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R-Lee Ready for Christmas

Ernest Herford Gets Eagle Badge

Ernest Herford received his Eagle Scout Award last Tuesday night, Dec. 15, at a meeting of the Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club. Herford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Herford. He has been in scout work since 1961.

Scoutmaster Gene Hinnard was in charge of the program, assisted by Tommy McSwain of San Angelo and Doug Herford, Fred Beaty and Jack Denman, all of Robert Lee. Eagle Scouts Kenneth Prine and Pat Lewis escorted the new Eagle Scout.

Ernest entered the Cub Scouts at Silver in 1961 and became active in the Silver Boy Scout Troop in 1963. He transferred to the Robert Lee troop in 1965, and entered the Explorers in 1966.

Stubblefield Rites Held at C-City

Funeral services for Mrs. Dave Stubblefield, 66, were held Friday of last week at 2 p.m. in the 22nd and Austin Street Church of Christ in Colorado City. Leslie Mickey, minister of the church, officiated and was assisted by Tom Franklin, minister of the Northside Church of Christ. Burial was in Colorado City Cemetery under direction of Kiker and Son Funeral Home. Mrs. Stubblefield died at 10 p.m. last Tuesday in Root Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

She was born Thelma Bowman in Christoval, Oct. 14, 1904, and married Dave Stubblefield in Colorado City Oct. 16, 1924. They lived in Coke Coke in the Silver Community for several years and moved later to the Payne Community near Colorado City. Mrs. Stubblefield was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors are her husband; three sons, C. N. Stubblefield of Colorado City, D. C. Stubblefield of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Travis Stubblefield of Odessa; one daughter, Mrs. Ed Bodine of Abilene; four brothers, Freeman, Joe and Windon Bowman, all of Marysville, Calif., and George Bowman of Greenfield, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Lloyd Hamilton and Mrs. O. L. Jordan, both of Marysville, Calif.; and nine grandchildren.

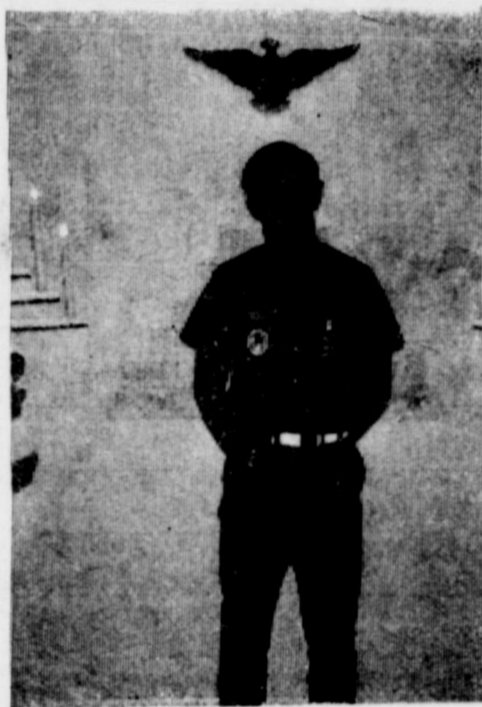
Two brothers, Joe and Windon Bowman, and one nephew, Joe Bowman Jr., came to Texas for the funeral. All of her family from Marysville had visited her during her long illness. She was a cousin of Mrs. Jim McCutchen and Oda Benton of Robert Lee.

Tommy Denman of Menlo Park, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Denman and family of Baird and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Prickett and children of Corpus Christi are guests in the home of their mother, Mrs. Ruth Denman.

Among his scouting awards are the 50 Mile Award in 1966; Scout Life Guard in 1965; Mile Swim Award in 1965; and Den Chief in 1965-66.

The new Eagle went on a Canadian canoe trip in 1966 and served on the staff at Camp Sol Mayer in 1969.

Young Herford achieved the highest rank in scouting when he received his Eagle badge.



Ernest Herford

Robert Lee is all set for Christmas and business will just about come to a standstill at closing time Thursday evening. A large number of firms and offices will remain closed until Monday morning, taking Christmas Day, Saturday and Sunday.

All county and city offices will be closed from Thursday evening until Monday morning. Robert Lee State Bank will observe the three day holiday, also.

The U. S. Post Office will close Thursday at 1 p.m. and remain closed Christmas Day. There will be no service of any kind on Christmas Day except for Star Routes which will run but will not make box deliveries. Regular postal service will be in effect again Saturday except

there will be no route box deliveries.

Both West Way and Baker's grocery stores will be closed both Friday and Saturday, as will Farris City Drug. Snead Pharmacy will close Christmas Day only. Most other downtown stores will be closed Friday and Saturday.

Merchants are expecting a rushing business Thursday, as residents make last minute purchases of food and gift items in preparation for the holiday.

Observer to Close

The Observer office will close Wednesday night after this week's papers are in the mail, and will remain closed until Tuesday morning, Dec. 29. The five-day holiday is the only one possible during the year for the newspaper's staff and it is hoped the closing will not inconvenience anyone.

Next week's paper will be on Wednesday, as usual.

Trimbles Win First With Decorations

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Trimble won the Christmas decorating contest which was sponsored by the BCD. Their efforts won them a \$10 prize.

Taking second place were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hinnard, who received a \$5 prize, and third place went to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jacoby who received a \$2.50 prize.

The contest was judged by former members of El Valle Garden Club. The competition is sponsored each year by the BCD and prize money is furnished by the organization.

BAND BOOSTER BAKE SALE

Robert Lee Band Booster Club and the Band are having a bake sale beginning at 9 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 24, at West Way Grocery and the post office. They urge everyone to buy Christmas baked goods from them, and said there would be a large selection of good things to eat. Money made from the sale will be used to help defray cost of the band's forthcoming trip to Corpus Christi.

Hospital News

Dec. 15: Mrs. Garland Davis admitted. Mrs. Edna Havins, Mrs. Joe Lara dismissed.

Dec. 16: A. J. Roe Sr. admitted.

Dec. 17: Mrs. Esidro Gonzalez and baby boy admitted.

Dec. 18: Mrs. Esidro Gonzalez and baby boy dismissed.

Dec. 19: Mrs. Terry Frank Bryan admitted. Mrs. Garland Davis dismissed.

Dec. 20: Frank Seltz dismissed. Tuesday morning there were five patients in the hospital and eight in the nursing home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Moore of Oklahoma City spent the weekend here visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blackie Keener. Their daughter and family, the C. D. Hervons of Garland, are spending the Christmas holidays in the Keener home.

In extending our greeting to you, we'd be neglecting something mighty important if we failed to include a word of appreciation for the friendly cooperation and sincere good will of those we serve —

We say at once "Merry Christmas" and



Mary L. Prine

Ben and Libby Oglesby



WASHINGTON
 "As it looks
 from here"
OMAR BURLESON
 Congressman
 17th District

Washington — High in the up and soon it is bright inside—
 Swiss Alps is a beautiful little church with painted steeple and fine stained glass windows — but it has no lights.
 A wealthy man gave the building to the mountain community with the understanding that there was never to be any artificial light in it. A strange covenant, some thought.
 At Christmas time the bell in the steeple begins to ring in the twilight, but the church is in darkness.
 Soon there is a flickering of lights along a path high on the side of the mountain and they increase in numbers as the church is approached. As the people enter, the building begins to light

Man is in shadows today. He stands in need of light. Men who destroy must build again. Man who plant sorrow must plant again the seeds of joy, gladness and goodwill. The only light by which man can walk is that within him which has been divinely given.

Saint Luke wrote: "... where-by the dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Saint John put it even more succinctly when he wrote: "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men."

Touched to flame by the heavenly light of Christmas, may we be led through defeat to victory, through fear to faith, through sorrow to joy, through greed to gratitude; that in a better world, that we, by the light given us for guidance, help to build true freedom and be worthy of it. This is the kind of light no man can extinguish. Grace Crowell expressed it this way:

"This slender, waxen thing that is my faith,
 Fire it Lord with some divine white spark
 Until its circle widening at my feet

Will mark my certain way across the dark.
 Thou will light my candle—thus assured

I shall go forward in this unknown land;
 The way can never grow too dark, too long,
 For I shall bear Thy light within my hand."

Christmas is light for the darkness—light that no darkness can dispel. When we turn on the lights, darkness disappears.

As He is the light—the light of truth, the light of life,—He is the light of man's hope and eternal fulfillment of his highest aspirations.

The greatest gift to be made at this Christmas is one to ourselves—the gift of service to others—of dedication to those things we know to be right.

"These be my gifts, oh magnify them Lord,
 Until they shine like diamonds in the light;
 The clear illumination of Thy word,
 A kindness like a lamp within the night;
 The eager hand that reaches out and lifts,
 Accept them Lord, they are my only gifts."

From our house to your house we wish for you the lingering light of this Christmas Season.

NOTICE TAXPAYERS

BEGINNING JAN. 4TH, 1971

I will be in my office at Robert Lee on Mondays and Tuesdays and at my Bronte office on Thursdays and Fridays to assist you in preparing your 1970 Income Tax Returns.

Over 20 years experience in all types of income tax work and thorough familiarity with most recent changes in Tax Regulations.

I have moved my residence to San Angelo but will continue my business in Coke County.

O. T. COLVIN

Phone Bronte 473-3611—Robert Lee 453-2433



**HAPPY
 HOLIDAY
 SEASON**

JERRY THOMASON

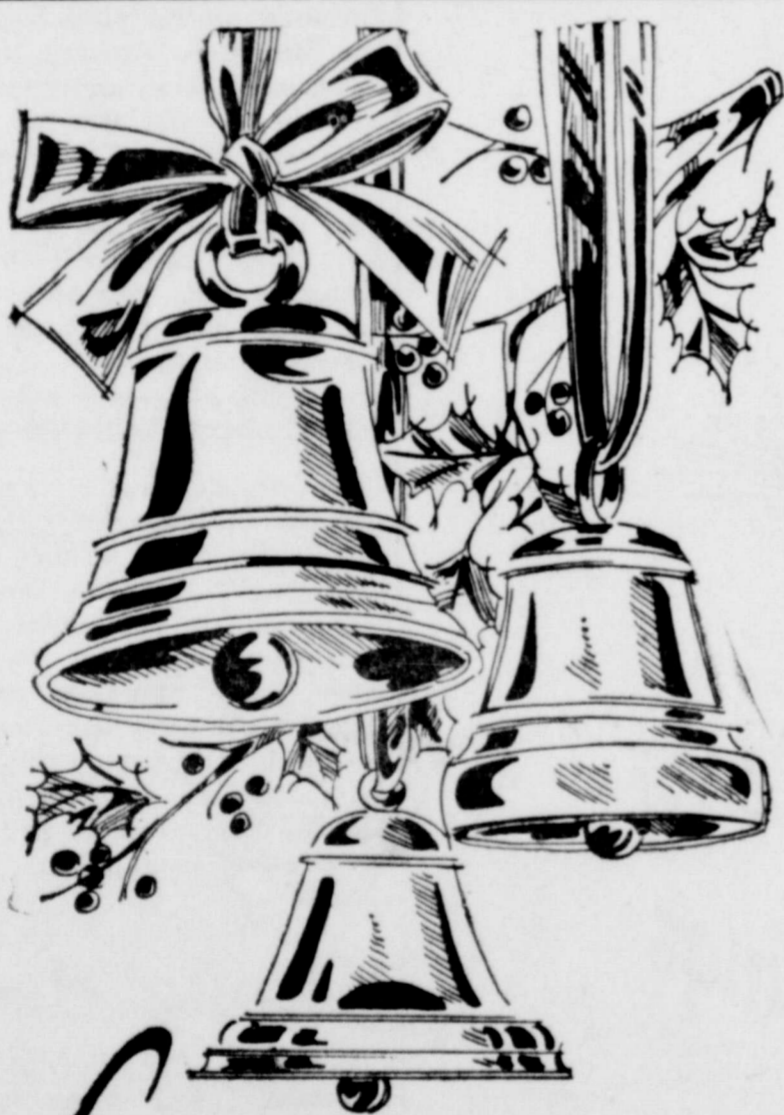
Craig

Gary Jack



TO EACH OF YOU

Ollie Roe and Family



CHRISTMAS is a time for counting our blessings, for acknowledging with gratitude the loyalty of our friends, and for expressing appreciation and good wishes that the yuletide will be a joyous and happy season.

Spill Brothers Co.

Complete Home Furnishings
 WINTERS, TEXAS

It isn't far to

Bethlehem.

