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Briscoe County Judge Fred Mercer, EMTs Bill Boling and Emmett Tomlin and Paramedic Lynn Frizzell were on hand to inspect the STAT Flight I when it was in Silverton last Friday.
—Briscoe County News Photo

Stat Flight I Is Available When Every Minute Counts

STAT Flight I is a new concept operated through a cooperative effort of Amarillo Aircraft, Panhandle Emergency Medical Systems, Inc., St. Anthony's Hospital, Northwest Texas Hospital and High Plains Baptist Hospital. This service is being offered on a 90-day trial period to ascertain its benefits to the Texas Panhandle and adjoining portions of Oklahoma and New Mexico. It is designed to provide emergency stabilization and rapid air transport utilizing registered nurses and respiratory therapy personnel skilled in advanced life support techniques.

The helicopter may be utilized for trauma, coronary patients, burns, head and spinal cord injuries and pediatric patients (excluding neonatal). It may also be utilized to transport seriously ill patients requiring rapid transport to an Amarillo hospital.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The helicopter transport team uses an Aerospatiale A-Star helicopter to carry a single patient and two team members. The A-Star has space for all emergency supplies and drugs. It is equipped with the latest in radio equipment to provide communication with a ground-based physician throughout the flight, as well as other emergency ground support.

Specialized emergency equipment includes a Life Pak 5 monitor/defibrillator, Laerdil Suction, two (2) aluminim E cylinders of oxygen, drugs and equipment to meet the needs of all types of transport patients.

The transport team includes a registered nurse and a respiratory therapist with specialized training in the care of critically ill patients. The team will be able to initiate treatment under medical control before the flight and will be able to maintain medical control during flight to assure the best care possible for the patient.

PROCEDURES

The decision to request the helicopter transport team will be made jointly by the referring and receiving physicians. After the decision has been made, Panhandle EMS Systems, Inc. Communications Center should be contacted at 372-4121 in Amarillo, or 1-800-692-1331, from outside Amarillo, to arrange dispatch of the helicopter and appropriate transport team.

The STAT Flight I helicopter and pilots will be stationed at St. Anthony's Hospital and Northwest Texas Hospital on a rotating basis. Transport team members will be available around-the-clock. Response time will be minimal; perhaps less than five minutes, but no more than 15 minutes from the time the initial call is received.

When the transport team arrives at the referring location, they need information regarding the patient's history, treatment, and medical complications. Whenever possible, the team also requests a signed permit giving permission to transport the patient via helicopter and to provide necessary treatment.

SAFETY PROCEDURES

To ensure the safety of ground personnel at the referring location, no one should approach the helicopter until directed by the transport team nurse.

The transport team prefers to prepare the patient for his flight in the emergency room of the referring location.

Due to limited space, family members will not be able to accompany the patient on this in-bound flight.

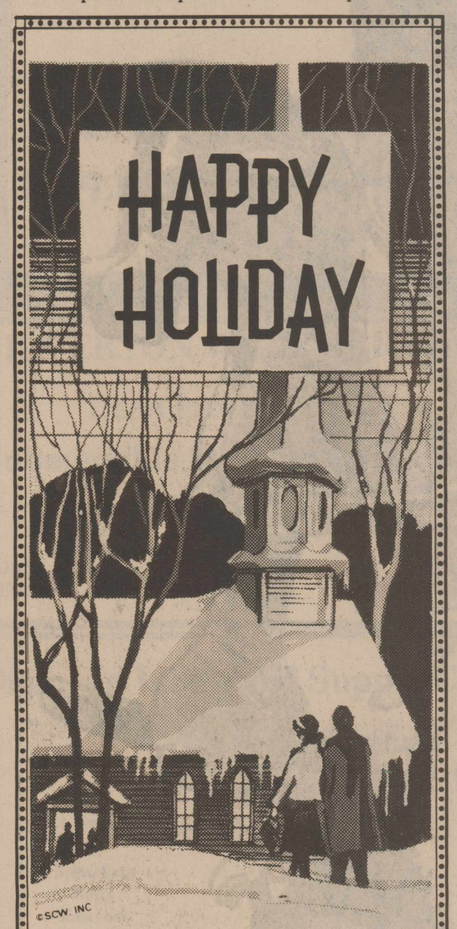
CHARGES

Amarillo Aircraft Sales and Service, Inc., has established a rate of $525 per flight hour. Flight time is defined as the time the helicopter is actually in the air. This does not include the response time of the helicopter or team or the time it takes to stabilize the patient at the referring facility. Billing will be handled directly by Amarillo Aircraft Sales and Service, Inc.

St. Anthony's Hospital will assess no charge for their transport team. However, charges will be made for medications and supplies used during the flight.

Any questions regarding this new service may be directed to Executive Director of PEMS, Linda Massey at 806-372-4121 or Diane Lee, Clinical Director of the Health Access Unit at St. Anthony's Hospital at 806-376-4411. Director of the Health Access Unit at St. Anthony's Hospital at 806-376-4411.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.



The best of the Holiday wishes to you and yours from all of us. We thank you for your support and look forward to doing business with you again.

SILVERTON WELL SERVICE

Leon Lavy

Francis Family Has Reunion

The family of the late Louis and Jewel Francis had its first "family reunion" Sunday, December 12, 1982. There were 56 members of the family that gathered at the school cafeteria.

Attending from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Frizzell, Russell and Kyle of Fritch; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Francis and Lori Beth, Miami; Mrs. Sharla Clinton, Kim and Mike, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Gary House, Page, Leah and Cara, Tulia; Mrs. James Johnson, Jonathan and Angela, Muleshoe.

Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Shorty West, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Patton, James Alan, Mark, Eric and Alesha, Mr. and Mrs. Snooks Frizzell, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Reagan, Shane, Todd and Langdon, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Frizzell, Jamie and Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Francis and Katy, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Francis, Jared and Nathan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Francis, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Francis, Aimee and Matt, Mr. and Mrs. Terry West, Brad and Brian.

Dear Santa

Dear Santa Claus:
I want some boots (size 12) and a big bike. Please try to find one that is put together, so my Daddy won't have to. I want some real baby bottles, and some play baby bottles, and some play baby food. I also want a walkie talkie.
I have been good for my Mother and Daddy. I love you.
Love,
Shannon
P. S. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,
Please bring a Pink and Pretty Barbie Doll. She is so pretty. I would like to have a record player for my room because Robby won't let me use his anymore. If you have any, I would also like to have some leg warmers with my name on them.

I love you Santa. Be careful on your long trip. I'll leave you a snack by the Christmas tree.
Love,
Leslee Weaks

Dear Santa,
I would like a Wampa and a ET action figure and a mouthpiece and a Zoro.
Love,
Rob
P. S. Thank you for the last year's presents.

Dear Santa,
I have learned to say "Santa" this year. I think you are really special.
I am a pretty good girl so my Mommy and Daddy said I could ask you for a baby doll. I really love babies and I promise to take care of it. I would also like to have a telephone so I won't get into so much trouble for talking on Mommie's phone.
I will leave you a cookie for a snack.
I love you,
Lindsey Weaks

Handicap Is No Handicap For Dumas Businessman

DOUG ELLIS
On the job in Dumas

They don't give degrees in courage. If they did, Dumas businessman Doug Ellis would have earned his long ago—beginning with an auto accident which left him a paraplegic.

Ellis, a passenger in a car that overturned four times early New Year's Day of 1975 about a half-mile west of Silverton on Texas 86, was then a 19-year-old student at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He was left paralyzed from the waist down.

Tony R. Thomas, 19, of Silverton, driver of the car, was killed. Two other passengers, Van Martin and Barry Bullock, both of Silverton, were less seriously injured.

Ellis said that during his long stay in the hospital he had considerable time to evaluate the situation. He decided he would complete his degree in business administration and tackle the business world.

"Doug's for Men," his shop on East First in Dumas, is the result of that determined effort—a popular store catering to the mod taste.

Ellis says he doesn't feel he's handicapped as a businessman, although he must serve his customers from a wheelchair.

He greets his clientele from the cash desk, just inside the shop's main entrance, and most often knows the client not only by name but by his taste in apparel. He knows the stock and layout of the shop so well that he can direct them to the item of their choice without moving from his post. But like any enterprising haberdasher, he's usually on hand to suggest alternate choices—or to render an informed opinion as to whether the selection is "right."

