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This is your Christmas greeting from each of us whose names you see here. Instead of sending individual Christmas cards to you, we have contributed our card-money toward new equipment for Plains Memorial Hospital, to benefit your family and ours in the future. It is our hope that the celebration of the Christ Child's birth will be a joyous one for you, and that you and yours will enjoy the richest of God's blessings throughout the coming year.

Children Show Generosity, Treat Santa to Surprises

As a certain white-bearded, jolly old gentleman makes his rounds on Christmas Eve, delivering happy surprises to children the world over, he may look forward to being, in turn, surprised.

In the legend and lore of Christmas, giving to Santa is a time-honored tradition, with the gifts usually taking the form of food or beverage. Today, many families encourage children to be generous, by observing the custom of setting out treats for Santa — perhaps some candy, a dish of cookies, a glass of milk.

Through the ages, the gift-giver now known as Santa Claus has been called by many different names, but Santa's predecessors, like Santa himself, were often greeted with special treats.

Filling Pockets

In Italy, Befana is the gift-giver who preceded Santa. She took her name from the name for Twelfth Night — Epiphania, or Epiphany — and brought her gifts on Epiphany Eve, January 5th. To make ready for Befana, tradition says, Italian children empty their pockets and hang up their clothes. Then into each pocket goes a surprise — something good to eat.

Lighting the Way

Light and Christmas go together, for the deepest meaning of the holiday represents Christ, the Light of the world. From the bonfires and candles of yesteryear to the twinkling electric ornaments of today, light symbolizes Christmas.

According to Irish legend, a candle should always be placed in the window on Christmas Eve. Each Christmas, it was said, Christ wanders the earth in search of a welcome, and a candle should light the way.

After taking out the treats, Befana refills each pocket with gifts for the children.

Guarding the Home

Sweden has an unusual gift-giver — it's a goat! According to tradition, the Yulebock or Yule goat comes to the door of Swedish homes on Christmas Eve and tosses the family's gifts through the doorway.

Another legendary guest at Swedish holiday celebrations is Tomte, a kind-hearted elf who guards the home.

Singing Carols

With voices lifted in harmony for "Silent Night," "The First Noel" and other beloved songs, today's carolers carry on a Christmas custom that originated centuries ago.

In the fourth century A.D., St. Basil was praised with a musical poem in honor of the fight for Christianity over the Byzantine emperor Julian. Later in Greece, legends of St. Basil were set to music and sung at Christmas and the New Year.

St. Francis of Assisi led the villagers of Greccio in singing hymns of praise to the Christ Child when in the 13th century he created a manger scene in this Italian town.

Tracing Santa

Santa's source, legend says, goes back to the fourth century, when St. Nicholas, a bishop of Asia Minor, was noted for his generosity and gift-giving.

In some countries, St. Nicholas still retains his role as gift-bearer. His day is, traditionally, December 6th, and European children await him on St. Nicholas Eve, December 5th.

A gray horse and a white donkey have each been credited with the honor of transporting him on his gift-giving journeys.

A dish of food is placed in a quiet corner, so that Tomte may feast as he secretly observes the family fun.

Enjoying Pudding

In Denmark and Norway the legendary good spirit of the house is Nisse, who watches over home and farm and is sometimes said to be the gift-bringer, too.

His Christmas treat, the rice pudding traditional at Scandinavian holiday feasts, is placed beside the kitchen door or, on farms, in the hayloft.

Churches Celebrate Holy Day

With special services, churches of this community celebrate Christmas — a holiday that is, first of all, a holy day. Festivals of light, music and prayer are dedicated to the birth of a Holy Child in Bethlehem, nearly two thousand years ago.

For Christian believers, each of these — light, music, prayer — has a special meaning associated with Christmas.

"And lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." Matthew 2:9-10.

The Star that guided the Wise Men shines as symbol of Christ, the Light of the world, and it in turn is symbolized by all the bright lights that twinkle at Christmas today.

Candlelight services reflect the radiance of the holiday, in Christian observances everywhere.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:13-14.

Since the angelic chorus brought "glad tidings of great joy" to shepherds watching in the fields, hymns and carols of rejoicing have told of the wonder and glory of Christmas.

That the words of the angels composed the first of all Christmas carols is a thought repeated again and again in favorite songs of the season.

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" makes this thought its theme, and another familiar carol, "It Came upon the Midnight Clear," is devoted to "that glorious song of old," on the night when "the world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing."

Christmas music in the churches celebrates the joy of the Nativity.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him." Matthew 2:11.

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them." Luke 2:20.

Thus wrote two of Christ's disciples, Matthew and Luke, telling of the awe and wonder, the joy and reverence experienced alike by wise men and shepherds.

Especially at Christmas, in church services and private devotions, Christians give prayerful thanks to God, for the miracle of the manger.

Yesteryear's Customs Live At Yuletide

Candles and carols, trees and treats, gifts and greens — and Santa Claus, of course. Wherever Christmas is celebrated, these symbols seem to appear.

In the modern era of rapid communication, there is a growing uniformity in the ways that people everywhere choose to mark the holiday.

Yesteryear's customs, however, still have their place in modern celebrations. It's a case of "the more things change, the more they stay the same," as countries, communities and individuals seek to cherish and preserve their own special holiday traditions.

Some of these traditions, as treasured in memory or kept alive in holiday ritual, are compiled in the following paragraphs, according to information from the editors of Encyclopedia International.

Flowers Speak Language of Love In Modern or Victorian Era

Like holly, ivy and mistletoe, flowers share in the legend and lore of Christmas. In terms of the Victorian era, the floral legend is an especially meaningful one.

A Victorian lady who received a bouquet from her admirer could either smell it or read it as if it were a letter. Often, it was a letter.

Young engaged couples, strictly chaperoned, found a way to communicate words of affection via flowers. Each flower had a special meaning.

Flowers in sequence could be used to spell out a fervent pledge of love. To help in composing — and translating — these messages, there were numerous tiny dictionaries listing flowers and their meanings.

The flowering honeysuckle, for instance, spoke of "bonds

of love." A red rosebud told a lady that she was "pure and lovely." Red double pink meant "woman's love." And heliotrope carried a bold message, "I love you."

This Victorian language of flowers greatly influenced the design of Christmas cards of the time — witness the card illustrated here, from the Norcross Historical Collection of antique cards.

The lush summer blooms are typical of the Victorian admiration of flowers, regardless of the season.

Though sentiments may be expressed differently, flowers still bloom on modern Christmas cards. A current card offers one example. Poinsettias flower on a background of mistletoe, and the message reads, "Just for you, honey, all my love at Christmas."

Community Greet Joyful Christmas

Throughout this community, the Christmas spirit finds expression, as once again, people are proving that this happiest of holidays is a time of tradition. A modern Christmas, just like a good old-fashioned Christmas, calls for gatherings of family and friends, with much merriment, fun and feasting. Gifts and Santa Claus express the mood of the season, especially for the youngsters. Trees and other decorations, music and song, light and laughter set the scene. As a Christian holy day, celebrated in church services and private devotions, Christmas glows with the spirit of good will, and "peace and good will" is the wish and prayer, for all mankind.

All of these traditions of Christmas are wrapped up in one. The true spirit of Christmas is most happily expressed in the exchange of greetings. "Have a Merry Christmas." That says it all — the heartfelt hope for good things for others, the good feeling that prevails, the happiness of the season rising above problems and crises, the wish to give and to share all the holiday joys and blessings.

As a special custom that symbolizes the spirit of Christmas, the exchange of greetings takes many forms. "Merry Christmas" is said person-to-person, with smiles of gladness, wherever friends and family meet. "Merry Christmas" is the message of millions of greeting cards which travel across the miles. And "Merry Christmas" is the theme of today's edition of this newspaper, in which businessmen of the community offer their special greetings and good wishes, their words of appreciation to patrons and friends.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As we share with you in the joys of the Christmas season, we'd like to express our thoughts and our thanks to every friend and neighbor. Our thoughts are warm with hearty wishes for a holiday brimful of excitement and enchantment. And our thanks are most sincere, for your steadfast patronage and good will. We always appreciate the privilege of serving you.

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To wish you MERRY CHRISTMAS

Deck your homes with mounds of holly, trim the tree with care ... for 'tis the merry season of Christmas. Many heartfelt thanks for your friendly good will. We're proud to be able to serve you.

Dimmitt Engine Service

Carroll Webb



NEW CUBS — Two new Cub Scout dens have been organized in Hart by these boys and mothers. In front row, from left, are Brett Aven, Jackie Davis, Keith Reed, Robert Lacy and Kelly Jones. Second row, from left: J. D. Garriety, Gary Billingsley, Kelley King, Johnny Newsom, Glen Black, Kent Hill and Mike Clevenger. The new den mothers and assistants, from left, are Mrs. Melvin Aven, Mrs. Clinton Billingsley, Mrs. Jim Black and Mrs. Bob Lacy.

Dear Santa



Dear Santa Claus

I will like a Baby Tippy Toes and all her things that come with her. Say hello to your reindeer for me too.

Love

Penny D'Aun Proffitt
Address, 225 NW 12th and Halsell

Dear Santa,

I am 10 years old, I live at 106 NW 11th. I want a Barbie doll and some clothes for it. (the kind that twists and turns) and I want a record player.

P. S. Would you please put some money in my stocking?

Sincerely,
Debra Malone

Dear Santa,

I like you Santa. I want some boots and a Structo construction set. I want some colors. Thank you. I am 6 years old.

Robert Pohlmeier

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Dayla Malone and I am 4 years old. My mother is writing this for me. I want a "Tippy-Toes" doll with a tricycle and horse for it. I don't know what else I want, but anything will be O.K.

I love you,
Dayla Malone
106 NW 11th
Dimmitt, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am eight years old. I live at 106 Northwest 11th. My name is Dana. I want an "Operation" game, a green "Kologne Kiddle" and a new house coat.

Dana Malone
P. S. I want some money in my stocking.

Dear Santa Claus

I have tried to be a good boy. I would like you to bring me a Gumby and Pokey. I hope you can bring every child a toy this year. Please remember my teacher, too.

Your friend
Darryl Birkenfeld

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,

My name is Sonya Ka Andrews, and I am 4 years old, I have tried real hard to be a good girl. Please bring me a talking Stacy, spirograph, clothes for my tubby doll, busy buz buz. Thank you.

Love,
Sonya

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a typewriter, teppie toes and edgiscatch.

Sincerely Christy Barlow
311 S W6th
Dimmitt, Texas

Dear Santa Clause

I am 5 years old I would like Boxing rabbit, a stopper gun machine gun.

Sincerely
Claude Richard Barlow
311 SW 6th
Dimmitt

Dear Santa,

I am eight years old and in the third grade at school. I want a tippy toes doll, and a (slinky) in my sock.

I have been a good girl. I want some candy and nuts, and I want you to go to some other houses to give boys and girls some gifts to.

Your little friend
Sherri Wright

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a ten speed hand brake bike and a tape recorder. I have been a good boy. I am ten years old. I want you to visit other kids. I love you. I want you to put an apple, orange, nuts and a dart gun in my sock.

Love,
Jim Lee Wright

Dear Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,

I have tried to be a good boy this year. I am six years old and in the first grade.

Would you please bring me a Sting-ray bicycle with a rear view mirror. Also, one or two Hot Wheel Cars in my stocking along with some candy, nuts, fruit and gum.

Please don't forget the other little boys and girls, too.

I love you,
Jeff Lindsey

Dear Santa Clause

I am a girl 6 years old. I tried to be a good girl this year. I have a brother his name is Mickey he has tried to be a good boy to He wood like to have a tractor and I wood like to have a Eazy Bake oven if you have any left. We love you

Zezelia Gallup

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 3 years old and have been a good girl. Please bring me "Baby Small-Walk," a play camera, a telephone and an iron and ironing board.

My brother John Guy is 2 years old and he would like a tryke and a jack-in-the-box.

I love you a lot,
Michelle Ford
Hart, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am 5½ years old and I've tried to be very good all year.

Please bring me "Giggles," a close and play record player, a "Kaboom" game, some play kittens, and a Coke machine and anything else. I will have some cookies and milk for you.

I love you,

Melinda Ford
Hart, Texas

P.S. Please don't forget my baby sister, Ann Marie. Thank you.

Dear Santa Claus,

I like the things you gave me last year. I have been a good boy. Please may I have a football and a helmet, and a football shirt and a baseball cap.

Thank You,
Lloyd Wayne Acker

From Johnny Veazey to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I want a Daisy 410 Spittin Image Smoke Bang Shotgun, Mavara, a telephone and Hot Wheels, or Matt Mason and Hot Wheels.

Love,
Johnny

Dear Santa,

My name is Mary Lynne Coody. I am 8 years old. I want a Tippy Toes Doll, and a pair of red

pajamas, and a necklace and bracelet. I would also like a pink fur coat.

I have been a good girl.

Love,
Mary Lynne Coody

Dear Santa

I hope you come to see me this Christmas. I would like to have toys and nuts and candies and don't forget my mother and daddy and sisters and brothers.

To Santa form Minnie Gonzales.

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me: a steam shovel, a backhoe, a tractor, and a Mother Goose storybook.

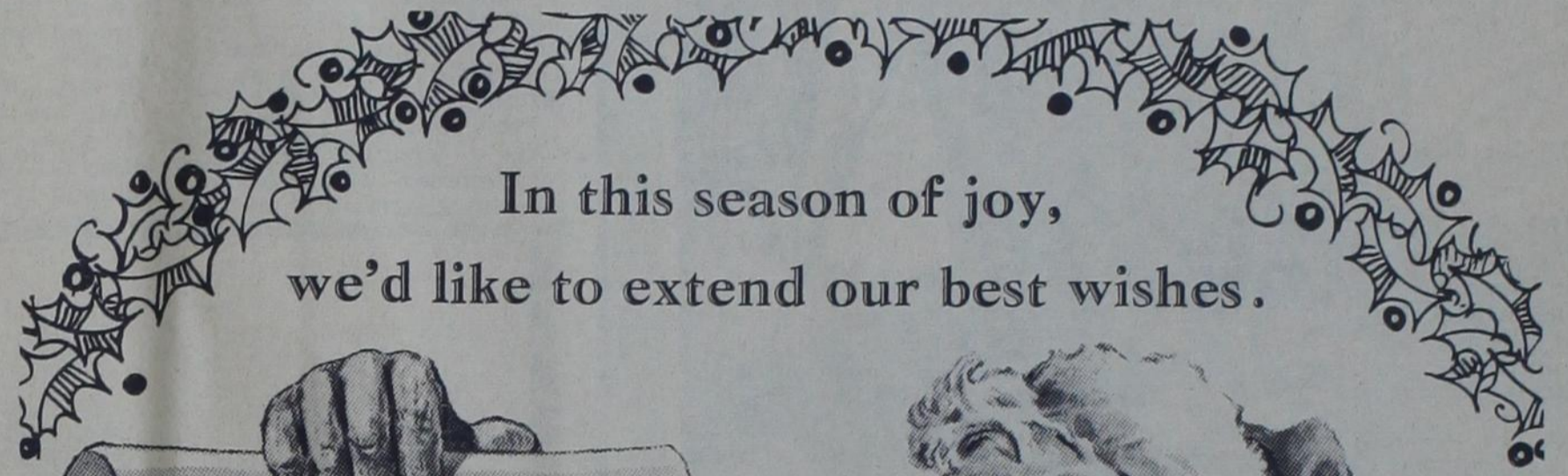
Please don't forget all the other boys and girls. Merry Christmas to you.

I love you,
Scott Hays
701 Oak St.
Dimmitt, Texas

Dear Santa

My name is Prim and I am 6 years old I want a truck and a racing car. Please don't forget my little sisters.

Thank you
Prim



In this season of joy,
we'd like to extend our best wishes.



And thank you,
customers,
for your
loyal
support.

Hays Implement Co.



To wish you the joys of Christmas

In the fine and happy tradition of the holiday season we wish to extend our greetings to our customers, old and new. May you enjoy the festivities and delights of this special time as your families gather in joyous celebration. Thank you for your loyal trust and support. Your warm friendship makes us feel very proud. Merry Christmas.

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Art, Too, Shows 'Illumination' To Light Up Christmas Scene

By ANNA MANG

Illumination. The very word seems to belong to Christmas, the season of light. Like the star that guided the wise men, Christmas illuminates the spirit of man.

In an artistic sense, illumination has another meaning that is also linked to Christmas: The decoration of books and manuscripts

with colorful illustrations, initial letters and borders, "lit" by gold or, occasionally, silver.

Like all the arts, the ancient art of illumination was often employed by man in his efforts to capture some portion of the wonder of Christmas, to retell and to picture the story of the Nativity and related events.

"The Annunciation," "The Nativity," "The Adoration of

the Magi," "The Flight into Egypt" — these and other scenes from the well-loved Christmas story appear again and again in the hand-lettered, individually-illustrated books known as illuminated manuscripts.

When It Began

In the early Christian era, illuminated manuscripts were generally the products of monasteries and cathedral

schools. The first examples of illumination appeared, however, centuries before the birth of Christ.

The Egyptian "Books of the Dead," manuscripts intended for tomb burial to serve as guides for the deceased in the afterworld, offer examples of gold-lit vignettes dating back to 1350 B.C.

These "books," written on papyrus scrolls, envisioned afterlife as a continuation of life on earth. People and animals were pictured, along with decorative lettering showing swirls of gold and sometimes silver.

To Spread Learning

The coming of Christianity brought a continuing concern with religious subjects as the text for illuminated manuscripts. Monasteries of Egypt and Syria were early dedicated to the creation of art, the development of crafts, the spread of learning.

In the Western world, these aims gained impetus with the founding of the Benedictine monasteries in the sixth century A.D. Artists and craftsmen worked devotedly to preserve sacred texts through their hand-copied, hand-illustrated, elaborately-bound vellum manuscripts.

From time to time, secular texts — scientific treatises, for example — were also copied and illustrated.

How It Grew

Just as the celebration of Christmas gathered together many customs and rituals of earlier holidays, so too the monastery artists drew upon techniques evolved by pre-Christian craftsmen.

Influence of classic Greek and Roman style is evident in the early illuminated manuscripts of the Christian era. This gradually gave way to the decorative, abstract Byzantine style.

With the approach of the Renaissance, more natural, realistic techniques came into use, in illumination as in other forms of art.

Treasured Today

In the preparation of illuminated manuscripts, a master artist often set the style for copyists and assistants to follow, since even the decoration of an initial letter could be a major project.

A single letter might occupy an entire page, and a complete scene or miniature painting might be contained within the boundaries of, for instance, an initial "C" or "D."

Some manuscripts, in fact, represent the work not only of more than one artist but of more than one generation of artists.

Today, illuminated manuscripts are treasures of libraries and museums, and rightly so, for throughout a thousand years of Christian

How Many Wise Men? Answers Are Many!

Three wise men?

In New Testament stories of the Nativity, only St. Matthew tells of "wise men from the east" — and how many wise men followed the star to the manger is not stated. The tradition that there were three probably comes from St. Matthew's description of three gifts — gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Another explanation for the number three is the legend that the wise men symbolized all humanity, in turn represented by the races of Shem, Ham and Japhet, according to the editors of the New Book of Knowledge.

Early traditions mention varying numbers of wise men. Twelve was the number traditional in the Eastern church, while in the West, mosaics and paintings showed sometimes two, sometimes three, four or more wise men.

During the sixth century, the idea that there were three came to be generally accepted. In legends, the wise men were given names: Melchior, Gaspar, Baltasar.

Although St. Matthew did not use the name "Magi," he

history, the art of illumination brought an extra dimension of beauty to manuscripts that are, in themselves, precious works of art.

implied it when he wrote of "wise men," for "magi" was commonly used in Palestine to mean "great, illustrious." Today, Nativity scenes show three wise men or Magi

It's a Mystery

Mysterious things happen on Christmas Eve, say country legends of Switzerland. Young people may foretell the future, if they drink from nine different fountains while the midnight church bells chime. Then, if they hasten to the church steps, their future mates will await them there.

Somewhat less romantically, older folk seek to predict the weather for the coming year, using onion peels filled with salt.

How Many Holidays?

Traditionally, Belgians celebrate three holidays at the Christmas season — beginning with St. Nicholas Day, December 6th, when the good saint brings gifts for children.

Then comes St. Thomas Day, December 21st. It's a sort of "trick or treat" day for school children, who try to play tricks on their teachers.

The third holiday, of course, is Christmas.

present at the manger along with the shepherds, who hastened to Bethlehem on the night Christ was born. Some historians, however, believe that the visit of the Magi didn't take place until much later — perhaps a year or even two years after the birth of Christ.

Feeding the Horses

Twelfth Night is, in Spanish tradition, the time for giving gifts, and the traditional gift bearers are the Wise Men, who as they journey each year to Bethlehem bring gifts for good children.

To feed the Wise Men's horses on their long pilgrimage, Spanish children fill their shoes with straw and set them on balconies or window ledges.

Wrapping Gifts

When German tradition is followed, unwrapping a Christmas gift can be an amusing but complicated process.

One gift may have many consecutive wrappings, each with a different name on it, and the final wrapping may reveal not a gift, but a card telling where the gift is hidden.

Other cards in other hiding places lead to a treasure hunt, ending in the discovery of the gift.

BEST WISHES FOR

Christmas

In the peace and quiet of this snow-laden countryside, the air is atingle with the crisp freshness of winter, and we see the familiar signs and symbols of the good old-fashioned Christmas spirit . . . a spirit ever new. For you and yours, we wish a bounty of traditional pleasures, of serenity and contentment. At Christmastide, we pause in warmest appreciation of your continued loyalty, trust and confidence to wish you the very best of the season. It is our continuing pleasure and wish to be able to serve you.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Pam. I have a little brother his name is Danny. My other brother is writing a letter to you. I am 10 Danny is 3 and Leslie is 8. We are planning to come to see you ever Saturday. All three of us are going to get tickets and try to win a bicycle. I hope you are just fine. Please do not get sick if you did get one of your helpers to deliver the toys and things. I want a Tipetoes and Pickadoo and rings and things. Darny wonce a crazy car, and truck and a car.

The Heards

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and I am very good. For Christmas I want some dishes and a doll.

Thank you Dora

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and a bike.

Love Norma

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good this year. I hope you have fun giving out toys this Christmas. I want a farm set with animals, a pair of spurs. I want a billfold, and some farm machinery, like two John Deere tractors, a disk, a truck, a planter, and a combine, and a good plow, and one wagon, and some fence.

Clyde Birkenfeld

Dear Santa
I want a gun for Christmas I am 6 years old and I am in the first grade.

Albert

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I am 6 years old I want and Easy Bake can you please bring me one I also want a doll who shares her toys.

Love Teresa

Dear Santa,
I want a baby party and a bike. I also want a Barbie doll.

Thank you Laura D.

Dear Santa Claus,
I like to have a bicycle a rifle a football billifod truck

Danny Jasolove

Dear Santa
I've been good Please brin me a walking doll black hippie boot and a cash register and ice box and some shoes and a dress.

Thank you Laura Miller

Dear Santa
Im being real good for Christmas a swing set a doll that cries and a doll that shares her toys.

Thank you Eileen

Dear Santa
I am a good boy and I am 6 years old. For Christmas I want a Johnny 7, and a Major Matt Nelson

Thank you Tracy

Dear Santa Claus.
I want a gun for Christmas. And a little that shows pictures. Thank you Santa Claus

Isaias

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. Please bring me a slinky, an electric football game for Steve and I. I want a race track and a Major Matt Mason.

Thank you Paul

Dear Santa,
I wanted a little doll that thalk I wanted a little dog that walk and bark. I hope you bring me a bicycle. here come Santa, I love Christmas Mary Christmas

Francis

Dear Santa Claus
Santa Claus is going to bring me a rifle and car. He will bring me some colors and color book. I love you Santa Claus

Paul Menchaca

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas Santa. I want a football and a bebgun and a cowboy hat. I like stacing and toy I want Bill blastof and a bicycel.

Love Frank

Dear Santa,
I am writing a few lines jest to say hi. and tell you whate I wante for Christmas whate I want for Christmas is a big bicycle. And a big football.

Sind Johnny

Dear Santa,
I want a bebegun and a walkie talkie an a bicycle an I want a friat set.

Love Kelly

Dear Santa,
I want a fright factery and a bebegun too. A want a football suit and a 3 speed bicycle too.

Marry Christmas Siand Bruce

Dear Santa Claus.
Bring me a gun and a jeep and a animals and a pistol and bring me a football I am good I am happy you are coming.

Ruben Garcia

Dear Santa Claus.
Will you serd me some toys to play with I bon't have no toy to play with, and two bicycle oen blue and a red and a car set.

From David Arrizola

Dear Santa Claus.
I have beed a good girl. I need a watch I'm going to put the Christmas tree.

Love Raena Entrekin

Dear Santa Claus
Please dring me dog send with present govnt race car set jeep very mother from farm tractor cut school rifle Tippy color doll truck

Anna Merie Ledesma

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been good this year. I want some stuffed animals an a doll. Please phill my stocking. An a dress an what ever you think.

Love Stacy Averitt

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle and a bb gun and a basket ball goal.

Love Ricky Rowland

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle or a B.B. gun. I love you very much. My sister wan't a easy bake oven.

Love Russell Davis

Dear Santa
Fo: Christmas 3 guns for my little brothers, and 2 dolls for my sisters

Thank you Joe

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll for Christmas. I thank you fo: every thing and I hope that you will bring us some candy for Christmas Oh thank you.

Love Santa Claus, Shala Garrity

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you for every thing. Santa I want a bicycle for Christmas I have been good to my friends. You are my buddy.

From Brad and Tammye Hill

Dear Santa
My name is Luis For Christmas I need a jet ard some swings.