It's anywhere that

Christ

Comes down and finds

Peace and Welcome

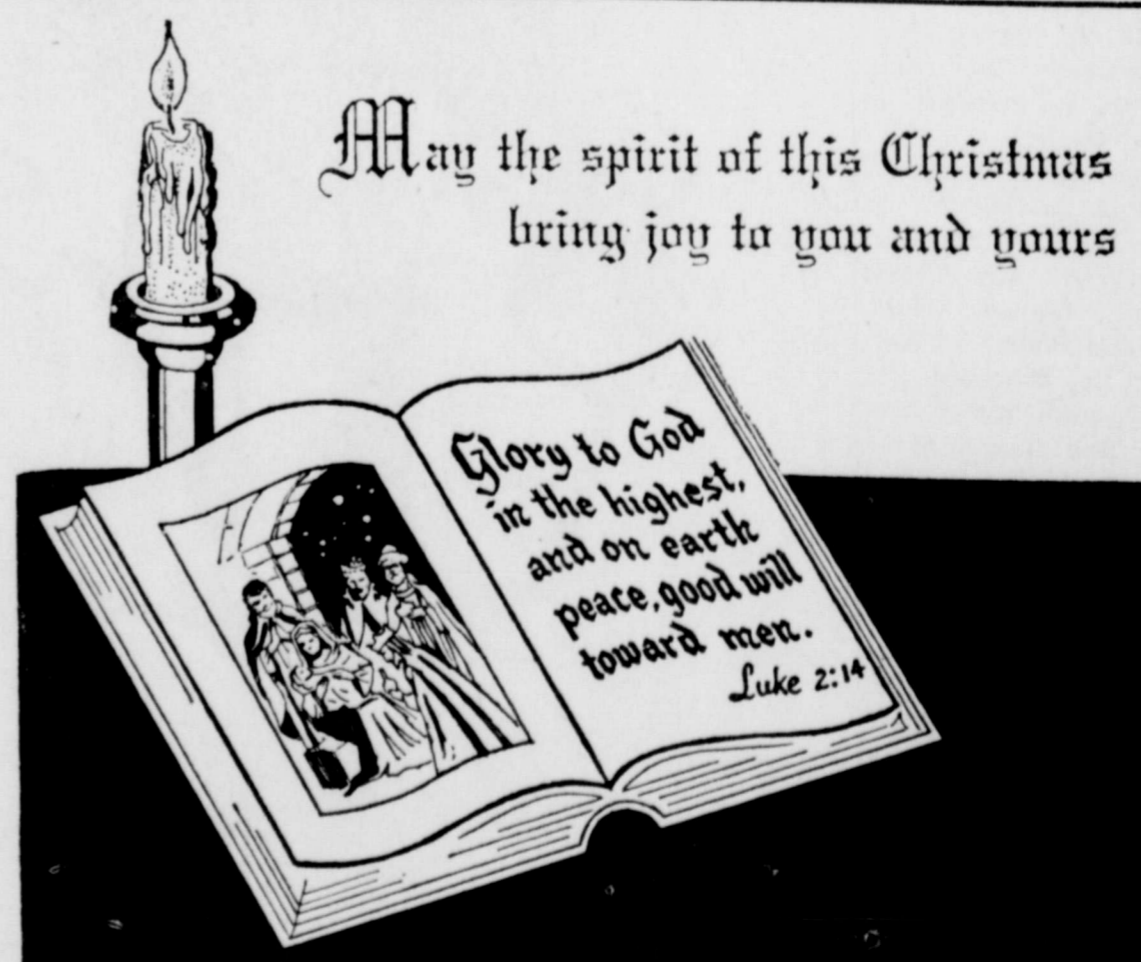
Shining in the face of

Someone.



MAY EVERY CHRISTMAS BLESSING BE YOURS

Bessie Walker



May the spirit of this Christmas
 bring joy to you and yours

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

BRYAN'S READY MIX CONCRETE

Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Bryan

Mr. & Mrs. Terry Frank Bryan & Family

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I am 9 years old. I would like to have a go-cart and a machine gun marader, and tape recorder. Jodie wants a cradle with a baby in it. Everett wants a crane and electric train. Could we have a crazy car for all three of us. We have been good, I guess?

Love,
Edwin Wilson

Dear Santa Claus,
May I please have a B.B. gun, a watch and a Rock 'em Sock 'em Robots game. I am eight years old. I hope everybody everywhere has a happy Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Your friend,
Clay Bloodworth



HE SHALL BE GREAT AND SHALL BE CALLED THE SON OF THE HIGHEST: LUKE 1:32

VIOLET
KIRKPATRICK

Dear Santa,
I am 9 years old. I would like a tape recorder. I would like bicycle. I would like walkie talkie. I have been a good boy.

Love,
Joel Percifull

Dear Santa Claus,
How have you been. If you would like to now I am in the third grade and I am nine years old. Please bring me a bic and a new pair of shoes and a doll with a house. Well, that's all Santa and hope a Merry Christmas to all.

Your friend,
Elsa

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking to a visit from you soon. I am a boy. I am in the third grade. I am eight years old. I want a Buffalo Bill BB gun and a savage 300 too. I hope you have a merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Lynn Gulley

Dear Santa Claus,
We are looking forward for you to come. I want a bike for Christmas. I hope Jana gets she wants for Christmas Eve and everyone will get it to.

Your friend,
Debbie Askins

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you, you've probaly been busy. I hope you can bring me some to for Christmas. If you do I hope you will bring an air gun and a basketball. I am in the third grade and I am eight years old.

Your friend,
Kerry Gartman

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old and I am in the third grade. For Christmas I would like a pellet gun.

Your friend,
John Saul Saucedo

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a red three speed bike and a bb pistol.
Your friend,
Ricky Ross

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike for Christmas and I am in the third grade. My best friend is Linda. We play together after school all day in the after noon when her brothers are not there. My techer is Mrs. Herford and we are making thinks for Christmas.

Your friend,
Dora Torres

Dear Santa Claus,
I am nine years old, and want a minibike, and a Johny lightning set, and a new football suit, and a football set. I want all my kin to me and that everyone has a nice Christmas day.

Your friend,
Sue Lyn Mathers

Dear anta Clauts,
When will you be coming. I would like for you to bring me a 30-30 and a pool table and a football. Would you bring my sister a raido and my other sister some electric hair rollers. And my mothea some electric sisers. And my daddy some skin bracer. I'll be looking forward for you on the 25.

Your friend,
Victor

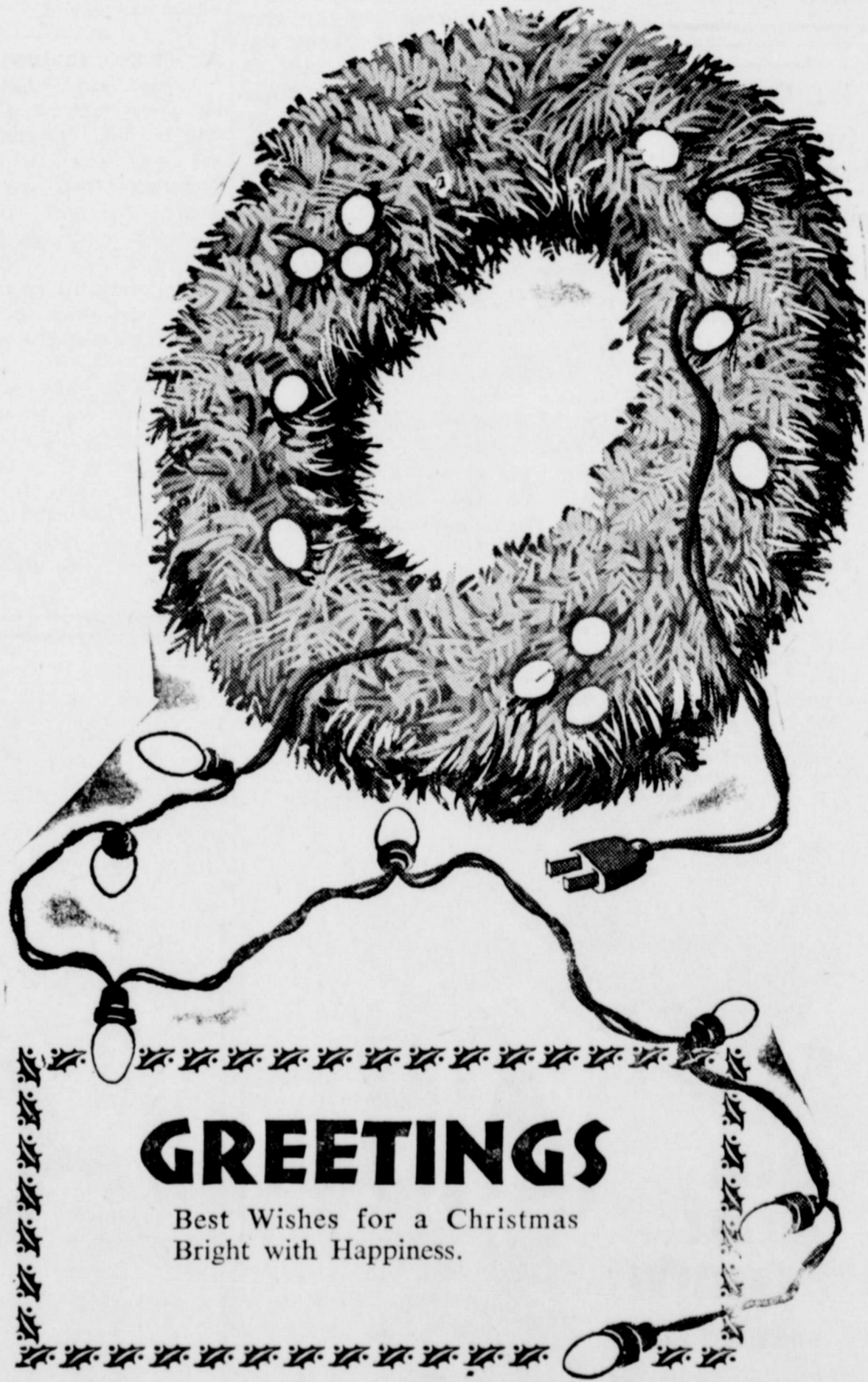
May hope and peace, and above all, good cheer, be yours at this happy season; and may unhappiness be forever unknown to you and yours.

FRAN-CILLA FLOWERS

T. M. and Mary May Wylie

OUR BEST CHRISTMAS WISHES TO ALL

Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Prine Jr.
And Family



GREETINGS

Best Wishes for a Christmas Bright with Happiness.

West Way Grocery

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Davis

CHRISTMAS



Not in the sense of custom only, but with a genuine appreciation of our pleasant association during the past year We extend to You our best wishes for A Merry Christmas.

Winnie and Barton Waldrop

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PVT. CHARLES ASKINS COMPLETES ARMY TRAINING

Private Charles R. Askins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Foy Askins of Robert Lee, recently completed eight weeks of basic training at the U. S. Army Training Center-Infantry at Ft. Ord, Calif.

He received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, combat tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

The 23 year old soldier is a 1970 graduate of Texas Technological University in Lubbock, where he received his B.S. degree.

His wife, Raynell, lives in Robert Lee.

MATTER OF FACT

December the 25th is the date most Christians now agree upon as the proper time to celebrate the birth of Christ. However, it was a long time in coming.

December 25th is the seventh date used by Christians for their celebration. Earlier dates were January 6 (the traditional "Old Christmas"), February 2, March 25, April 19, May 20 and November 17. The present day, now adhered to by all Christians except Armenians, began in the year 353. Armenians still observe January 6.

STOCKING LEGEND

Legend says that St. Nicholas gave gifts of gold for dowries of poor spinster. He tossed the gold down a chimney on Christmas Eve, and on one occasion the gift landed in a stocking hung by the fireplace to dry.

The tangerine or orange in the toe of the stocking has come to be symbolic of the gifts of gold.

Larry Sockwell is spend a 10 day Christmas leave with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Sockwell. He will return to San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 28 for Navy duty. He will join the crew of his ship, the USS Midway. He entered the Navy last summer.

May Santa stop at nothing to make your Christmas the Merriest

To You whose confidence and good will we treasure, we wish the joy and peace of Christmas to be with you always.



