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This is your Christmas greeting from each of 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.



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Dear Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
I want everybody to have a good Christmas everyone that is good and bad, Dear Santa Claus. I want a Jane West.
Love Julie Lee

Dear Santa,
I want four little doll. And Tubbsie and tricky Tommy turtul and I am a good gril in school.
Love,
Teresa Ann Adams

Dear Santa Claus,
I am just fine. Are you well? I am glad it is near Christmas and I have been waiting for it to come. Do you know what? I have been about as busy as you have. I would like some roller-skates Slinky, the real tiny Cheerful Tearful in the cradle, and marcking suit.
Your friend,
Leisa Graef

Dear Santa,
I want four little dolls. One with a bed room, and a bath room, and a living room, and a kitchen.
My brother wants a tricky Tommy Turtul and some trucks.
Love Sherry J. Sewell

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bouch of store recdes. have a happy Christmas. and I will too. I am having fun writing you. My sester wants sithing. What shall I give her Santa. How bowt a recdplaer.
Love Debbie Giles.

Dear Santa Claus,
Plese breg me and my bortre 2 Catlelakes plese. Plese breg us a byscle I love you Santa very very very mosh
love Ricky Don Rickred

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a gun to and I want a be begun for for Christmas please. would you get sumthing for my bother to please. I want to get my daddy and mother to.
Love Mace McDaniel

Dear Sant Claus,
1. I want a doll and some shoe.
2. and socks, and a bike and I
3. want some skates and I want
4. some unders to.
to Tench Campos

Dear Santa Claus,
I will got a Math work book will you bring my bother two Jim and Jeff. something
Love John Gross

Dear Smt Cluse,
I will like you to have you here. do you want to. I like you Santa Cluse.
Love Connie Tyson

Dear Santa's Clause.
I want a sebokuvn I want some bishs Think you Santa's Clause for treet for Christmas.
Love Janie

Dear Dear Santa,
I want some she's for my gun. My mother said I was a good boy this week.
My Love,
Terry Crun

Dear Santa,
I want a Major-Matt-Mason plus all the equipment pleas? Cause I want to be an astronaut when I get big.
Love,
Your Good Friend
Tobin Touchstone
709 Grant
Dimmitt, Texas.

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a stingray bice if I may. I have been very good and I would very much like to have a suzie homemaker and a Tuddsie.
Love,
Mary Elizabeth Jones

Dear Santa,
I want a Major-Matt-Mason plus all of the equipment. and a bike I have been a good boy.
Love Rodney

Dear Santa,
I want a pellet gun to go duck hunting. I have been a good boy. My brother has been a bad boy.
Love
Mike Odom

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. I want a air-plane. But my sister wants every thing She wants a Suzie homemaker. That's all I want for her.
Love,
Jerry Sanchez

Dere Sana Cluse,
Dare Sana I wish you cold bring toys to us to play with them to or you coming gack here we wont you to come back here and bren toy to my sectr to plese
Love Andrea Tijerina

Dear Sant Clause,
I want a dress and I wanta doll. And I want a bick and I want some shoe and I want some socks. And I want a ted bere and I want some skate.
Sue

Dear Santa Clause.
Have a hapy Chrmas and I will to please brag me a Baby Farst Chrmas I've had so much fun at school soon we will have a Chrmas prte at school good by
Love Darenda

Dear Santa,
I want a b-b-gun and I want some b-b- for it. But my sisters wants dolls. I am glad that Christmas is here. But my little brothers wants little play guns. I help my mother and I help my mother work to. I help my daddy and I work and I clean the car some days.
Love
Baldomero

Dear Santa Clause
I want a play gun I wish you come with us Santa Clause You are very good.
Love Joe Alvarez

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a bcysos. Did you have a Chtmas. I like you do you like me. I want a Beb gun. My name is Leon Glover.
Love
Leon Glover

Dear Santn Clause,
Pleas breg me a evebakuvn and pleas breg me a traple and breg me a plaghaos Dear Santn Clause, have a happy Christmas.
Love Dolores Walthall

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a doll I hope lost year you had a good time and I wish you a mary Christmas this year to.
Donna Schilling

Dear Santa Clause,
I wish you a Mary Christmas. I will have one too and I wish I had a baby Press Shis
Love, Joylyn Broderson

Dear Santa Clause
Please give me a sezy bake ovon and a vagmcler and 20 mix's and Leggo and thank you for the last Christmas for the toy's
Love
Edith Ann Batterman

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a Beb Gun. I weih you a Merry Cresmus. My brur wants a dup truk.
Iava
Frank Olivarez

Dear Sant Clause,
Plese bring me a sezy home maker ovon cho cho cuoo cho game. I had a good Christmas last year.
Love Martha Dowty

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old. I want a football suit, incredible edibles, and snakes alive game. I have been a good boy all year. Come to see all good boys and girls.
Your friend,
Kyle Yates

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Gun, truck and a ball. Thank you.
Love Eddy Oldfield
731 Oak
Dimmitt, Texas

Dear Santa,
I dant a .09 and creeppeople set and Bonanza set and a watch and incredibleible.
Your truly
from Brad Yates

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a bike (with traing wheels), easy bake sets, watch, Coke machine, silly sand, mystery date, baby precious. Santa that is a'I I want for Christmas.
Love
Sheryl Jean Schulte

DEAR SANTA

Dear Santa,
I want a .09 set and a cheif Cherokee set, incredible edibe, creeple people, and Bonanza set.
Love,
Ricky Yates

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a Jhonny Express truck. And a toy rifle, and spurs And I would like a real watch.
Love Larry Ramaekers

Dea Santa,
I am Christy Barlow and I want a Busy Buz Buz and a pair of house shoes and 2 tiny dolls. Think you very much.

Dear Santa
My name is Sonya. I am a good girl. Please come to see me. Bring a doll, train, sewing machine, pool table and silly sand.
Love Sonya.

Dear Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
Christmas is just around the corner, and I'm trying to be good. My sisters and brothers are too. Please bring them what they ask for.

I would like to have a music box, a slack set. Please bring us some fruit, candy and nuts to eat.
Hope it does not get to cold for you.
Thanks for everything.
Your close friend,
Lenora Huseman

Dear Santa Claus
Will you please bring me a typewriter, doll-snugg'e-bun, doll bed, and a baton. I tried to be a good little girl all year. You are very nice to every little girl and boy. I hope you will bring me some candy. I have three brothers and

two sisters. I hope they will get toys and candy too. They been good too. You were nice to me ever Christmas. We are learning songs about you. I hope I have fun on Christmas and so will you. I love you very much.
Love
Rosemary Schulte

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like some Little Kiddle dolls for Christmas, a Kenner's Easy Dishwasher, a necklace, a doll bed, a Twister game, a Uncle Wiggly game, some puzzles, and some stuffed anima's.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a good girl this year. I hope that you will bring me a slinky, some game, and a

good book for Christmas. Please don't forget all the other children in the world.
Love,
Jennifer Huseman

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Claude Richard Bar'ow I am 4 years old I want a bussy Buss Buss, and House shoes, a Space Craller. I live at 311 SW 6th here in Dimmitt. We have a pretty Christmas three for you to see. Think you very much.

Dear Santa Claus
Will you please bring me these things? I would like a doll, a swing set, some clothes, some nuts, some candy, and a china set.
Love,
Doroty Guggemos



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

At this festive time of year, we'd like to thank you, our loyal friends and customers, for your consideration and patronage throughout the year. May you and your family enjoy a happy holiday filled with good cheer and contentment.

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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.

Joe Cowen Agency
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Robin Lives in Holiday Legend

What's a robin doing on a Christmas card? More familiar as a harbinger of spring, bobbing along with a fat worm in his mouth, the robin is nevertheless a centuries-old Christmas symbol. And one of the earliest Christmas cards, a 100-year-old English greeting, features an illustration of a robin on a snowbank.

Because legend says the robin played a vital part in the first Christmas, Yuletide decorations and cards have long celebrated the cheery red-breast. This year's crop of Christmas cards included an assortment of robin designs, many depicting the bird at the manger scene.

One card published for this year featured a retelling of the robin legend, reports Mrs. Jeannette Lee, design director for Hallmark cards.

According to the legend, the Holy Family was not alone in taking refuge in the stable at Bethlehem. Perched on a rafter, a small brown robin watched as the three Magi presented their gifts to the newborn Christ Child.

The robin seemed to understand that something wondrous was happening. After the departure of the Magi, when the Holy Family was asleep, the robin noticed that the stable fire was dying. Only



ANTIQUÉ CHRISTMAS CARD INSPIRED BY robin legend was designed by Jonathan King in London in 1867. The robin wears a red vest because he fanned the embers of the stable fire, to keep the Christ Child warm, legend says. The well-preserved greeting, a century-old this year, is from the Hallmark Historical Collection.

a few coals smoldered.

In a valiant attempt to revive the flickering embers, the robin swooped down to fan the fire.

Hovering above the coals, he flapped his wings, fanning the embers to life. As the fire burned brighter, flames singed the robin's breast, scorching his brown feathers a brilliant red gold.

Through the night he fan-

ned the fire to keep the Child warm. Ever since, the robin has worn a red vest, symbolizing his gift.

As a Christmas symbol, the robin embodies the spirit of giving. Like the Magi, the robin gave a precious gift, and he gave it at the cost of personal sacrifice. Thus the robin's gift suggests the deeper meaning—the giving of one's self—the legend notes.

Symbolizing Victory

In legend, the laurel and the bay have told the story of victory and triumph since the days of ancient Greece.

Ivy was the convivial green of pagan holidays, and was supposed to express the joyousness of Bacchus. The yew and the cyprus symbolize eternal life.

LITTLE FOLK PRANCE

For Icelanders, Christmas Eve is the holiest night of the holiday season.

Tradition says, however, that many years ago elves, dwarfs and other little folks pranced and danced about the streets on the night before Christmas.

Holly in Legend

In the legend and lore of Christmas, holly has both a merry and melancholy significance.

Fairies, so it is said, loved the holly. They found its leaves such a comforting shelter that even after holly was cut from the trees, they lingered about, allowing themselves to be carried indoors, where they protected the home from evil spirits.

Later, Christian believers saw the thorny leaves and bright red berries of the holly as symbols of the Crown of Thorns and the sacrifice which the Christ Child, grown to manhood, made on Calvary.

Mistletoe Magic

Ancient followers of the Druid religion were the first to regard mistletoe as a sacred plant, say the editors of The New Book of Knowledge. They supposed it to have panacea virtues in warding off everything from witches to disease.

Each year, about the time Christmas is celebrated today, there was a ceremonial rite in which Druid priests, using a golden sickle, cut the mistletoe leaves from the "sacred oak" and distributed them amongst the people.

The Saxons also valued this plant; they were the first to call it mistletoe. To them, mistletoe symbolized everlasting peace.

Toasting the Holiday

As today's punch or eggnog bowl attests, favorite beverages and friendly toasts go along with the good cheer and good feasting of the holiday.

It all began with the English "wassail" bowl. The wassail, a holiday beverage of medieval times, was served hot in a large bowl, and it was compounded of ale, apples, eggs, sugar and spices.

The name comes from "Was Haile," a Saxon greeting which means, "Your health." Gradually, the word "wassailing" began to mean any kind of Christmas revelry accompanied by a festive beverage.

Carol Can Be Tongue-Twister

"On the first day of Christmas, my true love sent to me a partridge in a pear tree."

So begins "The Twelve Days of Christmas," a traditional and favorite song of the holiday season. The ballad tells the story of the gifts a lover sends to his lady on each of the 12 days from Christmas to Epiphany.

The first gift, a partridge in a pear tree, may have been inspired by an old drinking song, "A Pie sat on a Pear Tree," say the editors of The New Book of Knowledge.

As a ballad, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an example of the "number chain formula" in folk songs. As a carol, it is of the type that marked the change from formal hymns in Latin to musical poems in the vernacular of the people.

The song can be sung in a variety of ways. In Great Britain and the United States, it often becomes a game song in which each person, following a leader in repetitions, must pay a forfeit if he misses a line. Sometimes the descriptions of the gifts turn into mouth-defying tongue twisters!

Composers Inspired...

Famous composers have found in Christmas inspiration for some of their most renowned music. At Christmas, and Easter, too, people gather to hear performances of Handel's "Messiah," Bach's Christmas Oratorio and Berlioz' "L'Enfance du Christ" are other examples of "serious" music often specially performed at Christmas.

Twentieth century composers, too, have written music around Christmas themes. Probably the most familiar example is Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors," an opera commissioned for television and performed annually. Honegger's "Christmas Cantata" and Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" are other notable examples.

Florentine Art Tells Story of Christ Child

In the Dominican church of Santa Maria Novella at Florence, Italy, stands a pulpit of white marble which bears, in bas relief, scenes from the story of Christ's life on earth—the Annunciation, the Nativity, the Presentation in the Temple.

Like many a building in famous Florence, the cradle of the Italian Renaissance, this ancient church is rich in the treasures of art and history, and both art and history combine in the story of the white marble pulpit, a story that lives across the years.

The pulpit first was placed in its present situation, on a column of the west aisle, in 1448. Early Renaissance theories of art are reflected in the bas reliefs. For instance, the Nativity scene presents lifelike

figures with the warmth of humanity, rather than the more stylized, ornate forms that a sculptor of an earlier era might have chosen to create. Families "Feuded"

Full of very human feeling, too, is the story of how the pulpit came to be created—the story of a "feud" between two great families.

The Rucellai family undertook to have the pulpit designed, executed and placed in the church, and Filippo Brunelleschi, the first great architect of the Italian Renaissance, was commissioned to design it.

Brunelleschi is best known for his design of the octagonal ribbed dome of the Florence cathedral. Among his other works are the Pazzi chapel, the churches of San Lorenzo and Santo Spirito and the Pitti

Palace, all in Florence. Designing the pulpit for the Rucellai family may have been one of Brunelleschi's last works, for the Florentine architect died in 1446, two years before the pulpit was completed and placed in the church.

Maestro Lazzaro, history says, was the sculptor chosen to execute Brunelleschi's design.

Up to this point, there is nothing unusual in the story of the pulpit. It was common in those days for parts of a church to become the "appropriation" of a particular family.

For instance, the chapel within the church of Santa Maria Novella, where the pulpit was to be placed, was the property of the Pasquall family. The Rucellai simply claimed one pillar or column within the chapel, and no objection was recorded by the Pasquall.

The Minerbetti family, however, felt differently. When the

pulpit was completed and ready to be put up on the column, representatives of the Minerbetti came forward with the claim that this particular column belonged to them. Decided in Court

The matter was taken before a court composed of Bishop Antonio of Florence and other judges. The only proof that the Minerbetti could offer to substantiate their claim was that their family arms stood painted over the column.

The court ruled that the Rucellai could place the pulpit in the church, on condition that the Rucellai would remove it whenever the Minerbetti agreed to replace it with a pulpit of equal or greater value.

How was the "feud" decided? What the Minerbetti did is not recorded, but, clearly, one thing they didn't do was to replace the pulpit. Lazzaro's bas reliefs continue to tell their stories of the Christ Child, and in the base of the pulpit, triumphantly placed for all to see, is the coat of

arms of the Rucellai family.

Cards Tell Of Changes

The tradition of exchanging Christmas cards is a charming part of the joyous holiday, and it has a history of its own.

One of the most interesting parts of that history is the way that greeting cards serve to record changing social customs, manners and fashions through the years, points out Miss Esther Mooney, curator of the Norcross, Inc., greeting card collection.

For instance, an English card of 1892 shows the formality existing between parents and children during the Victorian era. Here, a little girl kneels solemnly at her mother's knee, sedately offering her a Christmas bouquet, with the wish, "May your life be a Merry Christmas."

Modern cards take a livelier, more light-hearted approach.



and the Wise Men came..... and found Him lying in a manger. May your holiday be filled with the peace and contentment of that first Christmas...