I am very good. Love Luis

Dear Santa Claus
I want a tippe toes doll and a Ouigi board I also want some dishes and a twister. I will leave you a Coke on Christmas Eve.

Love Robert Pohlmeier

Dear Santa Caluse
I am 7 years olde and I am in the first grade I have tried to be good. Please b-ing me a bike, a slinky. and a little car race.

Thank you Saul

Dear Santa
I am in the first grade and I am very good I would like an Easy Baker ard a talking dooll Guess that will be all.

Thank you Janet

Dear Santa
I am trying to be very good. For Christmas I want a doll.

Love Dolores

Dear Santa
My name is Johnny I try to be very good Please bring me a machie gun.

Than Johnny

Dear Santa.
I want a prow football siut and a prow football. I want a Billy blast of. I want a cowboy siut I want some boots and some sperze. I want the tike take tiow game I love you. Merry Christmas.

Pat Six

Dear Santa Claus,
I go to school at Nazareth School. I am in the first grade. I want a garbage truck and some boots. I don't care what color boots you bring. I want some ckae mixes. Thank you.

Your friend, Leland Hoelling

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you. I want a truck. I want a wagon. I want a tractor. I want a ba-n. I want a deep plow. I want a disk. I want a bicycle.

Thank you Ivan Schacher

Dear Santa Claus,
I like you, Santa. I want some boots and a Structo construction set. I want some colors.

Robert Pohlmeier

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you. Please give me a walking doll, a slinky, and incredible edibles.

Thank you, Gaylene Wilhelm

Dear Santa,
I want a farm set. And creepy crawlers. and two trucks. I am a good boy. I want you to come to see us.

I love you. Harold Wilhelm

Dear Santa,
Here are some things I want for Christmas. I want a doll carriage, a camera, a kindergarten kitchen, and a jewelry case. But if you bring something else it will be OK, too. I love you. I am in the first grade.

Debbie Schacher

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Lisa Pohlmeier. I am seven years old. I have a sister who is nine years old. For Christmas I would like a baby small walk and a pair of skates. My sister would like a doll with long hair and a stuffed animal.

Your friends Rochelle and Lisa Pohlmeier

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to come to my house. I may come to see you. I like you, Santa. I like some toggles and a real watch that runs. I would like a truck too and a gun. I am in the first grade.

Love, Dewayne Heck

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a inside outside horse shoe game and a bow and orraw set. May God bless you.

Jimmy Kern

Dear Santa Claus,
I am six. I am in the first grade. I like school. I want a slinky for Christmas. I want a fire truck with a siren, and an automatic painter and candy and fruit. Also bring socks and a shirt.

I love you. David Huseman

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. Please bring me an airplane, train, and farm set. Do not forget the rest of the family.

I love you. Val Steffens

Dear Santa Claus
I want a locket kiddie. I want a doll that rides its tricycle. I work hard in school. I am in the first grade. I will be looking for you. I love you.

Dianne Hochstein

Dear Santa
I would like a Tippy Toes doll. Gentle Ben stuffed toy. A snow white watch and my sister and I together want a black board. Please remember all the other children.

Duretta Ramaekers

Dear Santa Claus,
Could you bring me a doll that talk and a little bear that we can play with It My brother likes you to and I like you to. I like you very very much but I want you to bring me a presents Santa Claus. Will you come to my house and I like you to.

Norma

Dear Santa Claus.
I am trying to be good. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a Kiddle d.ll. Bring me a new school bag, too.

Nadjne Jones

Dear Santa Claus
I want for Christmas I want a doll for Chris'mas will you come to my house. I want a bear for Christmas. I am a good girl. Winte: is here Monday.

Margarite Maya

Dear Santa:
I want a Major Matt Mason and a shooting gallery. I will be waiting for you to come to see all the boys and girls.

Love, Ricky Pollard

Dear Santa:
I want a baby Tippy-Toes for Christmas. I also want a nurse kit, and an Easy Bake Oven. I love you, Santa.

Love, Lisa Pollard

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you come are you coming. Are you coming to the bank. I like Cante Claus. My little sister has a suit just like Cante Claus and it is red. It will be Christmas soon. I like snow very much and me and my little sister play with it. I love you very much. Can you bring me something for Christmas. I want a doll and a presents. Sante Claus comes in a truck.

Irene R.



GREETINGS

WE'RE DELIVERING BEST WISHES

As you make your move toward a merry Christmas, we'd like to deliver our greetings, good wishes and gratitude. To serve you is indeed a pleasure. Thanks for the privilege, and happy holidays!

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Greetings

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Merry Christmas

Christmas is in the air everywhere! Family and friends join to rejoice, trees are being trimmed, carols are sung, gifts exchanged, bells ring out a merry tune and hearts are filled with peaceful happiness. These are the very special joys of the season. May each and every one be yours. And we add our grateful thanks as we wish you a Merry Christmas.

Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.

Carols Express Yule Joy, Echoing Across the Ages

Voices rise in songs of joy and praise. As the joyous season arrives, the vibrant sound of carolers is heard in churches, at family gatherings, in groups going from house to house to celebrate with song.

Carols are as much a part of the Yuletide as the tree, gifts and Santa himself.

It all began with the first carols in the 13th century, says the Encyclopedia Americana.

The earliest English carols were composed anonymously, perhaps by clergymen or court musicians. Simple tunes and strong rhythms were characteristic, and the musical form featured a refrain, to repeat before and after each stanza.

Words were written, generally, in the English vernacular or in "macaronic" form — a combination of English and Latin.

The first printed collection of carols appeared in 1521. It included the "Boar's Head Carol," still sung during Christmas dinner at Queen's College, Oxford, England.

Even then, however, the practice of passing on carols orally, from generation

to generation, continued. Among these were carols in ballad form, such as "I Saw Three Ships" and "The Cherry Tree Carol."

Caroling fell into disrepute in the 17th century, and carol singing was forbidden by the English Puritans. Those who colonized America carried this disapproval with them.

After the Restoration, in 1660, caroling was once again permitted and the custom slowly revived.

Some of the most popular carols date from the 18th and 19th centuries. These include "Adeste Fideles," possibly by Francis Wade; "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," with words by Charles Wesley and music by Felix Mendelssohn; "Joy to the World," with words by Isaac Watts, music by George Frederic Handel.

Probably the most popular of all carols is the 19th century "Silent Night," with words by Joseph Mohr, the village priest of Hallein, Austria.

Many stories are told about the way this carol came to be written. One legend says that on a snowy Christmas Eve in 1818, Father Mohr went to bless the newborn baby of a



ACTING OUT THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY, youngsters play the role of angels in the Christmas pageant at St. Croix, Virgin Islands. Traditional wherever the holiday is celebrated, the Christmas pageant has history in religious drama. Photo by Henle — Photo Researchers; from editors of Encyclopedia Americana.

Pageant Has History In Medieval Dramas

As young actors and actresses of this community rehearse their roles for their special Christmas play or pageant, they take part in a custom treasured through the ages.

Since the Christmas story first was told, mankind has sought and found countless ways to create it again and anew, in song and story, in art and drama. The modern Christmas pageant, a feature of church observances in communities near and far, may well trace its history to early religious dramas — the mystery, miracle and morality plays of the Middle Ages.

Where did church drama actually begin? One possible source is the tradition of the Christmas crib or manger scene, but scholarly research indicates that medieval re-

ligious drama probably had other, separate origins, according to the editors of Encyclopedia Americana.

Easter Plays Came First

Representations of the manger scene began with the use of doll figures, and history offers no evidence that people were ever substituted for the dolls. Living "actors" did, however, play a part in some early elaborations of church rituals.

In the 10th century, special chants written to accompany church music on festival occasions began to take the form of simple dialogues. These were little more than dramatic inserts in the church services, but here, researchers believe, religious plays had their start.

Covered Many Subjects

Mystery cycles of the 16th century included as many as 40 dramas, which might be presented over a period of several days. The cycles developed in virtually every European country.

poor parishioner.

On that night he was so inspired by the beauty of the mother and child that he wrote the poem "Silent Night."

ESTABLISHING CRIB

Though legend says that St. Francis of Assisi first introduced the Christmas crib in the 13th century, history records that the first manger scene was created by Pope Liberius in 354 A.D.

"MELE KALIKIMAKA"

Wishing "Mele Kalikimaka" is the traditional way to say, "Merry Christmas" in Hawaiian.

Along with the mystery cycles were miracle and morality plays. Miracle plays recounted the miracles of the saints, while the moralities presented allegorical messages of moral instruction, with characters personifying, for instance, Vice, the Devil or specific vices such as Gluttony, Pride, Anger, Hatred.

Santa's Moving To Take Lead As Gift-Giver

More and more, Santa becomes the favored gift-giver in countries around the world, replacing a host of legendary figures who were said to bring gifts at this same season of the year.

Gift-giving time, too, is now more likely to be Christmas Eve, although the traditional date in European countries once ranged from St. Nicholas Eve, December 5th, to Epiphany Eve, January 5th.

Among the many who set the trend for Santa Claus is the German gift-giver, Kris Kringle. The name is a variation of Christkind — not the Infant Jesus himself, but his messenger who came to earth at Christmastime.

Christkind was represented by a child dressed in white robes, with a crown and wings of gold.

In Japan, the traditional gift-giver is a native god, Hotelosho. Represented as a kindly old man with a pack on his back, he is much like visions of the traditional Santa.

He is said to have eyes in the back of his head, the better to see whether boys and girls have been naughty or nice.

In Yugoslavia, Grandfather Frost — "Dede Mraz" — replaces Santa Claus.

The Yugoslavian trend is to combine Christmas and New Year holidays, and celebrate them together with Grandfather Frost Day.

IT'S TOO COMMON

In most of the United States, the poinsettia is a prized Christmas flower. In Hawaii, however, it grows so profusely that it is considered too common for such an important holiday. Potted orchids, anthurium or the orange-and-blue flower called "bird of paradise" are Hawaiian holiday favorites.

Picturing Nativity

The Christmas crib or presepio is an especially treasured part of the Portuguese holiday celebration. Every home and church seems to have one, and some of those in the churches are masterpieces of art.

Especially famous is the presepio in Estrella Church, Lisbon. This Nativity scene depicts the people of Bethlehem, in terra cotta figures. Unique among the crowd are the figures of an elephant and a bagpiper.

Bringing the Tree

Christmas trees were first introduced to France in 1837, when Princess Helen of Mecklenburg married the Duke of Orleans and brought with her to Paris the Yule customs of her native country.

In spite of this and many later efforts to advance the cause of the Christmas tree, Parisians still prefer the earlier tradition, which says that gift exchange time for French adults is New Year's day.

Baking Cakes

If the weather on St. Nicholas Day, December 6th, is misty, a Dutch legend can explain it. St. Nicholas is baking his cakes.

Traditional cakes — Zelten or Klosse — are adorned with different figures. These, children are told, are the marks made by St. Nicholas' donkey as he steps over the cakes on his way through the mist.

COST WAS HIGH
When Christmas greetings cards first came into their own in the United States, about 1875, some of the more elegant cards were encrusted with blown glass frosting and sold for as much as three dollars each.



Best wishes for a season filled with good health, good cheer for you and your family. We wish to extend our thanks to all our fine friends and neighbors for their loyalty and confidence.

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CHRISTMAS

In appreciation of your patronage...

Best wishes to customers and friends for a holiday filled with the happy sounds of laughter. Merry Christmas.

SALLY'S STEAK HOUSE

Amid the hustle and bustle and busy preparation of this merry time we pause in the happy tradition of the season to wish our many fine friends and neighbors all the long-lasting happiness of an old-fashioned Yule. Thanks for your loyal support.

CASTRO COUNTY GRAIN CO.

GREETINGS

At this joyous time of year when every heart is kindled with the warmth of good cheer... when sweet carols sound in the crisp night air and the church bells in the steeple ring out with the wonder and glory of Christmas... we pause to share in the fine tradition of extending greetings to all of our friends. May you and your family enjoy all the blessings of this happy holiday season... peace, good will and abiding love. We are pleased to express our deepest appreciation for your loyal support.

Dimmitt Parts & Supply

CECIL VENA MAE FRANK RANDY

Dear Santa Claus,
 Could you bring a toy for Christmas I like to have a bicycle and rifle and a football and a stocking that what all.
 Love, Ricky Guzman

Dear Santa Claus,
 1. I want a bicycle.
 2. I want a B.B. gun.
 3. I want a basketball.
 4. I love Santa Claus.
 Eloy Hernandez

Early-Day Residents Had Community Tree

(Editor's Note: Mrs. R. H. Birchfield of Amarillo, the former Bettie Rose Kerr, contributed this story of what Christmas was like in Dimmitt's early days.)

By Mrs. R. H. Birchfield
 Do you remember when?

WITH THE coming of Christmas, there also comes a great resurgence of memories near and dear to us all. It seems so very right that one should express the gratitude in her heart for those responsible for such precious memories and for the surroundings in which they were enacted.

May I ask your indulgence in reminiscing of earlier days in Dimmitt?

In those days when the miracles of radio and television, of stereos and tape recorders — yes, and even of movie cameras and colored slides — were yet unknown (and a trip to the moon never envisioned other than in the jingle about the cow's jumping over it!), there fell upon us a mantle of holy quietness and deep reverence which none of the above mentioned can equal or surpass.

THE TOWN was bounded on the north by the "Alexander place" and the old "McLean place," the usual site for all picnics other than the annual one held on the courthouse lawn; on the south by the Turner place eastwise and the Clifton place westwise; on the east by the Shepards and the Carters; and on the west by the Flanagan and Vadens. There existed among us then a close friendship not found everywhere.

Fill in this roughly sketched map with those homes wherein dwelt the families of the Slovers, the Woodburrs — Estes and Bill, — the Coopers, the Hastings, the Irelands, the Alexanders, the Woodlees, the Tates, the Durees, the Cashes, the Kerrs, the Cowsets, Dr. Stapleton and later of Dr. Landrum, Granny James, the Hyatts, the Ed Smiths, Rea Gilbreath, the Gillespies, Aunt Nan Lovelace, the Greens, the Rowans, the McLeans, the Norwoods, the Easters, Mrs. Brashears, the Barbers, etc. Many more came later and stayed: Oscar Ayers, the Shufords, and others. Located a little farther out were the Gollehons, the Rameys, the Dyers, Mack Johnston, and the Dixons.

The roll, however incomplete, must not omit the names of those who served in the church, courthouse, school, telephone office, and stores. Miss Millicent Griffith served as superintendent of our schools for 10 years—an eternity to the younger ones of us in those

days. I. O. Jackson will be remembered by some, as will "Brothers" Ross, Baker, Lindley, Bruant, Smith, Reavis, and Hag-an, who filled the pulpit of the church at various times.

No tree, however grand and green and stately with present-day ornaments, could rival those of that era, which originated in somebody's orchard but had the misfortune to give way to the ravages of time or disease. It was transformed into a thing of rare beauty by the Ladies' Aid Society, who wrapped EACH branch lov-

ingly with crepe paper and lighted it with gleaming candles. Reaching to the ceiling of our community church (on the spot now occupied by the First United Methodist Church) and heavily laden with gifts from everyone to everyone, it was a wonder to behold!

But before it was stripped of its packages, the hearts and souls of those there assembled were deeply moved by the oft-rehearsed song and recitations about both Good St. Nick AND the Holy Babe of Bethlehem.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a toy farm and a toy tractor. Can you want a toy truck. Can you wtr me a toy pistol and in 18 days it is going to be Christmas Eve.
 Frankie Noyola

Dear Santa Claus,
 I like you very much. Can you bring me a Tippy Toes. Because I like her very much. Can you come up to see me. Can you bring me a bicycle.
 Love Michelle Durbin

Dear Santa Claus,
 Bring me a gun set and a race car set.
 From Bryan Hankins

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want you to bring me a bicycle. I want you to bring me some guns for Christmas. I would want a bb gun. I would want a basketball. I want a football for Christmas. I been nice to every body and my friends.
 Love Santa Claus
 Tony Zapata

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want you to buy me a doll. I love you Santa Claus. How are you today? I want you to buy my sister a doll too.
 Love Mary Ann Velasquez
 Love Sylvia Velasquez

Dear Santa,
 1. I want a little doll can walk and talk.
 2. I want a big bicycle.
 3. I want a little cat.
 4. I want a little dog.
 5. Can bark a wak and I jop that yuo breme a little car.
 7. Mary Christmas I live Sinticos.
 Emelda

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want the noble Knights. I love good toys. I hope I get to see you and I love you and my baby brother like toys.
 from Arnold Pardo

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a bicycle for Christmas. Some body stole my bicycle. My brother is sick and he wants a game and he has hepatitis.
 Love
 Kyle Gene Malone

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a doll for Christmas. I thank you for all the toys I have been a little bad I want a bicycle too. Santa will you bring my little brother a horse trailer and my other brother some guns.
 From Martha Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a bicycle. I want a b.b. gun. I love you Santa Claus.
 Jimmy Ramirez

Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like you to bring easy-bake oven. I thank you for all my toys thank you Santa Claus.
 Love
 Josie Garcia

Dear Santa

Dear Santa Claus
 I love you Santa Claus and will you bring me a easybake. Please bring me toys. I have been nice to every body and my frierds and I think my brothers will like you They want some toys.
 Euy Merlinda and Jimmy and Bobby Martinez.

Dear Santa,
 1. I went a big bicycle.
 2. I went a dog.
 3. I went a toys.
 4. I went a sled.
 5. I went a cat.
 6. Geronimo Reyes

Dear Santa Claus,
 2. I want a doll for Christmas.
 3. I love ycu santa claus.
 4. How are you today.
 5. I am just so happy now.
 I love you
 Narcy Perez

Dear Santa
 I want a little doll that walk and a bicycle and a little ball I want a little dog and dishes here comes Santa,
 Aamida

I love Christmas

Dear Santa,
 I want a football, and a bicycle. I want a bebgun and a walkie. I love you Santa. I love Christas. I want a trouble.
 Mairo

Dear Santa,
 I want a little cat and a big deck. I want a bicycle, here come the Santa. I want a little toy it be a Santa. I want a little rabbits. I want a little girl.
 Jo Ann Ellis

Dear Santa,
 I want a cat I want a little bicycle. I want a big doehouse and a little cat I want a little dall I want a big dog I want a little game I want a big toy I want a litt ball I want a walk little doll I want a and talk doll.
 Rhesa

Dear Santa
 Brig me gun Please bring a little truck fo: my brother and me a little race carps I also want a watch.
 Severo

Dear Santa,
 I want a bicycle and a little ball I think that you can bring me a dishes I want a little doll that thalk here comes Santa, I love Christmas.
 Sylvia
 Merry Christmas I love you

Dear Santa,
 I love you, I what a bicycle. I what a bebe gun. I what a helmet and football.
 Tito Rios

Dear Santa Claus,
 For Christmas I want a doll. I live in Hart and I am 6 years.
 Love, Kathy

Dear Santa
 Plepse bring a doll a radio little swin My little sis'er wants a toy bcg.
 Ernestina

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I would like a buspy buzz askepy add for Joan Anrie and me. I also want a little flag. I have been ver good year.
 Love Alice

Dear Santa,
 Dear Santa I want a football and a bicycle. I want a bebgun. I wat a horse to I want books, wakwie and I love you Mary Christmas I want toys to goodby Santa.
 Rudy Voladez

Dear Santa Claus.
 My name is Lydia Trevino. I am in the first grade. I try to learn much. I try to be a good girl. I want a doll. Bring a little doll for my sister and a big doll for me. I want a purse and some candy.
 Love,
 Lydia Trevino

Dear Santa,
 I have been good. Please remember all boys and girls. Please bring me a doll.
 Love,
 Debbie

Dear Santa
 I have been good. Please remember all boys and girls. Please bring to me a Talking Barbie.
 Love,
 Vicki

Dear Santa Claus,
 I like you Santa Claus. I love you Santa Claus. Santa Claus, I will be happy with my watch and I will like my Major Mat Mason too. And I will like my San Lot Sluggier. I am in the first grade.
 Kyle Dwayn Gleghorn

Dear Santa Claus,
 Please bring me some toys. I want a tractor with a cab on it. I want a dump truck. I like you. I am 7 years old, I am in the first grade. I have one brother and two sisters. I have tried to be a good boy.
 Jeff

Dear Santa Claus.
 I want a farm set. I want a red train. I want a blue airplane. I wnt horseshoes. I'm a good boy. I love you.
 Dale Wilhelm

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a Barbie doll and candy. I want a locket kiddle and gloves. I love you.
 Vicki Venhaus

Dear Santa Claus,
 Thank you for the buggy last year. Please bring dishes. Thank you for whatever you bring.
 Mary Beth Wilhelm

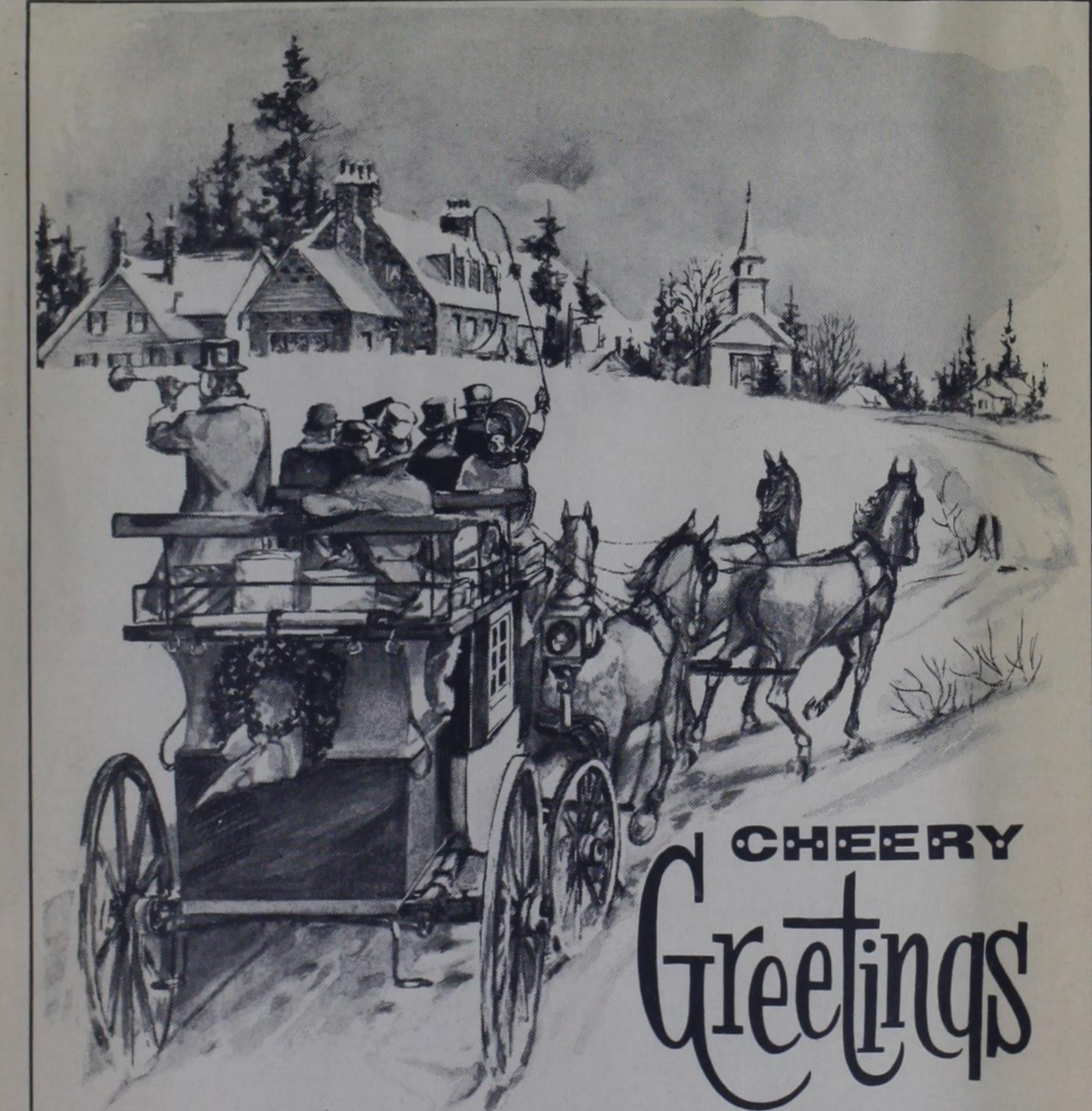
Dear Santa Claus,
 I am in the first grade. I want three car sets, and a ball and a bat. I want a book that I can read, and candy, and apples, and oranges and bananas. I love you.
 Gary Book



GLAD CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

All the world is happy... it's Christmas Day, the bells are ringing those special Christmas wishes of joy and happiness to all. We are taking this perfect opportunity to express deep appreciation to you, our valued friends and customers.

DICKEY'S DOZER SERVICE
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CHEERY Greetings

We put aside our business to greet all our fine patrons with sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas and to express our deepest appreciation for your continued friendship and many kindnesses.