Mrs. Artell Roberts Kaye and Gaylon Pitcock

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WELCOME

Robert Lee Baptist Church

West 11th and Chadbourne Bill Beaty, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

LISTINGS WANTED

City Property And Acreage

ELSIE ADAMS REALTOR

PHONE: 453-2723 453-2757



MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the gifts of health, wealth and happiness be yours!

FROGGY'S CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davis, Jerome and Vincent

CLOSED THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY



We Wish-

you a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS

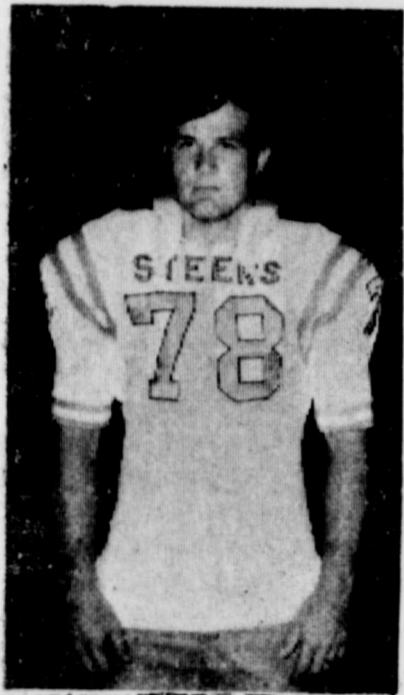
Dawn's Floral & Specialty Shop Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McAdams

WE WISH YOU



AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS

IVEY MOTOR COMPANY



James Fields



Mike Mumford

CHRISTMAS DECOR

Make ornaments such as snowmen, Santas, stars, lambs, angels and gingerbread men from aluminum foil. Paint them a variety of colors. These are gay for outdoors and weatherproof.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lomas of Klamath Falls, Ore., are here spending Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lomas and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan.

Mrs. Callie Graham of Letco, Tex., is visiting here with Mrs. Lois Smith during the Christmas holiday. The ladies plan to spend Christmas day at Melvin visiting Mrs. J. R. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Parker of Abilene were weekend guests in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fagan Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Bobbi Baker.

Lonnie Bloodworth of Texas A&M, College Station, is at home for the Christmas holidays and visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth at Silver.

Linda McDaniel is a guest during the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy McDaniel. She is a student at Abilene Christian College.

Billy Higgins of Anchorage, Alaska, is here spend the holidays in the home of his mother, Mrs. E. O. Higgins, and with other relatives.

BE WISE, INVEST REGULARLY IN U. S. SAVINGS BONDS. THEY ARE YOUR BEST INVESTMENT FOR A GUARANTEED INCOME TO CARRY OUT THOSE BIG PLANS YOU'RE MAKING.

Fields, Mumford Receive All-Area Team Recognition

More honors came to James Fields and Mike Mumford this week when they received recognition in Class A all-area 1970 football team selections.

Fields was placed in a tackle slot on the all-area offensive team and Mumford received honorable mention in the selections.

Fields, a 195 pound tackle, is a senior in Robert Lee High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields. In addition to his position in the line, he was kicker for the Steers.

Mumford, who quarterbacked the 1970 Robert Lee team, also is a senior and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mumford.

HANNUKAH

Although many American Jewish families observe the gift-giving, tree trimming customs of a secular Christmas, the important Jewish winter holiday is Hannukah, or "Festival of Lights." It commemorates a victory by the Maccabees that saved the Jewish faith a century and a half before the birth of Jesus. After the Maccabees were victorious they again were allowed to relight the temple fire, and hence the tradition of "The Festival of Lights."

Buddy Vosburg and friends, Terry Hawkins and Doug Fowler, were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Javan Vosburg. The boys are students at Abilene Christian College.

H D Agent's News Dept.

By MRS. FAY C. ROE

The new thing in sewing is trim! A visit to a piece goods or fabric department will establish this fact.

Trims for fabrics from burlap to satin can be found. Others are especially made to coordinate with fabrics.

Embroidery or ruffling has been done for you on matching narrow widths. These can be inserted into the garment wherever your whim or pattern decides. Matching trims are often displayed with the fabrics to give you ideas on how to use them.

Other trims include braids, tassels and fringe. They can be applied to the garment or used as the belt or part of the decorative trim of the belt.

Some present day styles of tu-

nic, vests and weskits are held together with frogs, buttons and chains.

For a more feminine look, there are laces, beading, sequins and paillettes. Use imagination when trimming a dress or ball gown. Search until you find the right trim. An inexpensive fabric can be dressed up with the perfect bit of trim. Delicate beading can serve as shoulder straps. Wide braid or jeweled trim can emphasize a tiny waistline. Jeweled buttons can accent tabs or closings.

When selecting trims, keep in mind that textures and colors should harmonize. Heavy braids would be unsuitable for chiffons or voiles. Metallic trims would be out of place on piques.

Be creative in your sewing and use a special trim to make your next garment "out of the ordinary."

Synthetic Bacon

It looks and tastes like bacon, costs half as much as bacon and

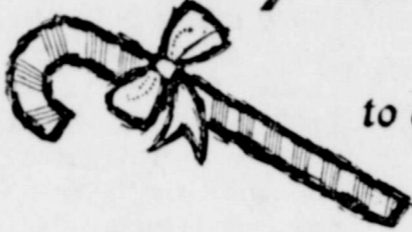
has one-third the calories of bacon. But it's not bacon. It's a new synthetic meat analog being tested called bacon.

The bacon analog has 14 ingredients, including generous measures of wheat and soy proteins and corn oil. It looks like strip bacon, but has no cholesterol, is precooked and does not shrink during cooking.

The synthetic bacon was marketed tested in 40 supermarkets in Indiana for a six month period. It was sold as a frozen food. Bacon stacks were displayed, as usual, in refrigerated cases in a separate section of the store.

Results of the market testing showed that there is a good chance for the commercial success of bacon analog. A consumer survey indicated that the analog's price of 69 cents for an eight ounce package was an important consideration for the buyers, who considered the price reasonable. But the consumers also continued to buy bacon.

It's Time to
Say MERRY Christmas

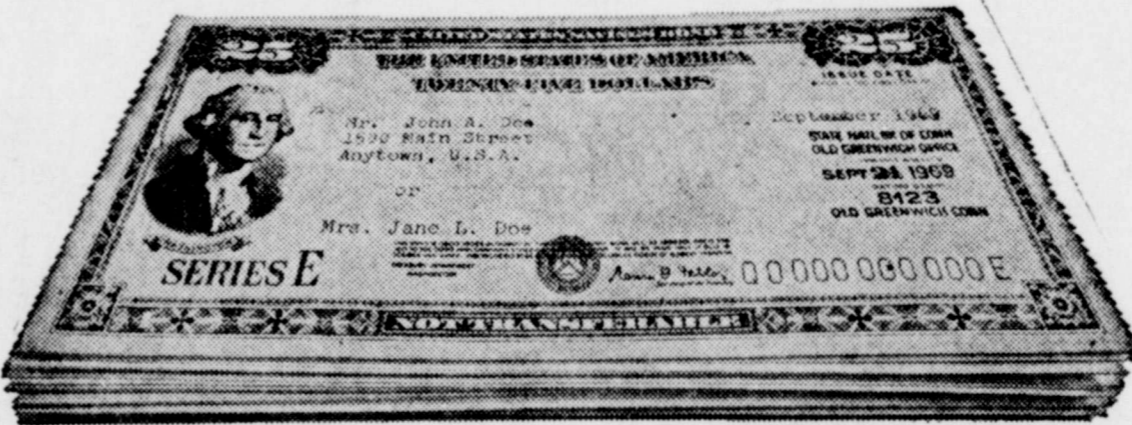


to our Many Friends and Customers

ROACH'S DRY GOODS

Chris, Bill Tom, Sue and Gaye

Now all your U.S. Savings Bonds pay higher interest.



Now it's official.

Now one of the safest investments in the world brings you new and higher returns.

Now your U.S. Savings Bonds pay the highest interest in history: a full 5 per cent when held to maturity of 5 years and 10 months. (4% the first year; 5.20% thereafter to maturity.) Previously, these Bonds earned you only 4 1/4% if you held them for seven years.

The new interest began June 1, 1969. So all of the Bonds you own, no matter when you bought them, have been collecting higher interest since that time.

Those Bonds are still replaced if lost, stolen or burned.

You can still buy them through Payroll Savings or the Bond-a-Month

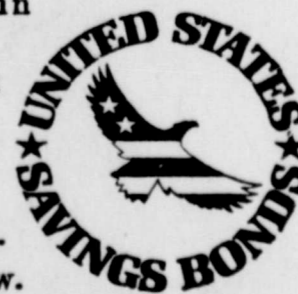
plan.

Regardless of your other investments, can you think of any easier, better, or safer way to build a nest egg for yourself?

It's nice to know that you are doing a little something for Uncle Sam, too. The \$52 billion in U.S. Savings Bonds now outstanding in the hands of millions of Americans go a long way toward keeping your country financially strong.

There never was a better time to take stock in America.

There's a man at the place where you work who can start you on the Payroll Savings Plan right now.



Bonds are safe. If lost, stolen, or destroyed, we replace them. When needed, they can be cashed at your bank. Tax may be deferred until redemption. And always remember, Bonds are a proud way to save.

Merry Christmas

Sincere greetings to all our good friends. May the Christmas blessings of Peace and Happiness be yours today and in the days to follow.



Winters Construction Co.

WINTERS, TEXAS

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Private Charles R. Askins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Foy Askins of Robert Lee, recently completed eight weeks of basic training at the U. S. Army Training Center-Infantry at Ft. Ord, Calif.

He received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, combat tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

The 23 year old soldier is a 1970 graduate of Texas Technological University in Lubbock, where he received his B.S. degree.

His wife, Raynell, lives in Robert Lee.

MATTER OF FACT

December the 25th is the date most Christians now agree upon as the proper time to celebrate the birth of Christ. However, it was a long time in coming.

December 25th is the seventh date used by Christians for their celebration. Earlier dates were January 6 (the traditional "Old Christmas"), February 2, March 25, April 19, May 20 and November 17. The present day, now adhered to by all Christians except Armenians, began in the year 353. Armenians still observe January 6.

STOCKING LEGEND

Legend says that St. Nicholas gave gifts of gold for dowries of poor spinster. He tossed the gold down a chimney on Christmas Eve, and on one occasion the gift landed in a stocking hung by the fireplace to dry.

The tangerine or orange in the toe of the stocking has come to be symbolic of the gifts of gold.

Larry Sockwell is spend a 10 day Christmas leave with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Sockwell. He will return to San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 28 for Navy duty. He will join the crew of his ship, the USS Midway. He entered the Navy last summer.

May Santa stop at nothing to make your Christmas the Merriest

To You whose confidence and good will we treasure, we wish the joy and peace of Christmas to be with you always.



Mrs. Artell Roberts Kaye and Gaylon Pitcock

PAULINE'S BEAUTY SHOP

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PHONE 453-2651

WELCOME

Robert Lee Baptist Church

West 11th and Chadbourne
Bill Beaty, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the gifts of health, wealth and happiness be yours!