He's active in the Dumas Lions Club and has served as general chairman of United Way here. His interest in community affairs in the city where he grew up and his involvement with them are accentuated by his daily contact with young business people like himself who "happen by" for bits of conversation.

Ellis is a success, not only as a businessman but as a symbol of what a man with enough Panhandle grit can accomplist, despite a handicap.

"Or maybe," said Ellis, "because of it."

Cheese, Butter To Be Given Away Tuesday

Government surplus cheese and butter will be given away Tuesday beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The commodities will either be given away at the courthouse or at the community center building.

Winter Is Time For Reviewing Farm Operations

As the 1982 farm year comes to an end most farmers should take time to review last years operation.

As income is compared to expenses, farmers should look for ways to cut the cost of putting in next years crop. One of the major concerns for Briscoe County farmers is the increasing cost of watering.

Jerry Artho, who farms west of Amarillo, said, "You have to know if the yield increase expected from watering will justify the cost of irrigating the crop."

"With the cost of pumping water on the increase, we can actually be losing money if that well is not operating efficiently."

Most farmers in Briscoe County have several wells tied together and use them to irrigate one field at a time. If one well in the system is not producing efficiently, it may not even be noticed because the other wells cover up the drop in water production. To know what each well is doing, they must be tested individually.

It is not uncommon to find a weak well that is producing absolutely nothing when pumping into a pipeline system with stronger wells. It may pump water to the surface but have too little pressure or volume to actually move the water into the underground pipe against the pressure of the stronger wells.

"Last year, personnel from the Soil Conservation Service came out and ran well evaluations on all of our wells," Artho said, "And as a result of their findings, we decided to stop irrigating with some of the weaker wells at the present time. If commodity prices and economic conditions improve in the future, these wells can be started up again."

"Our production ranged from 369 gallons per minute down to 56 gallons per minute," Artho said. "The lower producing wells were actually costing us money every time they were turned on."

In addition to showing well output, a well evaluation can show the cost of producing the water, and an efficiency for the pumping plant. The efficiency is compared to an expected average for a comparable system in good condition. This gives an indication of any repairs needed.

Once all of the data is gathered, hourly and yearly rates can be figured for each well. Using this information we can figure how much each well is costing per gallon of water it produces. "Using this information allows us to make accurate decisions based on facts," said Artho.

One of the most useful figures derived from an evaluation is the cost of watering each acre of land. This allows the farmer to look at each well and decide if it is economically feasable to continue irrigating with that well or not.

When a decision is made to shut down a well, farmers are turning to alternate methods of farming to keep production up.

"On land that we quit irrigating, we have compensated by using some form of Minimum Tillage farming," Artho said. "We have also had great success using furrow dikes."

Growing more high residue crops and leaving the stalks standing has also helped to store more moisture in the soil. This often eliminates any pre-plant irrigation.

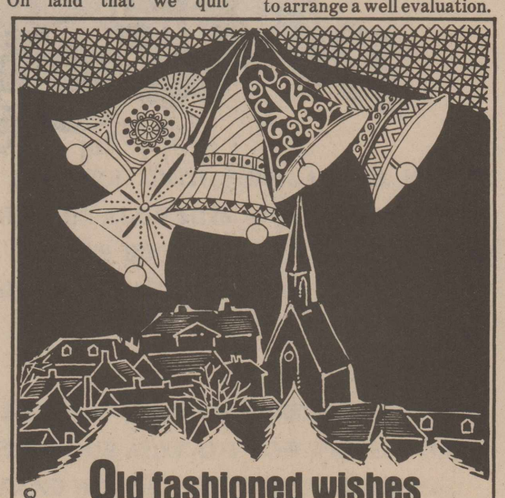
Artho observed that the key to staying in the farming business is based on utilizing what irrigation water we have as efficiently as possible, and changing to farming methods that conserve every inch of rainfall.

"The well evaluations we ran last year really confirmed what we thought was happening, after doing the rests, we knew for sure," said Artho. "I hope to have the wells we are continuing to use checked from time to time to insure accurate decisions in the future."

The economics of irrigating have changed drastically in the past few years. A running well no longer means additional profits. In fact in many cases net income will drop due to the high cost of running the well.

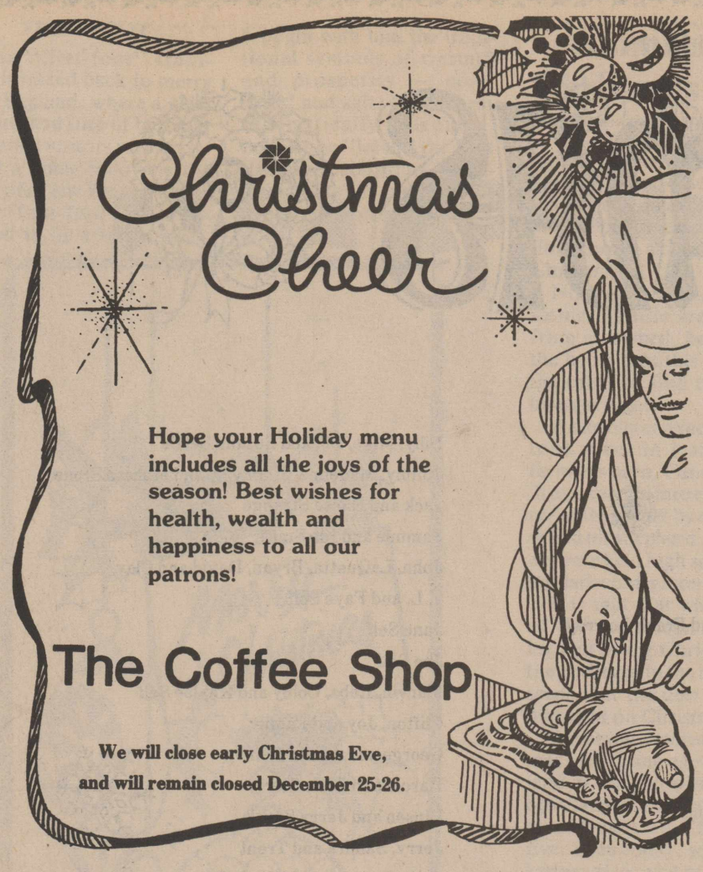
See your Soil Conservation Service personnel in Silverton to arrange a well evaluation.

Mrs. Olene Perkins recently attended a family gathering at Greenup, Kentucky. Mrs. Perkins, her daughter, Mary Jo Potter, and granddaughters, Kennetta and Kari Potter, are pictured with the other grandmothers and great-grandmothers of the girls. They are [from left, front row] Clara Stephens, Greenup, grandmother; Kennetta Potter; Mary Jo Potter, Greenup, grandmother; [back row] Leona Stephens, Greenup, great-grandmother; Olene Perkins, Silverton, great-grandmother; Minnie Wells, Greenup, great-grandmother holding Kari Potter; and Dora Potter, South Shore, great-grandmother. From Greenup, Mrs. Perkins went to Rockwall, Texas for a visit with her niece, and visited in Odessa before returning home.



Old fashioned wishes belong to our treasured friends and customers for their continued support and love. Joy in the New Year.

Mary John's Flowers & Gifts



Hope your Holiday menu includes all the joys of the season! Best wishes for health, wealth and happiness to all our patrons!