Dimmitt Engine Service
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Greetings

Snow and stillness, home and happiness symbolize the spirit of the Christmas season. With these glad thoughts in our minds, we greet our friends and neighbors, wishing one and all the very best of this bountiful, beautiful time. May your holidays be merry and marvelous!

Hays Implement Co.

Artistic Views Reflect 'Winter Wonderland'

In Bethlehem, it's the rainy season. In Hawaii, Santa Claus might arrive by boat, and Christmas could be celebrated on a sunny beach. In Australia, Christmas is a time for picnicking — it's summer "down under."

Even in Northern lands, December 25th does not always provide the pleasures of a "white Christmas."

In spite of the varying climates where Christmas is observed, and in spite of the frequent shortage of ice and snow at the appropriate time, the traditional image of Christmas is, and probably always will be, a wintry, snowy landscape — celebrated in song and story, pictured in countless paintings.

The countryside under a blanket of snow, the hillside drifted deep in white, the trees bent down with snow or crystal-bright with ice, the lakes, rivers and streams gleaming in ice-covered magnificence — these are favorite themes in holiday lore, and favorite dreams for all those who spend Christmas cozily among the conveniences of modern centrally-heated buildings and modern transportation.

The "winter wonderland" of ice and snow has been a frequent source of inspiration for artists. There's a wealth of winter landscape paintings that, although not directly associated with Christmas, seem to set the mood and reflect the spirit of the season.

In 16th and 17th century Holland, for instance, a whole tradition of landscape painting was devoted solely to depicting winter scenes — somewhat unusual since the winter weather of Holland is not especially cold.



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BECAUSE CHRISTMAS IS TRADITIONALLY A WINTER WONDERLAND, paintings such as "Winter Scene" by the Flemish artist Hendrik Avercamp seem to capture the mood and reflect the spirit of the holiday season. Avercamp devoted his talents to depicting the winter landscapes of Holland. This painting, which is in the Rijks Museum, Amsterdam, appears in the Grolier Book of Art, a 10-volume encyclopedia.

For admirers of art and white Christmases alike, one of the definitive painters of winter scenes is Hendrik Avercamp.

Perhaps because he devoted his artistic talents exclusively to the winter landscape, Avercamp's paintings capture to perfection both the beauties and pleasures of winter. Bare branches of trees etch their patterns against expanses of ice, in contrast with the cozy cottages and, on the ice, the

merry skaters, for an ideal blending of the cold weather and warm spirit of a winter holiday.

Of Avercamp's personal history, little is known. Records show that he was baptized in Amsterdam in January 1585, and buried at Kampen in 1634. His painting was influenced by the Flemish landscape tradition and particularly by Pieter Bruegel the Elder — a painter whose fascination with the winter scene did much to

shape his landscape style.

The snow-covered hillsides seen in the work of the elder Pieter Bruegel contrast strangely with the flat, icy terrain of his native Holland. The explanation is to be found in travels which took him to mountainous lands.

Bruegel became a master in the Antwerp painters' guild in 1551, and shortly afterward journeyed to France and Italy, says the Grolier Book of Art.

In 1554 he returned from Rome to the Netherlands, recrossing the Alps on his way. The mountains and scenery of Italy made an immense impression on him, as reflected in the drawings he made at the time.

More than the "contemporary" Italian art, those mountainous vistas influenced his landscape style — and ultimately inspired Avercamp and other Flemish painters of the ever-wonderful winter scene.

Dolls, Dolls, Dolls! Each Has Story to Tell

"It's fun to get a doll for Christmas."

This statement comes from a real authority, who is a former Marine, a world traveler and international airline executive — and who is also a man who has more dolls than almost anybody except Santa Claus!

Collector Samuel F. Pryor is the founder of the International Doll Library in Greenwich, Conn., where more than 8,000 dolls are gathered in fabulous variety.

Begun in 1953 when he inherited 300 dolls from a friend, the still-growing collection

includes hundreds of dolls searched out by Mr. Pryor himself, and it has also been augmented by gifts from some of the thousands of visitors to the Doll Library — hence Mr. Pryor's personal knowledge that a doll under the Christmas tree is truly a source of delight.

The Doll Library, so named because every doll has a story to tell, is attractively housed in a 1792 barn, remodeled to provide appropriate settings for the dolls. Visits to the Doll Library are by appointment only.

Here, there are antique dolls,

historic dolls, craft dolls, religious dolls, dolls of every land and every era. The dolls indeed have much to tell to the serious student of world history and world civilization.

But to Mr. Pryor, the important thing about the dolls is that they are objects of affection — cherished by little girls waiting for Santa, and by everyone who loves dolls, to play with and admire.

Along with their legacy of love, the dolls bring a record of mankind's ingenuity.

Among the antique dolls in Mr. Pryor's collection is a 19th-century beauty who turns her head, flutters her eyelids, heaves her bosom and plays a lyre, to the tune of a hidden music box.

Many other dolls in the Pryor collection make it plain

that mechanical accomplishments are by no means limited to the dolls of today. For instance, a group of early American dolls includes the "Autoperipatetikos" — a walking doll patented in 1862.

Another kind of ingenuity is manifest in the craft dolls, lovingly fashioned by thoughtful hands from virtually any and every convenient material — pen wipers, shells, newspapers, wishbones, sponges, corn cobs, pine cones, pipecleaners, clay pipes, even an old potato masher.

Among them are "Mr. and Mrs. Crab," dolls with faces made from crab claws. These do-it-yourself dolls were featured in "Godey's Lady's Book" for May 1867, with illustrations of Mr. and Mrs. Crab and "how to" instructions.

Among the Library's little inhabitants, dolls of other lands form a miniature United Nations. A turbaned Brazilian dancer, a Spanish matador with cape and sword, a Japanese geisha, a Belgian lady, a German tourist, an Arabian desert prince, an Argentinian gaucho — the list is seemingly endless.

Differences may divide nations — but not in the Doll Library. Mr. Pryor's dolls get an opportunity to enact the holiday spirit of peace and good will, all year. As a pastime, he likes to bring dolls of many nations together in friendly groups.

Yule Music Blends Joy, Reverence

Across the centuries, man has looked to music to express his happy feelings at Christmas time.

From the medieval "Hail, Mary, full of grace" and "Mervele nocht, Josep" to the modern "White Christmas" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," songs have been a favorite part of Christmas celebrations.

In the tradition of Christmas music, there are simple carols, blending reverent wonder with quiet joy — Martin Luther's "Away in a Manger," for instance, or the mid-nineteenth century hymns, "It Came upon a Midnight Clear," "We Three Kings of Orient Are" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

There are merry songs, celebrating the jolly mood of the Yuletide, such as the time-honored "Deck the Halls," or the modern "Rudolph" and "Frosty the Snowman."

In Tudor Times . . .

In England during Tudor times, Christmas celebrations began on All Saints' Day, November 1, and continued until Candlemas, on February 2. "The Lord of Misrule" acted as master of ceremonies at the Yuletide festivities.

Much of the music for all this merrymaking was extemporaneous. Many songs were passed on by word of mouth from generation to generation — songs such as "The Boar's Head Carol," referring to the "boar" or pig which was traditional at the Yule feast, and "The First Nowell."

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.

When you give U.S. Savings Bonds as Christmas gifts, you'll be helping back up our fighting men in Vietnam. Looking for a Christmas gift that is stylish and tasteful? U.S. Savings Bonds are always appropriate — are always appreciated. A mountain lion characteristically covers the carcass of its prey with dirt and leaves.



GREETINGS

To all the messages of good cheer that ring out during this holiday season, we'd like to add our own, wishing you a very merry Christmas. May you find an abundance of the real joys of Christmas filling your heart and home, bringing you peace and contentment.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The fond memories of an old-fashioned Christmas stir misty recollections of snow-covered hillsides, the freshly cut family tree, kitchens rich with the aroma of holiday delicacies, the cold, clear air ringing with friendly greetings. Today, we echo those same warm sentiments as we wish you all a very Happy Holiday!

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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"

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Joyous Message of Christmas Lives Anew As Manger Scenes Symbolize Holy Night

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger." — Luke 2: 15-16.

Thus, in the New Testament, Luke tells the story of humble shepherds watching in the fields — shepherds to whom the herald angels brought "good tidings of great joy," that they might seek and find the Infant Saviour. In still another Biblical account of the Nativity, Matthew writes of the Wise Men, who followed a Star to Bethlehem.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His Mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him. And . . . they presented unto Him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." — Matthew 2: 11

At Christmas, as Christians everywhere celebrate the birth of Christ in church and home devotions, the story of the Nativity is told and retold — but it never grows old. Always, the well-remembered words of two of his disciples, Matthew and Luke, seem to resound with renewed meaning and inspiration, bringing to all some measure of that awe and wonder experienced by the shepherds and the wise men, long ago.

And now, as then, the supreme, the all-absorbing moment in the sacred story is that moment at the manger when first "they saw the young Child with Mary His mother."

St. Francis Planned for First Creche

In the miracle of the manger, in the Madonna and Child, mankind sees an ever-present reminder of the love of God, the glory and promise of Christmas. Each year, as Christians return in heart and spirit to Bethlehem and the manger, the joyous message lives anew. In cities, churches and homes, manger scenes symbolize once again the birth of a holy Child.

The treasured tradition of re-creating the manger has a long and notable history. The first creche or crib, scholars say, was erected by St. Francis of Assisi and his brethren, in the tiny Italian village of Greccio in 1223.

As the people of the town gathered about the manger, the first Christmas carols were sung — joyous songs in honor of the Saviour's birth. St. Francis felt that, through the manger scene and the cheery Christmas songs, even the humblest member of the congregation could participate more fully in the observance of Christmas.

Re-Creating the Nativity in Art, Song

Through the years, the meaning of the manger has been enriched by hundreds of thousands of reverent re-creations.

Both craftsmen and artists have been inspired by the manger, and have shared their inspiration with many. The Madonna and Child appear again and again in countless famous paintings, and the Christmas creche in miniature, created by the loving hands of skillful craftsmen, is a precious tradition in many lands, in many homes.

In song, too, "the young Child with Mary His mother" lives anew. Gathering around the manger scene, glad voices joyfully carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright, 'round yon Virgin Mother and Child . . ."



NATIVITY SCENE IN BAS RELIEF adorns a marble pulpit in the Church of Santa Maria Novella at Florence, Italy. The early-Renaissance work was completed and placed in the church only after a court dispute by two families, both of whom claimed the rights to the pulpit.

Log Had Charms

In ancient Germany, the Yule log was known as the "Christbrand." One belief held that if the charred log was placed in a corbin, it would act as a charm to ward off mice.

If the weather turned stormy, the Christbrand was quickly brought back to the fire. While it burned, superstition said, the house was safe from lightning.

Going "Mumming"

"Mumming" is a Yule custom that originated in early England. Mummers, masked and in costume, silently enacted ritual plays about the death of winter and the old year.

The custom still survives in some parts of the world, although the plays are no longer performed. Today mummers usually entertain with dancing and instrumental music. They are rewarded with treats.

Lore and Legend Express Happy Mood of Season

From home to home, from country to country, Yule celebrations abound. The happy traditions of gift giving, home decorating, carol singing, card sending, candle lighting and tree trimming express the merriment of the season.

Popular folk customs of nation after nation have been absorbed into the international legend and lore of the Yuletide. Yet virtually every nation — and every home and family, too — has its special way of celebrating Christmas, and its special memories of Christmas past.

Carrying in Straw

Straw is a traditional part of Christmas celebrations in Sweden — in probable remem-

brance of the first Christmas when there was straw in the manger.

While "carrying in the Christmas straw" is a tradition rather than a modern custom, Swedish people still make straw and wooden figures to hang on their Christmas trees.

"San Tan Lou Yin"

In Hong Kong, Santa Claus goes by the name of "San Tan You Lin."

The Hong Kong department stores employ elderly men who are specially costumed for the season. Just like Santa Claus, San Tan You Lin is present for the purpose of holding the youngsters on his knee and listening to their requests for gifts.

Merry Christmas

Doorways wear garlands of welcome . . . candles beckon with a hearty glow. The season of good cheer arrives, in all its friendly warmth. May the joys of Christmas be yours!



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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.

Albert Ecke, a California farmer, developed and improved the plant, and first marketed it in 1916. Since then, it has become a favorite Yuletide decoration.

'White Christmas' Is Traditional As Plum Pudding

For a quarter of a century people have been sentimentally dreaming their way through a "White Christmas."

It was in 1941, the black-clouded war years had already begun, when Hollywood released a motion picture entitled: "Holiday Inn." The star of this movie was the ever-popular crooner, Bing Crosby. But perhaps the real star of "Holiday Inn" was the song written especially for the movie by Irving Berlin: "White Christmas."

Through the ensuing 25 years, over 100 versions of the song have been recorded by almost as many artists, yet "White Christmas" is synonymous with the name of Bing Crosby.

The poignant Christmas message that's found in the song has made it popular round the world. It has been translated into Italian, French, Chinese, German, Spanish, Hungarian, and the Scandinavian languages, several Polynesian tongues and even Swahili.

Trees Live and Bloom In Legends of Yuletide

Almost every kind of tree has a legend relating it to the Nativity or the life of Christ.

The cherry tree, says "The Cherry Tree Carol," bent down its boughs for Mary to pluck the fruit.

The Glastonbury Thorn blooms at Christmas because, legend says, St. Joseph of Arimathea, on his arrival in England, drove his staff into the ground, while he was carrying the Holy Grail, the chalice used at the last supper.

The staff took root and grew into a thorn tree.

GREENS FORBIDDEN

Until about 565 A.D., the use of evergreens for decorations at Christmas was forbidden by church authorities.

Evergreen Is Undisputed Favorite

In Christmas trees, it's the spirit that counts.

Almost anything can be — and is — a Christmas tree. In Minneapolis, Minn., they even made a tree out of water pipes, fastened like spokes to a telephone pole, and appropriately decorated.

In Wilmington, N. C., a live oak more than 300 years old is adorned at the Yuletide with colorful ornaments and electric lights. In Indianapolis, Ind., they decorate the 246-foot Soldiers and Sailors Monument with electric candles and stars.

The U.S. National Christmas Tree, officially designated in 1926, is not an evergreen but a giant redwood, located in Kings Canyon National Park, Calif.

This unusual Christmas tree, called the "General Grant," is 3,500 years old.

Many families prefer the "permanent" Christmas tree, often made of aluminum.

Despite all this, the time-tested favorite tree is still the evergreen. Most people, if asked, would probably vote for the "fir tree."

Actually, there are nearly 40 species of the popular fir tree," found in the mountainous regions of Central and Southern Europe, Asia north of the Himalayas and North America.

A frequently-seen Christmas tree variety is the "balsam fir," also called "Canada balsam" or "Balm of Gilead," according to the Encyclopedia Americana. This is one of the most common trees of eastern North America, extending from Virginia and West Virginia in the United States to Labrador and Newfoundland.

The balsam fir may grow to 40 or 50 feet tall. The southern fir is of about the same height and is found in the mountains of Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Other American firs are essentially Western. They include the Pacific silver fir, the white fir, the grand fir, the Alpine fir, the red fir, the Shasta red fir and the noble fir. These firs may attain 250 feet in height.

In Canada, the exporting of Christmas trees, including firs, pine and spruce, is important business. Seven provinces export trees, to countries as far away as Venezuela.

U.S. Savings Bonds are the present with a future. Buy them at your bank, and ask for the free gift envelope.

Yuletide Beauty Is Reflected In Legends of Flowers and Greens

Flowers burst into bloom and trees and shrubs were green with new leaves on the night of the Saviour's birth, so legend says. Down through the ages, certain flowers and greens have held an honored place in the lore of Christmas — the holly and the ivy, mistletoe, rosemary, the Christmas rose, the thorn tree.

Ancient peoples believed that mistletoe had powers to ward off evil or cure a variety of illnesses. Druid priests of Britain, long ago, believed that mistletoe should be cut with a golden knife, then hung over doorways as a protection from evil. The Greeks, too, used it to ward off evil.

