

Season's Greetings

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Magic of the Christmas Season Lays Its Hold Upon Sonorans

By Dee Nevill
The magic of the Christmas season is laying its hold upon the land, and in Sonora as everywhere else people are scurrying here and there with many last things to do.

Here at the News, employees are running in circles trying to work on three editions at one time. Meeting a deadline is not easy to come by and working on a Christmas and New Year's edition at the same time can become a bit confusing.

Most of the downtown merchants plan to close both December 25 and 26. Clerks will welcome the extra day to ease tired feet after a busy holiday season.

This is a time for children, and it is a time too for all men and women in all lands to remember the wonder of the Lord's birth on the first Christmas nearly 2,000 years ago. It is the power of this happening that puts magic in this season and lends the light of hope and understanding to all the world's people.

Local churches have observed the season with special hours of worship. Hope Lutheran Church had their annual Christmas service December 22 at 5 p.m. with a worship service in which the Sunday School children had an active part with their recitations and songs. First United Methodist Church observed the occasion with special music services under the direction of John Tedford. The musical was held December 15, in the sanctuary. After the program a tree for the children with Santa Claus in attendance was held in the downstairs auditorium.

Outstanding performances were given by the choir members and special numbers by the Rev. Norman Griffith rector St. John's Episcopal Church; Miss Diane Tribble, First Baptist Church, and Joel Carranza of Latin American Baptist Church. Other solos were sung by Mrs. Dennie Hays, Mrs. Dave Locklin, Valerie Tedford, Netalie Redman and Warren Hemphill. Christmas music was sung by others in duets and quartets.

The First Baptist Church had a special program December 18 with some eighty young people participating in the choir and singing the traditional Christmas carols.

St. John's Episcopal Church will hold midnight services Christmas Eve and special morning services on Christmas Day.

The First Latin American Baptist Church plans a special program Christmas Eve evening with the children of the church performing in a play in which they reenact the birth of Jesus.

Other local churches have scheduled events and programs in keeping with the season.

Schools closed for the long holiday season December 20. Students and teachers welcomed the rest after an exciting year of football with the Broncos going to State playoffs for the second time in the school's history. Semester examinations are behind them, so now all can relax and enjoy the fruits of their labors.

Reminders of "early mailing" by the Post Office Department has paid off, as the local postal employees find the last minute rush of holiday mailing not as heavy as past years. Most Sonorans mailed their packages, Christmas cards, and other mail early, so postmaster James D. Trainer and the "gang" at the post office are happy

to be able to slow down a bit. Many places and homes are resplendent with holiday decorations. The lobby of Hudspeth Memorial Hospital is beautiful with a large tree decorated with old-fashioned gingerbread men, reindeer and other appropriate figures. First
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Firemen Plan Dance For December 28

Members of the fire department are sponsoring the annual dance at the 4-H Club Barn, Saturday, December 28, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Tickets are \$3 with ladies admitted free. Music will be furnished by the Texas Top Hands.

Broncos' 9-0 Victory Over Poth Gives Sonora Class A Crown

Sonora Broncos capitalized on numerous Poth Pirate mistakes and went on to win the Class A State Championship for the second time in three years. The Broncos boast a 13-2 record with their losses to Reagan County and Ballinger. Friday's victory came in San Marcos stadium before a large gathering of football fans.

A steady, chilly rain began about 4 p.m. and continued throughout the day. The field was in fair condition at the beginning of the game, but as the night wore on the footing became hazardous.

The Broncos won the total offense tussle with a total of 204 yards with 189 yards being ground out on the ground. Poth managed 159 yards total offense.

Ed Lee Renfro, all-state halfback, led the offensive units with 118 yards on 30 carries averaging a little less than four yards a carry. Sophomore fullback, Kerry Joy, added to Renfro's efforts with 53 yards on 22 attempts.

Poth's Ross Poth was the Pirate's leading rusher with 57 yards on 11 carries. Quarterback Raymond Cantu was the second leading rusher for the Pirates, picking up 48 yards on 11 carries.

Renfro intercepted three passes, David Wuest, one, and Robert Mata one to stall several serious Poth threats. A fumble and a bad snap from center for a punt also served to slow down Poth's offense.

FIRST QUARTER
The first quarter was a defensive battle. The Broncos could manage only three first downs against a tough Pirate defense. The Pirates drove to the 15 yard line of the Broncos before Renfro made an excellent defensive move to make the first of three pass interceptions.

SECOND QUARTER
The second quarter resembled the first with each team running three plays and punting. The Broncos made the first 1st down of the quarter with 7:50 left. Poth got a spark going midway through the quarter. The Pirates drove to the Bronco 16 before Ross Poth fumbled and Sonora's Erasmo Lumbrecas recovered.

This proved to be the needed push for the "Big Reds" and they drove to the Poth 17-yard line in nine plays with 1:11 remaining in the second quarter. Bill Green kicked a 33 yard field goal to put Sonora ahead 3-0 at the end of the half.

The drive was sustained by a 45-yard run and a pair of eight yard runs by Renfro.

SECOND HALF PLAY
The Sonora team received the second half kickoff but failed to get moving and was forced to punt. Poth failed to move after receiving the punt and was forced to punt to the Broncos. Cantu went back to punt but the snap was over his head and Sonora ended up with the ball on the Pirate 11. Sonora drove to the 2 yard line

but on fourth down, Joy was thrown for a one yard loss to the Poth three where the Pirates took over.

After three plays, the Pirates were forced to punt. Sonora received the punt and proceeded to drive 56 yards for the lone touchdown of the evening.

Renfro climaxed the drive with a three yard plunge over right tackle with 57 seconds left in the third period.

Key plays were a 15 yard pass from Wuest to split end Richard Perez and six and seven yard runs by Renfro.

Poth's closest advance to the goal line was to the Sonora 29 before Renfro intercepted another pass. Sonora then proceeded to control the ball and run out the clock.

Sonora defense held Poth to no points—the first time the Pirates were ever held scoreless. The bruising Bronco defense was paced by Renfro, Mata, Jim Elliott, Isreal Sanchez, Barry Black, Ted Fish, and Monte Dillard.

Poth defensive man of the night was Henry Kotzur who was in on over half of the tackles. He was a main cog in holding the Broncos on the goal line.

BRONCOS JOIN ELITE GROUP
Sonora Broncos join the elite group of Class A teams in winning the state championship for two years. Deer Park and Albany are the other two Class A teams who have won the championship for two years since 1950.

Reagan Raiders of Austin won the 4A championship for the second time in two years. Lubbock Esteado defeated Refugio 14-0 for the Class 3A title. Daingerfield managed a 7-6 win over Lufkin Dunbar for the coveted state 2A crown.

VICTORY BELL RINGS OUT!
Residents in North and West Sonora for a while Friday night, thought that Dr. Joe David Ross had a cow running loose with an extra loud bell. But the persistent clanging of the bell was just Bud Smith celebrating the victory of Sonora Broncos winning the State championship game!

J. Hough Family Suffers Heavy Loss In Trailer Fire

Former deputy sheriff James Hough and his family lost furniture and clothing when the trailer they were pulling caught fire. The family was moving to Stanton, where Hough is to be stationed after completing training with the Department of Public Safety.

It was reported here that the family lost most belongings in the fire. Mrs. Jim Hough Richardson at the Gulf Restaurant said that a fund to help replace some of the lost articles, has been started at the restaurant for the Houghs.



REE DINE HILL, DAUGHTER of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hill, gets a lift up by Santa to the fire truck in which he made his appearance to Sonora last Saturday. Fire marshal Darcy Carroll "pil-

oted" the fire truck when Santa made his appearance in the downtown area. Many youngsters were on hand to see Santa and make known their wishes for Christmas Eve.

Baptist Carolers Visit Shut-Ins

The young people of First Baptist Church went caroling Thursday night. About 25 girls from the GA's, headed by Shelley Morriss and Sharon Johns and young adults headed by Mrs. Bill Morriss and Mrs. Joe Lane made about 20 visits to shut-ins and people in the hospital.

Afterwards the group met back at the church for refreshments.

Special Devil Edition Recognizes Santa Fe On 100th Year

With this final issue of the Devil's River News for 1968, a special edition is being included, commemorating the arrival of the Santa Fe railroad to Sonora.

The Devil's editor went through the bound volume of 1930-31 issues of the News and selected some of the stories written in connection with the arrival of the Santa Fe. The special edition recreates a bit of the history of the era, and also recalls some of the early-day settlers who helped to make the coming of the railroad possible.

The News office has extra copies of the edition available for ten cents a copy.

R. L. Emerson Dies Dec. 19, 1968 After Long Illness

Mr. Robert Lee Emerson, 80, died December 19, 1968, in Hudspeth Memorial Hospital after a long illness. He was born March 8, 1888, in Grayson County, and had lived here for the past eighteen months. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He married Melissa Beal in Ballinger in 1938, and she survives him. He was formerly a cafe operator. Mr. and Mrs. Emerson moved here from Llano, where they had lived for the past several years.

Survivors other than his wife include four sisters, Mrs. Clara Hix and Mrs. Stella Swanson, both of Modesta, California; Mrs. Elta Louise Stiles of Johnson City, Oregon, and Mrs. Myrtle Jones of Fort Worth. Mrs. Jim McLaughlin is a sister-in-law.

Graveside services were held at 4 p.m., December 20, 1968 with Ralph Weinhold, minister of the Church of Christ, officiating.

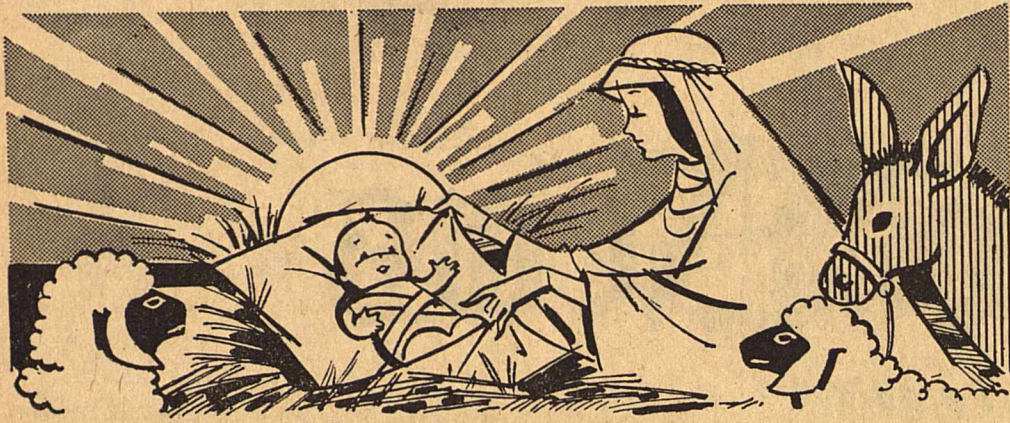
Ratliff-Kerbow Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements, and burial was in Sonora cemetery.



SANTA CLAUS MADE AN EARLY APPEARANCE in Sonora last Saturday, and here he greets some of the youngsters at a downtown street corner. Sonora merchants sponsor the annual

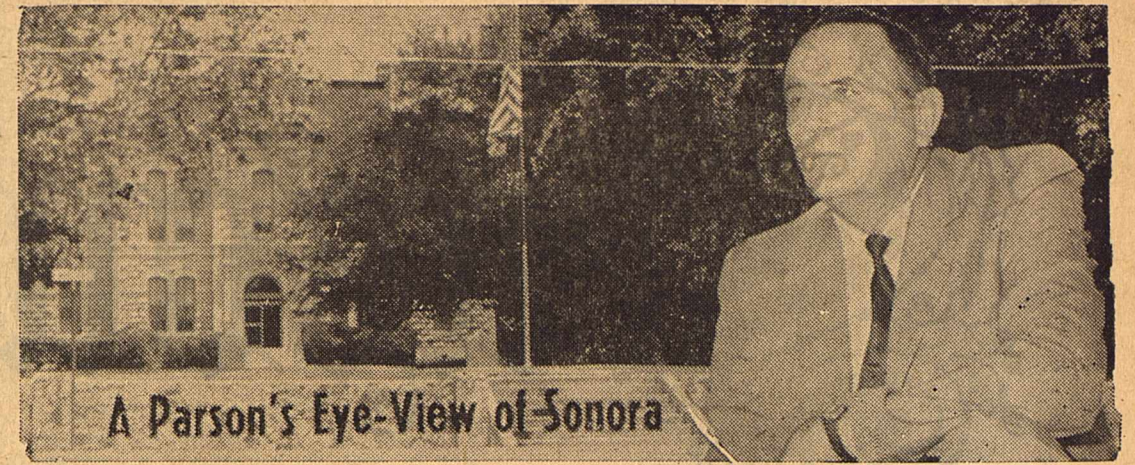
event, featuring the arrival of Santa, who distributed gifts of candy to all the children. Christmas shoppers found a wide selection of choice gifts in Sonora's stores.

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And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn...

THE HANDY FAMILY BY LLOYD BIRMINGHAM. Includes a cartoon about a shoe rack and a diagram for 'DAD'S PLAN FOR A VERTICAL SHOE RACK'.



A Parson's Eye-View of Sonora

BY THE REV. ROSS T. WELCH

"It's Christmas, and I'm not ready." Have you heard anyone say this recently? What does it mean to be ready for Christmas?

from HISTORY'S SCRAPBOOK DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS

December 22, 1958

Sonora merchants and chamber of Commerce committeemen are completing arrangements for their first annual open house and Christmas party honoring patrons and people of Sonora.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a bb gun. Monte Dillard

Dear Santa: Please bring me an electric train, airplane, dog, and football suit. Love, Bill Green

Sonora citizens have been offered a \$500,000 Christmas present, in the form of additional flood prevention construction on Dry Devil's River, provided necessary easements can be obtained from landowners.

Dear Santa: My daddy wants a pair of ten-power field glasses. Please bring me an electric train. Clift Merrill.

Dear Santa: I want a pair of Wellington boots. I am good. Lee Bloodworth

December 24, 1948

Inflation has finally caught up with America's cheapest commodity—United States postal service. Effective January 1, new higher postal rates will go into effect...

Pfc. Billy Joe Nance, who is stationed in Virginia, is home on Christmas furlough. In a ceremony performed at the Methodist Church Tuesday night, December 14, Miss Marie Wall became the bride of L. D. Holmig.

Mrs. Robert Rees was hostess last week to the Thursday Bridge Club. The Sonora Woman's Club will sponsor a dance Christmas night, at the Wool House with John Carrico and his orchestra.

Jimmy Cahill, Scoutmaster of Troop 19, deserves a lot of credit for helping make this a good Christmas for a number of children who might not have had as much to make them happy otherwise.

Dud Tom of Fort Worth was in Sonora Monday soliciting trade for Geo. W. Saunders Commission Company. Jim and Ely Kuykendall, the tank builders, were in Sonora Tuesday for supplies.

Wheat & Co. sold to the St. Louis market, 53 steers at 867 pounds for \$3.90. Also 24 steers at 732 pounds sold for \$3.60.

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THE DEVIL'S RIVER PHILOSOPHER SEZ... His Brand New Principles Will Solve Most Of The World's Many Problems

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Spell Quiz Which of the Following is Spelled Correctly? hazardous hazzerdous hazardous

Kissing Ball an Old Custom

Among the more popular aspects of a secular celebration is the Kissing Ball.

Many years ago every home featured at least one of these beautiful decorations, hung from an archway or chandelier.

The Kissing Ball was sometimes a pomander, sometimes a blown egg, sometimes a ball of cotton.

The ball is brightly painted or gilded, wrapped with ribbon and braid, and set with mock jewels, sparkling beads and sequins.

A ribbon suspends two or three in place and a sprig of mistletoe is secured at the top.

Young ladies who pass beneath may expect a kiss from some daring swain who waits nearby.



AT THIS BLESSED TIME—MAY JOY ABIDE WITH YOU.

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My prayer is that in all the coming and going of the holiday season, no accident may come to mar the joy of Christmas.

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May you receive the best of everything at this happiest of holidays.

Dee and Tom Nevill

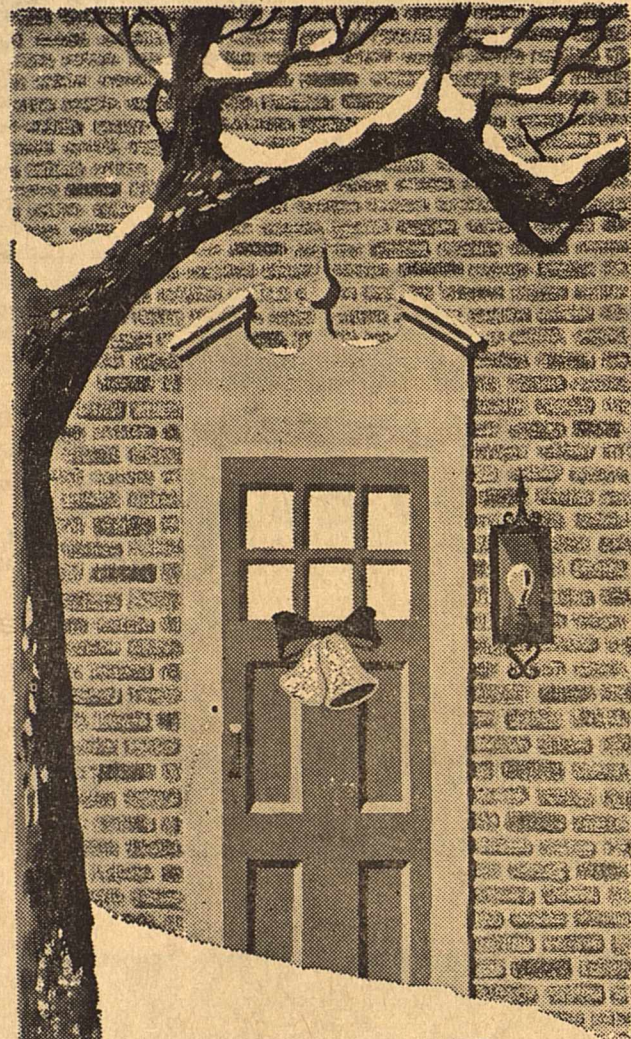
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Just Us Club

Mrs. Paul Turney entertained the Just Us Bridge Club at her home December 16. Fruit cake and coffee were served. Christmas decorations were used throughout the house. Present were Mmes. R. A. Halbert, Bob Vicars, Cleve Jones Jr., Libb Wallace, George Wynn, Howard Kirby, Sim Glasscock, Ed Mayfield, Collier Shurley, Miers Savell, Belle Steen, and Ernest McClelland. Mrs. Glasscock won high for club; Mrs. Shurley won high for guests; Mrs. Wallace binged for club, and Mrs. Savell binged for guests.

Tuesday Night Bridge Club

Mrs. Bill Fields entertained the Tuesday Night Bridge Club at her home December 17 with a Christmas dinner. The house was decorated with Christmas tree and other holiday decorations. Present were Mmes. Louie Trainer, Cleve Jones Jr., L.E. Johnson Jr., W.O. Crites, Leo Merrill, Bob Vicars, Vestel Askew, R. A. Halbert, E. D. Shurley, George Barrow, Ernest McClelland and Mrs. Collier Shurley. Mrs. Trainer won high for club; Mrs. McClelland won second high; Mrs. Vicars won slam, and Mrs. Johnson binged.

Sonora Art Club

The Sonora Art Club met at the club house for a regular meeting December 16. Mrs. Harold Garrett, president, presided. Work on club projects and plans for the new year were worked out. Those present were Mmes. Hub Hale, Buddy Brown, Clyde Hill, Harold Garrett, Ben Cusenbary, Howard Kirby, John A. Martin, Mary Wilson, Louis Powers, Juliet Driskell, Bobby Martin, Jimmy Powers, Miss Diane Tribble, and Miss Andre Gardner. Mrs. Driskell and Miss Tribble were hostesses.

—HMC—

Mrs. Jack Wardlaw has returned from Alice and Houston, where she visited her children, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson and children



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in Alice, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stallworth, Suzanne and Ward, and Mr. and Mrs. Don McLarty and Gwendolyn all of Houston.

Mrs. Ella Adams and Oscar Adams were in from the ranch this week to visit Mrs. Adams daughter, Mrs. Les Malmstrom.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carruthers of San Angelo will spend Christmas here with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fawcett.

Mr. and Mrs. Noe Chavez and Noella of Las Cruces, New Mexico, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mrs. L. E. Johnson Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Chavez.

Mrs. Bill Fields, and Mr. and Mrs. James Bunyard of San Angelo will spend the Christmas holidays in Austin with Mrs. Fields' son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Graves of Austin will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. L. E. Johnson Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lin Hooper and Stephen Whitworth will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Whitworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shannon, Matt, and Savell are here for the Christmas holidays visiting her family. Mrs. Miers Savell and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Savell, Chip,

Cody and Scott.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin of College Station will spend Christmas in Sonora and Menard with their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jackson, Joey and Elizabeth are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph VanderStucken, and Jan over the holidays.

Miss Linda McBride is home from Tech for the holidays with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Vestel Askew.

Wade Stokes is home from Tarleton visiting his father, S. H. Stokes and his grandfather, M. M. Stokes and his grandmother, Mrs. Lucille Hutcherson.

Bill Elliott will spend Christmas with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Elliott.

Carl Teaff of Fort Worth is visiting his family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Teaff for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilborn Glasscock, Bonnie, Mary Lu and Bobby of McAllen spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Sim Glasscock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McClelland spent Wednesday and Thursday in Sweetwater visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson, Tracey and Mc.

Mr. and Mrs. Gil Trainer will spend Christmas with their families, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Black, and Mr. and Mrs. James Trainer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Awalt spent Christmas in San Angelo with their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Awalt, Randy and Cheryl.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dunlap will spend Christmas in Baird with their families.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson, Tracey and Mc will spend Christmas in Sonora with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McClelland.

Dick Karnes of Dallas and Bill Karnes of San Angelo will spend Christmas with their family in Sonora.

Miss Jamie Trainer of Tucson, Arizona, will spend Christmas in Sonora with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Trainer, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Kines.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thomas of San Angelo will spend Christmas Day with the Trainers also.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack David Wardlaw of College Station will spend Christmas in Sonora with their mothers, Mrs. Jack Wardlaw and Mrs. L. E. Johnson Jr.

Mrs. Pauline Thompson will spend Christmas with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stokes and Robin, who live in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin VanHoozer, Mark, Tammy and Marla will spend Christmas with his family in Kerrville.

Mrs. Joe Lambert is spending several days in San Angelo with her granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Swafford.