The Coffee Shop

We will close early Christmas Eve, and will remain closed December 25-26.

just in time for Christmas

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MRS. BEAN'S SECOND GRADERS WRITE TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an Atari for Christmas. I want a remote control tractor, too
Lance Bradford

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a fuss-a-lot, pajamas, a Barbie boat, a Baby Apricot and a Happy Birthday Barbie.
Shelly Paschal

Dear Santa,
I want a three-wheeler and I want a dog, a motorcycle and a pac-man game but most of all I want some coveralls.
Zane Henderson

Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun and a box of B-B pellets. I want a knife and a sling-shot. I want a go-cart and a motor scooter, please. I love you.
Dusty Martin

Dear Santa,
I want a General Lee and a pick-up. I want a little General Lee, a bulldozer and an Atari and tractor.
Russ Baird

Dear Santa,
I want an electronic set, a science lab set, a telescope, a sleeping bag, Stomper 4x4 pick-up, a hot wheels set, Atari, GI Joe set, a camera, puzzles, Lagoes, remote controll airplane and ET shoes.
James Zorger

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a B-B gun that shoots pellets and some rain galoshes. I want some wild rags, some shirts and a knife. Also, some cowboys and Indians.
Wil T. Bomar

Dear Santa,
I would like to have an Atari with all games, a russel z-28, a computer, lots of candy, and let my rabbits have babies. I would like a new Christmas tree, new lights, new friends, an angel to put on top of the tree and last, I want more beans in the jar where we can have a Coke party.
Signed,
Melissa Woods

Dear Santa,
I want an electronic car and what I want for my mother and father is a brand new car. I want my mom to have a new car, too. I love you Santa very much.
Greg Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
I want to know who you are and where you live. Does Rudolph guide your sleigh when you put Christmas gifts under the tree? Please bring me a 4x4 Stomper.
Stan Gamble

Dear Santa,
I want a cliff hanger race track and a space invaders cartridge and a mouse trap cartridge.
Love,
Justin McFall

Dear Santa,
I want an Atari game and a pair of cowboy boots. I want some clothes, too.
Love,
Aimee Francis

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a trampoline, an Atari, a Corvet, a racetrack and a cassette player.
William Malone

Dear Santa,
I want to know you. I want an Atari and a car. More than anything else in the world, I want some make-up for my mommy and I want a new car for Dad.
Christi McWaters

Dear Santa,
I would like a cassette player and a pair of spurs. I want a bike, a trampoline, an Atari, and another dog and cat. I want all the teachers, principals, mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers to have a merry, merry Christmas and I hope you have a merry Christmas, too.
Billie Ann Abbott

Dear Santa,
My little sister wanted a doll and I want a bike and some toys. My big brother wanted a car and so does my mother. My middle sister wans some skates and my father wants some tools for work and my big sister wants a cat, too.
Frank Ramirez, Jr.

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Doll, a bike and a trampoline. I, also, want a watch.
Sylvia Jiminez

Dear Santa,
I want some roller skates and a Tippytoe. I want a Barbie Doll, a computer and a bike.
From
Cecilia Castillo

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a football four Christmas.
Gilbert Moreno

Make Christmas A Safe One

You can give yourself and your loved ones the best gift of all this Christmas — a safe holiday observance in your home.

Care in the selection and handling of your tree, its lights and ornaments, decorations, and even the wrapping paper on your gifts may mean the difference between happiness and a regrettable accident.

Dan Sowards, who heads the Hazardous Products Program for the Texas Department of Health, offers the following suggestions to help make everyone's Christmas season a safe and happy one:

TREES — (1) Bouncing the tree against the ground shouldn't produce a shower of needles, and the branches shouldnt break when bent, if the tree is fresh. (2) To help keep the tree fresh, cut about two inches off the trunk, and place it in a sturdy, non-tip tree stand containing water. Refill the stand periodically. (3) Placing electric lights on a metal tree is an invitation to disaster. Metallic trees can become charged with electricity from faulty electric wiring.

LIGHTS — (1) All strings of lights should have the Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) label. (2) All bulbs should be tightened, and strings of lights should be inspected for worn insulation or broken plugs. (3) Never use electric cords under rugs or run them through doorways.

WRAPPING — Many colored gift wrapping papers may contain chromium, lead, copper, and zinc. These produce toxic fumes when burned in the fireplace and can be harmful if chewed by children.

For more information, contact Dan Sowards, Hazardous Products Program, Texas Department of Health, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756. (Tel. 512/458-7519)

The Satisfied Christmas Shopper

Mike thought as hard as any six-year-old could think! What could he get for his sister? His heart thumped with joy as he thought about it, but he had only thirty-five cents in his pocket. Still, it was fun going around the shops and he came home with a very satisfied look.

Mother couldn't wait any longer and just had to ask what Mike had bought.

"I got her a cream puff," Mike beamed.

"Well, Mike, you know that won't last until Christmas," his mother said.

"That's just what I thought after I bought it, Mom," calmly replied Mike, "and so I ate it!"

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy this year. Please bring me a pistol, shotgun, dump truck and some clothes.
I also have a little sister named Misti. She would like to have a doll, purse and some clothes.
We will leave you some cookies and milk.
We love you,
Jeff and Misti Weaks

Greetings of the Season

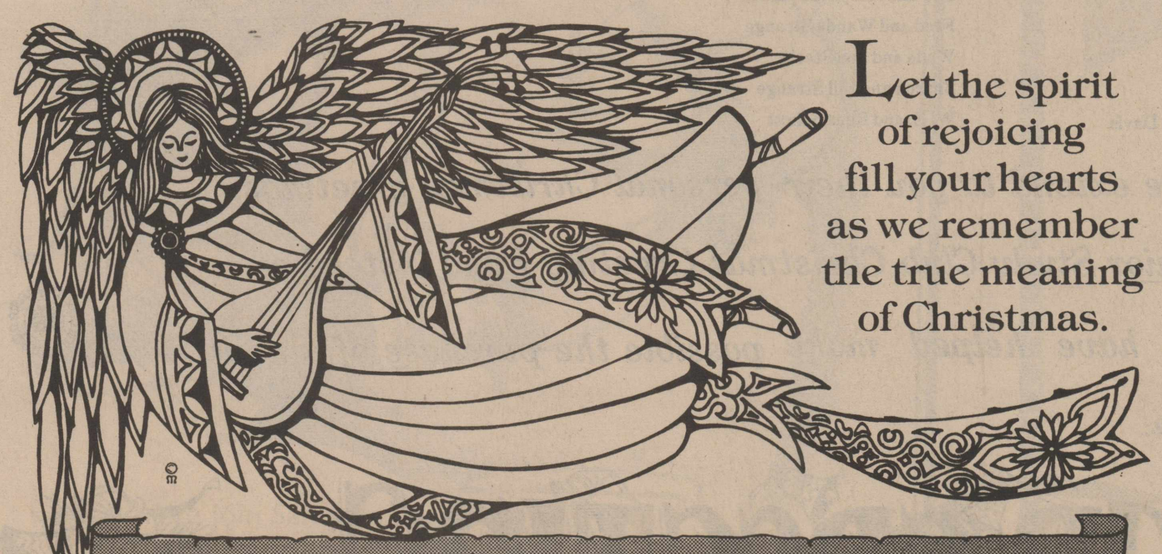
We wish all our friends the merriest and the most prosperous Christmas ever! We are proud to have you as our patrons.

Jeans & Things

ELMO AND FREDA EDMONDS

It's the holiday that brings us closer together through song and celebration, reminding us all of the value of friendship... and good friends, like you, who've been so kind. Have a wonderful Christmas.

JERRY'S MALT SHOP



Let the spirit of rejoicing fill your hearts as we remember the true meaning of Christmas.

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Those whose names appear on this page extend to you their personal Christmas greetings. They have donated to the L. O. A. Junior Study Club Christmas Greeting Fund instead of sending greeting cards locally, and have helped make possible the purchase of a new ambulance for the people of Silverton.

NEW YEAR GREETING

Here's hoping your Christmas is styled with sheer joy. To all our many customers, it's been our sincere pleasure to serve you.

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The history of the Yule log

The Yule Log merrily crackling on the hearth is a traditional Christmas image, an apt symbol for the warmth and brightness of the holiday season.

And, like so many of the most beloved Christmas customs, the lighting of the Yule Log seems to have its roots firmly embedded in the pre-Christian past.

While the light generated by the Yule Log is believed to symbolize the light which illuminated the heavens at the time of the Nativity, it is also a descendant of the sacred hearth fires which were first kindled by the ancient Romans.

These fires, which were kept burning at all times, were the very heart of the household, metaphorically as well as literally, since they constituted the dwelling place of the ancestral spirits whom the family worshipped.

At the same time, the origin of the Yule Log is intertwined with the Druidic worship of vegetation spirits, who lived in trees — particularly oaks.

At the appropriate season, the Druids would choose a log and bless it, praying that, once lit, it would continue to burn perpetually.

Around this log hovered various superstitions. For instance, the Druids believed that all who took part in the ritual of cutting down and lighting the sacred log would be protected from witchcraft during the year to come.

It is possible that, in burning the sacred log, the Druidic worshippers were seeking to propitiate their gods, to ensure the continuance of life-giving sunshine for another year.