One of many legends surrounding the poinsettia tells of a poor Mexican girl who, having no gift of value, humbly placed some roadside

First in U.S. . . .

First Christmas carol composed in the United States was the work of an 18th century leather worker named William Billings, reports The Book of Knowledge. A tanner by trade but a tunesmith by inclination, Billings composed the carol, "A Virgin Unspotted."

The song isn't one that is still sung, and few hymnals now include it, but carol singers today owe William Billings a considerable debt of gratitude.

During Puritan times in England, the singing of carols and, indeed, the whole celebration of Christmas, was banned. The Puritan-minded American colonies followed suit.

It was William Billings, more than any other individual, who managed to persuade the Puritan New England settlers that singing songs at Christmas wasn't sinful.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's Christmas . . . families gather 'round the tree . . . friends exchange greetings — and we extend our thanks and best wishes to all.

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GREETINGS

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Spirit of Christmas Spreads Good Will and Good Cheer

In churches and homes, in city streets and stores, across the countryside—the spirit of Christmas spreads its joy and its contentment. Soon now, the last-minute hustle and bustle will give way to the highest moments of holiday celebration. It's a time for fun and feasting, a time for light-hearted laughter and heartfelt prayer, a time when friendships are renewed and family ties are strengthened.

Throughout this community, and indeed throughout all the communities where Christmas is celebrated, the spirit of the season finds expression in innumerable ways—among them, the gladness of gift-giving, the merriment of parties, the happiness of hearth and home and, above all, the solemn hush of midnight, traditionally the symbolic time for heralding the Birth of Christ.

From the holly wreath on the door to the packages under the tree, from the gaily decorated windows of stores to the manger scenes in the churches, the customs of Christmas contribute to the meaning of the Day—just as early Christian leaders meant that holiday customs should.

When Christmas first began to be observed on December 25th, churchmen welcomed the idea of incorporating ceremonies and traditions from earlier beliefs into the celebration. They thought that people would feel closer to the new religion if former ways and rituals were not abolished, but instead united with the new rites to honor the birth of Christ.

Yule Greens Set Scene For Festivity

From the welcoming wreath on the door to the Christmas tree glowing with lights and bedecked with packages, from the cheery poinsettia plant on the mantel or table to the sprig of mistletoe with its promises of kisses and laughter, greens and plants set the scene for holiday enjoyment.

Many of the greens now used for Christmas decorations once adorned pagan rites, and were credited by the ancients with certain mystical powers and virtues.

Today, using greens has become holiday custom, regardless of religious or symbolic significance.

About Trees

Perhaps the most common use of holiday greens is seen in the lively, decorated Christmas tree found in many homes at this time of year.

There are many legends concerning the origin of Christmas trees. One belief is that the first Christmas tree was a palm tree brought from Egypt. The 12 parts of the palm were supposed to represent the 12 apostles, according to the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana.

The use of pine and cedar Yule trees is generally thought to be of German derivation. The introduction of the evergreen Christmas tree came to English-speaking peoples after the marriage of Victoria of England to the German prince, Albert.

Today, nearly everyone celebrates Christmas because Christmas belongs to everyone.

For the Christian believer, Christmas is cherished as a religious holiday of paramount importance, and as a time meant for joy and festivity, too.

For people of many different faiths, Christmas is beloved as a happy holiday, a secular celebration that gives meaningful expression to universal good will and good cheer.

Giving Gifts

Since the Wise Men gave of their treasures to the Christ Child, giving has been part of the tradition of Christmas.

The idea of gifts as homage dates from even earlier times, when kings demanded special tribute from their subjects during holiday seasons. Thus the Wise Men, in offering precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, expressed their reverence for the newborn King of mankind.

Giving to celebrate a happy time was a familiar part of many pagan festivals.

The Romans honored Saturn, their god of agriculture, with a winter festival called the Saturnalia. During this joyous feast, they exchanged gifts—wax candles, clay dolls and various trinkets.

When these pagan customs of exchanging gifts were transferred to the celebration of the birth of Christ, church leaders added a new idea; selfless giving. Through the ages, giving to help the less fortunate has been a special tradition of Christmas.

THERE'S MAGIC

The Danish Christmas Eve dinner features rice porridge, containing a "magic" almond that brings good luck to the one who finds it.

Sending Greetings

Perhaps even more than the giving of gifts, the sending of Christmas greetings symbolizes the seasonal spirit of good will.

The personal exchange of good wishes at holiday time is a custom that's older, probably, than Christmas itself. In ancient winter festivals the renewal of the earth at the coming of spring was linked with the renewal of friendships.

Though greetings and Christmas have long been associated, the printed greeting card is a relative newcomer to the Yule scene—introduced little more than a century ago. Nowadays, Christmas greeting cards go out by the billions, carrying their messages of "happy holiday" and "best wishes."

In the glad tradition of sending greetings, today's edition of this newspaper presents the special greetings of local merchants, as they express their good wishes and gratitude to customers and friends.

Burning the Log

From a miraculous Star to a tiny candle, gleaming lights have cast a glow over holiday festivities for centuries.

Pagan sun-worshippers lit candles and kindled fires at winter festivals to help the returning sun gain strength.

Traditional for both light and warmth is the blazing Yule log. Like all "Christmas lights," it has both a religious and a festive significance in holiday lore.

Because legend says that the Christ Child was washed and dressed beside an ash wood fire, the people of early England always had Yule logs of ash wood. Ash had a practical aspect, too, because it was the only green wood which would burn.

The Yule log of England and continental Europe was often believed to have mystical powers to protect the home. To give this protection, the Yule log had to be kept burning all through the 12 days of Christmas.

Later, the "blazing Yule" was primarily associated with the feasting and festivity of the winter holidays.

Ringling Bells

Among the merry sights and sounds of Christmas, none is merrier than the ringing of bells.

Since earliest times, the pealing of bells has announced important events, both happy and sad. The first use of bells to call Christians to worship took place, it's believed, at Christmas in Italy, about 400 A.D.

Tradition once held that Christ was born exactly at midnight. In medieval Britain, church bells tolled sadly during the hour before midnight on Christmas Eve. On the stroke of 12, a joyous pealing announced the Miracle of Christmas.

Today, church-spire bells and carillons ring out the glad tidings of Christmas.

Baking the Pie

"The devil dares not show himself in Cornwall at Christmas time lest he should be baked in a pie."

This old English saying takes its humorous inspiration from the wide variety of ingredients actually used in the mince pies and other Christmas pies of early England, according to the editors of The New Book of Knowledge.

One 14th-century recipe for a Christmas pie included: a pheasant, a hare, a capon, two partridges, two pigeons, two rabbits, beef meat balls, eggs, pickled mushrooms, seasonings and spices, all in a pastry crust.

They Go Together—Feasting and Festivity

During the Christmas season, merry sounds ring out, pleasing sights greet the eye—and tantalizing aromas fill the air. Good food is as much a part of holiday tradition as bells and carols, greens and gifts.

At this festive time, people delight in serving their families and friends an abundance of choice foods. The custom probably began with the ancient winter festivals.

In the course of time, naturally each nation developed its own treasured customs in connection with the Christmas dinner, say the editors of The New Book of Knowledge.

Serving the "Bird"

On American tables, the center of attraction is usually the turkey. This custom has its origin in the English "Christmas bird"—usually a goose, capon or chicken, rather than a turkey.

In medieval times, a large bird was standard fare at English Christmas dinners among the common people. In castle and manor, however, a "bird" wasn't always the main dish.

To the tune of the old carol, "The Boar's Head in Hand I Bear," the boar's head was borne to the table in solemn procession. Then followed other courses—and what courses!

The most lavish of dinners usually featured a boar's head.

For a medieval feast, a typical menu included 17 main dishes—everything from roasted swan to a kid with a pudding in its belly!

Breaking Bread

Everywhere, a widespread use of breads and pastries is customary for the Christmas feast.

This has its origin in pre-Christian and early-Christian customs of the agricultural nations of Eastern Europe, where peasants offered thanksgiving for a good harvest, usually of grain, during the winter season.

Special holiday cakes were thought to bring good fortune and good health.

More directly connected with the religious meaning of the season is the "Christ-bread" traditional in many countries. This is a long cake, and its shape is meant to symbolize the Christ Child wrapped in swaddling clothes.

Both mince pie and plum pudding began as national Christmas dishes in England.

CHRISTMASTIME GREETINGS

Our warmest thanks to you, with the wish that this merry season will bring with it a sleigh-full of joys and bright Christmas Cheer.

CARVER PHARMACY
"PILLS"

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.

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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.

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I want a BB Gun and drums.
Chris Isaac

Dear Santa,
Santa I want some toys but I want a little car that can go fast and a new bike and a realgun. I want a racer and I want some more toys but I can not spell them.
Your best boy,
Tommy Lynn Kenworthy

Dear Santa Clause
I love you Santa? I wat a doll? And this is my? Figead she es a girl? her name es Judy Coz-bey. And I love her too?
Sharon McGrath

Dear Santa,
I want a real Dog and a real kitten. I want a cathouse and I want a dog house. I want a play dog.
Donetta Turner

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a tape recorder and a wrist watch too.
Your friend,
Sandra Tischler

Dear Santa Claus,
We hope Christmas comes soon. If you come to my hcuse I want you to give me a racetrack. I also want a G.I. Joe set and a five speed Sting Ray.
Your friend,
Rickie Lynn Wathall

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a gun and a bat and ball. I am a good boy my little siser wants doll. I been working on the Christmas.
I love you Santa Clause.
Greg Howell

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a B-B gun and Mager Matt. I want some shells and some rocks.
Love,
Kelly Doyle Henderson, and the other 3 boys.

Dear Santa Claus
I want a ten speed stingray, a B-B gun, a pair of walky-ta'kys, a switch-n-go lost in space set.
Your friend,
Britt Mayfield

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy. I hope I will have a electric train. And my little brother want a toy airplane he is good to. His name is Luis. He hlpe my mother and faher like I do.
Love,
Roedy Martinz

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an electric guiter for Christmas, a real one.
Your friend,
Stephen Anthony

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a transister radio and a basketball for Christmas.
Yours truly,
Donna Dempsey

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for Christmas a Susie Homemaking, a bicycle, and jacks.
Your friend,
Teresa Garza

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like some footballshoes and a B.B. gun with some B.Bs. to go with the B.B. gun.
Yours truly,
Jofnny Hampton

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a tape recorder and Tutti and Todd.
Your friend,
Brenda Underwood

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a calender watch, and a plain small bicycle for Christmas.
Your friend,
Jeannette Annen

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike, G.I. Joe equipment, and a lost in space robot. I want a toy drum set, a guitar, G. I. Joe jeep and a new toy truck.
Your pal,
Scott Bagwell

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a fall wig, a pair of fishnet hose and a pogo stick. I hope you can bring it, and I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Becky Veazey

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a bicycle, a baby Cheerful Tearful, and a Twist and Turn Barbie.
Your friend,
Connie Wakefield

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine. I have been waiting for Christmas for a long time and I have something to say. "Please may I have a book of Anderson's Fairy Tales, a watch, and a twist and turn barby."
Your friend,
Shelby Rogers

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some guns, an electric football set, a basket ball, and a basket goal.
Your friend,
Richey Hargrove

Dear Santa,
My name is Mary Adams. I would like to have a pogostick, and jacks with a ball.
Your friend,
Mary Adams

Dear Santa,
My name is Sylvia Rodriguez. I would like a radio for Christmas a pogostick, and jacks with a ball. I also want a bicycle.
Your friend,
Sylvia Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
If I could only have one thing for Christmas I would like a bicycle.
Love,
Robert R. Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a sewing machine, a scrap book, a basketball goal, a basketball, an electric alarm clock, a portable TV, 17-tube, nd a Susy Home-maker stove.
Love,
Cathy Forrest

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a radio, a watch and electric foot ball set. My brother wants a watch too. But watch out the fire it might be lit.
Your friend,
Loren Vandiver

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an Electric Football Set and a Racing Track for Christmas.
Yours truly,
Pablo Orta

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a radio, a bicycle, and a wardrobe of clothes.
Love,
Robin Patterson

Dear Santa C'aus,
I would like a football, some footballshoes, a B.B. gun, a race set, a radio, a gas airplane, and G.I. Joe set.
Love,
David Malone

Dear Santa,
I hope you can bring what I want. Lets start out with a trick bike and a racing set.
Love,
Godfrey Brooke

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a sewing machine. I hope you are doing fine. I am doing just fine. I hope I see you on Christmas. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Cheryl Sammann



ON THE COURTHOUSE LAWN, lollipops are now sprouting — thanks to these members of Milady Garden Club, who arranged their Christmas scene on the square. In addition to the colorful lollipop forest, the scene features Santa Claus Lane, which connects Santa's mailbox with his Candy Kitchen. Working at the cottage entrance, from left, are Mrs. Edna Rickerd, Mrs. Reta Welch and Mrs. Irene Keating.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I want a b-b-gun. and some bbs to. And a electric foot ball set. I have been good.
Love,
Greg Gamblin

I am going to try to be good.
Love,
Carla King

Dear Santa,
I wat a pop corn machine. I want two twist'nturn barbies. I want four bendable barbies.
Love,
Gayla Bechtol

Dear Santa Clause,
We want for all the other girls and boys to have a big Christmas. I want a car race track for Christmas. We want Merry Christmas.
Love, Bryan, Edwards,
Second Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a suzie homemaker. Friday is my big brothers birthday.
Love,
Sherrri Wright

Dear Santa,
I want a Francie doll. I have been good to my family. My nuther wants some house shoes. I do not no what my daddy wants. My little sister wants a tommy turf. My dig sister wants portable TV.
Love,
Cheryl E. Nossaman

Dear Santa,
I want a Suzie Homemaker. I have been helping my mother. and



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DEAR SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I am in the third grade. My name is Patricia Yerby. I am 9 years old. I want a camera for Christmas and a pony. I will see you on Christmas.
Yours truly,
Patricia Yerby

Dear Santa,
Christmas is coming soon. I've been a good girl too. I work hard in school. I want a Baby Crala-long, locket kiddle, Suzie Home-maker, Twist and Turn Barbie, My mommy wants a dog sweater for our dogs. My sisters want clothes.
Love,
Shelley Rogers

Dear Santa Claus
I want a B.B. gun and B.Bs., a western marshel outfit, a wrist watch, cowboy hat and a G.I. Joe set.
Love,
Gary Butler

Dear Santa,
I want a pellet gun to go hunting. And I want a bow and some arrows.
Your friend,
Biran Hufines

Dear Santa,
I want a Unicycle and a 410 shotgun.
Your friend,
Ricky Hunter

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike, some Sunday school shoes. A little kiddle. I have been a good little girl. My little sister wants some books and I don't know what e'se she wants.
Love,
Dana Malone

Dear Santa,
I want a record player. I been a good girl. I want a tubsy.
Love,
Cara Morrison



GREETINGS

As the peace of this wonderful Christmas season settles, like freshly fallen snow, around your home, we send you warm good wishes and joyous greetings . . . and with them, our most sincere gratitude for your kindness. Happy Holidays!