Mr. and Mrs. Cashes W. Taylor and Mrs. Billie W. Taylor visited Mrs. Sarah McKee and daughter, Mattie, before they returned to their home in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. McKee also visited another daughter, Mrs. Mary Bryant and children, Gerry Glenn and Peggy Sue in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Nicholas, Nicki and Vicki of Houston are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Granvill Barker and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Nicholas.



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to all our many valued
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abound with
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BROWN ELECTRIC

Danish Postal Clerk Originated Xmas Seal; U.S. Newspaper Launched Crusade

Far more than just a colorful little sticker to brighten cards and gifts, the Christmas Seal epitomizes a mighty crusade for health and happiness.

The Seal originated in Denmark in 1904. A kindly postal clerk, Einar Holboell, brooded over the suffering of sick children and tried to think of a way to help them.

As he sorted the heavy Christmas mail he was struck by the idea of a stamp which people would buy, use at Christmas, and which would benefit sick and needy youngsters. The postmaster liked the idea, so did the King of Denmark, and so did the warmhearted Danish people. Soon enough money came in to build a children's tuberculosis hospital.

Some of these seals reached America. A Danish-American writer, Jacob Riis, received one on a letter. Knowing the tragedy of the disease firsthand (6 of his brothers had died) he wrote an article, pleading for someone to take up the cause in the United States.

A doctor serving at a shack set up as a TB hospital in Delaware, desperately trying to save the little hospice, asked help from his cousin, Emily Bissell, who raised funds for good causes.

\$800 was urgently needed, at once.

Miss Bissell, having heard of Denmark's success with the stamps, resolved to bring it to life in this country.

After many setbacks, she doubled her efforts, even drew the design for the first Seal herself. Two friends lent money. A printer supplied 50,000 of the bright red stamps on credit. Volunteers put the stamps in small envelopes

carrying a courageous, catchy message.

The stamps went on sale in the Wilmington post-office. At the end of a few days only a few dollars had been realized... many dollars away from three hundred!

Miss Bissell traveled to Philadelphia to seek assistance from the city's leading newspaper. But all she talked to discouraged her. What tie-up could there be between Christmas greetings and the dread disease of tuberculosis?

On an impulse she stopped in to see a writer whose work she admired. His name was Leigh Mitchell Hodges. When he saw the sheet of bright red seals his vision and sense of humanity were ignited; he saw the seals as a flaming banner to lead a fight against suffering and death.

His editor "caught fire" too. He instructed Hodges to give the story full play. He even asked Miss Bissell to send the newspaper 50,000 of the Seals.

Incredulous, but thrilled, Miss Bissell had more seals printed, to meet his enthusiasm.



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Thursday, December 26
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 Jimmy Black
 Mrs. Mickey Powers
 Albert M. Everett
 David Kingston

Friday, December 27
 Melinda Earwood
 Bill McClelland
 Will Wallace
 Al Elliott
 Mrs. Lin Hicks
 Edna Gonzales

Saturday, December 28
 Tyra Lea Hamilton

Sunday, December 29
 J. B. Renfro
 Bob Tolliver

Adam Delrie
 Charles W. West
 David Wuest
 Gary Henderson
 Mary Esquivel

Monday, December 30
 Mrs. Lewis Roueche
 Stanley Harris
 Mrs. Ellen Ray

Tuesday, December 31
 Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary
 Gay Copeland
 Michael Richardson
 Mrs. Ella Wallace
 Mrs. Nolan Johnson
 Hank Hull
 The Rev. Ross T. Welch
 Mrs. Chappo Samaniego

Wednesday, January 1
 Vernon Cook
 Mack Cauthorn
 John Lee Nisbet
 Juliette B. Boughton
 Mrs. Gene Atley
 Ricky Hill
 Mrs. Arnulfo Virgen
 Mrs. Jack Drennan

Gwin Kring, 40 Dies in Alpine December 20, 1968

Mr. Gwin Kring, 40, died at 4 a.m. December 20, 1968 at his home in Alpine, apparently of a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. Sunday at Geeslin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Elm Grove Cemetery in Alpine.

Mr. Kring was born April 15, 1928 in Sonora. He had been chief security officer at Sul Ross State College the past three years. He had lived in Alpine since 1962, moving there from Houston. He was married to Sadie Lee Archer, June 5, 1947 in Sonora. Their son, Sgt. Marshall Gwin Kring, died in Korea in October of this year.

Mr. Kring was a Baptist and veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife; his mother, Mrs. Tom Turner of Menard, three sisters, Mrs. Hollis Hodges of Menard, Mrs. Roy Stillwell Jr. of Valentine, and Mrs. Lester Archer; and two brothers, Jessie Kring Jr. of San Antonio, and Billy Gene Kring of Sabin.

Highway Contract For Seal Coat Work Goes to Strain Bros.

Sutton County is included in the contract for seal coat work on 303 miles of highways in the San Angelo district awarded by the Texas Highway Commission.

Work will be under the supervision of district engineer J. A. Snell, and Strain Brothers, Inc., of San Angelo was awarded the contract.

In Sutton, seal coat contract is for US 290 from Main Street in Sonora to 18.9 miles east, and US 277 from US 290 to 9.1 miles south (sections). Contract also covers 9.1 miles south of Sonora to 4.5 miles north of Edwards County line.

Morrisses Host 7-11 Bridge Club

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morriss hosted the 7-11 Bridge Club in their home December 17, with dinner and bridge.

Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Herrmann won high; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hopkins won the traveling prize, and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Love won bingo.

Others attending the party were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gosney and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Cade.

Enrique Noriega Aboard Destroyer

Seaman Enrique M. Noriega, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Salvador G. Noriega, participated in operation "Beef Trust" aboard the radar picket destroyer USS Frank Knox off the coast of Southern California.

The last major First Fleet exercise of the year, the eight-day exercise involved 23 ships and 31 air squadrons, including four Canadian units.

Designed to prepare U. S. units for the conditions encountered in Southeast Asia and throughout the Western Pacific, the exercise consisted of missile firing exercises, bombing practice, close air support and anti-submarine warfare.

Hospital News

Patients receiving treatment at Hudspeith Memorial Hospital during the period from Tuesday, December 17, to Monday, December 23, include the following:

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 Estelle McConnell*
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 Gregoria Perez*
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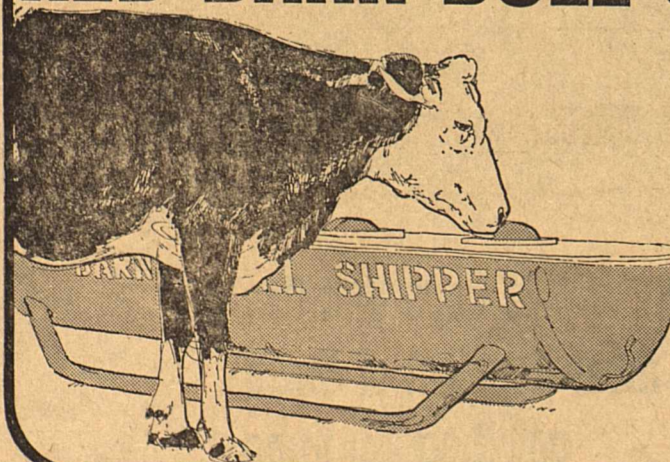
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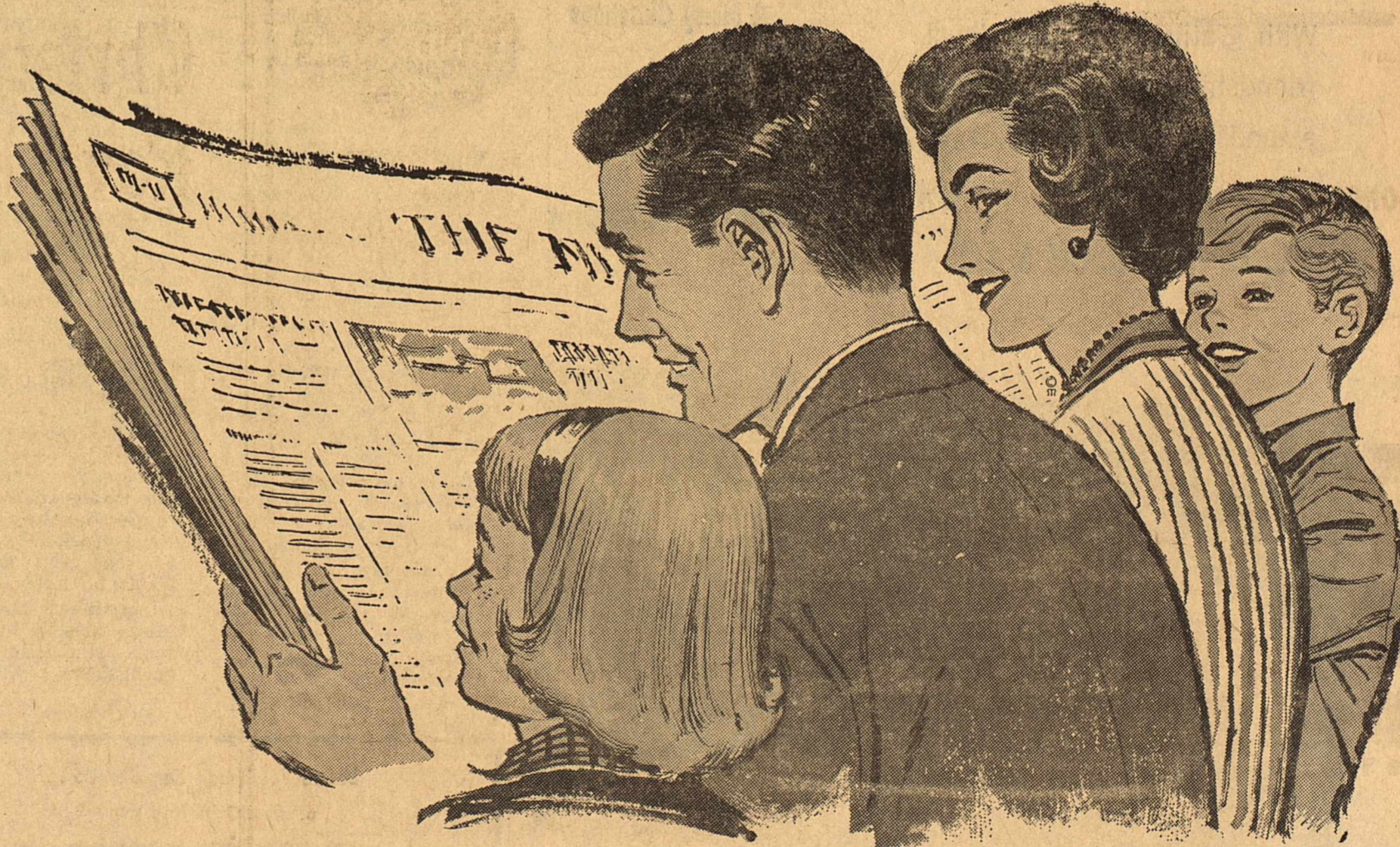
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Legacies of Hate

"To my sister, one dollar and my curse."

"To my son-in-law, a good stout rope with which to hang himself."

"To my partner, my portrait of a viper."

These hateful legacies are examples of a peculiar phenomenon in the field of wills. The maker of a will knows that his words will probably not come to light until after his death—when he is safe from retribution. Under this protection, as one expert put it: "Human nature removes its mask."

Are such legacies valid? In making a will, is there a "right to be mean"?

Generally speaking, the answer is yes. The law is reluctant to condemn the motives of someone who is not present to make explanations. No court can be sure what real grievances might have lain hidden in his heart.

Besides, the very idea of a will is to give the maker the right to pick and choose among the possible objects of his bounty, favoring one, rejecting another.

On the other hand, if a will is sufficiently unnatural, that may

be some indication that the person who made it was either under undue influence or mentally incompetent.

For instance: a spinster's will left all her money to a niece, cutting out the brother she had long loved dearly. This was held sufficiently strange, along with other circumstances to justify the conclusion that the woman had been subjected to undue influence by the niece.

Furthermore, unnatural provisions won't be upheld if they are contrary to state laws or in conflict with public policy. Thus, a court would not approve instructions to "Burn all my money" or "Hire a gunman to do away with my boss."

Fortunately, the average will does not reflect either venom or spite. Most people find something better to leave than a legacy of hate. Not many individuals care to be remembered that way.

A public service feature of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Texas. Written by **Will Bernard.**

One 'Ordinary' Man: Yet He Changed World

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was 30, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office.

He never owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never travelled 200 miles from the place where He was born. He had no credentials but Himself.

He had nothing to do with this world except the naked power of His divine manhood. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves.

His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying—and that was His coat. When He was dead He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as that One Solitary Life.

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Christmas Reverie

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Isaiah	Matthew	Matthew	Luke	Luke	Luke	John
9:1-7	2:1-12	2:13-23	1:39-56	2:1-20	2:25-40	1:1-18

Christmas—and we crunch along the rutted lane to the house where Grandpa waits, white hair shining in the candlelight, to throw open the door before the biggest tree a child has ever seen.

Christmas—and I cry as I unpack the cardboard manger scene I made as a child, that Mother had set up every year 'til now.

Christmas—and our little girl kneels tenderly beside a homemade manger. Two brothers flank her, their shepherd hats askew, as Daddy reads by firelight, "And there were in the same country shepherds..."

Christmas—and in a world that knows war, bitterness, and pain, I praise God for the Babe who "grew in grace" and demonstrated perfect Love.

Christmas—and candlelight gleams on the altar of your church and mine as we thank God for the birthday of a King.

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Barnes led the ticket in the 1968 he began his first statewide race, General Election and became the he became the first candidate to

carry all 254 counties in Texas in 1966. against two opponents.

Barnes, completing his fourth year as Speaker of the House of Representatives, was the youngest man ever to serve a full term in that office and the fourth to serve two terms.

Barnes is the President of the National Legislative Conference, made up of state legislative leaders of the 50 states, and is the youngest man to hold that office and also the first from the South or Southwest. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislative Leaders, the Executive Committee of the Council of State Governments; and immediate past Chairman of the Southern Conference of the Council of State Governments. He also serves on President Johnson's advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and the Board of Directors of the States' Urban Action Center, a nonpartisan group that assists the nation's Governors in meeting the growing problems of urban areas.

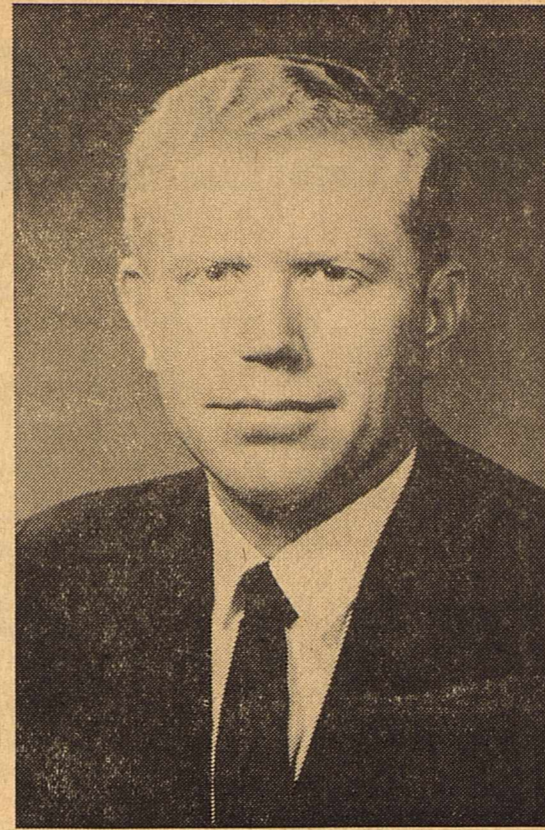
Among his international assignments in government, Barnes was designated as a representative of the U. S. Department of State to the Committee on Agriculture of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, meeting in Geneva, December 9-13, 1968. He also was a State Department representative at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Civil Defense Committee Conference in Brussels, September 5-6, 1968. As a member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Partners of the Alliance with Peru, he headed a program development team of ten Texans visiting that country

Barnes' inauguration as Lieutenant Governor will make him the sixth Texan to serve both in that office and as House Speaker. He is the fourth to be elected Lieutenant Governor directly from the Speaker's office.

A native of Comanche County, Barnes attended Tarleton State College and Texas Christian University before entering The University of Texas, where he studied law and business. A successful businessman, his financial interests include farming and ranching, radio broadcasting, construction and motels.

Among many honors, Barnes was named one of Five Outstanding Young Texans by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1965. He now holds honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws from both McMurry College and Texas Technological College

He and his wife, Martha, have two children, Greg, 10, and Amy, 6.



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Tradition Has It That Yule Tree Began in Egypt

The Christmas tree, now almost a universal symbol, probably came to America from Germany, although tradition has it that Christmas trees originated in Egypt. The palm tree is supposed to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree, with 12 shoots on it, was used in Egypt.

German writers mention the tree as early as 1605. The German prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the Christmas tree in England when he had a tree for his daughter.

Country's Freedom: Christmas Gift, Too

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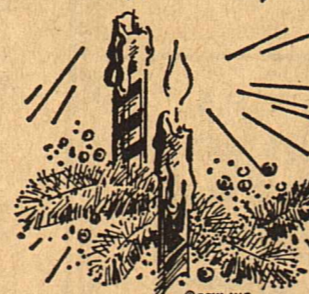


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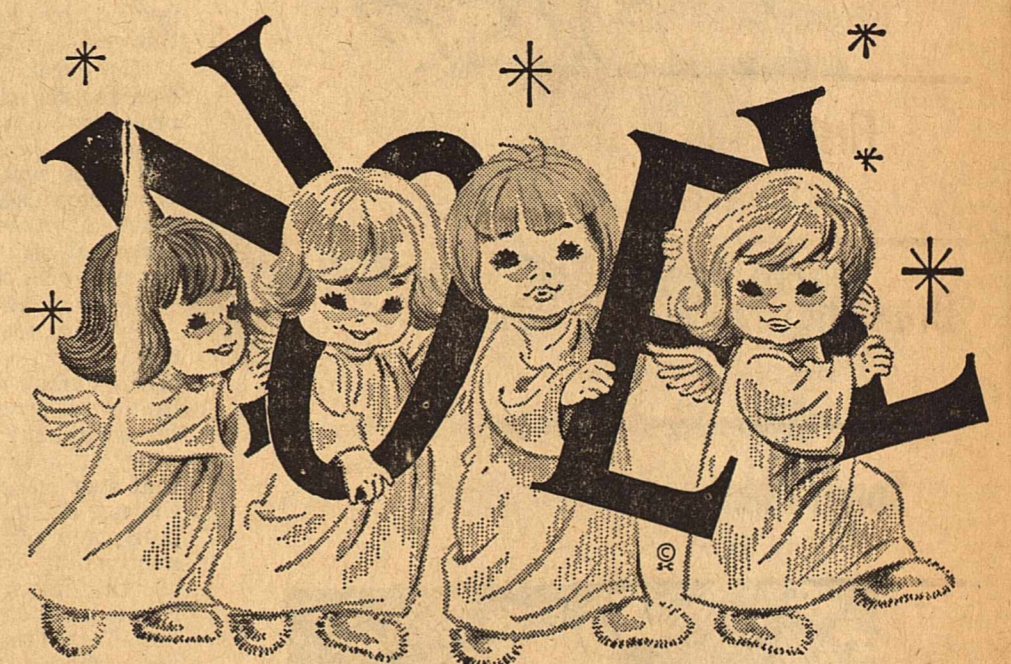
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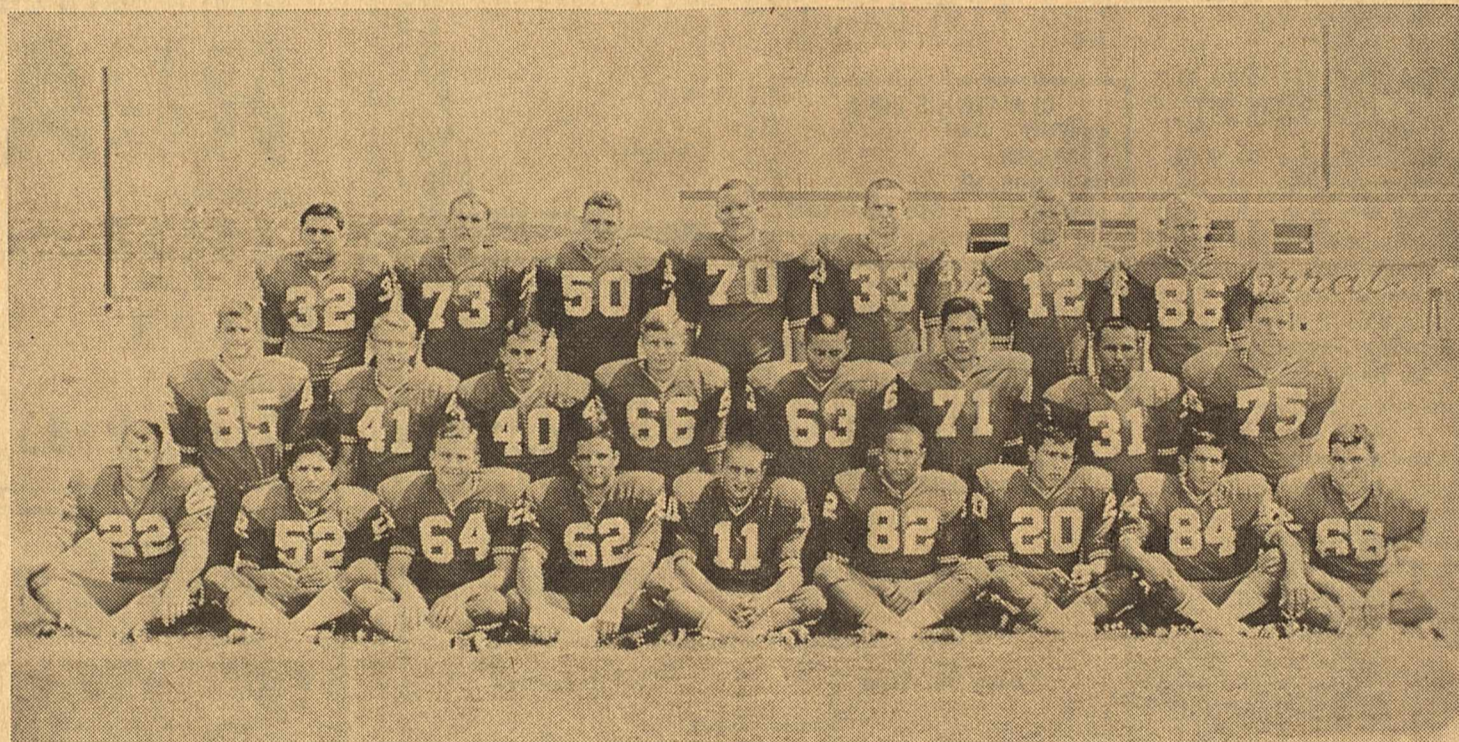
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Sonora Broncos - State Champions of Class A High School Football

STATE CHAMPIONS OF CLASS A High School Football are the Sonora Broncos. Team members include left to right (first row) Ed Lee Renfro, Israel Sanchez, Mark Jacoby, Scott Shurley, Thurston McCutchen, Richard Perez, Robert Mata, Herman Perez, and Charlie Goodson. (Second row) Jesso Cook, Scott

Jacoby, Dick Bundy, Ted Fish, Marty Martinez, Ruben Chavez, Lupe Espinosa, and Jim Elliott. (Third row) Erasmo Lumbreras, Barry Black, Bill Green, Monte Dillard, Kerry Joy, David Wuest, and Larry Everett. Not shown is Mitch Trainer. The Broncos captured the state championship with a 9-0 win over Poth Friday.