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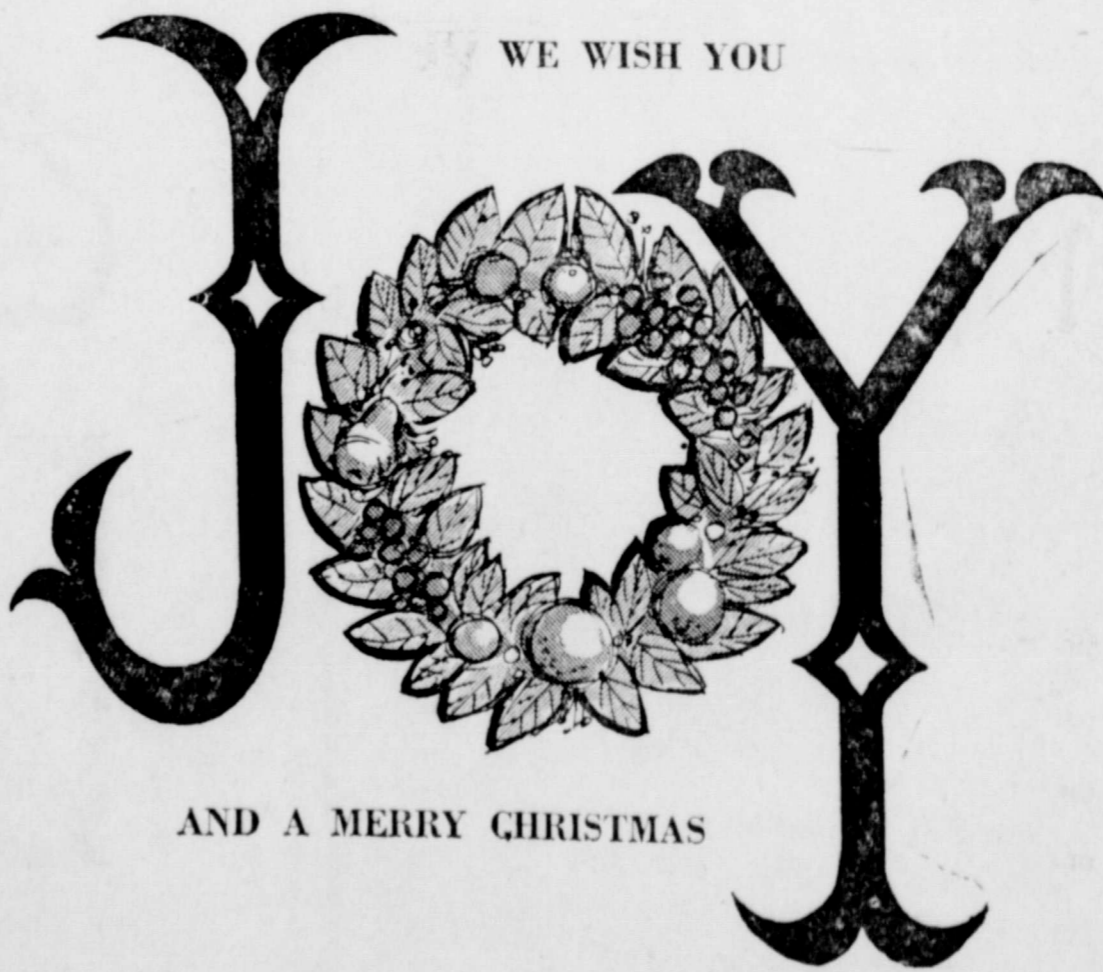
We Wish-

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dawn's Floral & Specialty Shop
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McAdams

WE WISH YOU



AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS

IVEY MOTOR COMPANY



James Fields



Mike Mumford

CHRISTMAS DECOR

Make ornaments such as snowmen, Santas, stars, lambs, angels and gingerbread men from aluminum foil. Paint them a variety of colors. These are gay for outdoors and weatherproof.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lomas of Klamath Falls, Ore., are here spending Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lomas and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan.

Mrs. Callie Graham of Letxo, Tex., is visiting here with Mrs. Lois Smith during the Christmas holiday. The ladies plan to spend Christmas day at Melvin visiting Mrs. J. R. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Parker of Abilene were weekend guests in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fagan Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Bobbi Baker.

Lonnie Bloodworth of Texas A&M, College Station, is at home for the Christmas holidays and visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth at Silver.

Linda McDaniel is a guest during the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy McDaniel. She is a student at Abilene Christian College.

Billy Higgins of Anchorage, Alaska, is here spend the holidays in the home of his mother, Mrs. E. O. Higgins, and with other relatives.

BE WISE, INVEST REGULARLY IN U. S. SAVINGS BONDS. THEY ARE YOUR BEST INVESTMENT FOR A GUARANTEED INCOME TO CARRY OUT THOSE BIG PLANS YOU'RE MAKING.

Fields, Mumford Receive All-Area Team Recognition

More honors came to James Fields and Mike Mumford this week when they received recognition in Class A all-area 1970 football team selections.

Fields was placed in a tackle slot on the all-area offensive team and Mumford received honorable mention in the selections.

Fields, a 195 pound tackle, is a senior in Robert Lee High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields. In addition to his position in the line, he was kicker for the Steers.

Mumford, who quarterbacked the 1970 Robert Lee team, also is a senior and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mumford.

HANNUKAH

Although many American Jewish families observe the gift-giving, tree trimming customs of a secular Christmas, the important Jewish winter holiday is Hannukah, or "Festival of Lights." It commemorates a victory by the Maccabees that saved the Jewish faith a century and a half before the birth of Jesus. After the Maccabees were victorious they again were allowed to relight the temple fire, and hence the tradition of "The Festival of Lights."

Buddy Vosburg and friends, Terry Hawkins and Doug Fowler, were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Javan Vosburg. The boys are students at Abilene Christian College.

H D Agent's News Dept.

By MRS. FAY C. ROE

The new thing in sewing is trim! A visit to a piece goods or fabric department will establish this fact.

Trims for fabrics from burlap to satin can be found. Others are especially made to coordinate with fabrics.

Embroidery or ruffling has been done for you on matching narrow widths. These can be inserted into the garment wherever your whim or pattern decides. Matching trims are often displayed with the fabrics to give you ideas on how to use them.

Other trims include braids, tassels and fringe. They can be applied to the garment or used as the belt or part of the decorative trim of the belt.

Some present day styles of tu-

nic, vests and weskits are held together with frogs, buttons and chains.

For a more feminine look, there are laces, beading, sequins and paillettes. Use imagination when trimming a dress or ball gown. Search until you find the right trim. An inexpensive fabric can be dressed up with the perfect bit of trim. Delicate beading can serve as shoulder straps. Wide braid or jeweled trim can emphasize a tiny waistline. Jeweled buttons can accent tabs or closings.

When selecting trims, keep in mind that textures and colors should harmonize. Heavy braids would be unsuitable for chiffons or voiles. Metallic trims would be out of place on piques.

Be creative in your sewing and use a special trim to make your next garment "out of the ordinary."

Synthetic Bacon

It looks and tastes like bacon, costs half as much as bacon and

has one-third the calories of bacon. But it's not bacon. It's a new synthetic meat analog being tested called bacon.

The bacon analog has 14 ingredients, including generous measures of wheat and soy proteins and corn oil. It looks like strip bacon, but has no cholesterol, is precooked and does not shrink during cooking.

The synthetic bacon was market tested in 40 supermarkets in Indiana for a six month period. It was sold as a frozen food. Bacon stacks were displayed, as usual, in refrigerated cases in a separate section of the store.

Results of the market testing showed that there is a good chance for the commercial success of bacon analog. A consumer survey indicated that the analog's price of 69 cents for an eight ounce package was an important consideration for the buyers, who considered the price reasonable. But the consumers also continued to buy bacon.

It's Time to
Say MERRY Christmas
 to our Many Friends and Customers

ROACH'S DRY GOODS
 Chris, Bill Tom, Sue and Gaye

Now all your U.S. Savings Bonds pay higher interest.

Now it's official. Now one of the safest investments in the world brings you new and higher returns. Now your U.S. Savings Bonds pay the highest interest in history: a full 5 per cent when held to maturity of 5 years and 10 months. (4% the first year; 5.20% thereafter to maturity.) Previously, these Bonds earned you only 4 1/4% if you held them for seven years. The new interest began June 1, 1969. So all of the Bonds you own, no matter when you bought them, have been collecting higher interest since that time. Those Bonds are still replaced if lost, stolen or burned. You can still buy them through Payroll Savings or the Bond-a-Month plan. Regardless of your other investments, can you think of any easier, better, or safer way to build a nest egg for yourself? It's nice to know that you are doing a little something for Uncle Sam, too. The \$52 billion in U.S. Savings Bonds now outstanding in the hands of millions of Americans go a long way toward keeping your country financially strong. There never was a better time to take stock in America. There's a man at the place where you work who can start you on the Payroll Savings Plan right now.

Bonds are safe. If lost, stolen, or destroyed, we replace them. When needed, they can be cashed at your bank. Tax may be deferred until redemption. And always remember, Bonds are a proud way to save.

Merry Christmas

Sincere greetings to all our good friends. May the Christmas blessings of Peace and Happiness be yours today and in the days to follow.

Winters Construction Co.
 WINTERS, TEXAS

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking forward to your visit on Christmas Eve. I am in the third grade and I am eight years old. Please bring me a super and a Skipper for Christmas.
Your friend,
Jana Hood

Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year. Please bring me a baton and I would like to have a basketball too.
Your friend,
Renea Flanagan

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I am doing just fine. I am in the third grade. I am 9 years old. I want a wrist watch and a Hot Wheels factory. I know what I want but I don't know what the name of it is. I want a football suit and that is all I want.
Love,
Monroe Killam

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking forward to your gifts. I am eight years old and I am in the third grade. I hope you bring fun toys. I want a tool set and a three speed bicycle with bracks up on the handlebars. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Roy Clawson

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope all the elfs are doing fine. I am doing fine. How is Chrisnoos doing. And all the other reindeer. I have been looking forward to see you on Christmas eve. I have been thinking about a Mattals thing Maker.
Your friend,
Randy

Dear Santa Claus,
I am nine years old and I am in the third grade and for Christmas I would like a pellet gun.
Your friend,
Benito

Dear Santa,
I want a new bicycle and some easy bake mix. I been a good girl this year. And I want a easy curler roller? My brother wants a chicken hatcher. And I want a barbie.
Love,
Karen Preston

Dear Santa Claus,
May I please have a bike for Christmas and a doll for Christmas. Happy Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Marta Torres

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some toys this year. I would like a baton and a coke machine, cake mixes. I have been a good girl and my brother and sisters to. I hope you don't have a lot to do this year. How are you and your raindeer and elfs.
Your friend,
Gayla Prince

Dear Santa,
Iv ben a good boy this year. I want a race car set 500 Sissler. I want a football helmet. I want a walkie-talkie. I want a football game.
Your friend,
Marty Joe Caston

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle. I was a good boy. I want a race car set. I want a bee bee gun. I want a record player. I want a pellet gun.
Your friend,
Paul Bosworth

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am all right. How are your reindeer? My dog and cat is all right. Are you going to have a white Christmas? I have been a good boy this year. This year I would like a pellet gun. Please do not forget my friends.
Love you,
Wade Wallace

Dear Santa,
I want a record player and a guitar and a etch-a-sketch. I would also like a basketball and a coke machine.
Love,
Lisa Devoll



It Has Been Our GOOD Fortune

— to do business with the finest people on earth and the spirit of the season brings renewed appreciation of old associations and the value of new friends. May it always be our good fortune to serve you. We hope to merit your continued friendship and patronage.

Merry Christmas

Mack's Station, Grocery & Laundry

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McGinley and Family

WE HAVE FIREWORKS

SEASON'S Greetings

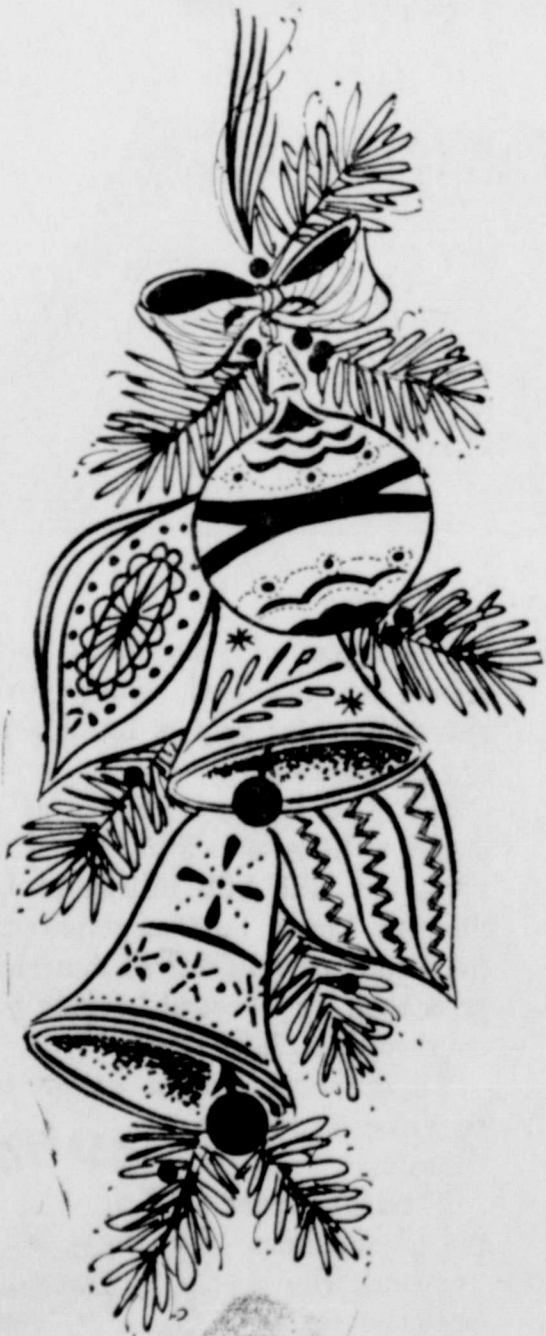
May this Christmas bring special joy to you and yours.

