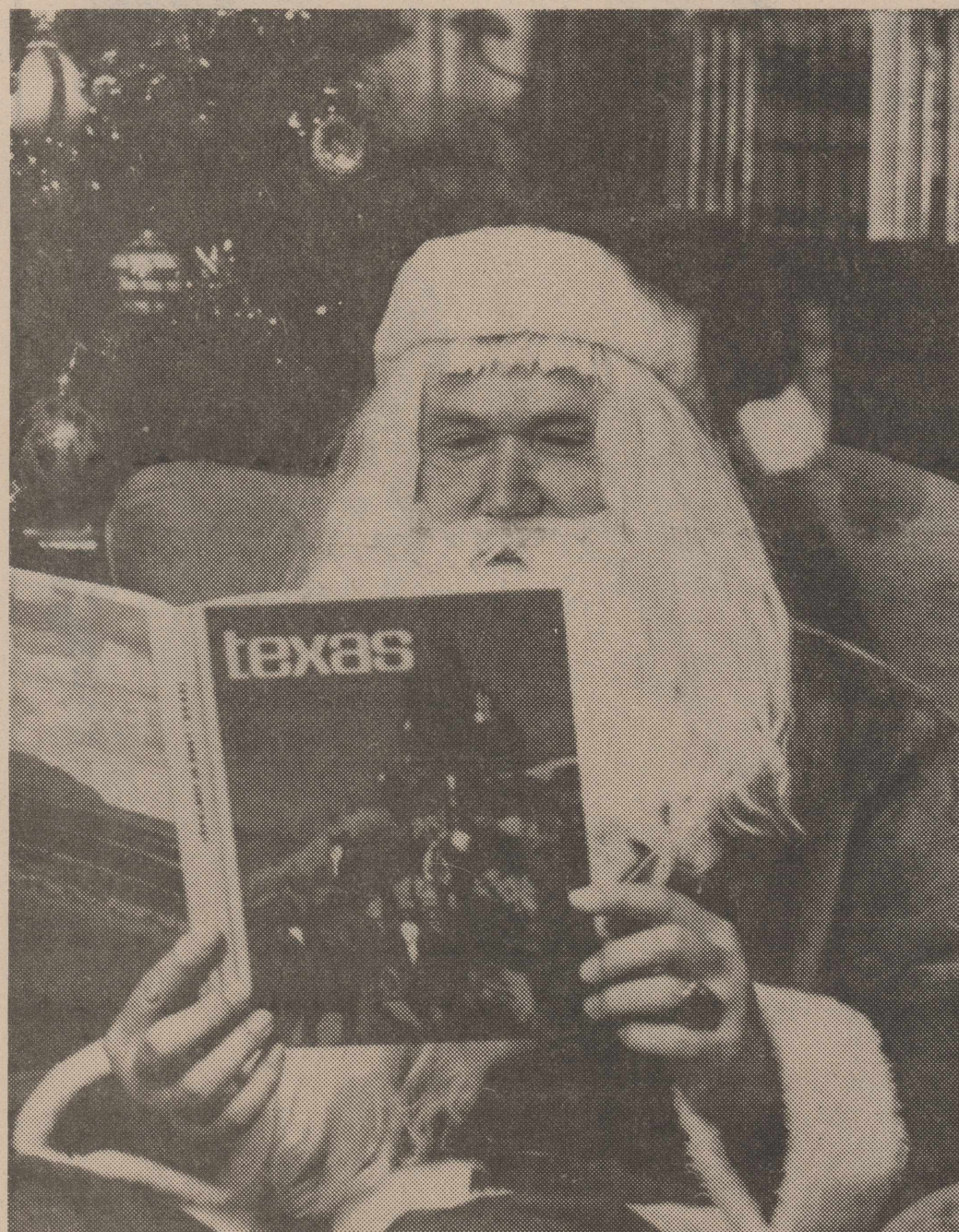
TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. "Punto" Spanish
7:05 p.m. Luz para un mundo en tinieblas
7:30 p.m. "La Respuesta" Spanish



A TREE WITH MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS

Heather, left, and Angel, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Don Hendrix, sit beside their tree, covered with tiny yarn dolls and wooden toys used to decorate their Christmas tree a year ago in Germany, where Capt. Hendrix was assigned by the Army. Beneath the tree is the creche which belonged to Mrs. Hendrix who is the former Peggy Shanks, when she was a child. The family now lives in Wellington.



WHEN CHRISTMAS EVE rolls around, everyone knows Santa Claus is hard at work delivering presents. During the summer, however, the jolly old elf does just what everyone else is doing—he goes on vacation. When the Texas Tourist Council reporter located him at his North Pole workshop, Santa confirmed that he's definitely planning to visit Texas next year. "My work takes me all over the world," Santa noted, "so I guess you could call me an authority on travel. I've seen a lot of fine places, but when I go on vacation, I always head for Texas. Your State has just about everything!"

Junior High Wins Three From Paducah

Three junior high basketball teams were winners in a triple header with Paducah Thursday evening, December 18, at Skyrocket gymnasium.

Seventh grade girls had an easy 43-17 victory and eighth grade girls won 33-28. But for the boys, it was a real squeaker, a one-point 24-23 victory.

The seventh grade girls took a 14-2 lead by the end of the first period and the score was 33-3 at halftime.

High pointplayer was Kathleen Reeves with 20 points, while Sandy Morris had 15, LaVonda Thomas four and Liz Brewer and Touni Archie two each.

Eighth grade girls were leading 12-6 at the first quarter and 20-14 at the half. However, Paducah had pulled ahead 24-23 at the third period. The Wellington girls scored 10 points in the final period and allowed Paducah only four, to give Wellington a 33-28 victory.

Jennifer Pendleton scored 16 points, Suzy Chandler 15 and Tammy Hernandez two. Burns had 16 for Paducah.

Wellington seventh grade boys led 6-4 at the first period but only 12-11 at halftime. The third quarter saw Wellington score 10 points while Paducah had but a single goal. The final quarter was turned around,

Battered Children Studied at New Center

AUSTIN, (Spl.)--Working to better the prospects for battered children is the intent of a new center established at The University of Texas.

Created by a federal grant is the Regional Resource Center for Child Abuse and Neglect, which will supply technical assistance and training in a five-state region for agencies that provide services of prevention, identification and treatment in cases of child abuse and neglect.

The center, located in UT's Graduate School of Social Work, also involves the cooperation of the Law School and the UT Medical Branch in Galveston.

with Wellington making two points and Paducah 10.

Dane Dodge scored 8 points, Robert Powell and Marty Warrick 6 each and Baldo Nevarez four. Garza had 8 for Paducah.

Keep furniture at least three inches from walls to avoid marking the walls.

Swine Hormone May Control Human Cancer

AUSTIN, (Spl.)--Using brain tissue from 80,000 swine, a group of University of Texas scientists has isolated a minute amount of a hormone that holds promise in the control of human breast cancer.

The hormone is known as the prolactin inhibiting hormone. After its structure is determined, the hormone can be produced synthetically and probably be available for use in biomedical and clinical research in about one to three years.

Isolation of the hormone was achieved in the Institute for Biomedical Research under the direction of Dr. Karl Folkers.

Lyne T. Barret drilled the first Texas oil well near Nacagdoches in 1866: Texas Became the nation's No. 1 oil producing state in 1928.

A Christmas Blessing

This poem, by the famed James Whitcomb Riley (1849-1916), of Indiana, starts with the conclusion of "The Christmas Dinner of the Cratchits."

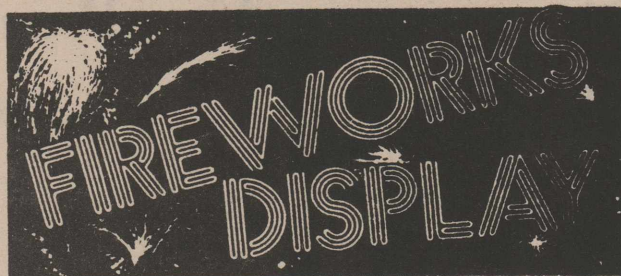
"God bless us every one!" prayed Tiny Tim, Crippled and dwarfed of body, yet so tall Of soul, we tiptoe earth to look on him, High towering over all.

He loved the loveless world, nor dreamed, indeed, That it at best could give him, the while, But pitying glances, when his only need Was but a cheery smile.

And thus he prayed, "God bless us every one!" Enfolded all the creeds within the span Of his child-heart; and so, desiring none, Was nearer saint than man.

I like to fancy God, in Paradise, Lifting a finger o'er the rhythmic swing Of chiming harp and song, with eager eyes Turned earthward, listening —

The Anthem stilled — the angels leaning there Above the golden walls — the morning sun Of Christmas bursting flower-like with the prayer, "God bless us every one!"



Firecrackers, Pop Bottle Rockets, and all other Fireworks will be available. We also have many new items.

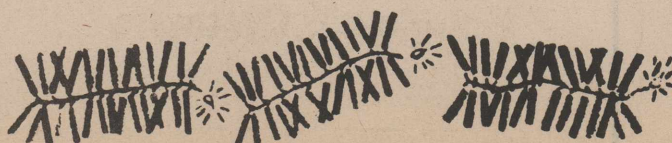
The stand will open at Lucky Corner Friday, December 19 and will be open until January 1.

Monday through Friday it will be open from 5:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

DEBBIE HENARD

YOUR BUSINESS WILL BE APPRECIATED



Sing a song of joy this Christmas season and fill your world with happiness for the coming year.

House of Beauty

Peggy Sandra Jackie Edith Nancy

Deck's Didactics

—by Deskins Wells

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

* * *

That just about says it all. The old greeting comes from each one of us on The Wellington Leader with full hearts and glad spirits. It is our hope that somewhere along the way you will find the feeling of Christmas with all the shining belief of a little child.

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There are so many of you who have been so good to us during the past year that we do not intend to single out any of you. Instead, we thank you all.

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This time last year when Bob Goforth bought a full page Christmas ad, I was pleased; and when he volunteered to add two extra colors, I was astonished. However, when I saw the two color ad that Kenneth Moore purchased for the Wellington State Bank and the two color ad that Calvin Hurst, Jack Sanford and Harold Watkins bought for Wells and Wells Ins., I was just plain flabbergasted.

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It was with delight that I noted that these same people had two colors in their Christmas ads again this year. But my uppers nearly fell when I saw the green ad of Temple Slay for Town and Country and Fashion Shop.

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We spend considerable on these Christmas Greetings that are fine drawings made from originals or great pictures to make them outstanding in plain black and white. When a business man adds color, it must mean that he wants you to see his message and appreciates your friendship.

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People have been asking about Christmases of other years since we have been publishing some stories and pictures of earlier days. Here is one that is strictly family. In those days, I did not venture as far as the Godfreys or the Higgins or Sullivans for there were chores before the distribution of presents on Christmas Eve.

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Milking was done early on Christmas Eve, after the stock had been fed. This was considerable for it included the horse and mules, chickens, hogs and cattle beside the milk cows. The calves received an extra portion for they must have an extra portion for there was already plenty of milk stored away for the morrow and eager feet wanted to be inside the house.

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The sun had set and a waning moon cast black shadows on the piles of snow that was as old as the days of winter when the days start getting longer and the nights colder.

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Inside there was no such sight as a glowing fireplace with sparks going up the chimney. Instead a great stove filled with coals that needed only one more lump to make it too hot. There was no glittering Christmas tree until later years. Instead there was the modest stocking of each individual fastened to their particular chair.

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The distribution of presents followed. Each child had known for weeks what they would receive. The stocking by the chair remained empty. It was to wait for Santa. Each child knew that in the morning the stocking would be filled with the real present brought by Jolly Old St. Nick along with apples, nuts, stick candy and maybe oranges.

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Knowing that the morning would bring that bright and shining day for which they had waited so long, each child went to bed saying Good Night and Happy Dreams.

More than half of America's medical students receive some of their training in the Veterans Administration's 171 hospitals.

Some Businesses to Reopen on Friday

Some of Wellington's business firms will be open Friday, December 26, others will be closed, a sampling early this week revealed.

A number of retail merchants are remaining open on Friday, Mayor Bill Hatch said. Among these are Saied's Department Store, Hatch Dry Goods, and The Fair, Town and Country and the Fashion Shop, Fabric and Ready to Wear and Mode O' Day.

Drug stores, on the other hand, plan to close, as will Wellington Clinic. All will be open Saturday.

Wilkins Furniture will be closed Friday.

Some businesses have not decided if they will close on the day after Christmas.

The Sheriff's office in the courthouse will close at noon Christmas eve and will also be closed Thursday and Friday. Work will continue as usual, however, with dispatching and patrol on schedule. Anyone needing to contact an officer should call the regular number 447-

2588, said Deputy N.E. Childers. If there is a busy signal or constant ringing, wait a few minutes and dial again, he said.

City offices will close Christmas eve but will be open Friday.

Buster Hughs said Ace Hardware will close Friday also. Sear Catalog office will close Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. and reopen Monday.

Most grocery stores plan to be open Friday.

County gins will close Christmas day.

Wellington Gin will close at noon December 24 and open at 8:00 a.m. Friday, December 26.

Farmers Co-op Enterprises will close for 24 hours, from 7:00 p.m. Wednesday until 7:00 p.m. Thursday, according to J.N. Glasgow.

Dodson Farmers Co-op will be closed from 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve, December 24, to 8:00 a.m. 26th.

Davis Gin at Dodson will close at 5:00 p.m. December 24 and reopen at 7:00 a.m. Friday.

Lutie Gin will close at noon Wednesday and reopen Friday morning.

Wellington Adds Teachers for Second Semester

Addition of a new first grade teacher in Wellington Elementary School, and hiring of a home economics teacher in high school earlier was announced by Supt. E.W. Clement.

Miss Anja Street of Kress, who was graduated from Texas Tech University last week, will become the third teacher of first grade students. The addition of a teacher became necessary due to overcrowded conditions in that grade, Supt. Clement said.

She graduated from Kress High School under Supt. Maxey McKnight, a former Wellington coach. She has an elementary education major, with kindergarten certificate, and a minor in math. She did her practice teaching in Bean Elementary School, Lubbock, under former Wellington Superintendent Thayne Amonette. Both men recommend her highly, Mr. Clement said.

Miss Nancy King of Cache, Oklahoma, came a few weeks ago to teach home economics in high school. She succeeds Mrs. Gary Killian, who resigned.

Miss King received her degree in home economics from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, in May. In Cache High School, where she graduated, she was a cheer leader and played basketball.

Services Here Wednesday for Mrs. G.W. Duncan

Funeral services for a former Wellington woman, Mrs. George W. Duncan of Ft. Worth, will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 24, in the Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. John L. Harrison, pastor, will officiate, and burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Kelso Funeral Home.

Mrs. Duncan, who lived at 3513 North Terry, moved to Ft. Worth 12 years ago. She died in Jarvis Seights Nursing Home.

She was born in Alabama November 9, 1887, the daughter of the late James O. and Julia Burgess Castleberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan were married October 25, 1907, at Blossom. They made their home in Wellington for many years. Mr. Duncan died January 15, 1968.

She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors are one son, George Duncan of Artesia, N.M.; three daughters, Mrs. Jane Spear of Amarillo, Mrs. Norvell Manuel and Mrs. Jack Rogers of Ft. Worth; one sister, Mrs. Mattie Bradley of Ft. Payne, Alabama; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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center. Mrs. Sims is on the board.

Mrs. Sims is on the board of the Amarillo Mental Health Mental Retardation Regional Center, and also serves as chairman of the Collingsworth County Family Service Center advisory board.

Mrs. Poteet represents Collingsworth County on the District 6 Committee of trustees for the Amarillo MHMR center and is on the Family Service Center board.

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cannot be bought with the stamps.

Girls baked cakes and cookies and candy. They even baked diabetic cakes and cookies as they had learned of those homes where diabetics live. The boys brought such things as tissues, shampoo, washing detergent and soap.

Members of That Skyrocket Band were selling popcorn kits and donated a number of these.

Sunday afternoon when Beta club members made

their deliveries, every child received a stuffed toy and one or more other toys, besides the clothes they could be fitted with, and a gift of food.

Those families they could not visit have been taken over by the Future Farmers Chapter, which also has under way a project to help the needy.

Beta Club members are Linda Coffee, Denise Archer, Lana Lacy, George Brewer, David Null, Randall Sims, Richard Sims, Mary Ann Morgan, Kay Coffee, Darla

THE WELLINGTON (TEXAS) LEADER
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Dear Santa,

My name is Kimberly, and I am four years old. This year for Christmas would you please bring me a Baby Alive doll, and a Rub-a-Dub doll, and anything else you think I might enjoy. Don't forget my new brother Kelly, and all the other boys and girls.

Love
Kimberly Gonzales
Amarillo, Texas



PEACE ON EARTH, GOODWILL TOWARDS MEN

May Peace and Goodwill always reign
within your hearts.

Wellington Leader

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Virginia Robey
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Henry Wells
Nell Wilbur
Linda Wolf
Audie Watson

Mrs. G. T. Stephens

Fri., Sat., Sun.
Dec. 26-27-28

Bombastic Bunglery!

Fri. 7:30 p.m. Sat. 7:00 & 9:00 p.m.
Sun. 7:30 p.m.

Holds 9th Annual Yuletide Tea Sunday

The Young Women's Christian Council of the Church of God in Christ held its 9th annual yuletide tea Sunday afternoon, December 21, in Bura Handley Community Center.

AC Vocational Nursing Class Opens Feb. 9

Pre-entrance examinations for applicants admitted to the vocational nursing program at Amarillo College will be administered at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 6 through 9.

Applications are being taken in Room 205 of the School of Vocational Arts at the Amarillo College West campus, 6222 W. 9th for the 51st nursing program to begin Feb. 9.

"Students must complete a 12-month vocational nursing training program at the AC West campus School of Vocational Arts. The first five months is pre-clinical training followed by seven months of training at either High Plains Baptist Hospital, Northwest Texas Hospital, or St. Anthony's Hospital," said Sue Ann Hicks, chairman of the Vocational Nursing program at AC.

In order to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse, those who complete the training program must then pass the State Board Examination given in the spring, said Mrs. Hicks.

Additional information may be obtained from Mrs. Hicks at the School of Vocational Arts.

Members of the church and visitors were present for the program, with Mrs. A.T. Anderson of Amarillo, wife of the pastor, as program director. The meeting opened with the singing of "Silent Night," by the YWCC, then the Rev. J. Coffee gave the invocation.

"Away in a Manger" was sung by the Sunshine Band, a group of boys and girls, and Mrs. R. Mathis welcomed the guests. Mrs. Anderson gave as a vocal solo, "O, Holy Night."

The guest speaker was Mrs. B.M. Sims, recently appointed a regent of West Texas State University, and a federated club leader on the local, district and state level.

She called Christmas a time to "Open our hearts and let the world come in." Let each of us celebrate Christmas in our own way, but at the same time open our heart in love for others. She drew the children present for the tea into the discussion of the alphabet of Christian qualities.

In closing, Mrs. Sims sang "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day."

A trio of girls from St. John's Methodist Church sang "Joy to the World," then officers and members of the Young Women's Christian Council were introduced. King Bowen was the guest pianist.

After Rev. Anderson spoke briefly, Mrs. B.E. Williams of Shamrock, assistant supervisor of the YWCC for the northwest Texas Diocese, was introduced, and urged the group to bring Christ into Christmas. Mrs. Meadows brought greetings from the Methodist Church.

Awarding of door prizes came at the close of the meeting.

The council president is Mrs. Saggie Brown, while Miss Carol Jones is secretary.

Other members heading the various committees were: gifts: Mrs. R. Mathis; tickets, Mrs. E. Barber, Mrs. L. Anderson and Mrs. D. Davis. Mrs. Anderson was in charge of the program, while the decorating committee included Mrs. I. Givens, Mrs. B.J. Chambers, Miss G. Barber, Mrs. E. Armstrong, and Mrs. A. Sango.

Hostesses were Mrs. B. McCann, Mrs. Sango, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Givens, Mrs. T. McCann, Mrs. I. Jones, Mrs. L. Green, Mrs. W. Johnson and Mrs. L. Williams.

Following the program, a tea was held for those present.