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September 20, Big Lake 15	Sonora 6
September 27, Ballinger 23	Sonora 21
October 4, Ozona 20	Sonora 21
October 11, Rankin 6	Sonora 30
October 18, Menard 6	Sonora 48
October 25, Mason 7	Sonora 20
November 1, Eden 8	Sonora 45
November 8, Eldorado 0	Sonora 7
November 15, Junction 0	Sonora 20
November 22, Rankin 13	Sonora 29
November 30, Coahoma 6	Sonora 7
December 13, Clifton 0	Sonora 47
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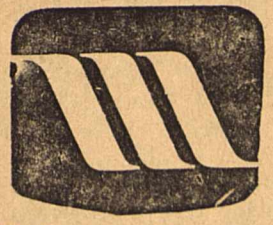
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Parson's Eye View...

... from Page 2

Sonora's Broncos have many reasons to feel that they are the No. 1 Class A team in the State, not the least of which is that they have advanced to regional playoffs each of the last four years and have won State twice.

We think we have the best coaches in Texas high school football—we just do not say much about it for fear someone will take them away from us.

Our boys have shown the marks of superiority by overcoming a great many hurdles in their march to victory. They suffered a couple of defeats early in the season at the hands of powerful AA teams, but made a very creditable showing in each instance. They had to come from behind several times in order to win, but they never gave up. They played under terribly distressing circumstances more than once, but they had the will to win—and did.

Sonora played a long difficult schedule yet reached the peak of their form in the last two games. They had to defend against various types of offensive play, but they always adjusted to the situation. For instance, when they came up against the large and powerful Clifton team in semi-finals, our smaller boys hurled themselves fearlessly into the middle of Clifton's offensive plays and stopped them cold.

We have had our share of injuries and illnesses, yet we had enough depth to go ahead and win our games. All of our players have had opportunities to perform which means we shall be fielding a strong team again in 1969.

And we haven't had much encouragement from the nearest daily newspaper. The sports writer assigned to Sonora has written all year as though he had to apologize for every success Sonora has achieved. When San Angelo had a winning team recently, we heard about the "angry Orange" until it became a dirty word. But when the Broncos win State we rate Section B page 4.

Losing Permian got much more favorable coverage than our champions. But they were champions, nevertheless, and won the respect of most every team they played. As an example, last week Clifton sent telegrams with hundreds of names wishing success to the Broncos in the finals.

There is one lesson most teams have to learn, sooner or later, that is how to lose. Our boys learned that early in the season. Poth did not learn it until late in the season—naturally it was hard. But anyone who would bet against Sonora and give 20.5 points OUGHT to lose his money.

Magic of Christmas...

... from Page 1

National Bank is "a-glitteer" with carolers, Santas, and huge Christmas stockings for each of the employees. Ornate decorations have brightened the stores and homes.

—So it is around town as families enjoy the excitement of gathering together, the warmth of a fire, the smell of a tree, and for the little ones the excitement of waiting for Santa's visit. And as the hour approaches, let it bring the warmth of knowing that the babe born in Bethlehem so long ago is very close to us all this night.



See the Bronco Boosters Play the All American Red Heads Tuesday, January 14, 1969, 7:30 p.m., High School Gym. Tickets \$1.00 and \$2.00 from Booster Members.

World Famous Girls' Basketball Team To Tangle With Men's Team January 14

Moore's All American Red Heads—World Famous girl basketball team will tangle with the Booster Club men's team January 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.

The Red Heads have made the greatest impact on sports fans than any other group of female athletes that have performed before the sports world. Playing first class basketball and entertaining sports fans with their skilled basketball wizardry, laugh provoking antics and acts, the Red Heads performed in over 200 cities last year. They won 153 out of 203 games played last year.

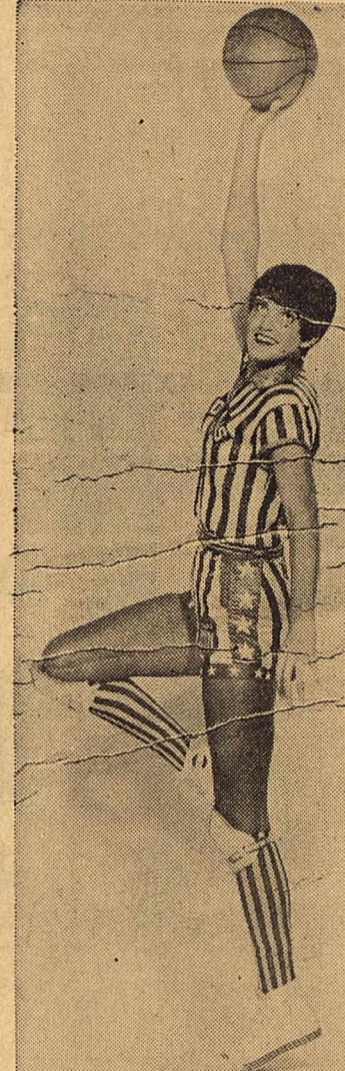
The girls who play men's teams only, are known for their famous wheel pattern offense and very fine brand of basketball.

Some of the team members are Pat Vaughn, the 5 foot 11 inch "Georgia Peach" who plays pivot-forward and Ann Grager, who started her career in basketball in the fifth grade. She was a four year track star excelling in the running broad jump, baseball throw, 200 yard and 300 yard relay events.

Pam McAnally is a 5 foot 9 inch red-head from Georgia and was an all State forward during her high school days, and was voted the most outstanding girl athlete to graduate from North Side High School.

"The team has many exciting players and should provide much entertainment and some real competition for Booster members," said Jimmy Harris, Booster club member helping to head up the event.

The game is being sponsored by the club to swell cash balances in the club treasury.



Carolyn Gooch—6'3"—Ark. Red Heads—"Hook Shot Artist"—Center

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Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sloan of Miamisburg, Ohio are parents of a daughter, Christi Marie, who was born December 20, 1968, at 1:12 a.m. at Kettering Memorial Hospital in Kettering, Ohio. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces. She has a brother, Bart, who is three.

The maternal grandfather is G. H. Hall, and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sloan of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Trevino are parents of a daughter, Margarita Edette, who was born December 8, 1968, at Arlington.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Sanchez, and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Trevino of Monterrey, N. L., Mexico.



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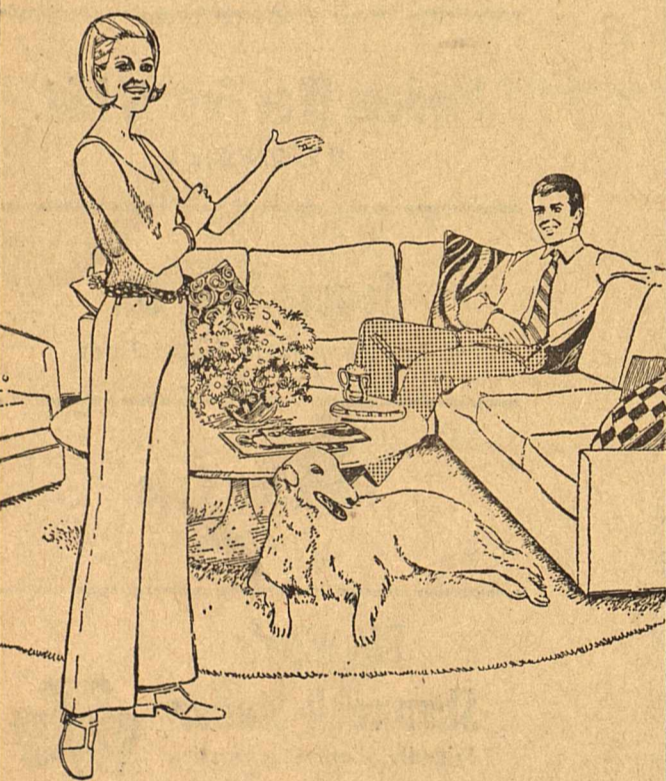
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Dear Santa, Please Bring Me ...

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine. I want a b-b gun and a bike for Christmas. I want some race cars and a toy to play and a football suit. Please bring me the toy. Merry Christmas!
Love, Junior Luna

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a record player. I hope you can bring me a good record too. My brother wants a bike. My little sister wants a doll. My other brother wants a truck. Carmen wants a watch and my Mother said if Santa Claus can, bring my sister a bed.
Love, Rita Lira

Dear Santa Claus,
I wanted new boots and a new truck and a b-b gun and a boy bike and a big t.v. and a horse for This . Thank You.
Love, David Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Barbie and a Kenny doll and bring my brother the Hot Wheels and bring my little sister a record player.
You are my friend. Love, Edna Ramirez

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a good boy. I want a b-b gun please. I want a wagon. Will you get me a football? Dear Santa Claus, I love you!
Juan Samaniego

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a little walking doll and a camera. Bring something to the rest of my family, too, please.
Love Santa, Sylvia Rosa Luna
Lucy Castilleja

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a walking doll and a camera and a Thumbelina doll and a bike. And please bring my sister a little doll.
With love from your friend,
Lucy Castilleja

Dear Santa,
It is cold in Sonora. It snowed 2 times. We played in the snow. We would like some things for Christmas. For my sister a Susie Homemaker set. I want a bike.
Love, Albert Blanco

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a football suit and a football. Please bring me a color t.v. Please bring my mother some dishes. Please bring my Daddy some boots. Please bring my brother a football suit and a bike. It is very cold here in Sonora, Texas.
Your friend, George Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I want a bike please Santa Claus, My cousin Irene comes to school now. She had polio. Irene wants a walking doll. I want a football suit. Irene will like a bike too. My little cousin in California wants a talking doll.
Love, Jerry Almazan

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a football suit. I want a bike too. I want some toys to for Christmas. Can you bring my sister and my brother some toys please?
I love you. I am a good boy.
Love, Luis Vallejo

Dear Santa -Claus,
Please I want a bike. Where is my new bike? Domingo wants a bike too. Thank you, Santa Clakus.
Love, Gabriel Avila

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a b-b gun and I want a race car and I want an Easy-Bake for my sister please.
Love, Jamie Gonzales

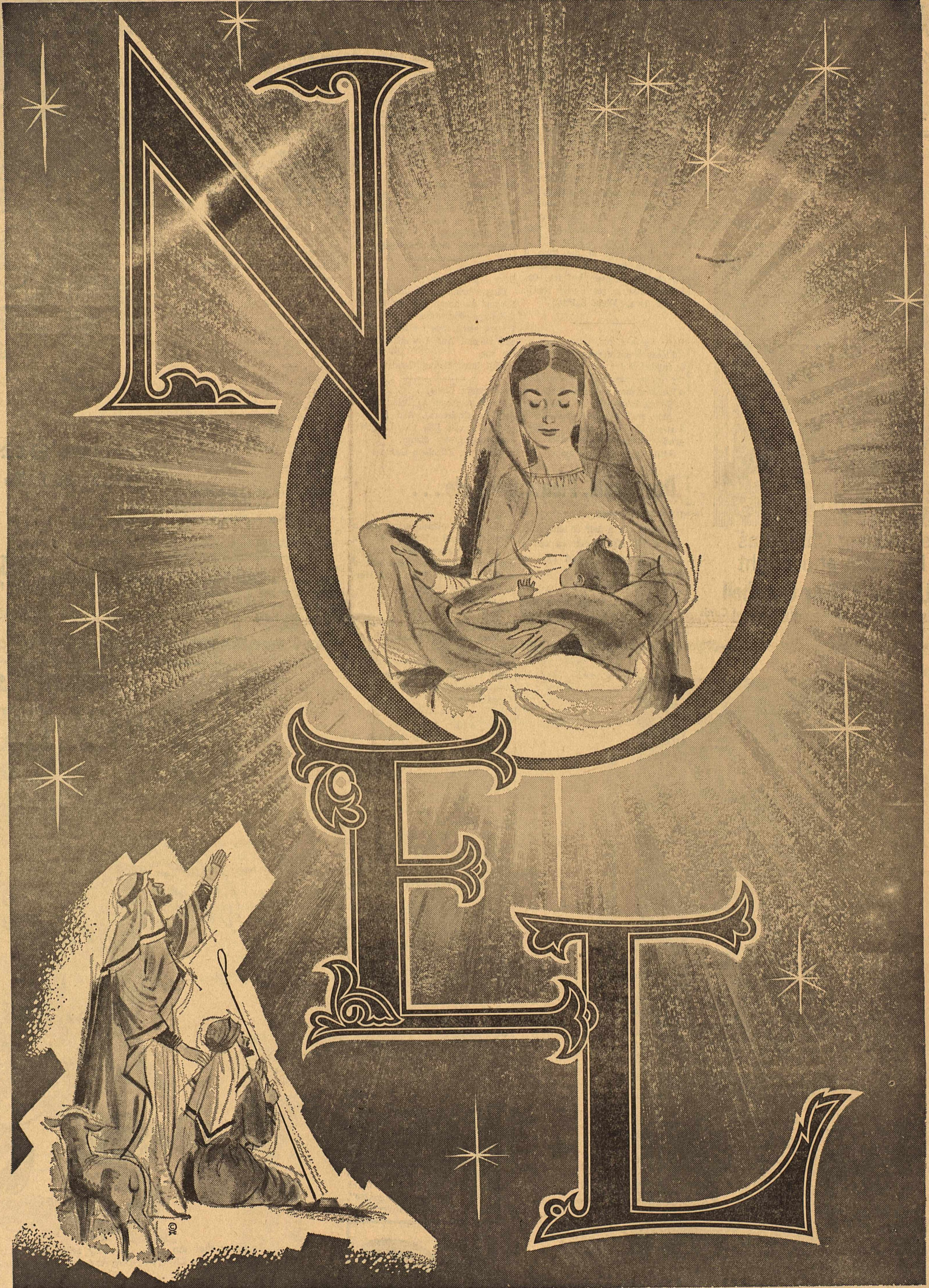
Dear Mrs. and Mr. Santa Claus,
Please bring my sister a doll. And bring my brother some new clothes. Bring my mother some new clothes and bring my daddy some new clothes too. Please bring my sister Adalia some new clothes too. And bring me an Easy Bake set. I hope you have a good trip.
Love, Adelmisa Navarro

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring a wagon to David. Please bring a doll to Laura. Please bring a Tippie-Toe to Elena. Bring a Thumbelina to me please. Please bring a football to Juan. Please bring a little doll to Margarita. Please bring some dishes to Mother. Please bring a doll to Isabel. Please bring a Tippie-Toe to Esther. Please bring some little mittens to Estella.
Love, Sally Gomez

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a camera and a walking doll and a Thumbelina doll and an Easy-Bake set and a bike and a Tippie Toe with her bike and her horse. And please bring my two little nieces two Thumbelina dolls. And please bring my two little nephews two trucks.
With love, from your friend,
Alma Gonzales

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me a Baby-Small Talk, a Thumbelina, Easy Bake set, a bike, a walking doll, camera, a horse, some jacks and shoes and boots. If this is too much please try to bring a camera, a walking doll, and a bike.
Love, Wilma Jo Urias
Please bring something nice to my family, too.

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine. I want a bike for Christmas, please and I want a Tippie-Toe with her bike and horse. Don't forget my brothers and sister. Please bring something nice to Mother and Daddy.
Love, Diana Gonzales



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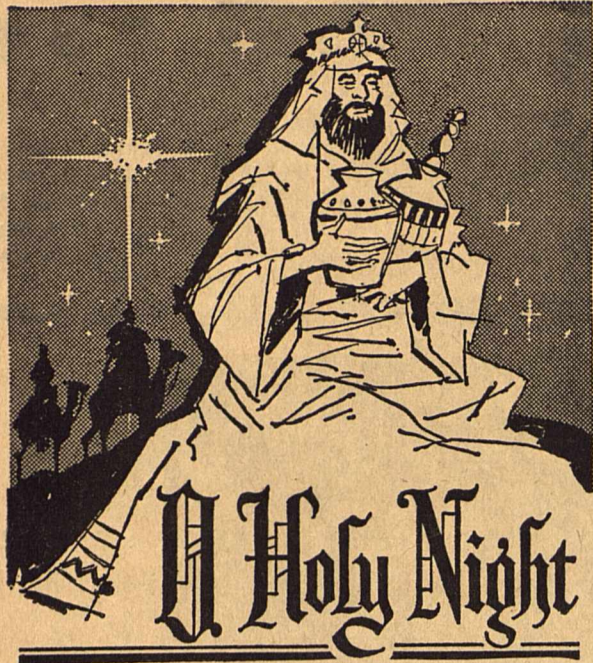
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Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like a raincoat. And a Tip-a-Toes doll for Christmas. I want the Easy Bake Oven. And a pair of shoes size 2. I am 10 years old. I am in the third grade. And I want a new bicycle. I have been doing very good in Spelling. But I have not learn to listen to instructions.
 With love, Carmen Arrendando

Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like to have a bicycle for Christmas. I have been very good to my mother. I would like a Tip-a-Toes doll. I am ten years old. I live in Sonora. I would like to have a pair of shoes size 3. That is all what I want for Christmas.
 With love, Juanita Avila

Dear Santa Claus,
 Please bring me a Tip-a-Toes doll. And I want a pink dress. I want some candy. If you cannot bring all of this I really want a Tip-a-Toes doll for Christmas. I am in the third grade. I am nine years old. I am a nice girl. I work hard most of the time. I made my own bed. Sometimes I make my mothers bed too. Oh, I would like a watch very much.
 With love, Alicia Salazar

Dear Santa Claus,
 Please bring me a pair of walkie talkies and a Johnny West and the Indian that has a horse. And a bee-bee gun and a football and a Sonora Bronco suit. I would like a play gun. I would also like a 3 speed bicycle. I am in the third grade. I am 8 years old.
 With love, Randy Favila

Dear Santa, Please Bring Me . . .

Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like a pair of binoculars and a fall. also a camera and a talking Barbie. I would like an easy curl.
 Love, Marche Lane
 P. S. My sister would like a pair of go-go boots and a watch. She would also like Ka-Bala.

Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like to have a Tip-a-Toes doll for Christmas. And I want a bicycle too. And I am very good with my mother. I am in the third grade and I am 9 years old.
 With love, Emma Jimenez

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a bee-bee gun for Christmas. And I want a 22 gun most for Christmas. And I want some cowboy boots. Also a pair of shoes. And if you can bring all the things bring me a 22 gun, please.
 With love, Raymundo Salinas

Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like a Tip-a-Toes doll. I am ten years old. I am in the third grade. I have been very good to my mother.
 With love, Delia Flores

Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like to have a bicycle and also a walk talk, and a bb gun. I'm 10 years old. I'm in the third grade.
 With love, Juan Samaniego

Dear Santa Claus,
 Please bring me a talking doll. I want an apron for my mother and some pipes for my father. And I want some toys for my brother and sisters. And I want a dress for me.
 With love, Delma Gandar

Dear Santa Claus,
 I will like you to bring me a doll for Christmas. And for my mother I will like you to bring her some pretty dishes.
 With love, Elizabeth Garza

Dear Santa,
 Would you please bring me a Tippy Toes and a Barbie doll. And a record player and some records for Christmas and a suit of clothes and some doll's. And Merry Christmas Santa,
 Love, Carla

Dear Santa,
 Merry Christmas Santa Claus. Will you give me and my sister some clothes? Will you bring a doll? The name of it Tippy Toes. And some dishes and a Barbie
 Love, Annette

Dear Santa,
 Will you bring my sister a bicycle please? Would you bring my big sister a bicycle please? Will you bring me Major Mat Mason please?
 Love, Thomas

Dear Santa,
 Will you bring me a Johnny Eagle please? Will you bring me a record player please? Will you bring me a Caboom please? Will you bring my sister a Tippy Toes please?
 Love, Jeffery Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
 I would like a Major Mat Mason. And I would very much like a road set. I'm writing this letter to you because I want you to know it.
 Love, Pat

Dear Santa,
 I'd like 3 things for Christmas. I'd like Hot Wheels and a time machine and electric power bird and bring my sister a tricycle, and please remember my mother and father.
 Love, Peter

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Dear Santa Claus,
 I wish I had a doll called Tip-a-Toes. Please Santa Claus I have been very good. I have helped my mother a whole lot. And something else I want is two pairs of shoes but if you can not bring all those things you can only bring me a doll called Tip-a-Toes. I am in the third grade. I am a girl.
 With love, Susan Noriega

Dear Santa,
 We will have some milk for you. I hope you will get me a talking Barbie and a Tippy Tose. We will have something good to eat. And Merry Christmas.
 Love, Kelly

Dear Santa,
 My brother an I would like all the hot wheels sets. And would like a Major Mat Mason. The reason I wrote this letter is because I left it out of the other. And Merry Christmas to you.
 Love, Chase

Dear Santa,
 How are you feeling? Fine I hope.
 Would you bring me a Johnny Eagle and would you please remember to bring me a bicycle and please bring me hot wheels and Major Mat Mason.
 Love, your friend, Wayne

Dear Santa Claus,
 Could you bring me some clothes and a Barbie and Tippy Toes and some dishes and a record player? Merry Christmas Santa Claus. Naomi and Clay and I love you.
 Love, Kay