THE NORTH GIN
 BILL BIRDWEL, Manager

Season's Greetings

At the holiday season, our thoughts turn with special warmth to our loyal friends and customers. We want to say how pleased we are to be privileged to serve the folks in this community and we wish for all a Yuletide that really rings the bell for good fellowship, contentment and good cheer...

to everyone

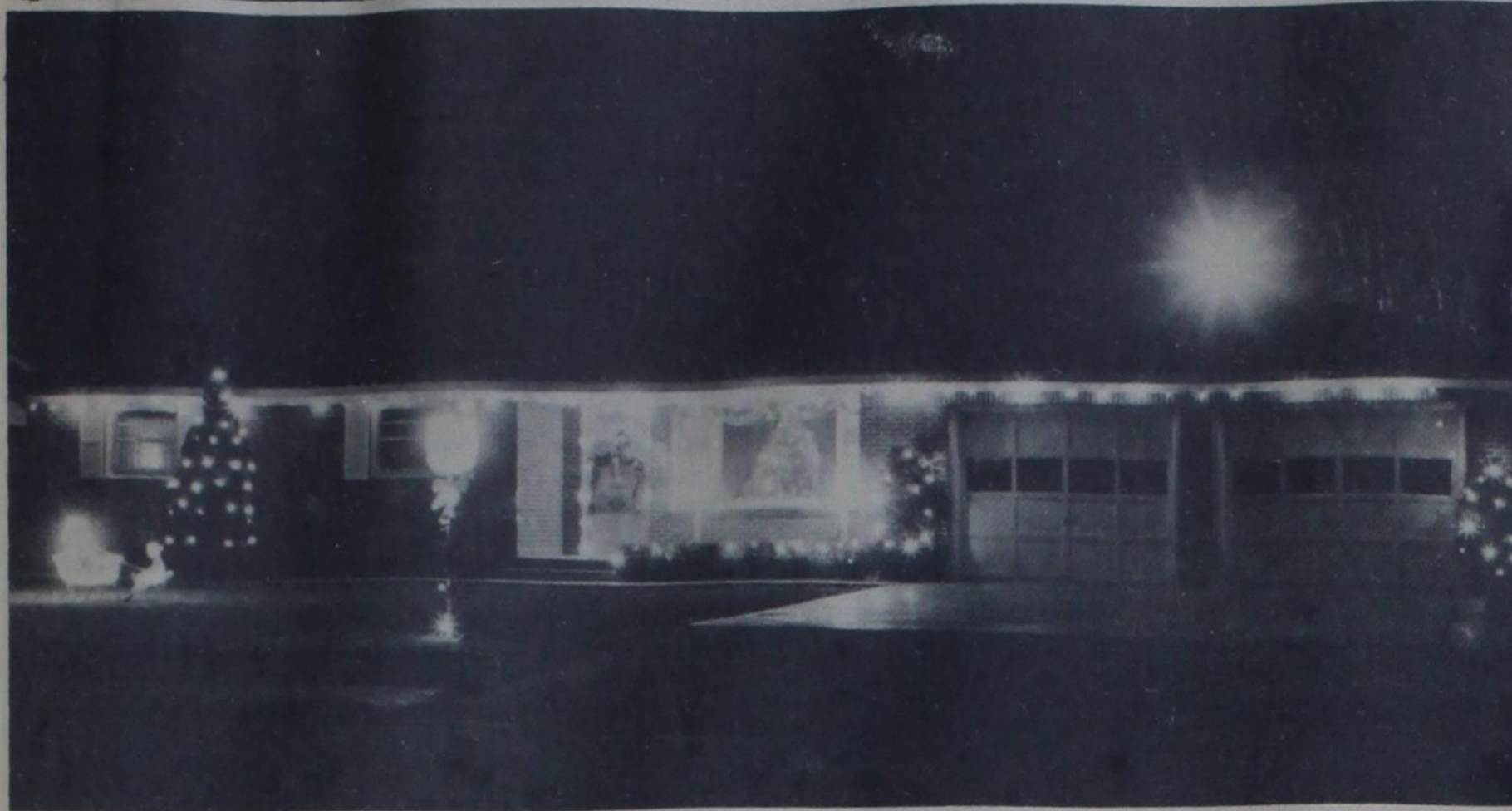
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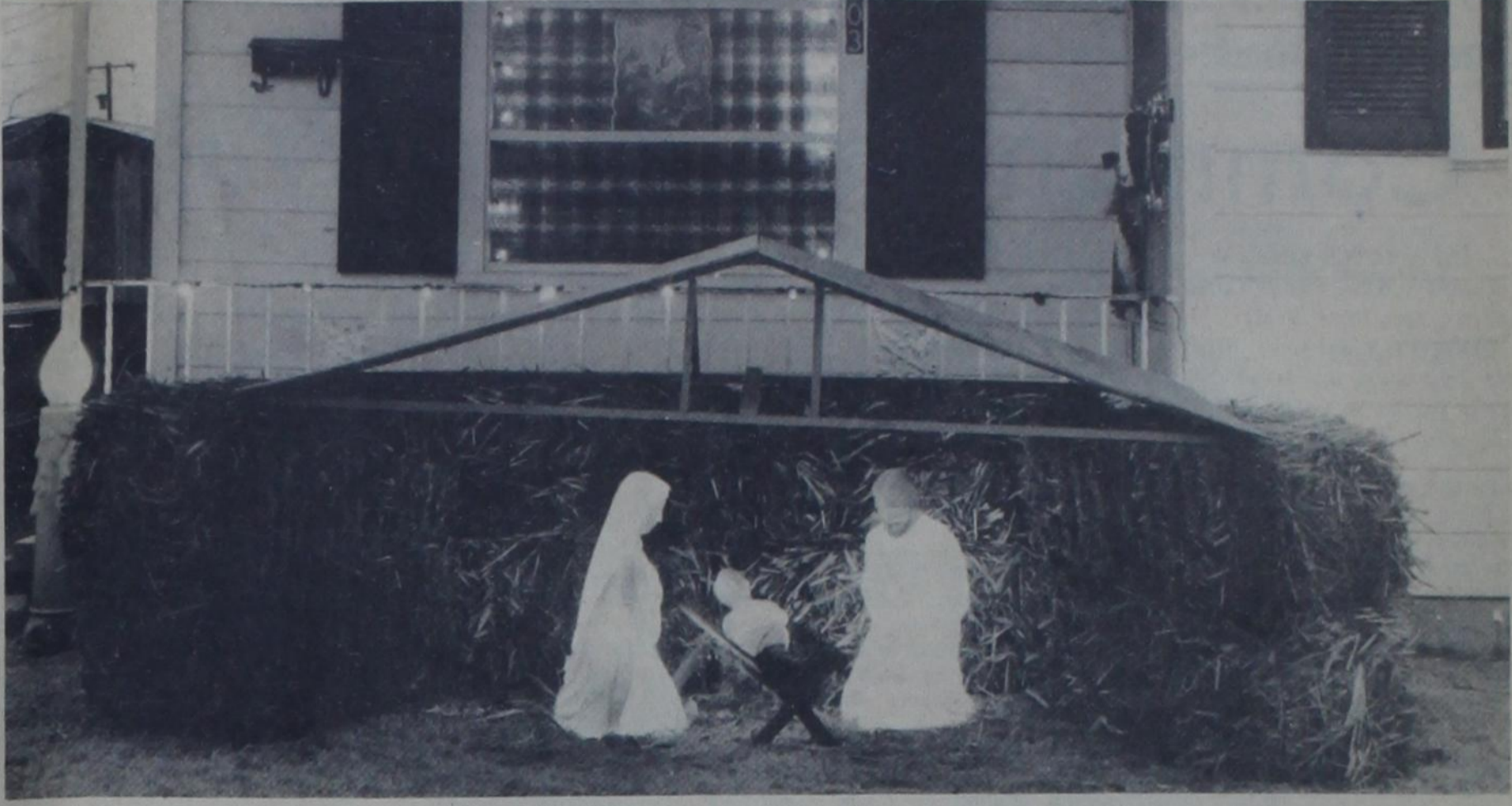
A^T CHRISTMAS

Joy to the World... Let every heart rejoice . . . for Christ is born in Bethlehem and the glory of His message shines forever, shines anew. Even as shepherds and wise men came to worship and be glad, so may each of us return in spirit to the sacred manger, there to find the peace and promise, the hope and happiness of the first Christmas. May the miracle of His birth and the wonder of His presence ever be our blessing and inspiration. And may this Christmas truly be, for you and yours, a season rich in joy and deep contentment.
To our Many Valued Friends, We Extend a Heartfelt "Thank You."

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TRUMAN TOUCHSTONE HOME, 709 WEST GRANT
... Named "best overall" in home lighting event



MANGER SCENE AT ANDY SCHUMACHER HOME, 603 NORTHWEST EIGHTH
... Judged the city's "best religious theme"

Lighting Winners Named

The Truman Touchstones at 709 W. Grant, the Andy Schumachers at 603 N.W. Eighth and the David Hayses at 701 Oak have been chosen for home Christmas lighting awards by the Chamber of Commerce.

THE TOUCHSTONES home was named "best overall" in Yule lighting, while the Schumachers won the "best religious theme" award and the Hayses the "best secular theme" prize.

A panel of Chamber-appointed judges looked at all home decorations in the city and within a five-mile radius before naming the three award-winners.

The judges commented that many homes have exceptional decorations this year.

HONORABLE mentions went to: —Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hatia, 901 W. Bedford.

—Mr. and Mrs. Rayphard Smithson, 720 W. Maple.
—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bruegel, Clovis Highway.
—Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Willis Jr., South Cemetery Road.
—Mrs. Elmo Bell, 717 Maple.
—**MR. AND MRS. HOWARD** Smithson, 616 N.W. Seventh.
—Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reinhardt, 1002 Pine.
—Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Isaacs, 905 W. Bedford.
—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stafford, 700 S.W. Fifth.
—Mrs. Ruby Sims, 105 Front.
—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hamilton, 603 Oak.
—Mrs. Anne Singer, 727 Oak.
—Mr. and Mrs. Don Carpenter, Tulia Highway.
—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dennis, Clovis Highway.

THE TOUCHSTONES' "best overall" decorations utilize the front-room window, front door, porch, yard light, lawn, trees and roof line.

Colored lights outline the roof and blink in the evergreens and hedge across the front of the Touchstone home. Over the yard light is a lighted Santa's head, and on the lawn is a lighted Santa with sleigh and reindeer. The door contains a wreath and bow, while the decorated picture window shows the Christmas tree in the Touchstones' front room.

THE SCHUMACHERS' "best religious theme" decoration is centered around a homemade manger with lighted figurines of Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus. The manger is made of hay-bales and topped with a homemade wooden roof. In the background, colored lights outline the Schumachers' porch railing and picture window, a large lighted candle stands at the porch entrance, and a large striped cane hangs on the front door.

THE HAYS "best secular" decoration is the "Santa Express" spanning the lawn. The express is a lighted trainload of toys that runs along a blue-light track, with Santa as the engineer. On the other side of the lawn, behind Santa's Express, colorful elves work by floodlight around lighted evergreens. The three winning homeowners will be awarded cash prizes by the Chamber of Commerce.

Flu Bug Declines

The severe outbreak of upper respiratory infections — or "flu" — apparently has peaked off before reaching the epidemic stage and is now subsiding.

DR. BILL LEE, assistant county medical officer, said Monday, "I believe it peaked last week and we're going downhill now. Barring some new outbreak among people who haven't had it, or an invasion by a different strain of virus, I'd say we're in pretty good shape now in the county."

C. E. Patterson Dies Thursday; Final Rites Held

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Charlie Edgar Patterson, 83, pioneer Hart barber who died last Thursday night in Plains Memorial Hospital.

MR. PATTERSON and his wife, Carrie, were found ill at their home in Hart Dec. 10 and were taken to Plains Memorial, where he was admitted in critical condition. His wife is now recovering at the Golden Spread Nursing Home.

Last rites for Mr. Patterson were at 2 p.m. Sunday in Dennis Memorial Chapel. Rev. C. T. Cunningham, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hart, officiated. Burial was in the Hart Cemetery, under the direction of Dennis Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 8, 1885, Mr. Patterson had lived most of his life in Hart and had raised his family there.

HE IS survived by his wife, Carrie; a son, Eugene, of LaMesa, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Garnett Holland of Omaha, Neb., and Mrs. Ted Pitt of New Jersey; five brothers, John, Lewis, Walter, Finis and Homer Patterson; and four sisters, Mrs. Mary A. Baker, Mrs. Addie Hudgens, Mrs. Lela Cobb and Mrs. Georgia Phipps.

Active pallbearers were Ed Bennett, Jim Black, Bud Steiert, Pcte Steiert, Royce Rice and L. J. Rice. Honorary pallbearers included E. L. Jobe, John Rice, J. R. Davis, Percy Hart, Miles Cox, John McLain, L. C. McLain, Tump McLain, Willis Hawkins Sr., and T. S. Scott.

Two Youngsters Win Free Bikes

A big part of Christmas came early for Nadine Durbin of Nazareth and Bobby Bossett of Dimmitt.

THEY'RE the two lucky youngsters who won the free bikes after the last pre-Christmas cartoon show at the Carlisle Theater Saturday.

Michelle Youts, 4, drew the two tickets from the big box of theater stubs deposited by area children during the free Saturday morning cartoon shows that have been held for the last three weeks.

The two free bikes and the cartoon shows were made possible by Dimmitt's business men.

"THE question remains. Are we to continue on the same dusty and perilous road once traveled to its dead end by mighty and splendid nations?"

— Fairfield Osborn

'Thanks, Folks' Says Postmaster

Postmaster John Wood and the employees of the Dimmitt post office this week expressed their thanks for the local public's cooperation during the holiday rush.

"WITHOUT our customers' help, we might still be sorting and delivering holiday mail," Wood said.

No backlogs were noted in post offices in the area.

According to Wood, there was an increased use of ZIP Code this year, and this helped move the mail with relative ease.

Approximately 9.7 billion pieces of mail were delivered during December in the US, more than in the rest of the world combined.

15—LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Scaled bids for cleaning and painting a 50,000 gallon elevated tank for the City of Dimmitt, Texas, will be received by the City Manager at the City Hall, Dimmitt, until 7:30 p.m., January 6, 1969, and then at said place publicly opened and read aloud.

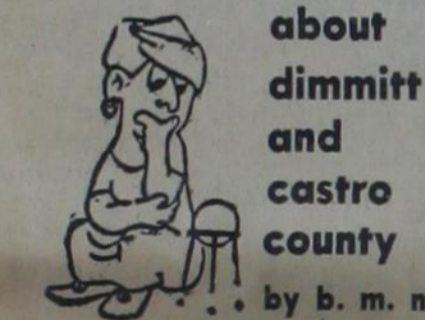
All proposals shall be accompanied by a cashier's or certified check upon a national or state bank in the amount of five (5 percent) percent of the total maximum bid price payable without recourse to the City of Dimmitt, Texas, or a bid bond in the same amount from a reliable surety company, as a guarantee that bidder will enter into a contract and execute performance bond within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. The bid security must be enclosed in the same envelope with the bid. Bids without check or bid bond will not be considered.

The successful bidder must furnish performance and payment bonds upon the forms which are attached hereto in the amount of 100 percent of the contract price from an approved surety company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as surety or other surety or sureties acceptable to the Owner.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received.

Plans, specifications and bidding documents may be secured from the office of the City Manager, City Hall, Dimmitt, and the office of Bill R. McMorries and Associates, Inc., 6300 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79106, on deposit of Twenty five Dollars (\$25.00) per set, which sum so deposited will be refunded, provided: (1) All documents are returned in good condition to Bill R. McMorries and Associates, Inc. not later than 48 hours prior to the time for receiving bids; or (2) The Contractor submits a bid and all documents are returned in good condition to Bill R. McMorries and Associates, Inc. not later than five (5) days after the time that bids are received.

CITY OF DIMMITT, TEXAS
By: G. W. Bradford, Mayor
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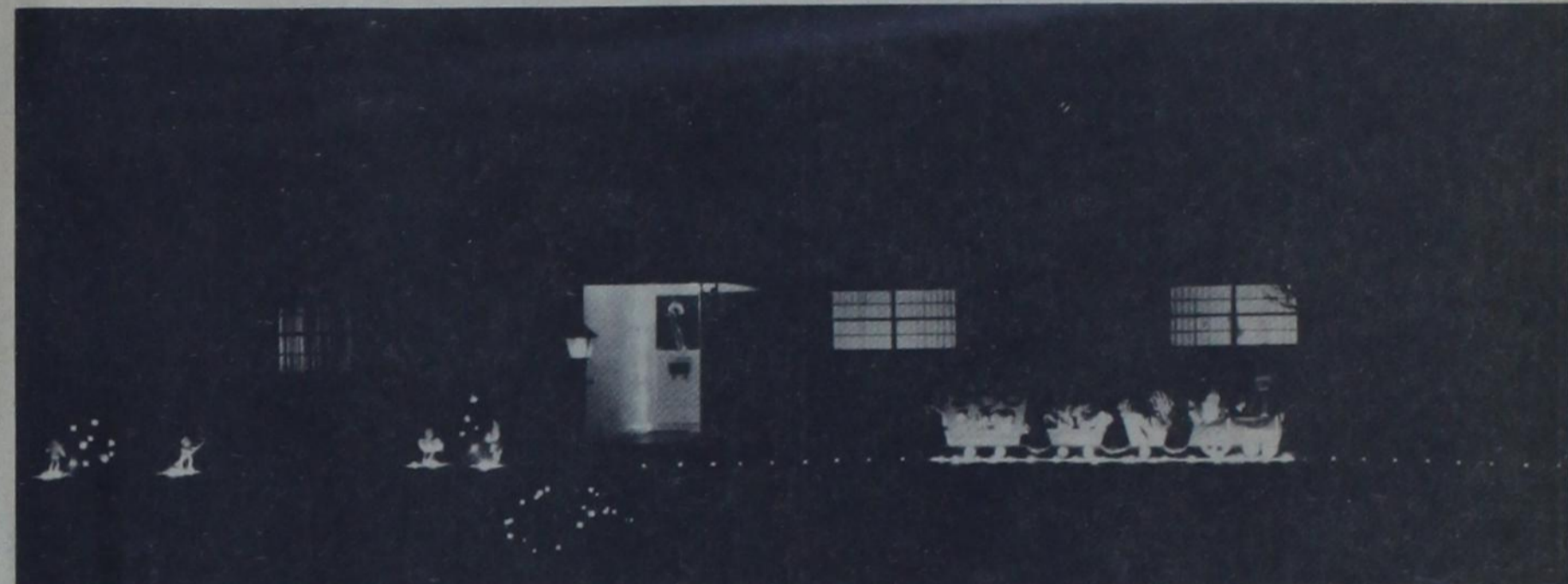


This should be one Christmas that every person in the United States, or in the world for that matter, should remember because of one and the same event. Christmas eve of 1968 will be the first time in history that mortal man will be in position to look down on the moon from every side and from practically every angle. Three men from the United States of America will be circling around that hunk of cheese from a distance of about from here to Amarrillo. This is a fantastic achievement and marks a milestone in the ingenuity and daring of human beings. Other and more fantastic things may happen, but Christmas 1968 will be remembered as the time that man first actually reached the moon. Some day the old saw "hitch your wagon to a star" may have to be replaced by a slogan with a goal a little more difficult to reach.

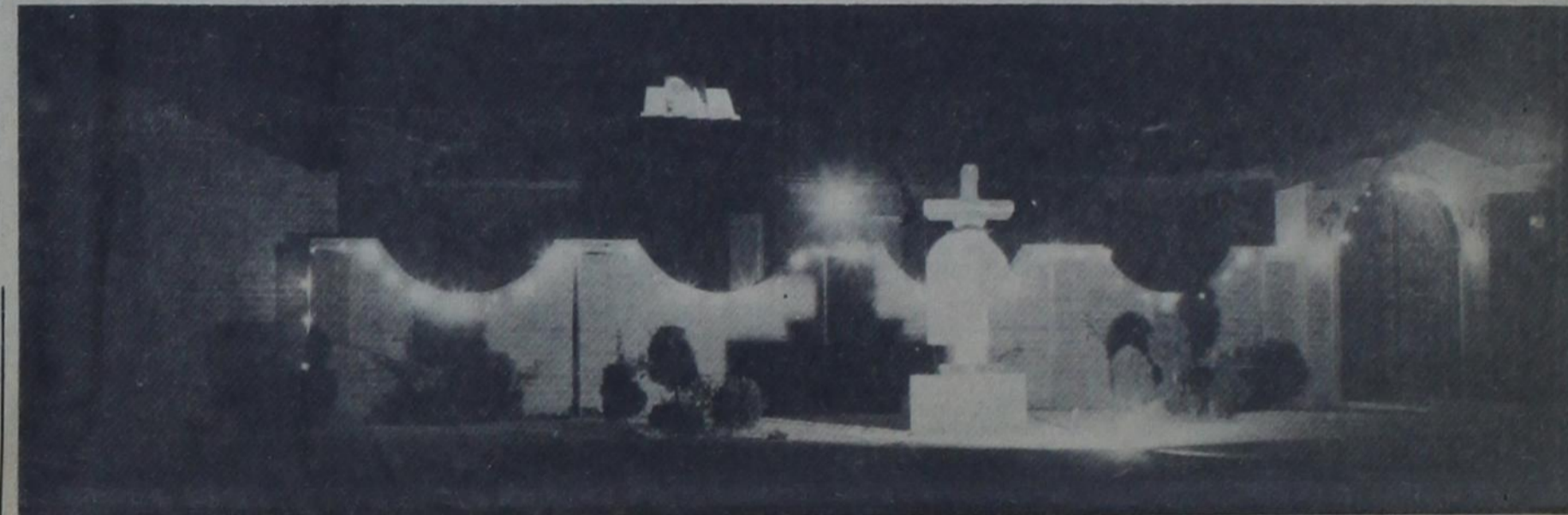
The fact that the scientists planned well when they were building the vehicle to carry three men to the moon was proven Sunday when, at halftime in the football game between the Colts and the Vikings, the three astronauts provided the half-time entertainment. Breezing merrily along, at some fantastic speed, 140,400 plus miles above the earth these merry gentlemen came in loud and clear over the Dimmitt TV cable. Their conversation with earthlings was live and distinct as were the television pictures transmitted by a little dinky camera. It is unbelievable, that's what it is for sure, that men can look each other in the face and carry on a conversation when they are 140,000 miles apart. It will be even more unbelievable when they reach the moon and perform the same feat at over a half million miles away from the launching pad. I wouldn't be surprised if we don't wake up some day soon and find that somebody has played a big hoax on a few million people. Then we will really feel silly for being so gullible. Everybody knows that it is just not possible to fly or be shot to the moon, and send back pictures and talk to people on the ground in the process. It has just got to be trick photography. We have known all of the time that they can do uncanny tricks with those television cameras, such as instant replays, etc.

There has always been some human beings endowed with more than the average amount of courage and curiosity, and given the faintest idea that a feat might be accomplished they will lay their life and their possessions on the line in the attempt. That daring has produced some miracles that the cave dwellers would never have thought possible.

So far as taking chances are concerned, it is almost a sure bet (See ABOUT DIMMITT, Page 12)



'SANTA'S EXPRESS' AT DAVID HAYS HOME, 701 OAK
... Wins prize money as "best secular" decoration



EDGAR DENNIS HOME ON CLOVIS HIGHWAY EARNED HONORABLE MENTION
... "Merry Christmas from Casa la Dennis"

Easter Lions Plan Annual Auction Sale

The Easter Lions Club will hold its annual community farm sale Jan. 18 at the Easter community building.

PROCEEDS from the project will go to help finance the club's service projects during the year.

Contributions are welcome, the Lions said, but items to be auctioned must be turned in by Jan. 8 to the Community Grain elevator at Easter or to a member of the Easter Lions Club.

How Many Head Was That, Now?

In last week's front-page article by Wes Anthony on the county's gross income from farm products and livestock, the News listed this item:

"CATTLE: 125 head fed through feed yards at \$285.00 . . .

\$35,625,000.00

This cattle figure should have been 125,000 head instead of 125.

Even 125 Castro County cattle aren't THAT valuable!

Early Deadlines Again Next Week

The News will go to press a day early next week because of New Year's, so all deadlines are being moved up a day.

THE PAPER will go to press Tuesday morning and into the mail Tuesday afternoon for Thursday delivery. The News office will be closed Wednesday, New Year's Day.

Saturday noon is the deadline for all social, business, agricultural and sports news for next week's issue. All regular correspondents are asked to turn in their copy by 9 a.m. Monday, or mail it in time to reach the News office in Monday morning's mail.

Grocers are asked to have their copy ready by 5 p.m. Friday. Monday noon will be the close-out time for late news items and general advertising.

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— Southwestern Crop and Stock

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JOE BENSON TEXACO

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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And for your patronage, our warm thanks.

Kenneth Jackson Ditching, Inc.

Greetings

Now's the time to thank you for your continued good will, and wish you and your family a happy holiday!

DIMMITT CLEANERS
MR. AND MRS. J. V. MESSENGER

Shelley's Chatter

Community Is Alive With Holiday Parties

By MYRTLE SHEFFY
I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DIMMITT folks have been in the jolly mood this season — so many parties to go to and shopping and cooking to get done.

TUESDAY morning Edna Riley assisted by her daughter-in-law, Jo Eddy Riley of Sunnyside, were hostesses at open house for most everyone I know.

Then on Tuesday night a group went to the Dimmitt Country Club for "42." Janie Hastings and Vera Webb brought cookies.

THE HEREFORD Country Club was the scene of a gala Christmas party Wednesday evening. The room was decorated with swags of green pine bolls and red stockings.

And the same evening Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Don Nelson were hosts at a Castro County News staff party at the bank community room.

ANOTHER big dressup party at the Hereford Country Club was Saturday night. The invitations read: Herzliche Einladng zur Elner Froehlichen, Weehnaehts Geselehaft!

MR. AND MRS. Bryan Sinclair went to Santa Rosa, N.M. to attend the funeral of a friend, Frank DeWeese who lived south of Dimmitt with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Swain Burkett left this week for Arizona where they will spend the holidays with son Joe and family.

I HEARD the Bud Hills had a nice party at their home Monday evening with a turkey dinner at the Colonial Inn Restaurant with "42" later at her home.

day evening after church. A group of Camp Fire girls, friends of Leisa, came in for installation service and Christmas party.

Mrs. P. L. Cunningham left by plane Saturday for Santa Maria, Calif., to spend the holidays with her daughter Laura Nadolski and Linda and Eddie.