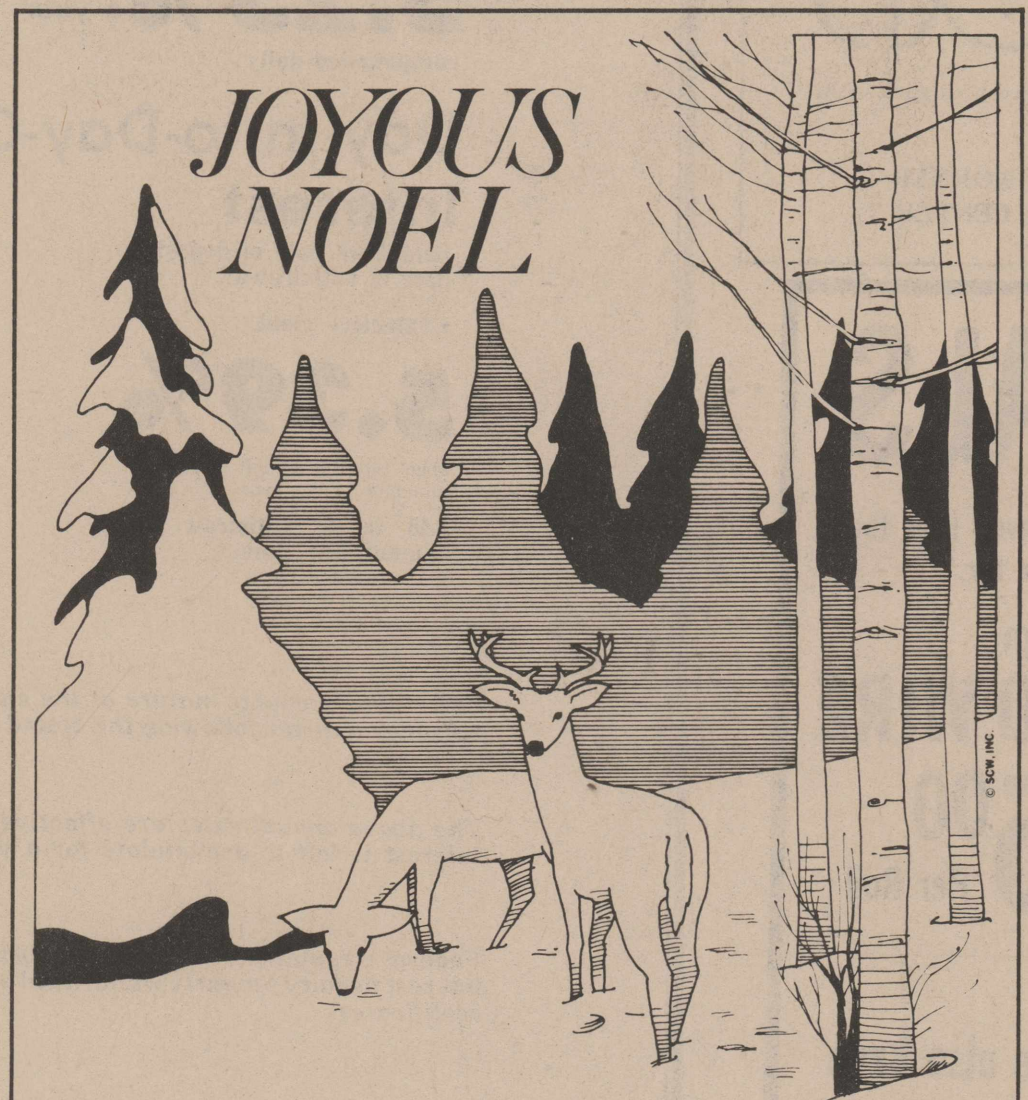
TRADES DAY, 1916

Mrs. Kate Newman remembers that prize in the drawing was an automobile. (Photo courtesy Mrs. Kate Newman)

May the joyous spirit of peace, love and kindness born on that Holy Night bless your home and family, always. At Christmas-time, all of us here wish all of you every happiness and the best of good fortune. Our grateful thanks for your friendly patronage.

O'Hair Plumbing & Heating

Helen Raymond Ross



During this beautiful winter season, we would like to take the opportunity to wish all of you a Happy Holiday.

Clark Chevrolet

University Sponsors Traveling Exhibits

AUSTIN--Beginning Jan 1 The University of Texas will circulate to many Texas cities 12 traveling exhibits of important materials from its noted Humanities Research Center collections.

Each exhibit will contain from 75 to 150 items.

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Seventy-two showings are planned as a Bicentennial offering.

Among the traveling exhibits will be displays entitled "A Texan Photo Album," "Art of the Book," "19th Century Liter-

ature," "Writers About Texas," "Man and His Horse," "Circus: The Art of Play," "Theater in America" and "Aviation: Manned Flight."

Sell it with a Classified Ad.

We're wishing everyone a very joyous Christmas and shouting a hearty "THANK YOU" for your loyal patronage.

MODE O' DAY

JUDY HALL

A season to brighten young eyes, as sparkling and glowing as the lighted Christmas bauble... O beautiful Season of Joy!

Singley Mill & Elevator

LETTERS from the People

Detroit, Michigan
Dear Mr. Wells:

I am enclosing a check for \$7.50 for another year of The Leader. It gets better all the time. The articles about the museum, the pictures of Wellington's past, and your attention to the current steps forward make each issue one for eager anticipation to this Transplanted Texan (once a Texan, always a Texan).

Best wishes for health and happiness for you and the staff.

Yours truly,
Frances Somerville Louis
(Mrs. N.S. Louis)

Don't just store it away and forget it--sell it with a classified ad in The Leader and use the money to buy something you need.

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

QUAIL MERCANTILE
Tom and Hetie Crabtree

Wellington a Growing Town 50 Years Ago

Wellington was growing 50 years ago, and according to the files of The Wellington Leader for December 17, 1925, The Cocke Addition had been incorporated into the city, adding 14 new families.

Here are events from that issue--50 years ago in Collingsworth.

The contract was let to Panhandle Construction Co. of Lubbock to install Wellington's water system.

Wellington streets were renamed and "an effort will be made soon to have the houses numbered. The streets running east and west beginning at the north side of town, are numbered. They run from first street to 19th street. The square is on 8th and 9th streets. And the school house is on fifteenth street.

The streets running north and south are named after Texas towns in alphabetical order. Judge C.C. Small was mayor.

J.D. Sugg bought a half-interest in the Home Furniture Company owned by John Leslie of Oklahoma City, and will be equal partner with H.L. Todd of this city.

The Cocke addition was taken into the incorporated city limits by the City Council. This adds 14 new families to the city of Wellington, and it is probable that the number of new families will be increased considerably by bringing in the Stall Addition.

Mrs. M.C. Wells of Etta, Mississippi, died at the home of her daughter in that place last Wednesday and was buried Thursday. Mrs. Wells is the mother of E.A. Wells of this city. She was 85

years old at the time of her death. It has been 12 years since she was in Wellington. For several years she lived in the home of her son, Henry Wells. She returned to Mississippi in 1913.

Miss Leila A. Giles, expression teacher, presented her pupils from east and west ward schools in a recital. Taking part were Verbyl Gausnell, Pauline Payne, Ramona Mitchell, Reece Nowlin, Pauline Hooser, Annalou Harper, Delma Ruth Richardson, Elizabeth Gillentine, Rose Starkey, Henard Gray, Julia Slough, Harold Watkins, Amazel Clement, Floyd Bailey, Lorena Caison, Helen Bowman, G.W. Poteet, Mary Nell Keithley, Gladys Marshall, Donnita Blain, Paul Smyers, Jella Mae Parrigan, Annie Hazzard, Lonnie Watkins, Kathleen Leggitt, Shelton Nunnelle, Ramona Mitchell, Billie Murray, Elmer Knox Jones, Dale Watkins, Pauline Coe, Donna Duckworth, Pauline Starr, Paytha Montgomery, Jessie Riley, Olivia Templeton, Mary Jo Coe, Joe Mae Payne, H.A. Holcomb, Oletha Bailey, Mary Frances Templeton, Paul Coe, James Sullivan, Nina C. Clement, Thelma Ruperd and Dysart Holcomb.

If you don't need it any longer, sell it through a want ad in The Leader.

Crime Index Decreases Eleven Per Cent at UT

AUSTIN, (Spl.)--The total crime index (an FBI measurement) for serious crimes at The University of Texas decreased 11 percent in 1974-75, the UT Police report.

Decreases were noted in serious crimes such as assaults, burglaries and auto

thefts. Substantial decreased were seen in arson, forgeries, frauds, embezzlements, stolen property, vandalism and other crimes.

The lower crime rate was attributed to increased awareness by students, faculty and staff and by increased crime prevention

consciousness on the part of police officers.

Tommy Baker of Lakin, Kansas, is visiting this week with his mother, Mrs. W.W. Baker. His wife is in Hollis visiting with members of her family.



HAPPINESS IN A BIG BOX

Four-year-old Susan Carroll must stand in a chair to put this box, all red and white and almost as large as she is, beneath the Christmas tree at City State Bank. The tree itself is natural green, with gold tinsel and red Christmas balls. Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Carroll. Her mother is a City State Bank employee.

Social Security Dates Listed For Wellington

A representative of the Amarillo Social Security office will be in Wellington regularly each week with one exception during the next quarter.

He will be at the Heritage room of Wellington State Bank on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The dates include: January 5, 12, 19 and 26; February 2, 9, and March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

The representative will help anyone on matters

University of Texas Enrollment 42,598

AUSTIN--Fall enrollment at The University of Texas is 42,598, an increase of 757 over the previous fall.

Most of the increase, according to Dr. David E. Hershey, director of admissions and records, comes from larger numbers of former students returning to UT Austin.

The enrollment figure includes 24,631 men and 17,967 women. By classification, there are 8,746 freshmen; 7,404 sopho-

relating to Social Security, Supplementary Security Income or Medicare.

mores; 7,575 juniors; 9,996 seniors; 4,533 master's students; 2,653 doctoral students and 1,691 law students.



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

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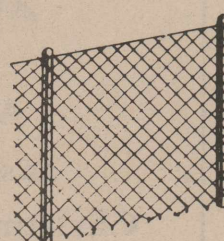
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Car Registration by Mail to Begin for Texas Motorists

AUSTIN--An era is coming to an end.

Texas motorists this week will begin receiving their new auto registration applications in the mail.

But in 1976, instead of new metal license plates, Texas vehicles will sport small strips of reflective material. The bicentennial red, white and blue validation stickers are to be affixed to the area outlined by an embossed rectangle in the upper left-hand corner of the 5-year

plates issued a year ago.

So, for the first time since World War II, Texans will use license plates issued in an earlier year. And plans call for annual reissue of the same plate numbers for the foreseeable future for periods of at least five years at a time.

The Lone Star State issued plates for the first time in 1917, according to R.W. (Bob) Townsley, director of the Motor Vehicle Registration Division of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

"Prior to that time motorists registered their vehicles in the county of residence," Townsley said. The county tax assessor-collector issued a plate number and the owner of the

vehicle got appropriate materials from a convenient hardware store and made his own plate or plates.

The month-of-issue sticker will remain the same for the life of the vehicle and will be affixed in the upper left-hand corner of the license plate. A definite advantage will be the elimination of long lines of motorists waiting to register their vehicles once each year, as only part of the registrations will be issued each month.

When the new monthly registration system becomes effective, cost of registration will be determined by the month of issue for the first year, and a motorist will pay for length of the registration period--whether for part of a year or more than a year.

Cub Scout Pack Has Christmas Party Thursday

Cub Scout Pack 231 held its Christmas party Thursday, December 18 in the American Legion Building at 7:30 p.m.

Boy Scouts Timmy DeVoss and Brent Long led the Cub Scouts and their parents in the pledge of allegiance.

Mrs. Bill Long presented the program "How to make a Good Cub Scout" with the assistance of Lisa Hartman, as the little old lady and Brent Long as the Scout.

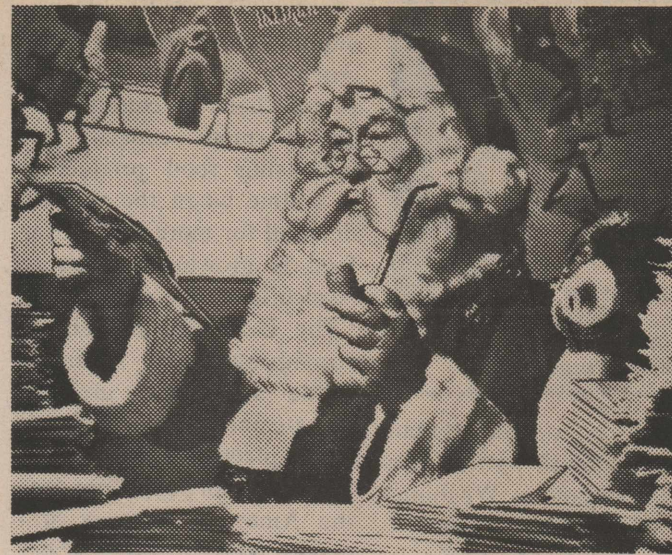
She told the group the ingredients for a good cub scout are a boy, the boy's pal, doing your best, Den Mother or Den Dad, Cub Scouts and leaders all over the world, the theme "God and My Country", the Pack Committee. Stir well and without fail add parents to encourage and help the cub. This good foundation will yield a good Cub Scout.

Mrs. Long presented the Bob Cat award, which is the first step in Cub Scouting, to Jerry Davis, Bob Owens, and Rickie Granados. Dell Davis and James Bergvall were not present, but had earned the award also.

The boys had to learn the Cub Pledge and Cub Promise

pin of Kenner, La.; and these brothers and sisters: J. Preston Gilbreth of Hedley; W. Penn Gilbreth of Abilene; Mrs. Annie Russell of Willow, Okla.; Elmer Gilbreth and Joseph Weldon Gilbreth of Dove Creek, Colo.; Clyde Gilbreth of Clarendon, Mrs. Hazle Graham of Harlington, Mrs. Oneta DePauw of Wellington.

Attending the funeral from Wellington were Mrs. Hugh Bledsoe, Mrs. Otto Russel, Mrs. C.D. Damron, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Keller and children.



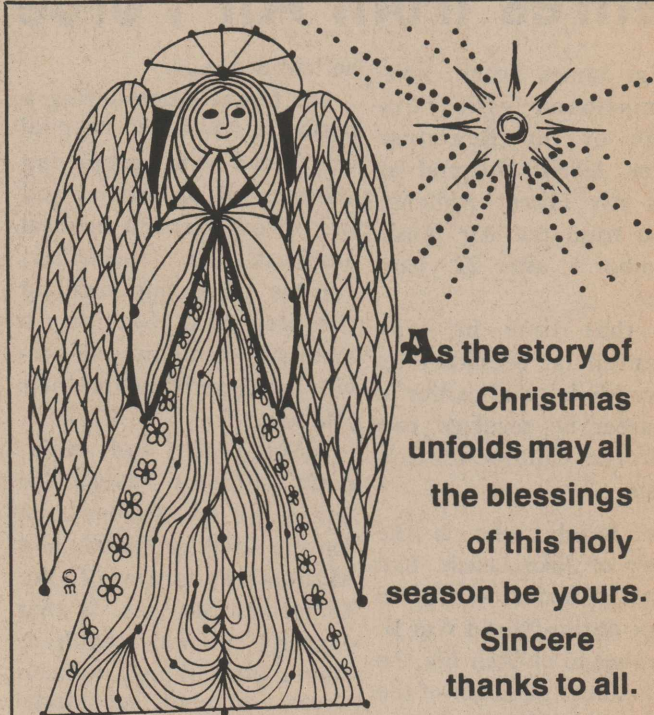
THE MOST FAMOUS RESIDENT in the town of Santa Claus, Indiana, population 300, is Santa Claus himself who receives well over 100,000 letters annually from children across the country and around the world. As Santa Claus in costume and Jim Yellig out of it, a 42-year career has been devoted to making sure letters are answered.

to earn this award. Sidney Herring led the cubs as they recited the pledge and promise in unison.

Jerry Dan Davis was awarded the denner cord for Den 1 and James Bergvall the assistant denner. For Den 2 Ricky Granados

received assistant denner and Bill Reeves denner for Den 34 while Todd Roberson received assistant denner.

The Cub Scouts brought canned food to be given to a needy family for Christmas. Refreshments were served and the cubs played games.



Alston Store, Quail

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Witnesses to Hold Meeting

The Shamrock congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses will have a number of delegates at the last two-day convention of this year in Amarillo Saturday and Sunday, December 27 and 28.

Altogether, 2300 delegates are expected from 22 congregations in Western Oklahoma, and the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandle.

John R. Heckman, district overseer of portions of 5 states and all of New Mexico and Colorado, will deliver the principal address Sunday at 2:00 p.m. on "Is there a God Who Cares?" Other highlights will be the theocratic ministry school review Saturday evening, conducted by John H. Hasler, presiding overseer of the Shamrock.

The assembly theme will be "As for us, we shall serve Jehovah." The Saturday evening program will deal principally with how a true Christian program will deal principally with how a true Christian can cope with the trials of life, which affect all people to some degree, and still maintain joy and happiness. The convention session will begin at 1:55 p.m. Saturday, and close at 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

Former County Woman Dies

A former Collingsworth County woman, Mrs. C.D. Daniel of Amarillo, died Tuesday, December 9, following an apparent heart attack. She will be remembered here as Lula Mae Gilbreth.

Born at Maypearl January 17, 1887, she came with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Gilbreth, to the Salt Fork community northwest of Wellington when she was 7 years old. She and Mr. Daniel were married May 9, 1917, and they moved from here many years ago.

Funeral services were conducted at San Jacinto, Methodist Church in Amarillo Friday, December 12 and burial was in Llano Cemetery.

Survivors are her husband; a son, James Preston Daniel of Amarillo; a daughter, Mrs. Cortez Her-

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Hospital Administrator Retires from Air Force

MSgt James Leach, non-commissioned officer in charge of the Registrar Section, USAF Hospital at Dyess Air Force, Abilene, retired from the Air Force November 1, after 22 years service.

At that time he was presented a Meritorious Service Medal, and earlier in his career he received two Air Force Commendation Medals.

Sgt. Leach, who is the brother of Jake Leach, had his first period of service in Europe during World War II. Returning to civilian life, he was business manager of the Wellington Clinic for a period of time before re-enlisting in the Air Force. He has been stationed at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Carswell AFB, Ft. Worth, Tonnejon AFB, Madrid, Spain, Glasgow AFB, Glasgow, Montana, Goose AFB, Newfoundland, and at Dyess.

His wife is the former Katie Lentz, daughter of Mrs. Roy Bounds, and the late A.T. Lentz. The couple plans to live at Abilene.

At the retirement ceremony, Capt. Robert R. McCann, administrator-registrar, said of Sgt. Leach that he provided professional guidance, leadership, advice and counsel which earned him the respect and admiration of all with whom

he had dealings.

His tenure came during a period in which the hospital was faced with a growing shortage of physicians and lack of experienced medical administration specialists, yet his leadership enabled the Registrar Section to maintain continuity of service to the patients and their families.

MSgt Leach was designated alternate advisor for Dyess and the Abilene area for the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services. In that capacity he was required, among other things, to keep abreast of rapid, substantial and far-reaching changes in that program.

He answered an average of 15 calls or visits per day with questions or requests for assistance with CHAMPUS.

"Having recently submitted application for retirement, MSgt Leach will soon be culminating a distinguished career of service to the Air Force. Supervisors and subordinates alike realize the pending loss to the Air Force Medical Service of one of its most dedicated and professional members. He is well deserving of award of Meritorious Service Medal," said Capt. McCann.

On Wall Street

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There is a new slogan being pushed within the Administration in Washington. It's "Food Power." Realizing that the world is both hungry and overpopulated, some officials in the State Department are suggesting that the U.S. use its tremendous agricultural resources as a club over foreign countries who do not cooperate with this country in foreign policy.

The problem is whether using such an aggressive policy is moral and effective. For the first time the U.S. has adopted a national grains export policy. Washington has also shown a willingness to establish specific conditions for the sale of American wheat to other countries. Do we really have that kind of clout? Yes. Grain supplies outside the U.S. are declining steadily and now total about 69 million tons. U.S. grain stocks have climbed sharply to over 31 million tons and may soon total half of the world's grain

supply. The U.S. already supplies three-fourths of the world's grain exports. It seems that this country has an enormous capacity for increasing food production at a time when the world's demand for more and better food is growing. To quote Agricultural Secretary Butz: "The U.S. has the largest contiguous land mass of fertile soil, good growing climate and adequate rainfall of any place on earth." After the American people are fed, the American farmers still export 60% of their wheat and rice, almost half of their soybeans, one-fourth of their grain sorghum and more than 20% of their corn.

Few nations are as fortunate in their locations of farmland. The major part of the best farmland in the U.S. is located below the 45th parallel. Most of Russia's lies above it, with a climate

much like North Dakota's and from there on it gets worse. In the great, virgin lands of Eastern Russia, weather, rainfall and yields are uncertain.