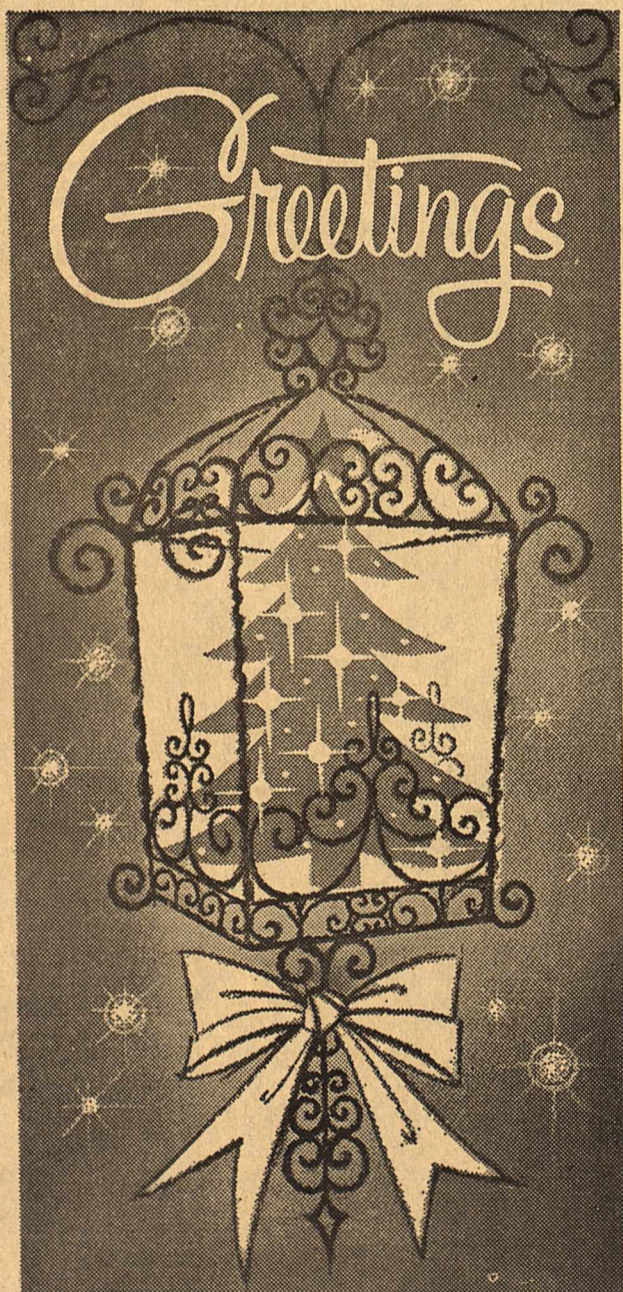
Dear Santa,
 Will you give me a football suit and a football with an arr pump? And I am going to make a cake for you.
 Your friend, Jeff

Dear Santa,
 May I have a talking Stacy and a Tippy Toes and a make-up set and a dish set. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
 Love, Linda



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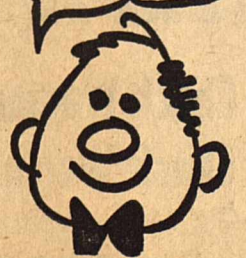
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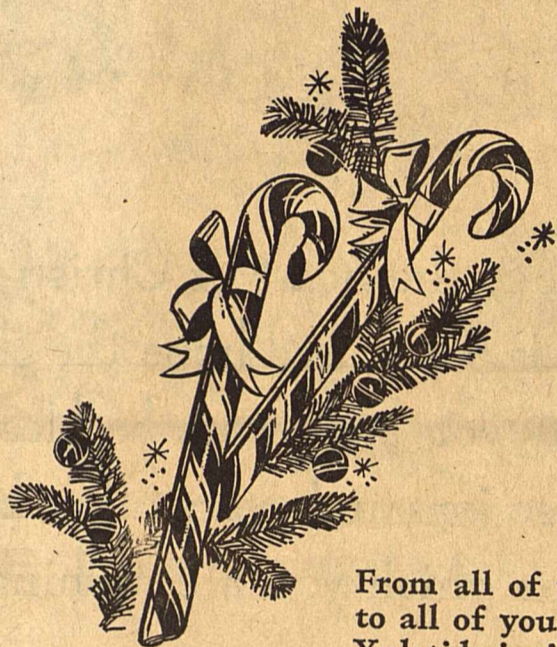
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Dear Santa Claus,
I was looking for you to come to our room. Well hope you come to third grade. I hope you come to see the room. I hope you bring me a Christmas present.
With love, Armarrdo Salcedo

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish you will bring me a bike for Christmas. I like Christmas because they give us presents. I hope you will come to our party at 1:45.
With love, Lupe Gamez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a Tip-a-Toes for Christmas and a bike too but if you can't make all the things I want just the things you can make. And I want a pair of shoes and a dress but if you can't bring me just a doll of Tip-a-Toes. And I would like a watch very much for Christmas. And I have been a good girl with my mother and I helped my mother to clean the house. And I am in the third grade in the L. W. Elliott School. And I am 8 years old and in July 21, I'll be 9 years old.
With love, Lydia San Miguel

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have BB Guns most. I live on a ranch out toward Del Rio. I am good most of the time.
With love, Julian Ramirez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle with three speeds on it. And I also want a pony with a saddle, some shoes, clothes, and a pellet gun. And I want some books for me to read.
With love, Sammy Acosta

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a BB gun and a bicycle. But most of all I want a BB gun. My name is Ezequiel Gamez. I live in Sonora. I am nine years old. I am in the third grade. But if you don't want to send me all of that you could only send me the BB gun.
With love, Ezequiel

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll called Tip-a-Toes, and some new shoes, and a new bicycle. I help my mother a lot and if you can not bring me every thing the thing I want most is a bicycle and a watch. I am ten years old. I am in the third grade.
With love, Ruth Moreno

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a black football suit, a walkie-talkie radio. I would also like a bicycle. I am in the third grade at L. W. Elliott School in Sonora. I study hard most of the time. I am 9 years old.
With love, Steven Perez

Dear Santa Claus,
I wanted a new bicycle please. I live about 8 miles going to O-zona Highway. And I want a new package of 300 pages of note book paper please. And will you please bring me a rein-deer to put on my sled. But if you can't buy all that for me bring me a BB gun most of all. I am a very good boy with my mother. And I clean the house. I am in the third grade. I am 8 years old. I will have a birthday in January and be 9 years old.
With love, Reynaldo Soria

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a new bicycle and a gun holster with a string and rifle and some cowboy boots. I like for you to bring me an arithmetic book and a spelling book and some new clothes. I am in the third grade.
With love, Simon Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a BB gun for Christmas, a package of BBs, and I also want a walkie-talkie. I am 9 years old and in the third grade at L. W. Elliott School.
With love, Oscar Chavez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a Tip-a-Toes doll and a bicycle for Christmas. I have been very good for my mother and do what she tells me. I am in the third grade. Oh I would like a pair of shoes and a dress but if you cannot bring me all those things I would like to have a Tip-a-Toes doll best. Oh I am 8 years old and in August 19, I will be nine.
With love, Diana Ramos

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle please bring it soon. I would like some clothes for Christmas if you can come bring all the things. Bring the bicycle as soon as you can. I am in the third grade.
With love, Sally Ann Campas

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like you to bring me a bicycle and a Tip-a-Toes doll and a pair of shoes and clothes for Christmas. Santa Claus I have been good to my mother I helped her clean the house and I am in the third grade Santa Claus and I am 9 years old.
With love, Hilda Perez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would have a Bee Bee Gun for Christmas and a football for Christmas. I would have a cat too.
With love, Jesse Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year. I like Christmas. Do you like Christmas. I wish you would bring me a mustang. I hope you will bring the things I want.
Love, Jane Wallace
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Dear Santa Claus,
Santa Claus, I want a bike, a barbie doll, and I want a purse. I want a doll than can grow too teeth. These are the things. I want tippytoes and a wagon and a toy Babby chair.
Your love, Barbara

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I am doing fine. We will have some milk and something to eat. I want a football game and an operation game. I want a race car set and a book and a dump truck.
Love, Tobin

Dear Santa,
Will you remember to bring Cindy and me a Barbie house? Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Love, Tammie

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some talking Barbies and Tippy Toes. I will have fun with them. Merry Christmas Santa Claus. I hope you will have fun on Christmas night.
Your friend, Lucy

Dear Santa,
Santa I would specially like you to bring me a Time Machine. Merry Christmas Santa. I will leave some cookies and milk. hope you like them.
Love, David

Dear Santa Claus,
I like you to bring a bicycle my sister likes a talking doll. My brother likes boots. Tahnk You.
With love, Domingo Avila

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Tippy Toe doll and I want an apron for my mother and I want some boots for my father and I want a bicycle for brother and I want shoes for my sister.
With love, Maria Elena

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me a doll that walks on her Tippy Toe? Bring my sister some shoes for church. Bring my father some boots. Bring my mother some pretty high heels. Will you bring it? Santa Claus I would like to see you and your reindeer.
With love, Lilia Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a caboom Santa. And any thing else. Marry Christmas.
Love, Ree Dine

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa Claus I want a projector. I want for my father some pants. I want for my grandmother some shoes. We want to wish you a merry Christmas. Thank you.
With love, Juan San Miguel

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish you will bring me a bike for Christmas. My brother will like a horse and a bicycle. My brother would like a play pony. My mother will like some necklace for Christmas. My father will like a sweater for Christmas.
With love, Bobby Acosta

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll. Her mane is Tippy Toe, the one that comes with a horse and a bicycle. My brother wants a electric guitar. My other brother wants some drums. And my mother wants dishes.
With love, Lisa Bernal

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a football for Christmas. And we like to see you on the sled riding with the riandears. I hope you would come to our party on Friday at two oclock. My brother would like a bicycle for Christmas. Please bring a doll for my sister.
With love, Eugene Reyna

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a walking doll for Christmas. My mother said I better have an apron. But I like a walking doll better. Do you know why I like you? — I like you because you bring us toys. I hope you will bring it.
With love, Gloria Salazar

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle for Christmas. My mother wants a apron for Christmas. My sister wants a Tippy Toe doll for Christmas. Please bring it if you can.
With love, Martha Guerra

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa Claus bring me a bicycle and a big gun. We are going to have a party. It will be at December 20, 1968. Bring me your best toy. Bring my sister a doll.
With love, Marcos Perez

My sister and I want to see you Santa Claus. I would like Santa Claus to bring me a bicycle.
Love, Arturo



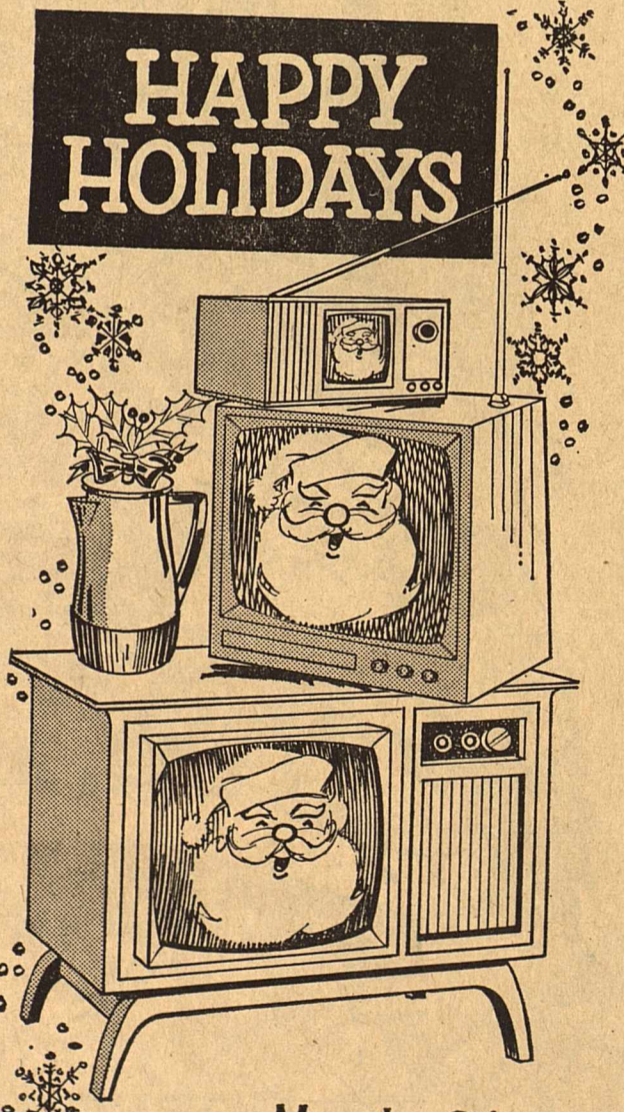
May your year be filled with roses!

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Awalt



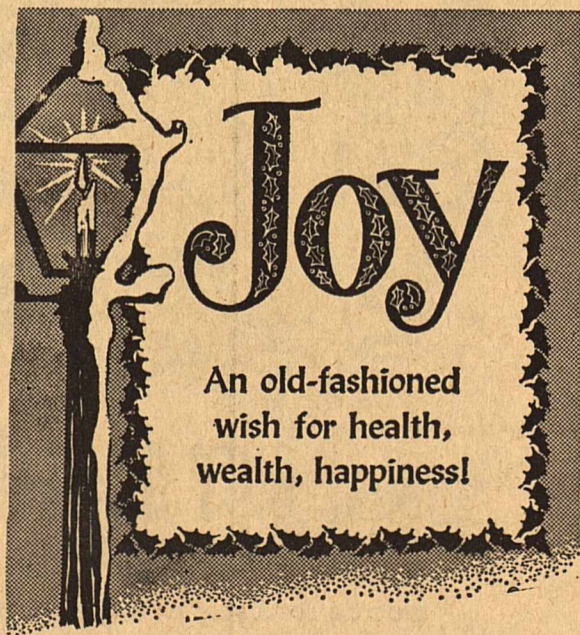
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could make by friction
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gods, to light their ban-
quet rooms, and to light
their pageants and car-
nivals. It is interesting to
note that while pagan
Rome used the candle for
merry-making, the Chris-
tian martyrs used it to
light the catacombs.

It was natural for Chris-
tians to adapt the candle
to their way of life, for
Christ had referred to
Himself as the Light of
the world. More, He had
assured them that each
Christian was a light.

The Middle Ages found
the candle at its zenith.
Made of tallow, by the
dipping process, the can-
dle was widely used for
light, on up till the 19th
century.

The Medieval church
made sure that candles
were made of beeswax...
an idea founded in the
belief that bees came to
earth directly from hea-
ven. Throughout the Mid-
dle Ages it was common
for swarms of bees to be

cared for near religious es-
tablishments.

Some of the candles of
the Middle Ages were
thick and tall; they rose
over the heads of the peo-
ple and cast a fairly strong
light in a royal hall, or
cathedral. These huge can-
dles weighed as much as
300 pounds.

The custom of putting
lighted candles on the
tree came from Martin
Luther's time, when haz-
ards of fire from candles
was an accepted risk, part
of life itself.

The idea of lights on
the tree is still cherished
by modern man. One of
Albert Schweitzer's books
tells of a Christmas Day
in a steaming jungle when a
dying man begged for a
Christmas tree with can-
dles on it.

It is traditional that
every family in Ireland
have a candle in the home
as a symbol of faith, to
welcome the Christ and to
invite strangers (who may
be the Holy Infant with an
earthly disguise).

In Italy a Christmas
candle is kept burning in
front of each creche dur-
ing the Yule Season.

In Spain, the Christmas
candle is placed over the
doors of the faithful.

I heard the bells on
Christmas Day
Their old familiar
carols play;
And wild and sweet
the words repeat
Of peace on earth,
good will to men.
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Love is the heart of Christmas;
its spirit is peace, and hope the glad-
ness. May you and yours be blessed
with these joys and every other hap-
piness for which you are wishing.

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*Christmas
Blessings*



**FOR HIS
BIRTHDAY**

As we once again celebrate that
Birthday of birthdays, may the blessings
He came to bring be reborn in every single heart!

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Peace on Earth

May the wondrous
peace and joy of the newborn
King abide with you and
your family throughout this
Christmas and forever after!

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GREETINGS

We join with Santa in wishing to
our many wonderful friends a day filled
with all the gladness of this Happy Holiday!

SONORA FEED COMPANY

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...for everyone at Christmas...from the management and employees of

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Dick Black



The Little Match Girl

A Christmas Story

One December day, a poor little girl trudged along a busy city street through cold, deep snow. She wore no shoes but on one foot she wore one man's large slipper which she had found in a trash-can. Her feet were red and raw in the bitter cold.

In her apron she carried many boxes of matches which she tried to sell to passersby.

The little girl was not having any luck, but she was afraid to go home, for her father had said he would beat her if she came home without money.

Now it was getting colder, the snow was coming down harder, a wind was whipping her threadbare scarf against her cheek.

She huddled in a corner between two buildings, trying to get warm.

She took a match from her apron and lighted it, to warm her numb fingers. How brightly it sputtered! In its light she seemed to see a big warm stove with pots bubbling happily.

But when the match burned out the beautiful scene disappeared.

She struck another match . . . and another,

and each time another lovely scene took shape before her eyes... tall taper candles which seemed to grow longer, rising higher.

The candles rose higher, until they became stars in the sky; then one of them fell.

"Oh!" she said to herself, "that falling star means someone is dying."

She struggled to light another match, then another . . . and suddenly, right in the midst of the bright glow was her dear mother who had died when the little girl was just a 3-year-old.

"Mother!" the little girl cried, "Mother! Please take me with you!"

Her mother gathered her into her arms, and together they rose high up to the sky, so high, there were angels hovering near, and the little girl sighed with joy.

In the morning, when busy shoppers hurried by they saw the little match girl huddled on the hard sidewalk, burned matches about her. She seemed to be sleeping, and a smile was on her lips.

ADAPTED FROM THE TALE BY HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN



May Santa bring you the gifts of good cheer, good health

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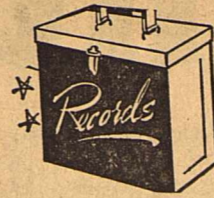
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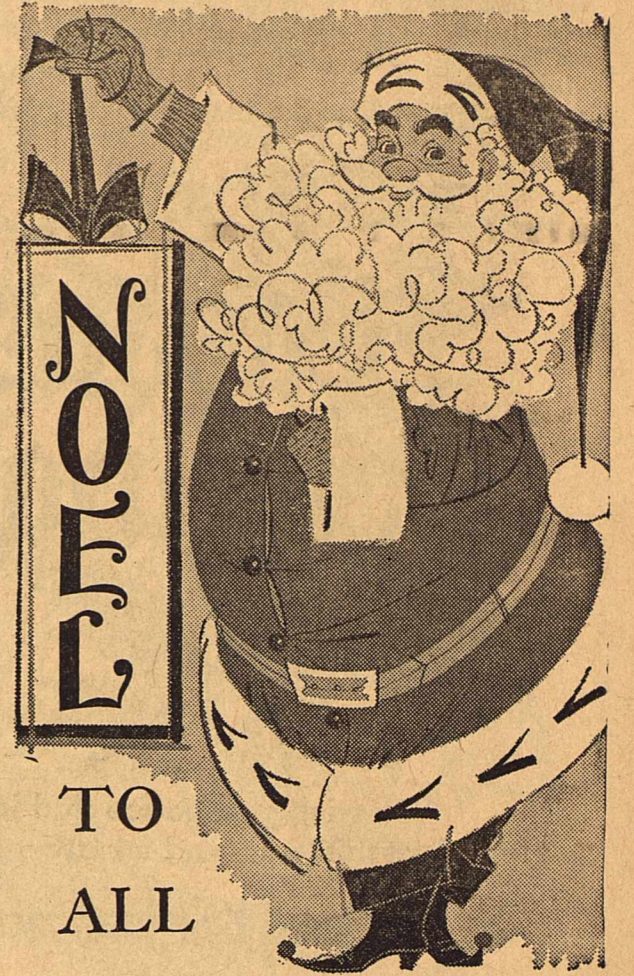
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Dear Santa, Please Bring Me ...

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a talking Barbie doll for Christmas with black hair and some dress went it. And I want a baby magic too. And that's all I want.
Love, Cindy

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like some toys for Christmas. I would like a dumptruck for Christmas and a electric football game. And a portable T.V. And a guitar.
Your friend, Pat Kennedy

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a set of Barbies and Barbie clothes and I want the Barbies to have long hair and men to go with the Barbies and furniture for the Barbies. And I want some gliter and a make believe dog.
Love, Abby

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a doll that can talk. I like dolls that talk to me. And I want a bike too.
Love, Ester

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a reacord player and a cakacoo machine. and a cashres-ter for Christs. And with it put 60 dollars in it. I wish you a very happy merry Christmas.
Your friend, Rena Collins

Dear Santa,

Would you please bring a cap gun and a little motor boat and bring my mother a pretty flower and please remember my daddy.
Merry Christmas Love, Marshall

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a book and a bicycle. Bring a rifle, and my sister a doll and my other sister wants a doll too. Merry Christmas Santa.
Love, Keila

Dear Santa,

Would you bring me some dishes and please bring my sister some? Would you bring me some play make-up and some books to read. Merry Christmas Santa.
Your friend, Love, Terri



We wish you peace and joy at this time and for always!