THE YULE LOG, gaily beribboned, is carried into the Williamsburg Inn, to be kindled as part of the annual Christmas celebration in Williamsburg, Virginia. Guests are able to participate in the festivities, brushing the log with sprigs of holly for good luck.

Also, it was generally believed by the Druids that the log's ashes possessed magical fertilizing powers, making them of great importance to a people whose sustenance was so directly related to vegetation.

The Yule Log, incorporated into the Christmas celebration, retained many of these Druidic traditions, in one form or another, in the various countries where it was an intrinsic part of the festivities.

In Yugoslavia, for example, people frequently burned one smaller log for each male member of the family, in addition to the large log, whose kindling was a central ritual in the Christmas solemnities.

The English believed that it was essential to light the Yule Log using the previous year's brand — this, most probably, was a greatly watered-down version of the Druids' eternally burning log.

In Provence, in Southern France, the entire family would go out together on Christmas Eve, in search of a suitable log, which would be carried home with all due ceremony.

Solemn caroling would accompany this activity, as well as prayers that the house, and all of its inhabitants and their endeavors, be blessed in the year to come.

Before the log was thrown onto the waiting fire, the youngest member of the family would douse it with wine, in the name of the Holy Trinity.

Finally, the log's ashes would be retained, as they were considered to have powerful curative properties.

Sadly, the tradition of lighting a Yule Log though not unknown in America, has never really caught on here and, at the same time, is becoming less and less a part of Christmas festivities in those countries which once observed it.

Ironically, it seems that the embers of what began ages ago as an eternal fire are slowly dying out.

New Year Starts In The Islands

The New Year doesn't begin with the roar of the crowds in Times Square. The New Year is many hours old before it reaches New York.

The New Year is born at the starting point of time—the Admiralty's date line, near the Chatham Islands in New Zealand. Time moves from this point along a line that curves east and west of the 180th meridian in such a way that it is always in the ocean.

The New Year arrives in Australia, Asia, Africa, Europe, and South America before reaching the shores of Maine in the United States.

CALENDS

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

Marking Time

The Gregorial calendar is based on the solar year which actually consists of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds. Because of those extra hours, minutes and seconds, we have a well-ordered system of leap years to keep the calendar and the solar equinoxes congruent.

JANUS

January took its name from Janus, the two-faced god. The ancient Romans believed Janus had the power to look back over the past and fortell the future.

A WISH

God save you,
ladies, gentlemen,
Let nothing you deceive.
Lest you should rest
Too safe and blest.
What's coming?
New Year's Eve.

That glorious night that He entered the world, a bright new discovery of love and hope was born. This Christmas season, may you relive the miracle!

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LETTERS TO SANTA FROM MRS. PARKER'S FIRST GRADERS

Dear Santa,
I Want He-Men and Casle grey skull
Dear Santa,
I Love you
Love Wayne Martin

Dear Santa,
I Want a gif for me. Love toy pom pom white black ver much I Love you verer much and I Wand I warmers bibiy and I Want doll rekrd player.
Leticia

Dear Santa,
i want a truck and a bus and haw is your raenddir and i want a real rifle and i want a tratn
Love Peter

Dear Santa,
speak and spell
Love
Trent

Dear Santa,
I want a Numbbs up game And some pom poms red and white And a doll
Love Kayla

Dear Srnta,
Want I love you. You are sowite. I wish I could see you. You are real nice I would like a doll and doll carriage.
Love Lupe

Dear Santa
I want a doll and a Kite and a duck
Love Diana

Dear Santa,
I want a Barie and a recrd plare and leg warmers.
Love Leslee

Dear Santa,
I would like a foot ball suit from Richard.

Dear Santa
I want a Et and spe n spell
Love Bobby

Dear Santa,
I Love you I want a dall and pom poms.
I Love you
Anabel

Dear Santa,
I Want a speck an spel two Walkie talkie and say helo to rutoff.
Love Colby

Dear Santa,
I want a speak a spell and I want a doll and a microphone i love you very very very much and trey he want a gun and a horse and he love you very very very much
Love Ashleigh
and trey
From Ashleigh

Dear santa
I like you Please bring me a dog.
Love
Brandi

Dear Santa,
I want a Speak and Spell and a doll and pom pom red and white
Love
Kami

Dear Santa,
I Want a tipe toe and I Want a kite.
Angie

Dear Santa
Please bring me a bike and some boots
Love
Jessie

Dear Santa,
I want a gi Joe.
from Horacio.

Dear Santa
I want a speak and spell and skates please
Love Robert

Dear Santa,
I Want A play house and a cat Walki Talkei and pom poms cheer leader suit Speak and Spell and SKatse red and white
Love Michelle

Dear Santa
I Want a GI Joe Please
I love you
Michael Hill

Dear Santa,
I Want a littl train, and car's and a gun and a Walkie talkie's and a foot ball soot
Love Braden

Dear Santa,
I want a pac Man Woch band two wolkis talkis and He-Man gras skull
I Love rudof you to Santa
Jess

Dear Santa
I Want a Smurf rain coat and a bake set and Et game and red and white pom poms and a cheer leader suit red and white and a pink barbie and a pepsi drink
Love Christa

Dear Santa
I want a four biey four. and I want a big truck. and I want a howl set uv cars
Love stony

Dear Santa,
I want a pac man Woch and two Walkie talkies and a play rifle and a four by four
Love Matt

Dear Santa,
I have ben a good girl I want like barbie swim pool and a doll and a speck and spel. Love rudef red
Love Kristi

Dear Santa
I Love you I want a kay car and a bike and a book and a fut ball and a gi jo man
Love Steven

Dear Santa,
I Love You. I want a real rifle. I have ben a good boy. Sae helo to Rooduf.
from Ramon

Dear Santa
I want a superman ane truck
Love Pepe

Christmas Wedding Wishes

In noting the many different Christmas traditions for various countries, it's very interesting to see that in many cases the Christmas spirit also includes wedding wishes. For instance, in Czechoslovakia a girl puts a cherry twig in water on December 4th and if the twig blooms before Christmas Eve, it supposedly means that she will marry sometime during the year.

In Albania, at the end of a meal each person shows he is grateful for having more than he needs by leaving a spoonful of food on his plate. Then everyone stands and swings the table back and forth as they sing, "May there be plenty in this house. May the time for a wedding be near!"

In Switzerland, on their way to the midnight Christmas Eve church services, the young people visit nine fountains, taking three sips of water from each fountain. According to a legend if they do this they will find their future husband or wife waiting at the church door.

In Norway, the family bakes a special Christmas pudding which contains an almond. The person who gets the almond in his portion of pudding will be the next to be married, they say.

May the Christmas holidays be the beginning of a year of happiness!

A REMEMBERED GIFT

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Merry Christmas

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Season's Greetings

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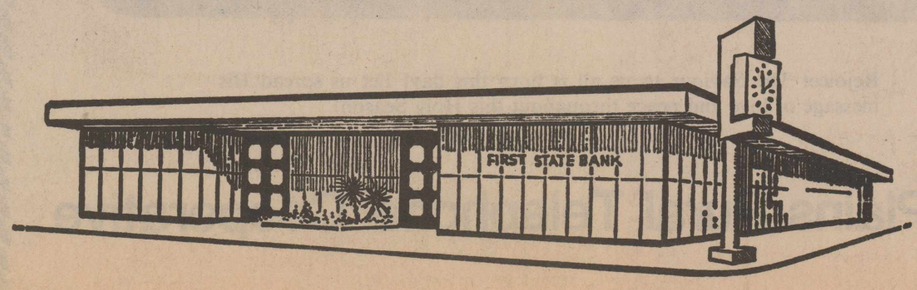


Dear Santa

Dear Santa—

How's Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer? How is Mrs. Santa and the other reindeer? How are you? How many toys have you made? I bet you've made a lot!

I've been good and Tara's been good. Don't forget the other kids. I try to mind my Mama and Daddy.

Bring Tara some candy and a beautiful doll. Please bring me a Hilary Doll. Can you bring me a speak and spell and play baby food and play bottles and that's all, Santa and Mrs. Santa and Rudolph and all of the other reindeer.

Love,
Holly

Dear Santa

When I grow up I hope I am as nice and as giving as you are. I try every day to be a nice girl. For Christmas I would like a baby doll that walks and a surprise in my stocking. I hope you will have a happy and safe Christmas.