Shirley Underwood should be home by now from High Plains Baptist Hospital where she had surgery.

KAREN BALDRIDGE, daughter

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Rev. Henry C. Russell, Pastor
302 S.E. 2nd

Sunday —
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Dr. Raymond M. Perkins, Jr.
503 W. Bedford

Sunday —
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

LEE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Case, Pastor
Phone 647-5355

Sunday —
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
C. E. Strickland, Pastor
N.W. 5th at Halsell

Sunday —
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
M. A. Pennington, Interim Pastor

Sunday —
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Joe Balles Latin American Mission
Rev. Ruben Calles

Sunday —
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

SUNNYSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
M. D. Durham, Pastor

Sunday —
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

TRUE GOSPEL HOLINESS CHURCH
North East 8th Street
Pastor: Elder Earnest Smith Jr.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (S.W. 4th at Bedford)
Ronnie Parker, Minister

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Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

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of Judge and Mary, will be host this Sunday night to all the freshmen girls with a slumber and eating party — See! I have to write this before Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hammond and son Glen have moved into the Frayr house at 606 Oak St. The and Mrs. J. C. Gardener, — he is with Dimmitt Consumers — bought and moved into the house at 110 West Bedford St.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wilde of Abernathy have moved here. They have a mobile home in Bert Andrew's Trailer Park. They are the parents of Mrs. Glen Hammond.

The Maurice Campbell had a houseful of company Sunday — his folks, Mr. and Mrs. David and family, Mr. and Mrs. Turner Hunter and Larry, all of Floydada, and Mr. and Mrs. Audrey McCormick and family of Leckney and Ken Campbell, student at Amarillo College.

THE South Grade School teachers had a big Christmas party Thursday afternoon — food, coffee and things like that — about 50 presented money corsages to Jean Morris and Carol DuBose, who are on the baby-coming list.

MRS. R. M. Barksdale of Okmulgee, Okla., is here for a visit with her daughter Mrs. Charles Vandiver, husband Charles, sons Loren and Craig. Her brother, R. M. Barksdale and family of Amarillo will be Christmas Day dinner guests.

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to Marlowe to visit their Aunt Henrietta, who came home with them to a visit with her sister Mrs. Bill Graham and Bill.

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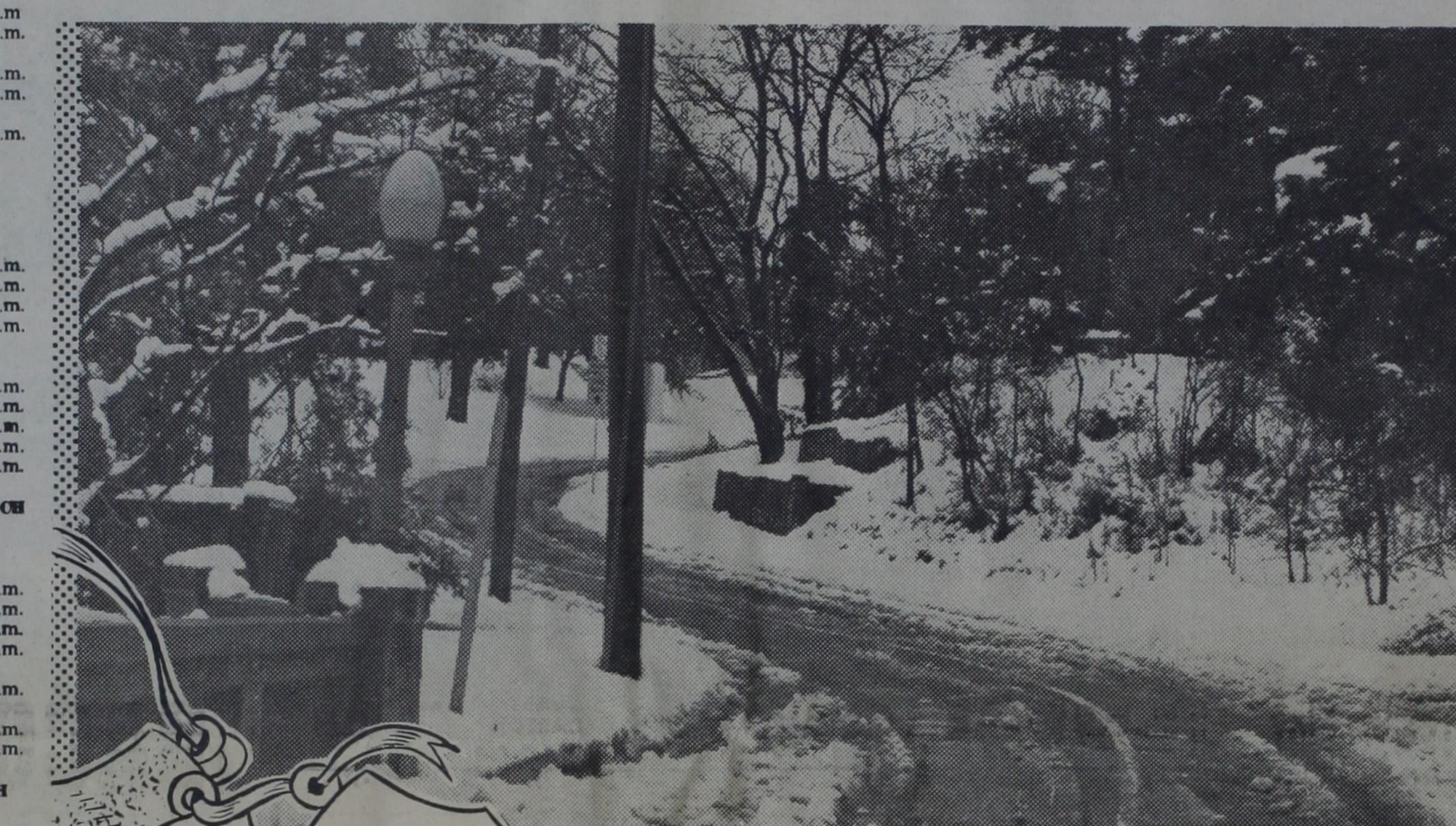


Bible Thoughts
"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST"
By Ronnie Parker

An angel of the Lord announced the joyful tidings of the birth of Christ the savior. Then a host of heavenly angels joined together in praise to God.

By reason of the death of Christ men in their sinful condition could be reconciled. Alienation from God is the result of sin but with Christ friendship is restored.

That makes Jesus Christ the hope of the world. Salvation from sin and a heavenly home await those who believe and obey.



New Snows!
You can see by the car tracks that people are going places despite the heavy snows. Others, like you and me, perhaps, are going places because of it—because the new-fallen snow is beautiful and we want to enjoy it and look at the pictures it makes on the landscape.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Northside)
Bill Talley, Minister
Third and Halsell Streets
Sunday —
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

IGLESIA DE CRISTO
E. Lee and S.E. Third
Evangelista — Max R. Zamorano
Phone 647-3434

Sunday —
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Raphael Chen, Pastor
701 E. Bedford — Phone 647-4219

Sunday —
Mass in English 7:00 a.m.
Mass in Spanish 10:30 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
600 Western Circle
Bedford W. Smith, Minister
Phone 647-5478

Sunday —
Bible School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship and Lord's Supper 10:50 a.m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
James T. Pickens, Pastor
110 S.W. 3rd — Phone 647-4356

Sunday —
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

IGLESIA METODISTA — ST. LUKE
Gilberto Diaz, Pastor
807 S.W. 5th

Sunday —
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
C. Mitchell Kennedy, Minister
Western Circle Drive

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. H. Hancock, Pastor
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HART NEWS

Clayton Vows to Oppose Consolidation

By MYRT LOMAN
 State Representative Bill Clayton has assured Supt. Ted Averitt that he will oppose any move to consolidate school districts the size of Hart's into larger districts. The consolidation of smaller schools to form districts of 2,500 enrollment is one of the recommendations of the Governor's Special Study Committee on Education. The master plan is expected to come before the Texas Legislature in its next session. Clayton's assurance came in answer to a letter Averitt wrote to the state representative Dec. 11. In his reply, Rep. Clayton said:

"I appreciate very much your letter of Dec. 11, and also appreciate your sending me the letter written by the interested 'Citizens of Hart' together with the copy of the editorial.

"Since the recommendation that many of Texas' smaller schools be consolidated was made, I have given considerable time to studying the situation.

"I have made an effort to weigh the matter from all sides, and I have come to the conclusion that we must not accept this recommendation for all of our schools. It is not in the best interest of the children who attend these schools, and of course that is our first concern, nor is it in the best interest of the communities where these schools are located.

"I shall oppose any effort to consolidate all schools that do not have the minimum enrollment that has been suggested, unless I am given better evidence of the good that would come from such consolidation.

"You were thoughtful to write me as you did, and I can assure you that I shall keep your views in mind as this question is considered.

MRS. MELVIN AVEN and Mrs. Clinton Billingsley met with Cub Scouts of Den 2 Wednesday after school in the bank building. The boys completed Christmas gifts for their mothers. The den mothers explained the Cub Scout law.

Boys present were Brett Aven, Barry Billingsley, Charles Ray Jones, Mike Clevenger, Kent Hill, Carey McLain, and Johnny Newson.

Next Cub Scout meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 8.

MR. AND MRS. Charles Marin were hosts recently for the annual Nanny Farms Christmas party held at the Alcove in Plainview.

The dining area was gaily decorated with the holiday motif, and following a steak dinner the guest from the Nanny Farms enjoyed games of bridge and 42.

Guests of the Nanny Farms were Mr. and Mrs. Theron Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Boots Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Bass, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cheves, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Everette Heller, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Jolley, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Campbell and Albert Jones.

Special guests were Mrs. Tyline Perry of Plainview, owner of the Nanny Farms.

MEMBERS of the Women's So-

ciety of Christian Service held their annual Christmas party in fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church.

The 17 members enjoyed a salad supper in the decorated hall.

Speaker for the evening was the pastor, Rev. Fred Brown, who spoke on "The Symbols of Christmas."

Gifts were exchanged and a "love gift" was presented to the pastor's wife. The president of the society, Mrs. L. L. Swindle, received a Bible with her name imprinted on the cover.

THE HART School personnel, board members, husbands and wives enjoyed a Christmas party Wednesday night in the Hart School cafeteria.

Dinner was served, consisting of baked ham, hot rolls, green beans and a variety of salads.

The group enjoyed the "white elephant gift exchange." Gift certificates were presented to Ted Averitt, superintendent, Weldon (Doc) Bates, junior high and high school principal, and to Elmer Six, principal of elementary grades.

Approximately 80 attended the party.

THE CHI Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its regular meeting last Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. DeWayne Brown, with Mrs. Bill Rich and Mrs. L. D. Williams as co-hostesses.

The program was presented by Mrs. Tom Edd Benton on "Nature" and Mrs. Howe Parker on "Christmas."

Following a short business meeting, a penny auction was held and approximately \$110 was made from the auction. The proceeds will go toward furnishing Christmas treats for Mrs. Rodriguez's and Mrs. Clay's special classes.

Following the penny auction, gifts were exchanged, secret pals were revealed and new "pal" names were drawn for next year. Mrs. Clinton Billingsley was a guest. Twenty-one members were present.

THE KIDDIE KOLLEGE Kindergarten held its annual Christmas program and party Tuesday night of last week in the classroom at the American Legion Building. The students had made their own decorations for their tree. A playlet, "The Little Boy Who

Did Not Believe in Christmas," was presented.

The cast included Johnny, played by Russell Clevenger; Mother, Vicky King; Christmas Tree, Chad Brunting; Package, Brad Hill; Candy, Dianne Martinez; Skates, Matt Aven; Orange, Dianne Sarabia; Monkey, Kelley Irors; Drum, Benny Joe Bennett; Chocolate Santa Claus, Paula McAdams; Train, Phil Foster; and Spirit of Christmas, Melinda Ford.

The group entertained with singing Christmas carols. The children presented gifts of silhouettes of themselves to their

parents. Mrs. Fred Brown is teacher of the Kiddie Kollege Kindergarten.

THE MAROON and White chapter of the Future Teachers of America sponsored a spaghetti supper in the Hart High School library.

A short business meeting was conducted and the 1968-69 handbooks were presented the members. Pictures were made for the 1969 Longhorn annual.

Mrs. Juanita Myers, the sponsor, and 26 members were present.

Special guests were Hart High School Principal Weldon Bates and his wife.

MR. AND MRS. Roy Futrell have returned from a short fishing trip to Lake Buchanan. They visited with her sister, Nellie Wingreen, in a hospital in San Angelo.

ZEALOT Club members met Tuesday after school in the home of Mrs. Preston Upshaw northeast of Hart, with Mrs. Lorenza Lee and Mrs. C. R. Jones as co-hostesses. Mrs. Warren Lemons served as

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CHILI	Chuck Wagon All Meat No. 2 Can	59¢	
TOMATO JUICE	Del Monte 3 46-oz. cans	\$1.00	
MARSHMALLOWS	Kraft Jet-Puffed 10-oz. Pkg.	19¢	
PAPER PLATES	Dixie White 40-Ct. Pkg.	39¢	
GINGER ALE	Canada Dry 28-oz. Bottle	29¢	
MIXED NUTS	Tom Scott 13-oz. Can	59¢	
FRITO BEAN DIP	10-oz. Can	25¢	
FLOUR	Kimbell 25-lb. bag	\$1.89	

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Family Style STEAK LB. 59¢

SHORT RIBS	Lean Beef	lb.	33¢
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33 Texans May Die on Highways

A warning that 33 persons may die in traffic accidents in Texas during the Christmas and New Year's holiday periods was issued this week by Col. Wilson E. (Pat) Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Speir said the DPS will activate a special "Operation Motorcicle" in an effort to remove unsafe drivers from the roads and lower the holiday traffic death toll.

AS PART of this program, all available DPS officers will be on duty during the two holiday periods. In addition, Speir noted that the Department will make full use of radar, helicopters, and VASCAR as enforcement aids to officers.

"Operation Motorcicle will be in effect from 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24 to midnight Wednesday, Dec. 25, and from 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31 to midnight Wednesday, Jan. 1," Speir said. "DPS Statistical Services estimates that 19 persons will be killed in traffic accidents in the state during the Christmas period, with 14 fatalities estimated for the New Year's period," he added.

VASCAR, which stands for "visual average speed computer and recorder," is a computerized device carried in some Highway Patrol cars which enables the patrolman to accurately clock speeders moving in any direction, even while the patrol car is in motion.

FLOUR	Gladiola All Purpose	5-LB. BAG	39¢
BLACK EYE PEAS	Kimbell Dry	LB. BAG	10¢

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Maryland Club

Financial Facts

By Willis A. Hawkins, Jr.

One of the strange coins issued by the Romans was called "oxen money". Made of bronze, it measured 2 1/2" by 5" and about 1/2" thick. On its surface was a side view of an oxen in bold relief. Imagine carrying a few of those around today!

In the South Sea Islands, money was made from pearl shells formed into discs, boars' tusks, and dogs' teeth. Many of the natives made necklaces of this money.

The Babylonians used small clay tablets as their medium exchange. The surface bore decorations and inscriptions. During the period of 2225 B.C. Babylon was the richest and most magnificent of cities.

The Ivory Coast natives in Africa issued "ring money" which was also used as ornaments on ears and in noses.

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Sen. Ralph Yarborough

Nixon Must Cope With Problem Of Social Security 'Shrink'

By Sen. Ralph Yarborough (D-Texas)

One of the urgent questions that President-elect Nixon will have before him after his January 20 inauguration is how to improve government assistance for some 23 million Americans who are retired or disabled, and who depend during old age upon Social Security for all or part of their income.

During the first session of the 90th Congress, President Johnson proposed a graduated increase of 15 to 20 percent in payments under the old age, survivors and disability insurance sections of the Social Security Act. Unfortunately, Congress cut his requests severely and did not adequately provide for the higher cost of living which hits older citizens especially hard.

SINCE President Roosevelt helped push through the original Social Security Act over 30 years ago, millions of retired Americans have been able to live more dignified lives in retirement.

Today, 1,147,000 Texans are receiving Social Security, old age, and survivors payments. For many of them, their Social Security payment makes the difference between a modest, comfortable life and a life of poverty and dependence on others.

Nearly 560,000 retired workers are receiving Social Security retirement benefits in Texas, most of them having paid into Social Security over the years they work-

ed. They average \$86 a month in retirement payments — certainly not enough to live on, but a contribution. Last year, older Texans received more than \$900 million in Social Security funds of all sorts, excluding Medicare payments.

THE NEWEST major addition to the Social Security Act is Medicare, passed by the 89th Congress and now in effect for nearly 2½ years. Once Medicare was a subject of hot debate. Today it is a quiet reality, bringing medical protection to more than 20 million older Americans.

In Texas almost a million persons are covered by Medicare. In its first two years of operation, Medicare paid \$380 million in doctors', hospital and nursing home bills for Texans.

Over 600 Texas hospitals and nursing homes are now eligible for Medicare payments, so that usually treatment is available right at home. Thousands of Texans who once could not afford a doctor or hospital care are now living longer and more comfortably, thanks to Medicare.

I HOPE the 91st Congress and the new administration will work to strengthen our Social Security system and increase retirement and disability payments to qualified Americans. America is a nation that cares about all of its citizens — and our Social Security program is evidence of our concern.

Fort Worth Show Looks Promising

With one entry closing date just behind them, officials of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show are encouraged by the outlook for the 1969 edition, scheduled Jan. 24 through Feb. 2.

W. R. WATT, president and manager of the stock show, said entries for cattle, horses, sheep and swine closed Dec. 15, and the show's staff now is assorting and cataloging the stacks of entry cards that have poured into the office. Livestock entries in the 73-year-old Fort Worth Stock Show often surpass 11,000.

"Exhibitors of poultry, rabbits and pigeons have until Jan. 15 to submit their entries," Watt added. Total premiums in the 1969 stock show, horse show and rodeo will exceed \$232,000 in prize money and entry fees, with \$128,419 earmarked for the stock show alone, Watt said.

CLASSES of all major beef cattle breeds will be exhibited, including Angus, Brahman, Charolais, Durham (in carcass classes), Hereford, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn and Santa Gertrudis. The stock show again will carry the American Hereford Association's "Register of Merit"

Toys for Tots

Firemen Become Santas Tuesday

Chris'mas, for a Dimmitt volunteer fireman, doesn't mean seeing Santa Claus — it means BEING Santa Claus.

THIS Chris'mas eve, for the fourth year in a row, the city's firemen are making eyes light up in the faces of more than 100 needy children.

Many of the hundreds of toys being delivered are new. But most of them are used toys, and represent many hours of voluntary overtime by the firemen, who worked to repair the toys so they could deliver them.

For almost two months, the Dimmitt fire station has been a Santa's workshop. Firemen and their wives have gathered there every Monday night to remake dolls, fit new wheels to toy trucks, repair tricycles, and turn a good, usable toy.

THEY'VE become pretty experts at toy repairs, and have found that it's a specialized business. This year, for instance, Mrs. Oleta Sanders took an old doll that had no clothes or hair and turned it into a new doll with fresh makeup, complete wardrobe and a full head of shiny blonde hair. Many volunteers performed the same miracles with other types of toys. It's all in learning where to find what you need.

The firemen and their wives have had three years' experience now as Santa's helpers, and they are getting better at it all the time. The project started in 1966, and was the brainchild of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sanders. This year Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, in addition to working on the firemen's toy project, also collected toys for the New Mexico Christian Children's Home in Portales.

THE RESPONSE to the Sanders' original idea was good the first year — both from firemen and from the public. Hundreds of used toys were received, repaired and delivered.

The next year, a few new toys found their way into the firemen's Christmas eve bag as local merchants joined in to help make

rating and the American Polled Hereford Association's "Standard of Perfection" designation.

The 1969 Fort Worth Rodeo will feature Fess Parker, star of television's "Daniel Boone" show, as the special guest attraction at all 20 performances. Rodeo tickets are available by mail from the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, P.O. Box 150, Fort Worth, Texas 76101.

"WE SHALL achieve conservation when and only when the destructive use of the land becomes unethical — punishable by social ostracism." —Aldo Leopold

Christmas brighter for the city's needy children.

This year the project is bigger than ever.

"THIS IS the most toys we've ever had," Fire Marshal Guy Waldrop said. "We've received a lot of new toys from the Lions Club, the VFW, and even from the Lollipop School kindergarten kids. The Nazareth 4-H Club took on the project and brought us two separate loads of usable toys. And dozens of individuals around town have brought used toys to us this year."

Most of the new toys were brought to the fire station already gift-wrapped.

Starting at 5:30 p.m. Christmas eve, approximately 15 "Santa Clauses" will fan out from the fire station and make their gift-giving rounds, working from prepared lists of needy children.

FOR THE firemen, that's the payoff for all the night hours of repairing, repainting, overhauling and wrapping.

"Sometimes you might think it's a lot of work," Waldrop said, "but when you see the looks on those kids' faces, you know it's worth it."



MORE TOYS, COMING UP!—Fireman Billy Don Scott and Fire Marshal Guy Waldrop (right) unload a fresh bag of new, gift-wrapped toys for the Dimmitt Fire Dept.'s annual "Toys for Tots" project. These toys came from pupils in the Lollipop School kindergarten, who gave toys to Santa Claus

instead of to each other during their Christmas party Friday. On table are used toys that have been repaired by firemen and their wives. More than 100 needy youngsters are receiving toys through the project this year.



PLAINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Emeregildo Rodriguez of Hereford. He was born Dec. 16, weighed 10 pounds, and has been named Jerry.

A 6-pound, 10-ounce daughter was born Dec. 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dwane O'Brian of Route 1, Friona. She has been named Sheila Beth.

Mr. and Mrs. Juan Hernandez of Dimmitt became the parents Dec. 18 of a 6-pound, 1½-ounce girl, whom they have named Lucinda.

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Pastor, Family Join Community

By **TEENY BOWDEN**
Roy Phelan, Milburn Haydon, Alford Crisp, Bill Morgan, and Cliff Brown went to Lockett Monday and moved Rev. Mac Turner on the church field as the new pastor of the Sunnyside Baptist Church. Mrs. Turner stayed until Friday to finish out the school term until the Christmas holidays. He went for her Friday and they returned on Friday night.
Several women worked on the parsonage and pastor's study Monday while they were enroute.
Rev. Mac Turner had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Brown, Lee and Lynn Monday night.

Ott. Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday at the First Methodist Church in Earth.
The Adult IV Sunday School class had a get acquainted party at the home of the teacher, Mrs. Garner Ball Thursday night. Their husbands were invited. Those present were Mrs. L. B. Bowden, Rev. Mac Turner, Mr. Garner Ball, Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Waggoner, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parsons, and Mr. and Mrs. Ezell Sadler.

★ **EDWIN AND Phillip Parsons** of Plainview came home with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parsons last Sunday and stayed until Thursday when Mrs. Parsons took them home.

Jimmy Waggoner came in Monday from WTSU, and is working through the holidays at the Super Market in Dimmitt.

Mrs. Noah Spencer started working at Cobbs this week.

A trace of snow was received Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning.

Bob Ott, Floyd Ivey and Mokey Ivey returned from their deer hunt Tuesday night. Mokey killed two eight-point buck. Mrs. Floyd Ivey spent last Sunday night with her sister, Mrs. Jewel Barnard in Amarillo. Mrs. Mokey Ivey went last Sunday and stayed with her parents in Canyon until the men returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ivey attended the funeral services of her cousin who died suddenly of a heart attack in Abilene Wednesday. They came home after the funeral the weather was so bad.

★ **MR. AND MRS. E. E. Hall** and Roger of Halfway, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester McDermitt of Dimmitt were supper guests of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Jones and Charlie Hall and boys Thursday night. The Halls are moving Friday to Missouri. Charlie Hall and Curt have been down with the flu this week.

The Primary Sunbeams entertained their parents and the Beginner Sunbeams Wednesday night during their regular meeting hour with a puppet show, games and Christmas songs. They also served refreshments. Mrs. Thomas Parsons is the Primary Leader, Mrs. Phillip Jones the Beginner, and Mrs. Larry Sadler the Director. They were all present.

The YWA's also had a Christmas party with refreshments after their program Wednesday night. Mrs. Bob Ott is their leader with Mrs. Weldon Bradley her assistant leader. Both were present.

The WMS current missions group met Wednesday night with the president, Mrs. Milburn Haydon in charge. Mrs. Houston Carson is group leader, and was present, but hadn't thought she would be.

After the regular prayer service Wednesday night the pastor was given a food pounding. Some Christmas carols were sung, and then the choir had choir practice.

★ **MRS. WILLIS WHITE** of Springlake died of cancer in the Amherst hospital Wednesday night or early Thursday morning. She is the aunt of Mrs. Alton Louder, Mrs. Milburn Haydon, and Bob

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15—LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
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15-10-2tc

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15—LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids for furnishing all plant, labor, material and equipment, and performing all work required for approximately 65 blocks of seal coat for the City of Dimmitt, Texas, will be received by the City Secretary at the City Hall, Dimmitt, until 7:30 P.M. January 6, 1969, and then at said place publicly opened and read.

Bids will be submitted in sealed envelopes and marked "Bid For Seal Coat to be opened at 7:30 P.M. January 6, 1969."

All proposals shall be accompanied by a cashier's or certified check upon a national or state bank in the amount of five (5 percent) percent of the total maximum bid price payable without recourse to the City of Dimmitt, Texas, or a bid bond in the same amount from a reliable surety company, as a guarantee that bidder will enter into a contract and execute performance bond within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. The bid security must be enclosed in the same envelope with the bid. Bids without check or bid bond will not be considered.

The successful bidder must furnish performance and payment bonds upon the forms which are attached hereto in the amount of 100 percent of the contract price from an approved surety company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as surety or other surety or sureties acceptable to the Owner.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received.