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UT Issues Brochures On Process of Aging

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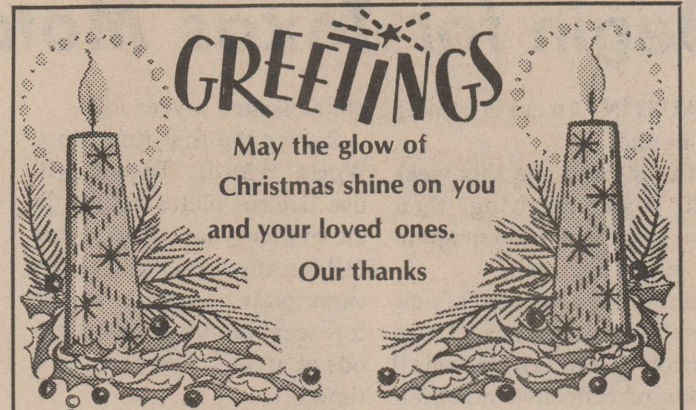
--"An American Problem" speaks to the middle-aged person who has elderly parents and still-to-be educated children.

--"Ready for Retirement?"

--"Mental Health in Nursing Homes."

Single copies of the brochures are free on request to the Hogg Foundation, Box 7998, UT Station, Austin 78712.

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Functional Illiterates May Reach 23 Million

AUSTIN--A recently released study that reveals as many as 23 million American adults are "functionally illiterate" was conducted by research specialists in The University of Texas Division of Extension.

The four-year study, undertaken for the U.S. Bureau of Adult Vocational-Technical Education, found many do not have a basic education for living that is reflected in skills for communication, computation, problem solving and interpersonal relations.

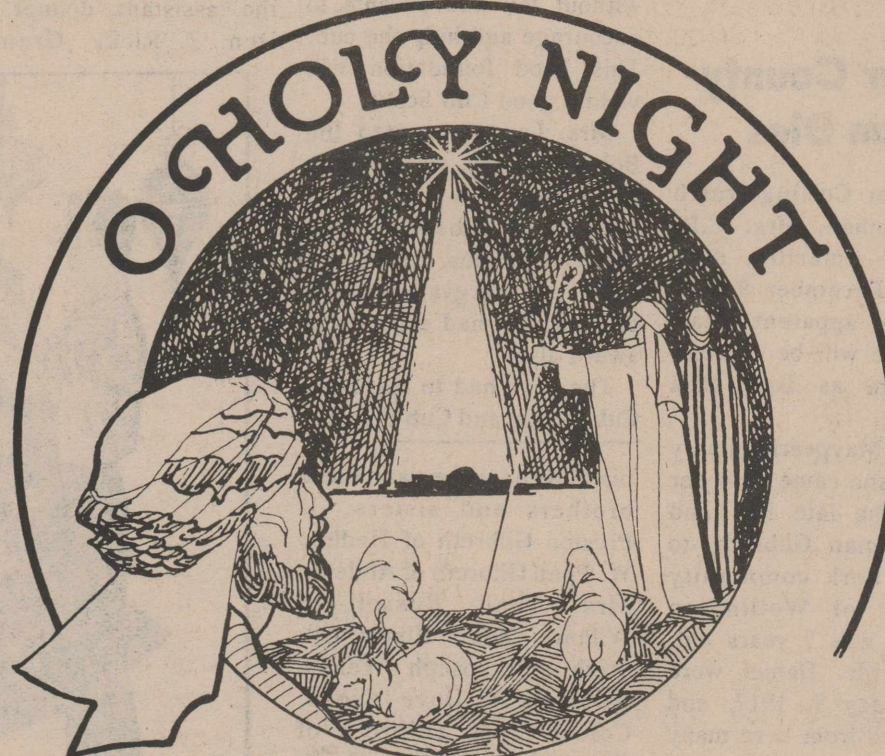
Among other things, the study showed 41 percent of the adults cannot fill out a bank deposit slip correctly.



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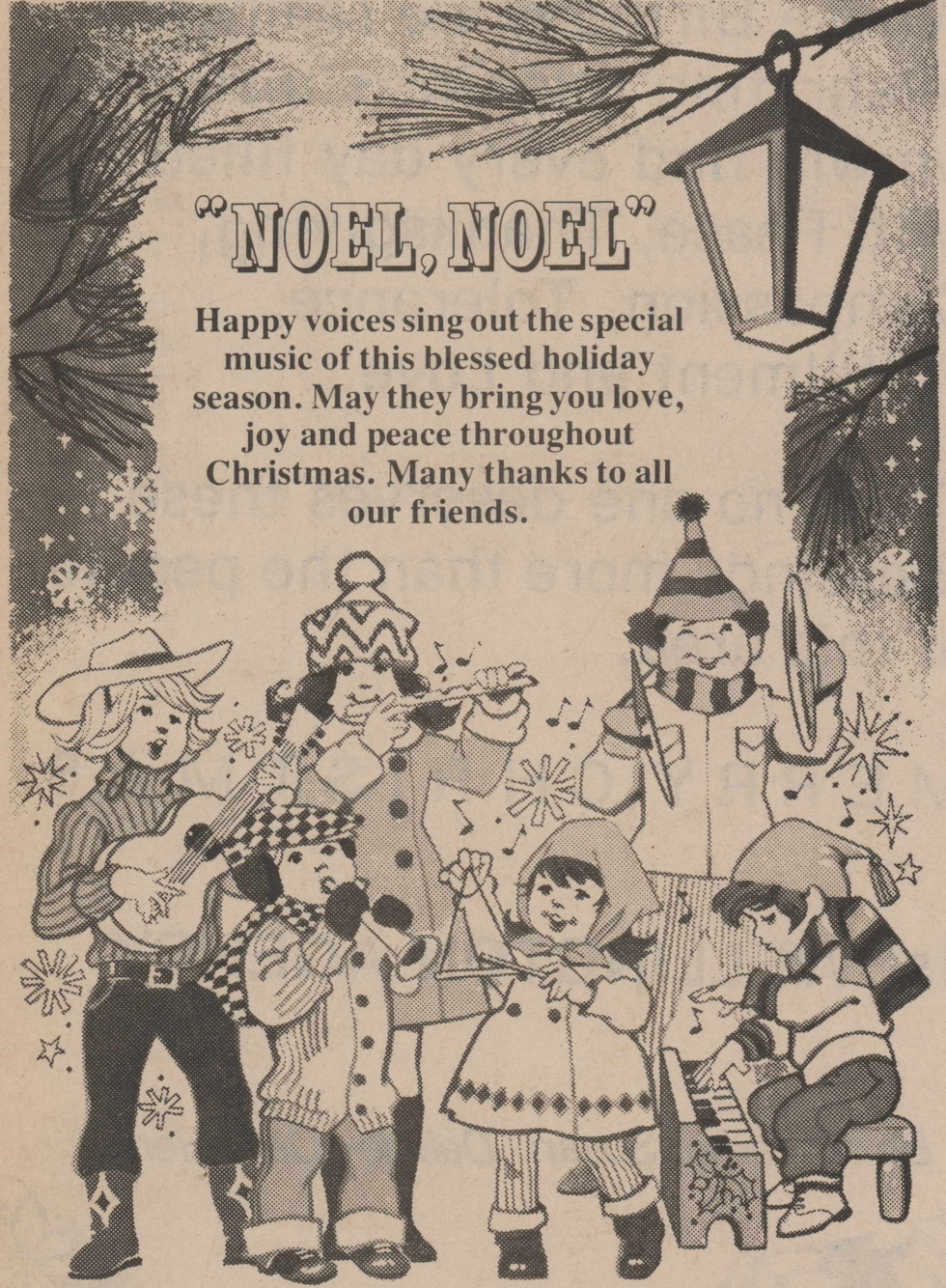


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NOTICE OF HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation offered an opportunity for a public hearing to be requested by publication on November 13 and November 27, 1975, of a notice reporting the proposed construction of F.M. Road 3143, extending from the Donley County Line, East and South 6.2 miles, in Collingsworth County.

No requests for a public hearing were received; therefore, the District Office of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation at Childress has submitted all of the engineering data and information received in connection with the development of this project for approval of the proposed route and design by the Administration of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

The project consists of grading, drainage structures, base and surfacing of the present narrow, earth road to provide two 10-foot paved travel lanes. Right of way width will be a minimum of 100 feet, with no relocations or displacements involved.

Maps, drawings showing geometric design, environmental studies and all other available data concerning the development of this project may be inspected and copied at the office of O.V. Johnson, Supv. Resident Engineer of Wellington, Texas.

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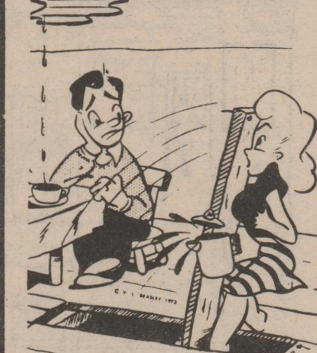
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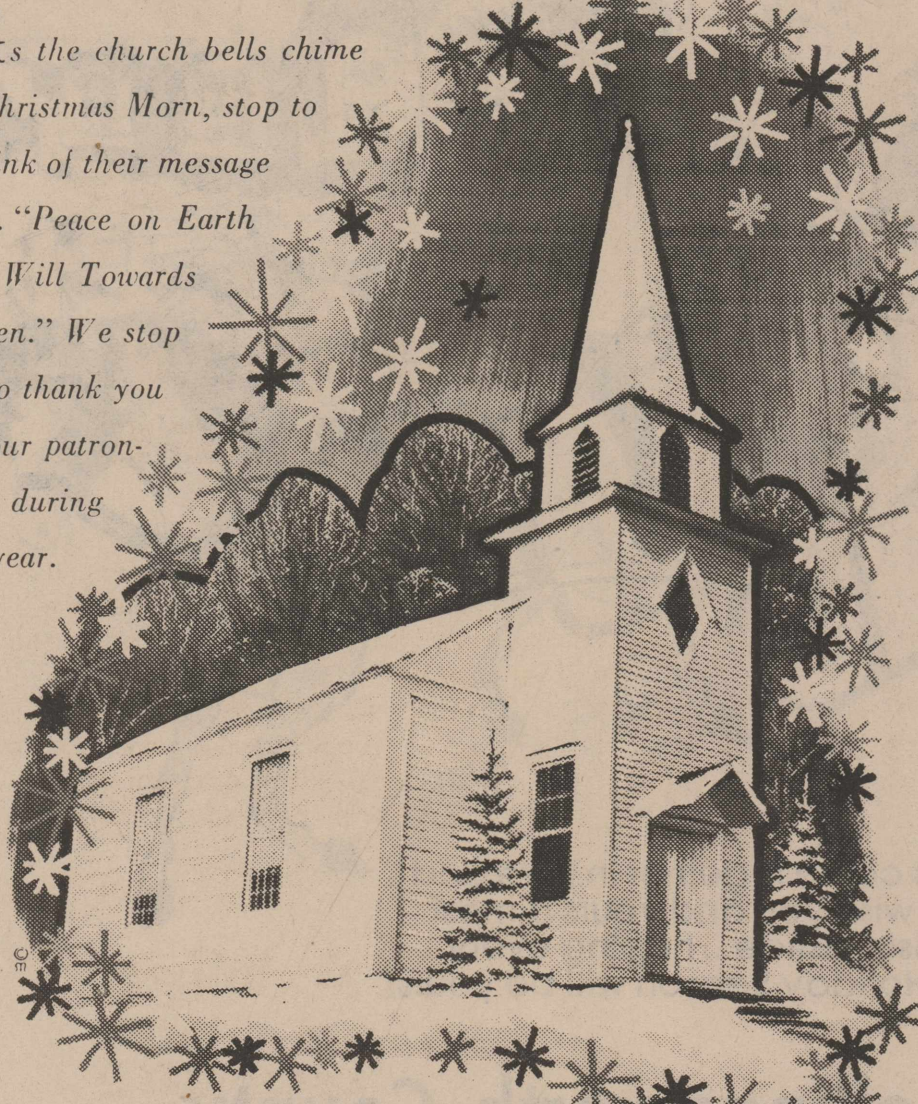
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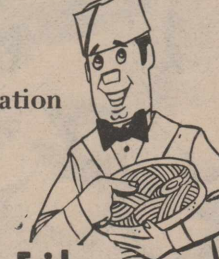
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Services Held Here Monday for Leon Patterson

A former Wellington man, Leon Patterson, 51, of Shamrock, died in Veterans Hospital, Amarillo Saturday, December 19. He had been a patient there since November 11.

Mr. Patterson was a truck driver for Pasley Construction Company.

He was a veteran of World War II, having served as a technical sergeant with Co. A, 19th Infantry, in the South Pacific. He was awarded the Bronze Star with one oak leaf cluster.

Born at Wellington October 5, 1924, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G.K. Patterson. He grew up in the Buck Creek community and attended school there and at Wellington.

He was married to Miss Mary Ruth Montgomery of Shamrock September 6, 1944 in Wellington. The couple moved to Shamrock in 1950.

Funeral services were conducted at the Assembly of God in Wellington Monday, December 22, at 2:00 p.m., with the Rev. Bill Rushing, pastor of Samnorwood Baptist Church, and the Rev. Lloyd Hinkle, Baptist minister from Amarillo, officiating.

Burial was in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Clay Funeral Home of Shamrock.

Pall Bearers were Pike Smith, James Hollabaugh, Ralph Pasley, Burnis Stokes, Sam Carter and James Pike.

Surviving Mr. Patterson are his wife of Shamrock; three brothers, Alfred Patterson and Billy Joe Patterson of Wellington and John Patterson of Hereford; two sisters, Mrs. John Guill of McLean and Mrs. Jack Brown of Amarillo; along with a number of nieces and nephews.

RSVP News

By Mecca Manuel

Christmas time is here again. Our thoughts have been turning back to our childhood, as our Volunteers have been redoing old toys and making doll clothes for dolls for needy children.

We have found several needy families that will benefit from these toys, also the children at Community Action, the Satellite Center and Mt. Sinai Baptist Mission.

Our Christmas luncheon was real nice. It was so cold we only had 38 to attend, but everyone seems to enjoy singing Christmas carols and hearing the Christmas story read.

The Senior Citizen Center has been saddened by the passing of two of our men, Bill Langford and Merritt Durley. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their families. We will really miss them around the center.

Jean, Carroll and I got home from our business meeting in Dallas all in one piece. Traffic was heavy from so much Christmas shopping.

We would like for our volunteers to help us with the Salvation Army Drive. This is a worthy cause for all the money stays in our county which goes to the needy.

People keep asking us when we will get to move into our new center. We hope it won't be long now. We will move in just as soon as the carpet is down.

Current RSVP facts: Total number of volunteers--118.

Total number of volunteer hours--23,566.

Total number of volunteer stations--19.

Merry Christmas to everyone.



AT THE RITZ

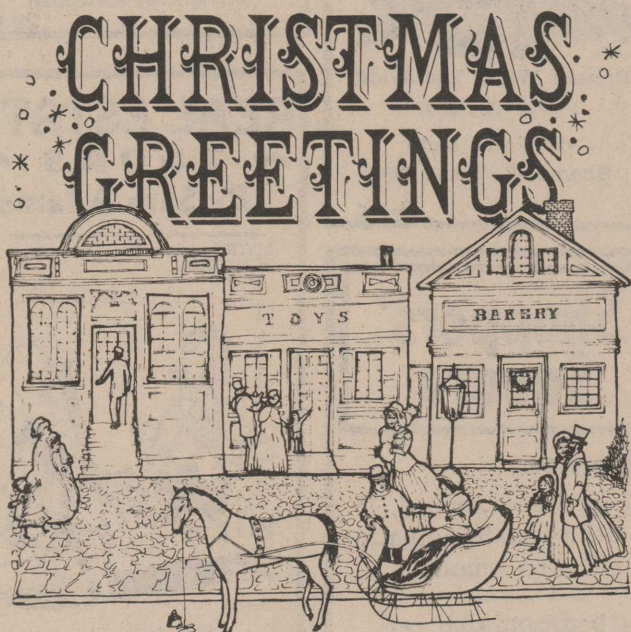
Crime Never Pays . . . for a couple of clumsy desperados and would-be bank robbers in Walt Disney Productions' gold town comedy, "The Apple Dumpling Gang", showing Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 26, 27 and 28 at the Ritz Theatre.

Fruitflies Important in UT Genetic Study

AUSTIN, (Spl.)--The University of Texas truthfully can be said to be buzzing with activity, for it maintains the world's most complete

collection of fruitflies.

Because of their large chromosomes, fruitflies are important in genetics research on the heredity characteristics of plants and animals.



Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year
to all our customers

Curry Motor Freight Lines, Inc.

merry Christmas

To friends old and new we send our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas, filled with the joys of giving and receiving. Our thanks to you.



Langford Bros. Conoco

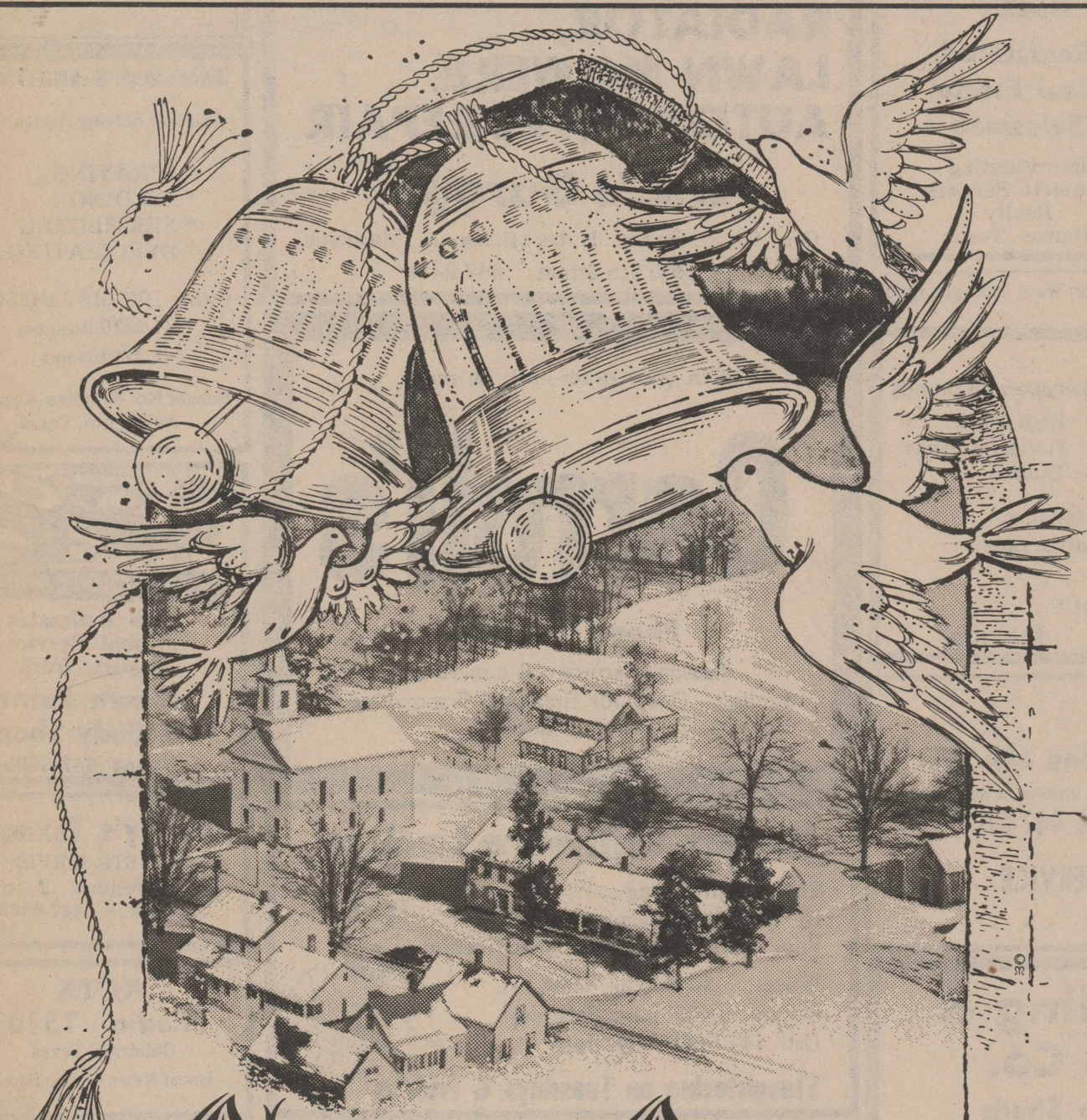
Billy and Jimmy

Merry Christmas



As families come together in love and warmth, we wish you and yours a most joyous Christmastide... hoping every delight of the Holiday Season will be yours!

Collingsworth County
Farm Bureau



Christmas Greetings

As the sights and sounds of the holiday season are upon us once again, may we wish all of you a happy and peaceful Christmas. Thank you for your very loyal friendship.