Finnell and Ronda SMITH



THE DAVID KEYS

MERRY CHRISTMAS



MAY THE BEST OF EVERYTHING COME YOUR WAY
Adams Land & Realty Co.
Adams Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Adams



Robert Lee State Bank

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring my family and me some toys and presents. I would like a winnie the pooh if you have him.
Your friend,
Venita Austin



LaRue & Finis Harmon



IVEY MOBIL SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ivey, Roy, Susan and Dennis

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I want a pellet gun for Christmas and a bicycle. I want a race car set and mini bike and bee-bee gun.
Love,
Robert Tijereina

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle for Christmas and a bee-bee gun. I want to get the things I have on this time.
Love,
Jimmy Lara

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl and my brothers have to. I want a record player and some records. I want lock and a key and a coke machine.
Your friend,
Carolyn Simpson

Dear Santa,
This is what I would like for Christmas. A bow and arrow. Some football cleats. A snare drum. A guitar string (6th).
Your pal,
Russell Chacon

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old, I want a toy horn and a record player. I have a new little brother 8 days old that wants a musical toy.
Thank you,
Gary Davis

Dear Santa,
I would like a football suit and I would like very much a bee-bee gun and please bring a guitar, and one more thing I've been a good boy.
Your friend,
Brett Clark

Dear Santa,
I want a guitar and a mini-bike that will go 200,0 mph. That all I want. Enyway I've ben a good boy.
Your friend,
Max Cole

Dear Santa,
I would like a baton for Christmas. Would you plesse get my mother a night gown.
Love,
Kathy Gloria



Sincere Good Wishes

May there come to you at this Christmas time all the precious things of life.

Juanita and Jack Trimble



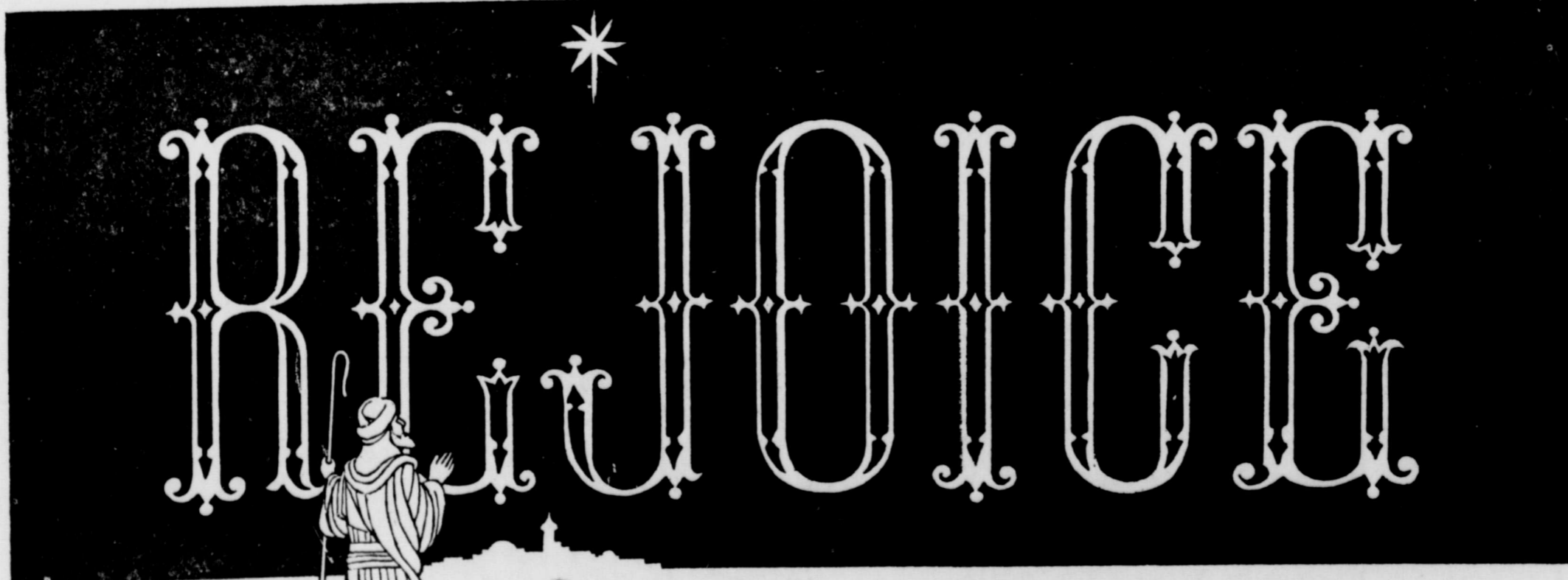
Thank You

is the most sincere expression we know to convey our appreciation of your friendship this past year.

We extend to you our warmest greetings and good wishes for happiness.

BENNY'S GULF STATION

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Boykin



Truly, this is the season to rejoice! Once again, as in each succeeding year for an age of centuries, all Men of Good Will celebrate the birth of The King as they renew their faith from the undying Star of Bethlehem.

Dry Manufacturing Division

Wallace-Murray Corporation
Winters, Texas

WANT ADS

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES

1st Insertion Per Word 5c
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 Insertions Per Word 3c
 Minimum Charge: 50c
 Additional 50c for blind ads.

CARDS OF THANKS

Per word 5c — (Minimum \$1.00)

Classified ads and cards of thanks are payable in advance unless customer carries a regular account. \$1.00 minimum charge if posted in ledger.

COPY DEADLINE:

Classified Ads — 4 p.m. Tuesday
 Display Ads — 4 p.m. Tuesday

FOR SALE: My home in Robert Lee, Hadley Richards. Phone 453-2985.

HOUSE FOR SALE: Corner lot, 810 W. 11th. 2 bedroom, gas air conditioning and heating, fenced back yard, foundation for bricking. Balance of loan 6% interest. 453-2673, G. E. Conner.

POSTED: My ranches are posted. Trespassers will be prosecuted. Nolan Pentecost. 7tp

Monuments Grave Markers Lettering

Representing Birk Monument Mfg. Co.
 Sam L. Williams, Phone 453-2525.

FOR SALE: Dead mesquite wood, delivered, \$10.00 per 1/2 cord. Phone 453-2404. 1tp

AVAILABLE 1st OF JANUARY: 3 bedroom house, 1201 W. 11th St. Contact Mr. W. W. Koonce, 405-921-3953. Mrs. Boykin has key.

LOST: Blue leather key case. Has 4 keys. Notify Edwin Forehand, Drawer 2, Bronte, Phone 473-4541. 2tp

FOR DAY AND NIGHT water heaters and any heating equipment, either gas or electric, call 453-2473. Free estimate on your building project.

POSTED: My place on J. J. S. Smith range is posted. Anyone caught trespassing will be prosecuted. Floyd Modgling. 10-17tp

HELP WANTED: HOME-MAKERS... Earn extra spending money without leaving home. Occasional telephone interviewing. Experience not necessary. No selling. Must have private telephone. Send letter including name, phone number, education, any work experience, and names of references to: American Research Bureau, Field Operations, 4320 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, Maryland 20705. 3tc

May we
 add our
 Greetings?

Alamo Theatre

Sat. 6:30 — Sun. 1:30
 Mon. 6:30

"The Out of Towners"
 Rated —G—

NO HUNTING

Because of past abuses, no hunting will be allowed on the J. W. Arledge Estate and Palmer Leeper Ranches in Coke and Nolan Counties for the 1970-71 season. Game Warden patrolled. tn

FOR SALE: Household furnishings, heaters, air conditioner, TV with antenna, 1 bedroom suite, living room suite, furniture, carpets, clothes, etc. 406 W. 7th. Vera Sparks, phone 453-2769.

LISTINGS

Nice 2 bedroom house, large kitchen and parport. Established yard.

2 bedrooms, 1 bath, carport, large work shop, could be additional living quarters. Price greatly reduced.

Extra nice 3 bedroom house with many features, large lots. Established yard. Must see to appreciate.

2 bedroom brickstone house on corner lot.

3 bedroom house, living room, dining room, on corner lots.

Also have listings on ranches and farm land.

ELSIE ADAMS, REALTOR
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CARE URGED ON HIGHWAY

Thousands of Texans will take to the highways during the forthcoming dual holiday period of "mistletoe and blackeyed peas."

The additional vehicles and the changeable nature of the weather this time of year make the Christmas and New Year holiday season a time for special care when driving.

The Texas Highway Department exerts every effort to make its 69 thousand mile system as safe and convenient as possible. Construction areas, however, do sometimes pose special problems, even though special precautions are taken to move traffic through them safely.

A road condition bulletin is available which pinpoints areas where major highway construction is underway.

All motorists are urged by the Highway Department to watch for and observe warning signs and signals.

Seasons greetings to all are extended by the Department, including its Coke County employees.

BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM

A beautiful custom that originated in Austria is the advent wreath. The wreath is made of pine or holly and has four candles in it. One candle is lighted on each of four Sundays preceding Christmas, while one of the children reads a part of the Christmas story from the Bible. All four candles are lighted on Christmas day. Another custom observed by many Austrian families is the placing of apple twigs in a vase of water on St. Barbara's Day, Dec. 4. If the twigs blossom by Christmas Eve, good fortune will come to the family, and the more blossoms there are, the greater the luck.

BILLIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

In the classic "Little Women" a concerned Amy said, "Christmas isn't Christmas without presents" and tradition bears her out. American certainly must agree with Amy's sentiments, because studies show that more than 27 BILLION dollars were spent on Christmas presents in America in a recent year.

HAVE EARLY CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe Jr. hosted an early Christmas party in their home for weekend visitors. Those attending were her mother, Mrs. C. B. Crosslin, and her aunt, Mrs. George McHam, both of Paris; her sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gibson, of Dallas; and their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brown of San Angelo. Also, Miss Deone Derrick of Sanco, Miss Gladys Waldrop and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rives of Robert Lee. A. J. Roe III, a student at T.S.T.I. in Waco, is spending the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Bodenhammer of Long Beach, Calif., arrived Sunday to spend a week visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Samuelson.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

and **THANK YOU**

Joan & Add Davis and Family

JUST WANTED TO ADD OUR OWN SMALL, BUT SPECIAL GREETING TO EACH OF OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS. OUR HEART-FELT THANKS AND BEST WISHES.

