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School Tax Picture Improves In 1955

School taxes paid by property owners in Memphis during the fiscal year amounted to \$81,000, the annual audit of the tax office discloses. This year's tax was \$80,031.42, a decrease of \$868.58 from the \$80,900 paid in 1954.

tax roll. This represented a higher percentage than the preceding year, according to Cosby.

Tax roll for the fiscal year, from Sept. 1, 1954, to Aug. 31 of this year, came to \$86,031.42. The total roll was \$2,578.16 less than in 1954, but delinquent taxes were \$2,478.23 under the year before. A breakdown on collection of delinquent taxes for the two years showed the 1954 total to be \$2,038.75, compared with \$3,592.31 in 1955, or a gain this past fiscal year of \$1,553.56. Net gain on collections over 1954 came to \$1,398.28, even with the reduced tax roll, Cosby reported to the board of trustees of the Memphis Independent School District.

School records were found to be in good condition and only minor adjustments were necessary, the auditor said in his report.

A total of \$80,001.93 in current taxes were collected, with a discount of \$1,949.19, or \$78,052.74 actually paid by taxpayers.

Cosby also audited the high school fund, verifying figures of Miss Ruby Hoffman, school secretary. Included in the fund were all miscellaneous receipts from athletics, fees, concessions and other sources.

Cosby also audited the high school fund and verified figures, showing the balance on hand to be \$324.75. Disbursements from the fund included those for insurance, high school activity fund, tennis equipment, league meet expense, colored school athletics equipment, senior class bus, change at athletic games, and T. V. equipment.

Sammy Rasco Coach at T. W. C.

Sammy Rasco, who formerly lived here, was appointed Wednesday as temporary basketball coach at Texas Wesleyan College. In Fort Worth, replacing the former coach who has entered private business.

Rasco captained the T. W. C. basketball squad during the 1952-53 season and was serving his first season as assistant to the head coach.

While attending high school here, Rasco was a member of the Cyclone basketball team which won the state championship in 1949 and was placed on the all-state schoolboy squad. At T. W. C. he was a four-year letterman and two-year regular.

After graduating from the college, he served two years in the Marine Corps and was a player-coach on the Marine Corps Training Center team at Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif. Last year, the team captured the Armed Forces-WMAC tournament at San Diego.



And (Herod) sent (the wise men) to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. —Matthew 2:8-9

Business Firms Entered Here Saturday Night

Burglars broke into five Memphis business firms Saturday night or early Sunday morning and escaped with approximately \$400, Sheriff W. P. Baten said Tuesday morning.

Business houses entered were Foxhall Motor Company, South Side Grocery, Foster Food Market, Wm. Cameron & Company and Hickey Motor Company.

The first of the series of break-ins was discovered about 3 o'clock Sunday morning when Nightwatchman W. I. Glosson found the back entrance of Foxhall Motor open.

Entering the building, he learned that the company safe in an office near the front had been forced open.

Glosson notified Eddie Foxhall, owner of the company, and Foxhall in turn called Baten. After making an inspection, Foxhall told the sheriff that a 1955 Plymouth

bulletin

Authorities early this morning (Thursday) picked up a man and woman at Ardmore, Okla., who admitted participating in the break-ins here and at other places in this area. Deputy Elmer Neel learned in a telephone conversation with Sheriff W. P. Baten, calling from Vernon. The couple implicated two other couples and waived extradition to Texas, Baten told Neel. The couple were in jail at Vernon this morning and officers were looking for the others. All of the suspects are from Ardmore. Some or all of them struck at Gainesville Wednesday night, authorities said.

automobile was missing from the mechanical department in the back of the building. In addition, \$134 was taken from the safe, Foxhall said.

A few minutes after Baten had

Area Weather Continues Cold

Cold temperatures continued to dominate this area the past week. Morning readings were consistently below the freezing mark throughout the period, while afternoons were about evenly divided between chilliness and mildness. No moisture was recorded, although some cloudiness occurred. Winds were fairly strong at various stages of the seven-day period, and this helped intensify the cold weather.

Temperature extremes recorded here the past week were as follows: Last Thursday 22-43 degrees; Friday, 25-67; Saturday 24-58; Sunday 20-56; Monday 16-39; Tuesday 16-43; Wednesday 20-59. The minimum reading this morning (Thursday) was 24 degrees.

broadcast a pick-up order for the burglars, Glosson reported that the South Side Grocery had been entered, also at the rear. Roy Coleman, who owns the business, was summoned. Examination disclosed that the knob on a safe had been knocked off but the strong box had not been opened. (Continued on Page 12, Sec. 1)

Ginnings In County Over 39,000 Bales

Total cotton ginnings in Hall County amounted to 39,331 bales Wednesday, a survey made by The Democrat disclosed. This compared with 33,492 bales at the time a survey was made Nov. 30.

Gin men over the county were in agreement that the 1955 cotton harvesting season is practically over, although feeling that straggling amounts of cotton still would come in.

Weather this fall has been good most of the time, permitting harvesting to progress without too much delay. However, rain early in the season damaged cotton, causing a decline in grades and a consequent drop in prices. Several freezes later also hurt cotton bolls that still were soft and this added to the loss in income to growers and business people alike. This contrasted to the 1954 harvest season when quality and price of cotton were about as good at the close as they were at the start. In fact, numerous persons declared they had never seen another fall to match that of last year.

Another difference this season has been that all sections of the county have had fair to good cotton, whereas last year, cotton was spotted, with most production being concentrated on the north side of Red River, except for some in the Hulver-Parnell area. Because this year's crop has been spread throughout the county, more persons have shared in its returns.

However, there probably has never been another year when from beginning to end, it has

Post Office Open Saturday Afternoon

The Memphis post office will remain open Saturday afternoon in order to accommodate patrons who have Christmas packages and letters to mail, Postmaster J. H. Vallance said Tuesday. Normally, the office operates only until noon on Saturdays.

In addition, a parcel post window will be open for a while Christmas morning, so that residents may pick up packages that are late in arriving. A further service will be delivery of parcels who receive their mail on city routes.

Time is running out for those who still have Christmas mail to send but postal workers will do their part in trying to get late-dispatched items to their destination in time.

been so hard to figure just what the final outcome would be. Most farmers had to plant over from three to five times because of continued rain in May and June, causing cotton to get off to a very late start. Then weather became dry and hot in August and early September, slowing growth, particularly on tight land. But in spite of all the above-mentioned setbacks, the county is going to wind up with a fairly good crop year.

When it is considered that allotments have cut cotton acreage drastically, it is clearly evident that per-acre production this year compares favorably with any previous yield. It had to or the county would not have been threatening the 40,000-bale level.

Estelline Exes To Hold Annual Meeting Monday

Ex-students of the Estelline schools will hold their third annual homecoming in the high school here on Monday, according to Billy Bob Holland, president of the association.

Registration will be from 8:30 until 10:30 o'clock in the homecoming banquet hall and the first general session will be held in the high school auditorium from 10:30 until 11:30 o'clock. W. M. Roberts, superintendent of the Estelline schools will welcome the exes and Mrs. Raleigh Adams has arranged special music for the occasion. The 1930 basketball team will also be represented at that time.

Luncheon will be served from 11:45 until 1 o'clock in the school cafeteria, followed immediately by the second general session in the auditorium. During this portion of the day's activities, the class of 1914-15 will be honored and all teachers will be presented, as well as visitors by classes. A business session also is scheduled, at which officer will be elected.

Arrangements for a memorial service at 2:30 o'clock have been made by Mrs. J. A. Ballard, chairman for the service. A. D. Britt will offer the benediction.

In the evening, the 1925 and 1930 basketball teams will compete in the high school gymnasium and a dance will be held afterwards.

The arrangements committee has requested that all ex-students be notified of the meeting on Monday.

Conservation Program Approved For County

The Hall County Agricultural Conservation Program for 1956 has received final approval and operations under the new program will begin Tuesday, Jan. 3, Lynn McKown, manager of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office here, announced Monday.

According to McKown, approved practices and the cost-share assistance that will be offered for each one are as follows:

Establishment of a cover of

grass or legumes on cropland, approximately 50 per cent of the cost of approved seed.

Improvement by overseeding, approximately 50 per cent of the cost of approved seed.

Controlling competitive shrubs: Mesquite, 50 per cent of actual cost, not to exceed \$5.00 per acre; Cabling cedar, 50 per cent of actual cost, not to exceed \$1.00 per acre; Prickly-pear, 60 cents per infestation from one to four per cent plus 15 cents per acre for

each per cent infestation in excess of four per cent; Sagebrush, mechanical or chemical, \$1.20 per acre; Aerial spraying of mesquite, \$1.10 per acre.

Wells for stock water, \$1.50 per foot.

Earthen dams for livestock, 19 cents per cubic yard.

Constructing terraces: New large ridge type, \$0.185 per foot; Enlarging old terraces, \$0.070 per foot; Channel type terraces, (Continued on Page 12, Sec. 1)

Knox City Man Succeeds Cawfield In SCS Office

M. Cawfield, who has been in the Soil Conservation Service since 1942, plans to transfer to the S. C. S. office at Quantico in January. In the meantime, he is on leave and has been replaced as work unit conservator by Charley Cape of Knox City, who assumed duties of the office Monday.

family live on a farm just west of Memphis.

The Cawfields are members of the Baptist Church.

"We have enjoyed living with and knowing the people of this area and are sorry that we are moving," Cawfield said Tuesday.

Cape, who is succeeding Cawfield, was with S. C. S. from 1939 until June of this year, at which time he entered private business.

He attended school at Excelsior, Okla., and after graduation he studied at Oklahoma A. & M., majoring in agricultural agronomy. After receiving his degree, he taught school for a time before starting to work with the S. C. S. at Bartlett, Tex., in 1939. He subsequently worked at Coleman, Seymour and Knox City.

Last June, he became a partner with O. L. Jamison in a fertilizer business at Knox City. Jamison is the husband of the former Tot Bryant, whose parents were the late Judge and Mrs. S. A. Bryant of Memphis. Cape remained with the firm until accepting the position here.

He is married and has one daughter, Kim, 4 years old. He is a member of the Lions Club and the Masonic Lodge and he and Mrs. Cape are members of the Christian Church.

Cape expressed a liking for sports, such as football and basketball and said his hobby is wood-working.

"I feel sure I am going to like it here," he declared Tuesday morning. Royce Frisbie and R. H. Shackelford will continue their duties with the local S. C. S. office.



SANTA SAYS:

If you haven't finished your holiday shopping by now, you are pushing your luck for sure because Christmas is almost here. I don't think you want me to fail to bring presents for each of your loved ones and best friends but that may happen if I don't hear from you SOON. That's why I'm reminding you that it is ONLY

2 Shopping Days
Until Christmas

attended public school in Mexico and Oklahoma and was enrolled in Panhandle College at Goodwell, Okla., graduating in 1936. He worked with a hardware store associated with the following approximately: service at Amarillo, transferred to Fort Worth, remained until coming married and has four children, a sophomore at Texas, a sophomore at Texas, a sophomore at Texas, a fourth at William B. Travis and Francis, a second at the same school. The

Society News

Al Morrah Shrine Club Entertains Here Honoring Potentate And Divan

The Al Morrah Shrine Club of Memphis entertained Paul Gaither, potentate of Khiva Temple of Amarillo, and his divan with a reception, dinner, and dance in Memphis on Dec. 9.

Ben Wilson, Jr., president of the Al Morrah Shrine Club, and Mrs. Wilson were hosts at a reception at their home and later at a dinner at the Cyclone Drive Inn.

Following dinner, a dance was held at the American Legion Hall. Hosts for the dance in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Thompson, Mr.

and Mrs. Morris Odom, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Geo. Kesterson, and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Kulp.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gaither, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Winburn, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kohler, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown, Dr. and Mrs. Neilson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fuqua, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cagle, all of Amarillo, and Geo. Thompson of Clarendon.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to take this means of thanking the many friends who sent me cards, flowers and came to see me during my recent stay in the hospital. I deeply appreciated each act of kindness. I also want to express my thanks to Dr. O. R. Goodall, Dr. H. R. Stevenson, my special nurses, Mrs. Ethel Gibson and Mrs. Joyce Shewhart and other members of the hospital staff for their excellent care.

W. E. Williams

Barley is the chief source of malt.

CARD OF THANKS

To the many kind friends and neighbors who offered words of comfort, and to those who sent the beautiful floral offerings, and to those who so thoughtfully furnished the delicious food, at the time of the passing of our loved one, we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks. May God's richest blessings abide with each of you.

The family of Mrs. Ida E. Culbreath



Governor Allan Shivers presents deer hides to Mrs. Milton Smith, chairman of the State Advisory Council for Volunteer Services at Tuberculosis Hospitals, for use in occupational therapy at State TB hospitals.

Play Presented At Meeting Of Austin PTA

A most entertaining play, "Toyland at Ten O'Clock," was presented by the First and Second grades at Stephen F. Austin Parent-Teacher Association meeting Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. Helpers in toyland made a final test of the toys before packing them away for Santa to deliver to boys and girls on Christmas Eve. The Jack-in-the-box, rag doll, toy band, story books, top, and the doll chorus were all found to be in very good working order.

The meditation was given by Rev. Fern A. Miller, and was based on the scripture about the birth of Christ. Rev. Miller ended his talk by asking the question, "How much room is there for Christ in our lives at this Christmas time?"

The evening's program was started by singing Christmas carols, led by Mrs. C. D. Morris. During the business session conducted by Mrs. R. L. Duncan, president, it was reported that \$78.99 was the amount made on the picture show sponsored by the Austin P-TA on Dec. 6.

B. J. Thompson, principal of the school, expressed his appreciation for the playground equipment which was given to the school by the P-TA.

Mrs. C. D. Morris' first grade won the room attendance award.

Johnny Simons of Amarillo spent the weekend here with his sister, Mrs. Leo Fields and family, and mother, Mrs. Magie Simons.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Herry of Amarillo were in Memphis on business Saturday. They returned to their home on Sunday.

It isn't too early to purchase the seed needed for next year's crops. Early buying means a better selection and money can be saved.

Wm. Travis PTA Meets For Monthly Session Thursday

The Wm. Travis Parent-Teacher Association met in regular session Thursday, Dec. 5, in the Travis cafeteria.

Mrs. Gene Lindsey, program chairman, introduced the afternoon's program with a reading, "Week Before Christmas" and then presented Katherine Phillips, music instructor and band director, who in turn presented a group of students from the Travis school. Several vocal numbers were given including Christmas carols. The numbers were announced by Teresa Beckham.

Rev. Jim Sharp gave an inspiring Christmas devotional.

During the social hour, tasty refreshments were served from a beautifully decorated table featuring the yuletide motif. Serving refreshments were members of the social committee and included Mrs. Jack McColluch, Mrs. Brode Hoover, Mrs. W. W. Linville and Mrs. Herman Yarbrough.

Estelline WMS Observes Missions Week Of Prayer

The W. M. S. of the Estelline Baptist Church observed the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions by having a program each day during the week, with an average attendance of fifteen women.

Special programs were given on Wednesday evening, by the auxiliary organizations, and Friday, when a covered-dish luncheon was served.

The past week the ladies have quilted two quilts for Buckner's Orphans Home. They sent out cards to shut-ins and will visit and take gifts to the elderly people and sick people of the church.

There are two cups of butter in a pound.

J. A. Ballards Hosts To Estelline Classes Monday

On Monday evening, Dec. 12, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ballard were hosts to the junior and senior classes of Estelline High School. The spacious home was artistically decorated in Christmas motifs featuring a lighted tree.

Table games were played.

The refreshment table was laid over a green linen cloth. Crystal and silver appointments were used.

The centerpiece was a lighted candle in a bed of green foliage. Fruit punch, chicken salad, pimento and cheese salad, tuna salad, sandwich bread, crackers, pickles, and potato chips were served.

Guests ate a foursome tables. Each table was centered with a miniature Christmas tree. Favors were candy canes tied with ribbon. Dessert served at the tables was fruit cake topped with whipped cream.

Attending were: Ronnie Bruce, Ronald Crump, Jimmie Dunn, Karen Eddins, Evelyn Hudlow, Marvin Leech, Patsy Mabry, Bennie

Nelson, Keith Rogers, LaQuetta Wade, James Huffmaster, Jimmie Don Adams, Kenneth Crump, Eddie Mabry, Willie Roy McClendon and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Kennedy. Mrs. Kennedy is senior sponsor and Mrs. Ballard is junior sponsor.

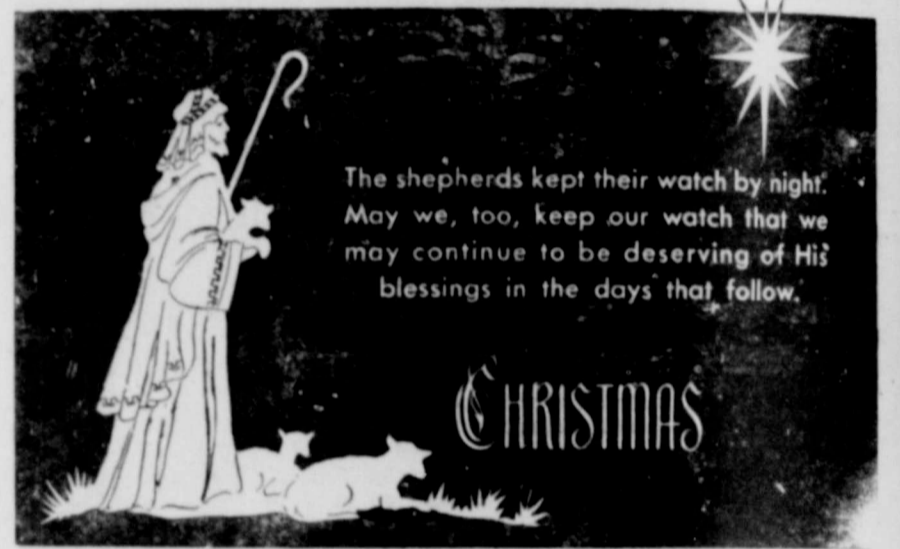
Broccoli and cauliflower are forms of cabbage.

Undesirable hardwood tree water and plant food from soil which could be prepared for livestock, too, as D. Hoffman, extension range specialist, these trees often graze the most productive land fence rows and reduce the of cultivated crops as well as pastures. The winter season excellent time to apply local controls.



SIMPSON'S BURGER HUT

Mr. & Mrs. Grady Simpson — Mrs. Larry Simpson



The shepherds kept their watch by night. May we, too, keep our watch that we may continue to be deserving of His blessings in the days that follow.

CHRISTMAS

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Robert E. Clark, M. D.

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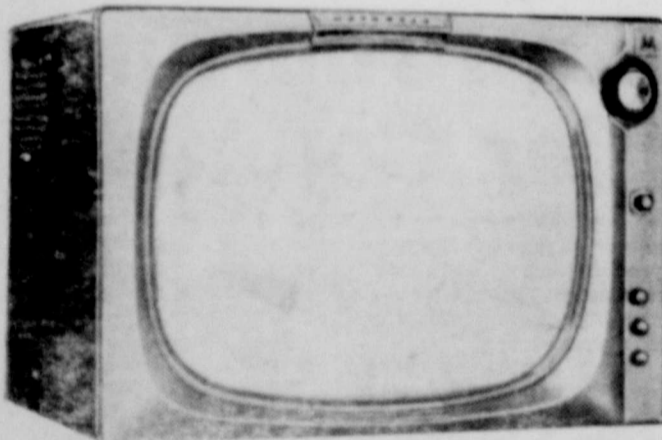
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Letters To Santa Claus

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 20, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy. I am seven years old. I want a gun and holster.
Love,
Joe Willoughby

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 17, 1955

Santa Claus,
I am a little boy two years old. I haven't got a daddy, he and mother works at the bank and I stay with my grand-
father, a Negro doll, and I like to eat.
I have been a good boy. I want you to bring my little sisters a doll. I go to school at 515 N. 10th street.
Your little friend,
Robert Moore

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 20, 1955

Santa Claus,
My name is Walter Linville. I am 10 years old. I want a little bicycle, and a G-Man car.
Love,
Walter

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 20, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl four years old, and I have tried to be good this year.
Would you please bring me a doll, doll bed and buggy, also some fruit, nuts and candy.
Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.
Love,
Marsha Helm.

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 18, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy twelve years old. I go to Travis Elementary School. I am in the sixth grade. I would like to have a bicycle and lots of fruit and nuts.
Love, your friend,
Eddie Clark Moore

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 20, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 21 month old and I have been pretty good. Please bring me a baby doll, piano, and anything else to play with.
Don't forget my poppy and mommy and granddad and granny.
Love,
Cindy Phillips

Rockdale, Texas
Dec. 17, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
We are two little girls, ages five and eight.
For Christmas we would like to have dolls and a bed that rocks, a bear, toy telephones, a view-master, an iron and ironing board and a chair.
Please don't forget all the other little children around the world.
Thank you for the toys,
Cathy and Cindy Messer

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 20, 1955

Dear Santa,
I will be seven years old on Dec 26 and I would like to have for Christmas a truck with logs or a pair of shoes, and a pair of shoes.
I have a little brother near 3. He would like a pair of shoes, a toy piano and a pick up.
We like fruit, nuts, and candy.
Thank You,
Jimmy Diggs.

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 19, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a boy. I am eight years old.
I want a BB gun and a bicycle for Christmas.
Love,
Travis Dewey

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 19, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the third grade. I go

to Travis Elementary school. I am eight years old.
I want a 26-inch bicycle with mud peddles.
Love, your friend,
Jeff Dale Moore

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 20, 1955

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a tricycle and a doll buggy. I would like to have some chewing gum and apples.

Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Love,
Billie Kay Dunn

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KLEENEX 400 Count, Pkg.	25¢	COCOANUTS Fresh, Each	15¢	WALNUTS Diamonds Lb. —	49¢
MARSHMALLOWS Miniature, Kraft Pkg.	25¢	GRAPES Tokays, 2 lbs.	25¢		
HERSHEYS Chocolate Syrup, Lge. Can	25¢	BANANAS 3 lbs.	25¢		
JELLO All Flavors, 2 pkg.	15¢	LEMONS Sunkist, Doz.	39¢		
COCOANUT Shredded, 8 oz. pkg.	29¢	TANGERINES 2 lbs.	25¢		
DATES Dromedary, pkg.	19¢	GRAPE JUICE Tea Garden, 4-24 oz. bottles	\$1.00		
CRISCO 3 lbs.	79¢	OLEO Good Value	2 lbs. 35¢	CRANBERRY SAUCE 2 Cans	39¢
COCA-COLA Carton of 6 bottles	30¢	CANDY All 5 cent Bars	6 for 25¢	COCO Hersheys, 1/2 lb.	35¢
FLOUR Yukons Best PuraSnow Gladliola	\$1.79	GUM All kinds, Box	65¢	PEARS Cal op. Bartlett, 2 1/2 cans	4 for \$1.00
		PEACHES All Good, Spiced, 2 1/2 can, 4 for	\$1.00	CALIROSE MIXED FRUIT Fruit, 2 1/2 can	4 for \$1.00
		I G. A. Bacon, 2 lbs.	89¢	FRYERS Lb.	49¢
		Wicklow Bacon 1 lb.	43¢	FRESH PORK HAMS Lb.	45¢
		HAMS Ready to Eat, lb.	49¢	PORK ROAST Lb.	35¢
		HENS Lb.	45¢	BEEF ROAST Lb.	35¢

PENNEY'S WHITE GOODS
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FOR RENT — 4-room house with 3 acres of land. Dona Martin, Phone 617-W, 101 East Brice. 30-3p

FOR RENT — Five rooms and bath, 603 N. 19th. Write J. E. Henry, 4216 South Parker, Amarillo, or see Ben Wilson. 30-3p

FOR RENT — 150-acre farm, 40 acre cotton allotment, 1 mile West and 1 mile North of Hedley. — Mrs. Clyde Bridges. 29-2p

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished apartment. All utilities paid. 821 Main St. 40-tfc

For Sale

SALE: A small Electric Receiver. Also an electric organ. 30-1c

SALE: HAY for sale. 50c and 75c. L. F. (Chuck) Jones, North of Pliska. 30-2p

IN and look around. New Case headboard bedroom need a home. The price is New dinette sets, 6 chairs, colors to choose from. 413, Main Street. 30-2p

SALE — Hardwick apartment, 5 years old, perfect condition. Dr. Jack Rose, 555-J. 30-1c

SALE — Kodak 35-millimeter camera with range finder and carrying case. In good condition. Charley Stout at Democrat. 28-tfc

SALE — Book your order for pen-fed baby beef turkeys. Roy Widener. Phone 28-3p

RED HOGS for sale — Moreman, Hedley, Texas. Phone 29-3p

SALE — 2 bedroom house, both 10th. Will take late pickup or good tractor payment, balance monthly. Levinger. 28-3c

SALE — Nice fat turkeys, ducks, dressed or on. Mrs. J. L. Smith, 315 N. Phone 752. 24-7c

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SALE: Attention Farmers! Sale of water well and building for sale. Call W. A. Equipment Co., 1994 City Bank Building, Telephone 72271, Wichita Falls, Tex. 50-4fo

SALE — Brick home, 7 1/2 baths. Low down payment. Phone 11133, after 5. 24-tfc

SALE—Good used piano. Furniture Co., phone 12. 8-4fc

SALE—4 door black Plymouth. One owner Call 219-R. 4-tfc

SALE — A part of North 9th, Durham Addition, \$250.00. Dr. O. M. Durbin, 20-tfc

Special Notices

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor,
I want to include this note in the Santa Claus letter. You know we, the John Badd family, sincerely appreciate the Memphis Democrat.

Mrs. V. G. Byars brother, wife and I and the four children visited last summer after being away for 18 years. I did visit my sister and her family in 1944 but the summer was the first time we had been back. The four children had never been out of town but one time, to south Texas when we visited there.

My wife and I and our four oldest children were born in Texas. You know the people out of Texas can't take Texas out of their hearts.

It was a thrill to visit in Durham and talk with Fanny Ruth Leggett. I remember her married (Editor's note: Mrs. Kirk, lives at Lakeview). We were together a long time. Her sister, Mrs. Lee Blanks, was my teacher in

my wife was John H. Noble's daughter, Mae. They lived in the Lake community.

When I want you to know I will never find a friendlier anywhere than you will in Hall County. Everyone is friendly (and had time to spare) as they were 18 years ago. I just don't find it that way in California. The people who are friendly here are people from Texas and Oklahoma.

When you happen to be at some place at noon, it's about 1:00 and you'll never be invited down and eat with them. We are glad to have you come and eat with them and talk with them.

When I went to the court to get three birth certificates and the ladies who took care of us were so nice and friendly it was hard to leave.

When we were receiving constant information about Joe Booth when he was unconscious so long from the effects of that awful accident and how the good people of County rallied to help all in every way they could. That way God intended it should help one another to bear the burden.

When anyone gets sick or dies you don't see the people get out and plow their crop for a while. If one dies and the people in bad circumstances, some usually a Texan or an Okie take up an offering for them. I'm sure that helps, but it is like it is there.

There is only one thing that



CHIMP CHAMP . . . Boxing chimpanzees performing with Bertram Mills circus troupe in London stage realistic bout.

holds us here and that is our home. About like a West Texas shack, but it's ours. I have been with the Superior Oil Company for about 11 years.

Memphis is still my home town, although I was raised around the Lesley community, and we are so appreciative of The Democrat for it gives us news from all over the country, as well as Lesley.

May God bless you, the editors, and may you have a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, and may Memphis grow and prosper and 1956 be the best year in the history of Hall County and all Texas.

This note (?) has turned out to be a newspaper, so I must close.

Sincerely,
John T. Badgett

Motorists Urged Not To Wreck Christmas Joy

"Don't wreck your Christmas celebration with a traffic accident!"

This plea was made to Texas drivers this week by E. C. McFadden of Dallas, president of the Texas Safety Association, as he urged them to support the current Holiday Hazards program of the Texas Safety Association, the Department of Public Safety, and the National Safety Council.

"Christmas falls on Sunday this year, which means that many people will make a holiday week-end trip to visit out-of-town relatives," McFadden said. "Such a trip can become a sad journey if the driver relaxes his vigilance for a moment."

He said the main hazards likely to threaten a holiday motor trip are: inclement weather which makes visibility poor and roadways treacherous, more hours of darkness, and the holiday mood which is likely to make drivers less alert than usual.

He offered these rules for a safe trip:

1. Plan your trip so that much of the driving as possible will be accomplished during the light hours of day.
2. Postpone your trip entirely when the weather is particularly rainy or snowy, or when sleet and hail is in the weather forecast. Be sure to consult a weather forecast for the area to which you

are driving.

3. Be certain that your car is in top mechanical condition before attempting to make and sort of a trip.
4. Use tire chains when the road is covered with snow or ice.
5. Most important of all: Adjust your speed to conditions.

Farmers are reminded that if farm machinery and equipment is cleaned, serviced and repaired before it is stored, its useful life can be extended and it will be ready to go next spring.

Income Tax Forms Will Be Mailed Dec. 27-Jan. 10

Income tax forms for 1955 and instructions to individual taxpayers will be mailed between December 27 and January 10 from Kansas City, H. B. Hamill of the Amarillo office announces. "Taxpayers should postpone their inquiries regarding these forms until after Jan. 10," he said.

"Taxpayers receiving blanks and instructions by mail should not misplace or discard them, but should save them for use in filing their tax returns, since the supply of instruction pamphlets is limited," he added.

A study of the new tax forms shows a few changes which make the return easier to complete. A new tax table for married taxpayers filing jointly eliminates the computation on the return for figuring tax on split incomes.

Farmers who file and pay estimated taxes by the Jan. 15, 1956,

deadline may also obtain the forms they require at the district and local offices. Most post offices have a supply of tax forms for local residents.

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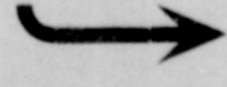
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R. S. Greene Home is Scene For 1913 Study Club Christmas Dinner

Members of the 1913 Study Club were entertained with a Christmas dinner party in the home of Mrs. R. S. Greene, 305 North Eleventh, on Tuesday evening. Serving as co-hostess with Mrs. Greene were Mmes. Frank Foxhall, Clyde Milam, Joe Montgomery and R. C. Walker.

Lovely Christmas decorations were featured throughout the spacious Greene home. The tall silver Christmas tree, noted at one end of the room and to the left of the fireplace, was aglow with multi-colored lights and bright yuletide ornaments. Other Christmas scenes and poinsettias were placed at vantage points in the room.

The delicious meal which included molded individual turkeys, cranberry salad, hot biscuits, creamed broccoli, anchovy pears, pickles, date loaf cake and coffee were served buffet style.

Following the meal, Miss Eudora Hawkins of Abilene, a guest speaker, gave a most inspiring program based on the Bible. She gave a vivid description of three of the outstanding women of the Bible told in story form, and then showed a film, "Holy Night." Shown in color, the film began with the prophecy of the coming of Christ and concluded with his birth.

Concluding the program a chor-

us composed of Mmes. D. L. C. Kinard, Mac Tarver, A. L. Galley, Gayle Greene, Clyde Milam and Bob Cooper sang, "Oh, Holy Night" accompanied at the piano by Mary Foreman.

The beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts which were placed beneath the Christmas tree were distributed by Mrs. Boyd Rogers, who gave an original verse to identify each recipient.

Enjoying this affair were Mesdames Bob Cooper, T. J. Dunbar, Herschel Combs, Leo Fields, H. A. Finch, Frank Foxhall, Ace Gailey, Gayle Greene, Clyde Milam, Joe Montgomery, Paul Montgomery, Boyd Rogers, Mills Roberts, M. G. Tarver, R. C. Walker, T. M. Harrison, Gene Lindsey and Miss Mary Foreman.

Local FHA Club Goes Caroling

The FHA Club met at 6:30 p. m. Dec. 14, at the home of Ann Tiner. After the group had assembled they went Christmas caroling singing at the hospitals and at homes of various shut-ins.

As the program, Linda Collins read the scripture reading. Ann Tiner sang "He" and Linda Leslie told a Christmas story, "Yesterday."

The club presented Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Daugherty and Mr. and Mrs. Gay Cawfield, club parents with gifts, and also the hosts for the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tiner.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cakes and cookies were served under the direction of the social committee composed of Audrey Beth Burnett, Carolyn Collins, Dorothy Moore, Mary Jane Jones, Shirley Reed and Ouida Massey.

Those present were Barbarr Winters, Elaine Clayton, Patsy Kennon, Ann Tiner, Ernestine Young, Evelyn Haire, Evelyn Kittrell, Lois Clark, Ouida Massey, Barbara Noah, Linda Sturdevant, Barbara Allen, Joyce Hull, Carol Callaway, Johnnie McWhorter, Kay Ferrel, Virginia Chappell, Sue Daugherty, Glenda Ellis, Linda Sue Widener, Barbara Widener, Dorothy Moore, Linda Leslie, Addie Lou Wells, Audrey Burnett, Carolyn Collins, Linda Collins, Guyula Cawfield and Peggy Shockley.

Guests were Francis Cawfield, Arnold Cawfield, and Mickey Daugherty. Writing inks were used by the Romans. A patronymic is a family name.

Philathea Class Enjoys Yuletide Party Thursday

Member of the Philathea Class of the First Baptist Church were entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Bill Miller last Thursday evening.

The Miller home was attractively decorated in keeping with the holiday season. Gifts were exchanged from a beautiful blue and white Christmas tree.

Mrs. Marion Long opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Theodore Swift brought the devotional from Luke and Mrs. Ed Hill told the story, "The Unexpected Christmas Guest." The group concluded the program by singing Christmas carols.

Lovely refreshments were served to two guests, Mrs. Ed Hill and Judy Miller, and the following members: Mmes. Frank Goffinet, Holland McMurry, Theo. Swift, Gene Corley, Claude DeBerry, Oris Gilbert, H. L. Gillespie, Marion Long and the hostess.

DEDICATION FROM FRIENDS TO MRS. NELL REED

"Near shady wall a rose once grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,
Watered and fed by morning dew,
Shedding its sweetness day and night.
As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height,
It came to a crevice in the wall,
Through which there shone a beam of light.
Onward it crept with added strength,
With never a thought of fear or pride
It followed the light through the crevice's length
And unfolded itself on the other side.
Scattering fragrance far and wide
Just as it did in days of yore
Just as it did on the other side
Just as it will for evermore."
—Author Unknown

Guests were Francis Cawfield, Arnold Cawfield, and Mickey Daugherty.

Writing inks were used by the Romans.

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Hutcherson Home Scene For Chili Supper Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hutcherson entertained members of the Methodist Sunday School Class with a chili supper on Sunday evening.

The meal, which was served buffet style, included Chili, spaghetti and cheese, avocado salad, beans, and pecan pit.

For the meal, the guests were seated at four-course tables which were attractively decorated in the yuletide motif. Noted at one end of the living room was a gaily decorated and lighted Christmas tree.

Following the meal, the group gathered around the piano to sing Christmas carols with Mary Frank Garrett accompanying at the piano. A Christmas story was then told by Miss Kathy Phillips.

The party was over in time for the group to attend the evening service at the church.

Enjoying this affair were James Freeman, Monta June Saye, Betty Lemons, Jean Foxhall, Jerry Hill, Audrey Beth Burnett, Tanya Flet-

B&PW Club Holds Annual Christmas Party Thursday

The B. and P. W. Club met in the home of Mrs. Billy Thompson Thursday evening for the annual Christmas party and tree.

The guests were served punch as they arrived. The house was beautifully decorated throughout with Christmas scenes and holiday decorations.

A short Christmas story, "A Man Who Missed Christmas" by Edgar Parks, was told by Mary Jameson after which she led the group in singing carols.

A real Santa presented the gift from a beautiful tree. As each guest received her gift, she gave

cher, Ann Spoon, Frankye Lynn Srygley, Jim Walker, Jerry McQueen, John Chamberlain, Mary Frank Garrett, Kathy Phillips, John Deaver, Grace Marie Sharp, Bobbie Lemons, Johnnie Hutcherson and Mary Jameson and hosts Mr. and Mrs. Hutcherson.

a short rhyme pertaining to the joys of Christmas.

A lovely refreshment plate with a Christmas corsage as plate favors, was served to the following: Mozelle Vandiver, Alice Crawford, Nell Beeson, Susie Coleman, Mollie Carlos, Connie Saye, Wilma Martin, Opal Curry, Mildred Williams, Mary Jameson, Tops Gilreath, Inez Mason, Una Loard, Martha Boren, Mary Smith, Billie Frisbie, Jo Ann Edwards, Ellie Martin, Wilma Leslie, and the hostess, Hatty Dem Thompson.

J. W. Noel of Weatherford is visiting here with his sisters, Mrs. Conley Ward and Mary Noel. He plans to be here until after the Christmas holidays.

Attend Funeral From Out Of Town

Out-of-town relatives attended funeral services for L. L. Foreman on Tuesday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Foreman of Warrensburg, Mo., and Mrs. Tommy C. Hill of Wyo., Mr. and Mrs. Virgil G. Carrick of Hillsboro, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Foreman and Mr. and Mrs. John Foreman and Mr. and Mrs. Mae Hobbs of Oklahoma City, Okla., were present.

A bissextile year is leap year.

Burnett Home Scene For Blue Bonnet Dinner

Mrs. John L. Burnett entertained members of the Blue Bonnet Needle Club with a Christmas dinner on Friday evening at her home, 1419 Brice.

A delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served.

Following the dinner, gifts were exchanged from a gaily decorated Christmas tree. Decorations all through the entertaining rooms were in keeping with the Yuletide season.

Enjoying this affair were Mesdames Clifton Burnett, J. W. Smith, Jack Boone, Roy Coleman, H. H. Lindsey, Otis Jones, Walter Hightower, Frank Monzingo, O. R. Goodall, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Boren and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Burnett.

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Let us again reaffirm our faith in God and be guided by the teachings of Christ to be charitable to our fellowmen.

Let us pray for the less fortunate, who exist under oppression, that they will have the strength and courage to cast off the yoke of tyranny and again become free men.

Let us ever be mindful of this great nation of ours, populated, governed and loved by its people of many racial origins and religious beliefs; but Americans all.

Let us pray that free nations of the world will stand united for universal peace and understanding with good will to all mankind.

In the true spirit of Christmas, we extend our cordial greetings to everyone, and hope that you and yours will have the best of everything when the New Year arrives.

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Mrs. T. L. Rouse Presents Pupils In Recital Saturday

Mrs. T. L. Rouse presented three pupils, Nedra Sue Miller, Deeda Hickey and Jay Lynn Phillips...

Mrs. D. C. Andrews, a guest read three Christmas poems in a very charming manner...

The following program was given: "Rustic Dance," "Little Lady" and "Silent Night..."

Refreshments of punch and cookies were served.

A Christmas tree with colored lights and red and white candles were used for decorations.

Leggitt Family Enjoys Yuletide Dinner Sunday

Members of the Leggitt family met for a Christmas dinner on Sunday at the Cyclone Drive Inn...

The dining room was decorated for the occasion featuring a holiday theme. Tables were centered with Christmas arrangements...

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Blanks of Lakeview, Mrs. Fan Kirk, Terrie and Tim of Lakeview, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Daniels and Karen of Lubbock...

Parnell Club Members Feature Christmas Party

The Parnell Club met Wednesday, Dec. 14, for a Christmas party in the club house...

Following the devotional which was given by Rita Hedrick, a variety of party games were enjoyed.

Members revealed Pollyanna names and gifts were exchanged from a gaily decorated Christmas tree.

Pie, coffee and Cokes were served to the following members: Mrs. Nelda Ferrel, Cordye Hood, Nita Weatherly, Lucille Cope, Lena Burk, Rita Hedrick, Gussie Mothershead, Colleen Burk, Lena Hill, Bessie Lathram, Myrtle Weatherly, Opal Winn, Earline Trapp, Dot Damron, Doris Bruce, Lois Weatherly, Nell Burk, Lena Freeze, Marie Johnson, Lottie Buchanan, May Weatherly, Jo Ann Potts, Elizabeth Neely, Mary Lou Lathram, Roxie Orcutt, Frances Wheeler, Bertha Moorehead, and Annabel Boney.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors for your kindness to us in our sad hour.

We are indeed grateful for the beautiful floral offerings and for the food that was served. May God's blessing be upon you, is our prayer.

The family of Winfred Doyle Russell

Mrs. J. L. Smith has returned from visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed Krouse, and family in Victoria, Texas. En route home she stopped in Dallas and visited Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Jenkins.

Letters To Santa

Newlin, Texas Dec. 21, 1955

Dear Santa, I am a little boy almost four years old. I want a John Deere tractor with an umbrella and trailer, a guitar, guns, fruit, candy and nuts.

Love, Gary Michael Morrison

Memphis, Texas Dec. 20, 1955

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl three and one-half years old and have tried to be good.

Please bring me a walking doll, doll bed and ironing board just like my mommie's.

I have a little brother 17 months old and he would like to have a tractor tricycle and a pounding board.

Please do not forget all the other little boys and girls.

Love, Arlisa and David McBe

Lakeview, Texas Dec. 20, 1955

Dear Santa Claus, I am 10 years old and live at Lakeview. I want a basketball, white Bible that zips up, a necklace, moccasins, fruit, nuts and candy.

Please remember all the girls and boys in my class and my teacher, Mrs. Smith.

Love, Carol Jo Long

French is the chief language of Haiti.

Mercury is the swiftest moving

Services Held For George Price

Services for Charles G. Price, former resident of the Newlin community, were held at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning in the Newlin cemetery...

Graveside rites were conducted by Simmons-Noel American Legion Post of Memphis.

Members of the post served as pallbearers.

Spicer Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Price died Saturday in the Veterans Hospital at Houston and funeral rites were held there on Monday afternoon.

Mr. Price was 59 years old. He was born in Childress County, Nov. 20, 1896 and, with his parents, lived in the Newlin community for a number of years.

He was a member of the armed forces for more than 19 years and

Memphis, Texas Dec. 21, 1955

Dear Santa, I am four years old and trying to be real good. I want a red bicycle and a gun.

My little sister, Carol, is two years old and she wants a new dolly, a new dress and panties, and anything else you have.

Bring Mark's and Gary's presents to Mimi's. They live in Amarillo but will be here. Don't forget Tom, Jonna and Bruce. They are my cousins.

We love you, Joe Edd and Carol Godfrey

Survivors include: his widow, Mrs. Annett Price of Houston; a son, Gery Price of Corpus Christi; his father, Odie K. Price of Huntsville, Tex.; a brother, Dave Price of Fort Worth; a sister, Mrs. Irene Hendrix of Shreveport, La.; and an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Nelson of Memphis.

Banks To Close At Noon Saturdays

The Memphis and Lakeview banks will begin closing at noon Saturdays, starting this week. They have been remaining open until 3 p. m., during the fall, to accommodate customers.

We wish you the greatest happiness that comes with sharing Christmas with friends and neighbors and with sharing the Holiday with Him,



Merry Christmas

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SUGAR PURE CANE 10 lb. Bag 95c

Season's Greetings!

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Editorial

A Poor Boy's Impact On The World

It is approximately 2,000 years ago that a boy was born in Bethlehem to a poor and relatively unknown couple. The family did not live at Bethlehem but the boy's parents had gone there to be taxed, as commanded by Caesar Augustus. Many others were there for the same purpose. Because of this the couple was unable to obtain lodging in the inn and had to stay in a nearby stable. So, it was that when the infant arrived, he had to be laid in a manger.

But from this humble and unpromising beginning, the boy grew in wisdom and stature, until at the age of twelve, he astonished all that saw his understanding manner and heard his answers to questions from his elders. Nevertheless, he continued to help his father do carpenter work until he was thirty years old. Then it was that he started the career for which he had been destined, a career that was to end in death three years later.