Morgan & Hunt Insurance

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a Gold Night named Sir Gordon and a typewriter.
Love, Cody Wayne Savell

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a potable AM FM radio and a chemistry set.
Love, John

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a talking doll. I want to see you in your sleigh with your eight reindeer. Please bring my mother some dishes and my father some socks. Santa is saying Ha! Ha! Ha!
With love, Wilma Castro

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have some boots. My little sister would like to have a red ball, and a bear. My brother likes a swing shot. My mother likes a new stove. I've been a bad boy all year long. But wait I will be good next.
With love, Joe Escobar

Dear Santa Claus,

Please do not forget that you need to bring me a bicycle. I want to see you reindeer and you. Please remember my bicycle and my boots.
With love, Teto Romo

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Billy Blast off. I want a toy comine. I want Jonny West. I want a hot wheels. I want a tent. I want a real watch. I have been a good boy.
Your friend, Steven

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a new born thumbilina doll for Christmas.
Your friend, Sherrie

Dear Santa,

I want a real rifle and a talking G. I. Joe and a BB gun.
Your friend, William

Dear Santa,

I want a cub scout telescope. I want a bicycle. I want a gaitar. Oh, and I almost forgot, I want a snow suit.
Sincerely, Pat Wade

To Santa Claus,

1. I want a case of Barbie dolls. 2. I want a bike.
Your friend, Sharon Wells

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a thing-maker and a watch and a Barbidoll.
Mona

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a race car set and a walkie tackle and a new wristwatch and a foot ball suit and sholder pads.
Your friend, Johnny

Dear Santa Claus,

I want to have a Star Trek and a ant farm and a pound of be-bees.
Love, Robin

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for the things you gave me last year. This year I want a double race tracke hot wheels and a new bb gun. And I hope you have a merry Christmas.
Your friend, Robert Harris

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a sleeping bag and a wrist watch and a desk and a taperecorder and a Snocone machine and a tot's tip and rack.
Love, Lucy Morriss

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a stingray bicecele with shift gere and hand brakes and a big Tonka tractor that lifts up dirt.
Your friend, Zack

Dear Santa Claus,

I want Tippy toes and I want rings and things and I more spashle want a pare of boots and a western soot. I hop you and I have a happy Christmas and a Happy new year.
Your friend, Margreat

Dear Santa Claus,

Two wheels and botes and a seat for my bike. And I want some candy in my stocking.
Your friend, Billie

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a guitar for Christmas. I like you and I like your wife too. Merry Christmas this year.
Your friend, Allen Conger

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I want a doll that talks and walks. And a jump rope, and 2 hot wheels for my brother.
Your friend, Betty

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a gun. I want a watch. I want a guitar. I want some trucks. I want a play jeep.
Love, Quincey

Der Santa Claus,

I would like an electric football game. And a daisy bb gun. And a watch. And my sister wants a car and some shoes and a little cat. But I want a german dog. And a GI Joe and thats all I want for now. But bring my brothers a 450 Hinds motercycle.
Sincerely, George

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a bicycle and a race track. And a telescope and microscope. Oh yes I almost forgot that I would like to have a electric telephone and type writer.
Love for all, Randy

Dear Santa Claus,

I wood like a doll and a game and a diaper bag and a pair of hi heels.
Marsha

Dear Santa Claus,

Christmas is coming so I have to be good. I want a Barbie for Christmas and a suit case with her dress. And a sweater for me, a game to play with and I hope my brother John will come to see us on Christmas. I miss him everyday. well I guess this is all for now.
Love, Irma

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like you to bring me some boots. For my mother some shoes. I want Santa Claus to come to our room.
With love, David Martinez



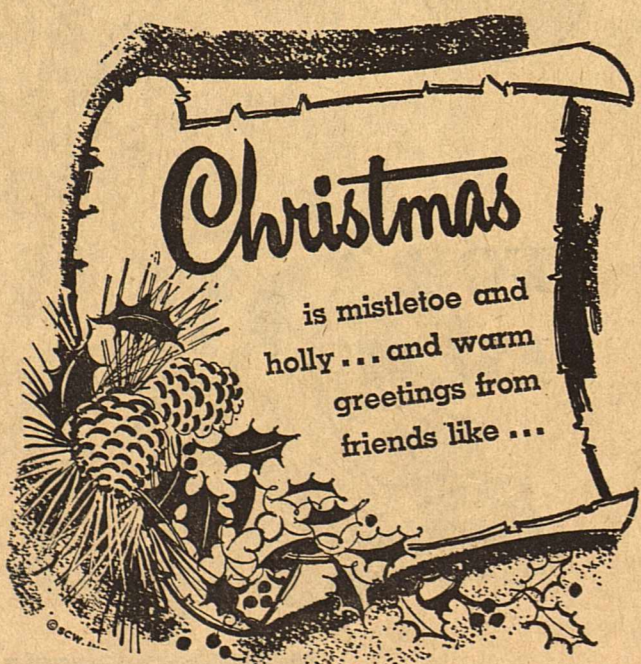
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CITY OF SONORA

Dear Santa, Please Bring Me...



May your
holidays
be the
merriest
ever and
may they
be prosperous!

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Dear Santa Claus,
I like some dishes and a talking doll. For my mother some pretty dresses. I like for my daddy a pair of pants. For my brother a pool table. I like you Santa Claus. I like to see you.
With love, Betty Favila

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a bicycle for Christmas. My sister wants a bicycle too. I want you to come to my house on Christmas Day. I want you to bring me some candy.
With love, Bernice Castilleja

Dear Santa Claus,
I wanted a talking doll for Christmas. I wanted for my brother a toy boat. Bring my mother some pretty dishes. We would like to see your reindeer and sled.
With love, Connie Ramos

Dear Santa Claus,
I want to know how are you. I hope you fine. Do you know what I want for Christmas? I would like for Christmas a doll that I saw in the store. I want a pretty doll. I hope you can come. So we can see you and the reindeer.
With love, Nancy Leija

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a hot wheel set, and a scope, and a BB gun, and a sweat shirt that says something of Charlie Brown on the front of the shirt, and other presents and 50 dollars.
Yours trulie, Mark McDonald

Cecil Westerman
Would
Like
To
Be
YOUR
Pharmacist

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a sting ray bike with high handle bars and a long set. I want it to be firey red with red wall tires and a big red strip across each peddle. And a little black set. And I want some hot wheels I want the stunt action with the big loops, and the ramps that make the car jump from one to the other.
Hope you come at Christmas,
Tim Turner

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baton, doll and some play dough.
Love, Laurie Dee Hollmig

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a flower thing maker and I want a bike but mother and father want let me get one. I want a doll called Tippy Toes. And I would like any thing you leave for me under the Christmas tree. I would like to have one big thing some little things and I want a pair of pretty gloves. And I want a brush and comb set. I want a great big chalk broad. And I would like a 4000 dollars. No not really but I really would. I am going to leave some food on the table for you. I want lots of things for Christmas. And I want a lot of games. Merry Christmas Santa Claus.
Your love, Becky
xxxxxxx

Dear Santa,
I will like a doll and a bike for Christmas and to decorate the house with a tree in it.
Love, Valley

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a football and a football shoes and a Sunday coat and a tie and a windmill that tells where the wind blows.
Love, Edward Earwood

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a birthstone ring. And I would like a birthstone watch. And I would like a Tippetoes doll. Say hello to Rudolph. I wish you a Merry Merry Christmas.
Love, Marga Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a walkie-talkie, and I want Fun Flowers set. I want a Necklace watch. And I want Ka-Boom.
Love, Pamela Anne Powers

Dear Santa,
I would like a watch. I would like to have a doll. I would like to have your picture to.
Love, Dena

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and racecar and a walkie talkie and a football.
Love, Craig Cooper

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a watch for Christmas. I want a brake and a BB gun. Thank you for what I got last Christmas. Merry Christmas.
Love, David McIntyre

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Baby Party. And a tippit and a Ka-Boom I wish you a Merry, Merry Christmas.
Love, Jerri Dunn

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me a batman suit and a robin suit, and a GI Joe and an ant farm.
Love, Terry

Dear Santa,
I want a football. I want a watch. I want a Etch-a-Sketch I want a walkie-talkie. I want a stingray bick with a brake. In my stocking I want a bottle rock-ef.
Love, Bryan Doran

Dear Santa,
I would like a Tippetoes and a dishset. And a Etch-a-Sketch. Merry Christmas.
Love, Linda Sue Mata

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Christmas Rudolph I want a Wahoo game. I want a bicycle.
Love, Don Ray Whiddon

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a football suit and some football shoes and a football. I would like a BB gun. Merry Christmas.
Love, Ray Belk Alexander

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a walkie-talkie and a BB gun and a bicycle and a sled.
Love, Phillip Stanley

Dear Santa,
I want a talking doll. I want a Tippe toes. I want a Baby Party. I want a suit.
Love, Jennie Wilson

Dear Santa,
I want a walkie-talkie for Christmas. I want a BB gun too.
Love, Gus Ward

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Etch-a-Sketch and a electric stove. And a Fun Flower set. And some slacks sets. And a watch.
Love, Denise Neal

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you Santa Claus. I want a walkie-talkie for Christmas. and Merry Christmas to all.
Love, Billy Sanchez

Dear Santa Clus,
I would like a Tippetoes doll. And I would like a birthstone. I would like a Beasley doll. I would like a watch. And I hope you have a good Christmas too. Say hello to Rudolph.
Love, Elaine Truly

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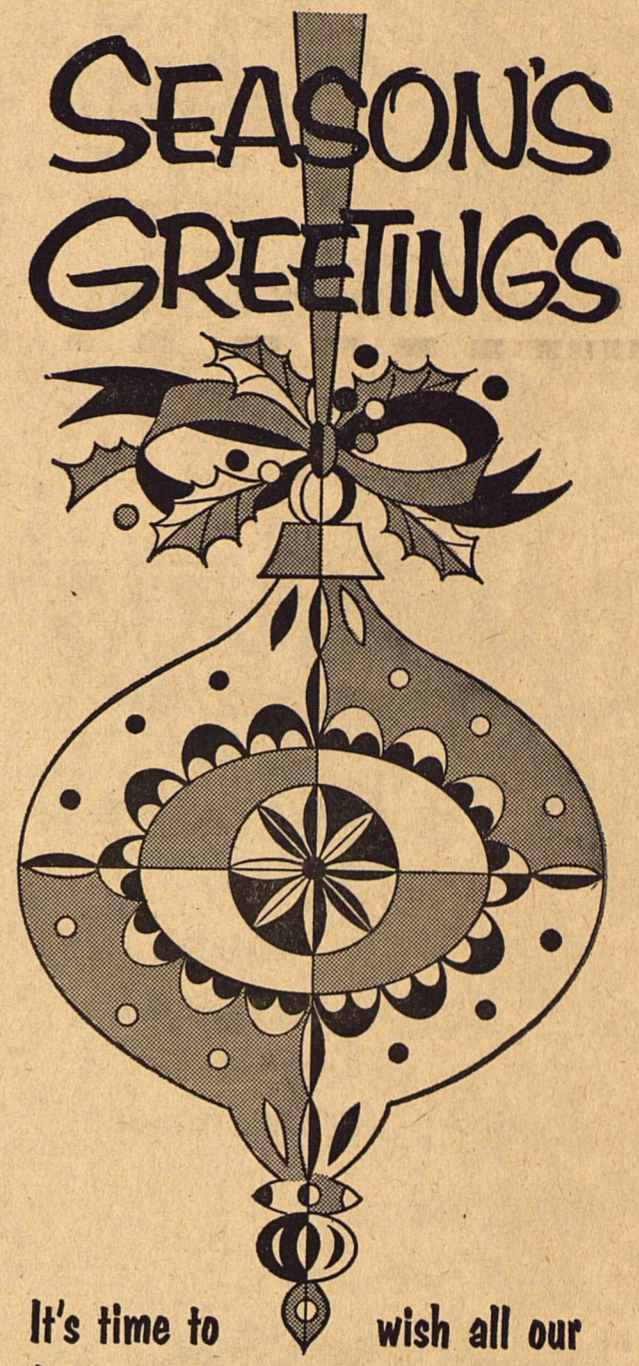
Dear Santa,
I want a BB gun and 900 BBs. I want a wahoo board and 27 marbles. I want a birthstone ring. I want a football and a football suit and a football helmet and football shoes whit a cleats.
Love, Clay Fitzgerald

Dear Santa,
I like you. What are you doing today? I want some 22 bullets for a gun, and I'd like two boxes. I want a Johnny Eagle. This is a kind of a gun, and something you want to give me.
Your friend, Gregg Tedford

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me hot wheels, and Johnny Astro, and an organ, and a bicycle, and a record player?
Love, Mark

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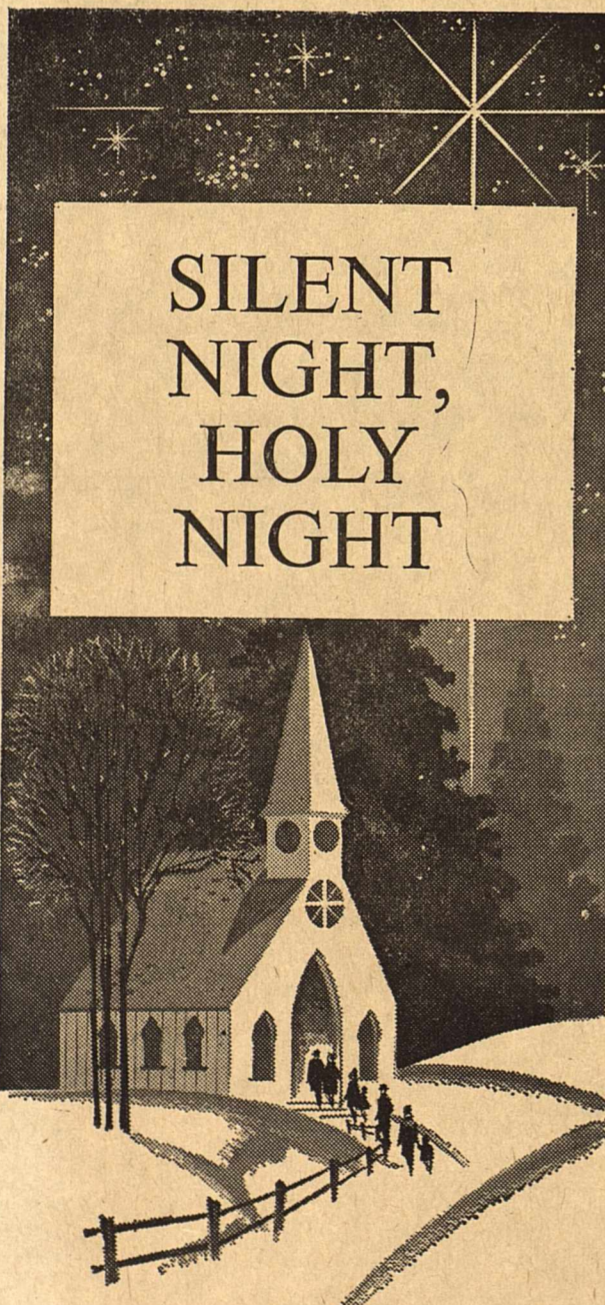
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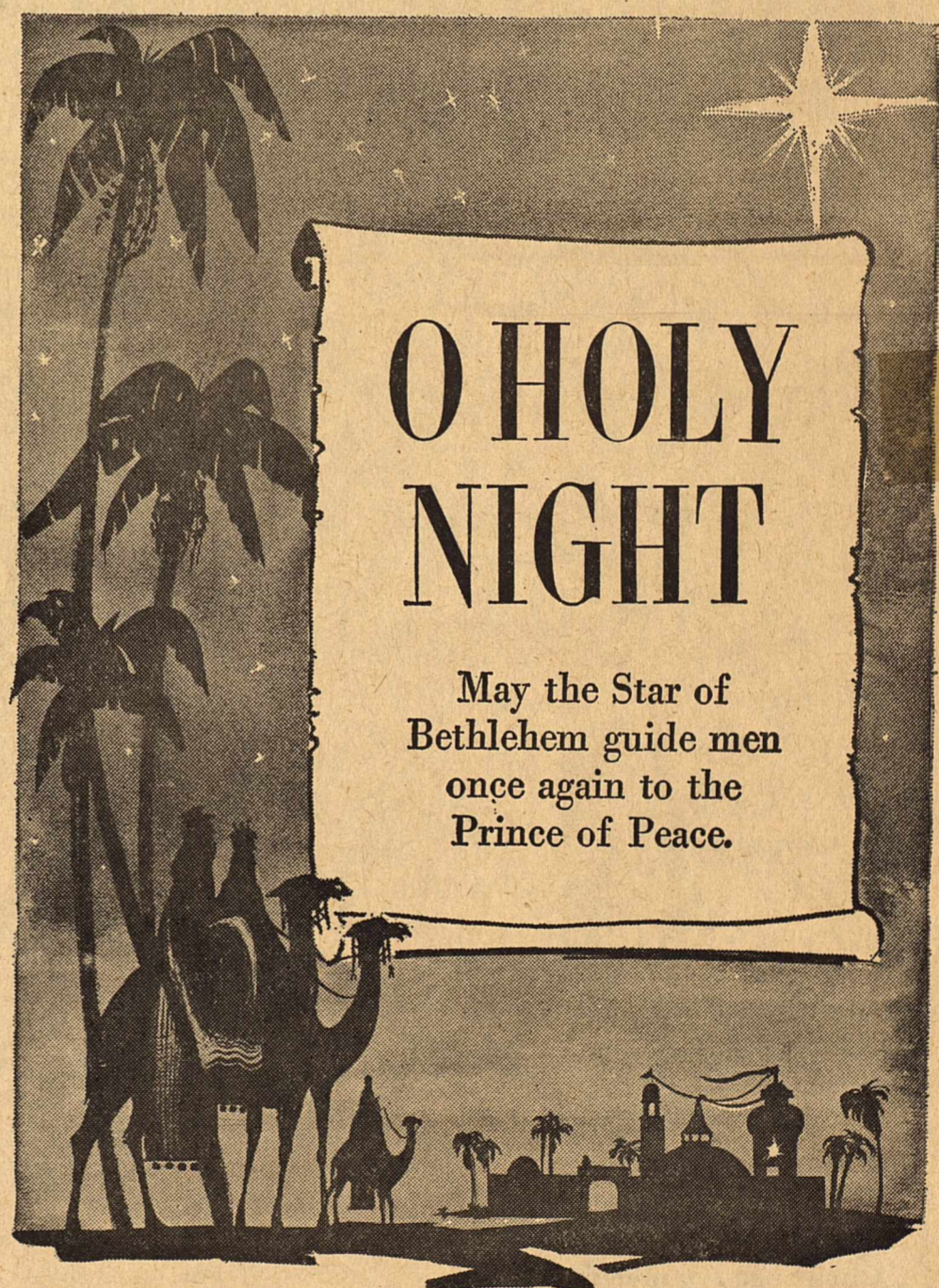


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May the Star of Bethlehem guide men once again to the Prince of Peace.

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Holiday Cheer
to all our customers.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Chavarria's Grocery & Station



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Greetings in the spirit of the season to all our wonderful patrons!

Greenhill Service Station

Snips, Quips, And Lifts

CHRISTMAS POSTLUDE

It's somewhat disillusioning and kind of funny, too, to see, December twenty-sixth, the shoppers in a queue: all carrying parcels, gaily wrapped; they've braved the snowy drifts. These folks are so business-like, returning Christmas gifts—"Just give me credit," this one says; "it really is too small." "That ghastly color didn't do a thing for me at all!" "It's quite all right," the salesgirl sighs. (These customers she loves!)

Now aren't we sort of silly to stir up such a stew because of "from me to you." Just think of all the strife we'd save, if instead of ties and socks, we packaged prettily and gave some money in a box.

—The Christmas season sweetens the disposition of men simply by laying aside two things: fear and ambition.

—Exercise kills germs, but we can't figure out how to make the blamed things exercise.

—If you want a place in the sun you must expect to get blistered.

MEETING: Something that happens because 30 days have elapsed.

ed.
—The candlemaker still has the best job of all; he works only on wick ends.

—Married men may not be the best informed people, but they are certainly the most.

—Nicolo Paganini, the great violinist, was once asked to give the secret of his success. His reply was offered in three words: TOIL, SOLITUDE, PRAYER.

—You can't control the other fellow's opportunities, but you can grasp your own.

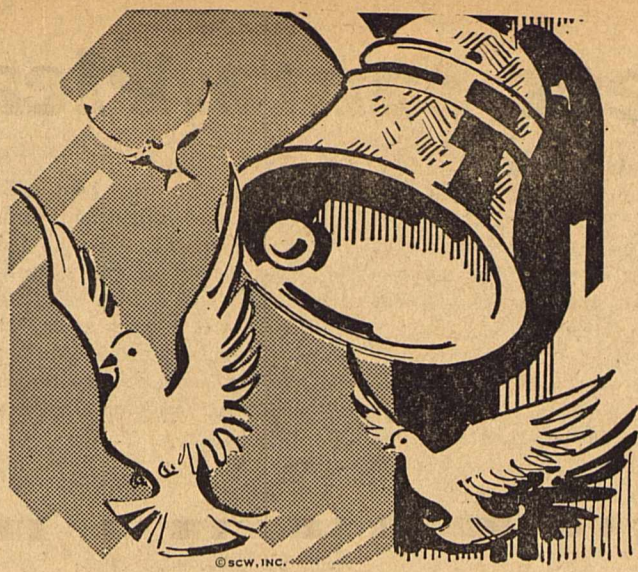
—Advice from an old carpenter: Measure twice and saw once.

—The world is full of a number of things that it's hard to keep up with the payments on them.

—The average is merely the poorest of the best and the best of the bad. Maybe now we will stop boasting about being "average."

—Patrick Henry said "Give me liberty or give me death"—but now we leave out the words liberty and death.

A LIFT FOR THE WEEK
You can't control the contour of your face, but you can control its expression.



Through the vast power of this newspaper the story of the Christmas Seal was told, and retold. The crusade gathered momentum. From every walk of life, people came to buy the Seals.

The rest of the story is familiar. We all know how much a part of Christmas the Seal is. But maybe when we use them this Christmas we will remember how hard its advocates struggled to "put it on the map"; maybe we will remember what a great fight it is continuing to wage.

For the dread disease is relentlessly, cruelly still with us, though to a much less degree.

To relax our efforts would be tragic. Remember to buy, and use, your Christmas Seals . . . as many as you can afford.

Dear Santa, Please Bring Me . . .