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| Steve Ramos | | | Jim Ramsey |

DEAR SANTA

Dear Santa Claus

Here I am writing you just to let you no about what I want for Christmas I want one camara and one watch and one little radio.
Lela H. Castaneda
P.O. Box 154
Dimmitt, Texas 79027

Dear Santa

Please bring me Ezebake I have ben good
Ydlina Sepeda

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a baseball glove, guns and a etch-a-sketch and don't forget all the other boys and girls.
Your friend
Clyde Warren

Dear Santa Claus

How is the weather up at the North Pole? I hope you will be good to all the boys and girls in the world by giving what they need. I am in the second grade at Nazareth, Texas. Please bring us some childrens records. I want a Minneapolis Mo'ine, Case plow, Daisy Poppin rifle, and a 24 inch bicycle. Thank you for the toys you gave us last Christmas.
Your Friend,
Keith Hoelting

Santa I want a kniter for Christmas. I help my mother and my sister babysit the little ones. So wood you bring them some toys and the other children toys.
Love Cheryl Harman

Dear Santa Clause,

I hope you will bring us lots of toys. We are anxiously waiting for Christmas. I am twelve, I want a basketball, a little play dog, a beautiful necklace, a slack set, and a purse. Bernie is eleven. He wants a shirt, football and a watch. Darrell is ten. He wants a football, western shirt, and a race car set. Lenora is eight. She wants a slack set, musical jewelry box, and a pair of house shoes. Dervin is seven. He wants a shirt, football, and an airplane. Marleen is six. She wants a doll, carriage, and slack set. Bryan is five. He wants a barn, tractor, and a lot of plows. Virgil is three. He wants a barn, plows, and tractors. Anita is nine months. She wants rattlers and any other little things.
One of your Receivers
The Arnold Huseman Family
P.S. Thank you for everything.

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a Pee Wee doll and doll house also a talking puppet. I would like the game "Hands Down" for all my brothers and sisters.
Remember all the poor children in the world.
Love,
Naomi Ramaekers

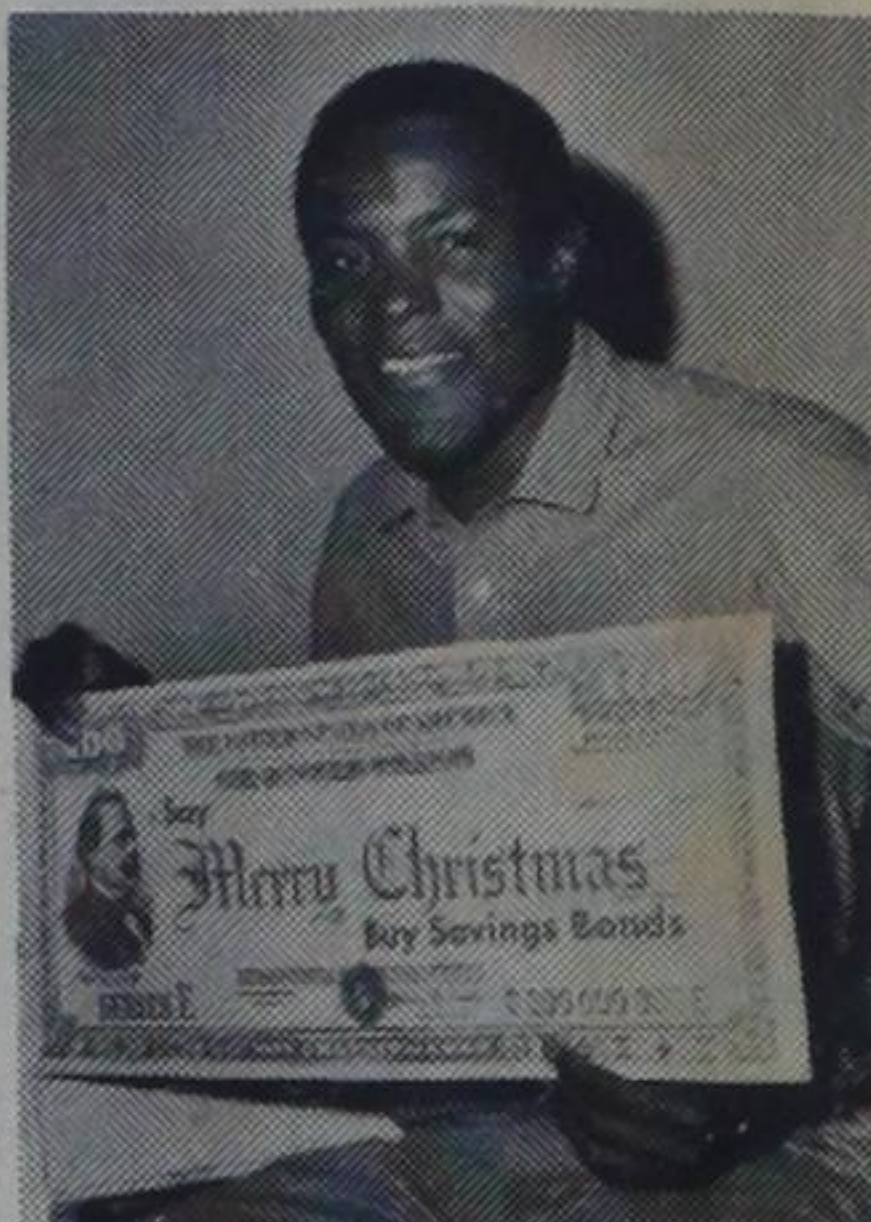
Ladonna Brockman

Dear Santa Claus,

Here I'm writing you this few lines and to say hello and to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a walking doll and a new dress for Christmas and that all I want for Christmas.
Enedina Salas
Rt. D Box 27
Nazareth, Texas

Dear Santa,

I hope that I have been a good enough girl to where you will bring me some presents this Christmas. There are many things I would like to have. But I will be happy with anything. Please don't forget our boy in Vietnam. I also wish you a Merry Christmas.
Bye,
Ladonna Brockman



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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Clause

I been a good boy and I want a Bebe and to bebe. I will play a game with you.
Lela

Dear Santa,

Please bring me Baby Hungry. I have bin good.
Susan Sadler

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. Please make all children happy.
Gayla Polson

Dear Santa

Please bring me a Johnnyspeed set I have been a good boy.
Jeffrey Patterson

Dear Santa,

Please bring a G.I. Joes, Johnny Astro.
Danny Ortiz

Dear Santa

Please bring me Sillye Sind and a pony race car set
Kyle David Wise

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,

I am in the second grade. I'm trying to be a good boy. I enjoy reading with the boys and girls. Last Friday I saw the story of Rudolph TV. I am glad you are coming to see us. I want a B-B gun, walkie talkie, and a racetrack. Clayton wants the same thing I do. Roanne wants a stove and regrigerator and indrediblebles. Clayton and Roanne are trying to be good too. Please remember the poor children too.
Love Frankie Acker

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Stingray. I have been a good boy.
Gordon

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Johnny Speed Set. I have been good. I love you.
Randy Lumsford

Dear Santa

Please bring me a little b.b. gun. Spugal Silly Sand baby soft. I have bin good.
Love
Cheryl Wiseman



We echo the joyous voices of the carolers in bringing you Season's Greetings for this time of peace and harmony.

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GREETINGS

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We Take This Opportunity To Wish All Of Our Customers And Friends A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa
My name is Becky, I am 4 yrs. old. And I have been a good girl. I am going to do what mother and daddy tell me to do. Come and see me soon. Bring a doll, a train, sewing machine.

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you because you are nice. You give boys and girls some toys. when it is Santa Claus you give boys and girls some toys. You haven't come to are house because you do not have enuf time. Anway I love you. when some people are not a slep Santa Claus dose not gose there. When some people are a slep he gose over ther wher his helpres.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a monkees guitar. I tried to be a good all year. I can't wait til Christmas comes.

Dear Santa Claus,
You are a very nice man. Thank you for the toys you have given me. I would like a big doll for Cristmas.

Dear Santa Claus
I want a Johnny eglale gun and a fire truck.

Your friend,
Henry Trevino

Dear Santa
Please bring me a car good Love,
Ricardo Martinez

Dear Santa Clause
I am a good girl. I want a baby sert. My teacher is Mrs. Diaz. She is a good teacher. We are good girls and boys. I am 8 and I am god. I do not have Baby girl. I have to go good by I like Santa Caluse

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a toy gun. You are good to girls and boys. I like you very much. You give a lot of toys each year. I hope it snows this year. We will have lots of fun in the snow. It will be a co'd winter. I hope you can reach.

Your freind,
Dale Acker

Dear Santa,
My name is Rebby and I am 6 years old. My brother Shea is 11 months old. We have been good boys. We live in Kansas City, Missuri. I want a G.I. Joe Jeep and Shea wants a Tyke Bike. Remember all boys and girls everywhere. Love,
Raymond Earl Brock

Dear Santa
I wanted a train. I want a B-B-gun. I help my mother. I he'p daddy work. I can't wait for Christmas. But my sister wants a dolls. But my little brothers want little p'ay train.

Dear Santa Clause,
I hope you have a Merry Christmas. You did give me a real good Christmas time last year. I hope you have my little miss fussy. Pleases come to my house.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl eight years old. My little sister is six years old. For Christmas we both want a little doll. Also I want an iron and an ironing board, some long stretch socks, and a few games. We have tried to be good girls.

Dear Santa Claus,
Don't forget the children in Vietnam and all the boys that are fighting and don't forget the poor people. For Christmas bring me a beam gun and two toys for a surprise.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Eze bake oven.

Dear Santa,
I want a tricy Tommy Turtle. I have been a good boy in school. And I wood like a B-B-pistle. My brother wood like a tap recorder. My little brouther wants record player.

Dear Santa Claus,
I been a pretty good girl this year.

For Christmas I want a Casy do'l for Christmas and her clothes and her shoes baskes ball and a gole. You must be very busy getting ready for Cristmas to get to all those little boys and girls. It must be very hard for you.

You work all year to made the toys for us boys and girls. Some boys and girls do not think that you will come to them.

Dear Santa Clause
I want for Christmas a lit'e panio a erector set a lost in space robot a lost in space set. I like you. I have been a good boy my brothers have been good to. We will have fun on Christmas Day I do not have more to say

Dear Santa Claus,
Please send me a stove, refrigerator, sink, and doll. You may send me a barby doll and a house to go with it. Or you can send me a ice cream maker, or a washer and dryer and some dishes. I have been a god girl. Please send a toy to every girl and boy.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am very excited about Christmas. For Christmas I want some clothes for my Francie doll, a suit case for her and some shoes for her. I want Santa's Fun Box and Bible Stories and Mother Goose Ryhmes with music and a Flower thingmaker.

Dear Santa Claus,
You are so nice to everyone when you bring toys to people. How are you at the North Pole? It is so that everyone in this home is thankful to you. Please bring me a baseball glove, and a set up farm with animals. Please bring me a baler, and tractor. Also a set of spurs. Another thing, bring a gun holster with a rifle, please.

Dear Santa Claus,
I wood like baby fistfy and pes like bid. Jask you for them and you a marre Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike for Chairtmas I wich you can come to my house My box is 1063 My name Freddy.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike for Chairtmas and I wich you can come here wit toys for good boys and girls

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Ben gun? I in a good boys. I love you Santa Claus. We have a Christmas tree.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike. I want a gun. We are good boys and girls. I like Santa Claus.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Eze bake oven.

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Dear Santa Claus
Thank you for all the toys that you gave to me a l the Christmas-es. I would like a bulldozer a roadgrader a truck that carries the dozer and a Dumptruck. Have a Happy Christmas.

Dear Santa Clause
I woulb like for you to come to my house to night and brage me a toy wagon.

Dear Santa,
Pleese bring me a good walking doll I have been good.

Dear Santa
Please bring me G.I. Joes I have Love Santa.

Dear Santa Clause,
I am a good boy. May bother is good to He hilps me clen my room up and my sester is good to She hilps me to. Dear Santa plies breng me and my bother a dump truk and my sester a doll to. have a good Crestmas Love, Scott Armstrong

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Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kent and I'm 2 yrs. old. I have been a pretty good little boy. Could you please bring me a little Moline tractor and plows and a See'n'Say toy, or just anything would be fine. And please bring my little brother, Kelby, a rocking horse and some pull toys. Don't forget all the other boys and girls.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please make all children happy. Please bring a b-b gen.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please make all children happy. Please bring a M16 Mirddire and a Johnny Astro and a 3 Styhje Recte.

Dear Santa,
I wish that I could get a trap-aleen could you make one please. Our room and our house looks good please come to my house on Christmas, 714 West Maple Street Please my sister wants a doll.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a Baby fusy fusy and I will have a Mary Christmas and you have a aMry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I will like to have a bebe gun. We have fun at school. We are happe We like you Santa Clause.

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a bike and a doll.

Dear Santa,
Please brings me a good road runner set. I love to play car.

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Holiday Celebrations Reflect Customs from Far and Near

Celebrating the happy holiday of Christmas is an almost universal custom, and many of the traditions belonging to the day are universal, too. Gift giving, merrymaking, gaily decorated trees and brightly glowing lights are holiday habits that have found their way to almost every corner of the globe.

Along with the similarities in the way people observe Christmas go just as many differences. From country to country, from city to city, from family to family, holiday customs vary, sometimes just enough to show the touch of individual imagination, and sometimes so greatly that it seems hard to believe the same day is being commemorated.

Gift Giving . . .

It's traditional to receive gifts during the Yuletide season, but the time is not always December 25, and the gift-giver is not always Santa.

One of the earliest Christmas giving times takes place in the Netherlands, according to the Book of Knowledge. Here, the children receive their gifts from St. Nicholas on December 5. The date, appropriately enough, is called St. Nicholas Eve, in honor of the real St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop.

Christmas gift giving in Italy comes on January 5, which is known as Epiphany Eve. The traditional gift giver is Befana. Legend says that Befana misdirected the wise men, and now she seeks to atone by going about the world doing good to children.

In Scandinavian countries, gifts are given on St. Lucy's Day, December 13. The time for gift giving in

Puerto Rico and Spain is January 6, the day when, traditionally, the wise men came to Bethlehem.

In Germany

From Christmas trees to Christmas toys, many Christmas customs now universally observed came first from Germany.

In the medieval town of Nuremberg, the highlight of the Christmas season is the "Christkindmarkt," or literally, Christ Child's Fair.

The "Christ Kind," or Christ Child, is the gift giver, and the culmination of the fair, on Christmas Eve, is a visit by the Christ Kind to the balcony of the historic church, the Frauenkirche. Days of group caroling by the children precede this event.

Fun and Feasting . . .

A merry, hearty feast is traditional at Christmas, but the ingredients are not always the same. Norwegians might serve, instead of turkey and trimmings, codfish and pickled pork, while baked carp is a favored Christmas delicacy in Austria.

Christmas dining customs change with time, too. History describes a "traditional" Christmas feast of seventeenth century Quebec, a feast that would be considered somewhat unusual today.

Before each diner at the feast was placed a bowl of birchbark or polished basswood and a spoon of bark. The diners supplied their own knives, and there were no forks.

Into the bowl went first the appetizers — cornbread and a boiled mixture of eels, salmon and beans. The soup course

was a rich meat broth, thickened with nuts. Vegetables included corn, peas and baked squash.

The main course featured roast venison and squirrel pies, with baked wild pigeons, partridges, blackbirds, owls — all served together.

Dessert consisted of cakes of maple sugar or sunflower seeds and nuts, topped with a sauce of boiled dried berries.

Lighting Up . . .

Since the Star shone on Bethlehem, lights have been a part of Christmas celebrations. Today, candlelight services are traditionally held by many churches at Christmas. Something unique in the way of Christmas lights are the "luminarias" used to decorate the city of Albuquerque, N.M., at Christmastime.

Outlining the borders of streets, sidewalks, yards and even the roofs of homes, the luminarias shine everywhere. Made of paper bags, weighted down with sand and lighted from within by a candle, thousands of luminarias all over the city offer a soft light.

Buzzing with Holly

An English tradition of long ago says that sprigs of holly should be placed in beehives at Christmas. This stems from a legend that, at the Manger, bees gathered to hum a hymn of joy.

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.

Salt 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.

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Yule Customs Reveal Many Variations

Cherished memories, heart-felt joys, children's laughter — everywhere, these mean Christmas.

The spirit of Christmas knows no boundaries. It lives in the hearts of men in many lands. Though its message of joy is always the same, the legends and lore of the season are as varied as the peoples who celebrate the Holy Birth. Customs of each country may be similar, yet marked by their own individual character.

In New Mexico

The Santa Domingo Indian pueblo, in New Mexico, performs a four-day-long sacred ritual dance in honor of the Christmas season.

It begins at two A.M. Christmas day. After midnight mass, the Indians gather inside the church. They are clad in colorful costumes, adorned with everything from fox tails to evergreen branches.