Merry Christmas

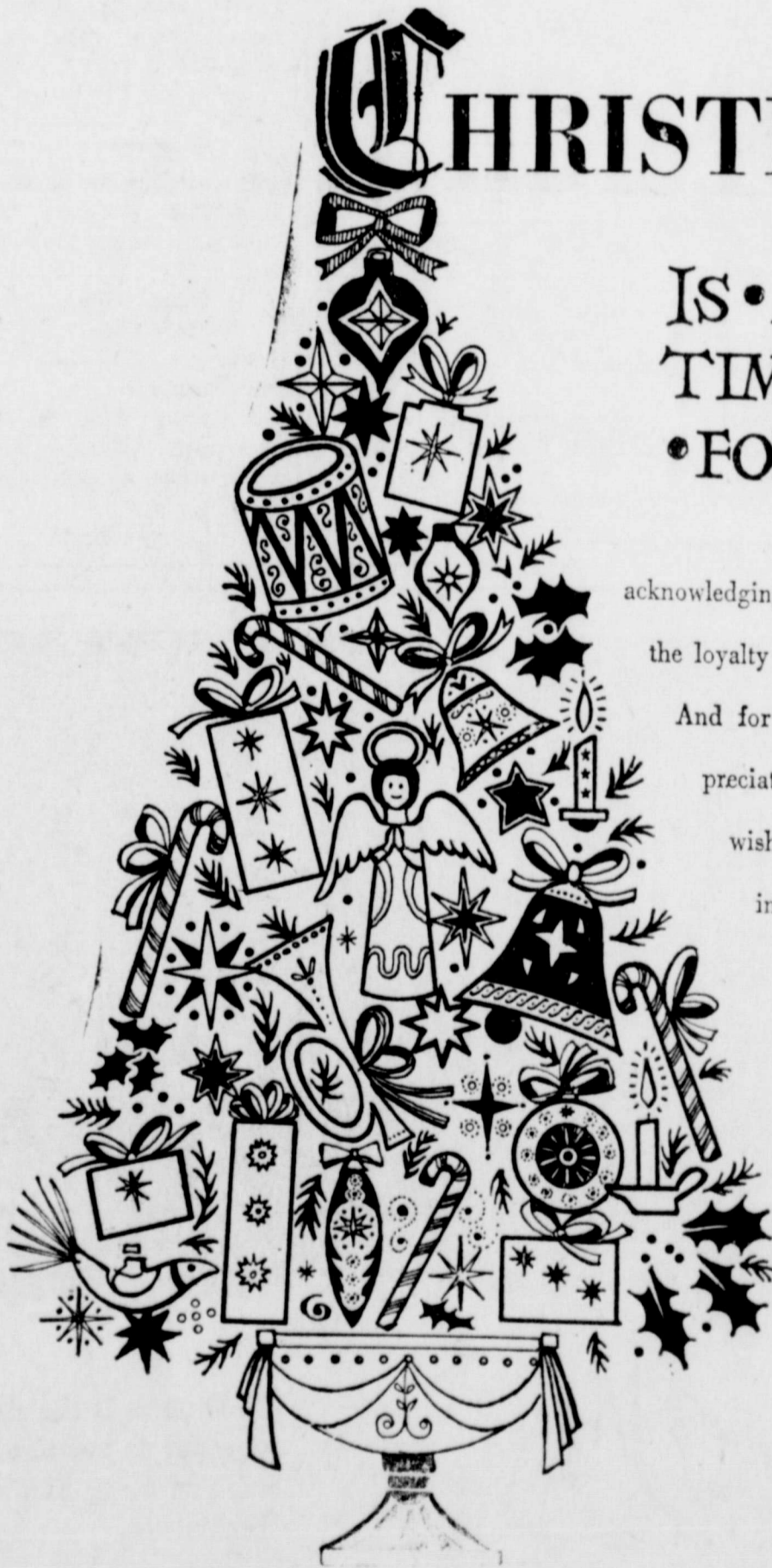


MARTHA and FERN HAVINS

CHRISTMAS

IS • A •
 TIME
 • FOR

acknowledging with gratitude
 the loyalty of friends . . .
 And for expressing appreciation and good wishes that the coming year be rich in rewards for you.



NEWBY FUNERAL HOME

Mr. and Mrs. George Newby

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
Please I want a walking doll, and a big bicycle. I'll be at grandmother's. Bring Harold something, please. Hi. I got a blanket. I want a new blanket.
Love,
Natalie Jameson

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring to me a pink doll. I'm nice. I live at Robert Lee. Bring me some shoes some red ones. That's all.
Teresa Lee Ybarra

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a small tractor. I want a pair of skates. I want a boy's bicycle, Red. A little thing that saws down trees, but it's not real. I want a big dog—one that you have to keep outside. I want a BB gun. That's all.
Jamie Sawyer

Dear Santa,
I want a bee-bee gun, and a TV and a baby doll that talks, some Hot Wheels, a package of horses, cowboys and Indians, a chain, a car, a truck, a color book, and crayons, and a piano and a bicycle.
Come to see me,
Lupe Torres

Dear Santa,
I want a horse, a truck, a little bicycle, an engine, a gun, a nigger shooter, a car and some candy.
I love you,
Johnny Torres

Please Santy Claus to bring me a Dance -a-Rina—a beautiful Dance-a-Rina, and new shoes — brown. And that's all. (Also a dress like Dance-a-Rina). That's all. I like Santy Claus.
Sara Dela Pena

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a Mrs. Beasley doll, and a talking Ken; a ballerina suit for Barbie. That's all I ordered.
Martha Bickley

Dear Santa,
I want a table and chairs, a record player, a Dance-a-Rena, a baby-tender-love, a doll house and that is all.
I love you,
Teresa Clawson

I love you, Santa Claus. I want some Dishes—Blue dishes. And a baby doll and a Black telephone like my mothers only a play one. That's all.
Sylvia Gonzales

Dear Santa Clause,
A baby tender love. A play house. A Hot wheels set. My little brother, Robert wants a doll. I'll see you Christmas night.
From Leigh Ann Runion

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle—a girls blue bicycle. What else I want Santa Claus to bring me is a doll whose name is Velvet. Guess that's all.
Teri Kay Bryan

Dear Santa,
I love you, I'll kiss you. I want some Go-Go Boots, a blue sweater, a book, a Christmas tree and a doll, a baby, and sun glasses, a record player and a TV.
I love you,
Shirley Torres

Dear Santa,
I want a steam shovel, an Army man, and a bell, a learning lotto, and nothing else. I like Santa Claus and I love him.
Cecil Ross

Dear Santa,
I want a twenty-two and a big candy and a truck, a car, a knife.
I love you,
Reyes Ybarra

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a car carrier, a billfold and hot wheel cars and track. I've tried to be a good boy.
Kirby Rasco

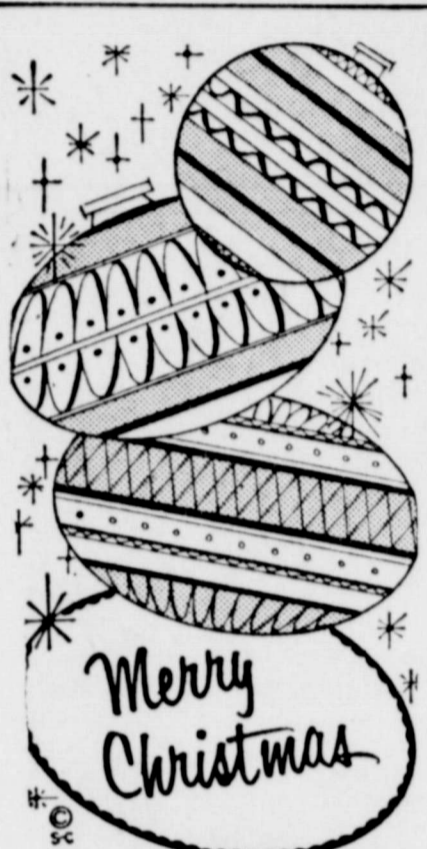
Dear Santa,
I want a tractor, truck, two little horses and two big horses. That's all for me.
Love,
Terry Joe Millican

YULETIDE WISHES



May your every wish for the Holiday Season be realized — that's our wish for you.

Derwood, Eunice, Mike and Bobby MUMFORD



We hope you have a happy holiday!

SCOGGINS

Ballinger

HELLO

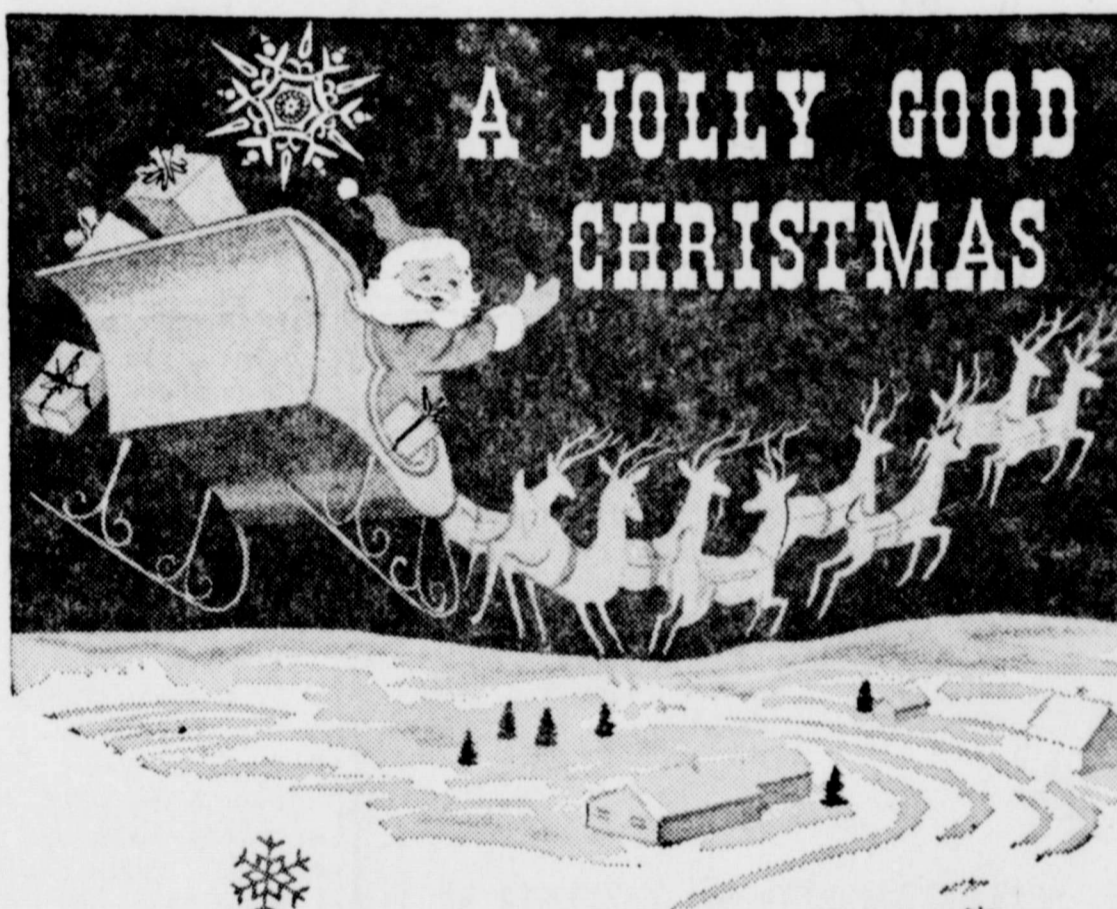
we're happy to wish you

A PURR-R-FECT CHRISTMAS



BELL AUTO PARTS

Elmo and Bernice



A JOLLY GOOD CHRISTMAS

That's our Yuletide Wish for you. You have loyally and generously allowed us to serve you, and we are enormously grateful.

As in times past we're glad to offer the ageless and familiar greeting of the season to you as we say: "Have a Jolly Good Christmas"

BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Baker

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Baker

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker



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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus, I am a girl six years old. I want a doll for me Christmas. I love you, Silvia Soto

Dear Santa Claus, I am 8 years old. I would like a football and walkie talkie and bike. Love, Tim Bosworth

Dear Santa, I want a Coke machine for Christmas. I have a baby sister. I have a little sister, her name is Rose and a little boy, his name is Bill and I have another sister and her name is Sally and my mother is glad she has a baby. She got a record player for Christmas.

Your friend, Mary Sue

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus, I am a boy in the first grade. I want a wagon and barn and a nigger shooter Christmas. Thank you, Clifton Millican

Dear Santa Claus, I am a boy in the first grade. I want a B. B. gun and a nigger shooter. Thank you, Tommy Bosworth

Dear Santa Claus, I am a girl in the first grade. I want a bike for Christmas. Thank you, Mary Galvan

Dear Santa Claus, I am 8 years old. I would like a show and tell. And a Easy bake oven. I would like a bicycle and a dall and a go cart. Love, Kellye Percifull

Dear Santa, I am 7 years old. I would like to have a football. I would like trucks. I would like to have a train. Love, Trey Womack

Dear Santa Claus, I am 8 years old. I would like a show and tell. And a birthstone to. Please give me a bicycle. And a Easy bake oven. And Go Cart. And some Dishes. Love, Angela Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus, I am 8 years old. I would like a truck. Love, Jose Saucedo

Dear Santa Claus, I am a girl in the first grade. I want a doll and a wagum for the doll. Lupe Munoz

Dear Santa Claus, I am 9 years old. I would like a Easy bake oven. I love Santa Claus. Love, Carolyn Collins

Dear Santa Claus, I am 7 years old. I would like so please bring me a washing machine, bicycle, dishes. I am 7. Easy bake oven. I love Santa Claus. Love, Rosa Balderas

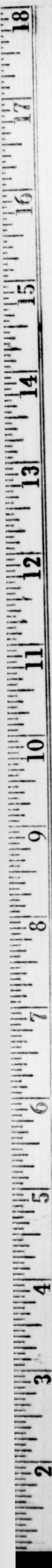
DARBY'S ALL YOUR BUILDING NEEDS BALLINGER, TEXAS. Includes a cartoon of Santa Claus holding a 'Thank You' sign with a message about friendship and loyalty.