Despite the brevity of the time allotted to him, however, he was to make declarations that were deathless and continue to be sources of inspiration and strength to generation after generation down to the present day. Among them are:

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. . . .
Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. . . .
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. . . .
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

"Judge not, that ye not be judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

"He that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."

"Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places."

"I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came to me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The one who spoke the above words had only the clothes on his back, never had a home of his own or any other worldly possessions, was frequently ridiculed for his beliefs and teachings, and finally gave up his life for his convictions, but down through the centuries since his death, has been one of the greatest influences the world has known.

No one knows exactly when Jesus, the great and understanding teacher and healer, was born but men have designated December 25 as the date when they will pay him honor. And so, millions throughout the world will again take time on Sunday to commemorate His name. Observance of the occasion should be in accord with its significance.



Read Your Bible

By HARRY GRAHAM

TOO LEGALISTIC

Very often the churches of Christ are accused of being too legalistic in their efforts to preach and teach every single command of the scriptures.

What mathematician would allow another to affirm that 2 plus 3 equals 6; or 1 plus 1 equals 3; or 2 plus 5 equals 6? These are all false! Is one 'too legalistic' when he denies the truth in them?

What doctor would allow a patient to take 1 ounce of strychnine? Is he 'too legalistic' when he forbids his patient exercising this unheard of liberty?

Is the sergeant 'too legalistic' when he demands the company to march ahead when he says, "forward march?" Is the abstract examiner 'too legalistic' when he shows you a fallacy in your abstract of title?

Is the income tax expert 'too legalistic' when he fills out your tax according to the law?

Is a preacher 'too legalistic' when he teaches exactly what the Bible says? The mathematician, doctor, sergeant, abstract examiner, and tax expert would be traitors to their professions and unacceptable to society if they did not adhere scrupulously to the known standard of their particular works.

The preacher who deviates from Holy Writ is likewise a traitor to God and should be unacceptable to society.

The scriptures plainly teach:
Faith in Christ is needed. (Jno. 9:24)
Repentance must follow faith, (Acts 2:38)
Confession of Christ must be made. (Rom. 10:9-10)
Baptism puts us into Christ and cleanses us from our past sins. (Gal. 3:26-27; Acts. 22:16)
Faithfulness unto Christ must be our watchword. (Rev. 2:10)

If we are 'too legalistic' then the Lord is 'too legalistic' for nothing is taught by us that has not been recorded by inspiration (II Pet. 1:19-21)

Church of Christ

YE EDITOR WISHES YOU--



Press Paragraphs—

QUOTING OUR NEIGHBORS

Holiday Fire Hazards

With the advent of the holiday season this year, we all should keep a well-focused eye on our Christmas decorations. December perennially is the big month for fires.

I only takes a few minutes to check over your decorations and other fire hazards to make sure chances of combustion are minimized. Those few minutes could save the grief that always follows burning homes.

Fire isn't an empty threat. During the past month the Dimmitt Fire Department has been called out repeatedly at all hours of the day and night. And nationally speaking, December beats November hands down on the number of fires.

The national Board of Fire Underwriters sets down several rules every year for the prevention of Christmas fires. They make good sense and should be followed for your own protection. Some of the rules are as follows:

- 1. Choose a small tree rather than a large one.
2. Store it outdoors until shortly before Christmas.
3. When you bring it in, stand it in water and set it in a cool part of the house, away from all radiators, heaters and fireplaces. Don't let it block an exit.
4. Be sure every lighting set and electric cord you use is in good condition—no worn or frayed wires, no loose sockets. (Naturally, you never use candles!)
5. When you buy new sets of cords, look for the UL label. The ones that bear it have passed Underwriters Laboratories tests for fire and shock hazards.
6. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning tree lights on and off.
7. Ornaments should be made of fireproof materials, like metal or glass. Never decorate with cotton or paper unless they are labeled "fireproof" or "flameproof."
8. Never set up electric train under the tree!
9. Don't let gift wrappings pile up under or near the tree. Don't leave tree light burning when no one is home.
10. From time to time see whether needles near the lights have strated to turn brown. If so, change the position of the lights.
11. When needles start to fall, take the tree down and discard it—outdoors!

These are sensible rules, and although they may seem somewhat stereotyped, they are sound. We often forget that although we've only used Christmas lights for three or four seasons, they are actually three or four years old and consequently subject to damage in handling and through rotting. Fires from electrical shorts are common and wiring can generate quite a bit of heat when burning. Just don't take chances and keep your wiring new and in good shape around your Christmas tree and this Yuletide season can be a happy one. —Castro County News, Dimmitt

Fertilizer sales in Texas during 1954-55 topped last year's only by five per cent. The total sales amounted to 588,061 tons. Mixed fertilizers accounted for 52 per cent of the total and nitrogenous materials, superphosphates and ammoniated phosphates for 48 per cent.

Ruining Land

Floyd County people, if they keep working at it long enough, will "starve to death" and ruin their land, trying to get rich off of cotton and maize. That's what outsiders, with an impersonal point of view, say of us. That may be right. We know there are crops that do pay more than cotton or maize and as a corollary, people of this county can do anything they have to do. We have the land for cotton and maize, it is true, and we are "hooked up" to raise them more efficiently than anybody else. Also, it is the most human thing to resist change. On the other hand, right along with death and taxes, change is the one thing you can expect whether:

you like it or not.

Most of us are the descendants of men who helped "wear out" the blackland prairies of Texas and many of us are the sons and daughters of forebearers who date back even further, to the desolation of the sandy farms and pine forests of deep east Texas. Now, apparently, we are trying to do the same thing in the same way to the rich lands that overlie the high plains plateau. If we succeed, as it is charged, perhaps our descendants can find some good cotton land in South America to despoil. Reports have it that some of the most promising virgin soil, adapted to cotton, is there. And they have no acreage control, no allotments to worry with.—Floyd County Hesperian, Floydada

A "piece of eight" was worth about a dollar.



Memories
Turning Back Time
From
The Democrat Files

31 Years Ago
Dec. 18, 1931

2 PATROLMEN ARE DETAILED HERE BY THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT — G. A. Freese and E. C. White, state highway patrolmen, have been assigned to this territory with Memphis as their permanent headquarters. Freese came to Memphis Saturday, while White arrived Tuesday. They will patrol all highways in this territory, extending to Wichita Falls, Amarillo and Lubbock, where the nearest patrols are located.

The patrolmen were placed here by the highway department to enforce all highway laws and to aid in preventing as many accidents on the highway as possible.

GREENE DRY GOODS STORE AT ESTELLINE ROBBED ON SUNDAY — The Greene Dry Goods Store at Estelline was burglarized early Sunday morning, according to R. S. Greene. Between \$800 and \$1,000 worth of merchandise was taken, including men's suits, overcoats and Stetson hats, and ladies coats and dresses, Greene stated.

Entrance to the building was gained through the front door by cutting a hole in the wood large enough for the burglar or burglars to reach inside and turn the night latch, it was reported. The merchandise was carried out the front door to a vehicle some 100 yards away, officers believe, since two hats were found at a point about that distance from the store.

STRICTLY PERSONAL — Mrs. M. R. Granberry of Cumby, Tex., came here Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. T. M. Harrison. . . . Carl Denny of Childress spent Sunday here with his mother, Mrs. B. F. Denny. . . . Miss Cornelia McCanne visited friends in Amarillo the past weekend. . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Stout went to Vernon Saturday where they visited Mrs. Stout's brother, W. B. Howell and family. From there they went to Alford to visit Mrs. Stout's sister, Mrs. O. B. Quarles, and family.

15 Years Ago
Dec. 19, 1940

THUMBS DOWN ON ROAD BONDS — Hall County voters failed to muster the two-thirds

majority necessary to pass a \$100,000 road bond issue. The issue was opposed by 216, or a total of 2,600 eligible to participate in the election.

The bonds were to be paid by the state agreed to be paid on both the principal and interest. Funds derived from the sale of bonds were to be spent on a road north of Estelline, east of Memphis, previously designated as state ways.

FIREWORKS IGNITE YOUNG MERCHANT'S STORE — Young Hale, who went into business himself with fireworks he was offering for sale, saw his store go up in smoke when the fireworks were accidentally exploded Tuesday afternoon.

Those walking on the nearby began dodging and was hurt. Later in the day a group of businessmen contributed to fund to put young Wayne in business.

STRICTLY PERSONAL — Mrs. Cheek who lives near Brice was a business visitor in Memphis Monday. . . . Mrs. Leary of Estelline was a business visitor Wednesday in Amarillo. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith and daughter Nita of Abilene are visiting the O. M. Cosby home this week. . . . Mrs. J. O. Stiles was a visitor in Memphis Tuesday. . . . Mrs. C. Z. Stiles left last Thursday for Beaumont, Calif., where she will spend the winter with her brother, Cummings.

Demonstrations in all parts of the state are proving the value of soil testing. Now is the time to submit soil samples from fields where next year's crop will be planted. See the local agent for details on soil testing.

Pork, beef and grapefruit are the USDA's January Food List. Fourteen major items are listed.

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Letters To Santa Claus

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 19, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am seven years old. I am in the second grade.
I want a road set and a Davy Crockett suit.

Love,
Gary Lynn Sweatt

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 19, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old.
Please bring me a saxophone for Christmas.

Love,
Candy McQueen

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 19, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a girl. I am in the second grade. I am seven years old. I go to Travis School.
I want a Terry Lee doll and some skates.

Love,
Charlotte Jones

NOTICE

My office will be closed from December 22 through December 26.

DR. LEON F. TAYLOR

Model Auto Service
Harry Aspgrin

Trinidad, Colo.
Dec. 15, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl four years old. I have been a good little girl. I help my mother clean house but her mop is too big, so I would like a little mop. Also a doll and doll dishes, and Santa, if you have one to spare, I would like a blackboard so I can learn to write.

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 20, 1955

Dear Santa,
Don't forget the other boys and girls and my little brother, Carol. I hope to see you at my grand mother Saunders' Christmas eve.

Love,
Connie Lynn Smith

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 19, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl three years old. Would you please bring me a doll, some doll clothes, a doll bed and a telephone?
I would like to have some candy and fruit.
Please don't forget the other little boys and girls.

I love you,
Dana Lynn Kesterson

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 19, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a boy eight years old. I want a BB gun and a two gun scabbard.

Your friend,
Don Hightower

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 19, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a boy seven years old. I go to Travis School.
I want a bicycle and a pair of boxing gloves.
I live in Memphis, Texas.

Love,
Mike Lowe

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 19, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a boy.
I want a football, a football suit and a football helmet.

Love,
Larry Parks

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 19, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a girl. I am seven years old.
I want a doll.

Love,
Janie Simmons

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 19, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a boy and I am eight years old.
Please bring me an electric train and an erector set.

Love,
Gary Gentry

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 19, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a girl six years old. I want a Tony doll, baton, a pair of skates and a kitten. I would also like a billfold.
Ben Ed wants a book, a gun and a toy duck. He wants a pull toy train.

We love you,
Amy and Ben Ed Hillhouse

There were 74 men on the Mayflower.

Lakeview, Texas
Dec. 19, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am three years old, and I have been a pretty good little girl.
Please bring me a pair of cowboy boots, a set of guns and scabbards, and a western hat.
Don't forget my brother, Brady. He wants a football and a guitar.
Remember all the good boys and girls everywhere Christmas.

Love,
Brenda Durrett

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May the spirit of
CHRISTMAS bring you
Peace and Happiness

Among the blessings of the passing year our most valued one is the friendship and good will of those we serve.

It is a privilege at this happy season to express our appreciation and to wish you a Merry Christmas.

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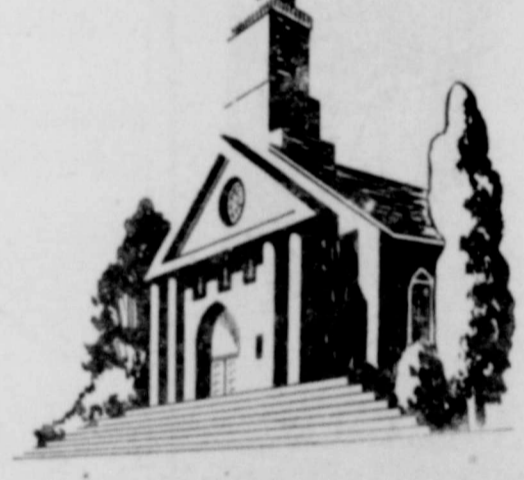
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CHRISTMAS



We can think of no better time to express sincere thanks and appreciation to all our friends and customers who have been so very kind to us, especially during the last few months.

Our sincere wish is that, under HIS DIVINE GUIDANCE, each of you, our friends, may experience a joyous Christmas season and that you may grow stronger in HIS WAY so that your life may be ever more enriched, more fruitful and more rewarding both to you and to those near and dear to you.

GREETINGS

Lestie's

BILL LINDA WILMA
KAY CELIA

Letters To Santa Claus

4541 Bancroft Street
San Diego 6, Calif.
Dec. 17, 1955

Dec. 17, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy three years old, and have tried to be good this year.

I would like for you to bring me a little tractor and some clothes, candy, fruit and nuts. I would also like to have a little train.

Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Love,
Randy Phillips

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 17, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl four and one-half years old. I have been a pretty good girl this year.

I would like a big walking doll, a little play watch, some candy and nuts.

Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Love,

Fredia Markham

P. S. My sister helped me write this letter.

please bring me a whistle for my baby brother, anything else you have?

my house in San Diego I'll be waiting for you.

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 18, 1955

I am a little girl six years old. I have a Tiny Tears and a pair of skates.

Bring my little sister Debby and a tricycle. Bring some boys and girls some-thing, too.

Love you, Santa,
Phyllis Thomas

No Snow Here



PALM SPRINGS, CALIF. — The swallows may return to Capistrano but the beauties return here. The one shown above is at the pool of the El Mirador with its famed Tower of The Stars in the background.

LOCALS

Mrs. J. C. Hoover spent the weekend in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Horrold visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Jackson over the weekend. Their son, Steve, returned home with them after a week's visit with his grandparents.

Butch Adeock, Daryl Long, and Robert Allen Hodges left Wednesday for Denton to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Andrews and daughter left Wednesday for Lubbock to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Gardenhire of Lakeview were visitors in Childress Saturday.

J. C. Bownds of Big Springs spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Mary Bownds.

E. H. Wherry was reported improving Monday. Mr. Wherry has been confined to a local hospital for the past two weeks suffering with a heart condition.

Mrs. J. O. Fitzjarrald and daughter Kathrine are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wherry and Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Fitzjarrald.

M. O. Goodpasture spent the weekend with his son, Henry Goodpasture and family in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jones of Slaton visited here Monday and Tuesday with their daughter, Mrs. Bill Leslie, and family.

Mrs. Estelle Barber spent the weekend in Wichita Falls with her son, Lt. and Mrs. Douglas Barber and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Coldiron and Fleta, and Mrs. T. E. Davis visited in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tuggles over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Whaley of McLean spent the weekend in Memphis with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lott and children of Bryan are here for the Christmas holidays. They are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jude Gable, who are the parents of Mrs. Lott.

Rev. John Howard Bridges arrived Wednesday from Santa Maria, Calif., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bridges over the holidays. Rev. Bridges is pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ferrel, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ferrel, Jr., and John visited in Childress Sunday afternoon.

Peggy Smith, a student at T. W. U., is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kent Eddins visited in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. Jett Mason, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ansil Adamson of Hedley visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kilpatrick Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Breedlove and son Mike of Wellington, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Breedlove Sunday.

Don Paul Howell and Malcolm Martin arrived home from Allen Military academy Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays. Don Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Howell and Malcolm is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Martin.

Mrs. J. H. Wright and Mrs. Nell Curtis of Estelina and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Couch of Parnell visited Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Stout. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Curtis are sisters of Mr. Stout and Mrs. Couch is a niece. The group also visited Mr. Couch's father, who was receiving treatment at a local hospital.

Mrs. A. W. Howard, who has been visiting in Florida for the past several months with her sisters, returned home last week. En route here she visited in Oklahoma City, Okla., with relatives and at other points in Oklahoma with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Burks of Tulsa visited here over the weekend with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morris, Jr., and family of Amarillo spent the weekend here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Verner Phillips spent the past weekend in Amarillo visiting with her son, Grady Phillips and daughter, Diana Sue, appeared.

In this land of ours, we are stirred and inspired by the true meaning of this great, joyous festival of Christmas time. In its spiritual meaning it is the greatest of all occasions... and in the solemn spirit of the day we pray that all peace-loving humanity everywhere may join in devout and sincere adoration of the Child of Bethlehem.



Merry Christmas

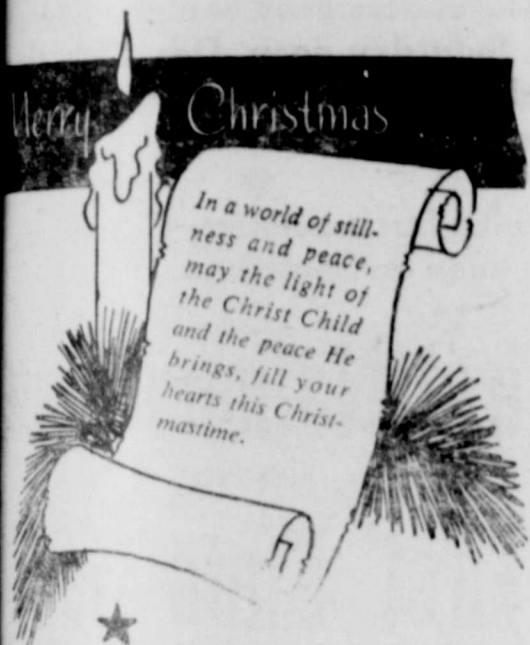
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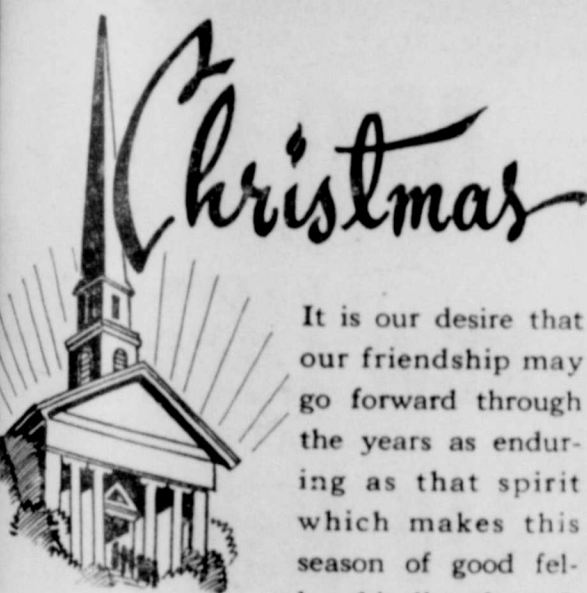
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Lakeview, Texas
Dec. 17, 1955

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy five years old. I have been pretty good even if my five sisters say I haven't.

Santa, I would like for you to bring me a football suit, an Indian tent, a shaving set and an aviator cap; also, lots of fruit, candy, and nuts.

And don't forget my two little nieces and little nephew, and sweet little sisters.

I love you,
Mickey Wayne Nabers

3517 29th Street
Lubbock, Texas
December 16, 1955

Dear Santa,

We have moved since last year so please note our new address.

This year, Martha Beth and I want a Davy Crockett rifle, belt and horn, a new holster and pistols, a Davy Crockett Alamo, a set of horse shoes, a black board, an airplane, some clothes and candy.

Thank you for all the things you brought me last year. I have had lots of fun playing with them.

Please don't forget all the other children.

Love,
John Lynn Gordon

3517 29th Street
Lubbock, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Do you remember me from last year? I was just a baby then, but I am a big girl now.

Kay is coming to visit us on Christmas, so bring her things to our house.

Please bring me a doll, doll high chair, table and chairs, a bank, a doll stroller, a can can slip, an xylophone, some new clothes and anything else you want to bring me.

Love,
Martha Beth Gordon

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn T. Stilwell and daughters Vania and Deborah of Madison, Ind., are vacationing here with his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. L. A. Stilwell. They plan to be here through the New Year's holidays.

May every Christmas blessing
Bring happiness your way
As church bells ring
And choirs sing
That Christ is born today.



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Love which is
Christmas



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May all the Peace of Christmas-time abide forever in your heart and give, through your Faith in Him, a lasting joy.



Holiday Greetings

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May the true spirit of Christmas bring you peace and happiness

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Funeral Services At Shamrock For Mrs. Ed Wallace

Funeral services for Mrs. Ed R. Wallace of Shamrock, former Memphis resident, were conducted at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the First Methodist Church of Shamrock, of which she was an active member. Officiating was Rev. Frank Beauchamp, pastor.

Mrs. Wallace, 83 years old, died Monday morning in the Shamrock General Hospital. She was the wife of Rev. Ed R. Wallace, a Methodist circuit minister. The family lived here many years ago.

Mrs. Wallace was born near Springbank, Ark., Jan. 14, 1872. Before her marriage to Mr. Wallace at Lingleville, Erath County, Tex., Aug. 16, 1891, she was Mary Edna Davis.

Mr. Wallace is a pioneer Texas minister-author and for many years Mrs. Wallace assisted him in his work as a circuit minister. During the time her husband was active in the ministry, they lived in a number of Panhandle communities. They had been living at Shamrock since 1931.

Among survivors are: her husband, two daughters, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a half sister.

Interment was in the Shamrock cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bridges and their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bridges and children of Santa Maria, Calif., will leave Friday for Houston where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bridges, Jr., and family, and Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Smith and family.

Morgan Baker is receiving treatment in a local hospital this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Crow of Albuquerque, N. M., visited here over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Baker.

School Census

(Continued from Page 1, Sec. 1) and also will enable the county superintendent's office to have the correct data on such children before the information is sent to state offices.

"If inaccurate information is sent into the state, it is almost impossible to have it corrected," Miss Foreman declared. "Once it is placed on the state rolls, that's the way it stays."

Parents of all children should double-check information before they turn it in before affixing their signatures to census forms, in order to prevent those mistakes which will result in trouble later on.