The dancers carry on their ceremonial until daylight. At dawn the Indians move to their sacred plaza in the center of the village, where they continue dancing throughout Christmas day.

On the second day the children dance, and the older members of the tribe take over for the third day. On the last day the entire pueblo joins in the day-long ceremonies.

In California

Communities as well as countries have their own special way of celebrating Christmas.

In Joshua Tree, Calif., this small community transforms itself into a replica of Bethlehem. The story of the first Christmas is re-enacted, with the main street serving as a giant stage.

In Newfoundland

Citizens of Newfoundland show their Christian ethics with the Christmas custom known as "Fishing for the Church." On this day huge quantities of fish are caught and brought by the parishioners of a village to the church, where they are sold. Proceeds of the sale go toward buying firewood for the curate.

In Czechoslovakia

It's customary among the Czechs to break off a cherry tree branch, at the beginning of Advent. The branch is placed in a pot of water in the kitchen and kept in the warm air.

At Christmas time, it's hoped, the twig will burst into bloom and make a festive decoration.

In Scandinavia

The Jultomten is a friendly gnome, who not only brings gifts to Scandinavian children but guards the household and farm as well. To keep him happy, the children give the catle extra fodder and leave sheaves of grain for the birds on Christmas Eve.

In Turkey

A unique holiday tradition in Turkey requires the head of the church to throw a wooden cross into the Bosphorus. On Christmas Day, three boys dive after it.

The finder takes the cross from house to house and receives in return food and gifts from those who are allowed to see the cross.

In Iceland

Since trees are scarce in Iceland, families must use their ingenuity in creating a Christmas tree. A pole with branches of greenery tied to it is the solution in many Icelandic homes. And the valuable real trees are saved for industrial use.

In Norway

The Norwegian Christmas traditionally starts six months before December 24th. The celebration itself lasts three weeks. The period is known as the Julafred, or the Peace of Christmas.

In Finland

Just before Christmas Day, families in Finland take a sauna bath. This is the traditional steam bath taken in a hut with a stone oven.

In France

Traditionally, adults in France do not exchange gifts until New Year's Day. In some French villages, shepherds bring their lambs to church on Christmas.

In Liberia

Liberians use an oil palm in place of the traditional fir as a Christmas tree. The palm is decorated with red balls, other palm leaves and ferns.

Looking for a Christmas gift that is stylish and tasteful? U.S. Savings Bonds are always appropriate — are always appreciated.

Churches Echo With Yule Tale

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:7.

At Christmas, in church and home devotions, Christians turn again and again to the Biblical story of that Holy Night nearly two thousand years ago.

From the words of two of his disciples, Luke and Matthew, they learn of humble shepherds watching in a field, of herald angels singing, of a Star that shone in the East to guide the Wise Men on their way.

In every word of the sacred story, the first Christmas lives anew. And most cherished of all are the words that tell of the simple manger scene, of Mary, and Joseph, and the Christ Child.

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger."

The words, as simple as the scene, inspire awe and wonder, for the glory of the moment, for the miracle that was wrought. Yet the same words bring a homely comfort, too. It is a miracle that even a child may comprehend, for there, living again in the words, is the Baby Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

"Because there no room for them in the inn."

In the glory, there is poignancy, too.

"No room in the inn."

The words echo across the ages, and rejoicing is tinged with bitterness. That — as in the words of the famous carol, "Away in a Manger," — "the little Lord Jesus" had "no crib for His bed" weighs on the heart of Christianity.

Even here at the manger there is the shadow of suffering in store for the Son of God, of trials soon to begin with the flight into Egypt, and to end on the Cross.

But the glory prevails, in the miracle of the humble manger, and ahead, through the shadows of the future, through anguish and agony, shines the radiance of Easter.

It is Christmas, and Christians everywhere rejoice at the words of the angel.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11.

Fireplace Claims Early Role in Yule Festivity

When Santa Claus comes sliding down the chimney on Christmas Eve, where will he land?

Right in the fireplace, an area that has been a traditional part of Christmas for more years than Santa has worn a red suit!

Before the turn of the century, Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas, frequently wore a blue robe, although Clement Clarke Moore, in "A Visit from St. Nicholas," pictured him as "clad all in fur, from his head to his foot."

But for centuries, the fireplace has been a treasured and often vital part of the home.

The fireplace as it exists today — that is, the firebox along the wall, with a chimney instead of an open fire in the middle of the room — dates from about 1066.

Built of Wood
Early fireplaces were built of wood or wicker, but they proved so dangerous that in the year 1419 the City of London decreed that henceforth fireplaces be made of tiles.

stone or plaster, under the penalty of being demolished.

A greatly improved system of making tiles was adopted by the Dutch from the Spaniards following the Treaty of Breda in 1609, and paved the way for more elaborately decorated ceramics on fireplace facings, walls and mantels.

The use of such tiles for fireplaces soon spread to England, and then to the Colonies.

Skilled Dutch craftsmen decorated ceramic tiles with designs of oranges, grapes, tulips, vases of flowers, ships, sea monsters, landscapes, horsemen and royal portraits. The English used similar pictures and added many charming scenes designed by renowned artists, including Kate Greenaway, famed for her Christmas card designs.

Set a Precedent
These tiles were used both to line the fireplace and on mantels and other surfacings, setting a precedent for modern fireplaces.

In America, the Pilgrims built crude stone fireplaces,

then constructed their log huts around them.

Today, as in those earlier years, ceramic tile remains a practical and decorative surfacing material for fireplaces, and the home owner has a far wider choice to work with than did early home builders.

More than 250 different ceramic tile sizes, shapes and textures are supplied by American manufacturers, says the Tile Council of America.

Just as in the early days, special decorative tiles give the fireplace a distinctive touch of elegance to greet Santa when he arrives, via the traditional route.



"GIVE THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING—U.S. SAVINGS BONDS"—That's the advice of Carl Reiner, comedian-writer and director of Columbia Pictures' "Enter Laughing."

Peace on Earth
May the spiritual blessings of the season be bestowed on you and yours.

CHET BRAAFLADT
DIMMITT 66 INC.

Christmas Greetings

As the holiday season unfolds with all its merriment and magic, we send greetings in the good old-fashioned spirit of "dashing through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh," and wish you many memorable delights. To all our friends and customers, our hearty thanks for a year of good will.

Tidwell Spraying Service

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To our host of good friends, we send holiday wishes, with appreciation for your loyalty and good will.

Cobb's

GREETINGS

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.

La-Mantia-Cullum & Collier & Co. Inc.

HOMER WEST, Manager

DEAR SANTA

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
Please make all children happy.
Please bring a play horse and
Raggedy Andy and Flowermaker.
Love Libby

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
Please make all children happy.
Please bring a doll.
Love,
Kimmie



BADMINTON WORKS FINE WITH A SNOWBALL
... Kelly and Lyndel Davis and Cindy Fisher on Northwest Seventh

GREETINGS

As we approach the season of peace and good will, we gratefully remember our many friends. May this greeting carry our best wishes, and our hearty thanks to one and all.



Lindsey Cleaners

Bob Doris Monette
Christyrene Ilene

Dear Santa



Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me Baby Crawl Along.
Valentino Dahes

Dear Santa,
I want a baby hungry doll. And I want some games. I want a picture of you. And a set of dishes. And a dishwasher. And a coffee maker. And I want some house shoes.
Renee' Ball

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me sum tools.
Love Mark

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please make all children happy. Please bring a table and chairs and Miss Beasley doll.
Cristy Stafford

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Miss Beasley. I love you.
Cristy Stafford

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please make all children happy. Please bring a Crep Crallur and a lots mor press.
Love Trishd

Dear Santa



Dear Santa Claus,
I want a shoulder bag, watch and a bendable barbie. I like school. I have a little sister named Aliscn. She wants a doll. I have a little sister named Kathleen. She wants a doll. I have a little sister named Nadine. She wants a doll. We have five girl's, and one boy in our family. Counting our mother and father we have eight in our family.
Have a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Love,
Natalie Durbin
Rt. D, Nazareth, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good this year. Please make all children happy.
Beth Maxwell

Dear Santa Claus,
Please Santa Claus bring me a Cricket farm and a painting set. Santa Claus please bring it on Christmas Eve. Thank you very much. I will have very much fun.
Love Kenneth Brockman

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please make all children happy. Please bring a baby fussy.
Love, Linda.

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a doll for Christmas Santa Clause. Santa Clause I am good girl and I want a tow mat gril doll and boy.
Lucy Delapaz

Dear Santa Claus,
I thank you for all my toys. I hope you think I have been good this year.
I would like a Slinky, a tractor, two guns, a combine and rifle. I will not be home. I will be at my grandmothers in North Carolina. Please bring my toys there.
Thank you Santa Claus.
Eddie Huseman

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Ccke machine.
Susie Cluck

How It Began

'Green Christmas' Traces Heritage To Ancient Times

A sprig of mistletoe, a holly wreath, an evergreen tree — these and other decorations of greenery come into homes at holiday time — and tradition blooms.

The "green Christmas" is an ancient custom, more universally observed than a "white Christmas."

In earliest times, at the pagan winter festivals, evergreens and winter-blooming plants were prized for their promise of spring and the sun's return. For the first Christians, the same greenery symbolized life eternal.

"The Holly and the Ivy." As the old Christmas carol indicates, both holly and ivy share an ancient heritage as holiday greenery. Early characterization of holly as masculine and ivy as feminine goes back to pagan games, with "the holly and the ivy" in friendly competition.

A later tradition says that spiny-leaved hollies are "he" hollies, while the smooth-leaved plants are "she" hollies. The kind of holly brought into the home at Christmas determines whether "he" or "she" will be head of the house for the coming year.

"Rosemary, that's for Remembrance." When Shakespeare wrote this famous line, rosemary was not only for remembrance—it was for Christmas decorating, too.

Rosemary, a fragrant herb that remains evergreen in warm climates, is no longer used as a holiday decoration, but it still retains its legendary connection with Christmas.

The legend says that, during the flight into Egypt, Mary spread the Holy Infant's clothing on a rosemary bush to dry. At once, the bush became sweetly scented, and its pale white blossoms turned to a lovely blue.

Mistletoe for Luck. Today, a meeting beneath the mistletoe brings good luck in the form of a kiss.

Ancient peoples believed that mistletoe had a more positive control over luck, good and bad. A bit of mistletoe hung over a doorway was said to ward off evil.

A later belief suggested that mistletoe could bring bad luck. If mistletoe boughs put up for Christmas are not removed by Candlemas Eve (February 1), this belief holds that each leaf will bring forth a goblin to remain for the rest of the year, harassing the household.

Greetings

To you — the merriment that comes with trimming the tree, waiting for Santa, opening his gifts. To you — a holiday season bright with good cheer and warm with good fellowship. And to you, our sincere and hearty thanks for your patronage.

A & H SUPPLY
— FRED & MURRAY —



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.

BIG T PUMP CO.

GEORGE — BARBARA — JOE — HENRY — DEAN

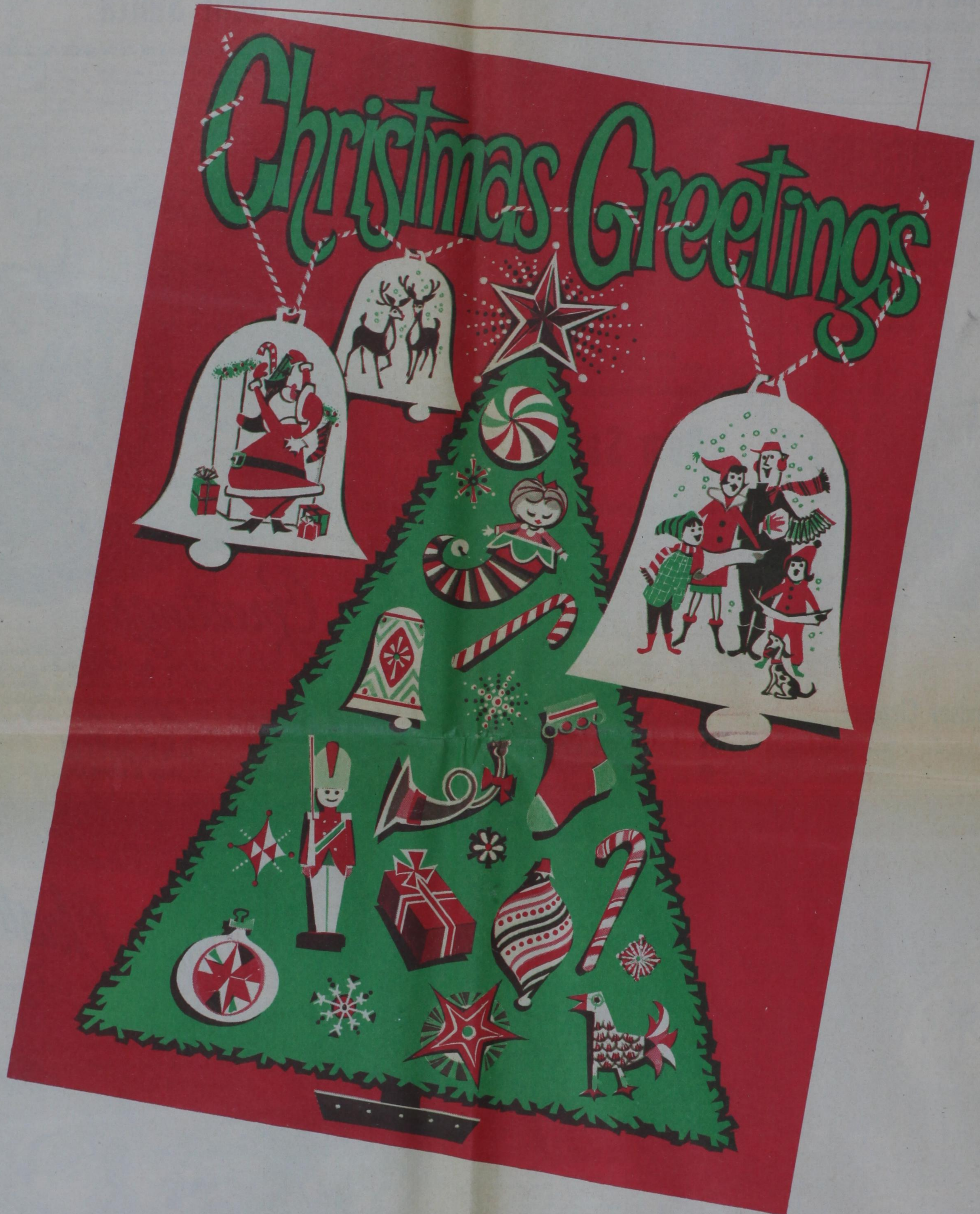


Merry Christmas

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!

EASTER GIN CO.

TOM DAVIS, Manager



**Our best wishes to everyone for a joyful Holiday
brimming with good fellowship and glowing with gladness.
And "Thank You," for your loyalty and trust.**

**FIRST STATE BANK
of DIMMITT**



CARRASCO CAR AT WRECK SCENE NEAR WESTERN AMMONIA SATURDAY
... Both occupants injured when car skidded, collided with pickup

Two Injured in Wreck On Ice-Glazed Highway

A Hart man and his passenger, a 16-year-old Hart High School athlete, received severe facial and head injuries at 4:45 p.m. Saturday when their car skidded out of control on ice-glazed State 194

and collided head-on with a pickup. **THE WRECK** occurred a mile east of the city, near the Western Ammonia plant.

Dario Carrasco, 23, of Hart, received a mouth laceration and lost many of his front teeth when his mouth hit the steering wheel of his car. Carrasco's passenger, 16-year-old Graciela Catano, a Hart High School student and athlete, received head lacerations when he was thrown into the windshield of Carrasco's 1961 Chevrolet sedan.

DANIEL GONZALES, also of Hart, driver of the 1962 Chevrolet pickup involved in the collision, escaped serious injury.