Handlebar Cycle Shop

Robert Sid Lynn Boyd

Wellington Butane

Wellington Leader

For Sixty-five Years a Builder in Collingsworth County

Wellington, Collingsworth County, Texas 79095

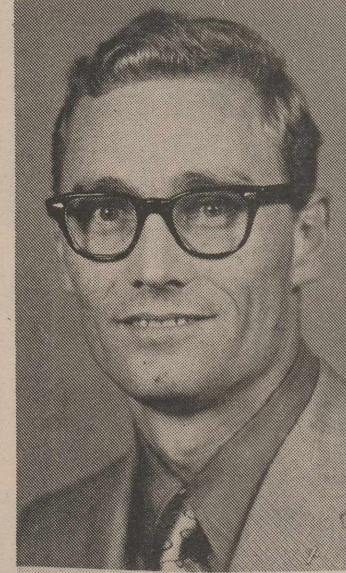
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Achievement Award To Dr. John Thomas

COLLEGE STATION--(Spl)...Dr. John G. Thomas, entomologist and project leader in entomology for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, has received the Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension from the Entomological Society of America.

The award was presented at the recent national meeting of the professional organization in New Orleans.

Thomas, the second Extension person to receive the national award, was given a \$500 check and an engraved plaque. Dr. Kenneth Knight, head of the Entomology Department at North Carolina State University and



DR. JOHN G. THOMAS

outgoing ESA president, presented the award during a special luncheon.

Thomas, by invitation of the Federal Extension Service, gave national leadership in 1972-73 to the development and implementation of pilot action programs in integrated pest management.

"He was responsible for

County Has Two Rural Accidents During November

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated two accidents on rural highways in Collingsworth County during the month of November, 1975, according to Sergeant D.E. Womack, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

These crashed resulted in no persons killed and no persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first 11 months of 1975 shows a total of 28 accidents resulting in three persons killed and 15 persons injured.

The rural traffic accident
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39 pilot pest management programs in 28 states, which involved 15 commodities and a number of disciplines. These programs are having a significant impact on agricultural producers and improvement of environmental quality," said Dr. Perry L. Adkisson, chairman of Texas A&M University's Department of Entomology.

"It is appropriate that Dr. Thomas should be recipient of the 1975 Distinguished Achievement Award for Extension in recognition of his outstanding contributions to state and national programs for management of insects that affect many agricultural commodities--programs which have resulted in more economical crop production with improvement of environmental quality," Adkisson added.

The activities of Thomas have reached the agricultural producers of Texas and many homeowners in urban and suburban areas. His leadership programs emphasizing modern principles of integrated pest management have saved producers millions of dollars, and have greatly reduced insecticidal treatments of crops.

"These programs have lessened the adverse effects of agricultural chemicals on the environment. Texas farmers have implemented integrated pest management programs for cotton, sorghum and peanuts through his leadership," Adkisson explained.

Thomas joined the Extension Service as area entomologist at Lubbock in 1960, and became part of the headquarters staff at College Station in 1963. He served with the Extension Service in Washington, D.C., from 1972 to 1973, and returned to

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CHRIS HUBBARD

Chris Hubbard Granted Degree From Seminary

FORT WORTH--Tommy Chris Hubbard, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Hubbard of 1308 Dalhart Street, will receive the master of religious education degree during winter commencement exercises to be held in Truett Auditorium at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, December 19, 10:00 a.m.

A graduate of Wellington High School, Hubbard received his B.S. degree in religious education from Hardin Simmons University in May 1973. As a student, he served as music and education director for Baptist churches in that area. He was also a member of the H-SU Cowboy Band.

Presently he is audio visuals chairman at University Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

Hubbard is married to the former Cecile Robertson, who is employed at a Fort Worth bank.

Seminary President Robert E. Naylor will present degrees and diplomas to over 200 candidates from the seminary's three schools.

Roger L. Brooks, president of Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Texas, will be

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WHICH DOLLS ARE ALIVE

Santa Claus will have to look twice to see which dolls go in his pack and which will be waiting for his Christmas Eve visit. Beneath the traditional tree in the lobby of Wellington State Bank are Justin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark White,

who will be 13 months old Christmas eve, and Angela Leigh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Montgomery, who is six months old. The animated colonial figures are traditional decorations of the bank's lobby tree.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the joy and peace of that first Christmas be with you and yours this season. Our wish is for all hearts to be filled with gladness, contentment and the desire for real brotherhood. Our gratitude to the kind, generous people we serve.

Wells & Wells

Jack Sanford

Martha Little

Calvin Hurst

Harold Watkins

Larlu Hays

Dody Smith

HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

Greeting our friends, old and new, and wishing you Happiness and Joy at Christmas. Our hearty thanks to all!



Pendleton Electric

Dick, Margaret, Jennifer and Melanie

Santa's Letters Pour Into North Pole Workshop

Dear Santa,

I missed you last Christmas because I was sick and couldn't go to Granny's house. I've been as good as a two year old can be. I always try to take my medicine like you would have me do. Please bring me a Baby Tenderlove and a Digger Dog. Carrie has decorated our room just for you.

Love,
Dana Langford

Dear Santa,

I've been as good as any five year old you know. I've worn my braces every day just like I should do. Please bring me a Baby Bundles and a play dough storybook. I can't wait for you to come. I have decorated my room just for you with a Christmas tree and pictures of you.

Love,
Carrie Langford

Dear Santa,

My name is Cindy, I am in 4th grade. I would like a sewing machine for Christmas. I have been very good this year. You were very nice at the courthouse giving the kids all that candy. I know I will get a lot more at Christmas. And I really do thank you. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love Cindy

Dear Santa,

my name is Leigh Ann. I am in First grade. I would like a sewing machine for Christmas. I have been good.

Love LeighAnn.

Santa Claus

I want a doll and Bike for Christmas.

Love Brenda
Molina

Thomas —from page 1B

the Texas Extension Service in April 1973 to continue his leadership work in entomology.

He has B.S. degrees in entomology and agricultural economics and an M.S. in entomology from Texas A&M University, and the Ph.D. from Kansas State University.

Thomas, a native of Collingsworth County, has been active in the Entomological Society of America and has served as chairman of several committees of the Southwestern Branch of ESA. He is a certified entomologist in the American Registry of Professional Entomologists.



WREATH FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Kelley Smith, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith, reaches for a cornshuck doll that is part of the decoration on the Christmas wreath at the entrance of their home, No. 9 Sagebrush Apartments. Kelley is two years old and will spend Christmas with her grandparents in Dallas.

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to Bring me some Football Pads, and a Football suit. And I would Like a Baseball suit, and a Hockey suit and Basketball suit and a Basketball, and goal, and a cowboy Suit. Please Bring My little Brother Buddy something nice For Christmas. He is only 1½ years old.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to Santa Clause Ho, Ho, Ho

From Your Freind
Derek Howard

Dear Santa,

I am getting older and there's not many things I need so I don't have muck to tell you to bring me so the only thing I want is a watch and what ever toy you would like for me to have bu one thing about the things that I would like to have---I may not get because I may have been bad.

Love,
Amy Williams

Dear Santa,

I want Baby-That-a-Way for Christmas. Also, an electric train, a Snoopy projector, T.V. magic cards, and a toy gray and white cat.

Love,
Heather Hendrix
5 yrs.

Dear Santa,

I would like to have some Dallas Cowboy football equipment, a bulldozer and an electric train set. Please remember my big sisters and the other boys and girls.

Love,
Tommy Thomason

Hubbard —from page 1B
the commencement speaker. A graduate of Baylor University, Brooks holds a M.A. from University of Illinois and a PhD from University of Colorado. He has formerly served as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at East Texas State University and Associate Dean of Graduate School and professor of English at Texas Tech University.

Southwestern Seminary is a fully accredited graduate institution designed to prepare men and women for the Christian ministry. The world's largest evangelical seminary, Southwestern is one of six seminaries owned and operated by the twelve million member Southern Baptist Convention.

County —from page 1B

summary for the 60 counties of the Lubbock Department of Public Safety Region for November, 1975, shows a total of 530 accidents resulting in 14 persons killed and 258 persons injured, as compared to November, 1974, with 497 accidents resulting in 10 persons killed and 229 persons injured. This was 33 more accidents, four more killed, and 29 more injured in 1975 at the same period of time.

The traffic deaths for the month of November, 1975, occurred in the following counties: Two each in Swisher and Wilbarger; and one each in Clay, Crosby, Lubbock, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Wichita, Hutchison, Oldham, and Wheeler.

The report for area counties includes:

Childress: three accidents, no deaths, one injury.

Cottle: four accidents, no deaths, four injuries.

Donley: two accidents, no deaths or injuries.

Gray: 12 accidents, no deaths, three injuries.

Hall: one accident, no deaths or injuries.

Hemphill: 5 accidents, no deaths, one injury.
Wheeler: three accidents, one death, one injury.

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GREETINGS

To all the
messages of good cheer that ring out
during this holiday season, we'd like to add
our own, wishing you a very merry Christmas. May you
find an abundance of the real joys of Christmas filling
your heart and home, bringing you peace and contentment.

American National Insurance Co.

Kyle, Patricia, Marcia & Dickey Pat Lindley



Greenery and glitter, turkey and treats, love and laughter, that's what holidays are made of.
Hope your Christmas is the best!

Kenneth & Donell Davis

GREETINGS

Christmas would not be Christmas if we
did not take the time to say "thank you"
and wish you every happiness.

Johnny's TEXACO

Johnny Nash, Texaco Consignee

PEACE

At this holiest of all
seasons, let us
rededicate our hearts
and spirit toward
"Peace on earth,
good will to all men."

**Shamrock Coca-Cola Bottling Co.
and Employees**

104 S. Houston, Shamrock

'I Love You', Kiddies Assure Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy who will be 4 years old in January.

Please bring me a tractor with a back hoe, a moto cross a horse and a bubble gum machine. Also anything else a little boy my size would like. Oh yes, I sure do need a new belt too, since I broke my old one.

My big brother Darren Wrote this letter so be extra nice to him and please bring Brent a bicycle.

See you Christmas eve.

Love Bruce Jones

Santa Claus
North Pole
Arctic Circle

Dear Santa

How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you are well and have had your flu shots this year. Texas is much warmer than where you live, I hope you enjoy our weather.

I have already received my pool table from my parents so I do not need many more gifts. If you have an extra 20 gauge shotgun I'll take it.

Please remember all my other friends and family.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Darvin

Dear Santa

I would like a record-player for Christmas. And nuts, candy, apples, and oranges. And nuts, candy and fruit for my brothers, too.

your friend,
Jay Warrick

Dear Santa Claus

I want a chalk bard from you. And when you come on Christmas Eve I have a surprise for you I hope that I get to see you Saturday Well good by Santa Claus.

From Dana Thomas

Dear Santa,

I am almost two years. I want a truck to play with, also a tractor to ride.

I will like other toys, also.
Larrie Black

Dear Santa,

I'm a little boy a year and a half old. I've tried real hard to be a good boy all year.

I sure would like to have a tricycle, tractor, wind-up car and anything else you want me to have.

Please remember all the other little boys and girls around the world.

I Love You,
Kevin Lee Martin

Dear Santa Claus,

I am

Shawn



CHRISTMAS WITH A FRIEND

Gregory Cozad wanted more than anything for his big red dog to share his Christmas picture, although the dog had never been inside the house before. But here they are and the result is fine, as they sit beside the Christmas tree. Moments later, the dog picked the most comfortable chair in the room and settled himself in it. Gregory is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cozad.

Dear Santa Claus

I am a little boy 8

Johnny Nash

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a bike for Christmas and a motorcycle. My birthday was Dec. the ninth. I was ten. I have lots of presents under the Christmas tree. I have been real nice.

Your friend,
Michael

Dear Santa

I am a good boy I want a three speed and a Evel Knevil stunt car a guitar, a pillow, race track, and table tennis set.

Love,
Max Kellison



Dear Santa Claus,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you are all right, I'm o.k.

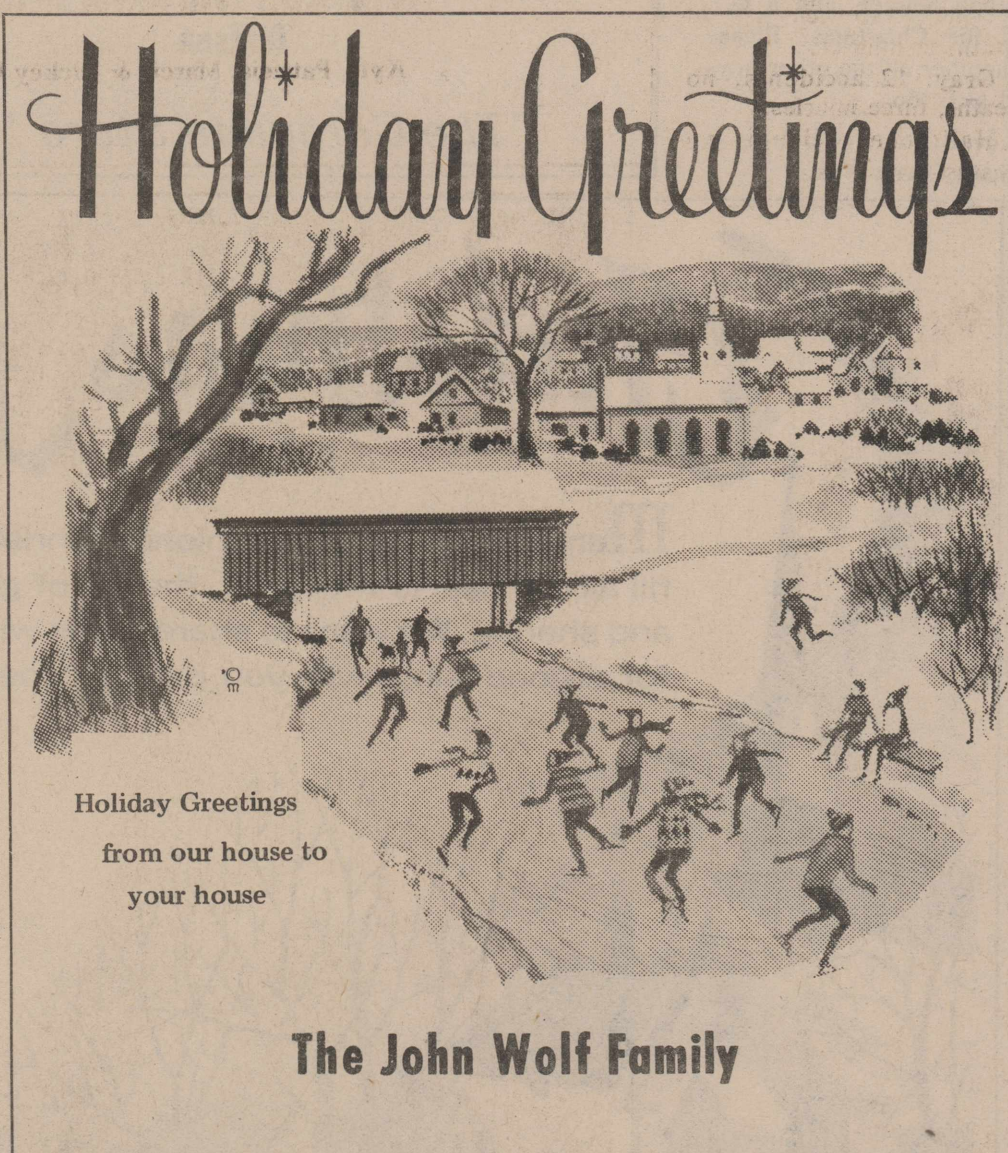
I have been a very good boy this year. I would like an E-Z Tracer, a pair of boots, a chemistry set and a set of encyclopedias for Christmas. And please don't forget my mother and daddy and the other kids.

Love,
Todd Roberson

Dear Santa

My name is Rhonda Heisler. I'm in second grade and for christmas I want a bean bag and a rud-a-dub-doll, and some clother please don't for get my brother and sister

Love Rhonda



Dear Santa & Reindeers

Please come to my house and give me some presents. I Love you Santa Clause. Dont forget little Scotty

Jamie Morgan

Dear Santa Clause,

are you coming to town I hope you give me a Holly Hobby doll. and a ring and boots. I will be waiting for you to come. I Love you Santa Clause.

love
from mendy morgan

Dear Santa

Merry Christmas! I'm 14 months old and this is really my first Christmas. I was only 2 months old last year. I would like a wagon, a cuddly bear and some other toys.

Please remember my sister, Kim. She hasn't been too bad. Thank-you

Jason Carl McGill

Dear Santa,

Thank-you for remembering us last year. This year we are living in Amarillo. Hope you can find us. I would like a sit and spin, a stove, a record player and some clothes

Please remember my baby brother, Jason. He likes everything. Have a Merry Christmas

Love
Kimberlee Dawn McGill

Dear Santa,

I would like to have an Evel Knieval and a blue Ford tractor for Christmas.

Your friend,
Sammy Binford

Santa,

I want a B-B gun, drum, big wheel. I love you. I've been good.

Kevin Branum

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Dear Santa,
I want a Bless You Baby

Tender Love.
Patricia Fourmentin



Joy
and
Peace

May the true meaning of Christmas be with you always, bringing joy, light and love into your heart and home. And may all your hopes be brighter because of the Christ Child's coming.

Butler-Gilmore Locker

Dewey Shirley Ann

Thanks for your support & friendship during our first few months in Collingsworth County.

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Happy Holidays to All of Out Patrons
May the Spirit and Joy of the Holiday Season stay with you always

OWENS SUPPLY

Vivian

Bill

Danny

Jimmy

Ron

Ralph

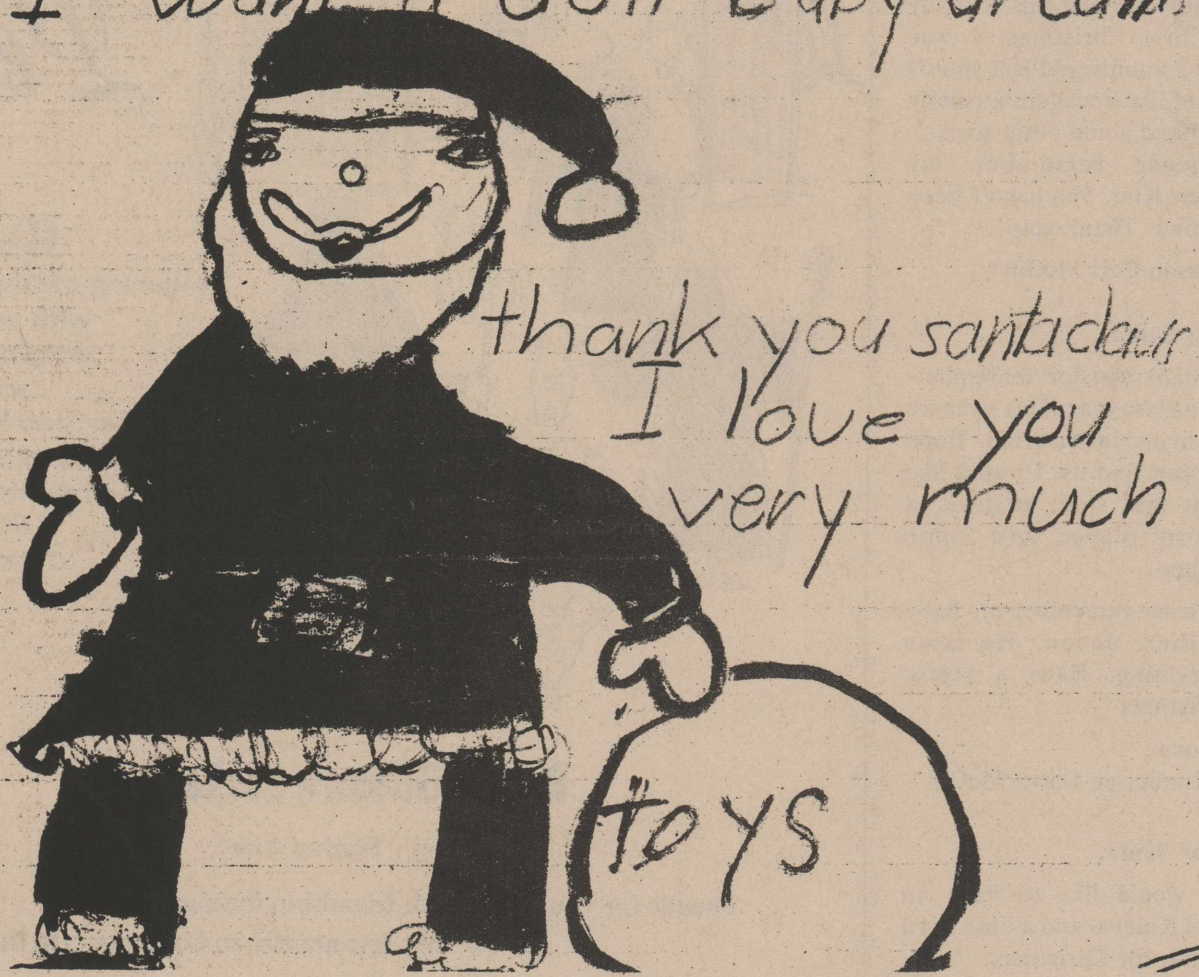


Sullivan True Value Hardware

James Priscilla Phyllis Ann Carla Becky

Shirley
Wellington, Tex
Dec. 15 1975

Dear santaclaus, I am girl
and I am nice with you bring
me some toy my name is Shirley
and I 10 years old
and I want a doll baby dream



Santa Hears from Children at Community Action Center

Letters to Santa Claus from the children at the Community Action Center

Sheila Golden wants Santa to bring her a Baby That-A-Way and a Barbie Doll.