I love you
Kaylee, age 3

Dear Santa

First of all for Christmas I would like for my family to be together, well and happy. I have tried real hard to be a good boy. For Christmas I would like GI walkie talkies and a lot of surprises. Thank you for the gifts you brought last year. I hope you will have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Love,
Colby, age 6

Dear Santa,

My name is Staci and I have tried hard to be a pretty good girl this year. Would you please bring me some ET pajamas, some Strawberry Shortcakes cosmetic set, an Apple Dumplin on Tea Time Turtle box, a Holly Hobbie Tea Set, and a Bare Bottom Bess doll. I won't be home this year, I will be at my Uncle Brent and Aunt Tammy's home in Wichita Falls.

Please remember my cousins Chris, Bradley and Kelli won't be in Albuquerque, they will be in Wichita Falls, too. Also remember my other cousins, Mike and Shelly, will be at their homes.

Love,
Staci Hill

Dear Santa,

My name is Richie and I have been a good boy this year. I got my Christmas present a little bit early this year when I got my mouth fixed. Would you please bring me some ET pajamas, a 4-WD Big Foot Set, an ABC Block Express, a Busy Bath, and a Tuff Stuff Wonder Blocks, and a farm set. I will also be at my Uncle Brent and Aunt Tammy's at Christmas.

Love,
Richie Hill

Dear Santa,

I've been good. I hope you are getting ready for Christmas. I've waited and waited for you to come. I hope you will bring me a big electric train and a crash helmet so I can go real fast on the train and not hurt myself. I also want some little cars with play people in them.

My little brother, Jordan, would like a toy box and some baby toys to go in it.

I will leave milk and cookies for you and corn for your reindeer (especially Rudolph).

Don't forget to fill our stockings with goodies.

Love,
Brandon Sarchet

Dear Santa,

I want a saw, choo choo and Lisa wants a little cow and Miles wants some little cowboys. We will leave you and your reindeer a snack. I would also like an erector set.

Your friend,
Cy Comer

Dear Santa,

Happy Christmas! I like your wrapping. I like a GI Joe, please. I will leave a surprise on the kitchen table. I Love You!

Thank you,
Michael Shane Hill

Dear Canny Cause

Please bring me a kitchen center and a piano. I have been a good girl. I love you very much.

Love
Krista Ziegler

Dear Canny Cause

Please bring me an old Jeep like my Daddy's a motorcycle, and a police car. That's all I want.

Love,
Trey Ziegler

Dear Santa,

My name is Lori. I am four years old. I have been good this year. I want a Barbie piano that plays real. A pink and pretty Barbie and a Strawberry Shortcake vanity and make-up. Please bring Jess some toys, too.

I will leave you some milk and cookies on the table.