Investigating patrolmen said Carrasco was driving from Dim-

mitt to Hart when his car went into a skid on the ice-glazed highway. A driving snowstorm was beginning to whip up also when the accident occurred.

OFFICERS said Carrasco was unable to bring his car out of the skid, and it collided head-on with Gonzales' pickup, which was entering Dimmitt.

All three men were taken to Plains Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Patrol Reports Seven Accidents During November

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated seven accidents in Castro County during November, according to Sergeant W. E. Wells, Highway Patrol Supervisor of this area.

THESE CRASHES resulted in three persons injured and an estimated property damage of \$3,150.

The rural accident summary for Castro County during the first 11 months of 1967 shows a total of 89 accidents resulting in eight persons killed, 64 persons injured, and an estimated property damage of \$74,204.

What does the traffic picture look like for this Christmas - New Year holiday season? Past records have proven December to be the most deadly month of the year. December, 1966 recorded 351 traffic fatalities.

"It is estimated that 100 persons will be killed in traffic accidents during the Christmas and New Year holidays, Sgt. Wells said. "If we are going to be satisfied with a repeat performance of past records set during December, then this holiday season is going to be a very sad one for many people."

12 From County In Regional Band

Eleven high school musicians from Dimmitt and one from Nazareth earned chairs in the All Regional Band, which performed in Lubbock Saturday night.

DIRECTOR Ralph Smith's DHS band students who made the select band were Janis Mooney, Paula Birdwell, Sharon Barker, Marsha Baldrige, Kent Bradford and Betsy Simpson, clarinets; Elaine Davis, baritone saxophone; Sheila Hamilton and Sue Lust, contrabass clarinet; Robert Froehner, bassoon; and Rick Smith, tuba, alternate.

Nazareth's member in the All Regional Band was Angela Conrad, junior clarinetist. Her teacher is Nolan Froehner.

The young musicians were among 128 top band students chosen by judges from Class AA, A and B schools in the southern half of Region I after tryouts Dec. 9.

AFTER rehearsing Thursday night, Friday and Saturday morning, the All Regional Band presented a concert Saturday night in Lubbock's Monterey High School. Conducting the band was W. Francis McBeth, Ouchita University bandmaster. The select band performed six marches, overtures and concert arrangements by Sousa, Mozart, Erickson, Alford, McBeth and Maxwell.

Firemen Need More Used Toys

Dimmitt's volunteer firemen need more toys — especially dolls — to distribute to needy children for Christmas.

THE FIRE department is accepting both new and used toys. Firemen are repairing the used ones to help make needy children's Christmas brighter.

If you have any good used toys in your home that could be repaired, please deliver them to the fire department as soon as possible.

A 36-year-old Dimmitt minister was killed and two other men injured last Thursday morning in a head-on collision two miles east of Hart.

KILLED instantly was Rev. Lewis Wakefield, pastor of the Lee Street Baptist Church, who was riding to ministerial classes at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview.

Rev. Wakefield was a passenger in a 1964 Ford sedan driven by Jerry Cox, 25, a student in court reporting at Southwest Business College in Plainview. Cox received a severe head laceration and bruises.

They were driving to Plainview on State 194 to attend classes when their car collided head-on at 7:15 a.m. with a 1966 Ford station wagon driven by Harlan Curtis Hawkins, 21, soldier from Haskell who was home on leave from Okinawa.

HAWKINS received a severe chest injury which resulted in a heart contusion. He was in critical condition when admitted to Plains Memorial Hospital, but emergency aid saved his life and he regained consciousness two hours later. He is now reported in satisfactory condition.

His physician said Hawkins will spend eight to 10 more days in Plains Memorial, then will be transferred to an Army hospital for a recovery that's expected to take three months.

Hawkins was en route from Haskell to Dimmitt to visit his sister, Mrs. Yvonne Huffines.

HIGHWAY Patrolmen Glen Toles and Ronnie Rainey of Hereford, who investigated, said the collision occurred in the center of the highway, and that both vehicles were traveling about 65 mph.

Rev. Wakefield, who was in the passenger's seat of Cox's car, died of a severe head injury when he was thrown against the cab post of the car, the officers said.

The impact point was on the right front grill of each vehicle, the patrolmen added.

REV. WAKEFIELD, a 1949 graduate of Hart High School, was ordained last Dec. 11 at the Arney Baptist Church north of Hart. He served as pastor of that church before moving to Dimmitt in July to become minister of the Lee Street Church.

Funeral services for the Dimmitt minister were held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church.

Rev. Herb Roe, pastor of the Bledsoe Baptist Church in Plainview, and Rev. Dorman Kinard, pastor of Plainview's Crestview Baptist Church, officiated.

BURIAL was in Hart Cemetery, with Dennis Funeral Home directing.

Rev. Wakefield was born July 5, 1931, in Amarillo. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Yvonne; three children, Connie, 8, Cindy, 6, and Steve, 3; six brothers, Stanley of Phoenix, Ariz., M. D. of Tulsa, W. D. of Aztec, N.M., Dan of Seminole, George and Gordon of Lubbock; and two sisters, Mrs. Johnny Hays of Tulsa and Mrs. Mary Glover of Tatum, N.M.

VFW Men Become Santa's Helpers

Dimmitt's Veterans of Foreign Wars, after distributing candy and favors to more than 200 children Sunday, took bags of fruit, candy and nuts Monday to patients in Plains Memorial Hospital, residents of the Golden Spread Rest Home and needy families in East Dimmitt.

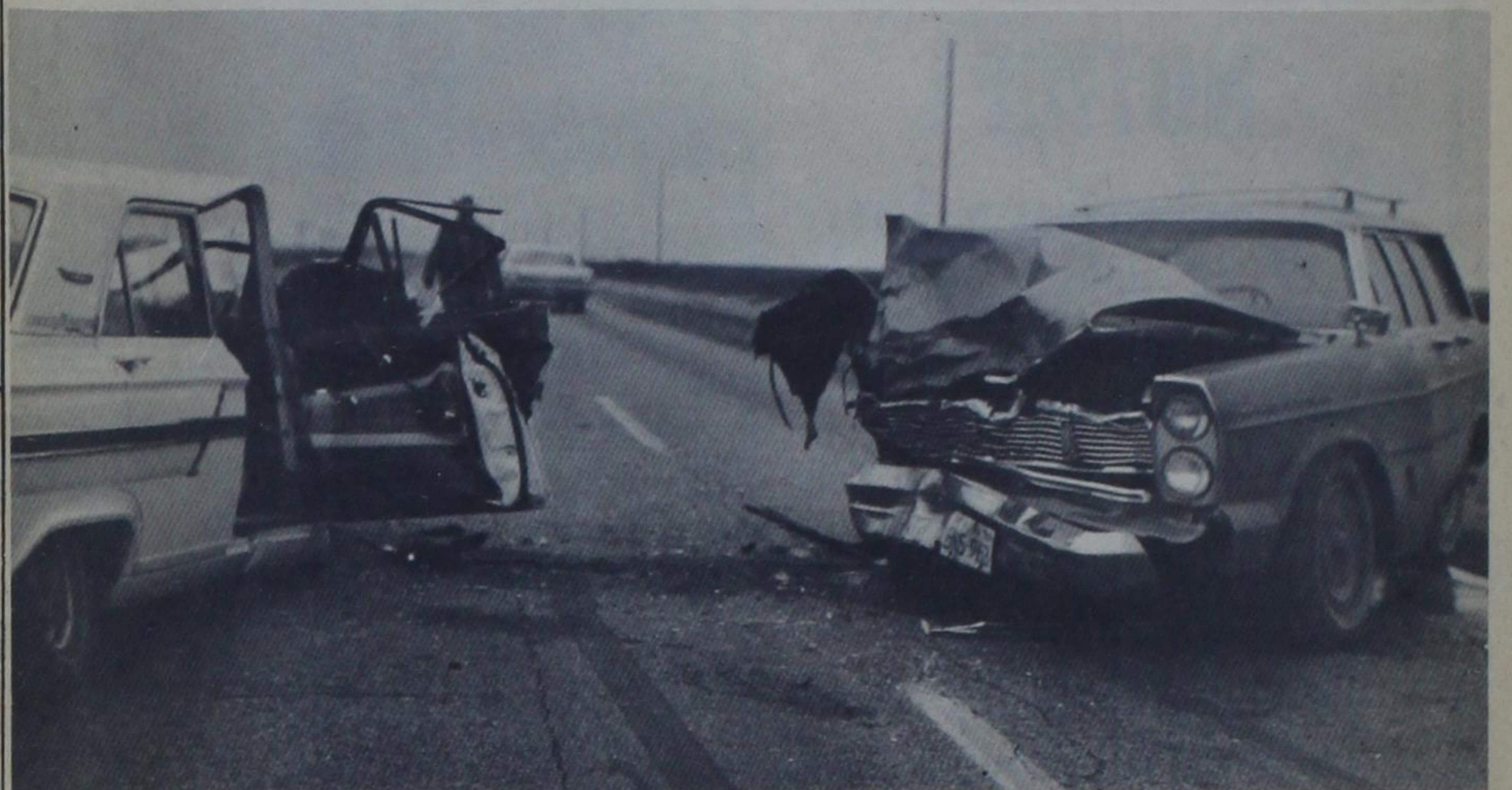
THOSE serving as Santa's helpers in the Monday project were Howard Cook, Ned Smith, Nub Calhoun and George Derrick.

Mumps Cases Now Subsiding

After 200 reported cases, the mumps epidemic is now tapering off.

Dr. J. D. Blackburn, county medical officer, described the rash of mumps as "something to be expected every couple of years," but added, "I've seen more cases of pancreatitis (inflamed pancreas) associated with the mumps outbreak this year than in any previous year."

HE SAID the number of cases is now subsiding after having swelled to a peak two weeks ago, but that a few children in the area may still have to spend Christmas with the mumps.



SCENE OF FATAL ACCIDENT EAST OF HART THURSDAY MORNING
... Rev. Wakefield died in Cox Ford (left); Hawkins was alone in station wagon

Hereford Highway to Be Widened

US Highway 385 will receive \$1.8 million worth of grading, widening and surfacing from the Fort Worth & Denver tracks in Dimmitt to the Deaf Smith County line.

The construction has been budgeted by the Texas Highway Commission for fiscal 1969-70, and will begin sometime after June 1969. **THE STATE** highway commission must budget road jobs two years in advance to allow time

for legislative approval, appropriations and a buildup of road tax funds.

Scheduling of the major project was a case of the squeaky wheel getting the oil. Castro Counties — especially Dimmitt residents — have appealed to both the highway commission and state legislators for improvement of US 385, following several fatal accidents on the stretch.

Highway crews already have removed trees along one curve where an accident killed two Dimmitt people last year.

WITH LIQUOR stores dotting the highway near the county line, highway officials have discovered in their traffic counts that the stretch of US 385 carries a fairly heavy load of traffic from Dimmitt and Hereford to the liquor stores, but not an exceptional load of "through traffic."

But apparently the pleas from concerned residents here, coupled with the "rum runs" along the highway convinced the state commission that the road needs improvement.

RHEA E. BRADLEY, supervising resident engineer for the dis-

trict, said the \$1.8 million project will cover 14.1 miles of the highway.

The construction job does not extend into Deaf Smith County. However, 14.3 miles of US 385 in Deaf Smith are scheduled to be widened and resurfaced in 1969-70, starting 11 miles north of Hereford.

(The News was unable to learn by press time whether the reconstruction of US 385 from the county line to Hereford is scheduled before the 1969-70 fiscal year. But this is a possibility, since traf-

fic from Hereford to the county line is heavier than that from Dimmitt to the county line.)

IN ALL, the Texas Highway Commission approved a \$362 million, two-year consolidated highway program for the state this week, involving 1,667.6 miles. Of this amount, \$15,494,000 is for construction and \$1,125,000 for purchase of right of way in District 5.

Card Project Earns \$1,580

"Operation Christmas Greeting," which resulted in the community Christmas card as the cover page of today's issue, earned \$1,580 for new hospital equipment at Plains Memorial.

MRS. FAYE KENMORE of First State Bank, treasurer of the project, reported that 259 Castro County families donated to "Operation Christmas Greeting" instead of sending Christmas cards locally. Average donation was a little over \$6.

In addition to those whose names appear on the community Christmas card, six other families donated to the project after press deadline. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Steve Taylor and Family; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cluck and Billie M. H. Fowlkes; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fuller and Family; Jack and Alta Summers; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gilbreath. **PROCEEDS** of the project will go into a special fund to be administered by the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, to buy extra equipment which physicians, staff and auxiliary members feel is needed at the hospital.

Bridge Club Postpones

Next meeting of Dimmitt's Duplicate Bridge Club will be New Year's Day at 7:30 p.m. in the First State Bank community room.

THE CLUB, which normally meets each Monday night, will not meet Dec. 25. Club meetings are open to all who enjoy playing bridge.

Greetings from Hart

Our Hart neighbors will not receive Christmas greeting cards this year from those of us listed below. Instead of sending the traditional cards, we have donated our card money to the Hart Cemetery Fund, to keep our cemetery a credit to the community and to the memory of those who rest there.

Each of us wishes all our friends in Hart and the county a merry Christmas!

- Mr. and Mrs. W. T. King
- Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Loman
- Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Foster
- Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Dinwiddie
- Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Hawkins Sr.
- Mr. and Mrs. Miles Cox
- Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Wescott
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks
- Mrs. O. C. Kittrell
- Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ray
- Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pyeatt
- Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Myrick
- Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Davis
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rich
- Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Sanders
- Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Felder
- Mr. and Mrs. Harvey C. Davis
- Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Murray
- Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Miller
- Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hacker
- Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Martin
- Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hill
- Mr. and Mrs. John McLain
- Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Armstrong
- Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Foster
- Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Maples
- Mr. and Mrs. Norlan Dudley
- Mr. and Mrs. Carl Godfrey
- Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Bass Jr.
- Mr. and Mrs. David Nelson
- Mr. and Mrs. I. V. McLain
- Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McLain
- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Newman and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hamm
- Mrs. G. R. Bennett
- Mrs. Nora Ray
- Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Graves

Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne Brown

Capt. Prather Receives Wound

Capt. Dan Prather, husband of Mrs. Jo Prather, Dimmitt third grade teacher, has been recommended for the Purple Heart after being wounded in action on his 27th birthday in Vietnam.

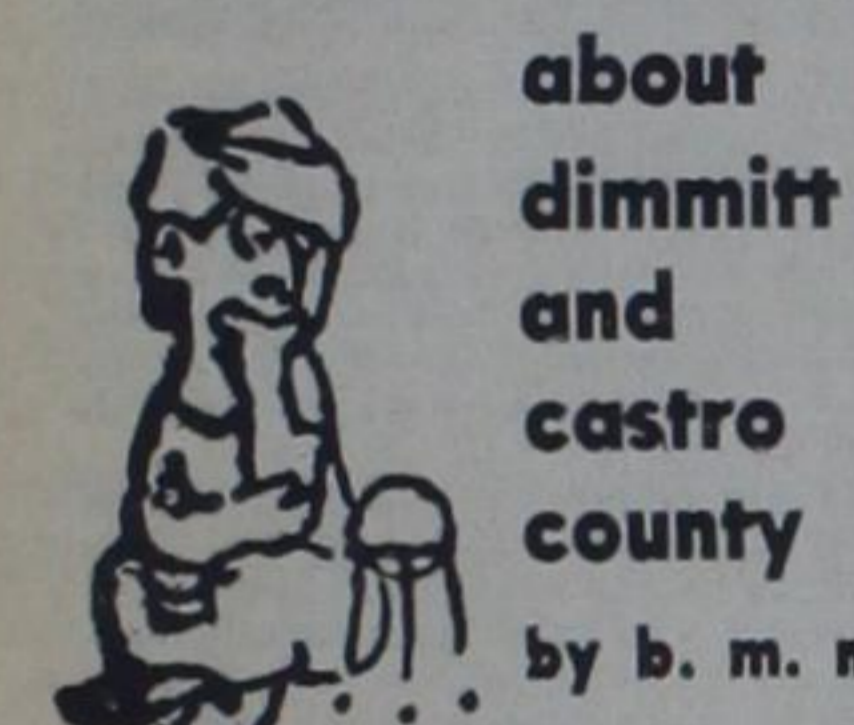
CAPT. PRATHER, a native of Hale Center, reportedly received a painful wound when he stepped into a Viet Cong booby trap and plunged a razor-sharp "punji stick" into his leg. The incident occurred while he was leading a patrol in dense, mountainous jungle near Duc Poe.