Betty Molina wants a doll and some dishes.

Jerome Moore wants Santa to bring him a Motor Cycle Bicycle and some toys.

Patricia Hernandez just wants Santa to bring her some toys.

Mark Aguirre wants Santa to bring him a Cowboy Set, cowboy books and a cowboy hat this year.

Sonya Bouldin wants a Baby That-A-Way, a Barbie Doll and a purse.

Richard Hobbs would like for Santa to bring him a police hat and a gun.

Carter Lynn Nash wants a Big Wheel and a Train this Christmas.

Terry Lynn Sterling would like to have a Tractor and a Cowboy set for Christmas.

Jess Castillo said to tell Santa to bring him a fire truck a cowboy gun set and an airplane for Christmas.

Fana Dell Armstrong wants a Walking Doll for Christmas and some clothes.

Thomas Molina would like to have a truck, a tractor, and a car for Christmas.

Patricia Powell would like for Santa to bring her a Kiss-Me Baby, a dress, some black shoes and some red boots.

Teresa Sterling said please Santa bring me a doll, an Easy Bake Oven and a new drewe for Christmas.

Jodi Hunnicutt said tell Santa to bring me a Baby That-A-Way, and an Easy Bake Oven for Christmas.

Marvin Lynch wants Santa to bring him a cowboy gun and belt, and a tractor this Christmas.

Shamorgan Brown would like to have a road grader, a dump truck and a pocket knife in his stocking this year.



Angelia Nevarez would like for Santa to bring her a doll and some doll clothes for Christmas.

Lynette Barber is asking that Santa bring her a doll that crawls, a doll house, some dishes and an ice box for Christmas.

Stacie Cannon wants a doll and a bottle from Santa this year.

Freddie Guarjardo would like for Santa to leave him a Christmas tree, some clothes, and a bicycle.

Buddy Driver would like to have a road grader, a dump truck and a pocket knife in his stocking this year.

Paula Garza wants a doll and some clothes this year.

Dear Santa,

I want some books, chew-chew train and a box to play in. I want a truck and a thing that takes dirt out. Puzzles. My name is Rene Ruiz, I live at Samnorwood I want some colors and a coloring book. That's all.

Love,
Rene Ruiz

Dear Santa,

I love you. Now I want a table set, I want a ring and a necklace. I want some toys to play with I've been good. I live in Dozier.

Love,
Helen Trent

Dear Santa,

I would like a larm clock. and I would like some toe sock.

I would Like a bike, and I would like a baby alive. I would Like a barbie doll, too. I have ben good.

Your frined,
Betty Sue

Dear Santa,

I want a baby that a way. I wanta ice cearm macker. I've have been very very good I Love you Santa very very much.

Kobie Miller

Dear Santa,

I hope you, Mrs. Claus, your helpers, and the reindeers are doing fine. Everybody down here are doing real good.

Please bring my little brother a "Work Bench" and a "Bouncing Bozo." He has been pretty good almost all year.

Please bring me a "Baby Alive" and a "Sesame Street Castle". I have tried to be a good girl and help my mother this year. I hope you think so too.

I will leave you something to snack on Christmas Eve. Tell everyone Merry Christmas for me.

Angie White

Dear Santa

My name is Scot I would like to have a pair of walkie-talkie's. I hope I can have a rope to rope calves. Hope you are feeling good so you can bring me and my friends some presents for Christmas.

Your friend,
Scot Martindale

Dear Santa,

I want a B.B. gun or a nerf football. We have our Christmas tree up. I wish you would look at it. I hope you have a merry Christmas

Love,
Tommy Barker

Dear Santa Claus

I want a four ten and anything you would like to bring me and don't forget my friends and fill my stocking please.

Stan Tate

Dear Santa Claus,

I have tried to be a very good boy this year. Would you please bring me a drill, a football helmet, and a G.I. Joe for Christmas. Please remember all the other boys and girls too

Love
Scott Covey

Dear Santa

I want a tape player. I would like that. I hope you and your wife and your elfs are all right. I hope you make it all right to the everyone home ok. Well, I gues it is time to say bye.

Love Tammy Haney

Dear Santa.

For Christmas I would like a Tiffany Taylor, a basketball and a basketball goal.

Your friend,
Allison

Dear Santa,

I want a big doll, also a Sunshine family. A baking kit. I've been good. I love you.

Candy Canada

Dear Santa,

I want a walking doll, drum, icy maker. I love you.

Amy Shields

Dear Santa,

I want a "baby That A way". I Love You. I've been good.

Leslie-Brandik

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a girl am 8 years old I want a baby that away My name Debbie

Debbie Chandler

GREETINGS

As hills and valleys echo the wonderful sounds of Christmas, they echo too, our sincere gratitude for your warm and valued friendship.

Happy holidays!

J.C. Howell Grocery
Dodson

"The Complete Store Since '34"

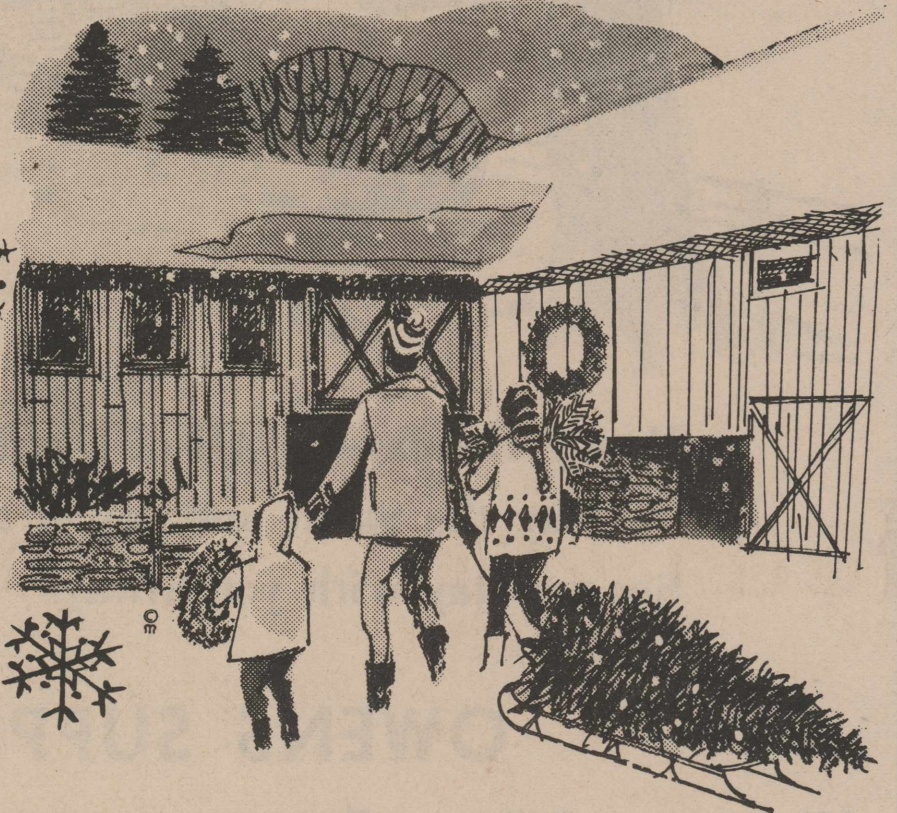
Christmas Joy

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.

WELLINGTON FLORIST

Merry Christmas

At Christmas we're especially happy to express our thanks and warm wishes for a very special holiday, to you and your family.



Jack, Frank, Ed & Laura Campbell

Santa Ready for Christmas Landing

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 6 years old this Christmas and very excited about all the packages under our tree.

Santa please bring me a Honda Kick-n-go, Rocket football suit and helmet, a tape recorder, and really just whatever you think would be best for me.

I Love You,
Dudley



Amarillo, Texas

Dear Santa,

I have tried extra hard to be good this year. I am in Kindergarten now and I really like it.

I would like a typewriter, a new football and tee, the Rookie police car and the "Rookies", some new games and some clothes.

Most of all, I would like for you to surprise me with a minibike.

thank you for everything you have brought me and do not forget the other children.

Love,
Brad Long

Dear Santa,

I am two years old and I've been a good boy this year. I really did like your helicopter.

If you have room in your bag, please bring me a jumping horse, a truck and boots. There will be milk and cookies waiting for you at my house.

Love,
Jay Gunnels

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year Please bring me a fire truck and a Evel Knievel

Bradley Neeley

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 3 years old and looking forward to the holiday season.

Please bring me a Six Million Dollar Man and a Putt-Putt race track.

Don't forget my sister Becky and cousin Angel.

Love,
Phillip England

Dear Santa

I want a doll and some red boots a dress. And my little sister wants a doll and some red boots and a dress And that there may be peace in the world

To Santa
Frome Brenda Powell

PS and a cap Did you have a nice Christmas I hope so? And I want some black shoes Thank you

Dear Santa

I want a drum, an organ and a horn. Bring me that kind of stuff I have been a good girl.

Love,
Kay Lynn
Kaylynn

P.S. Joe Lynn wants a tractor and that kind of stuff



MINE FOR CHRISTMAS

Jay Gunnels, two years old, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Gunnels. He has his own Santa Claus this year. And of all the packages under the tree, he quickly identified the one he holds as having something in it for him.

Dear Santa

I have been a good boy this Year Please bring me an Evel Knievel

Love Tony Jett

Dear Santa

I have been a good boy this year Please bring me a Evel Knievel. I love you

Benny Encinia

Santa,

I want an "icy maker," drum, play gun. I've been good.

John Shields

Dear Santa,

I want a baby doll. I want a bike. I want a drum. I Love you.

Carla Chance

Dear Santa,

I want a drum and a trailer and a bike and a truck.

I love you very much Santa, I've been good.

Rudy Torrez

Dear Santa,

I want a baby dreams. I want a Barbie doll. I want a drum. I want a dollbed. I want a watch. I love you I've have been good.

Stephanie Gale Brandvik

Santa,

I want a cookie monster.

April McCary

I love you, too.

Santa,

I want a B.B. gun, toys, a big dump truck. I've been good. I Love you Santa

Samuel Garza

Dear Santa

I want you to bring me all kinds of things. I wish you would bring me B.B.s for my B.B. gun. And some spurs for my horse And win you come I would like for you to see if you could fix my bike

yor frind
Le Ed Oswalt

Dear Santa

I have been a good boy this year Please bring a GoCar a drum. and a piano.

Steven Moore

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a snowcome machine and some books. I Love You!

Milisa Needham

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Dear Santa,

I been good. i want a toy, dumptruck a grader, colors, scizzors, evil knevil set and I

want some clothes, A stapler that's all I think I want.

Your friend
John Bentley

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Wishing you all the blessings of a Joyous Holiday Season.



The Fair

Home of Fine Fashions

George, Marie and Rose Shadid

Virginia Kimbro Vivian Royal



O, Holy Night

A miraculous star shone in the heavens that Holy Night the Savior was born. For nearly two thousand years that bright spirit has flourished as we rejoice each Christmas season, and reaffirm our faith in His Holy Birth. May His true spirit abide with you through the Holy Season and for all time.

Davis Gin

Grover Graham, Mgr.

Dodson, Texas

All The Gin Crew



There's no happier time than Christmas, because it's a time for sharing all the happiness we feel with those we care about most. That's why we'd like to share our joy with you, wishing you a Merry Christmas and saying "Thank You."

Farmers Cooperative Enterprises, Inc.

GINNERS — COTTON BUYERS — SEED — FEED — GRAIN BUYERS.

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The Christmas Spirit

With gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, three wise men established a beautiful custom that has been followed continuously throughout the years. That is the custom of gift giving. It has brought joy to millions of children, and comfort to the hearts of grown ups.

But Christmas is more than a custom. It is a spirit. It is the source of all charity. Its influence is felt in every Christian nation. It has caused men to think more and more of the duty they owe to others, but the Christmas spirit has a long campaign ahead to gain adequate hold on the hearts of the average man.

As popularly conceived, the ideal Christmas is one with the family, well fed, well housed, grouped around a shining Christmas tree on which beautiful presents are hung. It is one in which no friends are overlooked, and in one that makes the hearts of all your loved ones glad.

Of course there will never be an ideal Christmas on this earth, but the ideal Christmas is one that would take volumes to describe completely. Here are a few of the conditions that would prevail if the Christmas spirit worked perfectly. There will be no little children, dirty and underfed living in hovels that cannot be homes. There would be fewer men toiling out their lives for a pittance. There would be fewer women of ill repute, for nine out of ten of these are forced to their condition by disease or poverty and are not led by lust. There would be less sickness, less poverty, less ignorance and more of the things that give life its zest.

But the fact that our economic system, in which the Christian spirit is supposed to be leavening, is not perfect is no reason for criticizing either too harshly. It has taken hundreds of years to produce the present system. What will take its place if it is torn down? It is better than the old civilizations. Roman, Grecian, Egyptian all had grosser faults. The centuries took their toll of them. In that time human nature as such has changed very little. But men's attitudes have changed. It may be that the true Christmas spirit, gradually spreading through the entire year, is bringing them closer to the goal which is yet a long way off.

(This editorial was run in the Christmas edition of The Wellington Leader 50 years ago, December 17, 1925. Deskings Wells, editor and publisher of the newspaper, was then its editor. Duard Scott, presently on the staff, was, in 1925, assistant editor and foreman.)

Other Editors Say . . .

Agripower: The Leverage of Food

Oil exporting nations wield "petropower" for political purposes. The U.S. uses "agripower" for the same reason, said Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz during a recent Dallas speech. Our sale of wheat to Russia kept that country quiet during the engineering of an agreement between Egypt and Israel, Butz noted.

Indeed our agripower is great. Agricultural products, amounting to \$22 billion last year, make up a great part of our annual exports.

But if sale of food abroad is to be our great lever in international politics, then we had better decide just who is to operate the lever. Whose hands will apply the leverage?

During the last round of wheat trading with Russia, there was a motley group of hands, including those of Butz, State Department agents and -of all people- the hands of George Meany and members of the International Longshoremen's association who refused to apply leverage unless their own demands were met.

Noticeably absent were the hands of the very people who provide the lever- the nation's food growers.

Those who apply international leverage with U.S. food will learn sooner or later a vital difference between petropower and agripower. One comes from oil on hand and ready for political use by the governments that own it. Agripower must be produced each year from scratch and from seed. Growers-not government-own the crops.

How agripower is used affects growers' incentives to produce. For that reason, their hands-not those of George Meany and the longshoremen-had best be used on the lever. Through misuse, we could lose this great power we now enjoy.

The Dallas Morning News



WINTER FUN

Men and boys snowballed each other on January 10, 1906 on the courthouse square just outside the plank fence that enclosed the red brick courthouse. (Photo courtesy Collingsworth County Museum)

A Lasting Christmas

by Garnett Ann Schultz



*I keep a part of Christmas
For it helps to add a glow,
To the January darkness
And the February snow.
If March is cold and blustery
And though April brings us rain,
The peace and warmth of Christmas
With its happiness remain . . .*

*There's a beauty when it's Christmas
All the world is different then,
There's no place for petty hatred
In the hearts and minds of men.
That is why my heart is happy
And my mind can hold a dream,
For I keep a part of Christmas
With its peace and joy supreme.*

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all of us at *Saied's*

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Leafa lone Kathy Jimmy
Mary We will be open Cindy
Bobby Friday, Dec. 26 Becky

Merry Christmas

and a Very Happy New Year

Saied's
Department Store

Local Market Cotton Prices Drop in Week

Local market prices dropped as much as 3 cents per pound this week according to T.J. Proske, in charge of the Memphis, Texas Cotton Classing Office. Prices on lower quality cotton dropped about 1 cent per pound while prices on high qualities were down as much as 3 cents per pound. Trading activity decreased with many buyers leaving the market. Growers sold lots composed mostly of grades 41, 32, and 42; staples 30 through 32; and 3.0 and higher mike for 46.00 to 48.00 cents per pound. Some lower grade, low mike cotton brought as little as 39.00 cents while a few higher grade, premium mike lots brought up to 50.00 cents.

Growers received \$80 to \$90 per ton for their cottonseed.

Grade 42 predominated accounting for 36 per cent of this week's classing. Grade 32 made up 27 per cent. Twelve per cent was reduced in grade due to grass or bark content. Staples 31 and 32 comprised 42 and 35 per cent respectively. Mike readings continued to drop with 22 per cent miking in the desirable 3.5-4.9 range, compared to 30 per cent last week. Seventeen per cent mike 3.3-3.4, 38 per cent miked 3.0-3.2 and 20 per cent miked 3.3-3.4. Pressley results showed that 98 per cent of the samples tested had a breaking strength of 75,000 psi and above. Average for the week was 85,000 psi.

Approximately 35,000 samples were classed at Memphis for the week ending Friday, December 19th. This brought the season's total to 91,000 for the Memphis, Texas area.

Due to the Christmas holidays, the next Memphis report will be issued Monday, December 29.

The muskrat often builds bank burrows with underwater entrances. The home burrow may be a complicated structure, with several passages and a nest chamber.

Sell it with a Classified Ad.



BI-CENTENNIAL CHRISTMAS TREE

These two charmers are Stacey Chandler, seven, and Debra Chandler, eight, young daughters of Weese Chandler. They are sitting beneath the Bi-centennial Christmas tree in the Heritage Room of Wellington State Bank. The flags are not all alike, but include each of the flags that has flown over the United States since the first with its 13 stars.

DAR Completes Registry of Cemeteries

La Paisana Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, are progressing with their Bicentennial project of recording the information on all tombstones in all county cemeteries.

Dozier, Plymouth, Needwood, Quail, North Fairview, and Dodson Cemeteries are completed, while Memorial Gardens is almost finished and three sections of Fairview Cemetery, No. 1, are already recorded.

This leaves Rolla Cemetery, which needs the weeds cleaned off before the stones can be found.

"We are enlisting the help of people in the community to meet with us and help with identifying the stones and unmarked graves," said Mrs. Jack Davis.

"We had found over 100 unmarked graves, and Jimmy Kelso of Kelso Funeral Home has agreed to make small metal markers for anyone who will turn an order in to Corky Bowen at Corky's Art and Frame Shop. The price will be \$6.00 each. Some unmarked graves have already been identified, but we need lots more," Mrs. Davis added.

Mrs. Boswell Dies in Pampa

Mrs. Bessie Mae Boswell, 77, of Pampa died Wednesday night, December 17. The mother of the Rev. James Boswell, pastor of First United Methodist Church, she had been in ill health for years, but her condition became worse in the summer.

She and her husband, the late Clarence E. (Casey) Boswell, came to Pampa in 1939. He was a driller for Magnolia Oil Co.

Mr. Boswell died in 1967. Born in Arkansas, she lived in Oklahoma from 1917 until 1937, when the family came to Texas. For many years, she operated a drapery shop in Pampa, retiring only a few months ago. She was a Methodist and a 55-year member of the Eastern Star.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 19, at Dunkle Funeral Home, with Dr. Lloyd Hamilton, pastor of First Methodist Church, Pampa, officiating. Burial was at Pampa.

Survivors are three sons and a daughter: Rev. Boswell, Paul Boswell of Cransil Gap, and Fred Boswell of Ozark, Alabama, and Miss Betty Jean Boswell of Kansas City.