Those parents who have handicapped children are asked to cooperate with enumerators in providing such information because in many instances, certain types of help is available for the youngsters on the state level.

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Conservation

(Continued from Page 1, Sec. 1) \$8,0160 per foot; Large water spreading terraces, \$0.225 per foot.

Constructing diversion terraces, five cents per cubic yard.

Constructing erosion control dams, nine cents per cubic yard.

Reorganizing irrigation system, approximately 50 per cent of the cost of pipe.

Leveling land for irrigation, 50 per cent of actual cost not to exceed \$15 per acre.

Establishing winter legumes, 50 per cent of cost and seed.

Deep plowing 18 inches or deeper, \$5.00 per acre.

Due to conditions beyond the control of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee, the county handbook will not be available until early in January, McKown said. When the handbook is ready, it will be mailed to each farmer on the Hall County A. S. C. mailing list. The handbook will contain a more detailed outline of the 1956 Agricultural Conservation program, he office manager explained.

Former Memphis Resident's Father Dies At Clarendon

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Death came to him at his home in Clarendon early Saturday night.

Born Sept. 22, 1877, he was married to Julia Ellen Crawford, Aug. 30, 1899, and had been a resident of Clarendon for 60 years.

Survivors, other than the son, include: the widow; two daughters, Mrs. L. E. Moreman and Mrs. Sam Robertson, both of Amarillo; another son, L. T. Shelton of Clarendon; and eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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Callaway, Saied's; Virginia Chapel, Memphis Tire & Supply; Lois Ann Clark, Magnolia Service Station; Elaine Clayton, Harrison Hardware; Linda Collins, Chaney-Nix Service Station; Mattie Lou Copeland, Raymond Ballew; Pat Davis, Memphis Compress; Kay Ferrel, Ferrel Bros.; Evelyn Haire, Wood Bros.; Joyce Hull, Jackson Laundry; Patsy Kennon, Field's Fruit Co.; Linda Leslie, Leslie Floral Shop; Johnnie McWhorter, Lindsey Taylor Shop; Glenda Nish, Memphis Lumber; Linda Sturdevant, Memphis Frozen Food; Linda Widener, Omer Hill Elevator; Francis Wright, Beeson's Cleaners; and Ernestine Young, Monzingo Tractor Co.

Completing the list of entrants in seventh and eighth grade competition and sponsors were: Pat Anthony, Memphis Compress; Jo Beth Barnes, Alamo Service Station; Paula Blevins, First State Bank; Charlotte Clayton, Burlington-Long Service Station; Jackie Crawford, Ayers Furniture Store; Mary Crawford, Potts Chevrolet; Shari Gentry, McNally Insurance; Betty Gidden, Wright's Service Station; Sharon Kay Hooser, Dursum Pharmacy; Lena Kate Hutcheson, First National Bank; Shirley Kennon, C and F Grocery; Betty Melton, Guthrie Pheasant Farm; Judy Miller, Memphis Democrat; Carolyn Montgomery, West Texas Utilities; Trina Nelson, Wm. Cameron Lumber; Naomi Perrell, Foxhall Motor; Joy Phillips, Magnolia Oil Company; Linda Kay Saye, Cyclone Drive Inn; Walter Smith, Gordon's Old Fashioned Freeze; Kay Stilwell, Gene Corley Barber Shop; Jean Vallance, Odum Hospital; and Priscilla Wright, Waples-Platter Co.

safe-cracking netted the burglars \$129, according to the officer.

The fifth forced entry was discovered at Hickey Motor Company about noon. A window had been broken on the south side of the building, to effect the entrance. A safe was rolled from the office to a rest room at the back. Using a cutting torch, belonging to the firm, the burglars cut the safe door open and then pried out the combination. Baten said that Gerald Hickey, owner of the firm, estimated his loss at from \$50 to \$70. Hickey's 16-gauge shotgun was found near the safe. It was jammed, Baten explained, when the thieves attempted to load it with some 12-gauge shells. The sheriff went on to say that a loaded .30-30 rifle was found by a safe at an earlier burglary at Burk Burnett.

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Rotarians Schedule Annual College Day

Members of the Memphis Rotary Club will honor college students of Memphis and surrounding area when they have their annual college day luncheon and program at noon Tuesday, according to Ben Parks, president of the club. Boys of the Memphis High School senior class also will be guests of the Rotarians. The luncheon meeting will be held in the Masonic Hall dining room.

Invitations have been sent to approximately 75 collegians, Supt. W. C. Davis, who is in charge of the college phase of the program, said Tuesday. If any college students fail to receive invitations, however, Rotary members want them to know that they will be welcome at Tuesday's luncheon. All students who plan to attend are requested to notify Parks to this effect, either by mail or calling 46.

Bob Magness, program chairman, has announced Rev. T. W. Guthrie, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Vernon, will be the principal speaker.

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"CHICAGO SYNDICATE"
Dennis O'Keefe
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Sat. Night Prev. -Sun. Mon.
"NOT AS A STRANGER"
Robert Mitchum
Olivia de Havilland

Tue. -Wed. -Thurs.
"ONE DESIRE"
(Technicolor)
Anne Baxter
Rock Hudson

RITZ
Friday Bargain Night
"THUNDER IN EAST"
Alan Ladd
Deborah Kerr
Chapter 3
'Seahound'

Saturday
"MAN FROM TEXAS"
James Craig
Lynn Bari
Chapter 8
'Dick Tracy'

—Sunday Matinee—
"FRANCIS JOINS THE NAVY"
Donald O'Connor
Martha Hyer

Tue. -Wed. -Thurs.
"The Shrike"
Jose Ferrer
June Allyson

Lee Griffin Dies At Prescott, Ariz.

Lee Griffin, who lived here at one time, died Dec. 7, in the Veteran's Hospital at Prescott, Ariz. He was 65 years old.

Mrs. Griffin is the sister of O. S. Callahan, who lives in the Harrell Chapel community. Prior to her marriage here in 1920, she was Lelia Callahan. The Griffins had lived at Prescott.

Funeral services for Mr. Griffin were held at Prescott, by burial there.

Mr. Griffin came to Memphis in 1919 and was in the business in 1921 and 1922. He was born at Livingston, Mo., in 1854.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion.

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COFFEE, Folgers, 1 lb. 93c; 2 lbs. \$1.84
MILK, All Kinds, Small 7c; Lgs. 14c
CRISCO or SPRY, 3 lb. can 84c
Wesson OIL, Pint bottle 35c
SALT, Morton's Round Box 11c
Schillings BLACK PEPPER, 1 1/2 oz., 14c; 4 oz. 29c
Schillings VANILLA, 2 oz. 39c; 4 oz. 75c
JELLO, All Flavors, 2 Pkgs. 17c
Mince MEAT, White Swan, Box 22c
DATES, Dromedary, Pkg. 19c
Shelled PECAN HALVES, 7 oz. 69c; 14 oz. \$1.32
CHEWING GUM, All Kinds, 3 Pkgs. 10c
Heinz CATCHUP, Lge. Bottle 25c
BABO or AJAX Cleanser, 2 cans 25c
SOAP POWDER, all kinds, lg. 31c; giant 74c
TOILET PAPER, Scott Tissue, 2 rolls 23c
Aluminum FOIL, Roll 28c
Paper NAPKINS, 80 Count, 2 Pkgs. 27c
Pineapple JUICE, 46 oz. Cans 32c
Ranch Style CHILI BEANS, 2 cans 27c
SPINACH, H D or Dm., Lge. Can 14c
TOMATOES, Our Value, 2 cans 25c
Irvington Club Whole GREEN BEANS, can 28c
Campbells SOUP, Tomato 12c; Vegetable 15c
Campbells SOUP, All 20c Cans 18c
PEACHES, H D. Lge. Cans 35c
PEARS, H D. Med. Can 27c; Lge. Can 39c
FRUIT COCKTAIL, HD. Med. Can 25c; Lge. can 39c
Crushed PINEAPPLE, Flat Cans 16c; No. 2 Cans 29c
Sliced Pineapple, Flat Cans 17c; No. 2 Cans 33c
Sweet Potatoes, East Texas, 2 lbs. 15c
Fresh Cocoanuts, Lg. Size, each 15c
CRANBERRIES, fresh stock, 1 lb. celo 23c
CARROTS, celo pkg. 12c
LETTUCE, lg. heads, each 15c
CELERY, green Pascal, stalk 16c
GRAPEFRUIT, Ruby Red, 3 for 19c
Washington Red Delicious APPLES, lb. 17c
PORK CHOPS, nice fresh, lb. 39c
Sliced BACON, all kinds, 2 lb. pkg. 96c
Sliced BACON, Corn Kine or Gold Coin, lb. 43c
Puffin or Gladiola BISCUITS, 2 cans 21c
Frozen ORANGE JUICE, can 18c
Borden's ICE CREAM, pints 25c; 1/2 gal. 83c
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Santa Claus Asked To Bring Wide Variety Of Presents

<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 6, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa Claus, It is hard for me to wait for Christmas to see you but you are busy making toys in your pack. I want two things this year so that should leave toys for the other boys. I want a Madame Alibi with hose and high-heeled shoes and a navy blue taffeta. I also want an interphone set. Thank you for my gift. I have taken good care of it. I've tried to be good in the first grade and I'm learning things every day. I want some fruit and my stockings and I love you and you know I'll be good to see you. Love, Connie Childress</p> <p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 18, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a picture of you, and a Tiny Tears doll, a bicycle, and an operator. Your friend, Sarah Ann Holland</p> <p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 12, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am a little boy seven years old in the first grade. I want a pumping car, a BB gun, a ball, and a Davy Crockett toy train, a bow and arrow, and a set of drums. Love from, Gary Dale Graham</p>	<p>Route 1 Lakeview, Texas Dec. 10, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a BB gun, a Davy Crockett suit and a wagon. I have tried to be very good. Don't forget my sisters. Judy wants a make-up kit like mommy's set with all kinds of make-up. Also a teddy bear. Norma wants a basketball. Dell wants a tennis racket; Jean wants an eye-lash curler and a jewelry box with jewelry. Don't forget Ray, mother, daddy and Edward. Also Pauline and Algie. Love, a friend, Roy Whitehead</p> <p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 12, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa Claus, I am a very small boy only one and one-half years old, and a pretty good boy. As you will be in my neighborhood anyway, I want you to stop by. I want a red tricycle, cars, large ball, and I like candy very much, too. Please remember all my little friends. Thank you lots, Tenny Duane Wynn</p> <p>Route 2 Lakeview, Texas Dec. 18, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am a little boy seven years old in the first grade. I want a truck and a Teddy bear, some candy, nuts, and fruit. I have been a pretty good little boy. I hope you don't forget the other little boys and girls. Your friend, James Darrell Elkins</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 18, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl six years old. I have been good. I would like to have a Sweet Sue doll, dress and rubber foam pillows. Please don't forget my little brother and all the other boys and girls. Your friend, Eva Ann Glosson</p> <p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 15, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am a little boy three years old. I've been a good boy. Bring me a train, a doll, guns and holsters, a tractor. Also bring me some nuts and candy and be sure to go see all the other children. Love, Kenneth Bob Porter</p> <p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 12, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am a little girl in the second grade. I want a walking doll. I want a doll house and a desk. Love from, Ruby Freiler</p> <p>4117 S. Jackson Anarillo, Texas</p> <p>Dear Santa, We have been pretty good for boys, aged two and five. Randy wants a new tricycle and I would like a new tire for my bike you bought last year. We both want a big guitar and boots. We will hang our stockings for any small toys you'd like to leave and fruit and candy. Lots of love, Rex and Randy Vandiver</p>	<p>Lesley, Texas Dec. 6, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am a little boy four years old and I have been pretty good. Please bring me an Army truck with a cannon, a truck with a searchlight, a service truck, a jeep with a trailer, and a giant farm. Don't forget the other little kids. Love, Jimmy Carroll Fowler</p> <p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 7, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a blackboard, gun holster set, an airplane that winds up, U. S. Air Force men, there are 500 in the trunk, a train, boy and arrow. Santa, I have tried to be a good little boy this year. I am in the first grade. Always your friend, Santa, Clarence Melton, Jr. P. O. Box 100 Norfolk, Va. Dec. 7, 1955</p> <p>2125 Halsey Ave. Norfolk, Va. Dec. 7, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am a little girl eight years old. I would like you to bring me a Betsy Wetsy doll, a Doll-E Nurse, a toy typewriter, a twelve inch globe, a Chinese Checkers game, a Doll-E-Layette, a cash register. Diane is my sister. She is four. She would like a Betsy Wetsy doll, a Doll-E-Shopper, a Cootie, a Slinky train, and magic paper dolls and Lincoln logs. Love, Sandra and Diane Huckaby</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 11, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll and doll and doll bottles. Your friend, Glenda Jo Morrow</p> <p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 11, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa, Please bring me a BB gun, a drum, and an electric train. Your friend, David Longbine Estelline, Texas Dec. 6, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy eight years old. I would like a racer bicycle and a BB gun. Love, David Walker</p> <p>Estelline, Texas Nov. 30, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa Claus, I am a girl. I am eight years old. I am in the third grade. Please bring me a color book. Love, Patricia Ann Daniel</p> <p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 16, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll. Your friend, Lois Holbert</p> <p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 7, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am eight years old. I have tried to be good. I go to Travis school. Please bring me a 25-inch doll, nurse kit, nuts, and candy. Merry Christmas, Santa. Your friend, Shirley Ann Ivy</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 10, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl in the first grade and I am writing for myself and my brother and sister who aren't in school. I want a Ginny Lee bride doll, a set of dishes, a necklace with my name on it. My brother's name is Steve and he can't make up his mind if he wants a bicycle or a jet so I guess you will have to bring what you think is best. He knows for sure he wants a gun. My sister's name is Jana and she wants a table and chair set and also a doll. Our stockings will be hung real early Christmas Eve for fruit, nuts and candy. We will be looking for you. Liz, Steven and Jana Johnson P. O. Box 100 Estelline, Texas Dec. 6, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy nine years old. I am in the third grade at school. Please bring me a BB gun. Love, Jesse</p> <p>Hereford, Texas Dec. 5, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am a little boy almost five years old and I have been good. Please bring me a Davy Crockett Alamo set, truck and a view-master with cowboy pictures. Don't forget my new baby sister, Jami Kay. Your little friend, Holt Bownds</p>	<p>Estelline, Texas Nov. 30, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy, and I am nine years old. Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas. Love, Johnny Helm.</p> <p>Newlin, Texas Nov. 30, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am a boy, and I am nine years old. I am in the third grade. I would like to have a BB pistol and four packages of BB's and a miniature dog. Love, Jerry Thomas</p> <p>Tell, Texas Nov. 30, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am a girl eight years old and in the third grade. I would like a tiny tears doll. I will be looking for you on Christmas Eve, and don't forget nuts and candy. Love always, Sandra Lynn Crain</p> <p>Newlin, Texas Nov. 30, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa Claus, I am a girl eight years old. I'm in the third grade. Please bring me a dancing doll, a watch, and a tea set. Love, Marilyn Jo May</p> <p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 16, 1955</p> <p>Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll, a doll house, a bicycle and a tea set and some fruit. Your friend, Cleta Ann Angell</p>
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There is a special warmth of feeling and a deep sense of friendliness in this greeting at Christmas time and in all the good wishes it brings.

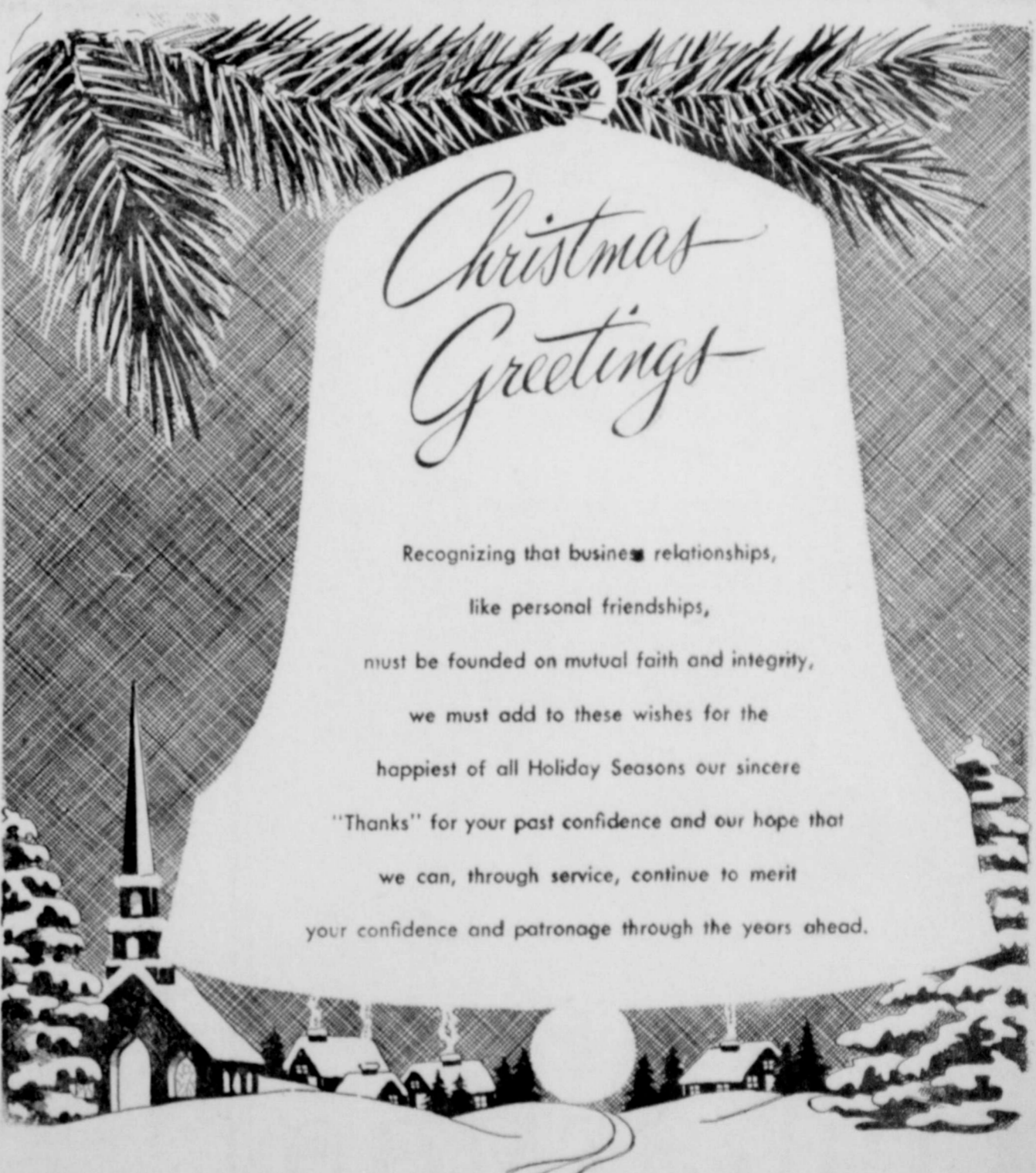
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Letters to Santa Claus

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a new Terry Lee wig for my doll, and a Madame Alexander doll.
Your friend,
Colby Callaway

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have four model ships in a set, and four model cars in a set, Joe Friday's calling all cars set, space cadet set, and a book of "20,000 Leagues under the Sea." Also, bring me some pop corn.
I would like to wish all girls and boys a merry Christmas.
Love,
Lowell McKown

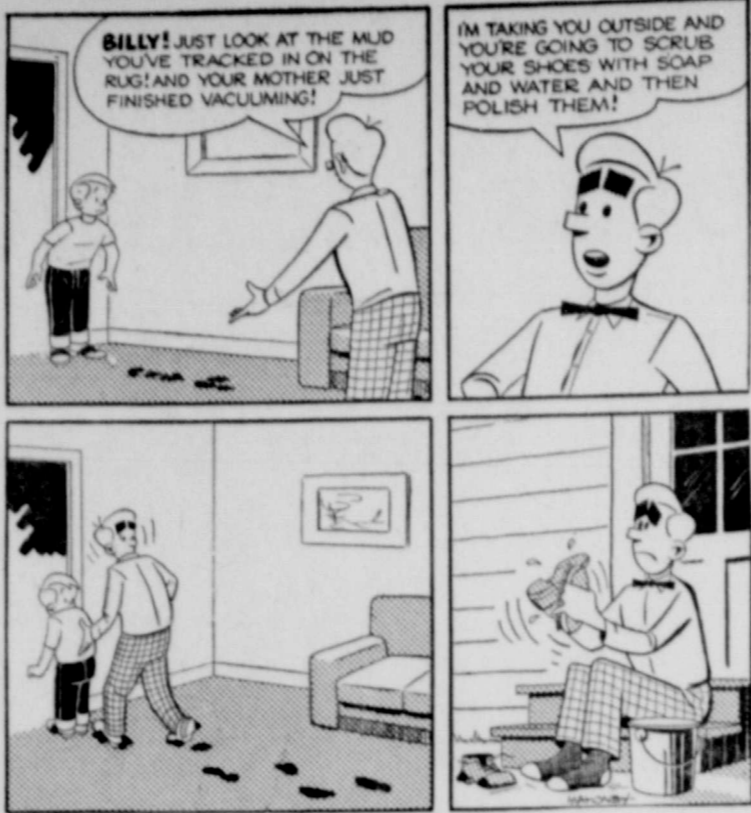
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955
Dear Santa,
I want two guns, a cowboy hat, a rifle, a color book, a cattle truck and a set of binoculars.
Thank you, Santa,
Johnny Propest

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955
Dear Santa,
I would like to have an English bicycle. I have been good. Do not forget the other children.
Your friend,
Billy Cosby

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a doll and a baby doll kit, and some clothes for my doll.
I have been a good girl.
Your friend,
Lynn Foxhall

Route 2
Lakeview, Texas
December 12, 1955
Dear Santa,
I am a girl nine years old and I want a doll with clothes and a set of dishes. I want some nuts and candy and fruit.
Don't forget my teacher and my cousins, and don't forget the boys and girls and my brother.
Your friend,
Lana Kay Waites