Plans, specifications and bidding documents may be secured from the office of the City Secretary, Dimmitt, and Bill R. McMorris & Associates, Inc., 6300 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79106, on deposit of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per set, which sum so deposited will be refunded, provided: (1) All documents are returned in good condition to Bill R. McMorris & Associates, Inc., not later than 48 hours prior to the time for receiving bids; or (2) The Contractor submits a bid and all documents are returned in good condition to Bill R. McMorris & Associates, Inc., not later than five (5) days after the time that bids are received.

CITY OF DIMMITT, TEXAS
By: G. W. Bradford, Mayor
15-10-2tc

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2.2 Million Texans Go Outdoors As Sporting Licenses Set Record

The number of hunters and fishermen continued to climb last year as the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reported the sale of almost 2.2 million licenses.

AS OF Aug. 31 when all hunting and fishing licenses expired, there were 854,693 resident hunters and 1,231,134 licensed fishermen, an increase of 56,847 hunters and 91,165 fishermen over the same period ending Aug. 31, 1967, according to Robert Mauermann, deputy director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Altogether, the Department handles 48 kinds of licenses ranging from resident hunting to commercial bait shrimp boat licenses. Sales of shooting preserve commercial fishing, fish dealers and shrimp licenses made up the bulk of the remaining licenses sold.

All 254 counties of the State reported sales of hunting and fishing licenses with the four heaviest populated counties accounting for more than one-quarter of all licenses sold. Harris, Dallas, Tarrant and Bexar Counties accounted for 618,793 licenses.

EVEN sparsely populated Loving County with less than 150 persons reported eight hunters, one of whom was either under 17 or over 65, and 14 fishermen.

Of the total resident hunting licenses sold, 176,466 were exempt meaning the buyer was under 17 or over 65 years of age and wanted to hunt turkey or deer or hunt outside his home county.

Even though there was no special

program to attract out-of-State hunters to Texas, there was a 16.5 percent increase in the number of non-resident hunting licenses sold in 1967-68. The out-of-State hunter accounted for one license for every 68 resident hunting licenses sold.

MAUERMANN attributed the steady increase over the years to the three million plus deer herd and the quality of hunting in the State. Part of this year's increase can also be attributed to the nine ads placed in three national outdoor magazines by the Texas Tourist Development Agency during the early part of the hunting season.

However, white-winged dove hunting in the Lower Rio Grande Valley also attracted a sizeable number of out-of-state hunters who purchased the special five-day migratory bird hunting license. Hidalgo County, considered to be the center of white-winged dove hunting in the country, sold approximately one-third of all of the five-day migratory bird hunting licenses.

Duck and goose hunting areas also accounted for a good number of five-day migratory bird hunting licenses with Harris County leading and followed by Jefferson, Colorado and Nueces. Department authorities attributed the high number of five-day migratory bird hunting licenses to the quality of waterfowl hunting within a two-hour drive of the most populated area in the State.

A GOOD portion of the other

counties in the state had sales of five-day migratory bird licenses ranging from one to a dozen. Department authorities attributed these sales to casual visitors, either vacationers or businessmen who happened to be in Texas during mourning dove, duck or goose season and wanted to hunt before returning home.

Kerr County led all others in the sale of non-resident hunting licenses with 407 and was followed by Llano, Harrison and Harris. Generally speaking, Edwards Plateau counties accounted for the bulk of the non-resident hunting license sales due to the heavy deer populations.

However, department authorities said that the sale of hunting or fishing licenses in a particular county does not necessarily indicate the amount of hunting or fishing in that county.

MANY WEST Texas counties, with little or no public waters, have a higher than usual ratio of fishing licenses. To understand this, you'd first have to understand that the West Texans love water, and that many will drive 400 miles to launch his boat and fish.

Harris County, with a 1.25 million population, reported sales of 263,206 licenses of all kinds, or one license for every five persons.

Statewide there are 1.4 fishing license holders to each hunting license holder. Elmer County, with no public water, had 6,644 fishing license holders and 7,765 hunting license or 1.2 hunters for every fisherman.

Carson County, with a minimum of public fishing water, reported more than twice as many fishing license sales in comparison to hunting licenses. However, 21,500-acre Lake Meredith, is just outside the northwestern corner of the county.

Lipscomb and Ochiltree Counties, in the extreme northeast corner of the Texas Panhandle, reported almost three times as many resident fishing licenses as hunting licenses, yet neither has rivers or major reservoirs. However, Lake Marvin, east of Canadian, is within a two-hour drive of residents of both counties.

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—H. H. Bennett

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We Must Think International, Barnes Tells Texas Farmers

Farmers in Texas and throughout the US must begin thinking in international terms if the nation is to realize its potential in agriculture, House Speaker Ben Barnes said after returning from a United Nations Agricultural Conference in Geneva, Switzerland.

BARNES was designated by the State Department to attend a meeting of the Committee on Agriculture of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. He and other representatives from the US, the Soviet Union and European countries spent four farming and ranching programs of Europe and their relation to those of other nations throughout the world.

"When you look at the worldwide food needs and project them just a short distance into the future, it is clear that if we are going to develop agriculture

to its potential and provide adequate food to support future generations, we must begin thinking in international terms," Barnes said. "We can no longer worry just about state or even national problems. Agricultural products are becoming increasingly significant as a vital part of foreign exchange, and we must begin closely coordinating our efforts for production and marketing efficiency with other nations around the world."

Barnes said he is interested in meeting with agricultural groups in Texas to pass on information and relate problems that were discussed at the Geneva conference.

"FARMERS and ranchers in Texas can do a great deal more right now to begin programs that will benefit them and help ease the world food shortage of the future," he said.



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Merry Christmas

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JACK TOMLIN, Owner



Christmas Joy

Humble shepherds left their flocks in the fields that holy night, and sought the Babe whose birth angels had proclaimed unto them. They beheld him lying in a manger in the City of David, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

And from the East, following the brilliant Star, Wise Men came to adore, and to offer precious gifts to the newborn King.

Today, nations and peoples share in that first Christmas, in its boundless hope and its promise of peace, with joyous celebrations. May you and your loved ones keep the spirit of this holy season always in your hearts, perpetuating its strength and comfort.

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Bethel News

Three Bagwell Children Have Birthday Parties

By MRS. J. T. STEHR
THE MILTON BAGWELLS honored their sons, Ricky and Randy with a joint birthday party at Bethel community building Friday night, Dec. 19. Ricky was 11 and Randy was 12, however, their birthdays are both Dec. 31 and most friends are apt to be away so they had the celebration early, and they all enjoyed the pinatas and refreshments. Fourteen boys were there, including the 6 Bagwell brothers.

Mrs. Milton Bagwell honored daughter Carol with an early birthday party Wednesday on her eighth birthday. The young guests decorated cookies and they, too, had pinatas.

I need to correct a mistake in last week's News. Bill Snider was not treated and released from the hospital, he stayed until Tuesday. And he was discovered by passers-by, unconscious on the ground after being thrown from the pickup. They did not think he was alive, and an ambulance was called to take him to the hospital, where he did recover nicely.

(Editor's Note: This error was the fault of the editor, who revis-



Square Dance Tips

By BILL HARMAN
Merry Christmas from all the Dimmitt Promenaders.

THE Promenaders enjoyed a Christmas party dance Tuesday night. Jimmy and Jo Lynn Martin and Darryl and Linda McLain were the hostesses. The hall and serving table was all decorated with candy striped poles, a silver tree, and flashing Christmas lights. Santa Claus made his joyful appearance and passed out gifts to all the Promenaders.

A western tumbler set with handtooled leather jackets was presented to Sid and Judy Perkins from the Promenaders. Helen Brown won the door prize.

THE NEW YEAR'S EVE dance will be held at the American Legion building Tuesday night at 8 p.m. Dec. 31. Sid Perkins will do the calling. Breakfast will be served after 12 o'clock. The dues for that night will be \$1 per person. All square dancers are invited to this gala affair.

MOTION pictures were made at the Christmas party and will be shown at the New Year's Eve party if they are ready by then.

REMEMBER, square dancing is fun for all ages, and classes will begin in January for all who are interested.



ed the wording in Mrs. Stehr's original report of the accident.)

Mrs. Carl Bruegel returned home Friday, following the funeral of her father, W. A. Garrison at Childress Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rothwell brought her home, and other visitors in the Carl Bruegel home over the weekend were the Kenneth Phippen family and the Jackie Bratten family, all of Paducah.

Mrs. Ernest Bagwell has gone to California to visit his son, Bob Bagwell and family.

THE JOE Collins family expect sons Wayne and Jim and families home from Sharon Springs, Kan. for Christmas.

Dennis Howell, grandson of the Moss Howells, received an invitation to come to San Antonio to take the entrance examination there for medical college, so his father, Charles Howell, took him and Mrs. Jim Howell and children accompanied them to visit her parent, the Roland Wards. Jim Howell will go down later. At this time Jim and Jack Howell have been feeding and caring for the cattle from the truck wreck near Tam Anne Sunday, so far no one seems to care about them. Buyers

have looked at them, but no one seems to have the authority to do anything about them.

Hospital News

NO ROSES PLEASE:
VISITING HOURS:
10 to 11 a.m. — Mornings
2 to 4 p.m. — Afternoons
7 to 8:30 p.m. — Evenings

PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITAL:

- Glen Render
- Nikki Monk
- Luther Kilgore
- Alvin Vasquez
- Arturo Guzman
- Raul Soto
- Ira Clingensmith
- Maria Oliviera
- J. R. Brown
- Mary Jo Brown
- Clarence Hance
- Oleada Hance
- Earline Clark
- Ioma Stokes
- Dorothy Gene McCowan
- Lester Gladden
- Everett Wilkerson
- Maria Rojas
- Isabelle Villeaga
- Antonia Diaz
- Yolanda Diaz
- Carolyn Thompson
- Peggy Adams
- Mary Bernal

PATIENTS DISMISSED:

- Reese Kessler
- Delona Perkins
- Edgar Birkensfeld
- Sharolyn Hargrove
- Hazel McGill
- Woodrow Barton
- Bill Snider
- Darla Kay Young
- Betty Vaughan
- Paula O'Brian
- Karen Kemper
- Diane Webb
- J. P. Isaacs
- Thelma Dewbre
- Charlie Wohlgemuth
- Virginia Hernandez

"WHATEVER may be said to the contrary, all soils certainly suffer some degree of deterioration by long, unremitting tillage. When divested of that clothing with which nature always defends it if undisturbed, and when turned up naked to abide the forces of the blast, the happy medium of consistence is deranged, its best particles carried away in torrents, and it is left a feeble skeleton, possessing only the faint semblance of departed fertility."
— Solomon Drown, 1824

Distinguished Scholar Had Doubts About Famous Christmas Poem

"Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house,

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."

With these lines begins the familiar poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas." Today, this poem is a treasured part of the lore of Christmas, often quoted and published at the Yuletide season.

Surprisingly, the poet who created it was far from proud of his work.

A distinguished Biblical scholar and professor of divinity, Dr. Clement Clark Moore



wrote the poem for the amusement of his children at Christmas in 1822. A visitor in the home at the time copied it and had it published a year later in the Troy, N.Y., Sentinel.

The poem appeared anonymously, because Dr. Moore felt that he, as a professor of divinity, should not be associated with such "undignified" work.

For more than 20 years, he refused to take credit for the poem. In 1844 the poem was published and for the first time credited to its creator, Clement Clark Moore.

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Church bells ring out across the land on Christmas Day, proclaiming to all the world the coming of the Holy Child and the glory of His birth. And to our fine customers, we wish to proclaim a warm holiday "thank you" for your faithful patronage.

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TOM DAVIS, Manager



Merry Christmas

It's time once more to turn aside from the routine of day-to-day business and greet our fine patrons and neighbors with hearty wishes for a merry, old-fashioned Yule. May your holiday be filled with the happy sounds of laughter as you rejoice in the company of family and friends. Sincere thanks for your loyal trust and support.

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— FRED & MURRAY —

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At this season of joy our Heavenly Father, we render thanks to Thee for the gift of eternal life given so freely in the person of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. May we humbly, by faith accept Thy gift.
Amen.



The ELECTRIC Company

Caprock Tournament

Bobcats to Face Tahoka By Dawn's Early Light

Go to bed early on Christmas night if you want to see Dimmitt's Bobcats kick off the big Caprock Tournament in Lubbock. **THE CATS** will meet Tahoka at 8:30 Thursday morning in the first round of the A-AA division of the holiday tournament.

The Caprock classic, a benefit event sponsored by Lubbock's Caprock chapter of American Business Clubs, is actually two eight-team tournaments in one. One division is for Class AAAA and AAA schools while the other division pits Class AA, A and B schools.

In the small schools division, only two Class A teams are entered this year, and no Class B squads. Six of the division's teams are AA schools. In the large school division, all competitors are Class AAAA teams this year.

THE TOURNEY brings together some of the finest schoolboy basketball squads in the High Plains area. In past years, many of the Caprock event's competitors have gone on to the state playoffs in their divisions, and every team that was in the tournament last year finished with a winning season.

Coach Kenneth Cleveland's Bobcats won the Caprock championship in their division two years ago, then went on to become the Class AA state finalist. Last year, the Cats lost to Denver City in the second round of the tourney.

This time the Bobcats are given as good a chance as any other team in their bracket, but the going will be tough.

TEAMS ENTERED are Lorenzo and Ralls of Class A; Lockney, Morton, Stanton, Tahoka and Dimmitt of Class AA; and Lubbock Christian, a church-league school with the equivalent of a Class AA enrollment.

The Dimmitt - Tahoka leadoff game is a big question mark for Cleveland.

"We don't know much about Tahoka, and it's hard to say how it will affect either team to play that early in the morning," the coach said.

IF THE Bobcats can top Tahoka, they'll meet the winner of the Lubbock Christian-Ralls game at 2 p.m. Friday. If they lose their opener, they'll go into the consolation bracket and play the Lubbock Christian - Ralls loser at 10 a.m. Friday.

No matter which team Dimmitt plays in the second round — Lubbock Christian or Ralls — it won't be a picnic, Cleveland said.

"Lubbock Christian always has a good team, and they're looking tougher all the time. And Ralls has lost only two games this year. They have one 6-9 post forward, plus a 6-4 player who is an exceptional boy."

FOLLOWING the Dimmitt-Tahoka bout Thursday morning will be the Morton - Stanton game, which Cleveland expects to produce one of the tournament's finalists.

The other first-round game will be between Lorenzo and Lockney at 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

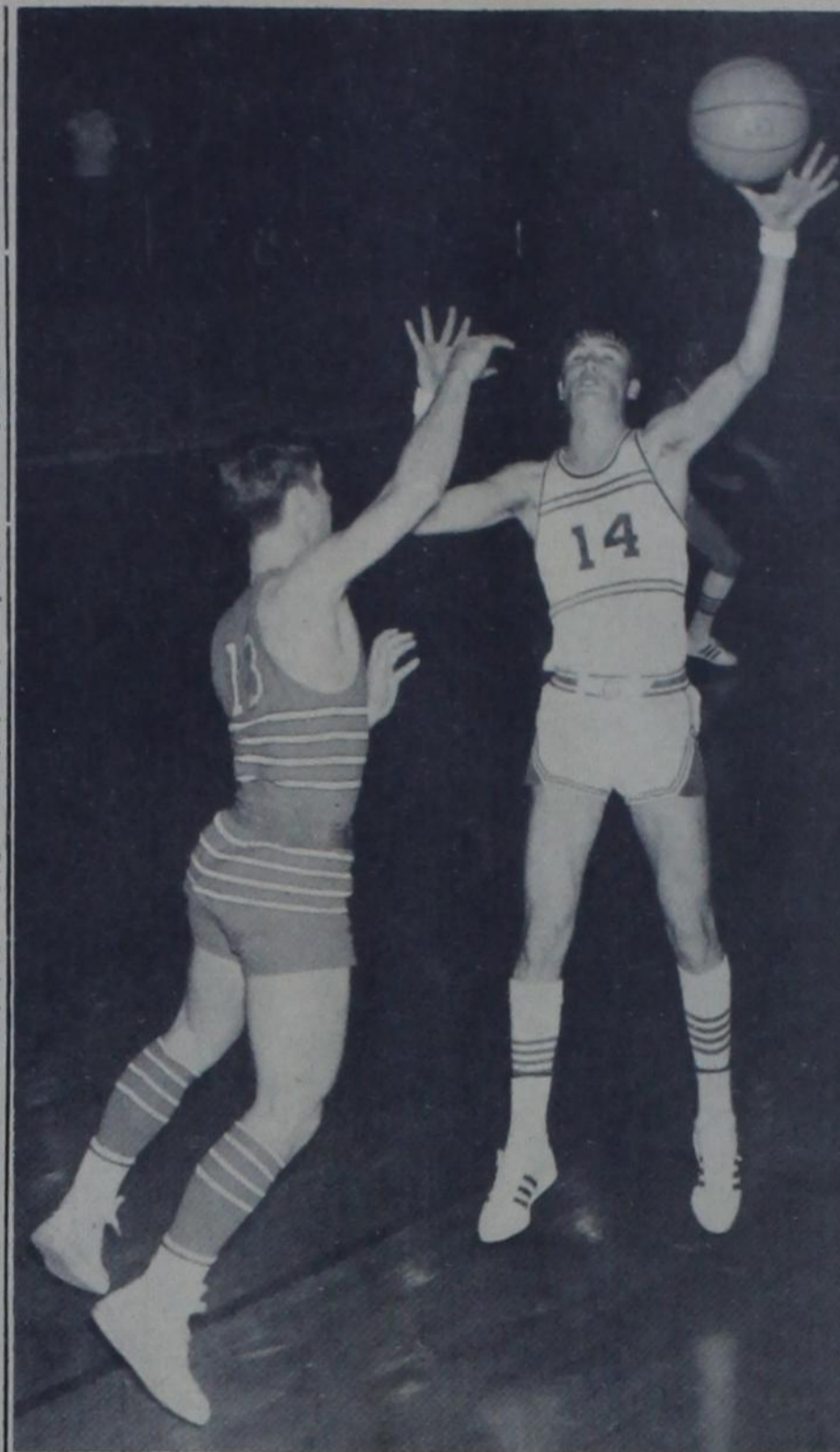
Here's the tournament schedule for the A-AA division:

THURSDAY
8:30 a.m. — Dimmitt vs. Tahoka.
10 a.m. — Morton vs. Stanton.
12:30 p.m. — Lorenzo vs. Lockney.
2 p.m. — Lubbock Christian vs. Ralls.

FRIDAY
Consolation bracket: Lorenzo - Lockney loser vs. Morton-Stanton loser at 8:30 a.m.; Tahoka-Dimmitt loser vs. Lubbock Christian-Ralls loser at 10 a.m.
Winners' bracket: Lorenzo - Lockney winner vs. Morton-Stanton winner at 12:30 p.m.; Tahoka-Dimmitt winner vs. Lubbock Christian-Ralls winner at 2 p.m.

SATURDAY
8:30 a.m. — Consolation third place game.
12:30 p.m. — Consolation championship.
3:30 p.m. — Third place game.
7:30 p.m. — Championship game.

"THE trail of civilization is strewn with the wrecks of derelict races and nations which fell by the wayside when their soil resources played out."



BOBBY BAKER DEFLECTS FRIONA PASS ... George Nelson came up with it downtown

Bobcats Clout Friona 100-54

Every time Friona got the ball, Dimmitt scored.

THAT'S THE way it must have seemed to the frustrated Chieftains Friday night as Dimmitt's Bobcats stole them blind and hit the century mark for the second time this season, 100-54.

It was the Bobcats' second conference victory in two starts, and was the final District 3-AA game of 1968.

Coach Kenneth Cleveland played his reserves half the game, but it didn't matter — the bench crew kept up the scoring pace, went for 100 points, and got it.

WITH THE score standing 98-54, Jerry Birdwell uncorked a push shot and swished the net with the 100th point just as the final buzzer sounded. You'd have thought it was the game-winning basket from the way the stands and the Dimmitt bench went wild.

"I still don't like to run up 100 points on anybody," Cleveland said after the game, "but when your reserves are playing half of it and scoring as much as the first string, you can't tell them to quit shooting."

George Nelson led the Bobcats' banditry with eight unassisted steals, while David Land was credited with seven steals or assists. The Cats turned nearly every steal into a basket.

FIVE DIMMITT players hit double figures. Bobby Baker scored 15 (including seven for seven at the free throw line), Jerry Brady hit for 14, Land got 13, David Bellinghausen scored 13 (including nine for 11 free throws), and Nelson added 10. Jerral Seale and Mark Cleavinger got 9 each while Bill Sanders sank 8 and Birdwell 6.

Dimmitt:	28	49	74	100
Friona:	19	28	41	54

No Rest for Bobcats

Dimmitt's Bobcats won't get much rest during the holidays. **WHILE** their school mates are eating and sleeping, the Bobcats will be running in two gymnasiums from Lubbock to Plainview.

After competing in the big Caprock Tournament this week in Lubbock's Municipal Coliseum, Coach Kenneth Cleveland's Bobcats will rest only two days before going to Plainview for a year-end showdown Monday night.

In their first encounter, the Bobcats came from behind and defeated the Class AAAA Bulldogs by six points here. So the Bulldogs might be in a nasty mood when the Bobcats invade their gym Monday night, and it's likely to be a thriller.

Dimmitt's Bobbies have no holiday games scheduled.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a tractor and plow, a football and tee. Thank you.
Sammy

The Dimmitt varsity squads will resume their District 3-AA schedules Jan. 3 when they visit Floydada.



Castro Lodge AF & AM 879, Regular meeting, 3rd Monday. Practice every Thursday. Billy Henderson, Worshipful Master; Ira E. Brown, Secretary. Visitors Welcome.

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Dimmitt

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We wish you a Merry Christmas

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1/2 mineral rights goes with farm. Buyer to have leasing rights.
Farm consists of 640 acres of land with 421 acres in cultivation.
Farm has 2 8 inch irrigation wells, modern house, large quonset barn and good well for domestic use.
Allotments: Wheat 167.2 acres; projected yield 38 bu. 1969
Cotton 14.7 acres; projected yield 620 lbs. 1969
Milo 205 acres; projected yield 95 bu. 1968

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Youths Want More Restrictions, Parole Officer Tells Rotarians

A Lubbock parole officer told Dimmitt's Rotarians Friday that the main thing youths want from their parents is restrictions.

JIMMY WARD, area parole officer for the Texas Youth Council told the Rotary Club at its Friday luncheon meeting, "When we surveyed a group of teenagers recently, the very first thing they said they wanted from their parents was restrictions."

Also on the teenagers' most-wanted list from parents, he said, were love, recognition, and religious help — in that order.

"DOES THIS surprise you?" Ward asked. "These kids are smarter than we sometimes give them credit for being. They realize the love isn't just permissiveness. They realize that they need their parents' help to establish self-control and resist temptation."

"And the temptations are there — often placed there by the parents themselves," Ward said. "When you see a parent toss the keys to a new car onto the table, along with a couple of credit cards that will buy anything a kid could want — and I've seen this — then why should the parents wonder why their kids have gotten off the beaten path?"

TEENAGERS realize that recognition by their parents is important to them, too, Ward said.

"How long has it been since you sat down and talked with your kids as people?" he asked. "Many kids need recognition from their parents, and they appreciate being recognized as people, rather than as objects around the house."

"It may be," he added, "that many of the protest fads such as long hair and way-out clothing are the result of the kids wanting to be recognized by their parents."

WARD, who bears a striking resemblance to Sen. Barry Goldwater — both in his appearance and in his forthright way of expressing himself — believes the best way to guide a youngster is by setting an example and practicing Christian principles.

"When we adults made gods out of cash, or automobiles, or houses, or tractors, our kids will grow up to be just like us, with our same sense of values," he said. "And when we try to cheat on a parking ticket or business deal or anything else, we may be fooling other adults, but we're



PAROLE OFFICER JIMMY WARD
... "Kids need their parents' help"

not fooling those kids one bit — they're the best there is at spotting hypocrisy."

To show that juvenile delinquency is not a new problem, Ward read two statements decrying the moral decay of youths and their lack of respect for their elders and the authority of the state. One of the statements was written by Socrates in 369 BC, and the other was by an Egyptian priest 4,000 years ago.

MANY OF today's teenagers face pressures which their parents don't know are there, Ward maintained.

"We do not realize some of the peer-group pressures that face our young people in junior high and high school," he said.

He told of a youth with whom he worked recently who had "taken every kind of drug you can take by mouth or in the arm, and who had been on a drug 'trip' that lasted four months, 'because it was so horrible, he said, to come back to reality.'"

The youth went into a state correctional institution with a

ruined mind and a strong distrust of all adults.

"**THIS KID** had an IQ of 120, and had been a sophomore in high school," Ward said, "but in the correctional school they had to drop him back to the fifth grade because he could no longer function at the 10th-grade level."

He cited this case as an extreme example of a youth's reaction to pressures.

"When I asked him why he got on drugs, he said simply, 'Because the guys I was running around with all took them, and I didn't want to not go along with the group,'" Ward said.

HE SAID youngsters need help from their parents to cope with the peer-group pressures, and that justifiable restrictions and adult understanding by parents are important to any teenager.

Ward also advocated openness between parents and their children in sex education.

"Sex, when I was a teenager, was a dirty, nasty, filthy thing," Ward said, "because most of us learned it from filthy magazines or from other kids. Kids should be able to talk with their parents about it. And they should be taught that the sex drive is one of the most important drives in our

lives, but that it can be controlled."

IN ANSWER to a question, he said he "definitely" feels sex education should be a part of the public school curriculum, but added, "I think the school is the second best place for a kid to learn about sex. The best place is at home."