According to the Hale Center American, Capt. Prather did not inform his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Prather of Hale Center, until Dec. 10, a month after he was wounded.

And he didn't notify his wife of his wound until he had reported back for duty as a company commander.

AFTER HE was wounded, he reportedly pulled the "punji stick" from his leg, received first aid on the spot, and completed his patrol mission before reporting the wound.

The "punji stick," one of the Viet Cong's favorite anti-personnel devices, is a stick or cane stalk studded into the ground, whittled to a razor-sharp point, and smeared with human excrement. A punji-stick wound nearly always results in infection, and has resulted in many American and South Vietnamese soldiers losing their feet or legs.



about dimmitt and castro county by b. m. n.

Castro County is a slow starter politically speaking. So far there hasn't been any indication by incumbent county officials that they expect to seek re-election, or for that matter has there been any indication of competition for the offices that are up for grabs this year. Politics have already kicked off in most neighboring counties with any number of candidates announcing their plans for seducing the voters in the upcoming general election year.

The year is ending with a very pleasing announcement from the State Highway Department. At long last it seems there will be some highway improvement work done in Castro County even if it will be from one to two years materializing. A story on this page of the News gives some of the details of the promised improvements.

In all fairness to Joe Cowen I should report the outcome of the Clifton - Tidehaven state championship football game last Friday. The Clifton team was annihilated, stomped, ran over, drubbed, subjected, and beaten by the one-sided score of 7 to 6. I wasn't surprised that Clifton was placed on probation by the District Executive Committee. They violated rule 25 of the football plan, something about beginning practice too early in the spring. Apparently, the Cowen influence is still affecting the quiet and beautiful central Texas city of Clifton.

Farm Bureau Delegates Oppose Cotton Policy, Smithson Says

Mr. and Mrs. Rayphard Smithson of Dimmitt returned last Thursday from the 49th annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Chicago.

AS PRESIDENT of the Castro County Farm Bureau, Smithson was sent to the four-day convention as a non-voting delegate by the county board. He and his wife, Mary Lu, left Dec. 10 from Amarillo Airport via Trans-World Airlines.

Convention headquarters was the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. The main part of the convention, Smithson reported, was taken up in close study, review and action on 103 pages of proposed resolutions, setting national Farm Bureau policy for the coming year on farm-related legislation, crop programs and other national issues.

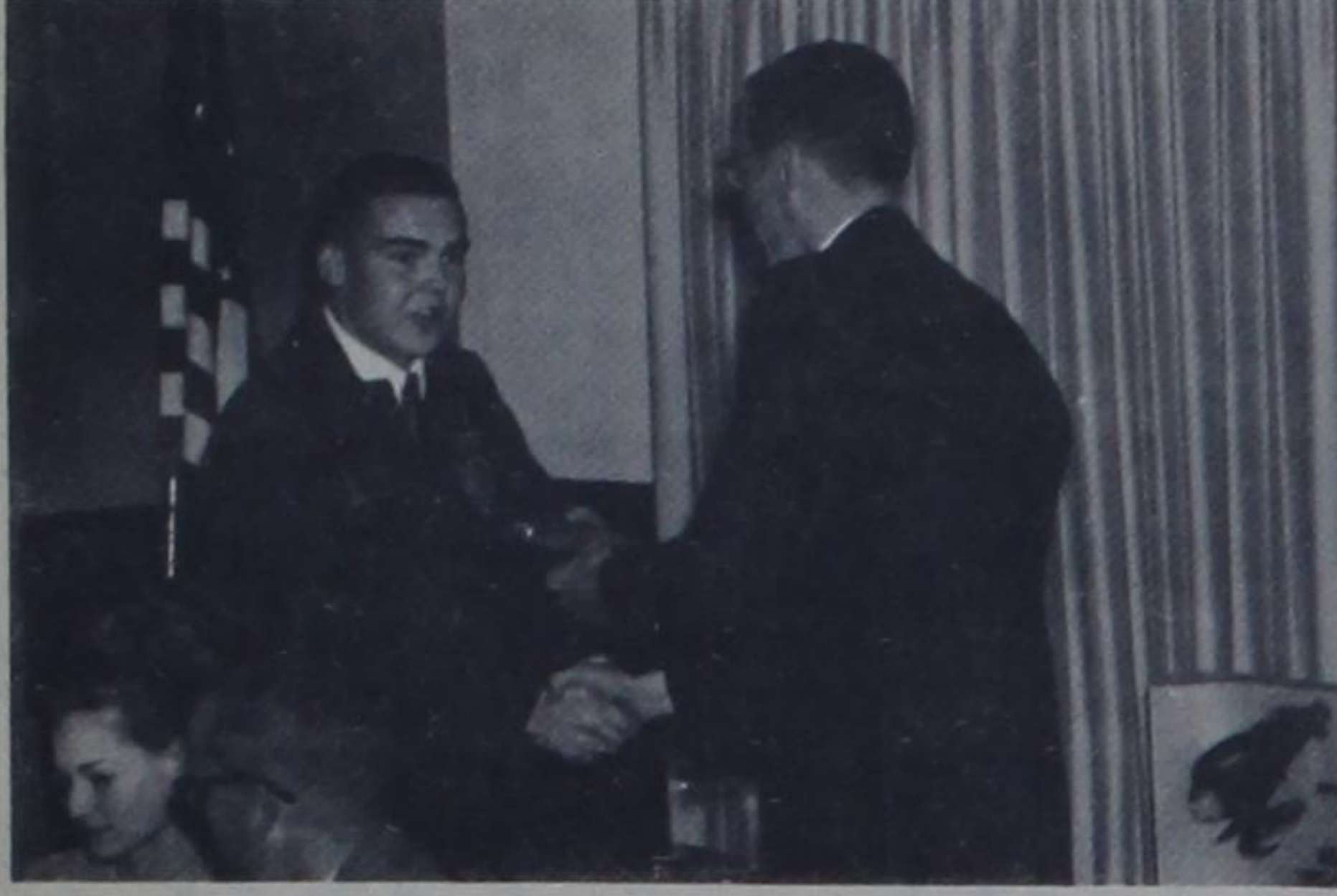
"THE BIGGEST debate was over the cotton issue," he said. "Delegates from the western states wanted the cotton program done away with completely, right now. But the southwestern and southern states didn't want that, although their delegates agreed that the cotton program isn't attaining its objectives and isn't doing the job that needs to be done."

Texas played a big part in the convention, Smithson reported. One of the main speakers was Congressman W. R. Poage of Waco, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, who said the estimated 300 million Americans who will make up the US population by the year 2000 can and will be adequately fed if producers are fairly compensated. The key to the question of whether Americans will eat well at the turn of the century, Poage said, is whether the farmer gets enough for his crops to afford use of the most efficient equipment and technology. Current low prices on corn, wheat and other commodities will not assure adequate production to meet these future needs, Poage said.

"HE TOLD US also that the power of Congress is now in the hands of the urban lawmakers, and that farmers need to get their message across to the urban population and to those in agriculture related businesses if we're to get the legislative help we need."

Another Texan, Mrs. Virginia Taylor of Floydada, drew a standing ovation from the convention audience for her dramatic entry in the national talent show. "She gave a dramatic, patriotic presentation on what it means to her to be an American, and I was really proud of her," Smithson said. "She got the only standing ovation that was given to a talent entry, to my knowledge."

FOR THE Smithsons, one of the highlights of the trip was their own side-journey to the Chicago Board of Trade, where they saw the commodities exchange in action. "Each commodity had its own pit on the floor of the exchange," Smithson explained, "and the traders bid with their hands and with shouts — it's a language of their own. And those with commodities to sell use their hands to show how many bushels of a certain commodity they have for sale. It was quite amusing to watch 300 men taking part in all this activity. They do quite a lot of shouting and hand-waving in the selling process."



DARRELL POPE, 'OUTSTANDING F.F.A. SENIOR' . . . Gets plaque from Gary Moore, right



DAVID COLE (RIGHT), STAR YOUNG FARMER . . . Richard Hunter presents plaque



'YOUNG HOMEMAKER' AWARD WINNER . . . Linda Roberts, club vice-president



BEDFORD FORREST IS 'HONORARY YOUNG FARMER' . . . Receives plaque from Clark Dobbs, right

NOTICE!

We, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, believe the recent ruling of the Supreme Court, allowing known Communists to work in our Defense Plants, is deplorable, as well as ridiculous.

We urge you, the general public, to write your Congressman; write our President; write the Supreme Court itself!

This ruling, by the Supreme Court, MUST be reversed, and SOON, for the safety of our nation.

Let's act NOW.

VFW POST NO. 8056

Dimmitt, Texas

Cole Named 'Star Young Farmer'

A year's presidency of the Dimmitt Young Farmers was climaxed for David Cole Saturday night when he was named Castro County's "Star Young Farmer of 1967" by his fellow members.

COLE received a plaque from Richard Hunter, secretary, in recognition of the group's highest honor.

Seven award winners were named at the joint banquet of the Young Farmers and Young Homemakers Saturday night in the Colonial Inn dining room.

Mrs. Linda Roberts was named "Young Homemaker of the Year" by her fellow members. She is first vice-president of the organization. Mrs. Roberts' award was announced by Mrs. Joanne Snider, co-sponsor of the Dimmitt Young Homemakers.

ANOTHER highlight of the annual awards banquet was the naming of the "Outstanding FFA Senior Boy" in the county for 1967. The honor went to Darrell

Pope, a Dimmitt High School senior, who last year earned the FFA Lone Star Farmer Degree. He received his plaque from Gary Moore, treasurer.

Named the "Honorary Young Farmer" this year for his service to the organization was Bedford Forrest, manager of Radio Station KDHN. Forrest's award was announced by Clark Dobbs, the Young Farmers' reporter.

In addition to winning the "Star Young Farmer" award, Cole was

singled out for honors as the "Hardworking Young Farmer" by John Quinby, club co-sponsor. Cole received a new hat as his prize.

AND IN announcing the recipient of the "Hard Luck" title, Quinby commented that nearly every member qualified because of this year's hail storms and early freeze. He named Jim Dowty as the "Hard Luck" young farmer and awarded him two tires from Dimmitt Safety Lane as a consolation prize.

In the club's grain sorghum contest, Monte Boozer was named the overall winner on records, earnings and yield. Cited for individual awards in the contest were Dale Reeves for highest yield (9,218 lbs. per acre on test plot) and David Coe for efficiency of production.

MAIN SPEAKER was Ronnie Parker, minister of the Bedford Street Church of Christ, who challenged the Young Farmers and Young Homemakers to strive

for excellence in their work and maintain the traditions of hard work and independence that have built American agriculture.

Entertainment was provided by folk singer Bobby Straight, Wayland College student who was booked for a repeat of last year's banquet performance.

The banquet ended with the awarding of a dozen or more door prizes donated by Dimmitt business firms.

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Teachers Attends Houston Meeting

Sue Broderson of Dimmitt was a delegate to the ninth annual Teacher Education and Professional Standards conference sponsored at Houston Dec. 8 and 9 by Texas State Teachers Association.

Mrs. Broderson is an art teacher at Dimmitt High School.

SOME 400 educators representing every Texas county and major city took part in the conference, which was held at the Continental of Houston Hotel. Teacher Education and Professional Standards (TEPS) is a movement designed to upgrade both teaching conditions and professional standards for teachers. A major topic of discussion at the conference was a proposed "professional practices commission" which would affect the teaching profession in much the same way that doctors and lawyers police the ranks of their profession.

Presiding at the conference was Miss Antoinette Miller of Houston, TSTA president. Also taking part was Claude A. Hearn Jr. of San Antonio, TSTA vice-president.

Tangerines Hit the Market

Just in time for the holidays, juicy sweet tangerines now are arriving in the markets. The plump, crescent shaped sections packaged in nature's own "zipper" skin are a treat for holiday menu planners looking for a seasonal, tempting and nutritious item.

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They provide a ready-made dessert for the lunch box — they unwrap easily and form into bite-sized pieces.

Nestle a few into the toes of Christmas stockings and stock the fruitbowl.

When buying tangerines, select those that are heavy for their size and have a deep orange or almost red color, suggests the Texas A-&M specialist. They keep longer when stored in the refrigerator until serving time.

US Cotton Crop Lowest in 1900s

USDA's Crop Reporting Board, as of Dec. 1, estimated the nation's 1967 crop at 7.6 million bales, down almost 50 percent from the 1961-65 average and the smallest since 1895. Reasons—more acres diverted, one of the worst planting seasons on record, substantial abandonment and early freeze damage. The harvested acreage of 8.1 million acres was the lowest since 1869.

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RALPH SMITH CONDUCTS BOBCAT BAND IN CHRISTMAS CONCERT SUNDAY ... Annual concert drew a crowd of approximately 400

H-D Notes

Be Careful With Leftovers

By IRENE KEATING
This week I am in Arkansas enjoying a vacation. I hope all of you have a nice holiday. Remember to drive carefully.
ALSO keep in mind to handle your leftover turkey and dressing carefully. Dressing spoils quite rapidly if it isn't refrigerated. Also, be sure to refrigerate your turkey after the noon meal. Warmth is what makes bacteria grow.

WE HAVE a new publication in the office titled "Your Pre-school Child." This is a very good reference for all parents. It reminds us that children are people, each one is an individual and no two children, not even twins, are alike. Children should be encouraged to develop individuality.
We must remember that children's bodies must develop before they can grasp toys, throw a ball, tie shoelaces, etc. This also applies to toilet training a child.

Rushing his development will only upset both parents and baby until the baby is physically ready to be toilet-trained.
Sleep is also discussed. Children vary in the amount of sleep they need, just as adults do. Food habits also change as children grow older. By the time a child is 3 years old his growth has slowed down and he needs less food. As children grow older parents' food habits affect them. "When his father, a hero to him, refuses to eat a food, it is only natural that he should do the same."
INTELLECTUAL growth is very rapid for the pre-schooler. Children learn through experiences as well as asking "why" things.
Emotional growth at this age seems to be conflicting. While the child is seeking independence he is also wanting reassurance of his parents' love and care. Parents who are aware of this and understand it are better able to help

their children. Discipline need not be a problem if both parents are consistent with discipline. "When parents reach the same way, day after day, the child is more sure of how he is expected to act." Punishment is a method of teaching behavior. Mild punishments are easier for the child to accept than frequent scoldings.
MANY children are afraid of the threat of nuclear war. Parents need to develop an optimistic outlook and give it to their children to lessen this fear.
Lastly, the bulletin reminds us that children learn through play. If you want a copy of this publication, come by the office or call 647-3455 and we'll be glad to mail you a copy.

Woods Attend Faculty Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. John Hardy Wood attended the faculty Christmas dinner at South Plains College in Levalland Saturday night.
MRS. WOOD is a mathematics instructor at the college.
Members of the Faculty Women's Club were hostesses for the annual dinner, which was attended by 150 persons, including faculty members, spouses, and members of the board of regents.
Mrs. Inez Grant, president of the Faculty Women's Club, recalled the first days of the 10-year-old college and noted its rapid growth, with two new buildings having opened their doors this semester. One is the new three-story Library Building, and the other is the auditorium-coliseum, which has been named "Texan Dome" by the students.
A technical and vocational building is under construction and is due for completion in September 1968, Mrs. Grant explained.

Buy Your Child A Fashion Doll?