THE BAFFLES By Mahoney



602 S. 5th St.
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955
Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Terry Lee doll and a bicycle.
Don't forget the other children because they have been good, too.
Your friend,
Junie Staggs

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have twin dolls, bottles, dresses, and a tea set.
Your friend,
Lana Worthington

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have an automatic fishing reel, a B-36 Convair bomber, a Roman racing chariot, a Mayflower boat and a skyrocket.
Your friend,
Jay Dunbar

P. O. Box 601
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955
Dear Santa,
I want some spurs, rope, cowboy hat, and field glasses.
Your friend,
David Gleanton

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have one fuzzy toy animal and a guitar.
Don't forget the other children.
Your friend,
Larry Helm

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 2, 1955
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl. I am in the second grade.
I want a doll and a felt skirt, and a doll dress.
Love, your friend,
Laurel

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy eight years old. I like my teacher. I am a good boy. I like school.
Please bring me a 26-inch bicycle, and a pair of leather gloves.
Your friend,
Robert Maddox

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955
Dear Santa,
I am a big girl nine years old. I am in the third grade. I like my teacher. I have been very good this year.
I have a big brother and a little brother. I have a little sister, too. My big brother is in the tenth grade.
I go to Travis Elementary school.
Please bring me a doll, doll dishes, doll buggy, new dress, doll clothes, swing, new shoes, skates, skirt, blouse, nuts, candy and fruit.
Your friend,
Mary Sue Scott

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a big boy and am nine years old. I am in the third grade. I have been very good last year and this year.
Please bring a 26-inch English bike, bow, arrows, and Roy Rogers gun set.
Your friend,
James Waites

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl nine years old. I am in the third grade. I have been very good this year.
Please bring a record player, a brown conical hat, doll with clothes, a buggy, a new pair of shoes, and an electric football set.
Your friend,
Tamara Frisbie

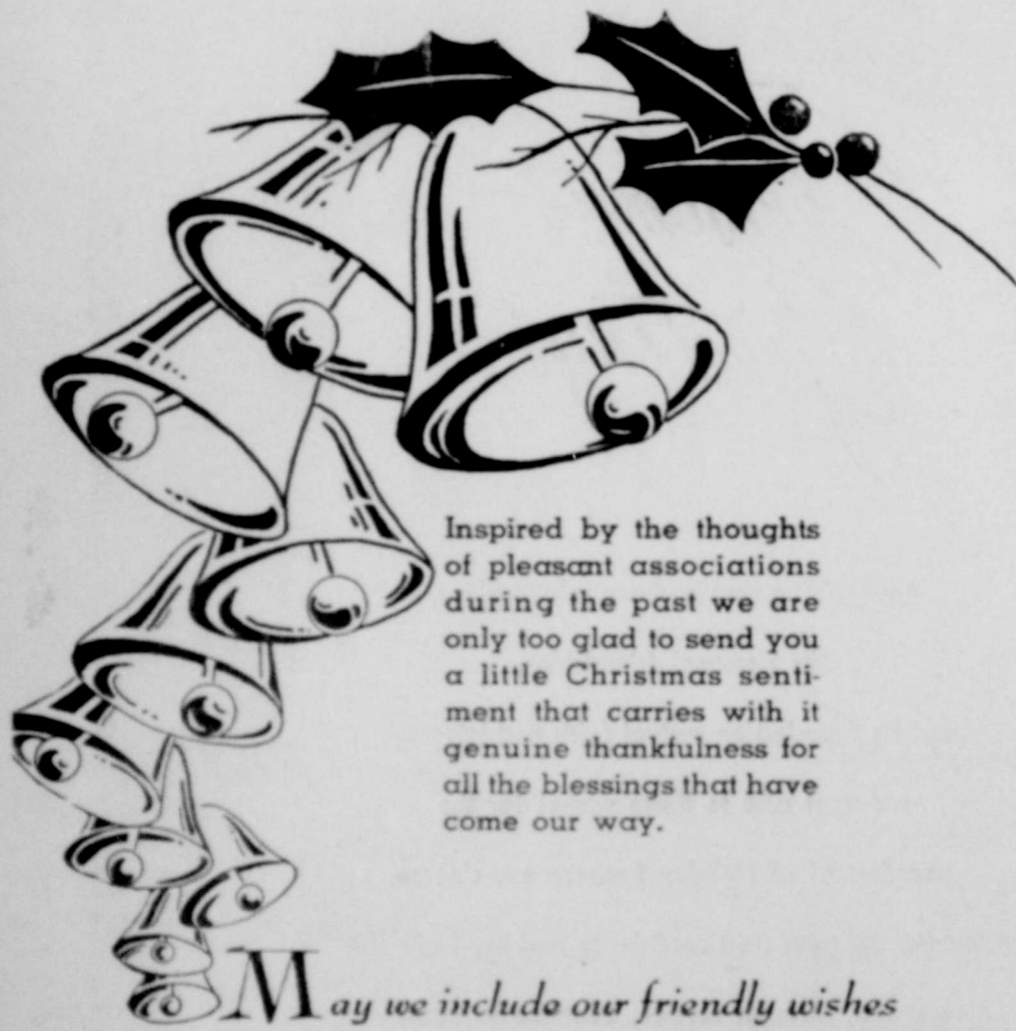
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955
Dear Santa,
I am a big boy nine years old. I am in the third grade. I have been a good boy this year. I like you.
I would like an electric football set and a cuckoo clock this year.
Your friend,
John Ferrel

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl nine years old. I have been very good this year. My teacher's name is Mrs. Stroehle.
Please bring me a doll bed, a Madame Alexander doll, pair of rain boots.
Your friend,
Carolyn Linville

103 North 9th St.
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955
Dear Santa,
I am a big boy nine years old. I go to Travis Elementary school.
I would like a BB gun and a wood-burning set and a basketball and a goal and 10 model-airplanes.
Don't forget my friends, my cousins, and my teacher.
Your friend,
Larry Wynn



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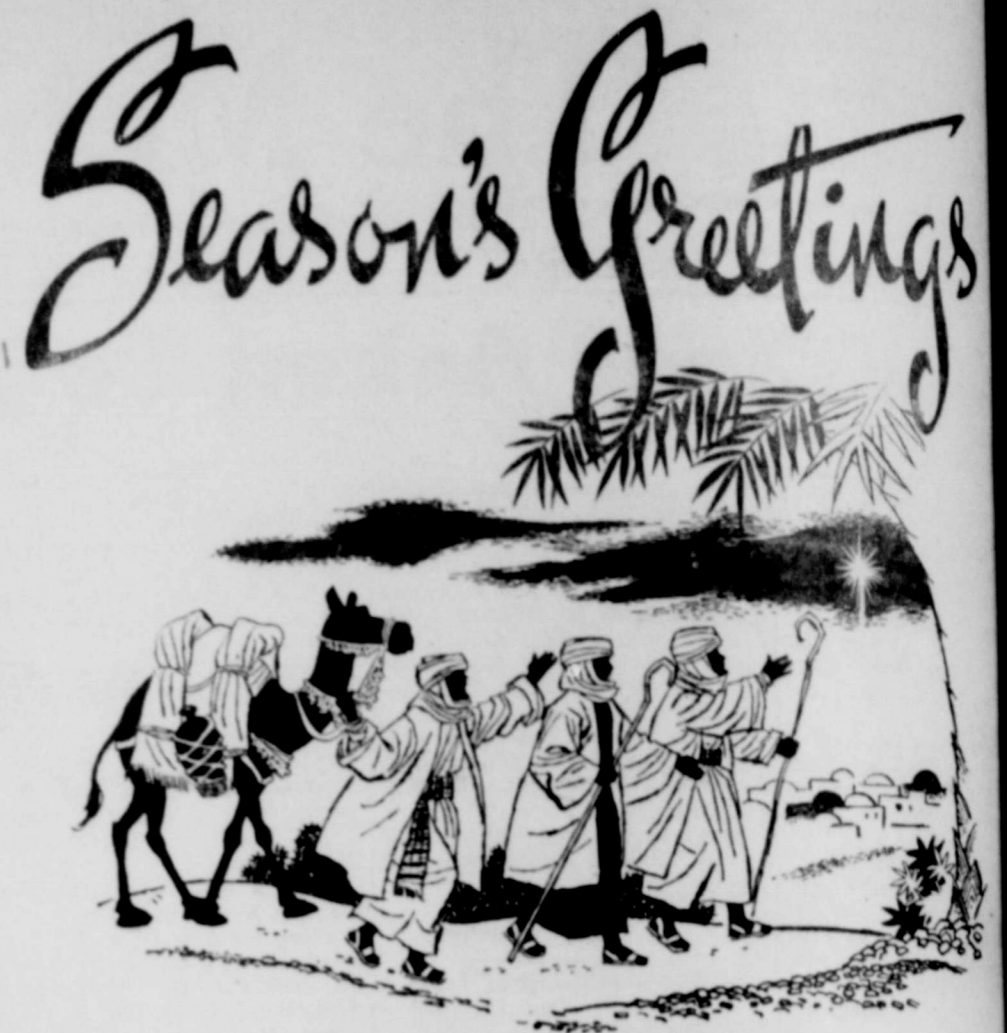
May we include our friendly wishes with the many others you have received for a

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Letters To Santa Claus

703 N. 15th Street
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 18, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy two and one-half years old. I have been a pretty good boy.
Please bring me an iron, a tractor, a blackboard, a hammer, and anything else you have that little boys like.
Don't forget my sisters. My big sister, Jeane, is 12 years old and she wants clothes and jewelry, and records and stuff like that. My little sister Janis is 7 months old, and I guess she'd like anything she can chew on.
Thank you very much, Santa.
Johnny, Jean and Janis Vallance

Moab, Utah
Dec. 15, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the third grade. I go to Travis school. My teacher's name is Mrs. Stroehle.
Please bring a doll house, set of dishes, 24-inch doll, nurse kit, new dress, candy, and nuts.
Merry Christmas, Santa.
Your friend,
Catherine Ivy

Thank you,
Rodney Cathey

Santa Brings Greetings



SANTA CLAUS cuts a happy scaper on this year's Christmas cards. He makes his list of good girls and boys. He puts the finishing touches on thrilling new toys. He dances merrily with Mrs. Claus. He measures to make certain his considerable bulk will clear the chimney on Christmas eve.
Santa leads the popularity parade again this year as shoppers select their Christmas greetings, according to Hallmark Cards. And though each Christmas card artist depicts Santa differently, he is still plump. Artists and illustrators of a century ago often pictured him as a thin, elfin fellow whose physique was a far cry from what he enjoys today. Even Clement Moore's Yuletide classic, "The Night Before Christmas," did not influence the artists. For years after the poem was published in 1823, the artists ignored Moore's description of a "little round belly that shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly."
It wasn't until the 1900's, Hallmark's research indicates, that Santa developed the silhouette for which he now is famous. But since then he has remained unchanged.

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am three and a half years old and I would like for you to bring me a football helmet and shoulder pads and anything else you think I might like.
Please bring Denise a doll and rocking chair.
Love,
Ronnie Keith Phillips

Route 2
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old. I would like to have a doll suitcase and a Betty Crocker cook set.
Please do not forget the other boys and girls.
Your friend,
Janie Sue Richardson

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a wrist watch, house shoes and a jewelry box.
Please don't forget my little sister, Susan.
With Love,
C. J. Goodnight

Lesley, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle, a teddy bear and fruit, nuts and candy.
I have been pretty good the past year.
Love,
Brenda Joyce Driver

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a Terry Lee trunk. And I would like to have a big bicycle.
Do not forget my sisters, too.
Your friend,
Virginia Hancock

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a stamp album, parts for my train, and a model car. Also, a watch.
Thank you very much.
Your friend,
Robert Noah

May the peace
and joy of
Christmas
abide with you

"When the full-
ness of time
was come, God
sent forth his
Son."
GALATIANS 4:4

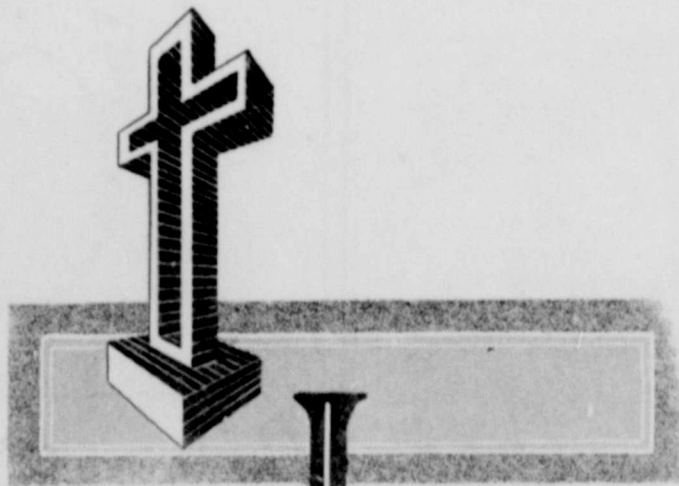
RICE'S
MAGNOLIA SERVICE STATION

Season's Greetings



Though Christmas comes but once a year, we wish that we could extend the gay Holiday spirit throughout all our years... so that the feeling of friendship which has characterized our associations through recent months can be made even more friendly... more cordial... more heartfelt... than ever before. Good wishes to all.

TARVER-STANFORD
PHARMACY



IT'S CHRISTMAS

Again it's Christmas! As we pay homage to the Nativity of our Saviour... let us in our devotions rejoice and give thanks for the privilege of being free men — free to worship as we please. Let us preserve that heritage.

Let us profit by the teachings of Christ to be charitable to our fellowmen. Let us pray for divine guidance in our every endeavor.

Let us observe Christmas in its true significance.

ALAMO SERVICE STATION
V. P. and Doyle Fowler
Phone 528-J

It is our sincere wish that the
friendship and good will
you have extended us in the past
will return to you many
fold to bring you happiness during this
Holiday Season.

Season's Greetings



GOODALL HOSPITAL

Dr. O. R. Goodall

Dr. H. R. Stevenson

Christmas Greetings



Wherever the Spirit of Christmas is found, there we find the Peace and brotherly love that can never be forced from the hearts of men. It is our hope that you will enjoy the full significance of Christmas.

THOMPSON BROS. CO.

Letters To Santa Claus

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a set of guns, and a football. Shields, an electric train and some fruit.
Your friend,
Jerry Cosper

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 2, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old.
Will you please bring me a Terry Lee doll and a Globe and some roller skates.
Love,
Ginger Greene

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a drum, a BB gun, some nuts, candy, and fruit.
Your friend,
Danny Longbine

520 N. 12th
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 6, 1955

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an electric train and a BB gun.
Your friend,
Richard San Roman

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Terry Lee doll and Ginny's little sister. I would like a bunk bed, too.
I have been a good little girl. I am seven years old.
Love to you,
Jo Elmonette Branigan

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 11, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy eight years old and I think I have been a good boy. For Christmas I want a 52-piece Davy Crockett Alamo set, Lone Ranger guns and holsters, electric football set, a pair of field glasses and Lone Ranger mask. Also bring me some candy and nuts, and gum.
Your friend,
Hoot Jones

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I have a little sister and a little brother. I am nine years old. I go to Travis school. I will see you tomorrow. I like recess and school.
Please bring me a car, gun, holster, and some fruit.
I like you, Santa, and I hope that you will bring my brothers and sisters something.
Your friend,
Tommy Joe Moore

Christmas Card Artist Wins Devoted Following



Artist Huldah, left, and one of her Christmas card girls.

CHRISTMAS CARD senders the country over recognize her paintings at a glance but few know Huldah Jeffe herself or anything about her. One of the nation's most popular artists, she is also one of its least-known personages.

This is not caused by undue shyness, for Mrs. Jeffe is a lively and talkative woman who lives up to the reputation of her native Texas for friendliness. It's just that she would still rather work and paint than talk and entertain.

Huldah, the single name with which she signs her paintings, has been a top-ranking artist on Christmas cards as well as other media for a dozen years. Her Christmas paintings for Hallmark Cards have won her devoted followers who eagerly await her new designs each Christmas season.

Originals of Huldah's work, which are usually figure studies of young girls, ballet dancers, or plump children, have been purchased by such celebrities as the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Jennifer Jones, Jack Benny, Gladys Swarthout and others. Prints of her work are top sellers in the nation's stores.

A resident of New York where she maintains a beautifully styled apartment and studio, decorated and furnished by herself to her own specifications and taste, she works hard at her painting at least five days a week. She painted all through her childhood in Dallas, Tex., too, she says.

Her only hobby, apart from her art, is almost indistinguishable from her art. She collects hats, ribbons, fans, muffs, jewelry and related women's wear from the era of 50 years ago, and currently her collection is overflowing several trunks. Almost any of her Christmas paintings, examined closely, will reveal one or more of these items lending an old-fashioned air to a modern miss.

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy five years old. I have been pretty good this year and I would like for you to bring me a side walk bike, and a big Paymaster tandem dual wheel truck.
Leive some nuts, fruit and candy for Janet Lynn and Douglass Wade if you have plenty to go around.
Love you,
Laddie Kent Fowler

Estelline, Texas
Nov. 30, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl in the third grade, eight years old.
Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll and a bicycle and a typewriter and phonograph.
Love,
Julia Jeanette Pepper

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 2, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a boy seven years old and I am in the second grade.
I want a wrist watch and a horn for my bicycle.
Love,
Jerry Moss

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 2, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a girl seven years old. I am in the second grade.
Will you please bring me a toy trombone, a Tiny Tears doll and a 26-inch bicycle.
Love from your friend,
Anita Snowden

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 2, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl. I am seven years old. I am in the second grade.
I want a set of dishes and a record player and a cook set.
Love,
Wanda Coleman

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 2, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a boy. My name is Carl. I am nine years old.
I want a basketball and a bow and arrows, and a wrist watch, and a cash register.
Love from your friend,
Carl Houston

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 2, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a boy eight years old. I want a football and a BB gun, and an electric football set.
I live in Memphis, Texas.
Love,
David May

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a big boy nine years old. I am in the third grade. I have been very good this year. I have a dog. Her nem is Polly.
Please bring me an electric train.
With love,
Curtis

Memphis, Texas

I am a little boy two and one-half years old and can hardly wait for you to come to our house.
Please bring me a choo choo train and fill my stocking with candy and fruit.
Thank you,
Randal Hunt

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the second grade.
I want a telephone that when you pick up the receiver you hear a hello, and a makeup set and a doll that is 24 inches tall.
Love from your friend,
Jimmy Gleaton

5903 Lawrence Blvd.
Amarillo, Texas
December 15, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy two and one-half years old, and most of the year I have been good, especially since Christmas is so near.
This is my first letter to you, and I wanted to be sure that you knew we had moved to Amarillo since last Christmas, so you would not have so much trouble finding me on your busy night.
Will you please bring me an electric train and a record player. I have a pretty red stocking hanging up by my tree.
I don't want to wish for too much so you will still have enough toys for all the little boys and girls.
Love,
Keith Dale Bruce

North 18th Street
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa,
I would like a ballerina doll and doll clothes.
Don't forget all the girls and boys in the world and my friends.
Your friend,
Patsy Parker

301 North 12th St.
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa,
I want an English bike and a wood burning set.
Please do not forget the other children.
Your friend,
Jerry Don Burleson

No. 21 Camp Alhambra
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 11, 1955

Dear Santa,
How are you?
Santa, are you getting ready for Christmas?
Santa, I want a bicycle for Christmas. Santa, I want a BB gun.
Santa, my little sister wants a doll for Christmas.
I guess that's all.
DeWayne Woods

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a doll and a buggy, and a bicycle.
Your friend,
Trudy Mae Coffey

608 S. 5th St.
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a real bow and arrow and an electric football game.
Your friend,
Mike Simmons

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy eight years old. I want a BB gun, a basket ball, a record player, a toy drum, and some pets.
I am in the second grade.
Love,
Danny Peters

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a doll with dishes and clothes, and some candy.
Don't forget the other children.
Your friend,
Doris Ward

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a walking doll, a dress, tea set, bicycle, and a play telephone.
Your friend,
Joyce Davis

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa,
I want a bow and arrow, a desk, and football pads.
Your friend,
John Lemons

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a swing with a suit case, and a kit.
Your friend,
Sandra Kay

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a doll, a baby bed and a baby cradle.
I have been a good girl this year.
Your friend,
Dana Koenigs

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a stick and bring my sister Lee Doll.
Your friend,
Barry C. Fern

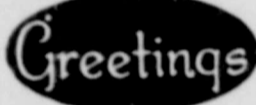
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a rocket launcher, a bow and a walkie talkie.
Your friend,
Buster McQueen

THE CHRISTMAS COACH



of by-gone days is now just an old tradition... but still it pictures best of all the old fashioned good wishes and Yuletide cheer we have for you.



BOB'S CAFE
H. O. West



Greetings
May happy Christmas bells ring out for you the best of the season's cheer and may the melody stay with you for many, many joyous days.

BROWN AUTO SUPPLY

Lee Brown

"Pee-wee" Simmons

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."
Luke 2:14

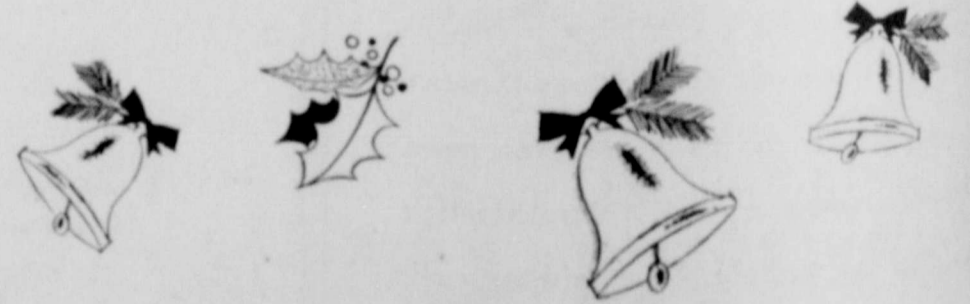
Merry Christmas

On this magnificent occasion let us remind ourselves again that we should maintain the true spirit of Christmas throughout the months to come.