Widows' Weddings Cause Headaches For the Taxpayer

When a girl marries, it's an occasion for joy — but when a widow receiving federal government benefit payments remarries, it's a headache for the taxpayer, according to "Washington Report," official publication of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

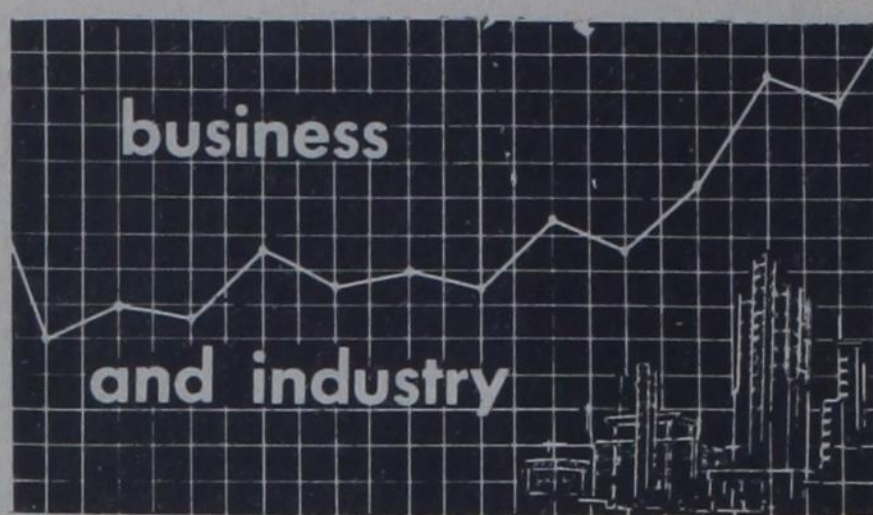
WHAT'S BEEN happening is that many widows receiving benefits have been failing to notify the authorities when they make the trip to the altar again. The law says that when these widows remarry, they are no longer eligible for benefits.

Congress's bloodhound agency, the General Accounting Office (GAO), recently looked into the matter and found some widows' headwinking of five federal agencies which make substantial widow payments. They are the Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration, US Civil Service Commission, Railroad Retirement Board and the Bureau of Employees' Compensation.

GAO was able to conduct only a limited study, but it identified 147 widow beneficiaries who had received payments but who had become ineligible because of another "I do." They had been overpaid \$82,000, and future payments of about \$1.2 million might have been made if their new marital status had not been discovered.

WHEN YOU consider that in 1967 the five agencies made payments of about \$1.6 billion to 1.8 million widows, the significance of GAO's spotcheck results becomes apparent.

"Washington Report" comments: "Policies of the five agencies obviously leave much to be desired. They have depended almost entirely on the integrity of the widows to keep their records should be doing, says GAO, is making use of marriage records of the states to doublecheck their own records. One can wonder why they haven't been doing this all along."



How Do You Prove Your Birth Date For Retirement?

"When you start thinking about retirement, remember that you will need evidence of your age to prove your entitlement to social security benefits," Travis C. Briggs, manager of the Amarillo social security office, said this week.

IF YOU have a birth or baptismal certificate, you should take it with you when filing your application. If you do not have a certificate, you should attempt to obtain one from the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the state where you were born or the church where you were baptized. Either of these two documents, if recorded before you were age 5, should be enough to establish your date of birth.

Many births were not recorded 60 to 65 years ago, however. If yours was not, do not have a delayed record made now solely for social security purposes. When you file your claim, bring in the reply you receive showing your birth was not recorded, and other evidence will be used to establish your age. Such documents can be old insurance policies, voter registration records, children's birth certificates, applications for marriage licenses, school and federal census records or any other old records.

IN ANY case, don't delay filing your claim for benefits because you can't locate age proof, because the social security people will help you locate the best records for this purpose.

The Amarillo social security office is located at 1006 South Adams and is open from 8:15 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and until 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

"And on Earth" . . .

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

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FIRST CARDS SOLD Christmas cards were first offered "to the trade" by an English publishing house in the 1860's. They carried such designs as jolly old gentlemen (who might have been Santa's forebears), plum puddings, holly and mistletoe. "NIGHT OF CAKES"

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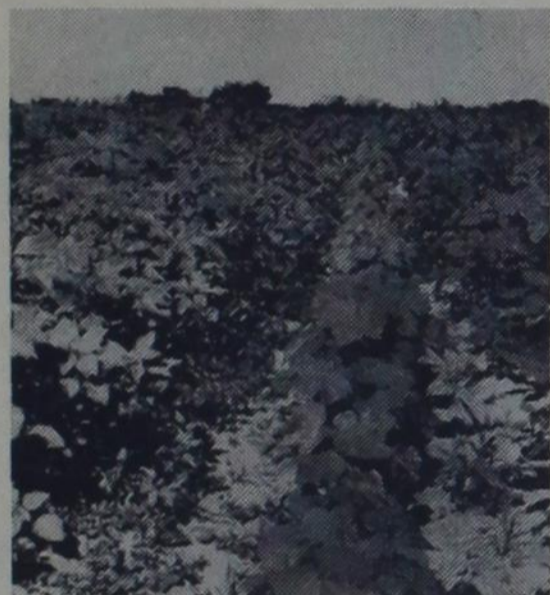
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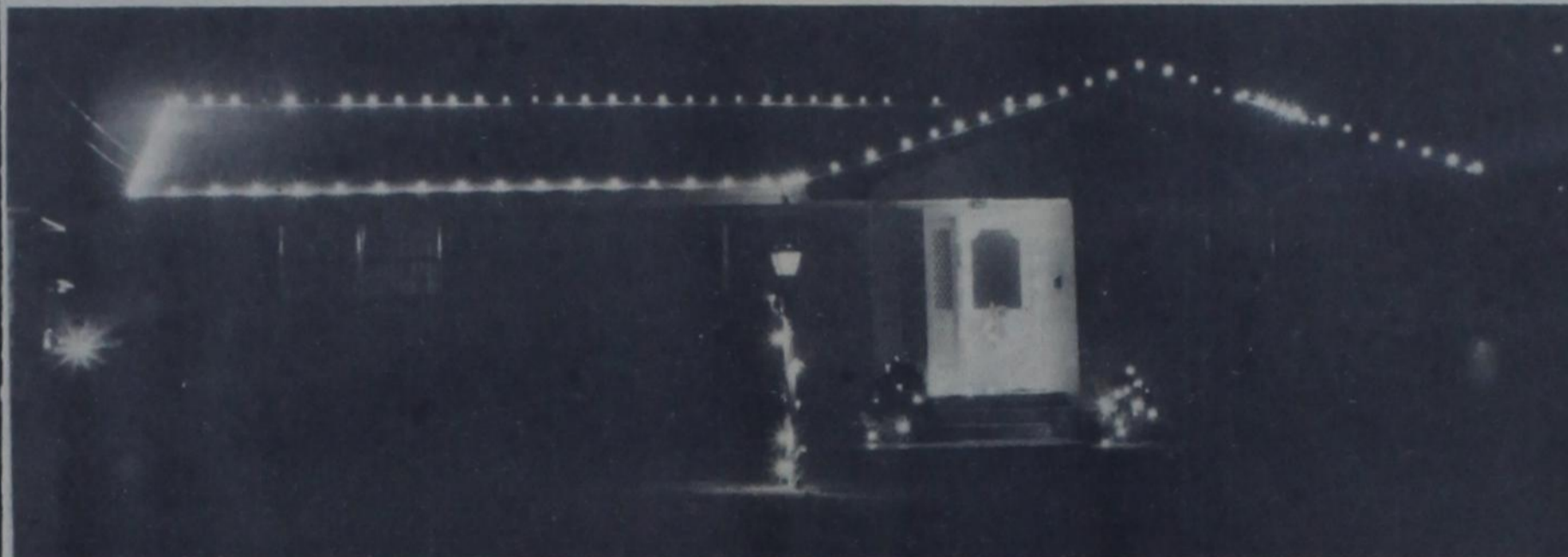
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World's Candy-Eatingest GI's Write Thank-You Letters Home

Castro Countians are getting a steady stream of thank-you letters from the candy-eatingest GI's in the world.

EVERY serviceman from the county received at least four pounds of homemade candy, nuts and other treats through the "Candy for Servicemen" project, coordinated by the Bethel Home Demonstration Club.

Letters back home indicate that

all the county's GI's in Vietnam received their candy well before Christmas.

"I've received quite a few letters," said Mrs. Glenda Ricker, chairman of the project. Two that she is especially proud of came from Lance Cpl. Larry McKay, who is with the Seventh Marines in Vietnam, and Sp-4 Larry Huston, who is also stationed in Vietnam.

that is buying presents and waiting in a long line or crowded places.

"I have to go on guard in a few minutes. I want to wish you a merry Christmas and happy New Year."

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Candlemas Eve Is Favored As Time To Remove Green

When is the right time to take down the Christmas greens? Before they become a fire hazard, is the modern belief, and that usually means soon after Christmas Day.

In earlier times, however, the question was not so easily answered.

Some people believed that Epiphany, or Twelfth Day, January 6, was the proper time for removing all Christmas decorations. Others firmly contended that the greens should remain until Candlemas, February 2.

One of those favoring the later date was, apparently, the poet Robert Herrick, who lived from 1591 to 1634. He wrote of taking down the greens in his poem, "Ceremonies for Candlemas Eve," but warned that the greens must be completely removed.

"For look how many leaves there be
Neglected there (maids, trust to me)
So many goblins you shall see."

MCKAY WROTE:
"I received the package of candy which was sent by the kind people of Castro County.

"I can't tell you how much I appreciate each of your thoughts and consideration. It makes me feel a lot better to know that someone does care if the American fighting men are in Vietnam, right or wrong. With all the demonstrations and riots, I had begun to wonder; but thanks to you, I have changed my thoughts considerably.

"This is just a small note of appreciation on my part; thanking you so very much.

"I hope you and your family have a most joyous Christmas and many New Years to come. I loved your candy!"

AND FROM his post in Vietnam, Sp-4 Huston wrote:

"I hope this finds you doing well. I would like to thank you for the candy you sent. It was very good. I shared it with a few other guys, so it didn't last for long.

"Maybe one of these days, I might meet you in person and thank you . . . and be able to do something for you.

"I imagine everyone back in the States is looking forward to Christmas and New Year's. I know all of us over here are. But one thing we don't worry about—

that is buying presents and waiting in a long line or crowded places.

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MYERS WROTE:
"I received a package a few days ago from the "Candy for GI's" project. It contained a can of nuts which was furnished by you and Farm Bureau Insurance.

"I want you to know that I really appreciate it. We certainly enjoy the packages, but the really important thing is knowing there are people at home who care enough about the county's servicemen to

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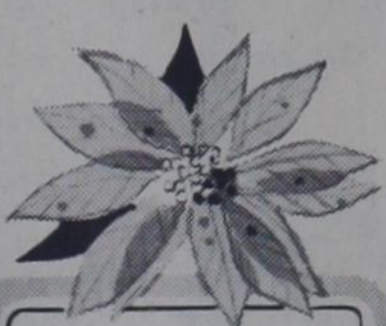
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Plant Wins Yule Favor

One plant particularly favored at Christmas in the United States and Canada is the poinsettia. The holiday colors of this green shrub with its star-shaped red clusters make it an appropriate symbol of the season.

If it had not been for the interest of an American diplomat, Dr. Joel Poinsett of Charleston, S.C., the poinsettia might never have attained popularity. Serving as the first U.S. minister to Mexico in 1828, Dr. Poinsett discovered this tropical plant. Impressed with its beauty, he brought it back to the United States and introduced it into cultivation. Later, the plant was named the "poinsettia" in his honor.


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HAPPY HOLIDAYS—Residents of the Golden Spread Nursing Home were visited by their families and by Santa Claus last Thursday night during their annual Christmas party. In addition to the 27 residents of

the home, 51 guests and 12 employees took part in the party. Mrs. Viola Griswold, owner and manager, served fruit punch, cake and other Christmas treats and a church group furnished Christmas records.

Resolve for '69: No House Fires

Few things are more costly and, in many instances, more tragic than fire, says an Extension agricultural engineer at Texas A&M University.

RESOLVE to make your home a fire safe home, suggests W. S. Allen. A home safe from fire, he says, depends on two important factors: good family habits about fire and its hazards, and good construction.

Good family habits include such things as care with matches and smoking, good housekeeping to get rid of rubbish, proper use of electrical fuses, appliances, and extension cords, and a constant general awareness of the ways fires start and how to avoid them.

Good construction for a fire safe home, according to the engineer, includes built-in fire stops. These are barriers of wood or masonry between studs, joists, rafters or stringers that serve to prevent the spread of smoke and fire. Good escape routes are a must. Best exits lead directly outside, not through other rooms. Windows should be large enough and low enough to climb through, and operate easily for the youngest member of the family.

INTERIOR finish of materials with low flame-spread characteristics is suggested. Wallboards made of gypsum, cement, asbestos and similar materials are noncombustible and resist flame spread.

Proper wiring is most important. Qualified electricians follow the provisions of the National Electrical Code when installing wiring, a major factor in a fire safe installation.

A good heating plant properly installed and located, regularly inspected and cleaned insures its safe operation, he says. A furnace should never be located under stairs or near an entrance where fire originating in the heater might block escape.

Bobbies Lose Overtime Tilt

Dimmitt's Bobbies got a second chance against the visiting Friona Squaws Friday night, but lost a 54-53 heart-breaker in overtime as a thousand fans switched from

screams of joy to screams of dismay.

IT WAS the Bobbies' first setback in District 3-AA play.

The game was a cliff-hanger all the way, with the two teams never more than a point apart at the end of any period.

Both teams had trouble finding the basket in the first half, but they picked up steam together in the back stretch. The Bobbies led, 7-6, after a slow first quarter, and the halftime score was 17-17. At the end of the third, the Bobbies were out front, 34-33.

IT LOOKED like curtains for the Bobbies when the Squaws jumped out to a 47-41 lead late in the fourth period. But the Bobbies fought back to within two points, 47-49, and in the final seconds Suzanne Merritt grabbed a loose ball and fed Ruth Dyer, who moved into position and sank a determined set-shot to tie the score at 49-49 as the clock ran out.

Dyer sank four for four free throws in the overtime before fouling out. And that was all of Dimmitt's scoring in the three-minute overtime period. Meanwhile, the Squaws sank three of four free throws and added the only overtime field goal to finish with a 54-53 victory.

Dyer burned the nets for 39 points before fouling out, while Sharon Barker scored 9 and Merritt 5.

ALTHOUGH the Bobbies connected on only 30 percent of their field shots and hit only 17 field goals to Friona's 20, they almost won the game at the free-throw line. Sharpeyed referees charged 23 fouls against Dimmitt and 24 against Friona, and the Bobbies outscored the Squaws 19-14 at the charity lane.

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that the three astronauts have a much better chance of reaching their destination, and returning home safely, than did Columbus and his crew when he set sail for wherever he thought he was going. For that matter Charles Lindbergh's chances of reaching Paris, in man's first flight across the Atlantic, were much less than the chances of success for the present mission of three daring men. The Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk ran much greater risks than the moon travelers are taking. But despite the knowledge of the success of many dangerous missions by other explorers there will be many prayers uttered between now and the end of the week for the safe return of the occupants of Apollo Eight. May it come to pass.

This is the Christmas issue of the News, and scattered throughout its pages are Christmas greeting messages from the various merchants and business firms of the community and county. Read them and consider them as they are intended to be, sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

This will be our last column for 1968 and our last chance this year to wish for our readers a very Merry Christmas.

Water, Inc.

Board Releases Main Executive

Directors of Water, Inc., in a called meeting Wednesday of last week, voted to declare the office of executive director vacant. The office was held by Cliff Chamberlain.

WATER, INC. President John J. Kendrick of Brownfield said the board adopted by majority vote the recommendation previously made by the executive committee.

Kendrick stressed that Water, Inc., a voluntary organization — will continue to be a vital force in the importation of water to West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. He said that Tom Williams, Water, Inc. staff member, will serve as office manager for the organization until a new executive director can be employed.

Kendrick also emphasized that the problems of directing the business of Water, Inc. has proved to be a bigger task than any individual thought possible when it was formed in May, 1967.

RAY JOE RILEY of Sunnyside, Castro County's member on the Water, Inc. board, said he voted against firing Chamberlain and explained his vote:

"I believe the hurried action by a faction of Water, Inc., accomplishes nothing other than deepening our internal conflicts," Riley said. "We have so many problems and controversies to deal with outside the Water, Inc., area that it is pitiful we have to waste our energies and damage the image of Water, Inc., with petty differences at home.

"I would be the last one to say that our former executive director is perfect," Riley continued, "but as far as I can tell, he was doing a good job, considering how long he had been at this job and how he has been undermined. I really believe he never had a chance, because he couldn't be controlled."

THE recommendation from Kendrick was that an executive director not be employed until after

Dropping Out Can Be Costly

Four years of high school on the average will return 16 percent more income at age 21 and 38 percent more income over a lifetime, reports an Extension home management specialist at Texas A&M University.

THE AVERAGE income of 1966 of 21-year-old men who had completed high school was \$3,021. According to Wanda Meyer, expected lifetime income for the high school graduate was \$341,000 and for the elementary school graduate, \$247,000.

At 18 the high school graduate has the disadvantage of no work experience. On the average, the specialist reports, his income is below that of elementary school graduate who has been working for some time. However, at age 19 the high school graduate may anticipate income nearly equal to that of elementary school graduate, and from 20 on to have considerably higher income, reaching a peak of \$8,387 at age 48.

This contrasts to peak income for elementary school graduate of \$6,054 at age 44, says Mrs. Meyer.

"NATURE does not GIVE anything. It LENDS. It will continue to lend as long as the loan is returned. When nothing is paid back, nothing is lent. Nature keeps a constant balance between its income and loans. When the loans are not repaid the borrower, man, and not the lender, nature is eliminated. Anyone who ignores the balance of nature does so at his own peril!"

— From OUR USE OF THE LAND

WHATEVER you want or need, somebody probably has one. Try a "Wanted" classified ad in the News.

Newtons Host '34' Club Friday

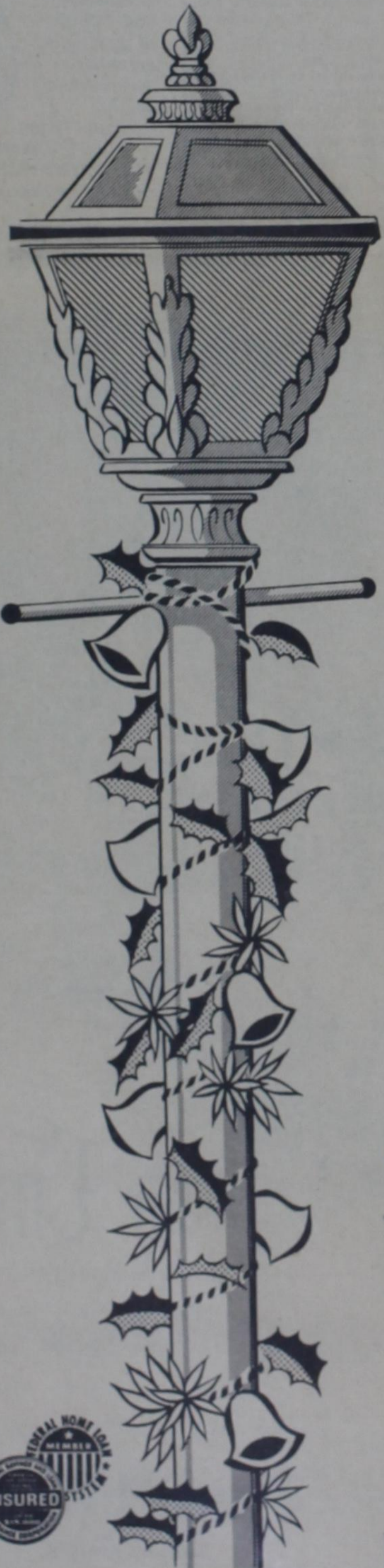
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Newton were hosts Friday night to members of the "34 Club" at the Caisson House in Hereford.

Their guests were the Earl Harrison, the Noel Gollehons, the Bud Birdwells and the Jack Gregories.

The group organized this club in 1934.

"SOIL is the farmer's bank. It won't stand too many promissory notes."

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Sampson at Fourth



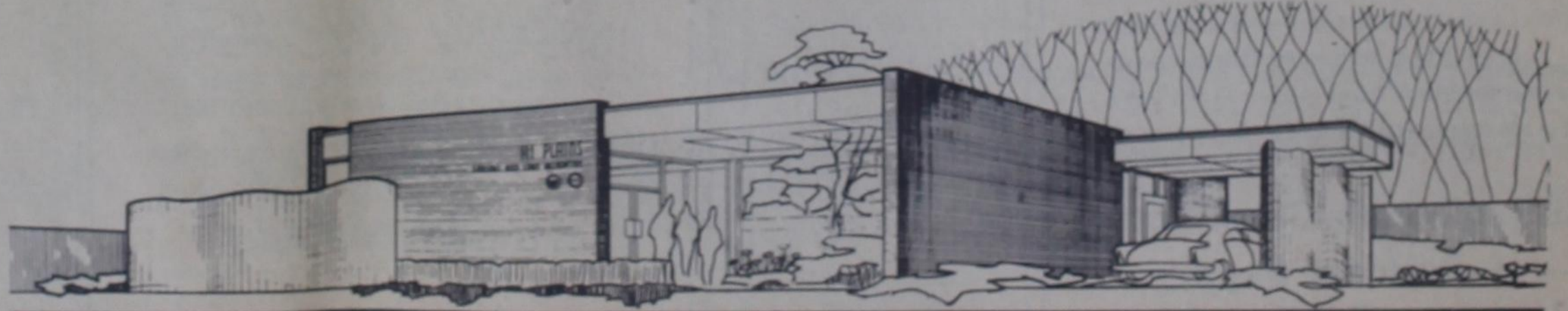
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VA Liberalizes Dental Policy

A new policy on dental care recently adopted by the Veterans Administration will extend treatment to Vietnam era veterans on a more liberal basis.

VA provides treatment for dental conditions that originated or were aggravated during military service if veterans apply during the first year after release from service.

Under VA's new policy, dental treatment may be provided without supporting military records if it is determined professionally — during the first eight months after release from service — that the condition is service-connected. The veteran must make his application within the first six months after release from service and he must have served on active duty six months or more to qualify for the new benefit.

Dr. J. J. Hinkler, VA's director for dentistry, said the new policy is expected to extend dental care to veterans who developed conditions during military service that were not entered in their records.

Texas Is Fast Becoming A Giant in US Industry

Manufacturing employment rose a dramatic 44 percent above the most recent five-year average during 1968 as industrial development continued at a record pace across Texas.

"A TOTAL of 735 new plant locations or major expansions were reported in Texas during the year, compared with 666 the year before," Jim Harwell, executive director of the Texas Industrial Commission, announced in a year-end report.

However, this was overshadowed by the rate of employment growth. There were 52,900 new jobs created in manufacturing during the year, 44 percent above the 1962-67 average of 36,725.

While new industry locations kept pace with the previous year, it was in the area of plant expansion that the bulk of the growth was recorded. Plant expansions numbered 444 during the past year, up from 370 in 1967.

THE LARGEST growth came

in the area of fabricated metals, food and kindred products, chemical and allied products and transportation equipment.

There were 145 new plants located in Texas in these five categories of industry, almost half of the 291 new factories established in the state during the year. These five industry sectors were responsible for an even more significant increase in jobs, with 62 percent of the new manufacturing positions recorded.

There were 35 new plants each in the fabricated metal and machinery areas, 26 in food and kindred products, 25 in chemical and allied products and 24 in transportation equipment.

THE largest employment boost, however, came in the area of transportation equipment, with jobs for 101,400, an increase of 15,300 during the year. Petroleum refining and related products ranked second with a boost of

6,960 over the 55,200 maintained in 1967.

The industrial growth, which came on the heels of an increased appropriation for the State Industrial Commission, was not limited to new plants and expansion. Export development also set new records.

Using the Texas International Trade Center at the San Antonio World's Fair as headquarters for 1968 activity, the Industrial Commission made more foreign contacts than ever before and brought about business for Texas manufacturers estimated around \$50 million.

THE TRADE Center, organized by the export development division of the commission, contained a computer programmed with data on all manufacturers in Texas and the Southwest. A total of 4,000 businessmen, including representatives of 38 foreign countries, were processed through the Center.

Each was greeted by a multilingual consultant ready to put the visitor in touch with any manufacturer in the region. The computer provided the necessary information, and a national WATS telephone line was available at the Center to facilitate business transactions.

The International Trade Center is only one part of the overall growth in export development for Texas. Since the division was three years ago, Texas export sales have increased 40 percent.

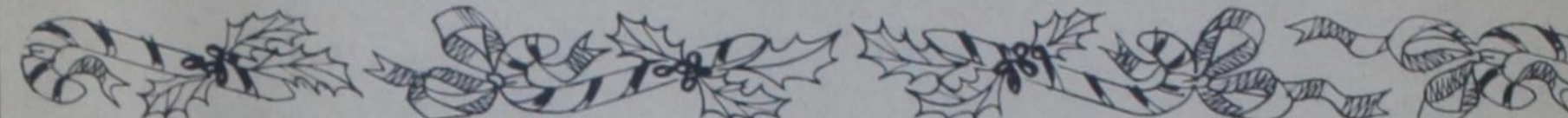
THE VALUE of Texas manufactured products exported this year is estimated at \$1.5 billion, compared with \$976 million at the program's start in 1965. This represents a three-year boost of \$524 million, compared with a \$150 million increase for the five years prior to 1965.

About Trees . . .

On the night Christ was born, legend says, all the trees burst into bloom. Thus began many stories about the Christmas tree.

Early folk tales described a huge tree in the midst of a forest. The tree held many candles, some straight, some upside down. At the top was an infant with a halo around his head.