Merry Christmas is Electric Gifts! ... They're the kind you use and enjoy for years and years! You find small electric gifts almost everywhere you shop. Includes a list of store types and the West Texas Utilities Company logo.

With every good wish for your happiness and pleasure this Christmastime! W. W. THETFORD & FAMILY. Includes a decorative border and a small house illustration.

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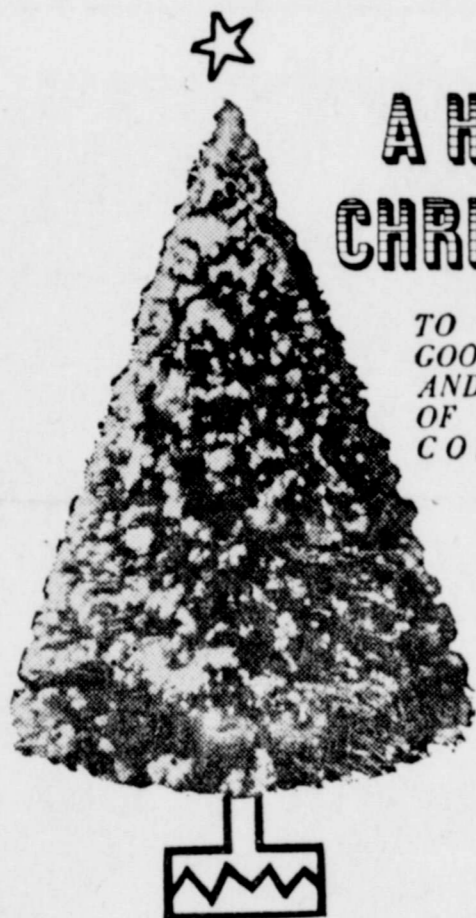
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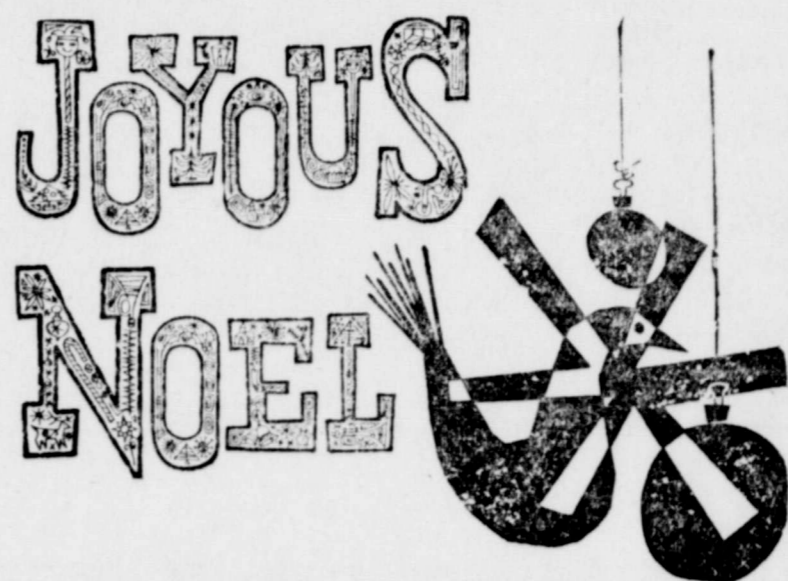
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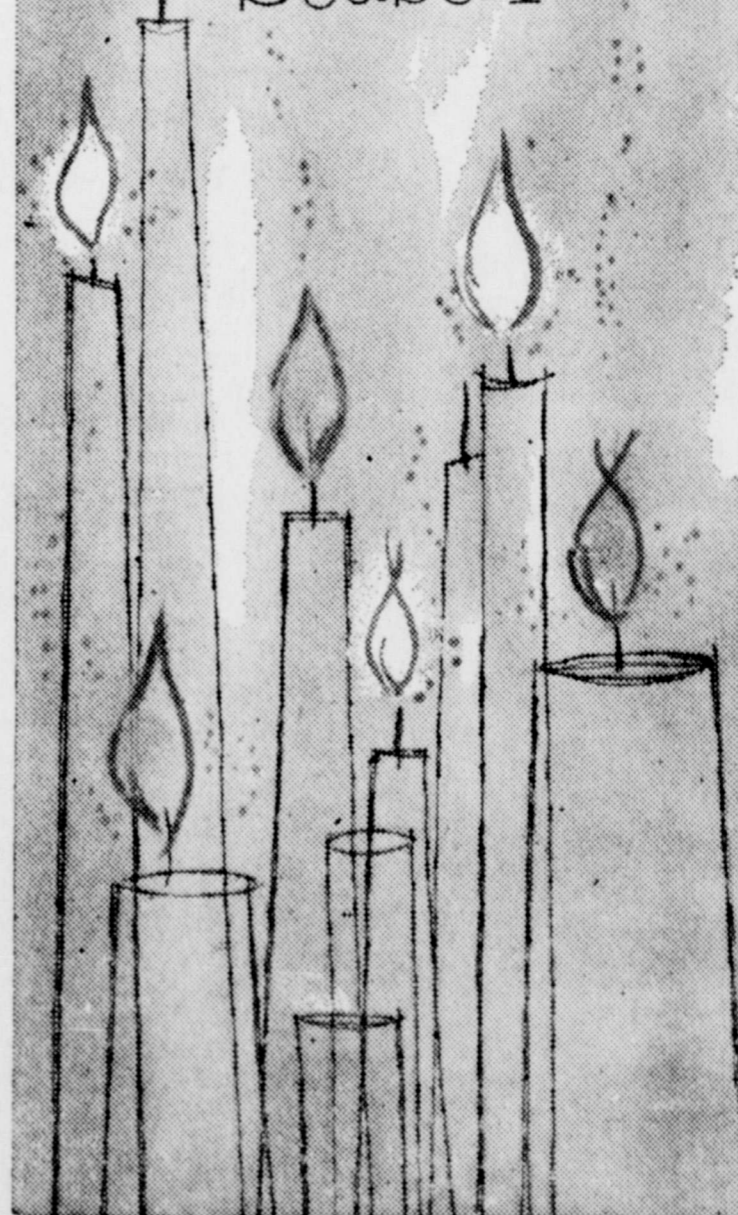
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I love you,
Silvia Soto

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 8 years old. I would like
a football and walkie talkie and
bike.
Love,
Tim Bosworth

Dear Santa,
I want a Coke machine for
Christmas. I have a baby sister.
I have a little sister, her name
is Rose and a little boy, his name
is Bill and I have another sister
and her name is Sally and my
mother is glad she has a baby.
She got a record player for
Christmas.

Your friend,
Mary Sue

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy in the first grade.
I want a wagon and barn and a
nigger shooter Christmas.
Thank you,
Clifton Millican

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy in the first grade.
I want a B. B. gun and a nigger
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Thank you,
Tommy Bosworth

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl in the first grade.
I want a bike for Christmas.
Thank you,
Mary Galvan

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Love,
Kellye Percifull

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Love,
Trey Womack

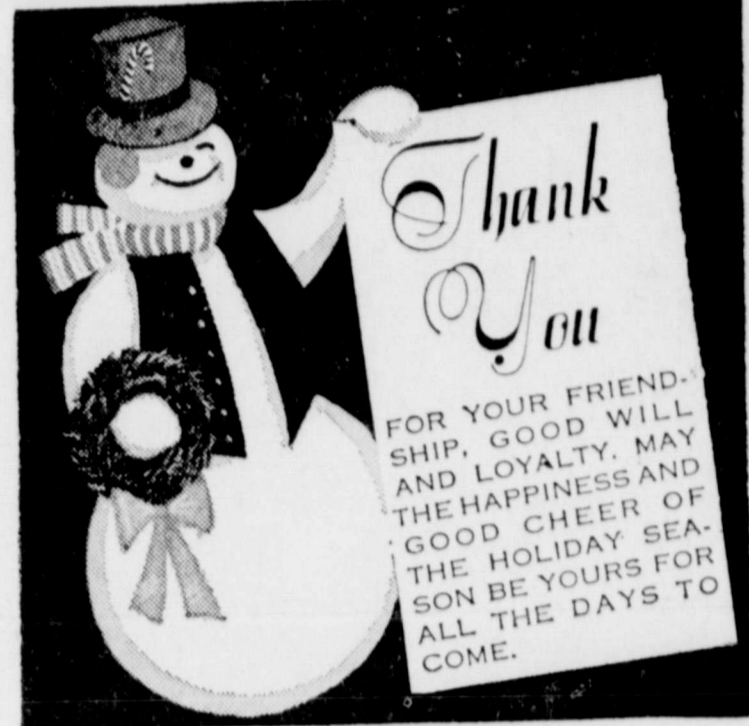
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I am 8 years old. I would
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stone to. Please give me a bi-
cycle. And a Easy bake oven.
And Go Cart. And some Dishes.
Love,
Angela Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 8 years old. I would
like a truck.
Love,
Jose Saucedo

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl in the first grade.
I want a doll and a wagum for
the doll.
Lupe Munoz

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 9 years old. I would like
a Easy bake oven. I love Santa
Claus.
Love,
Carolyn Collins

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old. I would like
so please bring me a washing
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Love,
Rosa Balderas



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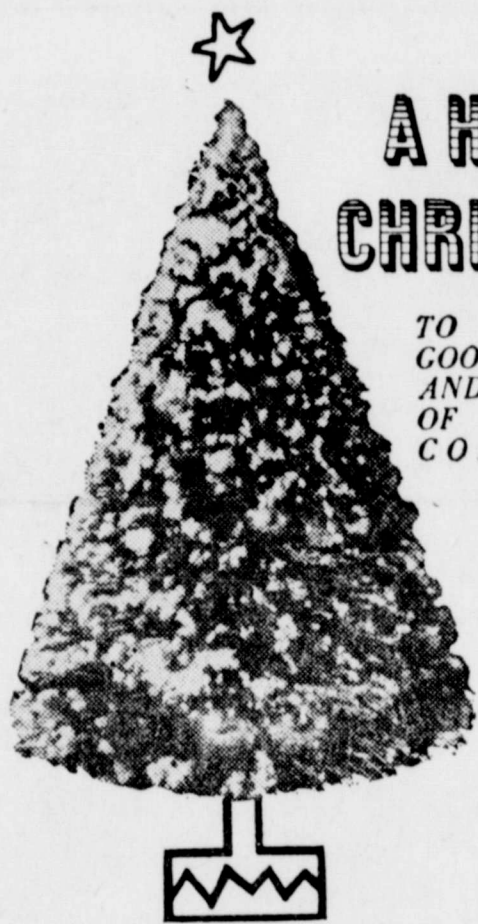
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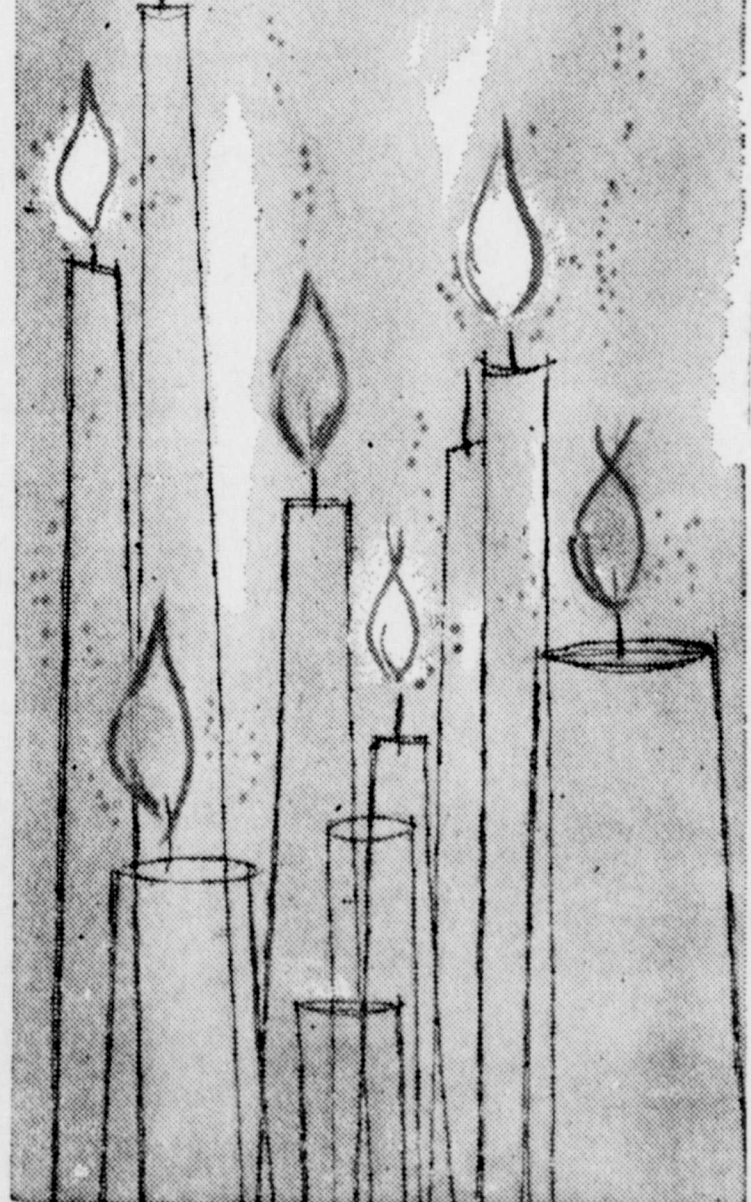
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Rexann Grandstaff
I live you Santa Calus