OMER HILL ELEVATOR



You'll get loads of greetings, we're sure, and we hope you do! A word of good cheer, the thoughts of being remembered by our friends, add greatly to the joy of Christmas and we're hoping you will receive many happy remembrances and expressions of friendships that will bring you an abundance of joyousness this Yuletide.



FOSTER'S FOOD MARKET

Noel & 8th

Phone 193-J

Letters To Santa Claus

Kyoto, Japan
Dec. 14, 1955

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Douglas Wade Fowler, and I have been a very nice boy. I am three years old and I want a John Deere tractor and a BB gun with a sight on it.
Please, dear Santa, if you will bring me these things I will have a very merry Christmas.
Your ever loving,
Doug Fowler

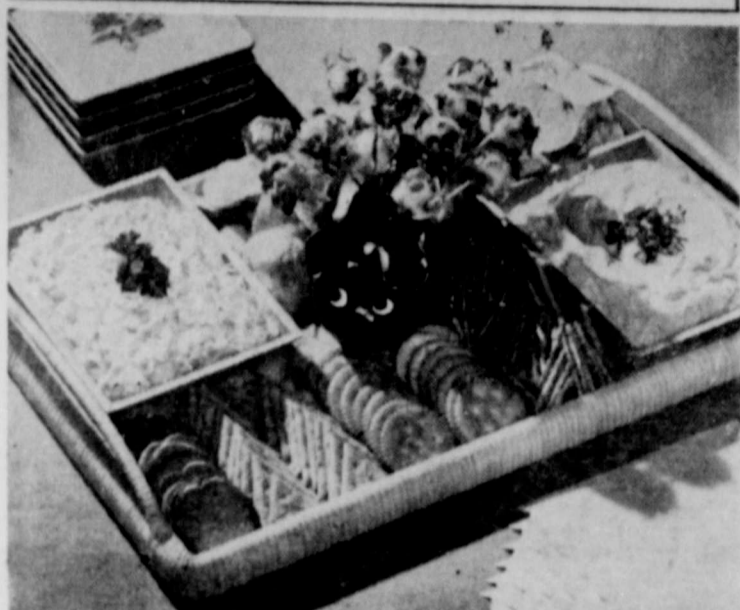
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a camera, basketball, croquet set, and a two way wrist radio.
Your friend,
Monte Balaw

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a watch, a football, a pair of boots, and a pair of socks.
Don't forget my sisters and brothers.
Your friend,
Thomas Patterson

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a watch, a football, a pair of boots, and a pair of socks.
Don't forget my sisters and brothers.
Your friend,
Thomas Patterson

Informal Entertaining for Easy Hospitality



At this time of the year, informal get-togethers are the order of the day. Many happy groups can be entertained in your own home if you keep your refreshments simple, and your preparation down to sensible proportions. The unlimited varieties of cheese makes the hostess' job an easy one. Savory dips and other snack foods are made with a cheese base. Cheese with its versatility should have an important place in the refrigerator. Its nutritive value is important and when you serve cheese snacks to your guests you are giving them mighty good eating both in flavor and nutrients.

SAVORY DIPS AND SNACKS
Blue Cheese Crab Dunk
1/2 cup crumbled American Blue cheese (about 3 ounces)
1/4 cup sour cream
1 small clove garlic, minced
1-6 1/2 ounce can crab meat, drained and flaked
Combine all ingredients and mix until well blended. Serve as dunk for crackers or potato chips. Makes about 2 cups.

CHEESE-BACON SAVORIES
1/2 pound fresh American cheese, grated
2 tablespoons heavy cream
2 teaspoons prepared mustard
Few grains cayenne
12 strips bacon
Shred or grate cheese very fine and combine with cream, mustard, and cayenne. Blend well. Roll into 1/2 to 3/4 inch balls and set aside covered. Cook bacon over moderate heat until lightly browned and crisp; drain on absorbent paper and crumble fine. Roll cheese balls in bacon and insert small wooden picks in each. Insert picks in grapefruit or other center for appetizer tray. Makes about 16 savories.

AVOCADO SPREAD
Mix 1 cup creamed cottage cheese, mashed or sieved with 1 mashed avocado, 1 teaspoon minced onion, 1 teaspoon lemon juice, 1/2 teaspoon salt and a dash of Worcestershire sauce. Makes about 1 1/2 cups. Serve with crisp crackers.

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955

Dearest Santa,
My name is Linda Kay Shawhart. I am four years old, and I have been a good little girl this year.

Would you please bring me a walking doll?
I have a little brother who is two and one-half years old. His name is Donald Shawhart. Please bring him a car.

Don't forget mommy and daddy and all other little boys and girls.
I love you, Santa.
Linda Kay Shawhart
Donald Rae Shawhart

Lakeview, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl three years old, so my Mommy is writing this for me. She says I have been pretty good.

So I would like for you to bring me a doll with a suitcase and clothes, a table and chairs, a housecoat, house shoes and boots and lots of fruit, candy and nuts.

Don't forget my cousins and uncle.
I love you,
Permina Jean Martin

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 2, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old. I am in the second grade. I want a piano for Christmas.
Love,
Gaylynn Jeffers

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a radio, John Deere, loader, wagon, and Davy Crockett suit.
Your friend,
Kenneth Coy Revell

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a doll with hose and high heels, a cash register, a doll house, a horn like the girls in the Memphis band play, and anything else you think I might like.

I'm a big girl now, five years old, and I've tried to be good most of the time.

Don't forget my cousins, Nonya and Tommy, who will be here Christmas.

Please bring my mommy and daddy, and grandmother something nice.

I hope you have something special for all the little crippled children, and my dog, Laddie Boy, would like another rabbit like you brought him last year. I think my kitty, Tim, would like to have a mouse.

Thank you, Santa. I hope I haven't asked for too much.
I love you,
Melissa Barbee

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys you brought last year.

Please, please bring toys to all boys and girls.
Merry Christmas to all.

Your friends,
Room 9, Carol Lane
School, Corpus Christi

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy seven years old in the second grade.

I want two guns, a .22 gun, a BB gun, a big ball, and a toy top.

Love,
Rusty Moore

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa:
Santa, I have tried to be a very good girl this year. I am six years old.

I would like to have a Connie doll, Terry Lee doll clothes, and some dishes.

Thank You,
Judy Carole Bruce

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955

Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl two and one-half years old. I have been a pretty good girl so please bring me a tricycle, a piano and a dollie. Please don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love,
Rhonda Chaney



Best Wishes
for Christmas
to Each of our Friends

O Come, All ye
Faithful, Joyful
and triumphant,
O Come ye, O Come
ye to Bethlehem:

DR. JACK L. ROSE

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



We wish to express to you our most sincere appreciation for the cordial relations with you during the past year and assure you of our sincere desire for their continuance by wishing you a very Merry Christmas.

ELDON R. BRAIDFOOT

Paint and Paper Contractor

Happy Holidays

The foundation of all business is friendship. And as we approach this Christmas season, we extend to everyone our sincere thanks for giving us their patronage during the past twelve months. One year ago we opened this cafe, and are celebrating the conclusion of our first year's operation. It gives us great pleasure to extend to everyone our very best wishes for a truly happy Christmas.

CYCLONE DRIVE INN
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Winters

Greetings and best wishes
for the
Holiday Season

GIDDEN ELECTRIC
10th & Bradford Phone 112



Merry
Christmas
and a
Happy
New Year
to all of you
from all of us at
W.T.U.

West Texas Utilities
Company

Letters To Santa Claus

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year.
Will you please bring me a Bible and skates?
Don't forget my teacher. And please don't forget my brothers and mother and father.
Merry Christmas.
Love,
Linda Alewine

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 6, 1955

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an army set and anything else you might have such as a pair of boots.
Love,
Jimmy Don Lavender

1700 Brice Street
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl nine years old and I want a ballerina doll, a finger paint set, a pair of skates, a Chinese checkers set, some nuts and some candy.
Don't forget my little sister. She wants a doll, too, and a pair of pajamas.
Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Your friend,
Janet Nelson

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955

Dear Santa,
I love you.
Will you please bring me a Connie Lynn doll and a doll bed that one side slides up and down, and my stocking full of candy?
Be sure to remember the other children.
Love,
Diane Gailey

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 6, 1955

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year.
Will you please bring me an electric car?
Don't forget the other children.
Love,
Neil Tribble

Lawrence, Kansas
Dec. 6, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am nine years old and I live in Lawrence, Kan. I will be in Lakeview for Christmas with my grandmother and granddad, so please leave my presents there.
I would like a microscope set and a real watch, if you can bring them. I would also like some candy, nuts, fruits and maybe some firecrackers.
Love,
Carl Kulp, Jr.

THE BAFFLES By Mahoney



Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a nice little girl. I am eight years old.
I would like a doll bed, an electric iron, some doll clothes, candy, nuts, and apples.
Thank you,
Mary Lee Hawthorn

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 6, 1955

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year.
Will you please bring me a Jeanette doll and a Linda doll?
Don't forget the other children.
Love,
Lynn

Route No. 2
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you please bring me a bicycle, Rin Tin Tin Cavalry gun, cowboy boots, Donald Duck theater, and telephone station?
Don't forget the little orphans and the children that are sick and the poor children.
Love,
Mark Phillips

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 6, 1955

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year.
Will you please bring me a doll and a bicycle?
Don't forget my sisters and brothers.
Love,
Margaret Mackey

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 11, 1955

Dear Santa,
I hope to see you in Memphis when you come to see the other little girls and boys. Please bring a green and white football suit, and an electric train. If that is not asking for too much. I am in the second grade. I have three little sisters. Please don't forget them.
Your friend,
Jodie Rapp

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 6, 1955

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year.
Will you please bring me a bicycle with a basket and a stove?
Don't forget the other children.
Love,
Carol Prather

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 6, 1955

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year.
I am in the second grade.
Will you please bring me a Terry Lee baby sister?
And don't forget the other boys and girls.
Love,
Nedra Miller

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 6, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl seven years old and in the second grade. I want a bicycle and an accordion.
I have been very nice. Bring me some nuts, candy, apples and oranges, please.
Your friend,
Sandra Kay Mauck

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 11, 1955

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a blackboard, a doll and a sewing set.
Your friend,
Jeanette May

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 11, 1955

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll and a sewing set and a doll house.
I am seven years old.
Your friend,
Alicia Janie Helm

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a camera and a B-26 and a B-26, and an electric football set.
Your friend,
Billy Ed Thompson

WE THANK THEE



In sincere reverence for the Holy time of Christmas we repeat a Christmas prayer which has a message of profound significance for each of us:

"We thank thee for this place in which we dwell . . . for the love that unites us . . . for the happiness afforded to us this day . . . for the hope with which we expect the tomorrow . . . for health. Spare to us our friends . . . soften to us our enemies. Bless us in all our endeavors. Give us strength to encounter that which is to come . . . that we may be brave in peril . . . constant in tribulation . . . temperate in wrath . . . ever loyal and loving one another."

SPICER FUNERAL HOME



CHRISTMAS DAY is a day to pray . . . a day to pause . . . and think . . . and to give thanks for the God-given bounty that has come our way these past twelve months. We are grateful for the blessings we've had and trust that you, too, may receive an abundance of blessings to make your Christmas truly a wonderful occasion.

Good Wishes for a

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

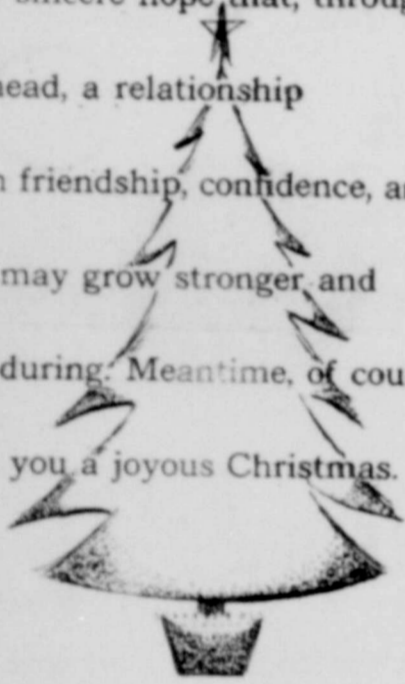
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Zeno Lemons

J. M. Ferrel, Jr.

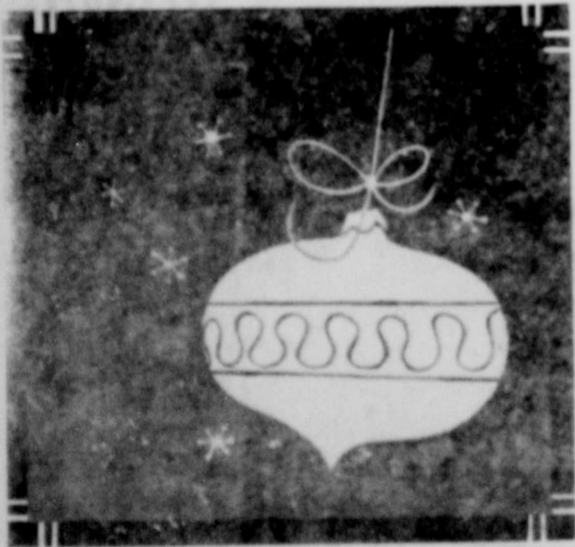
MERRY CHRISTMAS

It is our sincere hope that, through the years ahead, a relationship based on friendship, confidence, and mutual respect, may grow stronger and more enduring. Meantime, of course, we wish you a joyous Christmas.



LINER'S WRECKING YARD

Memphis Phone 9513



Thank You...

... is the most sincere expression we know of to convey our appreciation for the friendship, cooperation and excellent business relationship which were so important to our mutual benefit during the past year.
May we extend to you and yours a message of good cheer and much happiness at Christmas time.

PERRY'S 5c - 10c

Memphis

Phone 106-J



Greetings-

Once more we pause to welcome to our hearts this blessed season. May it renew the great warmth of reverent love in the hearts of all men, and may this Christmas day herald the fulfillment of all our prayers for joy and peace to all. May your Holiday season be filled with outstanding happiness.

WATTS AUTO PARTS

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Letters To Santa Claus

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a big girl eight years old in the third grade. I have been very good this year.

Please bring me a Terry Lee pair of skates, doll clothes and a bicycle size 26 for my brother and don't forget the girls.

Your friend,
Louise Shawhart

403 N. 11th Street
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl eight years old and I've tried to be good this year.

Please bring me a doll, doll dishes, doll buggy, new dress, and doll clothes.

Your friend,
Richard Ellis

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 18, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy six years old and I've tried to be good this year.

Please bring me a Davy Crockett wrist watch, and lots of candy, fruit, and nuts.

Santa, I have a little brother a year old and please don't forget him. He wants something nice, too.

Don't forget mommy, daddy, grandmother and my grandfather.

Love,
Sandy Beth McQueen

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy eight years old. I am in the third grade. I have been very good this year.

Please bring me a baseball bat, football, dart gun, and BB gun.

Your friend,
Mike Coffelt

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl nine years old. I am in the third grade. I have been very good this year.

Please bring me a doll, doll dishes, doll buggy, new dress, and doll clothes.

Your friend,
Judy Martin

121 S. 14th St.
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 6 years old and I've tried to be good this year.

Please bring me a bicycle, a baseball glove, two guns, two scar- bards, nuts and candy.

Don't forget my little brother and two sisters.

Your friend,
Melvin Moore

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy five years old, and I've tried so hard to be good.

Will you please bring me a bicycle and a set of guns?

And Santa, please remember my little niece and nephew who live at Junction City, Kan.

Joe David McWhorter

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955

I am a boy nine years old. I am in the third grade. I have been very good this year.

I go to Travis school. My teacher is Mrs. Stroehle.

I want a baseball glove, foot- ball suit, football, sub-machine gun, and a dart gun.

Your friend,
David Moore

Tangerine Mums Yummy Holiday Dessert



The little zipper-skin fruit from Florida which is as symbolic of Christmas as Yule trees should go into the toe of every stocking, and also into lots of your holiday meals. Here's an idea for a light dessert to follow the heavy main course—a bowl of nuts and a platter of "mums" fashioned of tangerines, centered with mint patties for flavor contrast. To make the mums, cut the tangerine peel in six sections and peel down half of the way but do not remove. Cut sections of peel with scissors into very fine slivers. Spread the sections apart sunburst fashion. Raisins or maple sugar candy may be used in the center in place of the mint patties.

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955

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Your friend,
David Moore

Lakeview, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy six years old. I have tried hard to be good this year.

Will you please bring me the rest of my football suit, a scooter, cowboy boots and hat, also fruits nuts and candy?

Thank you
Your little Friend,
Terry Jackson Gable

P. S. Please go see my Grand- mother and Granddaddy Risinger in California.

Shafter, Calif.
Dec. 7, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl two years old, so my daddy is writing this for me.

I don't want very much this year but I do want a big sleepy doll and oranges, apples, candy and nuts. My big sister buys me lots of things is why I don't want so much.

Remember to bring my brother, Harold, 11 years old, and Henry, 17, some nice things, and also my oldest brother, T. J., who is in Fort Knox, Ky., in the army, something nice that he can use.

Don't forget my four sisters, Willie Mae, Alma Freed, Dorothy Jean, and Stella Ann, and my darling mommy.

My daddy said he didn't need anything, for my grandma, Mrs. Stella Badgett, in Fort Worth sent him a subscription of The Memphis Democrat for a year and he sure likes it.

And, Santa, please remember all little boys and girls, especially those who do not have a mommy or daddy.

Good bye, now, Santa Claus. I hope to see you Christmas.

Susan Marie Badgett

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS



The Birthday of Jesus Christ is again at hand. It is fitting that we take stock of our many blessings... that we express in words and deeds the rededication of our lives to Him and His Service.

So, in the love of Him who made possible our observance of Christmas Day, we wish you the joys and blessings of the season.

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LET'S LIGHT THE Christmas Candles



As you light the Yule tapers at this season of good cheer, may they signify joy and gladness to fill your heart for many days to come.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Merry Christmas

May happiness, peace and contentment be in store for all of mankind. May your holiday be rich with the Spirit that makes Christmas new and wonderful each year.

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Letters To Santa Claus

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a BB gun and an electric train, and a football suit; also bring me a drum, a sword, and shields. Bring me nuts, candy and fruit.
Your friend,
Willie Rodriguez

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a sewing set and a doll.
I would also like a tea set, nuts, candy and fruit.
Your friend,
Wanda Longbine

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 2, 1955
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old.
I want a bicycle, a baby doll, a can can slip, a little baby bed and a Tiny Tears doll.
Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Love,
Pat Godfrey

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old.
I want a bicycle, a baby doll, a can can slip, a little baby bed and a Tiny Tears doll.
Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Love,
Marsha Yvonne Bell



NURSES GET BIRD . . . 4-H clubbers Pat Wood and Billy Brockett send turkey from Atlantic City's Mid-Atlantic Farm Show to nurses caring for Pres. Eisenhower in Aurora, Colo.

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 2, 1955
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old. I am in the second grade. I want a cash register and an electric refrigerator, and a doll dressed in pink.
Love,
Carolyn Lockhart

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl eight years old in the second grade.
Will you please bring me a baby doll 15 inches tall, a baby bottle, a red coat and a dark blue sweater.
Love,
Frances Cawfield

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl in the second grade. I am seven years old. Will you please bring me a Madam Alexander doll and her clothes, too?
Love,
Glenda Bruce

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 2, 1955
Dear Santa,
I am eight years old.
I want a new bow and arrow set, and a train and a bicycle.
Love,
Richard Fry

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll.
Your friend,
Rosario Torres

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doctor set, a Tiny Tears doll, a blackboard, nuts, candy, and fruit.
Your friend,
Marilyn Willard

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a filling station. Bring me some candy and nuts. I will leave you some fruit.
Your friend,
Tommy Adcock

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a BB gun and an electric train.
Your friend,
Triston Mabry

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll.
Your friend,
Rosalind Torres

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll, and some dishes.
I like nuts, candy and fruit.
Your friend,
Joyce Williams

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 11, 1955
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Terry Lee doll and a washing machine and a picture of your elves.
Your friend,
Jo Carol Collins

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 11, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I am six years old. I have been a good girl.
I want a 26 inch bicycle, a Ginny Lee Bride doll, and a jewelry box. Also fruits, candy and nuts; and gum.
Your friend,
Kathy Jones

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 2, 1955
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl.
I want a walking doll, I want a desk, I want a doll house.
Love from your friend,
Maria Zarate

Friendly Greetings to You at Christmas



SMITH'S AUTO STORE

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith

"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David."
LUKE 1:32



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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This season of the year affords us a splendid opportunity to express our Best Wishes to each of our friends and customers in this area. We are grateful for your cooperation and your patronage during the past year. We appreciate the fine friendships, and invite your continued thoughtfulness and consideration in the future.

And as the new year unfolds we hope that you shall harvest bountiful crops, and that the best of everything shall come to you. For our part, we wish to reassert our aim of giving you the finest ginning service it is humanly possible to give.

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The Miracle of Christmas

The miracle that is Christmas shines for us again. And as we come to this day . . . so full of meaning, may we be worthy to fulfill that wonder . . . not just with gifts, but with good lives and confirm that faith, not just in words, but in deeds. May the season when the Holy Infant came to give Himself for all mankind be truly one of blessings.