Dear Santa Claus, I want some dolls and shoes and a t.v. and a jack in the box and I want a Tippie-Toe doll and I want a truck and a little car for my brother and for my other brother a b-b gun and a toy horse and for my mother I want a set of dishes.
Love, Melva Sepeda

for Nina. I would like some shoes for Daddy. I would like a bike for Luis. Please bring me a doll. I love you, Susie Mata

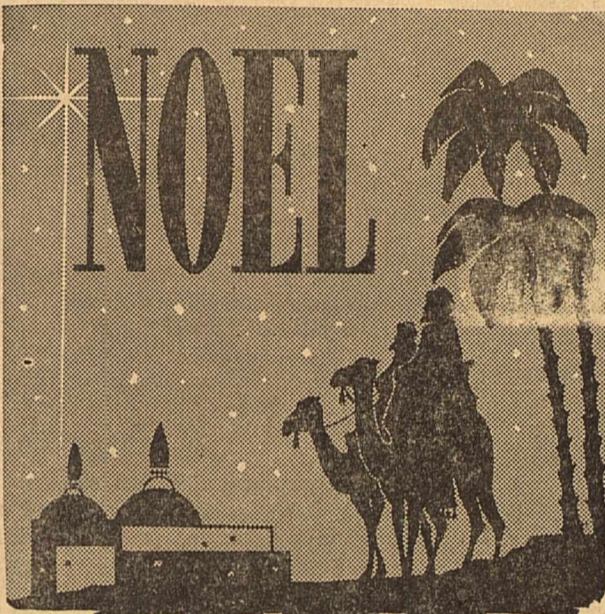
Dear Santa Claus, I would like some dishes for my mother. I would like a truck for Joe. I would like a play toy

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good boy. Please bring me a football suit, some toys, and a toy truck. A little car, a b-b gun, and a color t.v. and a Susie Homemaker for my sister.
I love you Santa Claus,
Joel Perez



We're ringing in 1969 with best wishes for all our patrons!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
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Season's Greetings



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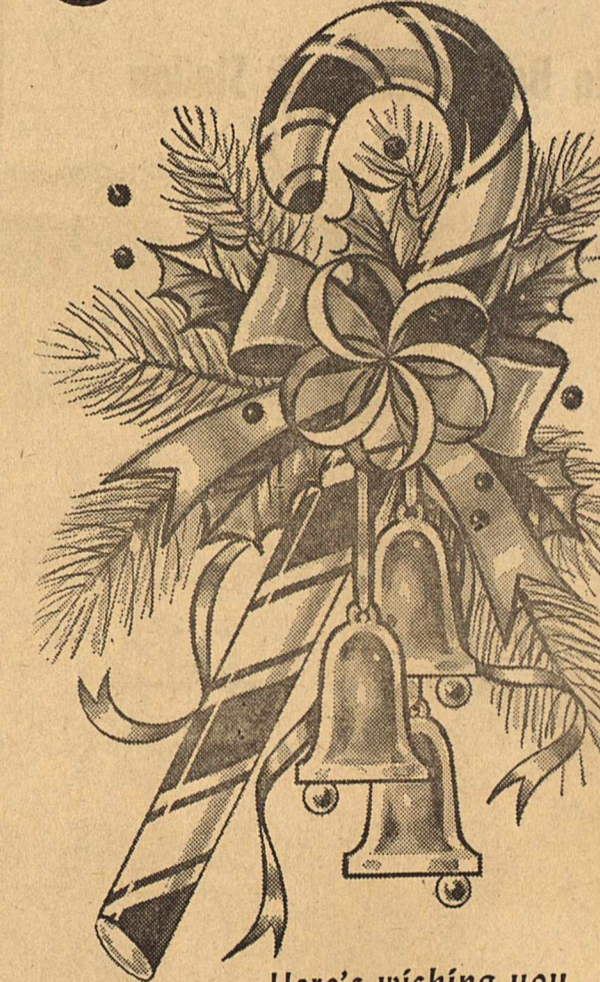


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Felipe Hernandez, Owner

Merry Christmas



Here's wishing you a holiday that's filled with merriment, prosperity, and good health . . . from all your friends at

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THE SANTA FE RAILROAD Sonorans Recall Railroad's Arrival

In the Friday, June 27, 1930, Devil's River News edition the news of the day was definitely the arrival of the first train to Sonora. Many events were planned for one of the most exciting days in the history of the community. Some of these stories as reported in that edition are re-told here:

The big celebration here next Tuesday and Wednesday was the chief discussion at the Lions Club Monday when Buster Halbert reported that approximately \$900 had been collected by the finance committee for a free barbecue July 1. He also said that 118 muttons and 6 beeves had been donated and that 15 beeves and 25 more muttons were needed to feed the crowd that would be here the first day.

The barbecue dinner will be served at 12:10 in the middle of the Gilmore and VanderStucken block. It is thought that the crowd can better be accommodated at noon time as the visitors can carry their meat to the sidewalk and eat it in the shade. Buster Halbert is in charge of the barbecue and is being assisted by S. H. Stokes and E. R. Lawrence.

"Buzzy" Stokes, Joseph Trainer, B. Hamilton and Frank Holiday agreed to visit surrounding towns and place advertising matter in business houses. The towns within 100 miles were visited and told of the two-day celebration.

It was voted to have the Lions Club "Welcome Sign" painted and repaired at a cost of \$35, for painting.

The West Texas Utilities Company agreed to put in a string of lights from the depot to the business section of town if the Lions Club would furnish the globes. This proposition was ac-

cepted and the Lions will pay \$35.

W. L. Aldwell, who is in a Fort Worth hospital, with a broken thigh bone, said he would be unable to attend the celebration. He holds the first ticket purchased for transportation from San Angelo to Sonora. B. M. Halbert purchased five tickets and presented Mr. Aldwell with the first one. Mr. Aldwell is a director of the Orient Ry. which is owned by the Santa Fe.

FAST RACES WILL FEATURE TWO-DAY RAIL CELEBRATION

Yesterday morning there were sixty race animals in the stalls at the Stockman's Paradise Association park and at least fifteen more are expected to arrive before the week is over. Owners of horses who reside in San Antonio to Oklahoma are here and have their trainers at work getting their horses in condition when the bell rings Tuesday, July 1. Approximately \$1,800 will be given in race purses during the two days of frolic.

Ten dollars entrance fee will be charged for entering the calf roping contests during the two days. The bronc riding contest carries three purses. There will also be wild cow milking.

FIRST WOOL TO BE SHIPPED OVER SANTA FE

Sonora ranchmen will see their first shipment of wool to leave on rails here next week when forty carloads, about 1,500,000 pounds, will go to Boston to the Co-ops. Twenty-five cars have been loaded and ready for shipment and the additional fifteen cars will be ready the latter part of next week when a solid trainload will be pulled from the Sonora Wool & Mohair Company's \$40,000 warehouse. The shipment will represent about \$500,000 worth of wool.

Draper and Company, sales agents for the National Wool & Marketing Corporation, will dispose of the trainload of wool in Boston.

LARGEST CROWD IN HISTORY OF TOWN EXPECTED

The largest crowds in the history of Sonora are expected here for the big two-day celebration July 1 and 2 to commemorate the completion of Santa Fe rails into the "Capital of the Stockman's Paradise." It is estimated by those in charge of the festivities that eight thousand people will be here the first day and probably as many the second day.

The Santa Fe will run two special trains from San Angelo here to satisfy the many who will want to join this city in the big celebration. The first train will arrive in the morning about 11 o'clock and will be followed immediately afterward by the second special.

Mayor Roy Aldwell, son of W. L. Aldwell who was instrumental in inducing the Santa Fe to make the rail extension, will welcome the visitors to Sonora and will be responded to by some distinguished visitors. Pat M. Neff, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, has wired that he will ride the first train into Sonora. The last spike, a gold one, will be driven near the depot by E. F. VanderStucken, local banker and business man. This will take place between 11 and 12 o'clock.

From the depot a parade will take place and will be headed by a 40-piece DeMolay band from San Angelo. Just before noon a "human fly" will scale the wall of the First National Bank, after which a free barbecue with all the trimmings will be served in the VanderStucken and Gilmore

block. Free ice water will be placed in convenient places and the visitors will have access to sidewalks for shade while eating.

Fort Worth and San Antonio will send large delegations here for the first day, it was learned. At least five hundred San Angeloans will board the specials out of San Angelo and at least as many will come in automobiles. Every town within a radius of 400 miles have signified they will send delegations here.

A professional will make a parachute leap from an altitude of 4,000 feet at 1 o'clock at the park one mile north of town. Immediately after the leap the races and rodeo will be ready to furnish thrills for the crowd.

There will be two dances going simultaneously on platforms near the grandstand at night. One will be a modern dance while the other will furnish entertainment and amusement for those who wish to dance the old-fashioned way.

100 TICKETS PURCHASED FOR FIRST TRAIN

W. R. Barnes, manager of the Stockman's Paradise Association, stated yesterday morning that 100 tickets had been purchased for those who wish to ride the first train into Sonora. The fare is \$2.25 and entitles the holder to a round trip. Those desiring tickets can purchase them at the Gilmore Hardware Company.

J. M. Lee, one of the owners of the O. S. T. Stages, said that they would put on additional buses to care for the passengers who would want to ride the first train into Sonora. The stages will leave here at 5 o'clock in the morning and get to San Angelo in time to make connection with the first train.

SONORA'S CELEBRATION

The celebration which Sonora will stage July 1-2 marking the coming of the railroad has had its prototype many times in the past when "inland" towns were rescued from their isolation by

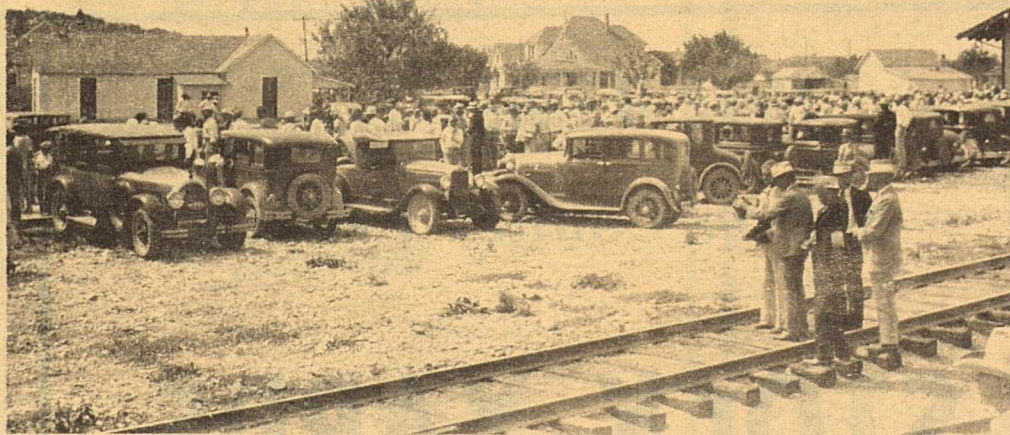
the advancing lines of steel. Sonora, however, is in somewhat different case from most of the others which celebrated in the past. In those times the isolation which the railroad ended was very near complete. Sonora is anything but isolated, in most of the senses of the term. The automobile and good roads changed all that long ago. If Sonora were celebrating only an end to isolation, the festivities should have occurred when the first automobile entered the city or when the first road-making machine appeared over the horizon.

But Sonora's jubilation is no less genuine and profound, because while Sonora citizens find all the surrounding world accessible to themselves personally, there are phases of Sonora's life whose isolation is very nearly as complete today as it ever was in the past. When the first train runs into Sonora July 1 it will signalize the end of trail-herding cattle over long miles for shipment and of motor truck caravans to carry the great wool production of that region to market. It is an event of importance more far-reaching from an economic than from a social standpoint that Sonora celebrates.

Incidentally, Sonora will be saying goodbye to a phase of its existence which, however desirable it may be to replace it with the more rapidly moving stage of the railroad, still has qualities to recommend it to fond memory. The "inland" towns of Texas, and especially the stockmen's towns, boasted their own fundamental charm, not the least of which was their rugged aloofness from the obsessions with trade which usually accompany the railroad.

Sonora is preparing to entertain many guests in the two-day festival which will mark the coming of the first train. It will be the good fortune of the visitors that this entertainment will be rescued from their isolation by

(See SONORANS RECALL page 2)



WAITING FOR THE TRAIN to come in are these Sonorans. The corner of the Sonora Depot is at the extreme right. Many Sonorans went to Eldorado to ride the train on its first trip to Sonora. Thousands of happy people welcomed the first train to Sonora, when Santa Fe was induced to extend the Orient from San Angelo to Sonora. The big day finally arrived in June of 1930.

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Cast Vote for City's Interest

(An Editorial)

Next Monday in the T. L. Benson office an election will be held to close Water Avenue and Crockett Avenue. The Santa Fe railroad, which is building into this town, is asking for these streets to be closed in order to give them space in which to operate trains and to lessen grade crossing dangers. However, the Santa Fe has conceded to have Crockett Avenue opened after the election, and this can be done by request of citizens living along that street.

Sonora and Sutton county have been fighting for a railroad for the past thirty years, and at last will soon realize their dreams, provided the election next Monday carries. This coun-

ty has offered \$400,000 for a railroad, and now she is to get it for \$85,000.

The railroad into this county will mean that ranchmen will save more than a hundred thousand dollars, annually in livestock shrinkage and expense of getting herds to shipping points. The business men of this town are dependent upon the ranching industry, and should be willing to accede to their wishes, or at least, favor any progressive move that would be beneficial to them. That which benefits the ranchmen will naturally help the business man.

Sonora's advancement will be furthered by voting to close the streets.

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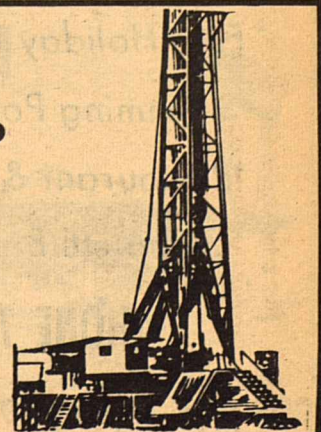
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of the old sort.
(The Fort Worth Star-Telegram)
8,000 PEOPLE HERE
FOR RAIL CELEBRATION

The rail celebration is all over except the rejoicing by both old timers who have seen their dream of 40 years come true, and by the newcomers who have cast their lots in the "Capital of Stockman's Paradise." The specials have come and gone and trains will run out of here daily.

There were about 8,000 people from the far corners of the nation who helped Sonora celebrate here Tuesday and Wednesday a \$3,000,000 project—Santa Fe rails from San Angelo to this city. Former Sutton county citi-

zens who had not been here in years were present to congratulate and rejoice with the ranchmen and citizens here.

A special train from San Angelo brought 500 visitors to this city at 10:30 the morning of July 1. On this train were many Sonorans who have the distinction of boarding the inaugural train that found its way over a ribbon of steel into virgin territory.

Immediately after Pat M. Neff, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission and former governor of Texas, had brought the train to a halt, Mayor Roy Aldwell was introduced on the station platform by W. E. Caldwell. Mayor Aldwell briefly told of the effort that had been made

for the past years in securing a railroad for this section and in a pleasing manner welcomed the visitors to Sonora.

From the station platform the multitudes gathered just west of the station a short way from where E. F. VanderStucken, pioneer Sonora merchant, banker and ranchman, drove the last spike, a gold one, to seal the rails with the ties. Pat M. Neff hit the last lick that drove the spike into the timber.

Whooping cowboys, among whom were men 80 years old and those who will take the older generation's place, paraded to Main Street, led by the San Angelo DeMolay band.

After everyone had finished with dinner a string of cars that were backed back to town were trying to find their way to the park for the six races, rodeo and other amusements.

realization of the fulfillment of a dream that had held the attention of the people of Schleicher, Sutton and Tom Green counties for a quarter of a century. It came as the climax of the inauguration of service over the line by a special train which left San Angelo at 7 in the morning.

W. H. Rochester, chief construction engineer of the Santa Fe, representing the road, held the spike as it was driven into the tie by Felix VanderStucken, pioneer Sonora merchant and banker, who represented the people along the line; and former Governor Pat M. Neff, chairman of the Railroad Commission, finished driving the spike as the representative of the State of Texas.

The band played and cowboys and Sonora's greatest crowd let a lusty shout of triumph as the former governor handed the golden tinted sledge hammer to Mr. VanderStucken after he had dealt the spike a lusty blow that sent

it ringing down upon the side of the rail.

A hundred and twenty-five chevon was none too many for the crowd that stood about the tables, two blocks long, arranged on the principal street of Sonora for the barbecue. The afternoon entertainment was at the park where horse racing and wild horse riding entertained the greatest crowd that Sonora has ever seen.

A DREAM COMES TRUE

Southbound trains leaving San Angelo this morning will carry with them hundreds of "first train" passengers, but more important will be the everlasting binding of the Concho and Devil's River countries.

As that first train steams its way through Christoval and Eldorado to blaze its way on to Sonora a dream will have been realized. It is easy to say that a dream will have been realized, but neither printed papers, nor See SONORANS RECALL page 3)

ROAD CUTS DOWN SHIPPING COSTS

Here are the rates to the Fort Worth market on the new Orient line terminating here.

Sheep and goats in single deck cars: Bryneville, 32½ cents, Christoval, 42½ cents, Huldale, 44 cents, Eldorado, 45 cents, and Sonora, 46 cents.

Sheep, goats, calves, hogs in double-deck cars: Bryneville, 34 cents, Christoval, 34 cents, Huldale, 26½ cents, Eldorado, 27 cents and Sonora, 23 cents.

The savings effected by the road in the handling of livestock is tremendous. Ranchmen have been paying as much as 25 cents a head to get their stock delivered to shipping points such as Menard, Mertzon, San Angelo and 65-mile drives have not been unusual.

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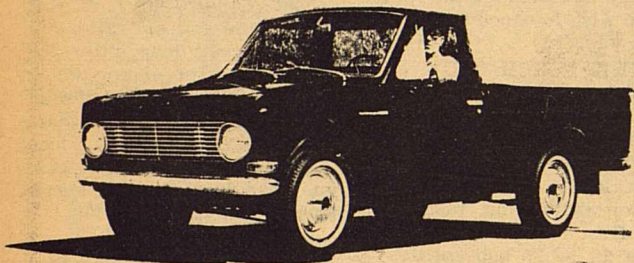
Two hundred cars of livestock can be loaded daily at the four stock pens on the Sonora extension of the Orient from San Angelo.

The pens at Sonora have two double-deck loading chutes and one single-deck loading chute. Each of the four pens is of the latest type construction. W. H. Rochester, engineer of the Orient, and Bill Tilton, livestock agent, conferred with ranchmen in regard to what they thought would be the best of such pens.

FAST RACES FURNISH THRILLS FOR THOUSANDS

The golden spike that Tuesday morning cinched the last rail to a tie on the last mile of the Santa Fe's branch line from San Angelo to this city, was merely the evidence of a golden

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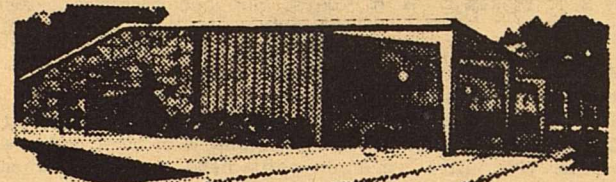
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spoken word will ever be capable of portraying that dream.

Names, many of them, could be mentioned as belonging to persons who have played a big part in the realization of the project. The backing of some \$3,000,000 and the reason for building of the road lies in the fact that the resources of a great country are ample to warrant it.

W. L. Aldwell, J. B. Christian, James Cornell, G. W. Stephenson — those are a few of the leaders to whom much credit is due. Behind them is the name of Arthur Stillwell, who visioned the road years before. Hundreds of others played an important part — but the productiveness of the soil and the resources of the Concho and the Devil's River countries stand out as the primary factors in that first train's journey this morning to Christoval, the resort city, Eldorado, coming oil center and Sonora, famed ranch city. (San Angelo Times, July 1) "A ROUND OF SLUGS"

Steel rails have already helped our city. Due to the fact that we have rails several wholesale houses will come into Sonora, and they will be an asset to the town. Among the new enterprises that have already come and will come are: two or three oil and gas stations, wool warehouse, steam laundry, salt plant and others.

Congratulations are due the hundreds who were here and for the manner in which they conducted themselves. It was one of the most orderly celebrations in the history of the town. No more than half a dozen arrests were made and those were for gambling at the carnival.

SAN ANTONIO REPRESENTED HERE AT CELEBRATION

H. B. Weber, vice-president of the San Antonio Drug Company, and vice-chairman of the San Antonio freight bureau of the S. A. Chamber of Commerce, was here for the rail celebration. He said that all of the \$650,000 bonus for the Gulf and West Texas Railroad except \$50,000 had been collected. The proposed road will come from San Antonio by Fredericksburg, Eden and to San Angelo.

J. M. VANDERSTUCKEN SHIPS FIRST LIVESTOCK

Joseph M. VanderStucken, a prosperous young ranchman, was the first to ship livestock over the new Santa Fe rails. Mr. VanderStucken shipped a double-deck of three-year-old mutttons to the Fort Worth market Monday. The run to Fort Worth requires 24 hours. The charge for a double-deck car to Fort Worth is \$81.40.

E. F. VanderStucken received the first carload of freight to come into Sonora over the Santa Fe. The car consisted of Purina feeds.

DEPOT AGENT HERE IS PLEASED WITH SONORA

P. J. Taylor, new Santa Fe agent here, says he likes Sonora well, and that he is pleased with his work and the Sonora people. Mr. Taylor came here from Alpine, where he had been in the employ of the Santa Fe. He has a wife and one child. Mr. Taylor handles the Western Union business here and also that for the American Railway Express Company.

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RAIL BONUS PAYMENT PLAN STILL PENDING

No definite action was made by the Sutton County Railroad Committee at their meeting Monday of this week as to the plan of payment for the \$75,000 bonus pledged to the Santa Fe as an inducement for them to build a road into this county. This bonus was subscribed several months ago to the Santa Fe and it was agreed by both the railroad and Sutton county that the sum would be paid on the completion of the road.

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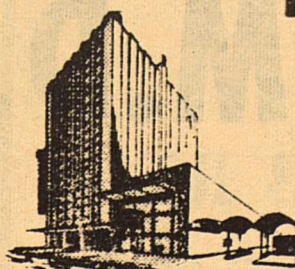
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Sonorans Recall Railroad's...

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SANTA FE REDUCES RAIL RATES TO FORT WORTH

Round trip passenger rates from Sonora to Fort Worth have been reduced by the Santa Fe to \$13.85, from March 7 to 15. No tickets will be sold after the 14th.

This will permit Sutton ranchers to attend the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth and return not later than the 17th. For further information call or see P. J. Taylor, local Santa Fe agent, or write T. B. Gallaher, general passenger agent, Amarillo, Texas.

March 13, 1931
RAIL OFFICIALS ARE PLEASED WITH SONORA

W. B. Storey, president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co., and eight officials of that line were in Sonora Sunday morning on an inspection tour. The special train arrived here about midnight Sunday and de-

parted Monday morning at 9:30. This was Mr. Storey's second visit to Sonora, and he was agreeably surprised at the modern improvements the city had made. His first trip here was about 20 years ago before Sonora had many modern buildings. While here he tried to locate the E. F. VanderStucken building, and after surveying some old landmarks found a modern building, housing a complete stock of general merchandise.

None of the officials would say whether or not the Santa Fe had any intention of extending their line to Del Rio, but intimated it would be done if enough tonnage justified building. At present, one of the directors said that the extension would not be made.

Each member of the party spoke in complimentary terms of this section of West Texas and believes that Sonora will become a distributing center for this sector.

In the party with Mr. Storey

were James E. Otis, director; S. T. Bledsoe, chairman of the executive committee and general counsel; Geo. W. Harris, chief engineer of the Santa Fe system; J. R. Hitchcock, general manager; W. W. Kelley, chief engineer, Amarillo; J. A. Gillies, superintendent, Slaton; a Mr. Bagley, trainmaster, and W. H. Rochester, assistant engineer who was in charge of construction work on the San Angelo-Sonora extension.

SANTA FE AUDITOR IS LIONS GUEST

(April 3, 1931)

Following an elaborate program and instrumental selections by members of the Epworth League, J. J. Wells, traveling auditor for the Panhandle & Santa Fe Ry. Company, addressed the Lions Club upon railroad matters as affecting the general public, and hinted at future legislation governing highway traffic. Mr. Wells took opportunity to congratulate the young people who appeared on the program. He said it was not so much the trend of modern youth that counted, but the examples set by their elders.