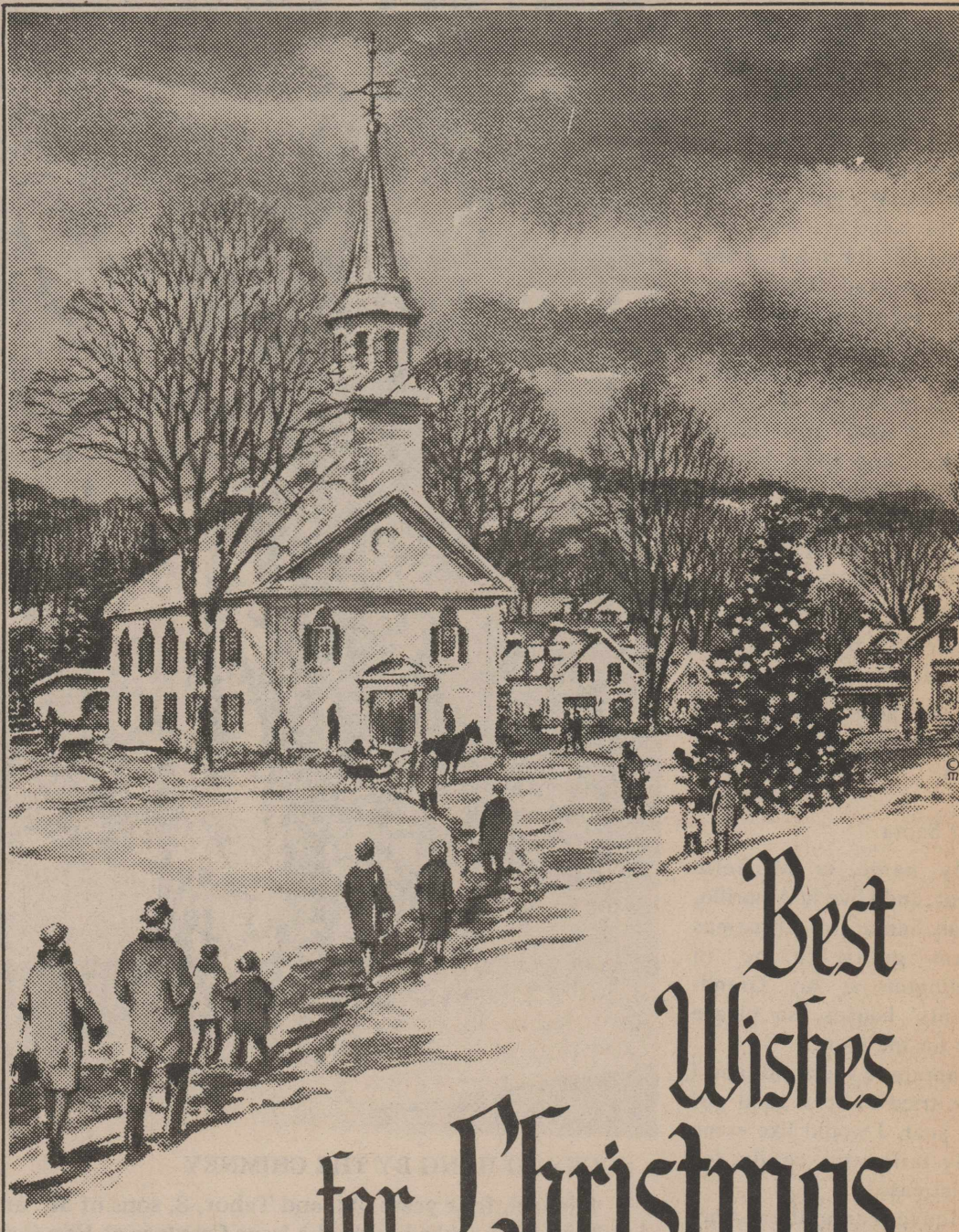
Going from here were Rev. and Mrs. Boswell and Tami and Terry, Mrs. Jack Davis, Mr. and Mrs. V.K. Orr, Jr., Mrs. David Baumgardner, and Miss Juliana Baumgardner.

Sell it with a Classified Ad.

Don't just store it away and forget it—sell it with a classified ad in The Leader and use the money to buy something you need.

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Best Wishes for Christmas

As we celebrate this joyous occasion of the birth of the Christ Child, let us remember especially the hope that was born anew and the love that filled the world on that first Christmas. May their light shine today, so that peace and understanding will prevail among men.

from the owners, employees and residents of
Thomas Nursing Center, Inc.
Beatrice Martha Tommy

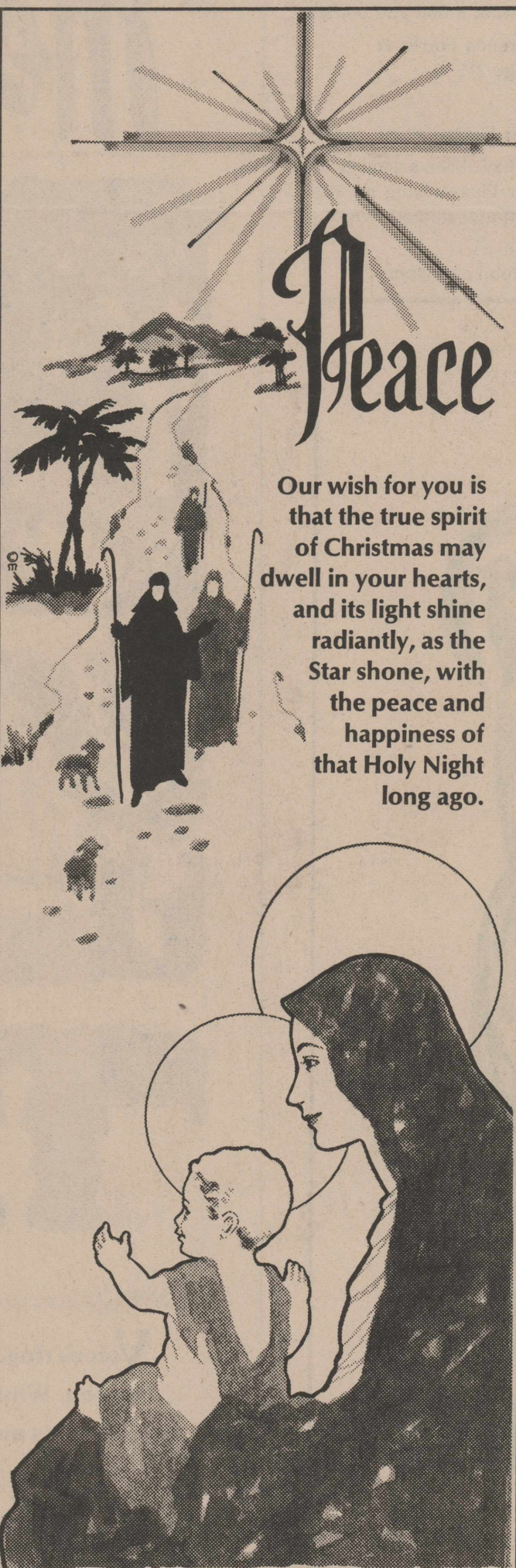


Merry Christmas

This is the happy season, when voices join together in laughter and song. It's the time when we count our blessings and share our good fortunes with friends and strangers, alike. In the true Christmas tradition, we'd like to extend to you and yours, our best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

HARTMAN ELECTRIC

Leon, Margaret, Steve and Lisa



Our wish for you is that the true spirit of Christmas may dwell in your hearts, and its light shine radiantly, as the Star shone, with the peace and happiness of that Holy Night long ago.

**Sam's
Fine Floors**



As the Heavens rejoiced when Christ was born, so let us rejoice too, in peace and brotherhood. At this holy holiday we say thanks to our warm and loyal friends.

Kelso Funeral Home

Santa's Sleigh Checked for Smooth Running

Dear Santa,

How are you this year? We are anxious for you to come to see us. We are two little girls three and five years old. I would like for you to bring me Dusty and Barbie and clothes for them. We would also like for you to bring us an ice box, stove, and sink and some dishes. My sister wants Weeble tree house and Ken and some blocks. We have tried to be good girls, though it's very hard sometimes. Thank you very much for everything you brought us last year.

Your little friends,
Dena and Angie Lacy

P.S. We have a brother, so don't forget him please Santa.

Dear Santa:

My name is Michelle Sweat, and I live in Amarillo, Texas. Santa, this Christmas I am going to be in Wellington at my Grandparents' houses, so please look for me there.

I am three years old, and I have tried to be a good girl this year. I would like some pony-tails and candy for Christmas.

Please remember Amy and Keri, and all the other little boys and girls.

I love you.

Michelle

Dear Santa,

I'm 3 years old and I've tried to be good. Thanks for what you brought last year. Santa, this year I would like a baby that cries mama, a new tricycle and some dishes. Don't forget all the other boys and girls and fill our stockings full of goodies.

Love
Catina Hunter



SOCKS TO HANG BY THE CHIMNEY

Michael, four years old, and Tabor, 8, sons of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Dean, prepare to hang their socks beside the large fireplace at Hay Camp Country Club. The socks, of ample size, are a little different to the traditional Christmas socks, but very much in keeping with the modern trend toward patchwork. And what could be better for this, the Christmas that will introduce the Bi-centennial year?

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie doll. I want a Micky mouse watch. I want a bike. I want a baby dreams. I love you. I've been good.

Jule Caldwell

Dear Santa

I have been a good little girl. How did you like your summer vacation. How is my favorite reindeer Rudolph. I

hope he is fine. For my Christmas present I want a baby alive.

I Love you Santa

From Rosario Granados

Dear Santa Claus,
kl am a Girl.

And don't forget my sister. Her name is Annie. I want same toys.

Love Carla Caison

Dear Santa,

I want a doll and bottle.

Brenda Forrester

Age 2½

Dear Santa

I have been a good girl this year Please bring me this. I want a drum and a horn.

Love

RobiLou mabery

Dear Santa:

My name is Amy Moorhouse, and I live at the Pitchfork Ranch at Guthrie. I am going to be at Granny and Big Daddy's in Wellington for Christmas, so please leave my toys there.

I am two and a half years old, and I would like a Baby Doll and a purple bicycle. Please bring my little sister, Keri Ann, who is two months old, a Beanie Doll, and some clothes.

Don't forget my cousin, Michelle, and the other boys and girls.

I love you,
Amy

Dear Santa,

This letter is for me and my baby sister, she is 6 months old and I am five. Stormy needs something like a musical bear. Maybe it will keep her quiet. I want an Evil Knievil Stunt Cycle and a Smash up Derby Set.

I have tried real hard to be good, but I don't know about Stormy she cries a lot.

We love you

Lance & Stormy Stephens

Dear Santa

Please bring me a smash-up derby set, football shoes and a football suit like Jeffreys.

Thank you for the toys you brought me last year.

Al Forrester

Age 6½

Dear Santa

Would you please bring me a doll and some other toys. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Hope you have a nice Christmas, Santa.

Love,
Soni

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Dear Santa Claus,

I am a girl I am in the Second grade. I wish I had a walk dog, and a baby thataway and bickey to and a play tent house

Love Vanessa Thomas

Dear Santa

I want a baby that a way and a baby Deams and sunsine family a lingo game and Disty and a pinio.

love

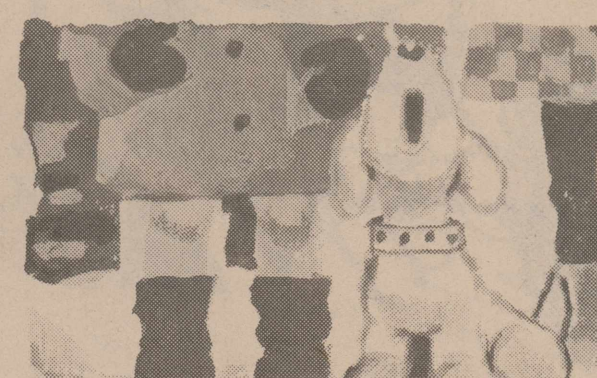
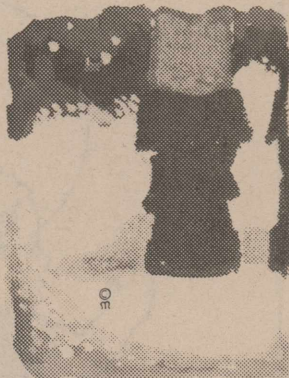
Tammy Hall



from Everyone at Hay Camp

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Merry Christmas



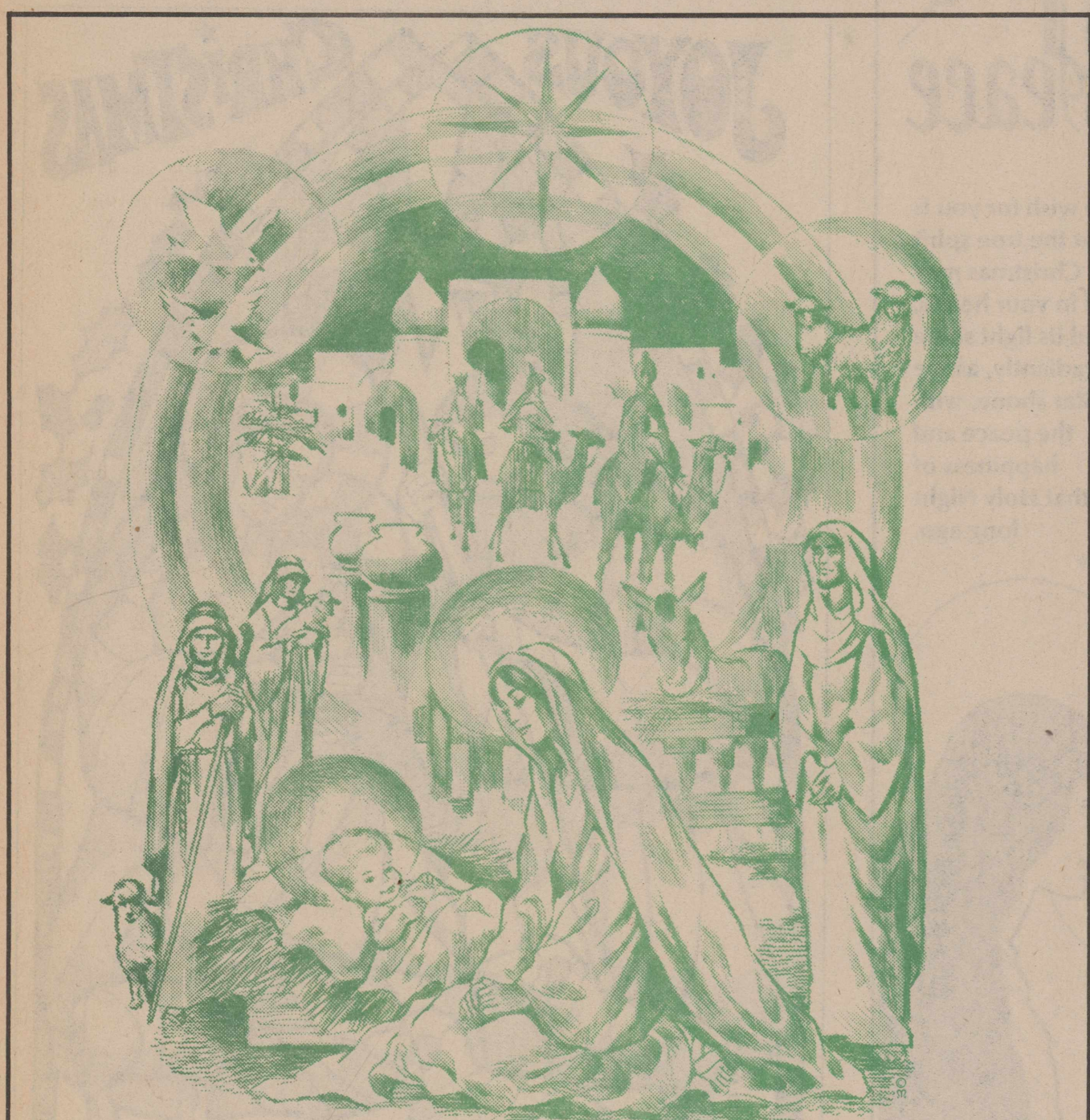
Voices ring... hearts sing... echoing the happy spirit and delight of this holiday season. While "visions of sugar plums dance in our heads" we take this time to express our pleasure knowing you and to say thank you for your patronage.

Watch our Windows for *Specials*

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Roy Bounds
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Mrs. James McDanel
Benny McDanel
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Wayne Sanders
Earlene Davis
David Ingram



GLAD CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

May the peace and joy which radiates from the heart of the Holy Child, fill you and yours with the wonder and splendor of this Blessed Season. And may the miracle of His coming be an inspiration and comfort to you always. Best wishes for a joyous Christmas.

The Fashion Shop

Town & Country Store

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For Sixty-five Years a Builder in Collingsworth County
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Kiddies Told of Picking Cotton, Asked for Guns in 1928 and 1935

A reading of these letters--a random sampling of the many, many that were printed, shows how children's wants have changed. Although 1935 was the middle of the Great Depression, there is no indication of this as kiddies wrote to Santa, unless they were not asking for so much.

The County, with a population that peaked at more than 15,000 people a few years earlier, was just beginning to decline, but there were still several thousand youngsters who waited eagerly for Santa

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl six years old. I am going to be very good so you will come to see me Xmas. So I want you to bring me a bracelet that is at the Famous and a Brunswick Portable that is at LeDerer's Hardware and a little set of china dishes, a box of hershey bars and I have a little brother 8 months old so please don't forget him.

Your little friend
Vaughna Daffron.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll bed, and
some skates and a ring.

From
Leta Fern Wells

Dear Santa Claus:

I am 12 years old and working hard picking cotton. Please bring me a coaster wagon and anything else you have and I want some N.A.W. candy, please sir.

John Turner

Dear Santa Claus:

I am 7 years old and go to school at the west ward school. I pick cotton on Saturday and after school. The most I have picked is 132 pounds.

I hope you will bring me a little doggy, a car, candy and oranges, also a horn.

Please remember all the other little boys and girls.

Hoping you have a merry Christmas. I am.

Your little friend

Denman Collins

P.S. Please leave my candy
at the N.A.W. Candy and
Coffee company.

Dear Santa Claus,

I wish you would bring us two kiddie cars, balls, tractors, apples, nuts and a story book. Please leave our candy at N.A.W. supply house

Roy and Troy Cass.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl seven years of age, and I live in the Salt Fork Community, Santa Clause, I want you to bring me a little doll buggy and some fruit.

I saw in the Wellington Leader where you said you would leave me a sack of candy at the NAW candy company if I would write you, too. I want you to leave the candy for me and I will call for it.

Estelline Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a good little girl. I am 6 years old. I go to school I'll tell you what I want for Xmas.

I would like to have a diamond ring, and sewing basket, and a sewing machine, some embroidery thread, some candy and nuts and some bath shoes, and some NAW candy. I have a little brother. Be sure to remember him and all little boys and girls.

Martha Jeanne Henry

Dear Santa Claus,

It is nearly time for you to come, so I want you to bring me some toys to play with. I'd like to have a motor bus, stopper gun and a football. If you have anything that I can

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Santa Claus Was Popular, Even in Olden Times (Like 1928 and 1935)

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use at school, bring that too. Bring lots of nuts, fruit and candy and be sure to leave me some candy at NAW Candy and Coffee company.

Your friend
James Edward Leach
P.S. Don't forget our twins! (Editor's note: Elsewhere in this edition of The Wellington Leader is a story of Mr. Leach's retirement from the U.S. Air Force, after more than 20 years service.)

Dear Santa Claus:

I will write you a letter to let you know what I want for Christmas. I am 9 years old and a very good girl. I live 10 miles from town.

I want a trunk or a little sewing machine and lots of candy and nuts and apples and oranges.

Dear Santa,

I am three years old and want you to bring me a whole lot of things. I want some toys, marshmallows, a shovel and a bucket, a rake to rake the grass, a truck to ride in, a little saddle for a little pony and a little pony for the little saddle.

Sam-Boy Harle

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a shooting game, a police suit, a football, a coaster wagon and lots of good things to eat.

Your little friend
J.L. Burt, Jr.

Dear Santa,

I know you will soon be passing through and hope you will leave me some nice toys. I wish for a "Spirit of St. Louis Car" just like Lindy's plane. I am a little boy 5 years old. I go to west ward school in the low first grade.

Your little friend,
Junior Choate

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl nine years old and in the third grade. Please bring me for my Christmas present a black board and a doll and a doll bed and a box of candy.

Your living friend
Irma Jeanette Karnes

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy eight years old and I am in the second grade at school.

I want a Buck Jones bee-bee gun for Christmas and a leather jacket with a zipper all the way up the front. I also would like to have some boot-trousers. Then I would like some nuts, fruits and candies.

Your little friend,
T.E. Graham, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good boy. I go to school and work for mother and go to Sunday school.

I want a punching bag and gloves, a tractor and skyrockets, some firecrackers, nuts and candy.

Ralph Fulton

Dear Old Santa Claus

I am asking for these things. First I want a Rocket Racer, an easel blackboard, a dumptruck, a Honeymoon Express and a Mechanical Train. Of course I want some oranges, apples and nuts.

Your old pal,
Howard Moore

My dear Santa Claus

I am a little girl six years old. I have blue eyes. I am in the second grade at school. My teacher's name is Mrs. Wanda Mask.

I wish you could visit Lone Mound School at Christmas. Please bring me a baby

doll, a little girls sewing machine, a little broom and a cook stove.

Wishing you a merry Christmas, I am

Your little friend
Ruth Bearden

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a Shirley Temple doll. Also a typewriter, a doll bed, a pony, saddle and bridle. Please bring mother a pair of shoes and hose, Daddy a nice suit of clothes and a new hat. Wishing you a happy new year.