It was believed that the tree represented humanity. The candles, up and down, symbolized people, good and bad. The infant was the Christ Child.



Season's Greetings From Hart



This is our Christmas greeting to all our friends in Hart and throughout the county. We have donated our Christmas card money to the Hart Cemetery Fund to keep our cemetery a credit to our community and to the memory of those who rest there.

We extend our very best wishes for a most joyous holiday. May our community always typify the Spirit of Christmas.

- Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Burt
- Mr. and Mrs. Al Sharp
- Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Crick
- Mrs. O. C. Kittrell
- Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Loman
- Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Dinwiddie
- Willis and Fredda Hawkins
- Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Davis
- Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Davis
- Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Maples
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks
- Mr. and Mrs. Wade Mills
- Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hamm
- Mr. and Mrs. Worth Jones
- Mr. and Mrs. John McLain
- Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bradley
- Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Martin
- Mrs. L. C. Riley
- Mr. and Mrs. Billie Farris
- Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ray
- Nora Ray

We wish you a Merry Christmas



Greetings

In the holiday spirit we take time out to thank our customers for their loyalty, friendship and patronage throughout the year. It's always our joy to serve!

Cobb's

The first Noel . . .

May the spirit of the first Christmas light your life and bring you everlasting joy. To one and all we're sending a wish for a wonderful holiday... brimming with laughter and good cheer for you and your family. Let gifts and gladness be yours in abundance.

Parson's Rexall Drug

Greetings

Out of our yesterdays come the Yuletide traditions of happy greetings and cordial hospitality. In this spirit, we extend to all our good friends, a wonderfully warm and truly old-fashioned "Merry Christmas!"

BILL and PAULA HARMAN, WADE MAYNARD, SARENA TEAGUE, RUTH SNIDER, ANGIE ABREGO, DOROTHY ELLIS, BILLY DANA

HARMAN'S



TIMBER-R-R-R!—Southwestern Public Service Co. workmen unearth a power pole with a drill-and-hoist rig to clear the construction site for Dimmitt Wheat Growers' corn milling plant complex in East Dimmitt. SWPS crews have removed 20 or more poles at and around the plant site. Con-

struction will begin next week on the first building of the new complex, and the fabrication shop is expected to be outfitted by mid-February to start making a million dollars worth of stainless-steel tanks and fixtures for the new mill.

H-D Notes

New Survey Is Revealing

By IRENE KEATING

THE CASTRO COUNTY Family Living Committee has been busy compiling some new information about our county to use in the new long range plan of work. It will be printed in March, 1969.

They have information in the areas of consumer competence, housing, community resource development, family health, and family stability. Some interesting things about our county have been revealed in this study. The subcommittee that is frisking on these facts is Mrs. Oenida Hutto, Mrs. Rachel Cleaver and Mrs. Mary Acker.

Did you know 631 persons get social security payments? 69 get disability payments, 12 families with dependent children get aid and there are 10 permanently and totally disabled families.

During the last year over two-thirds of the marriage licenses were issued to couples where one or both was a teenager. This is quite a contrast to the birth rate. Only one-seventh of the babies born in the county were born to teenage mothers.

In 1967 there were 33 building permits issued in Hart and Dim-

mitt. In 1968 there were only nine issued the first 11 months of the year. Housing statistics were taken from the 1960 census. There are 327 houses that are vacant the entire year; 500 houses are vacant seasonally. 616 houses were built before 1930, 1542 from 1940-1954, and 627 from 1955-March 1960. Of course we know there have been quite a few houses built these last eight years.

This and much other information will be in the new Long Range County Program book. Anyone who would like a copy of this book when it is completed in March, give us your name and we'll be glad to send you one. There will be extensive agriculture information in the book also as well as some history of the county.

I hope each of you is having a nice holiday.

AS WE THINK of Christmas we all need to be thankful for our blessings this past year. It seems that it is much easier for us to think of what we want rather than to be thankful for what we have.

Frio 4-H Club went Christmas caroling last Tuesday. They left

good cheer at the rest home, hospital, Raymond Hances, and Tom Davis'. They left bookmarks for the patients in the hospital and nursing home. The Dimmitt 4-H girls went Christmas caroling Friday night. They caroled in the residential areas of town.

IT IS SUCH a good holiday for me. My parents, the August Albrechts, from Mensa, Ark., and my twin sister Nelle, from Batesville, Ark., are here. My brother, David and his family from Tulla and the Keatings from Olton were also here.

HERE IS A clever idea for party ice cubes. Pour orange or grapefruit juice into ice tray. Then put a frozen strawberry, raspberry, blackberry, etc. in the center of it and freeze. These cubes are good and pretty in fruit punch.

Socrates said: "Husbandry is the mother and nurse of the other arts. For when husbandry flourishes, all the other arts are in good fettle, but whenever the land is compelled to lie waste, the other arts well-nigh perish."



RICHARD WOOD, a native of Dimmitt, has been named graduate assistant coach at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo., to assist Head Basketball Coach Loren Lutz this year. Wood has been working toward a degree in health and physical education at Adams State, and plans a coaching career. He and his wife, Karen, are the parents of a girl, Donol. Wood is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wood, formerly of Dimmitt.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santas,
I want a car racing set of two cars for Christmas, a Hot Wheels, and 5 speed bike.
Your friend,
Joe Tapia

Dear Santa,
Hi, Santa. I want for Christmas a bebegan and a toy Rudolph. I work hard in school. I like school very much. And I don't miss a day. I want a sled to ride in the snow and a racing car. I want a 5 speed bike.
Love
Rudy Burnea

Mary Christmas
Dear Santa,
I want two hot wheels, an Incredible Etable, a creepy crawler, and a bebegan.
Merry Christmas
Frank Olivarez Jr.

Sending Greetings

The custom of exchanging greetings at holiday time is older than Christmas. The custom of the Christmas greeting card, however, is a relatively new one.

Christmas cards originated about 125 years ago, in England. Despite this recent start, printed greetings quickly caught the public fancy and are today one of the most popular forms of Christmas holiday traditions.

Decorating Trees

The gaily decorated tree so much a part of Christmas has its counterpart in trees adorned with colorful trinkets during the ancient feasts of the winter equinox.

This pagan custom of decorating evergreens became associated with Christmas observances, and legends link it to the birth of Jesus. One such story says that on the night of the Nativity, all the woodland trees burst into bloom and bore fruit.

Giving Gifts

Like greetings, gifts are synonymous with Christmas, as part of a custom that probably has its beginning in the Wise Men's presentation of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child.

Some researchers trace the gift-giving tradition to even earlier, pre-Christian times. During pagan holidays observed at about the same time as the modern Christmas, ancient Romans and Britons exchanged gifts in token of the season.

Driving Yule Out

St. Knut's Day, January 13th, is the traditional time for taking down Christmas greens in Sweden. According to custom, as the tree is dismantled, young folk dance while their elders sing, "Twentieth day Knut driveth Yule out."

This custom is believed to be derived from the laws of King Canute, written in the early 11th century.



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

Dimmitt Safety Lanes
CLIFF COOK



GREETINGS

of the Christmas Season

In the quiet dawn of a winter's new day, the Spirit of Christmas descends upon the world, instilling boundless joy and the warm feeling of good will towards all. To our many friends, old and new, we're wishing that this will be the happiest of Christmases, bright and shining with the fulfillment of long-cherished dreams. It is our good fortune to have so many kind friends and patrons ... their friendship is one of our most prized possessions.

Bruegel Bros. Gin & Elevator



TOYS FOR HOME — This roomful of toys went last week to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home in Portales with a "Merry Christmas" wish from the people of Hart. Looking proudly at the toys are Mrs. Everette Cole, Mrs. Tom McLain and

Mrs. Laurence McLain, who helped spearhead the project to provide toys for Christmas for children in the orphanage. This is one of many charitable projects in which Castro County residents are participating this Christmas.

Dear Santa



Dear Santa,

Hi, Santa. Here I am in school. I want a bebegun and a toy Rudolph. I want a car racing set. I want a 5 speed bike. For Christmas, I want a sled to ride in the snow I work hard in school. I like school very much, and I don't miss a day.

Your friend
Danny Salinas

Mrccey Christmas

Dear Santa,

I want a racer set and a speed-line for Christmas.

Love,
Greg Howell

Dear Santa,

I want a very good doll and a coat because that is what I

need for Christmas. I also want a nice dress.

Anna Ramos

Dear Santa,

I want a bebegun, two hot wheels, and a wheel for my bike.

Love,
Michael McClendon

Dear Santa,

I want a hot wheels, a train, and an animal set for Christmas.

Love,
Chuck Pevehouse

Dear Santa,

I want a Easy Bake Oven, a Tip It, and a Tippi Toe and a doll, with short hair with a green dress. I hope you think I have been nice. I also want a bike, and a pair of

shocs, with a blue ruffles and a pretty dress with ruffles to. So I better say good-by now but I am in school. I hope you have a nice Christmas.

Love,
Debbie Bull

Dear Santa,

I would like a Tiptoe doll, a litter baby fast step, and a dress from Mother.

My brother Jack would probably like a box of shells. He has a logy Tom gun.

Love,
Dolores Walthall

Dear Santa,

I hope I can have a bicycle and a slinky worm so I could play with them.

Love,
Beatrice Olivarez

Dear Santa,

I want a doll for Christmas, a Dish set, some dresses and pair of shoes to go to it. I want a baton and that is all Santa.

Janie Henderson

Dear Santa,

I would like a Easy bake oven, a little doll, a bike, a set of slacks and blouses, and a pair of shoes and a Zoom Loom.

Love
Delana Hart Carrell

Dear Santa Clause

I wish I could go to the Secret Shop. But I know that I could not. Because it is in Amarillo and I live in Dimmitt. Just bring me anything because I don't know what I want.

Heidi Bruegel

Dear Santa,

I want a set of Hotwheels and a bebegun. And I hope my mother buys me a bike. Wednesday is Christmas.

Your friend,
David Rodriguez

Christmas, To All Dear, Mother and Father,

Dear Santa,

I would like a talking dog, and a talking doll. I'm good all most all good. I'm nine year old. I would like a dress, a rope, a bird, a kitter, a horse, a farm and a coat. I also want a baby doll, a sled, a sheep, a deer and a car, and a crown, a snake, a fish, clothes, clock, skates and a talking doll.

Cindy Sisco

Famous People Call Yule Their Birthday

A young farmer's wife in England gave birth to a son in 1642. In 1821, a baby girl was born in the Massachusetts village of Oxford. In 1865, the wife of a militant Christian crusader gave birth to her fourth daughter. And in 1883, in Paris, an artist's model bore a baby boy.

What did these four births have in common? In each case, the child was born on Christmas Day, and grew up to become a famous person. According to the Book of Knowledge, these well-known "Christmas babies" were Clara Barton, Evangeline Booth, Maurice Utrillo and Sir Isaac Newton.

Founder of Red Cross
Clara Barton, Civil War nurse, was born on Christmas Day in 1821. It was her warm thoughts of Christmas that led her, when she set off to visit her brother, a prisoner during the Civil War, to offer to take presents not only to him but to the prisoner relatives of all her Oxford, Mass., neighbors.

Subsequently, Clara Barton was instrumental in founding the American Red Cross and served as its president for many years.

In Salvation Army

Born on Christmas Day in 1865, Evangeline Booth was the fourth daughter of the Salvation Army founder, William Booth. By the age of 23, she was head of the Salvation Army in London, and in 1904 she took over operations for the entire United States.

During World War I, the Salvation Army lassies under her jurisdiction spent Christmas — as well as many other days — ministering to the needs of American doughboys in France. The word "doughboy" stems from the celebrated Salvation Army doughnut, a World War I staple.

Known for Paintings

One Christmas-born child had little cheer in his life, on holidays or otherwise. This was the French painter, Maurice Utrillo, born on December 25, 1883.

Son of an unknown father and a mother who was a model for many of the Montmartre brush wielders of her time, young Maurice was shy and withdrawn, not only in childhood but throughout his life.

Ironically, reproductions of many of his paintings, particularly those of the sparkling white dome of the Montmartre Church of Sacre Coeur, are used by the thousands every year on Christmas cards.

Omens Dim Yule Spirit

"Merry" Christmas? Not always, according to some ancient beliefs once associated with the day.

Take, for instance, the old belief that cattle and other stable animals were given the power of speech on Christmas Eve.

Any person who heard the animals speak would die within a year, so superstition said. Somber omens of death were read into still other Yuletide legends. When the Yule log burned, bystanders were told to watch the shadows on the walls. If the shadows of any persons appeared to be headless, this supposedly meant death for those persons, again within a year.

Sgt. was also said to have the power of forecasting life or death, when used in connection with Christmas. The test could be made by leaving a small mound of salt on the table on Christmas Eve. If the salt melted during the night, that, too, meant death within 12 months.

If the salt remained unmelted, the forecast was for a long and healthy life.

He Invented Toys

Sir Isaac Newton, English physicist, mathematician, philosopher greeted his first Christmas, and his first day, in Lincolnshire, England, in 1642. Frail and sickly as a youth, he devoted many boyhood Decembers to inventing and making Christmas toys.

Early Roman Had 'Practical' View On Gift Giving

"Christmas is getting too commercial!"

This modern complaint, while it may have force, is somewhat lacking in originality.

"I hate the crafty arts of giving presents," said the witty Roman poet Martial, who lived and wrote from about 40 to 104 A.D. "Gifts are like hooks."

His complaint was expressed in a series of poems written for a wealthy patron, at the time of the Saturnalia.

Martial, however, was not always averse to presents. After listing a large number of small gifts, such as toothpicks, figs, napkins, which had been delivered to him, he pointed out that it would have been much easier for the messenger to bring him "five pounds of silver plate."

Cities Put Up Evergreens

Comes Christmas, and cities everywhere renew the tradition of setting up a community Christmas tree — a custom which began early in this century.

In 1909, citizens of Pasadena, Calif., decorated an evergreen on Mount Wilson as the tree of the city.

The year 1912 saw community Christmas trees erected in Madison Square, New York, N. Y., and on the Common in Boston, Mass. Independence Square in Philadelphia, Pa., showed off its first community tree in 1914.

President Calvin Coolidge inaugurated the custom of a national community Christmas tree in Washington, D.C., when he was presented with a large evergreen by the University of Vermont, in 1923.

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MAY
we join those who sing out the praises of this joyful season to thank you for your continued patronage.
Merry Christmas.

ANTHONY'S

NICK LEO FLORENE LORNA
RUTH MARY SANDY VELMA

Greetings

Christmas has arrived! A time for gaily-wrapped goodies, yes, but also a time to count our each and every blessing . . . and to say thanks to all those whom we are privileged to serve.



CARVER PHARMACY

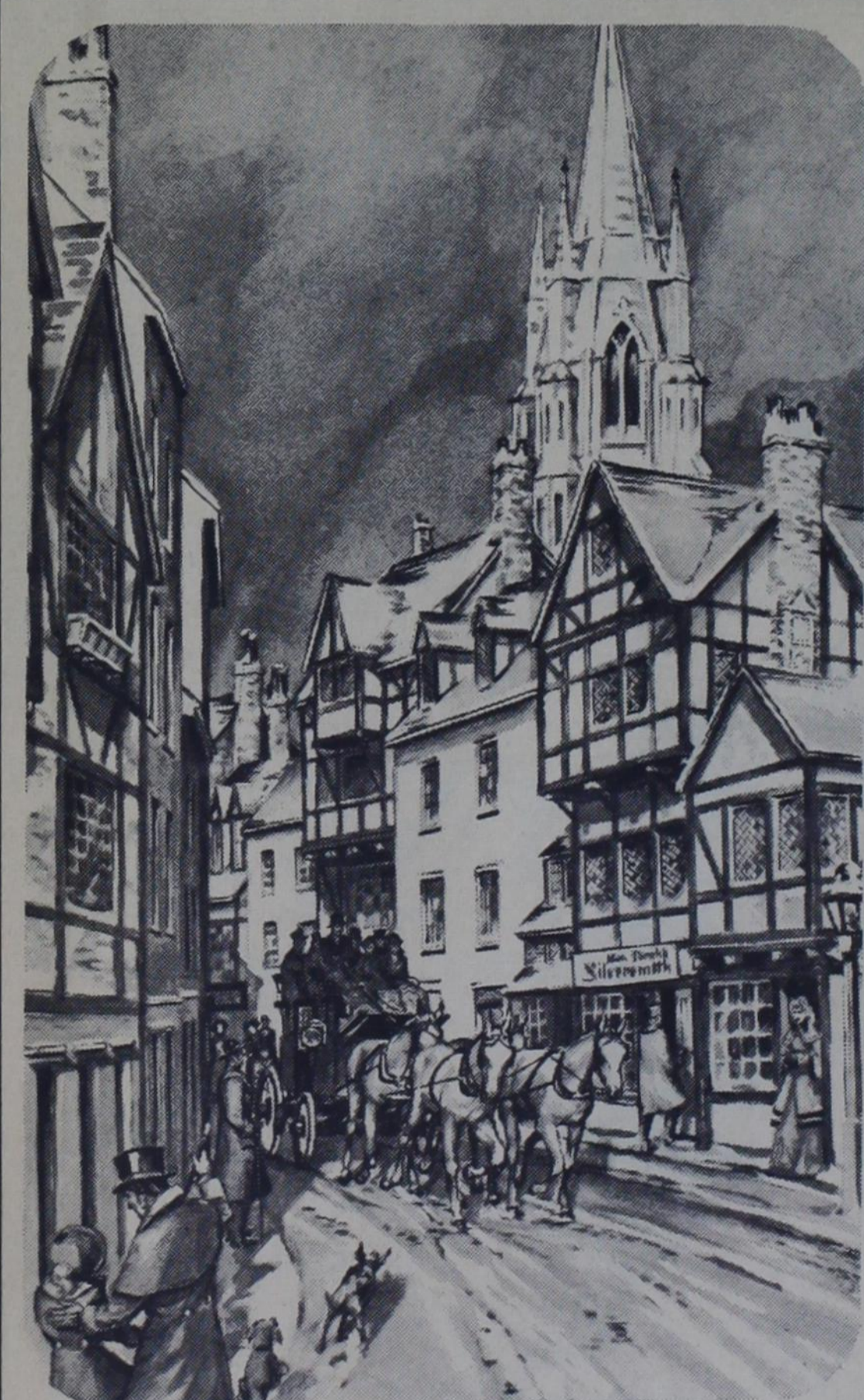


Merry Christmas

It's here again . . . the season to be jolly . . . the season of warm enjoyment shared with friends and loved ones. And a wonderful time for us to express our thanks for your loyalty and consideration. Merry Christmas!

CASTRO CO-OP GIN

EARL CHANEY, Manager



MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS

At this splendid time of the year, we hope you and your family are rejoicing for all the beautiful things that Christmas brings. We rejoice in your good will. It is gratifying to serve you, and hope we can continue to do so.

NORTHERN PROPANE GAS CO.

T. D. Claybourn, Manager

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old and I will be glad when Christmas comes. I love you. Please bring me a Mighty Mike and anything else you want to. Come to see my sister to and all the other boys and girls.
Merry Christmas
Jeff Cannon

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a little stuffed monkey, and a baby small talk and a Easy bake oven. Please come to see my little brother Jeffrey, he has tried to be good but after all he's a boy. I am 7 years old and in the second grade. I love you and have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Ginger Cannon

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Dear Santa,
I want a bebegun and a biche. Anything will please me. Just anything. Or I want a job. If I get a job I want to work with my father, or get a job of my own. I want anythink my brother

name Robert Mayberry get's or anythink my father name Ellis get's me.
Thompson Hart Mayberry

Dear Santa
I want a Easy Bake Oven and a doll with long hair, because I like long hair. I also want a pretty red dress with ruffles on it, so that I can play with it. I love you very much.
Love,
Connie Sue Tyson

Dear Santa,
I want two race cars a bebe gun, and a ray gun. I also want holster and a pistol and a robot.
Love
Phillip Robison

Dear Santa.
I want a watch for Christmas and a racing Set. I made a 100 on my clocks. I want a new bicycle for Christmas. I want a new football. We made a Santa Claus.
Love,
Robert Cossabone
404 SW 5th Street



GREETINGS

The beauty and spirit of the season brings to mind most wonderful gifts . . . friendship, loyalty and good will. We thank you for yours and wish you a Merry Christmas.

SHAW'S PLUMBING SERVICE
HOOPER AND PHOEBE



COLORFUL STREET—Here's how Bedford Street looks at night from the sidewalk in front of Dimmitt Motor Co. At left, the courthouse square is alive with lighted trees; Christmas card scenes, statues of Santa, elves, forest scenes, the North Pole toy workshop, and Santa with his sleigh and reindeer. Along the sidewalks are 75 Christmas trees with blinker lights, hanging scrolls with bells, and beautifully decorated store windows.

Agricultural Industry State's Second Biggest

The Texas agricultural industry continues to be a very vital part of the state's economy. **DESPITE THE** continuing decrease in the number of farms and the percent of the population actually engaged in production agriculture, the total value of its raw products ranks second only to crude oil, reports John G. McHaney, Extension economist at Texas A&M University. Texas agricultural producers, he explains, in 1967 spent more than \$1.6 billion for items used in current farm operating expenses. And such spending, he adds, kept a lot of cash registers ringing from cross-roads country stores to those on main street in major cities of the state and nation. Producers spent \$772 million for feed, livestock, seed and fertiliz-

ers and lime, and most of these items were purchased locally. Another \$309 million went for repairs and operation of capital items, including repairs and maintenance of buildings, machinery and motor vehicles, and petroleum products used in the farm business. Here again, local suppliers got most of this business, says McHaney. **AND THERE'S** much more. Another \$327 million went for such items as interest on money borrowed for operating expenses, for pesticides, ginning, electricity, live stock marketing charges, irrigation, grazing, veterinary services and medicines, and many others. Expenditures for hired labor totaled \$212 million and much of this in turn was spent by the laborers for consumer goods and services along main street.

Other expenses included \$321 million for depreciation and other consumption of farm capital items; \$101 million for taxes on farm property; \$99 million for interest on farm mortgage debts and \$56 million to non-farm landlords for rent. **EVERY** segment of the business world is involved and receives benefits from the spending of our agricultural producers, McHaney says. Those who manufacture, transport, store, sell and service the needs of farmers are a part of

agribusiness complex of the industry. And much of the income left after all expenses of production are paid are spent by the producer for consumer goods and services for his family, again on main street. Literally thousands of Texans and others outside the state are a part of the total agricultural industry. Some 40 percent of the state's labor force is employed in agriculture or related industries, says McHaney. Because of the efficiency and productive capacity of US agriculture, the nation's consumers spend only about 17 percent of their take-home pay for food, less than in any other nation, and a bargain in any language, says the economist. Add it up and any way you figure it, agriculture is still and will continue to be big business in Texas, concludes McHaney.

Why Pick Chimney? St. Nick Has Reasons

Why does Santa come down the chimney?
Of all the traditions connected with Santa, his unconventional mode of entry might seem the most puzzling. Surely the magical gift giver, who has the power to drive reindeer through the skies and who can cover the earth in a single night, could find an easier way to enter a house. Like most of the lore of Christmas, Santa's choice of the chimney has several explanations. For instance, legend has it that the original Santa, St. Nicholas, presented three maidens with gifts of gold for a dowry. Modestly concealing his generosity, he tossed the gold down a chimney, in secret. Another theory claims that Santa copied a goddess, who was the first to deliver gifts via a chimney. According to this legend, when the Vikings of Norway celebrated the Yuletide or winter solstice in their great halls, a festive feature of the occasion was the appearance of the goddess Hertha in the fireplace. As her name indicates, Hertha was goddess of hearth and home, and most appropriately arrived by way of the chimney, to deliver her Yuletide gifts of good luck and good cheer. Still another explanation takes a practical point of view. Housewives of Northern Europe, cleaning house for the New Year, used to coax children to help with the chores by saying, "Let's clean the hearth. St. Nicholas will soon be coming down the chimney." The children willingly set to work, and thus, says legend, a tradition was born. Even when he takes to helicopter or jet plane, Santa delivers his gifts by way of the chimney!



GREETINGS

Here's wishing you the fulfillment of all your dreams for Christmas. Thank you for your patronage.

House of Fabrics
NORMA FRANKIE PAULENE

Christmas Blessings

Once again the spirit of Christmas radiates its promise of hope, love and peace throughout the land. As you reflect upon the Miracle and glory of the Holy Birth, may you be comforted by the faith, gladdened by the message and sustained by the inspiration of Christmas, now and always. May holiday joys and blessings be yours.

La-Mantia-Cullum & Collier & Co. Inc.
HOMER WEST, Manager

A message for Christmas
To you, our good friends and customers, we're extending warm wishes for a bright and merry holiday season abounding with good cheer, fellowship and joy. And, with deep appreciation, we send along our many thanks for your thoughtful consideration all year. Serving you has indeed been our deepest pleasure and privilege.

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G. P. Dyer	Bob Myers	M. E. Cleavinger, Jr.	Lige Wickware
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Steve Ramos	Jim Cleavinger	Jim Ramsey	

Dear Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
I want easy curl, Annet doll with a pink doll dress, and a suitcase.
Debbie Dennis

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Hot Whell Set and a set of skates for Christmas?
With Love,
John Laurent
Age 6.

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade. My name is Kyle Bagwell. I would like to have a GI Joe. I love you. Please be good to all the other children. I would also like a jeep for my GI Joe, and a toy violin. And, if possible a toy Santa Claus.
Thank you very much.
Your friend,
Kyle Bagwell

To Santa Claus
From Beth Maxwell
I am a girl. I have a dog. I go to school. I want a doll. I am 8.