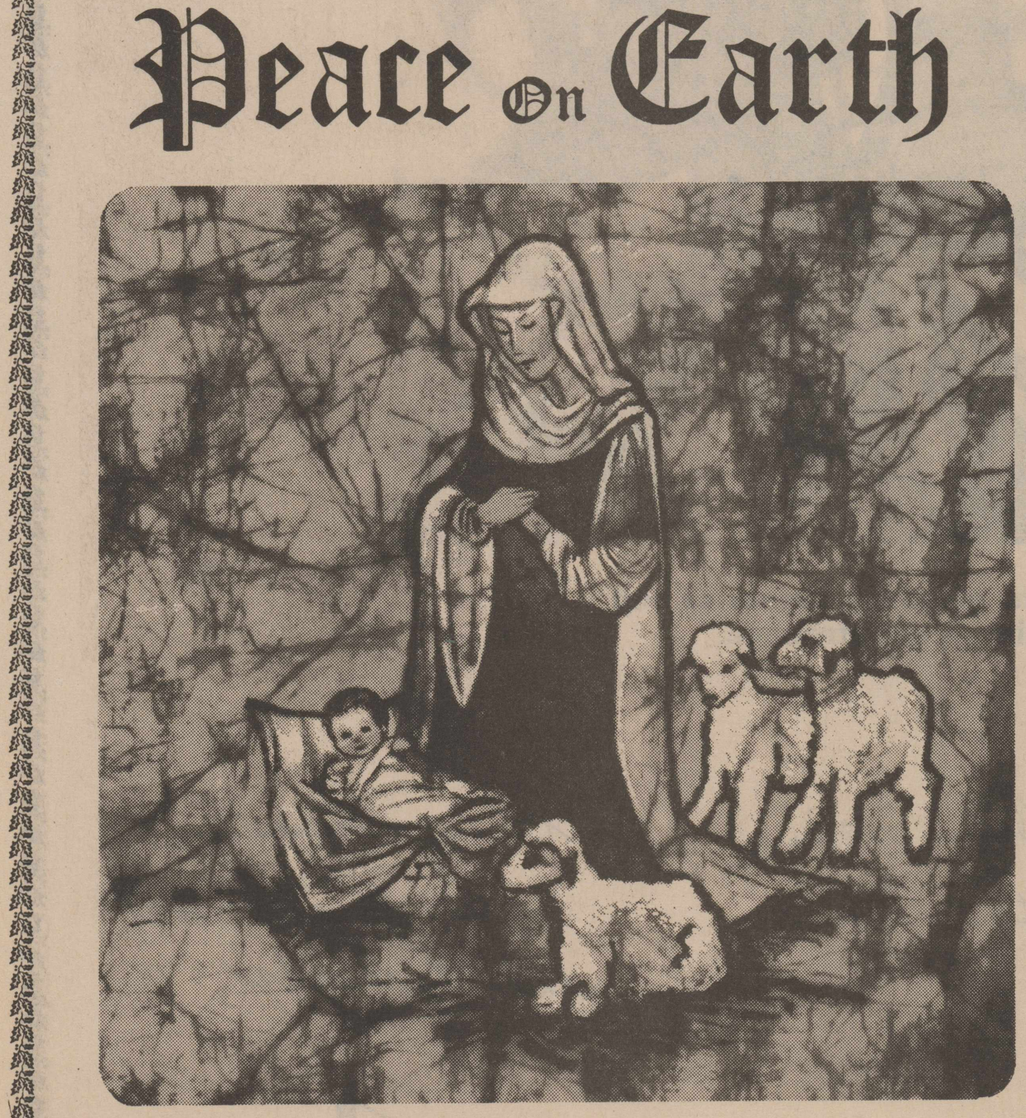
I love you,
Lori Brannon

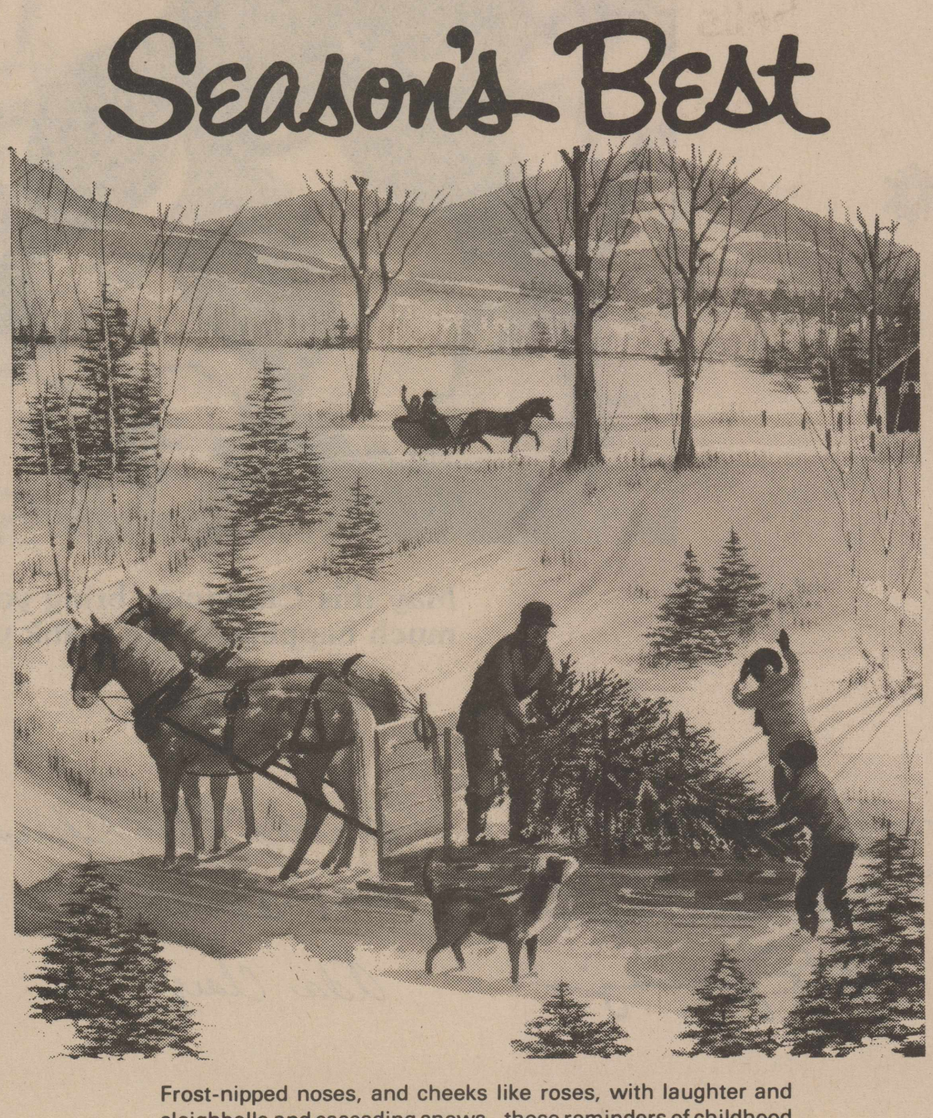
Table Decorations Require Thought

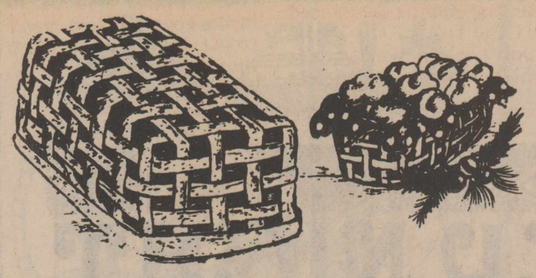
If you are having guests over for a festive New Year dinner, remember that your table arrangement will be the center of attention. You want the table to be attractive, but don't forget that the meal is the really important thing.

If you use a floral arrangement as the table centerpiece, keep it 12 inches or less. Your guests should be able to see one another. If you use candles, be sure they are higher than eye level.

The size of your centerpiece should be determined by the size of the table. Don't crowd guests at the table. If there is sufficient room, plates may be 30 inches apart — from center to center. Spacing of less than 24 inches should be avoided.







Holiday Bread Basket

Something to really whet appetites for a holiday meal is a bread basket woven from real dough! It's just for looks and, however, not edible because varnish is an important ingredient to make the basket beautiful and durable.

To make your bread basket, follow these easy steps:

Mixing:

1. In a large mixing bowl mix 6 cups of flour and 1-½ cups of salt with 2-½ cups of water.
2. Dump the dough onto a lightly floured counter or board.
3. Knead the dough for about 5 minutes.
4. Using a lightly floured rolling pin, roll the dough to 1/4 inch thickness.

Cutting:

1. Cut dough into long strips about 3/4 inch wide. Use a pastry cutter or paring knife.
2. Cover the strips with a damp cloth until you are ready to start weaving.

Weaving:

1. Turn an oven-proof dish upside down on a cookie tin.
2. Place strips of dough parallel over the dish, making sure the strips are long enough to touch the cookie tin on all sides of the dish.
3. Now cross these strips with the new strips, weaving the new strips under and over the strips already laid.
4. As you weave, moisten the places where the strips meet.
5. Weave strips around the sides of the bowl, also.
6. To keep the strips from slipping, you may wish to pin the strips down.
7. Wind the last strip around the bottom edge of the bowl, pressing it firmly against the ends of all the strips it touches. This strip will be the edge of your finished basket.

Baking:

Bake your basket at 325 degrees, 1 to 1½ hours until it is lightly browned and dry. Remove basket from oven; take out the pins, and let it cool. Ease the basket off the bowl.

Varnishing:

Brush every inch of the basket with varnish, covering thoroughly. Let dry. Add a second coat of varnish. Let it dry again.

Now your bread basket is ready to be lined with a cloth napkin and filled with delicious holiday rolls!

Christmas Quiz

1. Where did the term "Wassail Bowl" (holiday apple drink) originate?
2. Where in the Old Testament of the Bible is a clue given as to where the Messiah was to be born?
3. What is the British "Boxing Day"?
4. What is the meaning of the term "White Christmas" that some church and social groups celebrate?

ANSWERS:

1. King Henry VII, during the late 1400's, introduced "Wassail Bowl" to England from Scandinavia. "Wassail" meant "Be thou well".
2. Micah 5:2—But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."
3. The day after Christmas becomes "Boxing Day" to the Britains — a day to give money to the milkman and other public servants who have served them throughout the year.
4. "White Christmas" to some church and social groups is a time when canned goods and other foods are wrapped in white paper and distributed to those in need before Christmas.

Living Up The Day!

All dressed up in his best suit he was, and mighty glad to have a break to get out in a world of kids and family fun. A little smile played around his lips as he sat in the rocker and watched the gifts being opened, and he seemed surprised that he, too, would be remembered by gifts.

A trac-ball set was given to one young person and after the gifts were "o-o-hed" and "a-a-hed" over, and kissed and hugs of thanks had been given — the kids dashed out to try out that trac-ball set.

The old gentleman watched for a while, then slowly slid open the glass patio door, and soon, with racquet in hand, he, too, was bending to catch the gently thrown balls and beaming as if to say, "Eat your hearts out, nursing home occupants, I'm going to really live up this day!"

Afterwards he munched up Christmas dinner with real gusto!

Hearts of the kids and the adults were warmed to see the fun the guest was enjoying.

If you haven't tried having some lonely person to join your family for Christmas — bet you, too, would receive an extra glow of joy from doing so.

May this be your happiest Christmas as you reach out to make another happy!

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Wish Books

For many years the little kids, as well as "Big" kids have had shining eyes as they look through those Christmas catalogs that have long been know as "Wish Books"!

It wasn't too many years ago that while turning the pages of those "Wish Books" one would discover diagonal signs across some ads that proclaimed, "NOT AVAILABLE". In fact, it became a game to some younger ones to see how many such signs could be spied in the catalog.

Times have changed and today so many things ARE available. What an abundance of **things** we have to choose from! But there is one thing that often seems to have the sign, "NOT AVAILABLE", stamped all over it — and that is TIME. Taking TIME to take the children out in the woods or to the shopping lot to let them help choose the Christmas tree is a little something for big memories.

It often takes so little, really, to please children. What will become most important to them is not so much the THINGS that soon will break, or they'll outgrow, or they'll just get bored with, but it's the TIME and love we spend on them — the giving of ourselves that will mean the most. This goes not only for the children in the family but for husbands and wives as well. How often the spic-and-span house, the cookies and pies and candies and casseroles that have been slaved over, the long hours spent at the office to pay for THINGS — make only a pressured house and not a loving, relaxing home.

This year, why not let's balance the holiday fun to really make it a home full of the fragrance of love and togetherness that will make beautiful memories that will last a lifetime and not just for a fleeting season.

What Toy Shall I Give?

As we adults look down the toy shelves, we cannot help but stand in awe at the great selection offered today's child, in comparison to the shelves of toys when we were children! With such a wonderful array of toys, where does one begin in selecting these gifts?

You might want to take a look at the child's toy chest to see what he already has, then think of toys that will stimulate new interests and teach new "life" lessons.

1. There are toys that will promote exercise and coordination.
2. Constructive toys, to be assembled, may increase confidence in the things a child can do on his own.
3. A child usually wants to imitate what the grown-ups around him can do. Toys that have to do with real cooking, or real carperter jobs, etc., can help a child to feel he can help mom and dad around the house, thus giving him a sense of responsibility.

NEAT, INEXPENSIVE GIFT WRAPPING

A fabric remnant you have, left over from a sewing project, can make an elegant-looking package.

Use plain paper, and paste on cut out designs from old Christmas cards.

Wrap gifts in plain paper, adding a sprig of greenery and berries, a small pine cone or two.