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a Swingy doll that walks and dances. And some boots like my sister Teresa—Go-Go Boots—Brown color. Also a Dancerina—No — a baby tender Love. A play record player and some records with it. And that's all.
Amy Percifull

Dear Santa,
Bring my brother an electric horse. New gun for me, a new drum, a magic dart board. A space man walker.
Love,
John Walker

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Baton. My Mother and Father or to get me some easy kenner stuff and my brother or to get me baby tenderlove and my grandmother and grandfather or to get me a piano. Sorry I have to go now. Write Back Soon.
Love,
Mindi

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy in the first grade. I want a pellit gun and a nigger shooter.
Thank you,
Buck Duncan

Dear Santa,
I want a dart gun, a be be gun, a horse and an truck. And I need a dog. A doll for my little sister, two dresses for the big girls. For my Daddy a belt, for my Mother some flowers. My brother needs a football, and some football men.
Love,
Jerry Killam

Dear Santa,
I want a crain, a dump truck, and that is all. I love you. Come to see me.
Everett Wilson

Dear Santa,
I want a B. B. Gun. I am a boy seven years old.
Darren

Dear Santa,
I am a girl. I am 7. Please bring me a Over Sleep bag, and an alarm clock, and clothes.
Kenda Rasco

Dear Santa,
I want a mini Bike, B. B. gun.
Love,
Joey

Dear Santa,
I am a boy, 7 and here is what I want. Power tools in a pack and mini bike and a stick shift car.
Love,
Steve

Dear Santa,
I want a B B gun. I am a boy 6 years old.
Love,
Cixto

Dear Santa,
I want a mini bike.
Rudy

Dear Santa,
I want you to get me a gun and Hot Wheels.
Edwin Smith

Dear Santa,
I am a boy 6 years old. I want a pair of wings.
Love,
Matt

Dear Santa,
I am a boy 6 years old. I want hot wheel track.
Love,
Armando

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old. I would like a bicycle and the boxing robots, and guns to. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Ernie Abalos

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Dear Santa,
I am a boy 6. I want some Power Toys.
Garrick

Dear Santa,
I am a boy six. I want a BB gun, A mini bike, A Power Tools.
Patrick

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old. I would like a bicycle and a doll for CHRISTMAS Please and a Play house too and a Colored T.V.
Love,
Mary Ann Abalos

Dear Santa,
I am a girl. I am 6. I want clothes please.
Rosemary

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl 6 years old. I want a doll for me. Christmas.
I love you,
Yolanda Torres

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl in the first grade. I want a doll and close and a Coke mushen.
Luv,
Kim Caston



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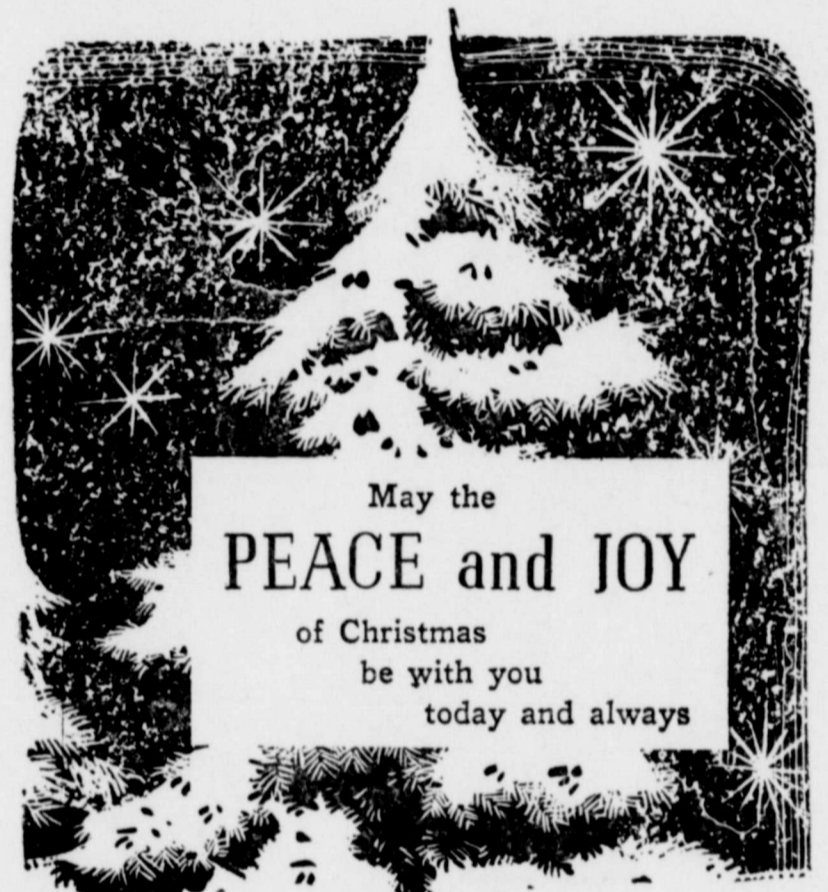
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and your treasure during the coming year.

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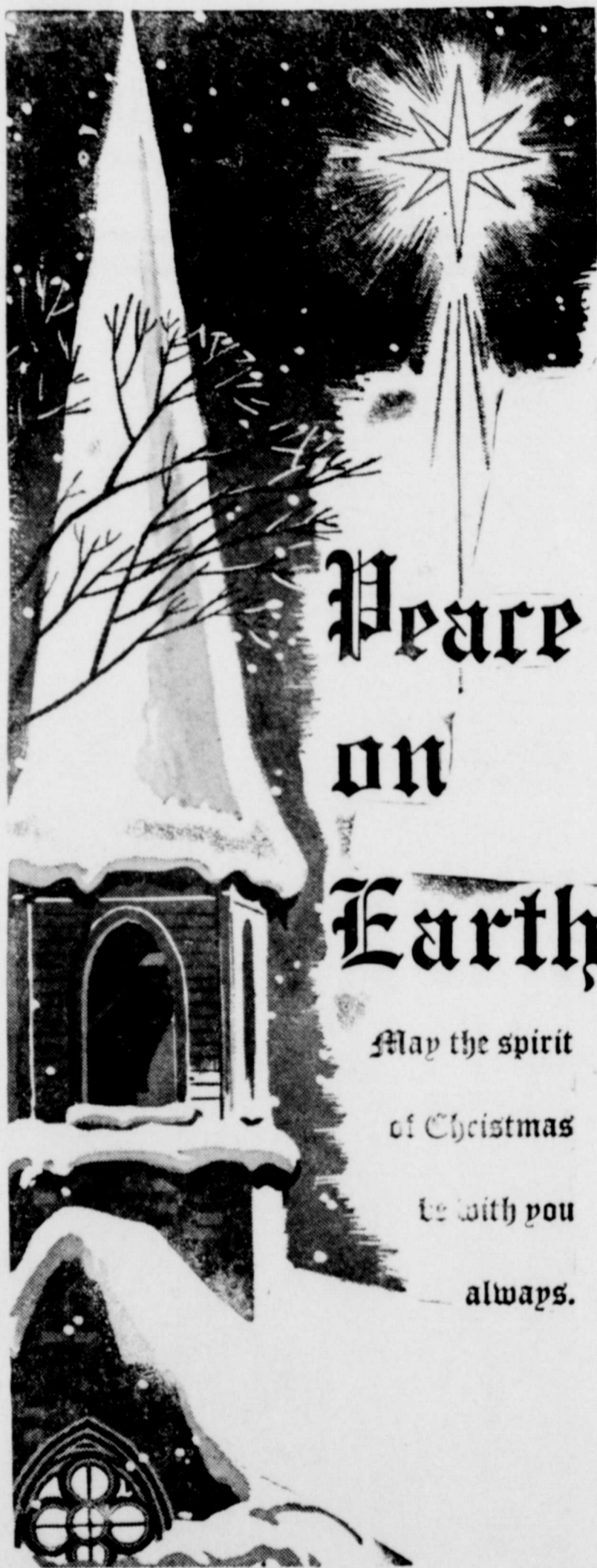
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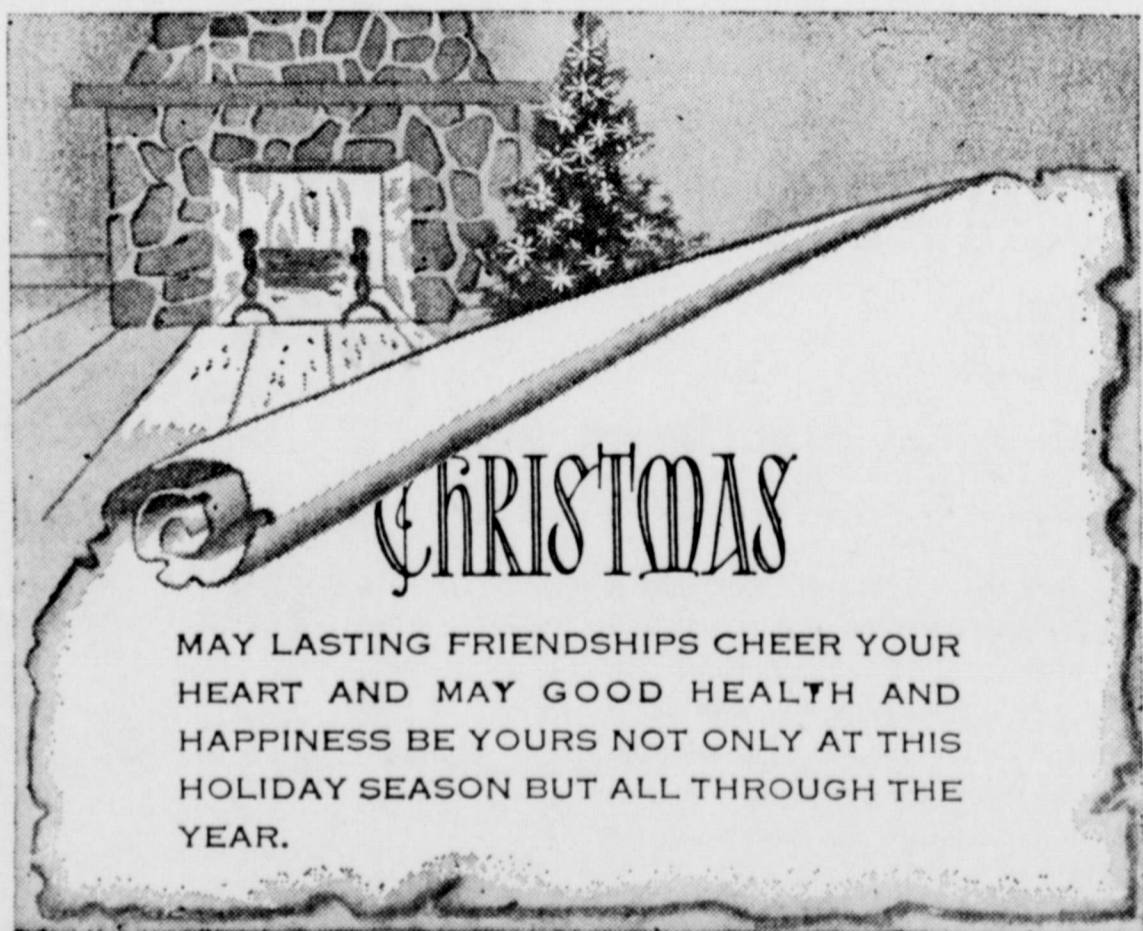


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