With Love
Iva Nell Guthrie

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll, a lunch box and a booksatchel. I have three brothers and two sisters. I wish that you would remember them.

With love3
Christelle Robertson.

Dear Old Santa:

I am a very little girl but I would like to have a Shirley Temple Doll, a bed for her to sleep in, a set of dishes, a guaiatar and a big sack of Nowlin's Candy.

Santa, I hope you don't pass me by.

With Love
Peggie Jean Yarbrough

Dear Santa:

I go to school at wilnulcer. I am a little boy seven years old.

Santa, most of the time I have been a good boy and will you please bring me a wagon, a tricycle, and a buggy with lots of nuts and candy.

Please don't forget any little boys and girls this year.

Your boy
Dale Fielding

Dear Santa,

I am a girl ten years old of age. I want a doll, a high chair, candy, nuts and fruits.

Don't forget my little brother, Billie. He wants a little barn and all of its animals.

Your little friend.
Melba Williams

Dear santa

I want a bicycle and a machine gun and two guns that come with two holsters and a cap pistol and lots of fire crackers and a desk, and donot forget that we moved across the street on the right hand side of the corner.

Edmond Schaded

Dear Santa

For Christmas I want a pair of house shoes and a toy revolver pistol and a Dick Tracy book and Lincoln Logs. My little brother wants a pair of house shoes, a power tractor and some ABC blocks and a rubber truck and we both want some fruit, fire works and candy and nuts.

George Allen Keller
and Billy Joe Keller.

Dear Santa Claus

Please bring me a dump truck, steam shovel, and a little track. And Santa Claus don't forget all my little friends and my cousin Tommie Ann. I have my Christmas tree up and waiting for you.

Your friend
Walter Johnson

Dear Santa Claus

I wan a pearl handle gun some bridle bits and bridle reins. I am a little boy 9 years old I go to Lone Mound School I want some fruit nuts and candy.

Your friend
Glen Massey.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl out in the country. So please Santa don't forget me on Xmas Eve. I would like for you to bring me a train, a bed, little telephone, some tin dishes with Mickey Mouse on them, lots of candy fruit and nuts, and please Santa don't forget my little cousins, Robert Ray Hill and Syble Oldham. All the other little boys and girls. I am expecting to see you on the 24th.

Lots of Love
Rheba Rhea Fain

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a rubber doll and a book of paper dolls and plenty of nuts, fruits and candy. Don't forget other poor little boys and girls.

Your Little Friend
Ima Jean Edgar

Dear Santa Claus,

My dear friend, I am 12 years of age. I will soon be too old to write you. But this year I want a teddy bear, a comb, brush and a mirror, also a skirt and waist. Be

sure to bring me all the oranges I can eat, some nuts and some candy. Don't forget my two brothers. Remember to come to the Xmas tree and don't forget my mother and papa.

Yours truly,
Alice Annette Atkinson

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a football and a train with electric lights and a bat and ball.

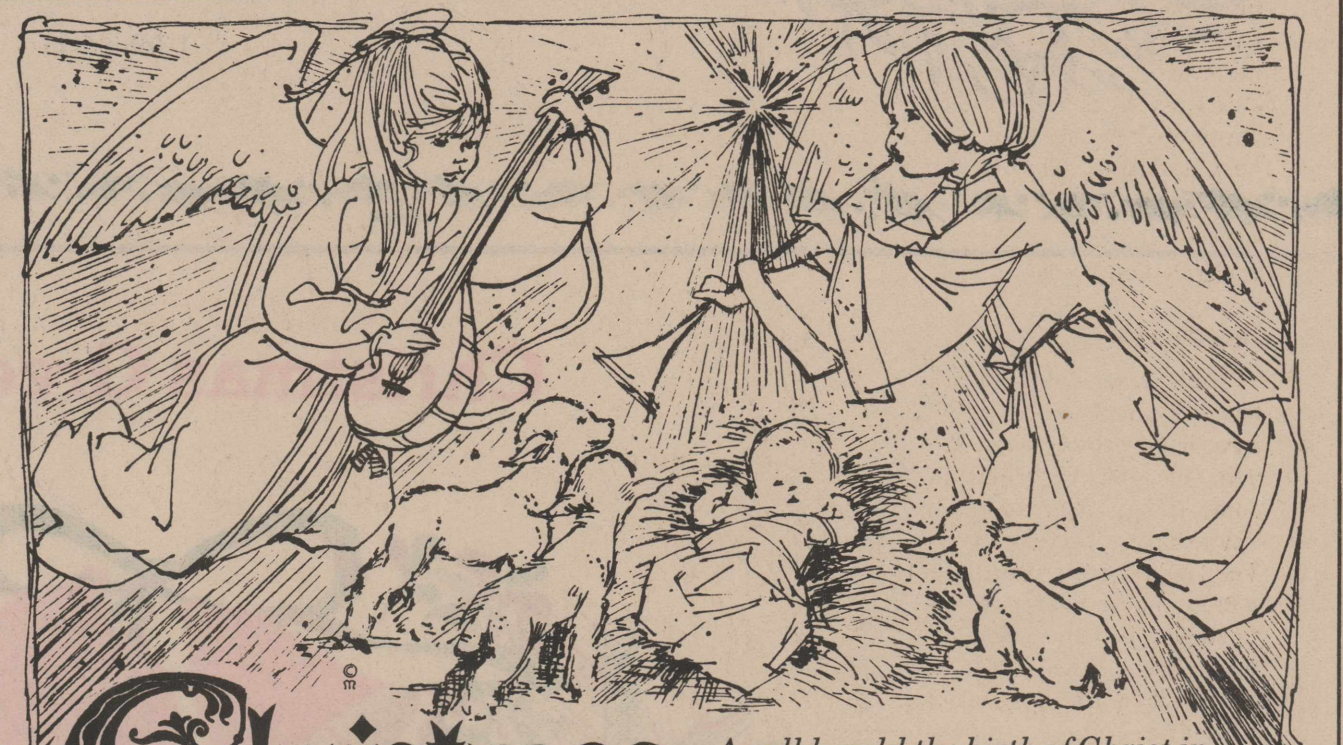
With best wishes,
Dick Ellis

Dear Santa Claus,

I want some boots, stockings and clothes. I have to sell candy and wade around in the mud and rather have boots than shoes. I want some NAW candy, fruit and nuts. I have always been good and have fed my lpet rats every day. That's all I can think of now.

Your little friend
Bill Carr

P.S. If you have any to spare, I want a football and a knife, too.



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

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
* TO ALL!



WE GIVE THANKS, GLORY AND PRAISE TO GOD FOR THE MANY, MANY THINGS WE HAVE.

Among our greatest blessings and possessions are you, our friends and customers. Both in the days past and present, Your friendship and patronage to us supplies a great part of our wealth and happiness in life. We pray God's richest blessings on you and yours.

Bill and Zelda Hatch



With best wishes
for a very MERRY CHRISTMAS
and happy days in the NEW YEAR

June Owens
Vernita Hall

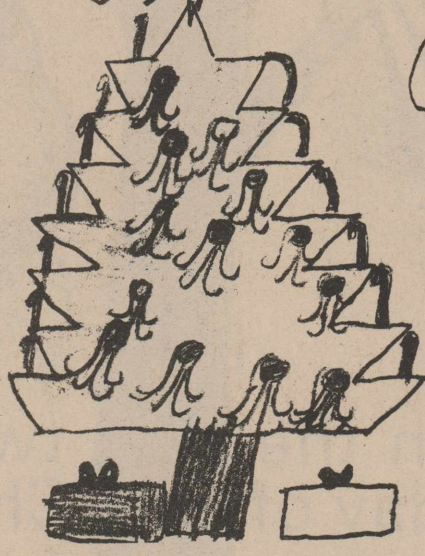
CITY STATE BANK IN WELLINGTON

Billy Mosely
Blenna Hernandez

Margaret Carroll
Sandy Morris

Dear Santa,
 I am a little girls who just turned 5 years old. I have tried to be good, but sometimes it was pretty hard.
 I would like for you to bring me a Walking Baby Loves You, a baby doll high chair, some new dishes, a Peanuts gang, and a Weebles Tree House.
 Please remember my cousins, Scott and Laurie Davis, who live in Monahans but will be at Mamma's or Aunt Bettie's house. Remember my little cousin Dusty who lives in Childress. Remember all the other little boys and girls all over the world, too.
 I love you.
 Nancy Lyn Davis

Quail School
 first Grade
 Dear Santa,
 I want a big doll, also a Sunshine family. A baking kit. I've been good. I love you.
 Candy Canada



Dear Santa
 Well, here it is Christs time again. I sure hope I have been good enough this year for you to bring me some things. I would really like to have a Bless You Baby Tenderlove, a U-Drive-It and a Bake and Decorator set like Granny's. Anything else you might have for me will be fine. I'll really appreciate anything. Santa, please remember all little boys and girls everywhere. Thank you for being a good and loving Santa.
 Love
 Suzanne Floyd

Dear Santa,
 I am two years old and have tried to be a good girl. i am getting very excited about Christmas. I don't really care what you bring me Santa, I'll be happy with whatever I get. i would like some new books though, and a doll buggy.
 I hope everyone has a nice Christmas, especially you Santa.
 Love always,
 Denise Rainey

Dear Santa,
 I want a Marx Shooting Gallery, a hunting vest size small, a gun case, a large package of B-Bs and some fishing hooks. I also want a large purple candle for mother, some shells for Daddy, some earrings for Valerie and some coveralls and .22 shells for Neal.
 P.S. I'd also like a Pivot Pool. Thanks!
 Love,
 Brian V.P.

Dear Santa Claus,
 I try to be good, but sometimes it is kinda hard.
 I want a fire truck, bicycle, and anything else you might have. I don't need a pickup and trailer with horses anymore because I got them for my 5th birthday this month.
 Don't forget my brother, Chad and all the other boys and girls
 Love,
 Clay Holland

Dear Santa Claus
 I want a bike for Christmas and a jean suit and a baby doll. I would also like some new clothes I have been very good this year you are nice Santa. Claus. I want record player some new shoes and sock too. thank you Santa Claus you are a nice man
 Jean Love Santa Claus.

Dear Santa Claus:
 Hi! I am a little boy who will be 3 years old on Christmas Eve. I have tried to be good most of the time.
 I want a loader, crain, that is big and just like Randy's. I would also like a Weeble West.
 Don't forget all of the other nice boys and girls.
 Love,
 Curtis Don Neeley

Dear Santa Clause,
 Thank you very much for the things that you brought me last year. i hope that you have had a good year.
 I will be 4 years old by Christmas, and I have tried to be good. This year I would really like for you to bring me a "Six Million Dollar Man" and a rift. It would also be nice if you filled my stocking with goodies.
 Santa, I have a baby brother this year. He is 3 months old, and his name is Ronnie. I hope that you can find a surprise to leave in his stocking because he's really been a good boy. Please remember my cousin Tony and all my friends too.
 God bless you Santa, and we pray that He makes it a Merry Christmas for everyone.
 Love,
 Richie Jenkins

Dear Santa Claus,
 I am 5 years old and I am in kindergarden in Mrs. Tarver's class. I try to be good some of the time. I just can't hardly wait for you to come see me. I would like for you to bring me an Evil Knevil and his stunt cycle. I would like a big aquarium with all kinds of fish, to share with my little brother. I want a new watch, a pair of boots, a dump truck, a fisher-price castle and some surprises.
 Don't forget all the other boys and girls and my little brother.
 See Ya Christmas Eve,
 Love,
 Daryon Brown
 Dear Santa Claus
 Wellington Tex
 Dec 15 1975
 I
 easy
 oven
 I am Jimmy Treimle 8 years old in 2

WISHING YOU A
 MERRY CHRISTMAS
 AND THE BEST OF THE
 NEW YEAR
 RAY'S EXXON
 STATION
 102 8TH ST. WELLINGTON
 RAY & POLLY COZAD



May CHRISTMAS bring to you and yours the gifts of peace, joy and lasting contentment. With this wish, we greet our friends and neighbors and extend our heartfelt thanks for your many kindnesses. We are privileged to serve you.

Warrick's Inc.

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.

Lyman's Automotive
 Lyman and Larry

Youngsters Ask for Evel Knievel Sets

Dear Santa Claus,

i want a crab that a side lets down. I want a Baby Thataway. I want the sunshing Family. And their camper too. I want a pino. I want a toesacross game. I want a highchair for my doll. I want a ring and neckless that look alike. I want some cloeshts for my Sunshing Family too.

Love Stacey

Dear Santa Claus

I want a bike a tape recorter and a football set a som blue jean boots. I am 10 years old and in the 4th grade. I go to quail school and I whant a football suit to. I have been a good boy have been going out trying to catch a dear so I can name him. Rudolf I whant a baby dear. to raise.

Love Dewayne Culpepper

Dear Santa Claus.

I want a bike and a doll name baby Thataway and a watch and clothes and some shoes and I Love you and my name is Sandra Culpepper I go to Quail texas to school and I am 8 years old and I want a coat and a pretty white dress and some dishes to because I always play house and some skates and jump rope to And I want to have a good Christmas and happy Merry Christmas And I'm good Santa Claus

Love Sandra

Dear Santa Claus

I want a football suit and a football to play with. And I can play with my brothers. I always wanted a horse and my father would not get me one. I hope that you will get me a shotlone pony. I used to have one but my father sold it. I was in school that day.All times I came home I putted the saddle and all that stuff then I road her in the corral. Sometimes I fell off of the horse. I used to play cowboy with her. I road and hit her a little so she could run. I want a rope and a left hand gun. I want a rilfal. to.

Love Armando Sanchez

Dear Santa,

I am three years old. Please bring me a toy train, and Baby Alive.

I hope you won't forget my sister, mother, father and I just moved to Wellington from Germany.

Love,
Angell Hendrix

Dear Santa Claus

I wantamotorcycle acarred an airplane.

David
Thank you. Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus

I want a bike, a little car, a helicopter Santa Claus you nice Willyou bring a truck,

Lonnie
Thank You

Dear Santa Claus

I wanta Barbie Doll, a teddy bear, some new clothee, a number game, some socks a watch, new crayolas and coloring book. for Christmas Hello Santa Claus. I want a bike and some recored I Love You Santa Claus is nice

Frances Ruth Wiles
Thank you

Dear Santa Claus

I want a Doll and a bike I been good have a Merry Christmas I like you Santa Claus I want a Watch for Christmas I love you Santa Claus I want a Doll and a bike and Watch. have a good merry christmas I want a basketball have a good Merry Christmas. Todd is a good boy. We Will See you have Been good I want a watch and a Doll I Want Some clothes and We have fun I have a friend her name is paula she been good have a merry Christmas I want sone Shoe to ring necklace. ny Brother Been good I Want tiffany taylor have a Merry Christmas I ma 10 years Old ball and Jacks

ANN
thank you

Dear Santa Claus

I want a red and white bicycle for Christmas. i like you an.d I have been good this year. Some little cqars

Rudy Granados

I colored a Sata Clausonthe Back Thank you

A carthat goes by itself. I like you Santaclaus You are nice

Dear Santa

I want a doll named kiss-me-baby and some red shoes. Did you have a nice sumer I hop so, and I want a red and white dress and some black shoes And that there may be peace in the world

To Santa
Frome Patricia Powell
Thank you



Dear Santa,

I've been real good this year so I hope you'll get me a Barbie Beauty Center, Baby That-A-Way and a Madam Alexander Baby Doll.

I'll be leaving cookies and milk for you by the Christmas tree so be sure to look for them. I can't wait to see what you leave in my stocking--everything was so nice last year.

I would like you to get my cousin, Amy, something real nice--she is always so sweet.

I love you,
Shelly Thomas

Dear Santa Claus

My name is David Parker and I am 3½ years old. How are you and Mrs. Santa Claus? I hope fine. I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas, I want a hot wheel cycle and some big trucks. Some cookies will be waiting for you at our house.

David Parker
Miami, Tx 79059

Dear Santa

May I have a baby alive, can I have a baby dreams, I told you that I want the doll that crawls.

I want a kitchen set because I lost all of mine.

I have been a good girl, because I'm being good now. I am 5 years old and in kindergarden.

Love,
Leslie Black

I drew my picture for you.

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Lonnie Darrell Colson. I am a little boy three and one half years old and I have been trying to be good. Please bring me an Evil Knivel with his motorcycle, an SSP Smash Up Derby set, a play rifle with a scope, a Lone Ranger doll with his horse and wagon, and a play telephone. I would like any candy and little cars or trucks you might have to leave in my stocking.

Please remember all the other little boys and girls. Thank you for my toys and candy last year. I love you.

Love,
Lonnie Colson

Dear Santa,

I want, let's see, a toy set and an evil knevil set. I want a big truck. I've been good Santa. And Santa I want a play-doh set. And Santa I

want you to bring me some little cars, and a B.B. gun I live at Shamrock.

Love,
Donald Bryant

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Leader Want Ads are read by thousands of people.



On the twelfth
day of Christmas
my true love gave
to me...

the opportunity of wishing
all our good friends a very merry Christmas!

JIM'S OK TIRE STORE

Jim & Novia

Danny & Linda

Bo & Oscar

Christmas Joy



It's that time of the year again! May your home be filled with old-fashioned holiday cheer at Christmastime...and your hearts filled with the joy of greeting friends and being with loved ones. Best wishes from the folks at

Foster's 66 Station
Kenneth, Mary, Monica, and Veronica

every merry christmas with the alboms

We wish each of you
a New Year
that is happy, healthy and rich
with Heavenly treasures.

Garner and Mary

and on earth
Peace..

Once again we rejoice as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour . . . Prince of Peace. In this joyful spirit we say thank you to all our friends. May your Christmas be rich in peace and blessings.

Lee Grocery & Station

Jerry Deianna Mary Alta

Santa's Sleigh Full Of Favorite Goodies

Dear Santa Claus

I would like a motor Cross Bike and a watch for Christmas.

Thank you
Bobby Lynch

Dear Santa Claus

My name is Janie Lewis and I am 4. And I would like a weebles treehouse and a Polly pretend. I like you very much.

Love
Janie
Lewis

Dear Santa

My name is Susan Lewis and I am 9 years old. I would like a liveintrain and a growing up Skipper. I think you are very nice and I Love you.

Love
Susan
Lewis

P.S. We will leave cookies and milk for you.

Dear Santa,

Hi, how are you? I am fine. My sister is writing this letter. She is nice. I am 5 years old. have tried to be a good boy. I would like some Lego blocks and the six million dollar man. My birthday is just five days after xmas say hello to your wife.

Your friend
Kevin McDanel

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! I am a little boy 2 yrs. old. For Christmas I would like to have a new tricycle, an inchworm, a putt-putt train, a tractor like my Daddy's and anything else that you think I would enjoy having. I would also like lots of candy and gum! Please help all the other little boys and girls to have a Merry Christmas too. Bye!

Love you,
Michael Orr

P.S. I'll try to remember to have my sister put the fire in the chimney out so you won't get burned.

Dear santa claus

I want a babby thatway and a girl bicycle and a game of candy land.

write by Juanita
Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,

I love rain deers. I love you too. I am five years old. I want a race track. I want a six million dollar man, I want a walkie talkie.

love
Shane Black

Dear Santa Claus

I want a bike and a basketball that all this years everyone have a Merry christmas and a happy new years

sincerely yours
Peggy Bryant

Dear Santa Claus:

I like you? Thish year for Christmas I wan't a Zip Monkey and a little radio and some big crayons and the bounet turtle. I wish I could have baby that away but mother wan't let me have it. I am from Quail school have a nice time this year. I have been a good girls and I hope you have been a nice Santa. I will leave some milk and cookies on the table be sure and get them buy.

Love
Debbie Kennedy

Dear Santa,

I want a bike, bb gun and bbs pappy drum

I love you
I've been good
Brent Hall

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a guaitiar and a Baby Alive. And I want a Baby Thatway and a new bicycle. I want a pretty pruse. I want a Barbie close too. And onther Barbie with close. I want a real doll that talks. My brother Rudy wants a new bicycle. I want a fur coat too.

Love
Mary Torrez

Dear Santa Claus

I want two doll. I want some dishes. I want a watch. I want a wagon. I want a bun. I want some SKATES. I want some pencil. I want some money. I want baby thatway.

Love Kellie
Love Santa

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a nurse ket and a babby alive. A pear of Boots to wear. and a pear of pants. My sister is going to get me a person and over night bage. My brother is going to get a Tp girl. I wood Like to have a lot of more presents. But I am happe with my presents.

Love
Becky Barton

Dear Santa Claus

My name is Rosie Jean Thomas. I am 8 yrs. old and in the third grade. I have been a good little girl this year and i would like a baby Thata way and a bicycle and i would like a guitar and clothes for my brother cliff and I Love you. And I hope to see you real soon.