No Last Minute Shopping Panic

Finally, you think the shopping is all finished. Then suddenly there's an unexpected gift to give. You've run out of ideas for each individual. There's no need to panic — most anyone would love a batch of homemade Christmas cookies, or a small loaf of banana or date-nut bread tied up with a ribbon. Fudge is always a welcome treat. A jar of your homemade jelly or Bread and Butter Pickles can be special.

Maybe the kitchen isn't your "cup of tea", then you might like to buy a pretty woven tray, basket, etc., and fill it with silk flowers or store-bought treats.

How about giving a magazine subscription — something that can be enjoyed all year! You could buy a copy to give, with a note attached saying that other issues will be coming throughout the year.

Teenagers, and even oldsters, would enjoy a gift certificate to be redeemed at pizza places, ice cream parlors, record stores, book stores, etc..

May the joyous harmony of the season be yours to share with family and friends. To our many valued patrons, we offer a special "thank you."

Merry Christmas to all!

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FIRST-FOOT

The "first-foot" tradition is traced back to merry olde England, where a glass of wine and slice of bun loaf rewarded visitors who arrived at a home following the birth of a New Year.

A "first-foot", also referred to as a lucky bird, brought with him the traditional symbols of warmth and prosperity — coal, bread and salt. He was enthusiastically welcomed, because he "let in" the New Year and, according to tradition, like the old year, he departed through the back door.

A very special Holiday greeting to all our special friends and patrons: may your Holiday be bright and happy.

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Animals In Christmas Lore

The Norwegians honor all animals, even fish, during the Christmas season. Birds, fish, and animals are particularly protected during the time known as the Peace of Christmas.

No traps are set, and the farmer's cattle are fed salt from a cowbell, because of the belief that this will help the cattle to find their way home at night.

A curious ceremony often took place in Italy in the farmer's barn. Candles were lit and carried into every corner of the shelter by the farmer and his shepherd. The tapers were held high so that every dark corner received light.

It is said that when some of the American Indians learned of the Christ Child, they believed in the beautiful scene that the deer knelt at midnight on Christmas Eve.

Bees even entered Christmas lore. Long ago, in England, it was thought that the bees sang to the Baby Jesus at midnight on Christmas Eve. Even today, some beekeepers place a bit of holly on their beehives.

Tree-Picking Time

Every year many live Christmas trees can be found in nurseries and sidewalk lots. What kind of tree should you pick?

The most popular Christmas tree seems to be the Balsam Fir, and second in rank comes the Scotch Pine with its long needles. Blue Spruce is usually sold with its roots intact so that it can be planted outside after the holidays. Douglas Fir is valued for its hard wood.

Let the whole family join in the fun of tree-picking time, for a very merry Christmas!

A Happy "Noel" Greeting

Add a special "Noel" decoration to your office or home by cutting out the letters N-O-E-L from styrofoam blocks. Now punch holes in the letters and insert sprigs of holly into the holes. Hang the letters on a door or mantel for a happy Christmas greeting.

BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT OF ALL

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Estes and family received their very best Christmas gift ever Sunday when they saw their son, Ross, out of bed and walking alone, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo where he has been a patient in intensive care since being injured in an auto crash. He underwent surgery for a serious head injury shortly after his arrival at the hospital by ambulance.

Jimmy Stevenson was transferred by Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service from Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia to the cardiac intensive care unit at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo Sunday morning. He is listed in critical condition.

His son, Bill Stevenson, flew to Amarillo from his home in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, Sunday night.

R. C. Hutsell received a cracked hip and was transported to Central Plains Hospital in Plainview by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service Sunday morning.

For a different decoration this Christmas, why not try a Swedish Christmas tree!

Cut a tree from unfinished pine board. Decorate the tree with gingerbread cookies, red apples, small flat toys, small wrapped packages, or clay figurines.

Fasten the tree to a door or over the mantel, etc. A stone crock can be placed on either side of the tree—each filled with pine branches to complete the Swedish flair!

Festive Holiday Table

Start your special festive table with a green or red tablecloth, and place candles at different points.

Add little ornaments to your dishes to give them an extra special holiday look. You might sprinkle little red ribbons, golden balls, or plastic holiday berries in your bowl of pretzels or chips.

Your entrees can look really neat with sprigs of artificial holly with their bright berries, or greenery with pine cones, etc.

Fruit salads can be decked with red cherries and split, minted, green cherries for leaves.

Loaf cakes can be iced and sprinkled with strips of red and/or green sugar.

A pretty glass filled with candy canes or a bowl of wrapped chocolate candies can add to the appeal of your table.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS.

Here's hoping that your holidays are filled with joy, and that the New Year brings you every happiness.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

We join Santa in wishing you and all your loved ones a truly joyous Yuletide.

JACK'S PHARMACY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's that wonderful time of the year when everyone is filled with holiday spirit and cheer. May we be the first to wish you a very merry season.

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Senator Bill Sarpalius Reports

FAMILY VIOLENCE

AUSTIN -- The number of reported cases of family violence in Texas has been increasing in the last few years. Many attribute this to the current economic conditions that have brought stress to all our homes. Regardless of the reason, this serious situation merits our attention and actions.

The following is a collection of statistics concerning family violence that we feel demonstrate the extent of the problem. One out of every two U.S. women will be beaten sometime during her married years. The FBI considers wife beating the most underreported crime in the country, with one beating every 15 seconds. In one half of spouse abusing families, the children are battered as well. One out of every 10 older persons living with a family member is abused. The majority of people in Texas prisons and 60% of the men who batter come from violent homes.

Additionally, conservative estimates are that 87,000 Texans are subject to spouse abuse on at least a weekly basis (about 2% of that number are battered men). There are only 450 shelter spaces currently available in the State: this is over 7,000 persons in need for each space.

In response to this growing problem the Senate Human Resources Committee, upon which we serve, has conducted an interim study on the various family violence issues. Their recommendations and findings are now being finalized. There are a few of these recommendations that we have specific interest in, such as developing service models for rural areas, and public education and awareness programs.

There is a definite need for extending the services provided by the 35 member family violence centers to the rural areas. Due to increasing demand at their urban locale and limited resources, these centers cannot engage in as much rural extention service as they would like or the outlying areas need.

What is suggested is that the Family Violence Program of the Texas Department of Human Resources (TDHR) develop and implement program models designed to improve delivery of services to isolated areas. Funding for this endeavor will come from the state funds appropriated for for the Family Violence Program plus additional state, local, or private sources that are available.

Increased public education and awareness is needed to improve society's response to violence within families. This education could increase awareness of existing services, encourage people involved in spouse or elderly abuse to take steps to eliminate the violent behavior, and increase the reporting of such cases.

It is suggested that the TDHR pursue specific educational activities that will raise the public awareness as to family violence. This should include specialized educational programs designed for the people directly involved in violent family situations.

We feel that the people of Texas are our most valuable resource and therefore deserve any protection that this state could provide. We hope you feel the same. If you have any comments concerning the work of the Senate Human Resources Committee please write Senator Bill Sarpalius, P. O. Box 12068, Austin, Texas 78711.

Poinsettia Points

Ever since J.P. Poinsettia (U.S. Minister to Mexico during the last century) discovered the beautiful Mexican red and green plant, it has become a Christmas symbol.

Actually, the flower of the poinsettia is that yellow cluster in the center. The red part is its "bracts".

Often, after the bracts begin to fade, we throw the plant away, but with a little care it can become a permanent part of our houseplant collections.

Poinsettias in full bloom should be placed in a cool room, no warmer than 65 degrees at night. It needs good light and a fair amount of water. When the soil is dry to the touch, water thoroughly, but avoid overwatering. If the roots are allowed to remain soggy they will rot.

To prevent the bracts from fading so soon, trim off the small shoots that start up below the bloom.

As the flower bracts fall, the leaves will soon drop off also. Now it's time to cut the stems down to about five inches. After it's trimmed, it will require much less water, so be careful of overwatering.

When springtime comes, you may decide to repot your plant and put it outside in an airy, light spot. Keep the growth low by pinching it back as needed.

In September, you will probably want to bring the plant inside in order for it to have short days and long nights. It likes as much as 12 hours of darkness for about two months.

The buds will form and the bracts change color, usually by late November -- in time for another Merry Christmas!

HAVING A PARTY?

If you're having guests over to welcome the New Year, do yourself a favor and don't serve up any gooey foods or gravies.