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Letters To Jolly Old Santa Claus Come From Many Points

Newlin, Texas
Dec. 15, 1955
I am a boy of 2 and would like a car, tractor and a watch. Please bring me all the other little things.
Thank you,
Mike Helm

Parnell, Texas
Nov. 30, 1955
Dear Santa,
I am a girl nine years old. I am in the third grade.
Please bring me a doll that can cry and some jacks and some nuts and candy.
Love always,
Darlene Kisselburg

Estelline, Texas
Nov. 30, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl nine years old, and I am in the third grade.
I would like a watch. I would like five cars, please, and another truck.
Love,
Carol Ann Nixens

Estelline, Texas
Nov. 30, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy nine years old. I am in the third grade.
Please bring me a basketball and a football set.
Love,
Roney Joe Hawkins

Estelline, Texas
Nov. 30, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl nine years old, I am in the third grade.
Please bring me a bicycle and a doll.
I will be looking for you.
Love,
Linda Kay Weatherly

Lakeview, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955
Dear Santa,
I am a boy eight years old and in the third grade.
Would you please bring me some candy and nuts and fruits? Would you please bring me a hat and a knife with a scabbard that would hang on my belt?
You will know my stocking because it will be brown. Well I better go now.
Love,
Ronald

803 W. Grundy
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a doll suitcase and an Aunt Jemima cook mix set for Christmas. Don't forget the other boys and girls and my teachers.
I am nine years old. I am in the third grade in school. This is my third year in music.
Don't forget my mother and father. I would like some fruit and candy.
Your friend,
Vivian Faye Maddox

Route 1
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955
Dear Santa,
How are you?
Santa, I want a bicycle for Christmas. Santa, are you getting ready for Christmas?
Santa, I am going to Claude for Christmas.
Santa, my little sister wants a doll and a little chair.
Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Your friend,
Linda Peek

Memphis, Texas
Nov. 25, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
My name is George Porter. I am seven years old. I have been a good boy.
I would like for you to bring me a big red wagon, tractor, truck, a Davy Crockett holster and gun set with a canteen and a Viking ship.
Don't forget my little brother. He will be three years old Dec. 23. Bring him some toys just like mine, and an extra gift for his birthday.
Love you lots,
George Porter

Estelline, Texas
Nov. 30, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy eight years old. I am in the third grade.
I would like a BB gun and a watch.
Here is where I live:
I live 18 miles from Estelline.
Love,
Dwight Jerry Johnson

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a big boy eight years old. I am in the third grade. I have been very good this year.
I have a dog named Friday. My big brother's name is Eddie Clark Moore. My name is Jeff Dale Moore. I have had very much fun in school.
I want a 24-inch bicycle and lots of fruit, candy, and nuts.
Your friend,
Jeff Dale Moore

Newlin, Texas
Nov. 30, 1955
Dear Santa,
I am a girl eight years old, I am in the third grade.
Please bring me a bicycle and a doll.
I will be looking for you.
Love,
Linda Kay Weatherly

Newlin, Texas
Nov. 30, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy nine years old, in the third grade.
I would like a bicycle and an airplane and a horse, and you are my best friend.
Love,
Andrew Matthews

Lakeview, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old and I believe I have been nice enough for you to come see me this year.
When you come, please leave me a Water-Wet doll and a big red wagon.
Don't forget all the other little boys and girls, as they will be expecting you too.
Lots of love,
Linda Berry

Tell, Texas
Nov. 30, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl. I am eight years old; I am in the third grade.
Please bring me a baby doll, sewing machine, also candy and nuts, and bubble gum.
I will be looking for you on Christmas night.
Love,
Nancy Jean Rea

519 North 9th Street
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955
Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a pair of skates. I want a can can slip. I want a cowgirl suit.
Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Your friend,
Juanita Phelps

Newlin, Texas
Nov. 30, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy nine years old, in the third grade.
Please bring me a bicycle.
Love,
Dale Ward

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy nine years old. I am in the third grade.
I like to play at recess. I have a big sister in the sixth grade. I have two little dogs and a big, black cat.
I love my mother and father. I love my teacher, Mrs. Reba Stroehle. I love my grandfather and Aunt Dot.
I want a complete archer set with tin-tipped arrows, an axe and knife set, a baseball glove, and an Alamo set.
Please bring something for our dog, some candy and nuts.
Your friend,
Jimmie Srygley

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl nine years old. I am in the third grade. The name of our school is Travis Grade School.
Please bring me a doll, doll dishes, nurse kit, candy and nuts.
Your friend,
Brenda

Joyous
Greetings

When they saw the
star they rejoiced
with exceeding great
joy."
MATTHEW 2:10



May we, too, rejoice in our praise to Him. Let us sing these praises every day of the coming year... grateful for the manifold blessings which have been bestowed upon us.

Season's Best Greetings

As you celebrate this glorious occasion, we send
to you our sincere greetings and trust that
the season will be one of blessings
and joy for you and yours

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."
MATTHEW 2:11



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Letters To Santa Claus

Memphis, Texas
Nov. 29, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl and will be seven years old December 18th. Will you please bring me Connie Lynn doll and some clothes for her and a Doll-e-Layette? I have a big brother. He does not play with toys now, but please bring him something nice. Tell "Mrs. Santa," the "Little Helpers," and "The Christmas Lady" hello. I enjoy hearing the "Christmas Lady's" program. Thanks, Santa, for all the nice things you brought me last year. Remember all the little boys and girls.

Love,
Lucheryl Tucker

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me an Indian outfit and a Dick Tracy wrist radio. Bring my little sister a doll.

Love,
David Rose

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 6, 1955

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a gun and some caps? And please don't forget the other children.

Merry Christmas.
Love,
Dwight Alewine

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am ten years old. Will you please bring my big Terry Lee some clothes, and a roomy doll wardrobe, and a little Terri Lee doll and an automatic washer with a spindryer and some nuts and candy.

Yours truly,
Velma Joe Hutcherson

Memphis, Texas
December 6, 1955

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a doll and a high chair, doll dishes and do not forget Mark. Mark would like a tricycle. Thank you.

Love,
Susan Stevenson

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Helen, I'd like you to meet my husband—he has blue eyes and a small mustache."

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa,
I hope to see you in Memphis when you come to see the other little girls and boys.

Please bring me a green and white football suit, as that is our colors at Estelline. I would also like to have an electric train, that is not asking for too much.

I am a little boy in the second grade in school. I have three little sisters. Please don't forget them.

Love to you,
Jodie Rapp

Plaska, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl ten months old. I would like to have a doll some pull toys, story books, teddy bear, and lots of candy and fruit. And please be good to my daddy who is in the army in Germany. Be good to my little cousins aunts and uncles, and my grand parents.

Love,
Nickle Sue Hood

Box 5153 N. Amarillo St.
Amarillo, Texas
Nov. 20, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl two and one half years old. I would like for you to bring me a doll, a cabinet with some dishes, a broom, and a chain-driven tractor or car. Oh, by the way, don't forget the candy nuts, and fruit.

Please remember the other boys and girls.

Thanks a lot.
Love you,
Karen Marie Houdasher

Clarendon, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa,
I want a football suit and a big truck.

Love,
Randy McElreath

1503 E. Elm St.
Amarillo, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am only two years old so my mother is writing this for me. I have been a sweet little boy and sure hope you come by and see me. I live in Amarillo now.

Please bring me a Gym-Dandy slide and swing set, a red wagon, and a piano. Also a real baby doll for me to sleep with. Also, lots of candy, fruit, and nuts.

I love you very much and hope to see you soon.

Kelly Dale Forkne.

Fort Sill, Okla.
Dec. 6, 1955

Dear Santa,
I want a Tidy Tear doll. I want Robin to have Bendy Bunny. I want a desk with three shelves. I want Robin to have Lazy Turk. I want a cake mix set. I want Robin to have Lazy Lion. Please remember all boys and girls.

Love,
Frances Ann and Robin Finch Ray

Memphis, Texas
Nov. 30, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy nine years old. I am in the third grade. Please bring me a BB gun, house shoes and a bicycle tube.

Love,
Ross Freeze
P. S. I will be looking for you Christmas Eve night.

Newlin, Texas
Nov. 30, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a girl and am 8 years old and in the third grade. Please bring me a camera and nurse's kit and gun and holster set.

Love,
Jan Davis

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy 8 years old and in the third grade. Please bring me a bicycle.

Love,
Chon Contreras

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy just six years old. This is my first year in school. I sure do like school, too. I love my teacher, Mrs. Britt.

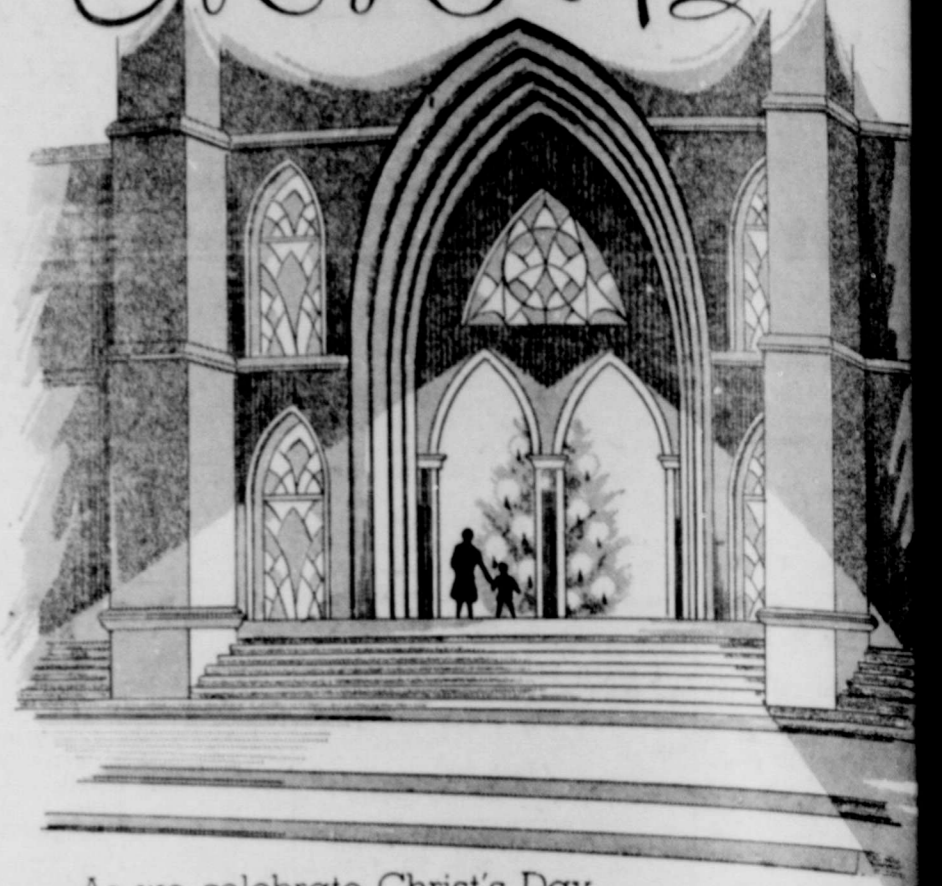
Santa, I want a football, View-master, guns, storie books, some Western Clothes, and nuts, candy and all kinds of fruits.

Santa, please don't forget all other little boys and girls. Don't forget my school teacher, Mrs. Britt, and my mother and daddy.

Santa, I'll spend Christmas in Wichita Falls.

Your little friend,
James McMinn
P. S. Santa, "all I want for Christmas is my two front teeth."

Merry Christmas



As we celebrate Christ's Day,
let us keep strong in our hearts a regard
for the feelings . . . the problems
of others and treat the stranger as a brother.
Such kind consideration
can start a reaction of love which can link
heart-to-heart, nation-to-nation
and make all of God's children brothers.
Merry Christmas to all.

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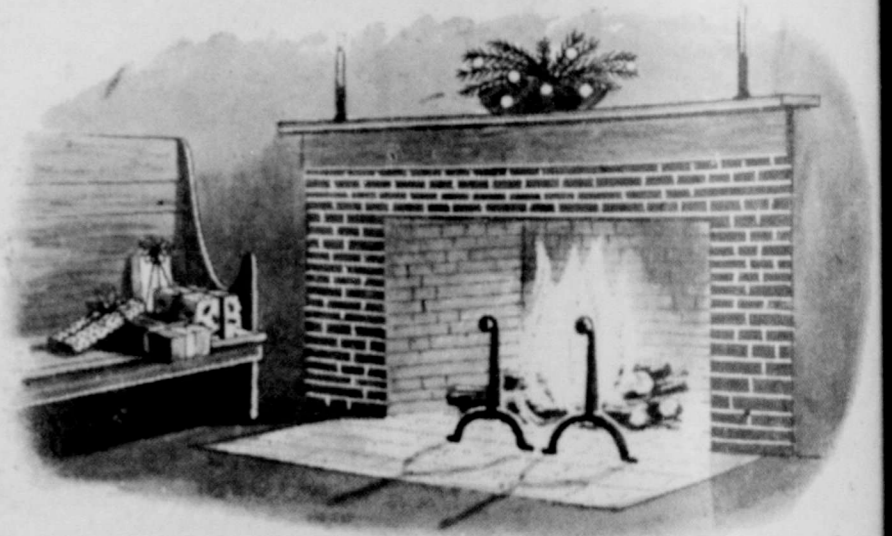
Season's Greetings
and Best Wishes
for the
Holidays



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GREETINGS



As warm as a Yule log on an embered hearth,
as radiant as the lights on a Christmas tree
that is the kind of a Christmas we hope
will be yours this season.

And may our friendship and association
continue through many more
happy years.

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Letters To Santa Claus

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am seven years old and I have a little sister, three. Her name is Pam and she is a sweet little sister. Please bring her a Tiny Tears doll, a bottle, some clothes, and some new records for her record player. She likes "The Yellow Rose of Texas," and "Davy Crockett."

Bring me a football suit, electric football set, a Davy Crockett set, and some puzzles. Anything else you want to bring us will make us happy.

Don't forget all the other boys and girls and especially our "Papa Nabers." We love him very much. Thank you very much, Mike and Pam Nabers

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

I am nine years old. I am in the fourth grade. I would like some clothes for my Terri Lee doll, some house-shoes, a horn, and a sweater. I would like to have some nuts and candy.

Please don't forget my little friends.

Your friend,
Betty Long

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old. I have been good this year. Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll, a doll bed and roller skates. Please remember all little boys and girls.

Thank you.

Love,
Regina Hoover

Memphis, Texas
Nov. 28, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl five years old. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll, a doll bed, and tinker toys. Please remember the other children.

Thank you.

Love,
Jane Hoover

Memphis, Texas
Nov. 28, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am seven years old and I am in the first grade. Please bring me a chair for my room, a goal, a boys toilet, a good book, a helicopter, candy and fruit.

Please be nice to my mother. She is good to all boys and girls.

I love you,
Kenneth McKown
Memphis, Texas
Nov. 28, 1955

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

I am a little girl 10 years old in the fourth grade. Please bring me some fruits, candy, a little piano and billiard table.

Love,
Virginia Ruth Haire



FIG IN CRIB . . . Maryanne Sabater, 9, of Gradyville, Pa., puts "Tootsie," her pet piglet to bed. "Tootsie" will never become bacon, if Maryanne has her way.

old. I am sorry I have the chicken-pox and will miss seeing you when you come to town Thursday, but I am writing this letter early to get my order in to you so you will know what I want you to bring me for Christmas. Please bring me a nurse's kit, some clothes for my Terry Lee doll, a little food mixer, some nice cooking utensils, and a surprise for my sock.

I have tried real hard to be a nice girl, and I hope I am not asking you for too much. Please remember all of the other nice boys and girls.

I love you,
Kay Coppedge
409 South 7th St.
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa,
I want a pump BB gun and I want a Holy Bible.

Your friend,
Toby Crooks

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl nine years old. I am in the third grade. I go to Travis Elementary school. I like my teacher very much.

I have three little sisters and one little brother. There are seven people in my family.

Please send me an Aunt Jemima baking set, set of dishes, record player, pair of skates and a stocking of nuts, fruit and candy. Please, Santa, don't forget the other little boys and girls.

With love from
Your friend,
Anna Dale Coleman

Lakeview, Texas
Nov. 29, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a girl 10 years of age and I am in the fifth grade at Lakeview School.

I thank you for bringing me such nice gifts last Christmas

and I will leave your gift under the tree as usual.

I know you will remember the boys and girls who have no mothers and daddies to love them.

If you will please bring me a Tiny Tears doll, an adding machine, and some roller skates.

Thank you,
Patsy Ann Reed

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A Joyous Christmas

Through the happy Christmas Season may moments come to you when the old beloved story is again brought to mind in all its beautiful glory



LUKE 2:8

BRANIGAN JEWELRY

Letters To Santa Claus

612 North 9th Street
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa,
I want a Terry Lee party doll, a nurse set, a can-can slip, and a blue hat.
Don't forget my little brother.
Your friend,
Betty Bloxom

Route 2
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 9, 1955

Dear Santa,
I want a BB gun.
Don't forget my brothers and sisters.

Your friend,
Roy Maddox

704 N. 14th Street
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa,
I want a cow hide leather football for Christmas and a hunting knife and a pair of Winchester roller skates.

Your friend,
Edwin Lee Jones

Route 1
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa,
I want a wrist watch and some plastic bricks, an electric football set and a Davy Crockett suit.
Don't forget all the boys and girls.

Your friend,
Jimmy Stewart

520 N. 12th Street
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa,
I want a .22 single shot that shoots long rifles, an Annie Oakley golden smoke BB gun, and a Davy Crockett at the Alamo set.

Your friend,
Michael Shayne Branigan

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a doll, a bicycle, a doll tuggy and a dress.

Your friend,
Linda Ruth Patterson
Box 95



TWINS UNITED . . . When U. S. navy specialist **Sc Rodney Madelra** was severely burned in **Weslhaden, Germany, his identical twin brother Charles** was flown to his side from army post in **Korea.**

617 N. 9th Street
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa,
I want an electric football set. Also, I want a farm set, and I want a bicycle. I want an army set, too, and I want a baseball glove. Don't forget my little sister.

Your friend,
Jimmy Don

521 N. 15th Street
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa,
I want a cowgirl suit and a Tonidoll, and a baton.
Don't forget my cousin, Linda Durks.

Love,
Patricia Norton

1122 Robertson
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

I am a little boy seven years old. Please bring me a Davy Crockett Alamo set.
Don't forget my little brother and sister. They want a doll and a big dump truck.

Santa, please bring all the boys and girls something. I know they are waiting for you.

Love,

Charles, Susan and Frank Booth

320 N. 14th Street
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle, and I want a diesel truck. I want an electric football set, and I want some Lone Ranger guns.
Don't forget my cousins.

Your friend,
Gary Don Craig

Lawrence, Kansas
Dec. 6, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old and I go to New York School. I will be in Lakeview for my Christmas visiting with my granny and grandad. Please don't forget where I am.

I would like for you to bring me a bicycle. I will take a red, green or blue, just whichever color you have. I also want a Tiny Tears doll with real hair. I would like one just like Diane has. I also want some candy.

Tornado needs a sweater, and don't forget to bring Lonesome something, to.

I love you,
Gayle Kulp

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl three years old. Sometimes I'm good and sometimes bad.

I would like for you to bring me a doll, a suitcase, some doll clothes, play pen, and fruit and nuts and candy.

Remember my little brother, Kerby. He wants a rocking horse, some pull toys and other things. He's pretty good sometimes.

I love you,
Anita Taylor

P. S. Santa, remember all the other girls and boys.

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old. I am in the third grade at school. I have been a good girl this year.

Please bring me a Teddy bear, a ring, a skirt, and a can can slip. Please don't forget the slip.

Please don't forget the other boys and girls, also mamma and daddy.

Your friend,
Donna Nell Riggs

THE GIFT OF LOVE AT CHRISTMAS

The Child of Bethlehem comes to us again this Christmas and we rejoice in the knowledge that He has brought us the gift of love for our fellowman. May we maintain this fellowship throughout the season and the years to come.

"The Lord reigneth: let the earth rejoice."

PSALM 97:1



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WISHING YOU

A SEASON of GOOD CHEER



Christmas is here . . . the new year is approaching, and we are looking back over the past few months. As we do, we realize we are enjoying a fine ginning season. We are remembering the many instances where your cooperation, influence and friendship have benefitted these two farmer-owned gins.

All these things cause us to pause at this happy Christmas season, and take this opportunity to wish each of you a joyous holiday. May you be surrounded by your loved ones, and enjoy to the fullest the happiness of the occasion. And, during the coming year, we hope that you shall have the best of everything.

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How beautiful is this occasion to remember the deeper significance of Christmas . . . the wondrous gift to all mankind born among us as a Little Child . . . the significance of the inner peace and security of those who have found Christ in their hearts.

Let us not forget the real meaning of Christmas as we enjoy the fellowship of our loved ones and friends.

Hope you have the Merriest Christmas Ever!



MEMPHIS LUMBER CO.