Mr. Wells said that the railroad, like Lions clubs and other organizations, was a co-laborer for the upbuilding of the neighborhood. He spoke of these depressing times and reminded the Lions of the stories of old of the seven fat years followed by seven lean ones; that the world moved in cycles. He recalled the drouths of the past 20 years, at which times it looked as if everything had gone to the dogs, but the United States had come through okay — down for a time, but never out.

"It has been the disposition of some to think of the railroads as something, separate and apart, in a class to themselves," said Mr. Wells, "but this is not so. Man cannot live by himself alone, and the same is true of organizations. The railroad is here to give hearty co-operation, it is here to upbuild the community and to contribute in the way of taxes." He referred to early railroad construction, to cut-throat competition and the freezing out of small shippers with special favors to the big ones. He reviewed the receivership days and the ultimate passing into government control for the duration of the war.

"Two good points came out of the war and government control — the public learned the necessity of railroads and the roads gained new ideas of service." Mr. Wells said the railroads were permanent and that millions of dollars were being spent for safety of public and patrons.

P. J. Taylor, local Santa Fe agent and Sid Evans, ranchman, were guests.


SANTA FE AUDITOR PLEASED WITH SONORA

J. J. Wells, traveling auditor for the Panhandle and Santa Fe Railway Company, was here the first of the week to audit the books of P. J. Taylor, local Santa Fe agent. Mr. Wells was well pleased with the records kept by Mr. Taylor which showed that the new extension had done a good business.

Mr. Wells informed The News that indications pointed to an extension of Santa Fe rails from Sonora either to Del Rio or via the Rio Grande Valley route. E. M. Mobley, land and tax agent for the Santa Fe, was sent to Del Rio last week to investigate conditions there and in Villa Acuna and to make complete records of his findings. Mr. Mobley is securing an estimate on the volume of freight traffic that might be done should the road be built from Sonora to the border city. This data will be furnished to higher officials of the Santa Fe.

Mr. Wells said he had heard that the Uvalde Northern is contemplating building a line from Uvalde to Sonora, and hinted that the proposed line would be (See SONORANS RECALL, page 5)

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Sonorans Recall Railroad...

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 a good feeder for the Santa Fe. He spoke in complimentary terms of Sonora and the surrounding territory, and believes that this city will serve a great portion of West Texas as a distributing point.

SONORA MAY GET SECOND RAIL LINE (April 10, 1931)

J. W. Hutt, editor of The Rocksprings Record, and business men of that city met here Monday with the Sonora Lions and discussed a proposed railroad from Uvalde to Sonora. Mr. Hutt said that enough tonnage was in sight to petition several

lines to build the road, and that permission to build would be asked of the Interstate Commerce Commission. He added if either of the main lines would not build the road he knew of an individual who would.

Mr. Hutt said that he was not asking for any bonus or right-of-way, but he wanted the moral support of the Lions Club, which was given in the form of a resolution supporting the proposed rail project. Sonora, he said, was the logical place for the line to come to, and that the line would possibly be absorbed by the Santa Fe. Committees from various towns between Sonora and Uvalde will meet in

the latter town at an early date to further discuss the proposition.

EXTENSION OF LINE TO DEL RIO IS URGED (April 1931)

Definite action of the Santa Fe in extending its spur line to Del Rio out of Sonora might be taken within the next 90 days, it was learned in Del Rio Tuesday.

Following removal of the dispatcher's office from Del Rio last week by the Southern Pacific, considerable dissatisfaction over the change was filed by various civic organizations of the city. The Santa Fe lost no time in rushing a battery of men into Del Rio to take advantage of the break and the result was that favorable reports concerning Del Rio's volume of traffic were sent in by various representatives visiting here.

From their Amarillo, San Antonio, San Angelo and El Paso offices, Santa Fe agents were sent to Del Rio and following conferences held by Orient representatives in El Paso after their visit here, the report reaches Del Rio that recommendations that the San Angelo spur be continued down to Del Rio were enthusiastically filed.

Investigation showed that Del Rio is in the heart of the stock shipping belt of West Texas and that a direct rail route to the Fort Worth, Wichita and Kansas City markets is highly desired by ranchmen. The volume of stock shipments out of the Del Rio district is not difficult to comprehend and delays resulting when stock is shipped by round-about routes often cause difficulties to ranchmen they would like to have eliminated.

Removal of the dispatcher's office from Del Rio will, it is feared by many ranchmen, hamper their stock shipments accordingly as delays might be encountered in getting stock cars, spotted out at Comstock, Standart and other loading points along the line.

Santa Fe representatives, eager to see their San Angelo spur continued into Del Rio, point out that the road has on hand in Sonora considerable steel at this time to finish the extension to Del Rio and that ties and other necessary equipment could be obtained on a moment's notice from the big supply stations at Topeka and Kansas City.

—Del Rio Evening News.

P. J. Taylor, local Santa Fe agent, said he knew nothing about any material being in Sonora to be used on the extension to Del Rio, and had had no information from Santa Fe officials relative to the proposed project.

PNEUMONIA FATAL TO WEST TEXAS LEADER (April 17, 1931)

(From Obituary W. L. Aldwell) "The greatest disappointment he ever had was his inability to ride the first train run into Sonora from San Angelo.

"He had worked unceasingly for the road for 20 years, but was in a Fort Worth hospital when the train pulled out of San Angelo loaded with a group of

cheering excursionists. The Santa Fe had offered him a special coach in which to ride, but the doctors advised him not to go."

ROY HUDSPETH SHIPS CATTLE TO KANSAS

Roy Hudspeth shipped 24 cars of cattle to Loew, Kans., on Wednesday to grass. Other shipments since the 9th of this month are: April 9, W. A. Miers, car bulls to Rankin; S. E. McKnight, 5 double-deck muttons on the 10th to Kansas City; 11th, Frank Baker, 4 cars cattle to Bowring, Okla., and on the 15th, Toy Turney, Rocksprings, car muttons to Fort Worth.

REDUCED RAIL RATES TO C. C. CONVENTION STAMFORD, April 23 — Re- (See SONORANS RECALL, page 6)

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(Continued from page 5) Reduced railroad passenger rates to Lubbock from all points in Texas have been allowed by the Texas Railroad General Passenger Agents association, for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, May 14, 15 and 16, according to advices received here at the headquarters of the organization.

Round-trip rates on points 349 miles or nearer to Lubbock will be one and one-third fare; for distances of 350 to 449 miles, a rate of one and one-fifth fare for the round-trip will apply, and greater distances will be at proportionately lower figures.

Dates on the excursion rates will be from May 12 to 18. Reduced rates from points in New Mexico affiliated with the

West Texas chamber, to Lubbock, have also been allowed.

RAIL EXTENSION IS SOUGHT BY FIVE TOWNS (May, 1931)

Requesting additional railroad service, delegates from Rock-springs, Crystal City, Carrizo Springs and Camp Wood met with Uvalde representatives at the latter point Friday and submitted a petition drawn up by the Edwards County Chamber of Commerce.

The petition was directed to the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe, Frisco, Missouri Pacific and Uvalde and Northern railroads and asked a connecting line to serve Rocksprings and Edwards county with the Uvalde and Northern at Camp Wood.

Should the roads reply that it is inadvisable to construct such a linking route, private interests will be asked to take up the task and promote a road from Sonora or Menard to Camp Wood to connect with the Uvalde and Northern.

Negotiations for such a connecting line were started two years ago but failed to materialize. Edwards county, growing swiftly, offering heavy tonnage in wool and livestock and mohair as well as in other commercial commodities, is being held back

due to lack of rail facilities, county boosters claim, and they are working hard for new service.

Fear was held that shipment of large quantities of wool by truck lines at "scalping" prices of 50 cents per 100 pounds from Camp Wood to Galveston would be weighed against chances of the proposed connection being heeded by either of the roads petitioned. — Del Rio Evening News.

ED MAYFIELD SELLS 3,500 MUTTONS AT \$3 (June, 1931)

Ed Mayfield sold and delivered

3,500 yearling muttons to B. W. Hutcherson at \$3 per head. Mr. Hutcherson loaded them on cars here the first of the week and sent them to market.

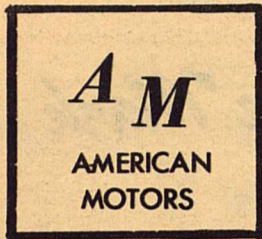
RANCHMEN FOR SANTA FE EXTENSION

S. E. McKnight, prominent stockman of Sutton and Dimmit counties, says that this new railroad they are talking about from Sonora south should by all means come to Uvalde. "They could get some freight to handle by coming down from Rocksprings and connecting up with Uvalde. It would give us an outlet north

(See SONORANS RECALL, page 7)

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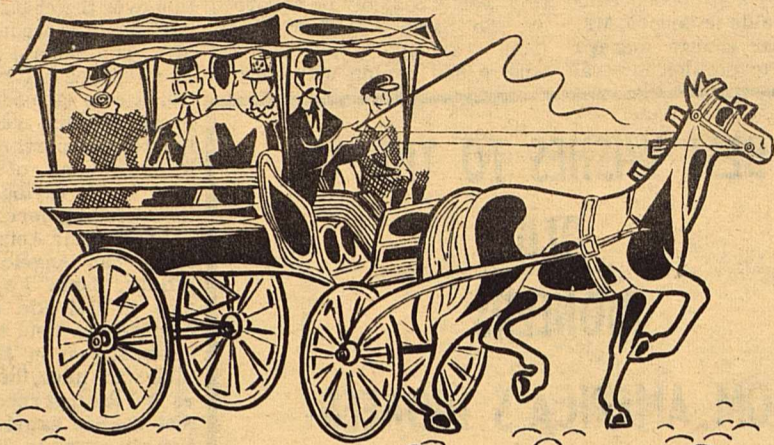
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(Continued from page 6) and south and that is what we need. It looks to me that a railroad would want to go where it could get business and this southern territory offers lots of business for a northern route," said Mr. McKnight.

He is preparing to ship out a bunch of stocker cattle to market this week from his Dimmit county ranch. They will either go from Crystal City or Carrizo Springs pens. — Uvalde Leader-News.

LAST OF 79 CARS OF FLEECE GONE

(July, 1931)

The last of Sutton county's 1931 spring wool crop of 79 cars left the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company's warehouse here Sunday, two carloads of wool being shipped at that time to wind up the season's clip.

A total of over two million pounds of wool has gone through the local warehouse this season,

representing about one-twentieth of the total wool production in Texas.

FREIGHT RATE SOUGHT

On Friday the state railroad commission was petitioned by Texas railways for the same interstate rate increases as may be authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission on interstate traffic to and from Texas.

Interstate Commerce Commission had been asked by railroads for increases averaging about 15 per cent. The first of the Interstate Commerce Commission hearings had been scheduled to start at Washington July 15 and the second had been set for Aug. 31. Interstate rates will be considered at the same time and places as these hearings.

State commissions will be represented at the hearings by a committee of seven. States west of the Mississippi River will have three members of this committee.

LAMB SHIPMENTS LIGHT

(August, 1931)

Only 2,000 head of spring lambs moved out of West Texas on the Santa Fe railway during the weekend, according to commission dealers. The movement one month ago averaged about 10,000 head during the weekends.

ATTY. GENERAL APPROVES DEL RIO-SONORA CHARTER

Sonora and Del Rio will be connected by rail if plans of the Del Rio and Northern Railway company can be successfully carried out. The recently incorporated company has filed its charter in Austin and has secured approval of the charter from James V. Allred, attorney general of Texas.

The Del Rio Evening News in its issue of Tuesday afternoon carried news of the proposed new line, stating that it would afford a much-needed outlet for Del Rio to the north and south. The dispatch in the News failed (See SONORANS RECALL, page 8)

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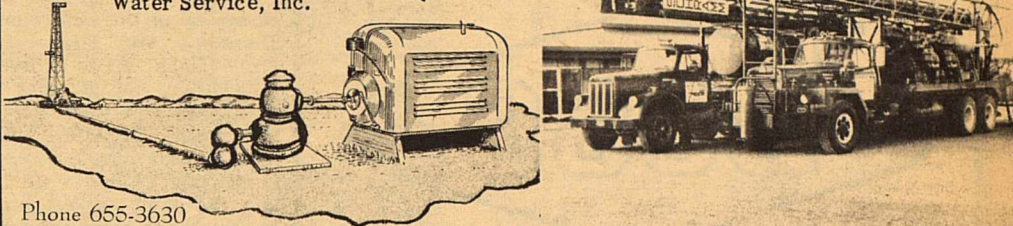
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Last year Hicks & Puckitt Water Service drilled the new Highway Department well which turned out to be an exceptionally good water well and if you drive out the new Interstate 10 west of Sonora you can see a water well and irrigation pump system in action.

Many of the old windmills in Sutton County have disappeared due to Berkeley Submersible pumps and Hicks & Puckitt Water Service combining forces with R.E.A. Electricity to give ranchers an adequate supply of water along with pressure for household use, orchards, fish ponds and livestock water. As one rancher put it during the process of the installation of a new pump replacing a windmill, "If the electricity goes off I can call R. E. A. but if the wind stops blowing it is hard to get any one on the line to give me relief."

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to state what action had been taken to secure approval of the United States Interstate Commerce Commission.

The line, as proposed, would extend from Sonora south to Del Rio, utilizing as much as possible the old bed erected for a proposed extension of the Orient 20 years ago. It would run south from Del Rio to Quemado, a new town in the Maverick county irrigation project now

under construction. There it would meet the Winter Garden Belt Railway, application for construction of which has been filed from that point to Asherton, there to connect with the International and Great Northern, thus affording direct connection with Corpus Christi and shortening the distance from Del Rio to the Gulf by 52 miles.

Incorporators of the new company are E. K. Fawcett, C. V. Millican, E. F. Measels, C. C.

Belcher, E. K. Adams, A. C. Easterling, S. M. Kennedy and J. E. White, all of Del Rio; F. Ross Denison, of Eagle Pass; George R. Thomson of San Antonio and T. N. Picnot of Carriizo Springs. The capital stock of the new company is \$132,000.

THOUSANDS OF SHEEP LEAVE FOR FEED PENS

(October, 1931)

Fall shipment of lambs and cattle, delayed this year because of unsettled market conditions, has begun moving from Sonora in a tremendous stream, going to feed lots in Colorado and Kansas as in former years, and to newer feeding centers in Texas.

The biggest shipment of stock went out Thursday of this week, with the shipment of sheep and cattle comprising a full trainload of 32 cars. Thirty-one cars of lambs went out, and one car of cattle. The loading pens of the Panhandle and Santa Fe railway in Sonora were the scene of great activity Thursday morning, with virtually every pen occupied, and with a host of railway loaders and ranchmen gathered around the pens and chutes.

W. A. Miers is the largest customer of the busy Santa Fe Thursday. Mr. Miers shipped 4,200 lambs, all to Brownwood. In addition, and at other times during the last week and yet to be shipped, Mr. Miers will consign a total of 16,000 head of lambs to feed there. He is putting the stock on feed himself, and the lambs have not been sold as yet. In addition to the sheep, he will ship 900 head of cattle, cows and calves to the same destination.

Other shipments going out Thursday were as follows:

R. V. Sewell, 556 head of lambs sold to Carl Swanson and T. Farnsworth, and shipped to Ault, Colo.

Alfred Schwiening shipped 1,031 head to Ault, sold as follows: 368 head to Wm. B. Franks; 267 to Brown Bros.; and 366 head to John and G. Swanson.

Harry T. Friend, Ozona, 654 head to T. Farnsworth, Ault. Nance and Jones, 233 to Farns-

worth at Ault.

Roy Hudspeth, 2,814 head to Farnsworth at Ault.

John Word, 456 head to Farnsworth, Ault.

Mr. Hudspeth's lambs average a fraction over 62 pounds, while those of Word average a little over 63 pounds.

One car of cattle, a remnant from the Clarkson herd, was shipped by Linthicum of San Angelo to San Angelo.

FIRST SANTA FE WRECK DAMAGE \$200

The first wreck on the San Angelo-Sonora extension of the Santa Fe happened Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock when the engine tender, box car and three cars of cattle were derailed two miles north of here. No one was injured and no cattle were killed when the cars left the track. The damage will not exceed \$200.

The cause of the wreck is unknown, P. J. Taylor, local agent, said, however investigations are being made.

A wrecker from San Angelo was called and the track put back in shape by 10 o'clock the next morning.

ALDWELL NAMED ORIENT DIRECTOR

(July, 1931)

Roy E. Aldwell, Sonora banker and rancher, was elected Wednesday to the board of directors of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway Company. The

position is the same as that held by Mr. Aldwell's father, the late W. L. Aldwell, pioneer Sonora capitalist.

At the meeting of the directors held in San Angelo, Herbert O'Bannon, San Angelo banker, was also elected to the directorate, succeeding the late M. L. Mertz. Mr. O'Bannon also succeeds Mr. Mertz as treasurer.

The lines of the Orient are operated under lease by the Panhandle & Santa Fe, which operates the line between Sonora and San Angelo.

The directors approved expenditures of \$4,300,000 for the Alpine-Presidio extension of the road, which was completed about one year ago.

Other officers re-elected were as follows: President, W. D. Storey; vice-presidents, E. J. Engel, A. G. Wells, F. B. Houghton; secretary, Houston Harte; assistant secretaries, J. W. MacLachlan, E. L. Copeland, E. McBride, J. N. Freeman, C. K. Cooper; general counsel, S. T. Bledsoe, and general solicitor, E. E. McInnis.

SHEEP SHIPMENTS SHOW BIG GAINS IN 6 MONTHS

(1931)

AUSTIN — Sheep provided the biggest share of livestock shipments from Texas during the first six months of 1931, according to the University of Texas bureau of business research. Forwardings of all classes of

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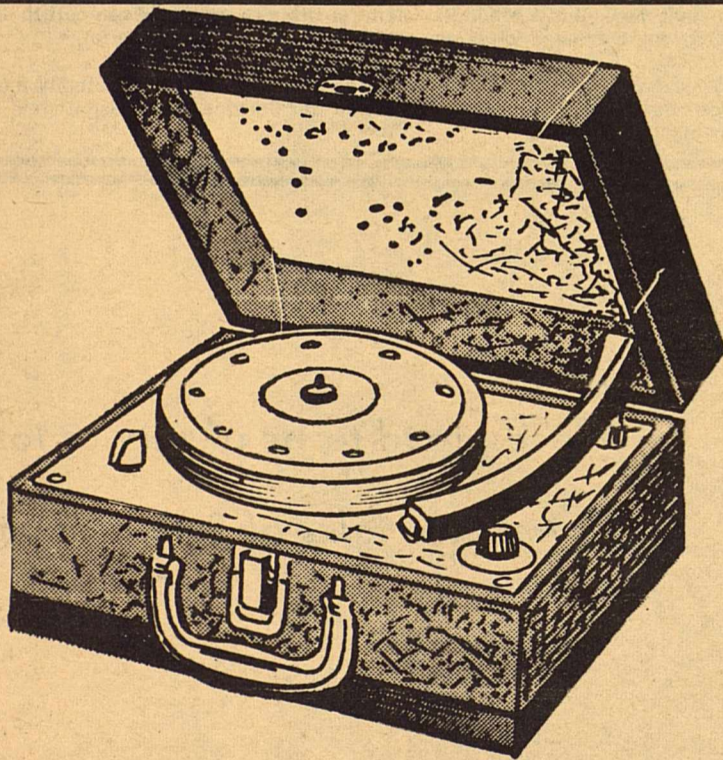


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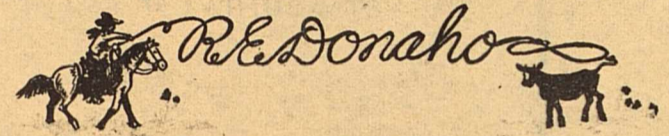
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livestock in Texas during June amounted to 34 per cent more than during June of last year.

Large shipments occurred in all classes of livestock, with sheep increasing 92 per cent, cattle 37 per cent, calves 13 per cent. For the first six months of the year, however, total shipments were 8.5 per cent less than for the like period of 1930.

During the first half of the year, hog shipments declined 48 per cent, cattle 16 per cent and calves 1.4 per cent. On the other hand, shipments of sheep amounted to 197 per cent more during the period than during the corresponding six months of last year.

Compared with May, June shipments of sheep declined 66 per cent, cattle 37 per cent, calves 31 per cent, and hogs 6.4 per cent.

Shipments for June totaled 4,048 cars of all classes of livestock, compared to 3,031 cars in June, 1930. Carlot receipts for the state totaled 965, compared to 1,352 in June, 1930.

CATTLE AND SHEEP ARE BEING SHIPPED
(August, 1931)

Cattle and sheep shipments have picked up during the last week, with a number of cars of both leaving Sonora over the Panhandle and Santa Fe.

The first of the week Lee Aldwell shipped for Aldwell Bros. from their Sutton county ranch, a

double-deck car of mixed lambs to San Angelo, where the lambs will be placed on feed.

White and Hutcherson, Wednesday, shipped 1,674 head of sheep, making 6 cars, to Moody, where they will be placed on feed. The lambs were recently bought from J. T. Evans of the Ft. Terrett Ranch. J. E. White, Brady, was here to ship the lambs.

Thursday S. E. McKnight shipped 270 head of mixed cattle, making 7 cars, to his ranches near Carrizo Springs in Dimmitt county.

Other purchases have been made and additional shipments will likely be made today and tomorrow.



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1,000 Miles Constructed In Texas

Since 1924, approximately 1,000 miles of railroad main line track has been constructed in Texas. About one-fourth of this track was added during 1930, and it is certain that the present year will equal, if not exceed, the building of last year. Most of this construction will be in the Great Plains territory, but there are several other important projects which probably will be under way during the year in Middle Western, Southwestern and Southeastern Texas.

The Rock Island is surveying from Vega, Texas, to Foreston, New Mexico, and construction will be under way at an early date.

The Fort Worth & Denver has begun construction of its line from Childress, through Shamrock, to Pampa.

The Rock Island will soon have under construction a line from Quanah to Shamrock, the portion from Wellington to Shamrock to be under a joint trackage arrangement with the Fort Worth & Denver. Work will also be started soon on an extension of this line of the Rock Island from Quanah to a junction with the line of the Frisco which is to be built during the year from Vernon south to Seymour.

The line of the Santa Fe from Amarillo to Boise City, Okla., will be completed early in the year.

During 1930 the total of main line track in Texas went above 17,000 miles. Texas leads the states in railroad mileage, having about 5,000 miles more of main line than Illinois, her nearest competitor. During the present year Texas will add more than 500 additional miles of main line trackage.