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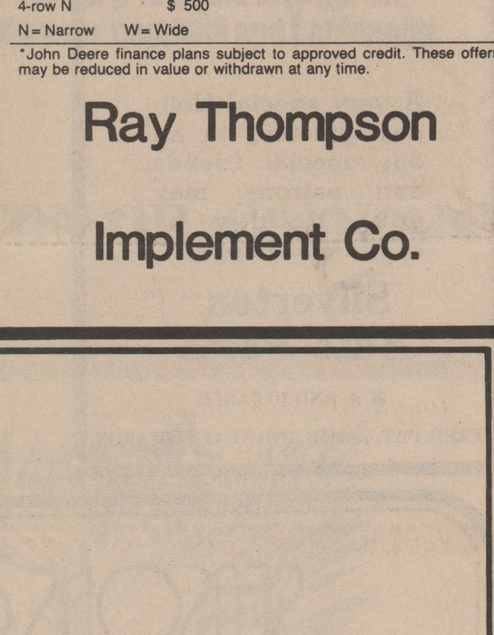

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I want an Atari Game and for my birthday I want a B-B gun.
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Bryan Breedlove

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a B-B gun and a scooter.
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I want some dishes, a bike, doll and roller skates. I love you.
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I hope you will be here on Christmas Day. Everyone will be looking for you. I hope you will bring a lot of toys for all of the children if they are asleep. Please get me a bike and an Atari for my whole family to play with when it is so cold outside. I would also like a race track. I would love it if you do that for me and things for my whole family. I do not know what they want. Just so they do get something.
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Brian West

Dear Santa,
I would like some roller skates, a doll set and a Barbie Doll.
Love,
Jennifer Grimland

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy that will not grow big. I would also like to have a Western Barbie and Dallas The Barbie Horse.
Love,
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COLUMBUS

According to some historians, Columbus may have been the first white man to celebrate New Year's Day in the Western Hemisphere. His ship landed on the island of Haiti on January 1, 1493, for repairs.

Merry Feathered Friends

Make a merry holiday season for your fine, feathered friends, as well as for your own entertainment. Create a bird cafeteria!

Cut a piece of tree limb, that is about 4'' in diameter, to at least a foot tall. Leave the twigs and branch stubs on for bird perches.

Bore a hole above each stub and space holes around the bottom of the logs.

Fill the holes with different types of treats for the birds. Obtain some suet from your meat counter; melt the suet and mix it with peanut butter and scratch feed. Fill some holes with apple pieces, lettuce, etc..

Drive a nail partially into the top of the log. Bend the nail over for a hook. Attach a piece of wire to the hook and fasten it around a tree limb.

Nail a strong, sturdy piece of branch to the bottom of the piece of log for the large birds to perch upon.

In the tradition of the holiday season, may you each enjoy the warmth and wonder that makes Christmas so special. And to all our friends and loyal customers goes our sincere "thank you."

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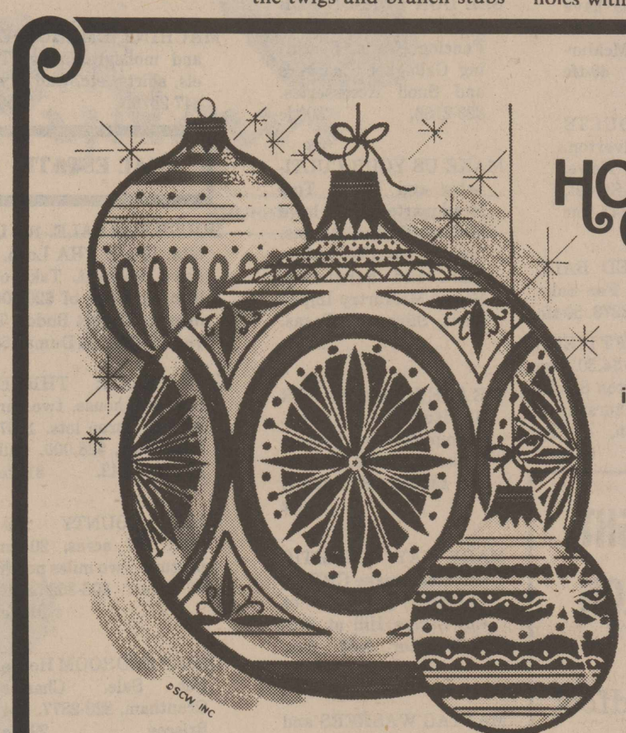

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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Love,.
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Make Ahead Dessert

You can make this frozen mousee-like delight ahead of time and seal it right in a half gallon, plastic container that's designed for keeping ice cream. Then, when you're ready to serve this delicious dessert to your guests, it can easily be unmolded, ready for frosting and slicing. Any leftovers can go right back into their original sealed keeper and stored again.

Holiday Nesselrode Loaf

1. In a small saucepan combine:
½ cup raisins
½ cup orange juice
Simmer 2-3 minutes to plump the raisins. Set aside to cool.

2. In a small mixing bowl, beat with your electric mixer until it's very thick and falls off the beaters in sheets:
3 egg yolks
½ cup sugar
Gradually stir in 1 cup scalded milk

3. Return the mixture to the top of the double boiler, cooking over boiling water and stirring constantly until the mixture thickens and coats a metal spoon.

Cool to room temperature.

4. Stir in:
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon grated orange peel

5. Place the 3 egg whites in a small bowl and beat until frothy. Gradually add 1/4 cup sugar and beat until stiff but not dry.

6. Fold the egg whites. Add the cup heavy cream that has been whipped; the raisin mixture; *½ cup chopped nuts;* and *⅓ cup mixed candied fruits* into the egg yolk mixture.

7. Line the ½-gallon plastic container with *ladyfingers*. Spoon in the custard mixture. Seal and store in freezer.

8. When you are ready to serve your dessert, let the container stand at room temperature 10 minutes. Run a knife around the inside. Turn out into a serving platter.

9. Whip ½ cup heavy cream with a bit of sugar. Smoothly frost the loaf, then spoon whipped cream into a pastry tube. Use the star tip to pipe the cream around the base and around the top. Decorate with whole *red maraschino cherries*. Split *green maraschino cherries* and spread them open for leaves.

Edible Santa

Find a firm, red apple. Stick a toothpick in each of four big marshmallows. Two will be Santa's arms and two his feet. Insert them, with the other end of the toothpicks, into the apple in the proper places.

Place a large marshmallow (lollipop-fashion) on a toothpick for Santa's head.

Break a toothpick in half. Impale a raisin on each toothpick half and stick the toothpick in place for Santa's eyes.

Put a large red gumdrop on top of Santa's head to be his hat, and a red cranberry for his nose.

Use cotton for Santa's beard and around his hat, using toothpicks to hold it on, as necessary.

Longer Lasting Evergreens

Those real, live, evergreens can spruce up the holidays with a special fragrance and beauty of their own. Used in clusters, in a garland, or a sprig here and there, they add real festivity to the holiday season.

There are glossy broadleafs like the magnolia, boxwood, or holly, and also the needled ones like cedar, fir, and pine.

These evergreens should be soaked in a bucket of water out in the fresh air for at least 24 hours. Cut the ends on a slant, or split or crush the ends with a hammer in order for the water to be more easily absorbed.

After the 24 hours, cut the stems straight across and seal the water in by dipping the stems in candle wax.

Rub or dip the broadleafed evergreens with a liquid, self-polishing floor wax. This coating forms a vapor barrier that will help to slow evaporation. The wax will also help to keep berries of nandina, pyracantha or holly more securely on their twigs.

Enjoy those evergreens in your creative mood this Christmas!

GO CHRISTMAS ITALIAN-STYLE

For something different as a table centerpiece or just to add to your Christmas decor, you might like to go Italian-style! Instead of a real Christmas tree — their's often is a pyramid of wooden shelves called "cepo". A manger scene, "presepio", is sometimes at the base of the pyramid.

Some of the pyramid's shelves may hold fruit, while others may hold candy, small gifts, gilded pine cones, etc..

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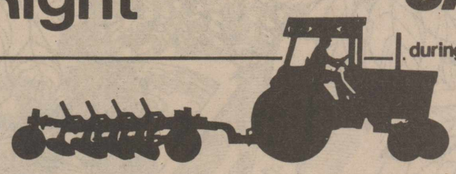
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