Dear Santa,
My name is Anita and I live at 303 NW 7th I'm in the first grade and I have not learned how to write. I would like a nice girls bicycle, a big one and a Tip-toe doll.
Thank you
Love,
Anita

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a medal and a truck with a ball-dozer. I want two flaps on the back of the bed like Dickey Dozer has. Please remember all the girls and boys.
Your friend,
Greg Birkenfeld

To Santa Claus
A doll named Giggles, little Kiddies and Kiddies doll house.
From Susan Sadler

Dear Santa,
I have been good bring to me a doll. Please remember all boys and girls.
Love Amy

Dear Mr. Santa Claus:
We are being good and hope that you will come to see us. We know that you have toys and candy. Would you please bring Debra a Farmer Says, and Greg wants an airplane. Please bring us some candy and gum for our stocking. We will leave some cookies for you.
We hope you have a Merry Christmas and that you have lots of toys for all the boys and girls.
Debra & Greg Sava
101 NW 12th
Dimmitt, Texas

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Easy Bake oven and mixer for Christmas
With love
Rhonda Laurent
Age 7

Dear Santa Claus,
I WANT A Kiddie watch and doll clothes. I like to write to you, it is fun. I want you to have a Merry Christmas and a happy new year. How many elves do you have? I want to have a Merry Christmas and a happy new year too. Please remember my brothers and sisters. I have been a pretty good girl.
Colleen Gerber

Dear Mr. Santa Claus
My name is Lillie Mae Price. I am 10 year of age. All I want for Christmas is a piano and I sure hope I win the bike.
Your truly
Lillie Mae Price

Oh yes, Happy or a Merry Xmas Santa Claus.

Dear Santa Clause,
I have been a very good girl this year. My name is Delona Perkins. I am four years old, so would you please bring me Tippee-Toes, a Suzy Homemaker Mixer, cakes mixes, a refrigerator and surprises.
Thank you
Delona Perkins

Dear Santa:
This year we hope to have a good Christmas but, our father is sick and can not work so we are counting on you please. We are 7 in all and I want a tip toe Doll, a Easy Curl Hair Setting Kit for my sister Elizabeth she wants a walking doll, a play set of dishes and for my little sister Ann she wants a dily and an Etch-A-sketch. For my brother Jr. he wants a Tricycle, a jeep and a tractor and a set of guns. For my brother Luis he wants some play soldiers, a rifle, a truck and we all want some candy.
Yours truly
Susan Olvera
We live behine Community Grain, behind Taylors Garage Box 1014

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 10 years old. I have been good most of the time. I would like for you to bring a set of dolls and a easy bake oven for Christmas. I love you very much because you are one who brings us all the toys we tell you to bring us. Here is a picture that I sent you. It is Santa Claus and my brothers and sister. My address is 506 W. Lee Street, my box number is P.O. Box 1090.
Yours Truly
Miss Delia Perez

Dear Santa Claus,
Just these few lines to say hello, and hoping I will get to see you very soon. My name is Mary Veronica Ruiz, I am 5 ycars, and my mother helped me to write this letter.
My parents say you will bring a lot of presen's to my brother David who is 1 yr. 9 mos., and me, if we behave, so we are trying to do our best in behaving.
We hope you'll visit every children this Christmas, especially the orphans, sick, and everyone.
My parents think this is the time everyone should get reunited, and be kind to each other, all the time we should be this way, but especially at the time of Christmas.
We will be expecting you soon! May God bless everyone, and may everyone have a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!
Sincerely Yours,
Mary Veronica and my brother David Ruiz.
P. S. We not only wish presen's for Christmas, but the happiness and peace for the whole world.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 8 years old and I have been a good boy. I love all my friend and I love you too I would like for you to bring me a set of double holster to play cowboys with my friend and brothers.
Yours truly,
Elias Perez
My address is 506 E. Lee Street My box number is 1090

I have been good. Please remember all boys and girls. Please bring to me a rifle.
Love Jimmy Joe

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please remember all boys and girls. Please bring to me a play bar set.
Love,
Skeeter

Dear Santa,
Please bring to me something. I have been good. Please remember all boys and girls.
Love Laine

I have been good Please remember all boys and girls. Please bring me a bicycle.
Love, Jim

I have been good. Please remember all boys and girls. Please bring to me a rocket, car, train, bicycle and walkie-talkies.
Love,
Russel

Hi Santa Claus
My mother both the newspaper and I so your cd. So here I am writing just to say hello to you. And to say that I want a Baby Doll for Chris'mas one that can talk to me. I am 3 year old. I got a brother his name is Jose and he want a stringray Bike for Christmas. I never hat a presnt before because my father is poor and dont have money. But I am going to pray that God and you will here my prayer and Santa will bring us a presnt for Christmas. But now I have to close for now. I like to here from you. By Truly your Armida Urias

I have been good. Please remember all boys and girls. Please bring to me some toys.
Love, Claud

I have been good. Please remember to me some toys.
Love Kelly

Holiday, for Highway Patrol, Means Drinking-Driver Hazard

The biggest holiday season of the year is usually the happiest, but it also brings one unhappy thought. It means more deaths on our streets and highways caused by drinking drivers, said Major Luther Moore, regional commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety for this region.

THE DRINKING driver problem has been rising steadily through the past years and now one to four percent of the drivers on the road are accounting for about 50 to 55 percent of all fatal crashes.

Statistics reveal that the use of alcohol by drivers as pedestrians leads to 2,000 deaths and at least 800,000 non-fatal crashes in the nation each year.

BESIDES being the direct cause of accidents, alcohol is found to be the causative factor in many other violations leading to accidents. During holiday periods it has been found that alcohol was a causative factor in 80 to 85 percent of motor vehicle and pedestrian accidents.

Especially tragic is the fact that much loss in life, limb, and property damage involves completely innocent people. In a grim crash, statistic last year, a family of 10 was wiped out by just one drinking driver.

MAJOR Moore lists some factors about alcohol that all drivers should know:

1. Alcohol is not a stimulant, and is classified as a depressant.
2. Even small amounts of alcohol tend to reduce judgment, self-control and driving ability.
3. Coffee and other stimulants will not offset the effects of alcohol. Only time can eliminate alcohol from the blood stream.
4. **IT TAKES** at least three hours to oxidize (eliminate) one ounce of pure alcohol, which is about two cocktails.
5. Two cocktails, which is about 0.4 percent of alcohol, may reduce visual acuity as much as wearing dark glasses at night.
6. You do not have to be obvious-

ly intoxicated to be "under the influence" or to be an unsafe driver.

MAJOR MOORE also said that all uniformed enforcement personnel during the holiday period will be especially alert for drinking drivers and remove them from the streets and highways for protection to others and themselves.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I want a football for Christmas. And I want a football suit for Christmas to. Merry Christmas I love you Santa. I love Christmas. I want a bicycle for Christmas. I want a bebe gun for Christmas. I want a dog for Christmas. I want a good toy for Christmas. I want Bill blastof and a bicycle.
Michael to Santa

hope your fine. I am in 2 grade. My sister is in 5 grade. My baby brother is 3 years old and he's not in kindergarten. The town of Lubbock Texas we saw you at Sunset senter. on top of the building when you were waving at us. I want an target load rifle rang and a Johnny Eagle skeet shoter Johnny Speed.
Love
Leslie

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Leslie Heard. My birthday is November the 24th. I am just fine. How are you? I

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a suitcase, a Giggles doll, and a peg board light.
Connie Dennis



Christmas greetings

Christmas . . . the traditional time to give and to share! As the Yule season approaches, we sincerely hope that you will accept our thoughts of friendship, our thanks for your continued patronage and good will and our wishes of health and happiness, peace and contentment for you and your family. May your holiday festivities abound with merrymaking and delight; may the joy of the day continue to shine upon you throughout the years.

Directors and Personnel

Dimmitt Wheat Growers, Inc.



At Christmas...

We pray that the miracle of His birth in a humble manger will once more spread its wonders, its promise across the land, bringing peace on earth, good will to men. In the joyous spirit of the holiday we offer our thanks to our customers for your many kindnesses. We greatly value and enjoy the privilege of serving you. Merry Christmas.

BIG T PUMP CO.

GEORGE — BARBARA — JOE — HENRY — DEAN — CHARLIE



Put the Spirit of Christmas in Your Driving!

Best Wishes for a Safe Holiday from your Texas Department of Public Safety



State Capitol Highlights

Smith Plans Gala Inauguration

By VERN SANFORD

When Preston Smith becomes governor Jan. 21, it will be to the tune of marching bands and at least five dance orchestras. Smith has revealed plans for a gala inauguration reminiscent of the 1950's.

A big Congress Avenue parade will follow his swearing-in at noon that day, and after a brief rest Gov. and Mrs. Smith will lead off the dancing at a grand ball. They'll be honored with at least four other balls during the evening.

Last time the capital witnessed such a celebration was when Price Daniel took office in 1957. Then, more than 20,000 well-wishers danced 'til dawn. But inaugurations have been rather sedate since then. Gov. Smith said he'd reveal more details of his inauguration in a couple of weeks.

SMITH PREPARES FOR OFFICE

Gov.-elect Smith says Harold K. Dudley will be his top assistant and that he will beef up the Texas governor's staff dealing with federal programs.

Dudley, 44, Smith's chief campaign organizer, was manager of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Smith said he "will have to have some additional" staff members to work with rapidly expanding federal-state relations issues. He revealed that Wayne Gibbens of Breckenridge, who is Gov. Connally's Washington liaison man, can stay on if he wants to (as can several other middle-echelon Connally aides), but that the Washington office must be expanded to do an effective job.

Sen. Dorsey Hardeman of San Angelo may also be tapped for government duties in the new administration, Smith indicated — though probably not as secretary of state. He is considering "three or four" for that post.

Smith pledged to continue his "open door" policy as governor and to hold regular weekly news conferences.

CANAL SYSTEM PROPOSAL

Texas and their Legislature will be asked to give approval and support to the huge \$10 billion Texas Water Plan through legislation and a vote in November 1970.

Texas Water Development Board plans to reveal details of the plan this month. It is known that it will propose two huge canal systems to carry surplus water across North Texas to the Plains, and down the Gulf Coast to the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Both canals will be federally financed, if they prove feasible. But state money will be needed to help finance them and companion reservoirs which will be needed to meet the water needs of a Texas with 30,000,000 people in the year 2020.

Board asked a legislative study committee to endorse a proposal to increase the present \$400 million water development fund bond program to a figure in the range of \$2 to \$3.5 billion. It said it wanted advice from legislators on how much state financing, through loans, should be put into the program, before setting a precise figure. But it did suggest that the matter be submitted to the voters for approval or disapproval at the election in November, 1970.

IT ALSO asked that the Legislature make a number of policy decisions giving the board and other state agencies the authority, and the direction, to carry out its jobs of pollution control, recreation and park development, water rights control, planning and contracting for the massive job which lies ahead.

If the water is to be where it is needed in the years ahead, to allow all parts of Texas to grow and prosper, detailed planning work must be begun in 1969, the board said. The Texas Water Plan will be the biggest public works job ever undertaken, nearly four times as large as the \$2.5 billion California water project now under construction.

A legislative committee headed by Rep. Bill Clayton of Springlake took the request under study. It will make its recommendations to the Legislature in January.

Constitutional Rewrite Done

Constitutional Revision Committee completed work and will report to Gov. Connally next Thursday.

Under recent changes in the proposals, homestead exemption would be limited to \$2,000 for those homes acquired after the new constitution is adopted.

Commission wants to allow use of general revenue funds for construction of college buildings.

It also came out for protection of personal property of heads of households and unmarried adults from forced sales.

JUVENILES' DRUG USE CAUSE CONCERN

House Committee on Juvenile

Crime and Delinquency spent two of its recent public hearings listening to testimony about teenagers' use of drugs and marijuana. While the committee has been advised that this is not the main juvenile problem, you can bet it will make recommendations to the legislature on the subject.

Jack Reville, chief of the Criminal-Law Enforcement division of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said the major problem is that the state has only 25 narcotics agents.

"Eight of them are in training," said Reville, "and we need to double that to make a dent."

JURY SNUBS CHARGE

Travis County grand jury found no legal basis for action in Republican party charges that employees of the State Agriculture Department were pressured for campaign contributions.

GOP spokesmen agreed that action now would be "untimely and precipitous" but said it will continue to investigate reports.

The grand jury called five witnesses, including a former state employee who gave the GOP a statement that he was squeezed for campaign contributions but got his money back through bogus expense accounts approved by his superiors.

Agriculture Commissioner John C. White said he was pleased that the jury had investigated the charges and found them "to be false."

WORLD'S LARGEST

Both UT's scope and its telescope were increased with a formal dedication at the McDonald Observatory near Fort Davis.

Built for the University with support by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Science Foundation, the third and largest of the University's huge telescopes atop Mount Locke has now been dedicated. More than 200 scientists, University officials and their guests witnessed the ceremonies.

According to Dr. Harry Ransom, UT System Chancellor, the new, 107-inch telescope is expected to play an important role in investigating the atmospheres of Mars and other planets for NASA.

With a lens 100 times the size of the amateur cameraman's lens, the scope is housed in a 10-story, steel and concrete domed structure high atop the 6,791-foot mountain.

SHORT SNORTS

Kenneth W. Cook has been named acting assistant administrator of the Texas Liquor Control Board, and Rayford W. Walker, chief of staff services.

State Building Commission is proposing a \$4 million state building to house library records,

mal services and a parking garage for state employees.

Speaker Ben Barnes and Governor Connally address a national conference of legislative leaders in Honolulu this week.

Golden Assigned To Signal Unit

Army Pvt. 1st Class Bobby D. Golden, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Golden, Route N, Tulia, was assigned to the 43rd Signal Battalion last month near Kontum, Vietnam, as a lineman.



Christmas Greetings

As we rejoice in the story of the first Christmas, may the happy spirit of the holiday light up your home with peace, good will. Thanks to all you wonderful people for your loyal trust and support.

Lindsey Cleaners
Bob Doris Monette
Chrystene Ilene



Christmas GREETINGS

At this crisp and exciting time of year, we are hopeful that your holiday will be filled with joyous warmth, richly shared with those you hold dear. And to you, our customers, we express our thanks and appreciation for your continued patronage. Merry Christmas!

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Field Etiquette 'Must' for Hunter

If hunters will remember to mind their manners in the field, their hunting trips will be happier and safer, according to R. G. Mauermann, deputy director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

MAUERMANN says etiquette is important if the hunter wishes to keep in the good graces of his companions and the landowner, and it may even save his or someone else's life.

"Etiquette implies finesse and know-how. A sportsman who follows the rules of etiquette can be in control and make a hunt more enjoyable for everyone," Mauermann said.

"Foremost of any rules of field etiquette are those dealing with firearms safety," says Mauermann. "With firearms, a breach of etiquette has deadly implications. Anyone who uses firearms should know and obey the Ten Commandments of Shooting Safety."

A HUNTER not only owes courtesy and consideration to his hunting companions, but to the land owner as well. The hunter must respect the property rights of the landowner and remember that he is a guest. He should remember to leave gates as he found them and not to shoot near livestock, houses or barns.

Fire is always a hazard, and littering can make an enemy out of the landowner in a short time.

The hunter should know the boundaries of the land on which he hunts, and he should cross fences in a safe and proper way.

AS AN act of courtesy and a gesture of good will, the hunter should offer to share game with his host if he is hunting free.

A hunter who forgets his manners may find his hunting ground closed to him next season.

CARDS WERE GENERAL

Most of the popular Christmas cards of the later 19th century in Europe had no particular Christmas significance. There were some manger scenes and others of religious nature, but these were far outnumbered by landscapes, flowers, kittens, and similar subjects.

Yodeling Yule

An old custom of the Austrian Tyrol is the Christmas yodel. Traditionally, the Yuletide yodel—a song without words—may be improvised, or it may be based on the tune of a familiar carol.

For Feasting

Traditional Christmas treat in Spain is a sweet pastry called "dulces de almendra." The ingredients are sugar, flour, egg white and almonds.

"Neither children nor adults seek to preserve that which they do not understand or appreciate."
—Clyde Hissong, Director, Ohio State Department of Education

Joy at Christmas



We heartily hope that the true joy of Christmas may light the way for you and yours throughout the year. And we take this wonderful opportunity to thank you for your loyal patronage.

Tidwell Spraying Service

PEACE AND JOY

May the Star that blazed in the heavens on the night of His birth shine upon you and yours at Christmas, bringing you a full measure of peace, joy and happiness. To all our friends we send our warmest greetings for a happy holiday season filled with laughter, good times and good cheer. We appreciate your kind and loyal patronage.



FIVE POINT GIN

BOB JOHNSTON, Manager
OWNERS: CHARLES ARMSTRONG, JIMMY CLUCK, ALLEN WEBB, J. E. TAYLOR

Dear Santa



Dear Santa, I have been good. Please remember all boys and girls. Please bring toys to me.
Love, Richard

Dear Santa, I have been good. Please remember all boys and girls. Please bring me an Etch-a-Sketch.
Love, Valerie

Dear Santa, I have been good. Please re-

member all boys and girls. Please bring me a train.
Love, Robert

Dear Santa, I have been good. Please re- Please bring me a truck.
Love, Greg

Dear Santa, I have been good. Please re- member all boys and girls. Please bring to me a doll.
Love, Cleta



CHRISTMAS JOY

The Saviour is born and the world rejoices. May every joy and blessing be yours along with a simple, sincere thank you from us.

TED ROBB MADGE
JEAN DON

ROBB PUMP CO.

Sen. Ralph Yarborough

We Must Quit Stalling On Nuclear Arms Treaty

By Sen. Ralph Yarborough (D-Texas)
The biggest piece of unfinished business left by the Senate when we adjourned was the nuclear non-

proliferation treaty. It still must be ratified by the Senate. President Johnson made several appeals during the last days of the session, urging that it be approved. Unfortunately, politics was in the air — and some senators and one of the presidential candidates wanted to delay the treaty.

IT HAS NOT yet been acted upon, but in my opinion it should be done with no further delay. If President Johnson wants to call a special session of the Senate to ratify the treaty before this year ends, I shall gladly return to Washington to vote for it. Otherwise, I hope the Senate will act on the treaty as soon as we reconvene in January, either before or immediately after the inauguration of the new President.

Five nations in the world have nuclear weapons — the United States, France and Great Britain in the free world, and the Soviet Union and Red China in the Communist world. The simple purpose of this treaty is to keep that list from growing, by prohibiting the five nations from selling or giving nuclear arms to another country. It also forbids the non-nuclear nations from trying to obtain nuclear weapons.

President Johnson sent the treaty to the Senate to be ratified last July. We've had plenty of time to study it, and it is clear that the treaty is in our best interest. **NUCLEAR weapons, after all, are not just defensive weapons.** A nuclear weapon is for annihilation — nothing less. Over 23 years ago, the United States dropped the first nuclear bomb on Hiroshima, wiping out the whole city and killing or injuring 256,000 people. That's roughly equal to wiping out the whole city of Austin, our state capital.

The bomb we used then, in 1945, was a firecracker compared to the weapon's stockpiled today. One of today's bombs is 10,000 times as powerful as the bomb that destroyed Hiroshima. Shortly after Hiroshima, the United States Congress passed a law to forbid the transfer of US nuclear weapons to other lands. Thus, the non-proliferation treaty binds us to nothing new — nor will it limit our defenses.

RATHER, the non-proliferation treaty will help stop the spread of these weapons to still more countries. President Johnson helped produce this treaty, proposing at a conference in Geneva, Switzerland, four years ago that the nuclear ratifications should move together.

Patrol Reports 13 Accidents During November

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated 13 accidents on rural highways in Castro County during November, according to Sgt. W. E. Wells, Highway Patrol Supervisor of this area.

THESE crashes resulted in 11 persons injured and an estimated property damage of \$14,000.

The traffic accident summary for Castro County during the first 11 months of 1968 shows a total of 93 accidents resulting in five persons killed, 59 persons injured, and an estimated property damage of \$72,615. The five fatalities listed include one person who died last month as a result of an October accident.

Travel Expenses Must Be Recorded

If you plan to list a business deduction for travel and entertainment expenses, be sure to have the records to substantiate these expenses, Ellis Campbell Jr., district director of Internal Revenue for northern Texas, said this week. Estimates of these expenses are not legally acceptable for tax purposes.

CAMPBELL said that in many instances, a taxpayer should keep a diary or timely record as well as receipts and invoices to back up a travel or entertainment expense.

To substantiate entertainment expenses you must establish the amount of each separate expenditure except for miscellaneous items like cabs, phone calls, tips and meals while traveling away from home, which can be added together for each day. In addition, the date of the expenditure must be confirmed, the name of the person entertained indicated and the type and location of the entertainment described.

Campbell said the taxpayer's records should also show the reason for the entertainment or the business benefit expected, the nature of the business discussion and the names, titles and business relationship of the persons entertained.

member all boys and girls. Please bring to me a rocket.
Love, Teddie

Dear Santa, I have been good. Please remember all boys and girls. Please bring to me a doll.
Love, Lori

Dear Santa, I have been good. Please re- member all boys and girls. Please bring to me some toys.
Love, Valerie Ann

Mohair Program To End Dec. 31

Growers were reminded this week that the 1968 marketing year under the wool and mohair program ends Dec. 31.

JIM ELDER, chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee, explains that this means payments for the current 1968 year will depend on completing all details of marketing either wool, mohair or lambs by that date.

Marketing completed after Dec. 31 will become marketings in the 1969 marketing year, and thus not eligible for payments until early 1970.

Elder urges producers to make sure that all details for the 1968 sales are completed by the end of the year. This includes passing title to the buyer, delivering the wool

or mohair to the buyer either physically or through documents (such as warehouse receipts or bills of lading), transferring control to the buyer, and having available all the information needed to determine the buyers' total purchase price.

APPLICATIONS for 1968 marketing year payments under the National Wool Act may be filed with the county ASCS office at any time, and Elder advises that this be done as soon as possible. Incentive payments under the wool program are based on the average national price for marketings during the whole year, and this can be determined more exactly if reports on marketings are complete. ASCS therefore is urging that all 1968-year applications be filed before Jan. 31.



We wish you a very Merry Christmas, plus all the joys, glad memories and good tidings that make the Yuletide season the happiest of all. Let us extend a sincere "Thank you" to all our dear friends for their confidence.

Bobcat Drive Inn
Earl & Agnes Studer



Merry Christmas

This is the season when all good dreams may come true! We hope Santa remembers you and yours with everything you've been wishing for! And we send along our thanks for your friendship!

DON HARGROVE
GENERAL CONTRACTOR

As we sing out with joy at this holiday season, we express our thanks to all our good friends and customers for their loyal and steady patronage.

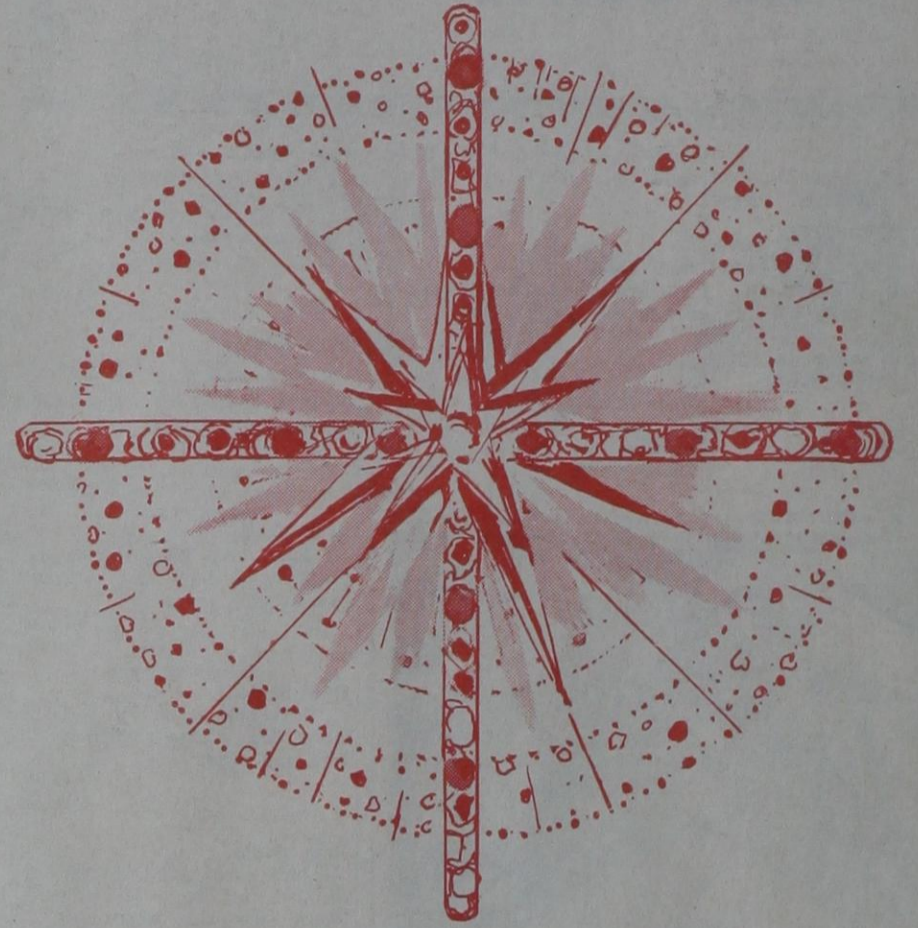


MERRY CHRISTMAS

AGRICULTURAL DIVISION
Elcor Chemical Corp.
(Formerly Western Ammonia)

Joy and Peace at Christmas

Around us, the wonder of Christmas spreads its joy and warmth. The radiance of a Star shines into our hearts, as once it shone above a sacred manger, heralding the miracle of the Holy Birth. As you observe Christmas with those near and dear to you, may you rejoice anew at the true, deep meaning of this most glorious time. And may the peace and joy of the season be an ever present blessing, to light the way for all men, everywhere.



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