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Governor Dan Moody Invited To Celebration

About the last stage line to connect the old days in Southwest Texas with the new order was the Sonora-San Angelo drive, which gave way to the auto-bus lines a few years before the coming of the railroad to Sonora.

When Dan Moody was governor of Texas, he was invited to come to the celebration of the railroad's coming to Sonora. The date was July 1, 1930. Four

hundred persons came to Sonora on a special train from San Angelo. Many Sonorans went to San Angelo to make the trip back on the special.

A human fly walked a tight rope across the streets for the festive occasion which was witnessed by 8,000 people. The daily freight inaugural was the movement of 40 cars of wool from Sonora consigned to the Co-op.

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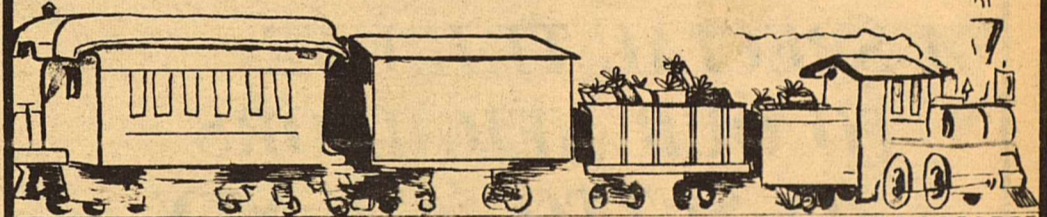
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On July 1, 1930, the first Santa Fe train was to leave San Angelo at 7 a.m. and arrive in Sonora at 10 a.m. Months before this day, the townspeople had been planning a two-day celebration in honor of this occasion.

Many Sonorans went to Christoval or Eldorado just to be able to ride the train into Sonora and thousands of people from San Angelo, Eldorado, Christoval and all over West Texas poured into Sonora to join the festivities.

The crowd was the largest one ever seen in Sonora, and on July 1 it was estimated that Sonora played host to nearly 8,000 persons, and about the same number the next day.

When the train arrived at Sonora, businessmen and ranchmen — the whole town was at the station to greet the visitors. Mayor Roy Aldwell, son of W. L. Aldwell, welcomed the visitors to Sonora. Former Governor Pat M. Neff, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, was among those who rode the train into town. Fort Worth and

San Antonio sent large delegations for the first day and at least 1,000 persons came from San Angelo.

Only one person was missing, W. L. Aldwell. After working for many years to get the railroad to Sonora, Aldwell lay in bed with a broken limb, unable to attend the celebration.

After E. F. VanderStucken drove the last spike, a gold one, into the rail near the depot, there was a procession through the business section of the town. The parade was led by a 40-piece band and a crowd of cowboys on

horseback.
DREAM REALIZED

Sixty-seven years ago, a man named Arthur Stilwell gave birth to an idea and a dream. Thirty-two years later, on July 1, 1930, his dream was realized in the form of cold, hard steel lying between San Angelo and Sonora. In 1930 the Orient, a railroad company, laid the last track of rail to connect Sonora with San Angelo.

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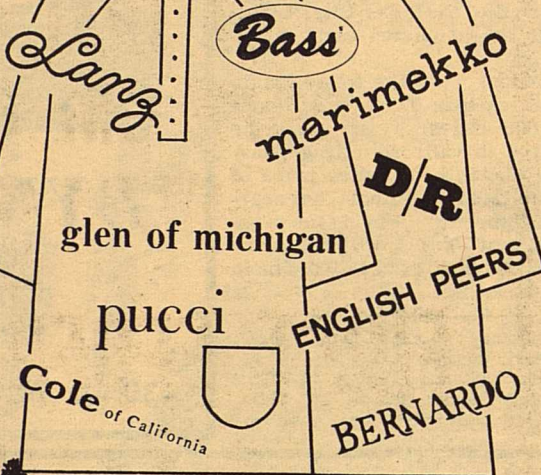
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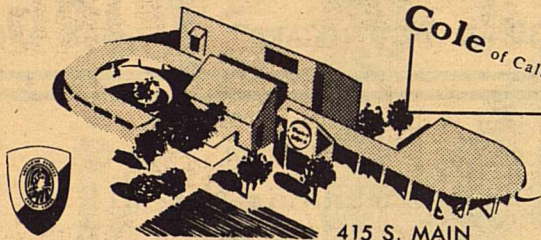
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to link the two cities together. The advent of the railroad secured the permanency of Sonora. In the early days during the effort to get the Orient, which was chartered in 1898, the people of the county responded generously, and whenever necessary thereafter, even when it seemed that the prospects for the road were hopeless.

Because of a failure to build the road on time, the charter was renewed each two years by the legislature. The legislature was asked to renew the charter so often that finally it refused until committees from this section went before it with the request. Judge Jim Cornell, once a lawyer in Sonora, and W. L. Aldwell and others were members of such "lobbies."

The first route of the railroad was to bypass Sonora. The Sonorans met to discuss the oversight in 1904 or 1905, said Judge Cornell. Mr. McCauley, a resident of Sweetwater, presented a more suitable plan of the road and the citizens in a day's time agreed to pay \$40,000 for this plan. The money was raised, placed in the bank and paid out for work done in Sutton County. Ed Jackson, founder of the bank, Judge S. G. Tayloe, W. F. Whitehead, W. A. Glasscock and J. Lewenthal were all instrumental in getting the railroad to Sonora.

GAY CELEBRATION

During the first day's activities a free barbecue was served at the park for everyone in town. E. R. Lawrence and Busty Halbert, members of the barbecue committee, were largely responsible for raising the money for the food. Ranchmen donated sheep, goat and beef.

In addition to the barbecue, there was a rodeo and race meet held for the occasion. Approximately \$2,500 was given in purses for the two events. Twenty trained bucking horses owned by the park were furnished for the rodeo, and about 60 horses were entered in the horse races.

Combination old-time dances and modern dances were given simultaneously both nights of

the celebration, and for the height in entertainment a "human fly" scaled the First National Bank building and a professional parachute leap was staged from an altitude of 4,000 feet at the park one mile north of town.

The town went wild with excitement and with good cause, too. A dream that they had had in common and for which they had strived together had become a fact.

First Town Lots Sold At Auction

There are few around that can still remember, but on Sept. 7, 1882, the first town lots were sold at auction. By Sept. 30 the town had 27 business houses, most of which were moved from the small town of Banks, two miles away.

Finally in September, 1882, residents decided to incorporate the town and on the seventh day of September, 1882, town lots were auctioned from the bed of a flat car at the end of north main street.

Lots at the auction ranged in price from \$40 up. G. W. Sydor acted as auctioneer and present from the state government were L. B. Fish, acting land commissioner, and G. C. Allen, secretary of the land department.

Marshall Tyson, according to information was the first merchant to set up business here. He had a store at Banks and on the day of the auction put his store and merchandise on wheels and came to make his bid on a lot. When he finally bought one, he wheeled his store on that location and opened his store for business.

The Gulf Service Station occupies the lot Mr. Tyson originally owned.

The first row of business houses was built where the compress now stands and extended

to the McGregor Gin Co.'s present lot. About this time McGregor had a planing mill situated on the banks of Harris Creek, where the Cotton Belt pump now stands. Later a flour mill was constructed on the south bluff of Harris Creek, but after two or three years of operation was destroyed by fire. It was never rebuilt.

Old timers still revel in the events that occurred as far back as 75 years ago in McGregor, Texas. It is hard to believe that less than 100 years ago the site of McGregor was a rendezvous of wild animals of all kinds. Even Indians roamed this fertile section and many harrowing tales of those early days are still in and about McGregor and environs.

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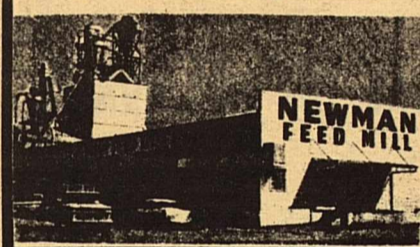
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PARADE — The largest crowds in the history of Sonora were here for the big two-day celebration July 1 and 2 to commemorate the completion of Santa Fe rails into the "Capital of the Stockman's Paradise." Included in the festivities was a big parade from the depot and welcoming address by Mayor Roy Aldwell, son of W. L. Aldwell, who was instrumental in inducing the Santa Fe to make the rail extension.

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The steam horse pulling the work train snorted into the city limits here Tuesday afternoon for its first time when the first foot of steel rails landed on Sonora soil. The work is now proceeding through the city limits near the residence of Marion Stokes and will continue to the bridge and stock pens west of town.

Work on the depot and freight warehouses is progressing, and three residences for employees are being constructed. This should be completed within the next three weeks, it is believed.

Children, dogs, cats and even grown men and women stood amazed or ran when the engine first approached town. The whistle of the work train can be heard at almost any hour of day and draws much comment and excitement.

The Lone Star Construction Co., contractors, will turn the line over to the Santa Fe about the middle of next month, it is thought. At that time Sonora will "put the big pot in the little one."

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Steinberger Announces Retirement

F. J. Steinberger, vice president and general purchasing agent of Santa Fe Railway, has announced his retirement effective Dec. 31, when he will complete more than 48 years of Santa Fe service.

J. E. Eisemann, chief engineer of Santa Fe western lines at Amarillo, has been named assistant general purchasing agent with headquarters at Chicago Dec. 1, and will become general purchasing agent Jan. 1, John S. Reed, Santa Fe Railway president announced.

Steinberger was born at Dawson, Yukon Territory, Canada, in 1900 and entered service with the store department at San Bernardino, Calif. in 1920. He was named division storekeeper at Seligman, Ariz. in 1924; traveling storekeeper at San Bernardino in 1928; division storekeeper at Albuquerque, N. m. in 1939, and assistant general storekeeper at Topeka, Kans. in 1940. Two years later he was appointed assistant to the general purchasing agent at Chicago, and became assistant general purchasing agent in 1943, and general purchasing agent Dec. 1, 1955. He has been vice president and general purchasing agent since May, 1959.

Eisemann, born in 1909 at St. Papu, Minn., attended the University of Illinois and worked for the Rock Island Railway, the Illinois State Highway Department, and the San Joaquin Power and Light Company at Fresno, Calif. before joining Santa Fe's engineering department on the West Coast in 1935. He worked in various capacities on the Coast Lines and served as district engineer of the Gulf lines at Galveston for more than three years prior to his appointment as district engineer at Amarillo June 1, 1955. He was promoted to chief engineer Western Lines Dec. 1, 1958.

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She: Oh, I only stayed a few days. The place was flooded.

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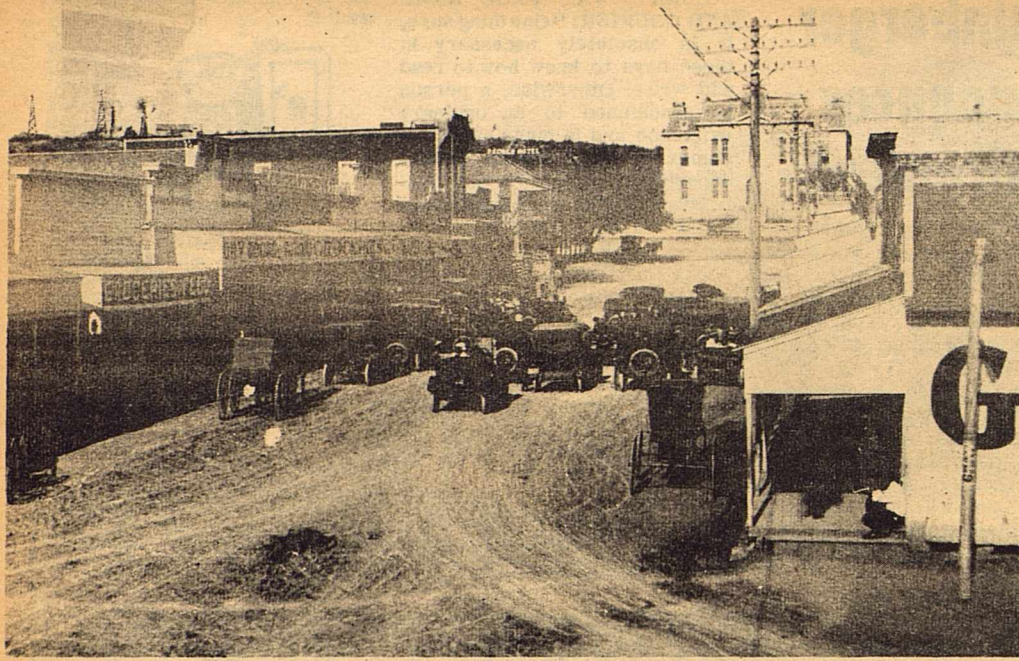
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OLD AND NEW — About the last stage line to connect the old days in Southwest Texas with the new order was the Sonora-San Angelo drive, which gave way to the auto-bus lines a few years before the coming of the railroad to Sonora. Four hundred persons came to Sonora on a special train from San Angelo. Many Sonorans went to San Angelo to make the trip back on the special.

Santa Fe Begins Operations In 1887

Through trains started operating between Galveston and Arkansas City and thence through to Kansas City on June 18, 1887. The actual operation of Santa Fe trains from Texas north started another railroad building boom.

Many Texas cities began to offer cash bonuses for a line through their limits. Weatherford put up \$15,000 and many cities followed suit.

The road reached Honey Grove in the spring of 1887, to Paris a short time later, and then to Weatherford in the fall of the same year.

The Lampasas Line of the Santa Fe continued west from Lampasas and through Ballinger to San Angelo. The railroad through this area opened up to market vast tracts of the richest stock country in the west and for years thousands of cattle, sheep and horses were shipped over this branch of the Santa Fe.

The arrival of the Santa Fe in San Angelo touched off one of the biggest celebrations of the

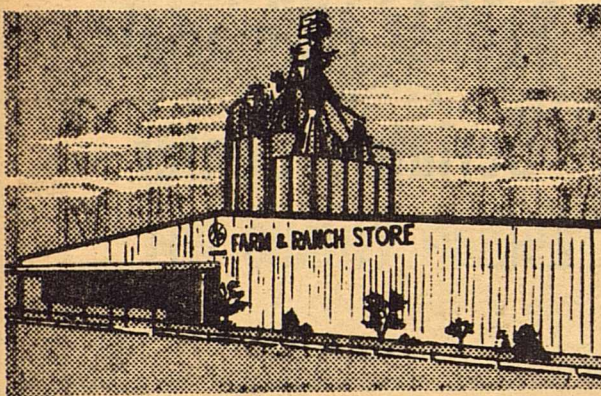
day. A parade including artillery, bells, a 16-piece band and infantrymen from Fort Concho, marched through the town.

At the end of the parade a barbecue was held at which Frank Lubbock, after whom Lubbock was named, welcomed civilization to San Angelo, known at that time as "The End of the Rainbow."

The evening was climaxed by a grand ball to which, according to a contemporary report, the ladies wore "skirts of dancing length, but none were en-train." The account goes on to state, "There were but few dress coats — The Texan scorn the Spike-tail."

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The F.W.&R.G. Was Never A Paying Road

BY JOHN T. KING

Rod Varney, secretary-treasurer of the Texas Transportation Museum in San Antonio, came in recently to ask what I knew about a paragraph in "History of Texas Railroads," by Reed.

The F.W.&R.G. was never a paying road. The country traversed was devoted largely to stock, especially the southern end. Even as to traffic, it had a strong competitor along the line in the Santa Fe and T&P and Katy. South of Brady there was an immense territory, without a railroad, devoted to livestock, in the counties of Sutton, Kerr, Edwards, Mason, Kimble and Schleicher.

The competition for this traffic was keen between the Southern Pacific, the Santa Fe, and the Stock Agent of the Frisco was E. F. Tillman. After it was apparent that the line was not to be extended from Menard to Kerrville, he conceived the idea of fencing in a lane to be used for driving cattle from Sonora County to Brady and persuaded Yoakum to approve it.

Mr. Tillman, who recently retired, has written the author a detailed and most interesting account of this unique enterprise. The lane was about 100 miles in length and generally 250 feet wide. It was necessary to purchase much of the right of way which cost from \$2 to \$7 per acre. Among the ranchers through whose property it ran were Davidson, White, Espey, Murchison, Russell, Allison, Field, Ogden and Bevans.

The cost of the land was about \$30,000. Land was also secured for holding pastures, wells dug, and windmills erected. These facilities and fencing cost about \$30,000 more. Mr. Tillman says that it was very profitable especially during the first 10 years of its operation.

He recalls that several different times in the Spring there were as many as 50,000 cattle en route to Brady in this lane. The land is still owned by the Frisco and is leased to various ranchmen at 50 cents an acre and could be sold at not less than \$15 an acre.

I referred Varney to John Eaton, our local historian, and the two plan to get together soon and look over the trail and talk over details of the rail(less) road. But I'm sure John would like to hear from anyone who knows anything about the line, perhaps from someone who worked for the F.W.&G.

On a local bus here, a man gave a woman a seat. The woman fainted. On recovering, she thanked him. Then he fainted.

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The judge who pronounced the death sentence did so in typical early Western fashion.

"The court intended to confine you to prison only," His Honor told the prisoners, "but the jail

is in such bad condition and prisoners can be allowed only one blanket each, so to sleep soundly would be out of the question. In consideration of these circumstances, and wishing to lessen your sufferings as much as possible, the Court, in humanity and compassion, orders you to be executed tomorrow morning, as soon after breakfast as may be convenient to the sheriff and agreeable to you."

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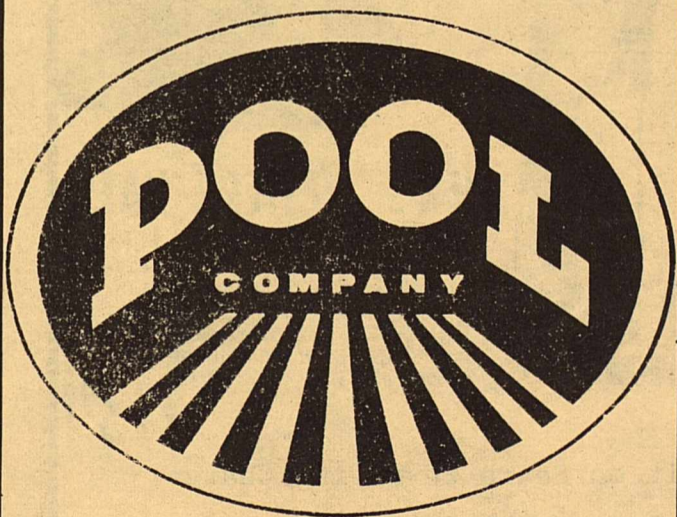
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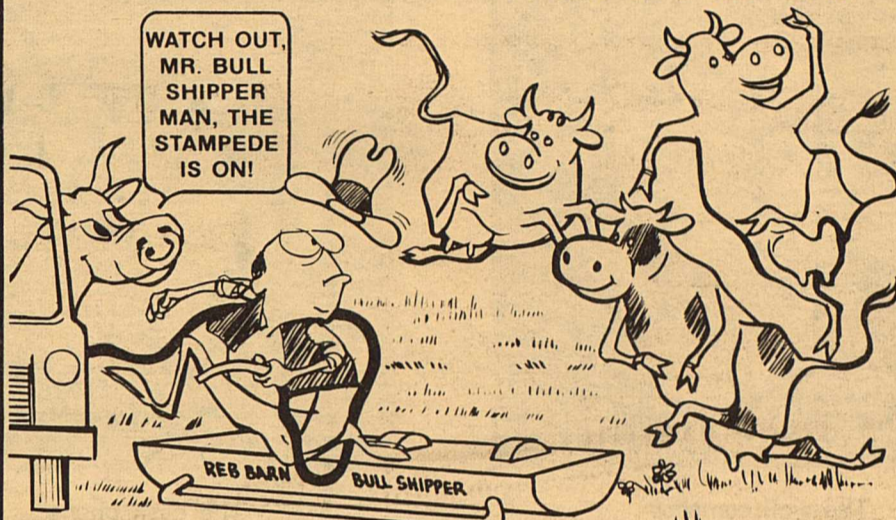
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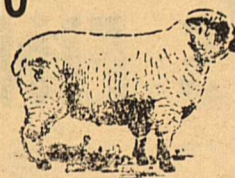
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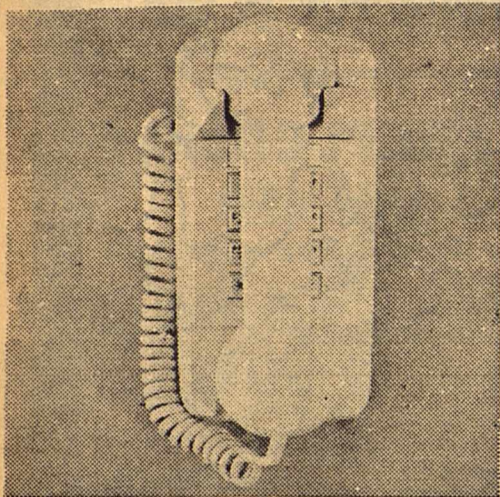
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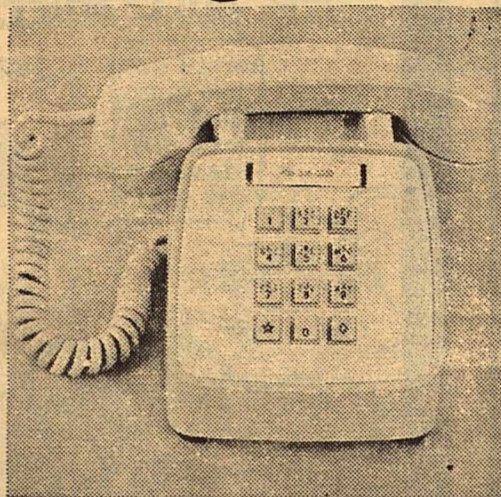
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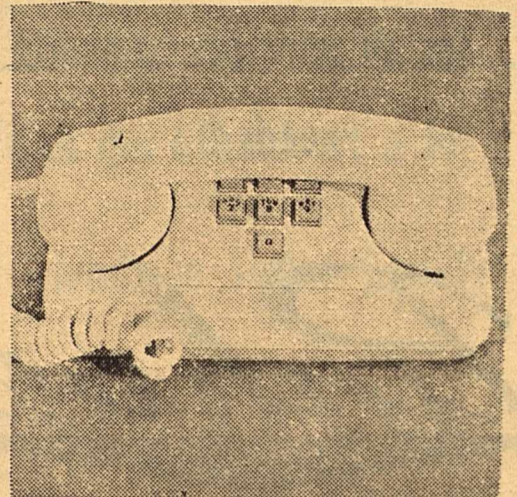
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