Letters To Santa Claus

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a boy eight years old. I have a dog named Chink. I would like to bring me a football, a pair of guns, candy and nuts.
Your friend,
Chipper Baker

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a big boy nine years old. I have a goat. I have two sisters. I would like to bring me a bull whip, a pair of pants, a knife, candy and nuts.
Your friend,
Jack Stargel

Route 1
Hedley, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a boy six years old. I have been pretty good this year. I would like for you to bring me a BB gun, Jungle Jim outfit, a pair of pajamas, a pair of slippers, a little sister, Susan, who is six years old, wants a baby doll, a pair of shoes, and a pair of pants.
I would also like to have some candy.
Love,
David and Susan Maddox

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy eight years old. I am in the third grade. I have been a good boy this year. I want a pair of guns, a wagon, dump truck and grader. I like my teacher. I go to Travis Elementary school.
I love you,
Dalton Freeman

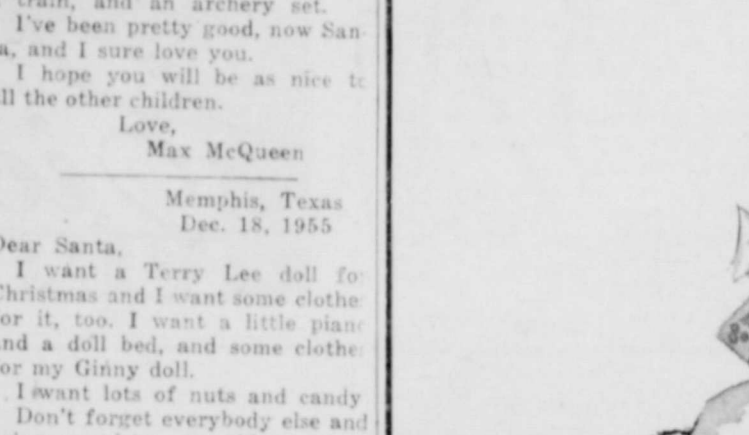
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy. I am eight years old. I am in the third grade. I have been very good this year. Please bring me a BB gun, a bicycle, and a dart set.
Your friend,
Jimmy Lee Shawhart

Parnell, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl three years old. I have a brother nine years old. We have tried to be nice this year.
Will you please bring me a stove cabinet, ice box, doll and anything else you have to spare? Be good to all the little boys and girls everywhere else. Don't forget Kenny.
Your friend,
Debra Lynn Hawkins

THE BAFFLES By Mahoney



Lakeview, Texas
Route 1
Dec. 18, 1955

I am five years old. Would you please bring a ball for Bootsie, my cat?
I want a Tiny Tears doll and my brother and I want a wagon together.
I live at my grandad's house and don't forget to bring him something kinda nice.
Please bring my daddy something extra special, as he is very good and sweet.
I want you to remember all the unfortunate children here and afar, who have yet to know the spirit of religion, and those who are crippled or sick.
I love you, Santa,
Patty Sue Adams

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 18, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade. I have been a good girl.
Please bring me a Terry Lee doll, an iron and board, and an xylophone.
Thank you.
Love,
Rita Joy Yarbrough

Newlin, Texas
Dec. 9, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy five years old, and my little sisters are four and two years old, and we have all been pretty good, I think.
We would all like to have a Davy Crockett rifle, and a lunch box and Thermos bottle, to take when we go fishing, and anything else you would like to bring to be a nice surprise for us.
Please bring us some nuts, and fruit and candy, too. Thank you.
Mike, Anne, and Susan Hughes

Estelline, Texas
Nov. 30, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl eight years old. I am in the third grade.
Please bring me a bicycle and a Tiny Tears doll.
Love,
Gill Cooper

Amarillo, Texas
Dec. 9, 1955

Dear Santa,
My name is Max and I'll be four years old in February. I would like a cowboy outfit, including guns with bullets, a burp gun, a train, and an archery set.
I've been pretty good, now Santa, and I sure love you.
I hope you will be as nice to all the other children.
Love,
Max McQueen

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 18, 1955

Dear Santa,
I want a Terry Lee doll for Christmas and I want some clothes for it, too. I want a little piano and a doll bed, and some clothes for my Ginny doll.
I want lots of nuts and candy. Don't forget everybody else and bring my sister something, too.
Love, always,
Patty Saied

410 South 6th St.
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 13, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl three years old. I want a doll, suitcase, and a sweater for Christmas. I have been a good little girl this year. And don't forget my cousins and my grandmothers and granddaddys.
Love,
Cindy Miller

117 East Main St.
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa,
I want a doctor set, a watch, a necklace and a ring.
I am eight years old. I am in the third grade.
I want some fruit, too.
Don't forget the boys and girls.
Your friend,
Sharon Kay Melton

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 9, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy seven years old. I am in the second grade. I would like to have a pistol, scabbards, and a Davy Crockett gun.
Will be looking for you Christmas.
Your friend,
Jim Edd Wines

At this radiant season of good cheer when everyday cares are overshadowed by good fellowship and kind thoughts, we sincerely extend to you our Best wishes for

A MERRY CHRISTMAS CITY GARAGE

Noel Phone 549

Greetings from our house...

Straight from our house to you comes this message with hearty good wishes for a Merry Christmas.

If we had the magic power of good old St. Nick to be everywhere at the same time, we could say it in person. But our thoughts at least can come to you with all the good things that go toward making each Holiday Season one of happy memories.

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Letters To Santa Claus

Lakeview, Texas
Dec. 6, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl five years old and sassy as they make them, otherwise I'm a good little girl. I would like a doll house, a Tiny Tears doll, a sewing kit, a mixer and some new dishes.
Be sure and remember all my little friends and Mother and Daddy.

See you Xmas
Jackie Louise Hatley

Lakeview, Texas
Box 496
Dec. 2, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy six years old and I go to school and I like my teacher. I also like my work and all my little playmates.
I would like very much to have a snow shovel, a loader truck and a large football.
I will thank you so much and Santa, please be good to all underprivileged little children and see that they have a gift also.
By, by,
Royce Sanders

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa,
Hello, Santa. I am just a little boy three years old. I have tried my best to be good, although it's kinda hard to do sometimes.
Will you please bring me a jeep and anything else you think I'll like, along with some candy and fruit.

Remember my big brother and all other little boys and girls.
A merry Christmas to you and I'll be looking for you.
I love you,
Bernie Greenway

Lakeview, Texas
Dec. 6, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy six years old and this is my first year in school. I have been extra good for a boy, so would you please send me a pool table, a big football, a guitar, a Davy Crockett rifle and a basketball.
Remember all my school friends and teacher, also my Mommy Daddy.
Bye 'till Xmas,
Kirby J. Hatley



HONOR'S DAD . . . Michael Forrestal, son of late Defense Secretary, unveils bust of his father on hanger deck of USS Forrestal in commissioning ceremony.

Lakeview, Texas
Dec. 6 1955

Dear Santa,
I'm "are" a little girl four years old. I have been pretty good as long as people leave me alone. I would like for you to bring me a doll house, a Tiny Tears doll, a monkey and a mixer.
Please remember my friends and all little cousins.

Fonda Hatley
"Better known as Tumbleweed"

Lakeview, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa,
It will soon be Christmas and all the boys and girls are looking forward to your coming.
This year I want you to bring me a Water-Wet doll and Telephone Switch Board set.
I am eight years of age and in the third grade.
Don't forget all the other children.

Love,
Ginafae Berry

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am having fun in school. I have not had a spanking. My teacher's name is Mrs. Reba Stroehle. I am in the third grade. I am nine years old. I have a sister seventeen years old.
I have a girl friend. I am a good boy. I have a pal. His name is Chipper.
Please bring me a double set of Lincoln logs and a lot of fireworks.

Your friend,
Jim Odom

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 2, 1955

Dear Santa,
I would like a Terri Lee doll, blond hair with curls, and a doll bed. I would like some clothes for my doll. I would like a view-master.
Please remember my baby sister, Jan.

I love you,
Suzette Smith

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little three year old boy. I have been good this year. I would like a view-master, a train and a tricycle.
Remember my baby sister.

Love,
Bill Smith

Newlin, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a boy of five years old. I want a tractor set.
Don't forget the other boys and girls. Bring me nuts and apples.

I love you,
Tommy Adcock

Memphis, Texas
Box 1093
Nov. 27, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a girl eight years old. I have tried to be real good this year.

I would like to have a basketball for Christmas this year.
Please do not forget my brother Henry, Jr., and my cousin, June Gayle Marshall.

Love,
Cheryl Ann Foster

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl four years old. For Christmas I want a big doll, a doll bed, and anything else that you want to bring me.
My little sister will be one year old on the 24th. She wants a doll and a little dog.

We have tried to be good.
Don't forget my nieces and my sister and I would like to have nuts, fruit, and candy.
We love you,
Sandra and Linda Spruill

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl six years old and I want you to come see me.
Please bring me a bicycle with a basket on it and a doll.
I have two sisters and a brother. Please don't forget them to. I hope to see you in Memphis when you come.
I live in Estelline.

Cherri Rapp

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy almost three years old. I have been a pretty good little boy the past year.
Would you please bring me a big wagon, a little train, a gun set, nuts, fruit, and candy?
Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love
Danny Martin

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the third grade. I have been very good this year. My teacher is very nice to me. Please bring me baby clothes, a billfold with music notes and a monopoly set.
Your friend,
Mary

to Your
Fireside



We send this wish on

Christmas Day . . .

May it find you blest with

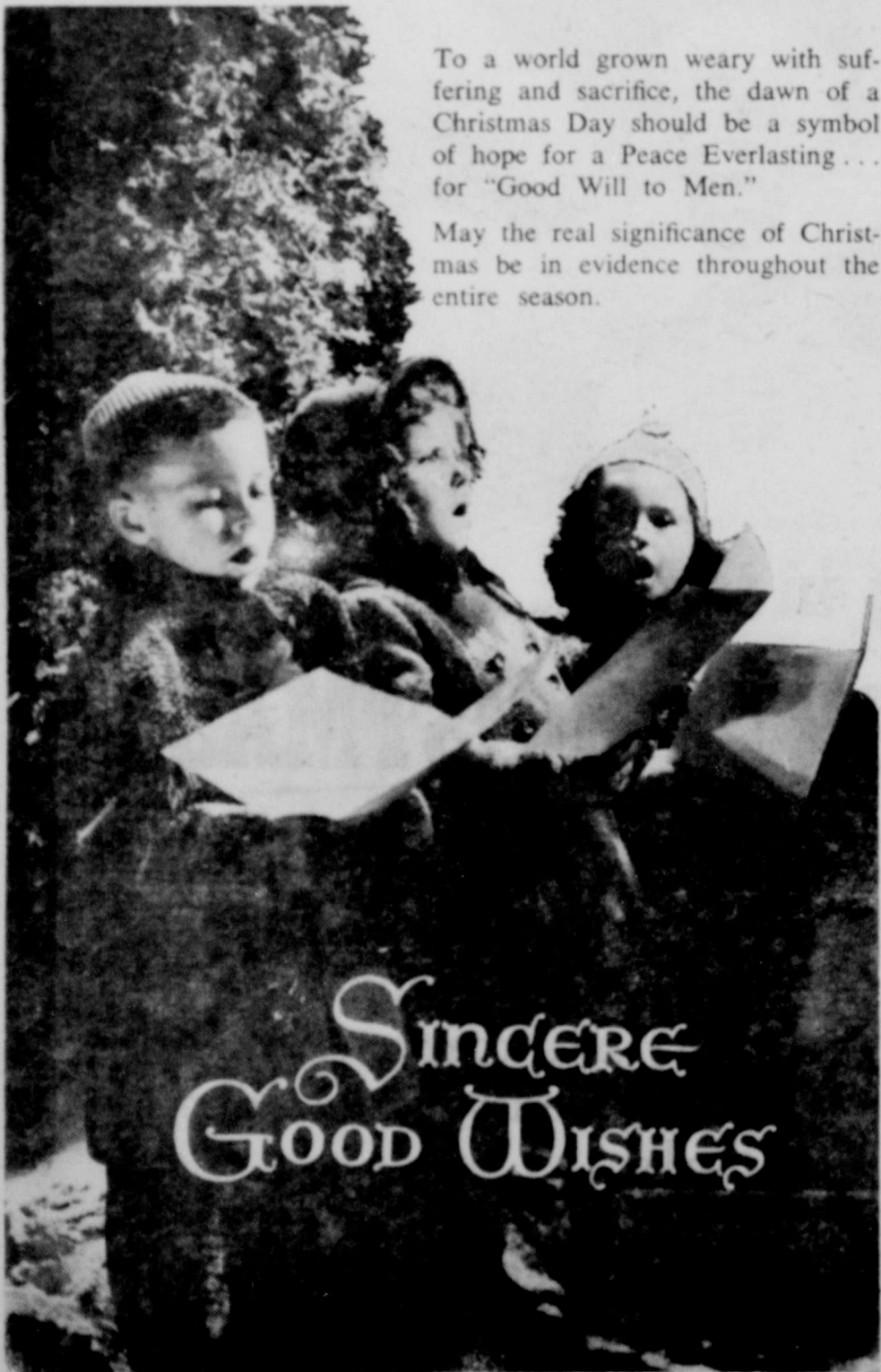
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To a world grown weary with suffering and sacrifice, the dawn of a Christmas Day should be a symbol of hope for a Peace Everlasting . . . for "Good Will to Men."

May the real significance of Christmas be in evidence throughout the entire season.

To Everyone . . .

Merry

Christmas



As we conclude another ginnings may have a joyful Christmas season, we extend to you and your family our sincere wish that this may be the happiest of holiday seasons. You have been kind to us during the year, and by your patronage have made possible our successful ginning season.

We want to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for your kindness and help in the past. For our part, we want to renew our pledge of giving our friends and customers the best service it is in our power and ability to give in 1956.

It is our hope that you and yours may have a joyful Christmas season, and that you have the pleasure of associating with friends and relatives during the holidays. We hope that the coming year will reward each of you abundantly by making all your efforts a success in every respect.

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Letters To Santa Claus

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 6, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am five this year and I will go to school next year like David, my brother.
I would like a baby doll, some dishes, a stove with pots and pans, and also candy and nuts.
I know you will remember all the other boys and girls all over the world.
I love you, Santa,
Cameila Lemons
P. S. I will leave a coke and some cake under the tree for you.

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old and I want a 52-piece Davy Crockett Alamo set.
I want a farm set with 10 pieces. I want a pair of Lone Ranger guns and a Lone Ranger mask.
Don't forget the other boys and girls.
And I want fruit, nuts, and candy.
Love,
Jerry Beasley

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa,
I would like a Connie Lynn doll and a baton, please.
My sister would like a Ginny doll and a tricycle. And a surprise for both of us, also candy and fruit.
We will be at my grandparents in Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Gilmore. The address is 1019 Woodlawn.
Do not forget the other boys and girls.
We love you,
Mitzie and Pamela Lindsey

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Zee Yarbrough. I am seven years old. I live at 815 Bradford.
I want a doll.
With love,
Zee Yarbrough

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Dawn Ann Yarbrough. I am nine years old. I live at 815 Bradford.
I want a doll.
With love,
Dawn Ann Yarbrough

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 3, 1955

Santa,
I hope you know I am in second grade this year at School. I have made good and I am good most of the time.
I would appreciate it if you could bring me a hydraulic-lift dump truck, a tool chest, some toy cows, a new hat and gloves with my new baseball, some fruit, and nuts.
I remember all the other boys and girls everywhere.
Love you,
David Lemons



PLAY CAT AND MOUSE . . . Susie Q, 13-year-old cat, and Agnes, pet shop mouse, play together in Arlington, Va., home of architect Jules Ebbell.

Box 5153 N. Amarillo St
Amarillo, Texas
Nov. 20, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy five years old. I would like for you to bring me a tool set, a gun that shoots ducks like my daddy's, and a chair-driven tractor or fire truck, and a truck and trailer set. Bring the chain-driven tractor to my little sister, Karen, and me together.
Santa, I won't be angry with you if I don't get all I ask for, because it's a big order I know.
Please don't forget all the other boys and girls, and Oh! yes, I would like some candy, nuts and fruit.
Thanking you a lot . . .
Love you,
Floyd N. Houdashell, Jr.

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy seven years old, and my little sister is four years old.
We have been very good.
Please bring me a Davy Crockett suit and a road set. Bring Kathy a walking doll and a doll house.
Love,
Gary Lynn Sweat

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 1, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
Hello Santa, and how are you this year? I have tried to be a good boy and I am eight years old and in the third grade. Will you please bring me a wrist watch and a woodburning set, also some fruit and nuts and candy.
Be sure to remember my little brother and all my friends, also my teacher, Mrs. Estes, and my Cub Den Mother, my grandparent and mother and daddy.
Looking forward to seeing you Christmas Eve. Merry Christmas!
I love you,
Danny Greenway

Lakeview, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I am two years old and have been a good boy most of the time. I would like to have a Pontiac car, just a model, not a real one, a musical bear, a black board and some candy and nuts.
I have a baby brother, Phil, who is seven months old. He wants a musical bear, some blocks and a cloth book so he won't have to chew on my books.
Please tell "Pa Pa," "Granny"

and "Granddaddy" to come and see us and take them something nice.
Remember all the other boys and girls and remind the people that this is Jesus' birthday.
Love,
Bill Parmenter

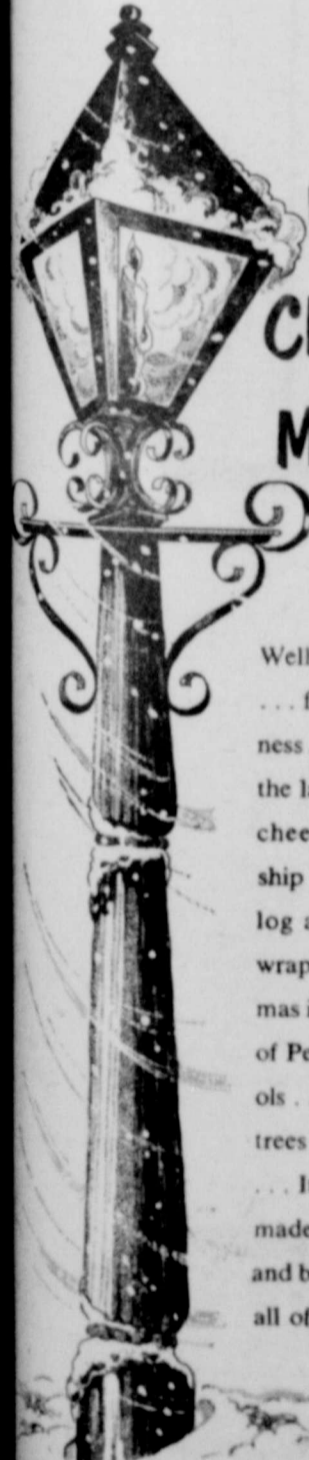
Christmas Joy!

May your Christmas joy go beyond all bounds and may you reach new heights of happiness this season.

BURLESON SERVICE STATION

Christmas

GREETINGS



WHAT IS CHRISTMAS MADE OF?

Well, it's things like good cheer . . . friendship . . . love, happiness . . . good will . . . and there's the laughter of children . . . the cheerfulness of good fellowship . . . the warmth of a Yule log and the mystery of gaily wrapped packages . . . Christmas is the worship of the Prince of Peace . . . the singing of carols . . . trimming of Christmas trees and the lighting of candles . . . It's a marvelous experience made up of things wonderful and beautiful and cheerful. May all of it be yours to enjoy.

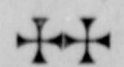


It was Christmas Morn and the Christ Child was nestled in His lowly manger. This Holy Babe was the hope of men in those days over nineteen hundred years ago . . . the leader who would bring faith. Today, let us again follow in the footsteps of those shepherds of yesteryear. Let us worship in adoration of our King. It's Christmas Day . . . it's the Birthday of our King. Let us give with our hearts, with our energies, for peace on earth. Merry Christmas to all!

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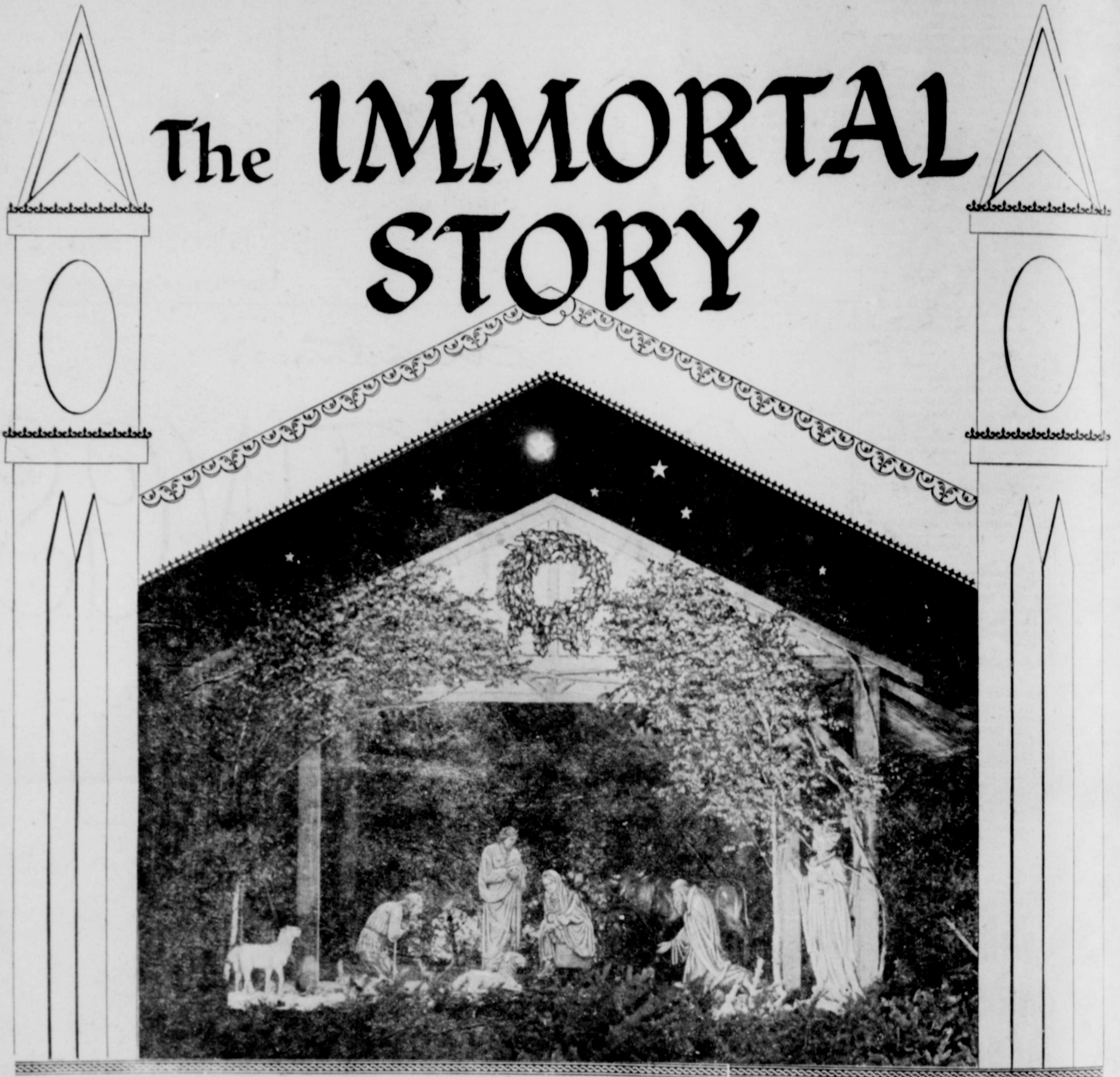
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The IMMORTAL STORY



(As related by St. Luke in the King James version of The Holy Bible)

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.
 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)
 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

LUKE 2:1-14.

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