Love
Rosie Thomas

Dear Santa,

How have you been, I've been just fine. I would like a train set with race cars to go with it. We have a new skating rink in town, so I would like to have a pair of roller skates. There are a lot more things I would like to have but this will be plenty.

Your friend,
Jack Clark,

Wellington, Tex.
Dec. 15, 1975

Dear Santa Claus, I won toys.

I am a little girl.

I am 8 years old.

I Love my teacher.

the I Love you to.

I Love my mother.

Love
Frene Granados.



Dear Santa Claus

I wan. Go car i Love Santa Claus I a day briht tent Evil Connivel

Roauel

Dear Santa Claus,

I am in the second I wot a Evil Connivel oven

Love,
Frank
I am 7

Dear Santa Claus

I am a little girls in the second grade. I am 7 years Old I wish I had a two story house. My teacher is Named Mrs. Camp

Love Trena Archie

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a girl I am 8 years old I am in the seond grade. I am in Mrs. Camp's room. I want a organ.

Love, Lesa White

Dear Santa,

I wanted a gun for christmas. I wanted a football for too. I wanted a evel knivel for my toy. I wanted a horn for my toy. I wanted a airplants my toy

Victor

Dear Santa Claus

I am a boy I am 7 e years old my nam is Rene I wunt a Evil Connivel my little sistar is 2 years old she is a girl Brin har a ball

Rene

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy in 2nd grade. I am 7 years old. I want a tent and a camping set. I want ashot gun with a scoop on top. A bike that looks like a moter bike. I have tried to b good.

Love Jon Tabor Dean

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a girl I am 8 years old. Mrs camp is my teacher. I want a Baby That Away. Jeff has not ben good but bring him somthing anyway.

Love
Gina Barnett.

Dear Santa

I wont a baby-alive growingup Skipper and a bike that is pink and a white seat with pink flowers on it. dont forget my Brothers Robert and Ronnie.

Love Deborah
Pepper

Dear Santa

I want a bike radio chalkboard ford tractor and a trailer. Merry Christmas

Love
Ronnie Pepper

P.S. Please don't forget my No & Po at Twitty. My Po wants a CB Radio to go in his pickup.

Ronnie

Dear Santa,

My name is Shamara Moore. I am a 15 month old little girl. This letter was written for me, but I still would like for you to know what I want for Christmas. I would like a little doll, a trik wagon, a hoppety Horse, and some little toys that I can pull, and some candy and nuts.

Don't forget the other little boys and girls Santa, and Merry Christmas everyone.

Shamara Dionne Moore.

Dear Santa

I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a skates. bike and a Baby Alive. I love you Bring my brother some chaps. cowboy hat. and a tracor.

leah Tunstall

Dear Santa,

I have been a pretty good little girl this year and I would like to have a Baby Bundles doll, some play silverware and a twister game.

I would like some candy and fruit too.

Thank you very much.

I love you,
Penny Wilkins
6 yrs. old

P.S. Please bring my dog Suzy a bone. Thank you.

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Dear Santa,

I can hardly wait until it's time for you and I'm a good little girl. I would like a Baby That-A-Way doll, Digger-the dog and some fruit and candy.

Please stop at my house. Thank you very much.

I love you,
Julie Wilkins
3 yrs. old

Dear Santa

I am a 7 year old boy. in Mrs. Floyd's second. grade room.

I would like a football, six million dollar man, a sorry game, a Mousetrap game and some new trucks.

please don't forget the other boys and girls

Love
Kacy Davis



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

Our sincere thanks for your friendship.

Wilkins Furniture

Mrs. T.B. Wilkins

Tom & Paula, Penny & Julie Wilkins

Gene Williams



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

Wellington Livestock Commission

Jim

Edd

Billy

Joyous Christmas

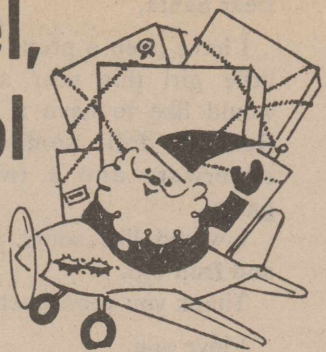
It's the season for all to love, share and show they care. We care about you our loyal customers. Heartfelt thanks.

Webber Beuti Pleat Drapery
Shamrock, Texas

Merry Christmas

Black's Automotive

Children Write for Big Wheel, Evel Knievel and Skittle Pool



Dear Santa,
I don't want much just a doll, and a organ. I also would like a new dress. But in case you have a little room left over put in a tape recoder. In my stocking no candy please I have bad teeth.
I have been a good little girl this year. Well solong.
Love,
Beth Green

P.S. I have a little nephew he lives on 1409 Bowie St. he and his mother Audrey would like some chocolate covered peanuts in there stocking. His name is Billy William Lewis Green.

Dear Mr. Krinal.
I don't want much this year. I'd like to have a sled, and new football. And see if you can get hold of Mother Nature's son, Mr. Winter, so we can have a white Christmas.

Yours Truly
Scott Peebles

Dear, Santa Claus
I would like to have a taperecorder and a watch. I have been a good boy I hope that I get these things.

Yours truly,
Tony Carter

Dear! Santa Claus
I want a bike and a doll and some nuts and candy for my sisters and brothers I been a good girl I guess thats all

Sincerely Yours.
Mary E. Bryant

Dear Santa
I hope you have had a nice year at the North Pole. Alls I want is a 22 rifle and watch thats all I can think of right now. So I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours Turly
Steven Knoll

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a musical apple, a "Joey" doll, and an activity center for my baby bed. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Jody Wood

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Alive and anything else you want to bring me. I am 3 years old. Please remember my sister.

Love,
Karla Morris

Dear Santa
I Want a Baby Alive. I am 6 Years Old and in Kinder garten My Teacher is Mrs. Henard.

Love
Kim Morris

Dear Santa
My Payton Jessie Mallard Jr. I am eight years old. I have been a good boy this year. I would like to have an race track, a bike, a watch, skates, and some clothes.

Love Payton Mallard Jr.
Houston, Texas

Dear Santa
My name is Keith Dwayne Mallard I am four years old. I have been a good boy this year. I would like to have a big truck, a train set, a gun, some clothes.

Love Keith Mallard
Houston, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl in the second grade I am 8 years old I wish I had a baby Alife My teacher is Named. Mrs camp

Love Amanda massey

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring a Baby Alive.

SoPhia HOBBS

Dear Santa
I. have. been. a. good. boy this. year. Please. gring mea airplane.

Gene Myers

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. I have tried very hard to take good care of them and to be a good boy.

I live in Spearman now but I will be at my nanny's in Wellington, Texas the night you bring toys to all boys and girls. This year for Christmas I would like a G.I. Joe helicopter and a punching bag on a stand. Also some nuts and candy.

I am in kindergarten this year and have tried real hard to mind my teacher and my parents.

Remember all boys and girls especially my cousins, Richie and Ronnie Jenkins. Have a safe trip.

Love,
Tony Jackson
Spearman, Texas

1523 S 7th St
Tucumcari n.m.

Dear santa.

This Christmasmy brother Willic and I Live with our foster Parents in new mexico We would Like a doll, a bike, a buggy, a talking doll, a truch, a soft ball a play car a raggedy andy and candy and fruit

Love
Simone and Willie Barnes

P.S. Please don't forget J.C., Misty, and Jennifer This is their First Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 2 years old and I sure do stay into something all the time, but I try my best to be good. I can't remember last Christmas so I am real excited and i want one of everything I see. Most of all I want the Lone Ranger and Silver, a fisher-price Barn-Yard, some new boots, and a dump truck. I want to share the aquarium with my brother, and a few surprises. Don't forget all the other boys and girls and my cousins, Jason and Amber, they will be at my Daddy Jack's.

Love You,
Derek Brown

Wellington, Tex.
Dec. 15, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a Girl. I am in second. I am 8 years old. I want some boots please. I have been a pretty nice Girl. Thank you, Love Sandy Henard

Dear Santa

my name is Ronnie Mote I am five years old I would like a pair of boots and a itch-a-setch anda Horse trailer and Little black Horses a McDons to and a mail box play mail box

Love Ronnie

Dear Santa Claus,

I've been good this year I would like a bike some skates and a helicopter. for Christmas. Please remember my little brother, Donald

Love,
Bryan Littlejohn
Ft. Campbell, Ky.

Dear Santa Claus

This is what I want for Christmas.

A Baby Alive, that drinks and eats. Some more dishes, a baby that walks and crawls, some panties, coats, pants, another Teddy Bear. And a coloring book

Some socks, some blankets for my Babies, some more clothes for my babies, some more shoes, a T.v in my room. Another piggy.

From
Stacye Nelson
1106 Amarillo
Wellington, Tex
Age 4 yrs old

Arlington, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy five years old in Kindergarden. I've tried to be good so please bring me a bicycle, a Bean Bag, Planet of Apes and Bat Man and his cave.

Love,
Brad Campbell
Arlington

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 3½ years old. I've tried to be a good boy but it takes a lot of work. I would like to have a rescue van, Evel Knievel, Evel's van and a Putt Putt Speedway. I'm looking forward to your visit.

Love,
Brian Fulcher
Arlington

P.S. Don't forget my PaPa's and Grandpa's

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 7 years old I am a doy 8 track. tent. fire truck, Evil Connivel car

Love,
James

Dera Santu

I would like a modrsikale. That is rell. A new six moulen Dolre man. A toy box. And checkers And a evall kenev stunt car

Steve

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Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Sandra Kay Gilmore and I am nearly 3 years old. We have moved since last year you'll find our house in Matador now. For Christmas I would really like to have an Inchworm, Sleeping bag, and a Barbie and some clothes. Thanks for the presents you left last year.

I Love You,
Sandra.

Dear Santa,

I'm four years old and I've been a good girl. Please bring me a record player and records, a Barbie Doll Please bring W.J. some games. Please remember all the other boys and girls everywhere.

Dede Hudspeth

Dear Santa Claus,
I am only 2 months old so someone else is writing my letter to let you Know what I want for Christmas. I would like a busy box, a bear, some clothes and anything else you might have for a little girl my age. I live in Matador with my sister Sandra and my mommy and daddy.

Love,
Misty Dawn Gilmore

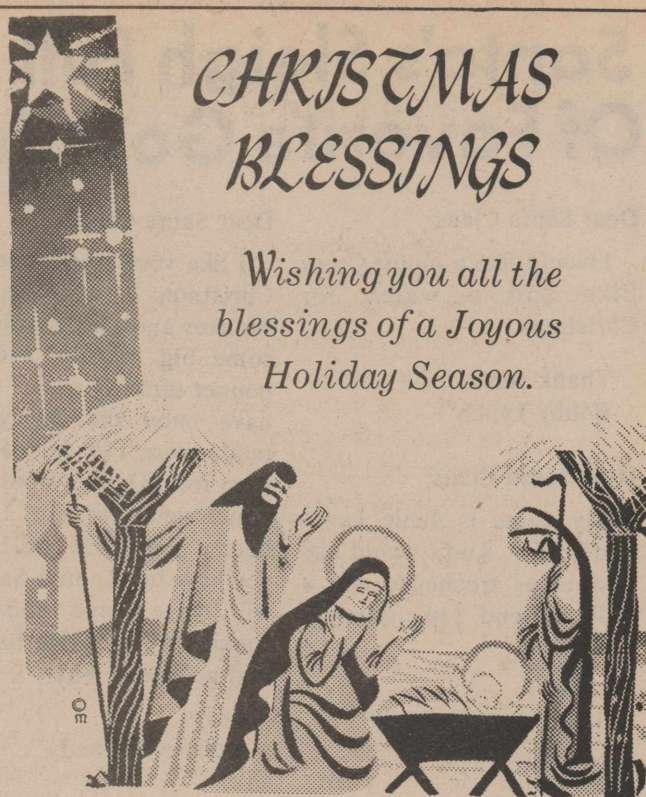
Dear Santa,

I am nine-years-old I am in the 4th grade. I've tried to be good. I want a bicycle, a bean bag, hoola hoop, a camera, and a snoopy set. Merry Christmas!!!

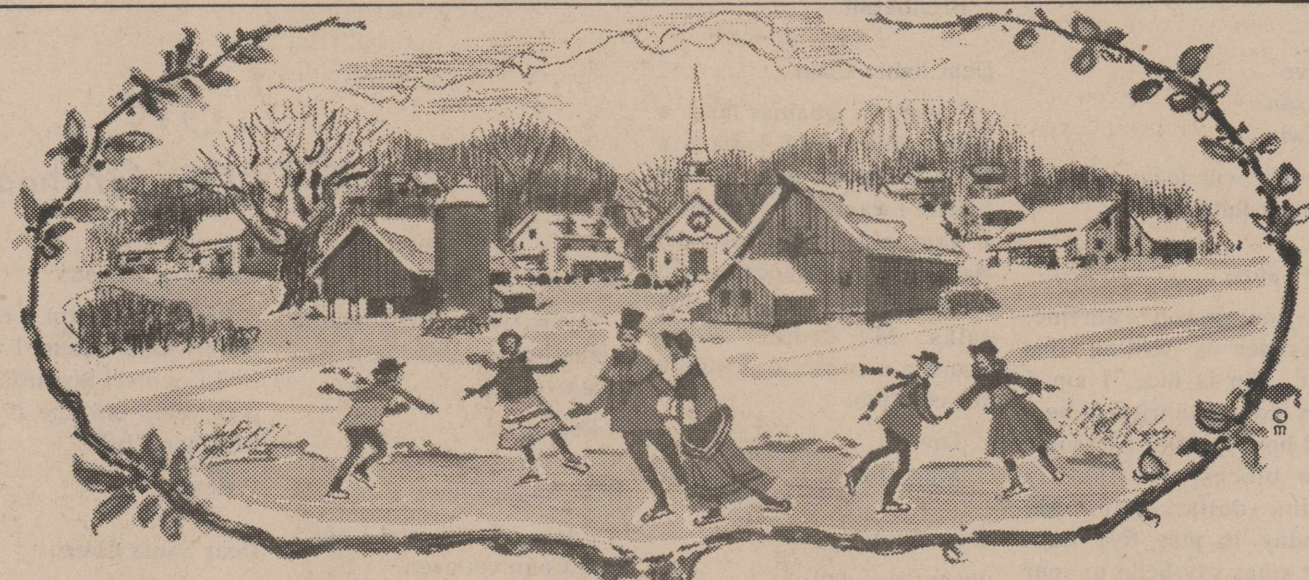
Love,
Suzanne Campbell
Arlington Texas

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Wishing you all the blessings of a Joyous Holiday Season.



B&B Electric



Christmas Greetings

It's all around — that Christmas feeling! May it fill your holiday with warmth, joy and loving thoughts. We hope you enjoy this time to the fullest. Thanks, friends.

A&W Welding

Jess, Bill, Loyd & Junior



WHAT BETTER TIME TO WISH ALL OUR GOOD FRIENDS AND PATRONS THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS AND THE BEST OF EVERYTHING! A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Carroll's



Heartfelt wishes for a glowing Yuletide overflowing with good cheer and happy days. We are thinking of you, our dear friends, and hoping your holidays will be filled with many delights.

Special thanks to all.

Wellington Delinting

Mary

Gene

Geney

Santa's Sleigh Heaped High with Kiddies' Gifts

Dear Santa,

I'm a little boy seven years old, and I'm in the second grade. This year I'd like you to bring me a Chattanooga Train Set and some walkie-talkies set. And thank you for last year toys. And Santa, I have a new little brother this year he's three mos. old, he the one that I wanted so long for. He's mommy and daddy Christmas present. So santa would you please bring him a baby swing, jingle bells for his bed and mobile and anything else for little guys like him. We will be at Ma-Ma and Pa-Pa Hale. Don't forget my little cousins and little Millie she's only two weeks old. Merry Christmas you and Mrs. Santa and your helpers. P.S. My little brother name is Micheal Anthony. See you Soon.

Bye I love you
Victor Lynn Garga

Dear Santa

I have been good I am in the 2nd grade and in Mrs. Floyd's room I would like a Barbies town house and a mod Hir ken

Love Karen Mote

Thuy
Wellington, Tex.
Dec 15 1975

Dear santa claus,

I am girl and I am nice will you bring me some toy my name is Thuy and I 10 years old and I want a doll baby dreams thank you santa claus I love you very much

Dear Santa Claus,

I am in the second grad I am a little girl and I am 8 years old. I have binnice. I wood like a easy bake oven and bobby.

Love Ardia Seely

Dear Santa Claus,

I won toys.
I am a little girl.
I am 8 years old.
I love my teacher.
the I Love you to.
I Love my mother.

Love
Irene Granados.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy 7 years old. I wot a toys too ples
Robert

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a girl I am 7 years old I am in the second grade I am in Mrs. camp's room I want a Babby a Live. and a ken man and elephant a nedole for my rekrd player Donte for get my famly

Love Sherry Throne

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 1 1/2 years old. I have been a pretty good girl this year.

I would like to have a Kiss Me Baby, because I am always trying to kiss my sister. I want a Sit n' Spin and anything else you think I might like.

My sisters name is Sharon and she been a good girl. She would like for you to come see her too. See you Christmas.

Love
Kimberlee Marie Henard

Dear Santa

I am fine. Hope you are too.

This is what I whote for cristmas. a e,z. tracer. t.v magic cards. are t,v mystery cards and water color and some cleetes. thats about all well I gesse I will see you on christmas eve.

Love all ways
Chester Doyle Fowler



Dear Santa,

I can't wait till Christmas! I want a kick'n go, a trampoline, a pair of houseshoes, and a colored T.V. I want you to come to my house because I've got some Doctor pepper & homeade candy for you. please come

Love,
Vanda Wood

Dear Santa Claus

I would like to have a baby alive, a Bicycle, and a family tree house, and don't forget my little brothers, and sister.

Merry Christmas
Love Angie Mithlo

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a Three story town house. and a four barbie doll I didn't get to see you when you came in the helicopter. I hope I've been a good girl to you Santa. Love Santa,

From Traci
Dawn Hunnicutt

Dear Santa,

I would Like A evil Knoyil BIke AND A RAcE cAR track-A bicentennial gun AND A CheCkEr Set SWIng SeT. I go to kindergarten at Samnor-wood. My name is Craig Brown.

Love,
Craig

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas. I just went 3 things one to let every one to have a Merry Christmas and a happy birthday to Jesus and all I want is a candle maker.

Love
Patricia

Dear Santa

My name is Patricia Ann Mallard. I am three years old. I have been a very good girl this year. And would like to have alot of toys this year. I want a big doll, and a coloring book, with crayola, and some clothes, a tricycle.

Love Patricia Mallard
Houston, Texas

Dear Santa

I have been a good girl this year Please bring me a new bike.

Kristie Keller

Dear Santa Clause

I want a football Suit and a footBall and a killstand. and trucks.

I Love you Santa Claus.

Your friend
Rodney Saldana

Dear Santa,

I have beena good boy this year. Please bring me a Sea Wolf and a Gun Case and Coveralls and a Cowboy that

Spencer

Dear Santa,

I want a Tiffany Taylor, and a hoppity hop. Don't forget my brother Darryl and my cousin Regina.

I love you
Betty Vernon

Dear Santa Claus

Please bring me a crawling doll and a purse. Bring my little sister Amber a doll.

Love
Rachelle Ford

THE WELLINGTON (TEXAS) LEADER
Wednesday, December 24, 1975

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Dear Santa,

I love you.
I want royal skates
I want a baby alive & baby alive care set, I want a step into your own salon
I want a hand-operated Sewing machine, I want a jewel magic, I want a easy-bake oven,

love
Mischelle Black.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a boy 8 years old.
I am in the SEcond grade.
I want a bike and a Evil Connivel set.

I have tride to be nice.
I like my teacher her name is Mrs. camp. I love you Santa Claus.

love,
Ike

Christmas Chimes

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

from all the gang at
GIBSON PRODUCTS, INC.

on earth...
peace

The most blessed blessing of them all ...

Peace In Our Time! Our hearts soar with fervent thanks for this blessing and the joys of a serene Christmas. As we celebrate this special time, we extend deep gratitude to all our devoted friends.

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Santas on his way!

To wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 1976

Wickley Kendrick

Peace... Joy

To wish you the special gifts of Christmas... **PEACE... GOOD WILL... ABIDING HAPPINESS.**

Dairy Queen

Virginia Sonya Evelyn Faye Susie Kathy

Christmas Greetings

Joyous Christmas



After nearly 2,000 years the Holy Birth
remains a wondrous miracle to all.

As we remember the joy of the Wise Men
who sought and found the Christ Child in the manger,
let us exult and offer thanks in celebration of His coming.

May this sacred season bring the Light of Peace and Love
into your heart and home.

Cherokee Inn Restaurant

Bob, Chris, Kim, Karen, Kelly

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We sincerely appreciate
your business throughout
the past year.