Before you buy your pre-school youngster a fashion doll — wait! THINK why the child needs dolls — to love and hug. But can they baby a fashion doll which seems much older than themselves?
As little girls cuddle baby dolls, they learn how to be girls, they identify with their mothers.
Children like to pretend. This develops their imagination and creativity, says Jennie Kitching, Extension family life education specialist at Texas A&M University.
THEY pretend dolls are their babies. They love them, spank them, restrict them, bathe them, and talk to them.
But a fashion doll is too old and grown up to be a baby. Her features are too small for clumsy pre-school fingers to dress.
"With baby dolls, girls can play at being active, nurturing mothers and housewives," said Dr. Alan Leverton, director of Pediatrics Health Unit, University of California Medical Center.
"With fashion dolls girls learn to expect to be valued by an ever-increasing wardrobe and their ability to manipulate their fathers and later husbands into buying clothes and more clothes," he said.
So consider these points about fashion dolls, advises Miss Kitching: can they be mothered, are they easily managed by small hands, do they encourage pretending, and can you afford their ideas?

DJHS Choristers To Carol Tonight

Dimmitt Junior High School Choir members will go caroling at 6:30 p.m. today (Thursday), then will hold their annual Christmas party.
THE YOUNG musicians will meet in the choir room at 6:30 p.m., then will have an hour of caroling before returning to the choir room for their party and refreshments.

VFW Auxiliary Has Yule Party

Members of the Dimmitt VFW Auxiliary and their husbands held their annual Christmas party Monday night at the post home, with a toy as the price of admission.
THE TOYS were for distribution to children in the community.
At last week's meeting, two new members were initiated and the auxiliary voted to send money for memorials for four veterans. Also, committees were appointed to arrange for the group's Sweetheart Ball in February.
Deadline is Dec. 31 on the annual membership drive. Those wishing to join or pay dues should contact Mrs. Eupha Mae Griffin.
NEXT meeting will be Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the VFW post home.
Mrs. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Witt and Reece Keesler attended the District 13 convention in Canyon Dec. 2 and 3.

Phone Employees Have Yule Party

Employees of West Texas Telephone Co. held their annual Christmas party last Thursday night in the Dimmitt VFW Hall ballroom.
Approximately 40 persons, employees and spouses, attended. Employees of the Tula Division, who usually share in the Yule festivities, were unable to join the Dimmitt group because of last Thursday's snow storm, which caused hazardous driving conditions.
THE BALLROOM was decorated with a Christmas tree and streamers with icicles leading to the center of the ceiling, where a bell was hung. Employees of the phone company prepared the food for the buffet.



'PAPER DOLLS' PERFORM AT CONCERT ... Mary Hays, Juanelle Conard, Paula Birdwell

Advertisement for HI-WAY AUTO SALES featuring a silhouette of a person's head and the text 'Socially Yours' and 'A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!'. It includes contact information for Delbert & Lois Scott.

Advertisement for 'The Village Shop' with the text 'WISHING YOU' and 'MERRY CHRISTMAS'. It features illustrations of a church, a house, a sleigh, and a woman with a gift.

Large advertisement for Anthony's C.R. Anthony Co. featuring 'Last Minute Shoppers' and 'OPEN LATE TILL CHRISTMAS'. It lists various clothing items like 'Nylon Tricot Gowns', 'Men's Sport Shirts', 'Famous Brand Permanent Press Jeans', and 'Foam Laminate Sweat Shirts' with prices and descriptions.

Advertisement for CARLILE Theatre and FAMILY MART, INC. featuring 'GREETINGS' and a list of plays including 'Minnie Pearl That Tennessee Beat' and 'Bang Bang You're Dead'.

HART NEWS

Santa Claus to Visit Friday

B MYRT LOMAN Santa Claus is scheduled to make his annual trip to Hart Friday at 3:30 p.m. on the parking lot back of Farmers State Bank. He will distribute nuts, candy and fruits to children and visit with them trying to fill their Christmas orders.

MRS. JACK GEORGE and Mrs. Melvin Aven of Hart have been selected to appear in the 1967 edition of "Outstanding Young Women of America," an annual biographical compilation of some 6,000 outstanding young women.

MEMBERS of the 4-H chapter at Hart met Monday night in the home of their leader, Joe Percy Hart, with County Agent Charles Hottel of Dimmitt as a special guest.

Mrs. Hart served refreshments to Debbie Davis, Dennis and Cindy Hill, Dean and Terry Hill, Barry George, Jim Tucker and Gary and Marlin Hart.

HART SCHOOL will dismiss Friday at 2 p.m. for the Christmas holidays, with classes resuming Tuesday, Jan. 2.

HART P.T.A. has completed plans for a turkey salad supper to be held Friday night in the community room of the bank.

OUR HEARTS were saddened Thursday morning of last week when we heard of the car accident just east of Hart, taking the life of a very dear friend, Rev. Lewis Wakefield.

Lewis made his home here for several years, having lived with an older brother and family and having finished Hart High School in 1949, then serving his term in the Air Force and returning to Hart, where he was employed for some time. He married while here, and his wife taught school here.

HART BOY Scout Troop 216 met Monday evening in the community room of the Farmers State Bank for their annual Christmas party.

George received the tenderfoot badge; Teddy Gutierrez received the second class rank. Stanley Dyer, Theron and David Hawkins, Roy Gonzales, Kim Dyer and David Armstrong received the recruiter patch.

Games were played, gifts were exchanged and refreshments of Spudnuts and Cokes were served, followed by the showing of slides of past scouting activities of the troop.

THE ZEALOT Club met Friday night in the community room of Farmers State Bank for their annual Christmas party and turkey salad supper, with their husbands as special guests.

THE CHRISTMAS Cantata, "Love Transcending," by John W. Peterson was presented at the First Baptist Church Sunday night, under the direction of David McGinnis of Plainview.

MR. AND MRS. Ralph Speer of Prescott, Ark., are the proud parents of a son, Richard Lee, born Sunday, Dec. 10 at 6:15 a.m., weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

THE PUBLIC is invited to the Christmas party and tree tonight (Thursday) in the American Legion building when the children of Kiddie Kindergarten College will have their Christmas program and party.

Christmas carols and a solo by Robert Hawkins.

The congregation participated in the annual "White Gift Candlelight Service." The gifts will be shared with a local family.

Refreshments and fellowship followed the program.

The Christmas Eve worship hour at the First Methodist Church will be at 10 a.m. Sunday, with no service Sunday night.

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Members and husbands present were Messrs. and Mmes. Eldon Shive, Ike Bennett, Deryl Clevenger, Preston Upshaw, Joe Bailey, Howard Mitchell, Cleve McLain, Lowell Richburg, and Wamon Foster, and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ray.

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THE CHI PSI chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Thursday night in the home of Mrs. W. T. Sanders with Mrs. Bob Reed as co-hostess.

is, "Music Into Poetry." A "penny auction" was conducted by auctioneer, Mrs. David Willis, with proceeds to be used to assist the teacher of the special class, Mrs. Mary Clay, with her Christmas party on Dec. 22 for the children.

Secret pals were revealed and new names drawn for 1968.

SHEILA BROOKS, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee Brooks, received second and third degree burns on her back, arm and hand on Tuesday of last week, when she backed too near an open-flame fireplace and caught her nightgown on fire.

MR. AND MRS. James Pistole of Denver, Colo., visited Saturday evening in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Loman. The Pistoles were enroute to Houston for Christmas.

THE decorated home of Mrs. C. R. Jones was the meeting place for members of the Zealot Club Tuesday of last week with Mrs. Lorenza Lee as co-hostess.

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Members exchanged "secret pal gifts," followed by their annual "penny auction," with proceeds to be used for treats for two grades in the elementary school.



TICK! CLICK! — The switchboard at West Texas Telephone Co. was the busiest place in Dimmitt at midnight Sunday, when these operators presided at the "switching over" to nationwide dialing.

Cattfish Farming Booms in Texas An estimated 20 to 25 million pounds of cattfish were harvested in Texas in 1966, compared with only a few thousand pounds in 1963, reports Wallace Klusmann, Extension specialist in wildlife conservation.

Greetings advertisement for Charm Beauty Shop. It features a black and white illustration of a man carrying a Christmas tree on his shoulder, a woman in a winter coat, and a dog. The text says: 'Bring home the goodies... have a wonderful Yuletide! Your good will has brought us much happiness. Charm Beauty Shop FRANCES FRAZIER'

Advertisement for City Drug. It features a black and white illustration of a child sitting on the floor next to a decorated Christmas tree. The text says: 'Christmas is here! We're sending our warmest wishes to you and your family for a very, merry Christmas! Thank you for your patronage. CITY DRUG THE PROFFITS'

Payment Reports Begin

Farmers will benefit from a new reporting service which has been inaugurated by ASCS, Jim Elder, chairman of the Castro ASC County Committee, announced today.

A REPORT of payments made to each farmer under ACP, cotton, feed grain, wheat, and other direct payment programs during 1967 will be mailed to the farmer during the latter part of January.

report, Elder said. This information is being gathered from county offices and summarized by computers located at New Orleans and Kansas City. The reports are being printed by the computers and mailed directly to farmers. A job of this size could not be completed without an automated system, Elder added.

SINCE THIS is the first year for a service of this magnitude, there are bound to be a few problems, Elder said. He suggested that farmers carefully read the explanation on the report and check the accuracy of the total reported, by comparing it with farm records. If an error is discovered, the nearest ASCS county office

should be contacted to have the mistake corrected. County offices have been instructed to give farmers whatever assistance they need regardless of where the farm is located.

HE ADDED that the expansion had continued in 1967 and expects it to increase from 100 to 200 percent by 1970. Better marketing and management will add stability to the new industry, he says.

Large advertisement for Northern Propane Gas Co. It features a black and white illustration of a snowy winter landscape with a horse-drawn sleigh carrying a mailman. The text says: 'CHRISTMAS GREETINGS The fond memories of an old-fashioned Christmas stir misty recollections of snow-covered hillsides, the freshly cut family tree, kitchens rich with the aroma of holiday delicacies, the cold, clear air ringing with friendly greetings. Today, we echo those same warm sentiments as we wish you all a very Happy Holiday! NORTHERN PROPANE GAS CO. T. D. Claybourn, Manager Taylor Harrison Agency'

Advertisement for Taylor Harrison Agency. It features a black and white illustration of a large bell with a Christmas tree inside it. The text says: '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 Taylor Harrison Agency'

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By MYRTLE SHEFFY The First Baptist Church folks can be called "The Faithful," because Esta Vandiver told me that more than 275 people came out in all that sleet and ice to attend the Loyalty Banquet Thursday evening at the South Grade School cafeteria.

THE HALL was beautiful, with many candles lit. The speakers' table was decorated with a tree made of lighted white candles, and red streamers and greenery were on all the tables.

Oleta Golden brought her big white Christmas tree covered with jeweled ornaments.

Rev. Leonard Hartley, pastor of Odessa's Sherwood Baptist Church was the speaker. He commented on the good works of these people who are without a regular pastor at this time. They have about one-half the money for the new church already pledged.

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THE CHET BRAAFLADTS received word that their son, 1st Lt. Chuck Braafladt, received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Vietnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baker were hosts at a farewell party for her young brother, Gary Burrows of Delhi, Okla., who is leaving Tuesday for Vietnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Killingsworth were hosts at a Christmas dinner for all the employees and their wives. They played "42" and saw a movie of some of the company's work.

THIS IS a "Hello and good wishes" to all the boys in service. Will you please think of the Chatter as a letter to each of you from Sheffy and the News staff?

Mr. and Mrs. Joe James and small daughter were down from Canyon (WTSU) for a visit with his sister, Chris James, the Bob McLeans and Joe Evans, and her folks, the Bob Johnsons.

I SEE by the Amarillo paper that Thomas L. Devin of Dumas was elected President of the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association at a meeting in Cleveland, Ohio recently.

Freddie and Gail Logan and baby of Texarkana are visiting her parents, Katy and Lawrence Buckmaster.

Isaac and Mary Brandon have been hosts to his sister, Mrs. Ola Mae Wester, and her daughter Rebecca, of Tampa, Fla. Rebecca, (whom I met downtown) is living this winter with the Brandons and is a cute freshman with long blonde hair.

Darlene (Mrs. Norman) Nossaman was hostess at a come and go Christmas coffee Thursday. The house was pretty with candles and colorful decorations.

ANOTHER beautiful at-home coffee was out at Mrs. Joe Butler's this week, with Mrs. Jim-

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my Jack Butler as co-hostess. And Tuesday, Allie Mae Willis, her mother and Mrs. Peewee Morris served coffee at this annual "good wishes" party.

The same Tuesday, Jerry Butler entertained the Lee Street Neighborhood with her annual get-together.

THE BILL GREGORY'S decided to have a party for all their friends, so on Friday night, their bridge club and husbands came in for dinner and a little conversation. Their guests were the Frank Colemans, the Ike Moores, the Charles Hottels, the Bill Murphys, the Don Gregorays, the Ronnie Parkers, the Jack Millers.

Then Saturday night they hosted a dessert party for another group, with bridge. Coming in were Mssrs. and Mmes. Norman Nossaman, Don Kruse, Jack Miller, Connie Morrison, Don Carpenter, Dan Nelson, and N. W. Mitchell.

NEARLY everyone went to the bank Saturday afternoon to have some golden fruit punch with the Dave Shepards. The table was pretty with golden chrysanthemums, cakes and candy and the great big white Christmas tree that Helen McLean decorated.

Max and Irene Keating have gone to Cherry Hill, Ark., to spend the holidays with her folks.

Donnie Stokes, a US Marine, was home recently for a visit with his folks, the N. B. Stokes. Donnie wrote this week from Alaska that he is by now on the way to Vietnam.

MR. AND MRS. W. E. Kirkpatrick left Tuesday for Houston and Wharton. They will visit their daughter, Lucille and her family, the Adolph Smiths.

Mr. Kirkpatrick will have his annual check-up at Houston. Mrs. Catoe told me that Corey Culpepper, son of Bill and Nicky Cu'pepper, of Fairbanks, Alaska, was hurt when he and his friends were sliding down a hill.

Deroy Cates bagged two deer down in Mason County last week. It has been frozen since — that is why you don't have deer steak yet.

DICK AND Edna Faye Reinhardt had 40 of their friends in Friday evening for supper and games, 42, dominoes and such. They had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Gid Howell of Muleshoe were Sunday guests of their daughter, Marie Winders,

Dale and girls. Marie is organist at First Methodist Church. Jimmy Latham of Amarillo was here Sunday helping his dad at the Colonial Inn Cafe.

TEENA PROFFITT and Lelsa Dannevik were hostesses at a Christmas party at the bank community room Saturday evening. Plenty of teenage kind of food was there, such as hot Dr. Pepper, candy, cookies and popcorn.

Jerry Blackwell, who is in the US Army, and recently stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., is here for a visit with his wife, Joanie Hammond B'ackwell, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blackwell. Joanie works for Dr. Charles Vandiver.

RALPH SMITH, presented the junior and senior Bobcat Bands in concert Sunday afternoon. They played beautifully. The two numbers I liked so much were the theme from "Dr. Zhivago," and "O Holy Night."

The three girls in pink, the Paper Dolls, Paula Birdwell, Mary Hays and Juanelle Conard, sang several numbers with Janis Mooney accompanying them on the piano.

Several members of the Band won awards at the regional competition and the Bobbies and Bobcats won the Tullia Tournament.

Arthur Schreck III, Jack Flynt and Beth Sheffy of WTSU and Iren Thornton of McMurry were here for the concert. Schreck says all of them will be home next week.

PRESTON SMITH, the only announced candidate (so far) for governor of Texas, was the honoree at a coffee in the "Willie Room" at Tullia last week.

We visited with so many friends and acquaintances, among whom were H. M. Baggarly, the editor

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Let the Children Create Wrappings

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True, politics and Religion are compatible, but, is politics and Christ? Man and "religion" are compatible, but, is man and Christ, Church and "religion" are compatible, but, is church and Christ? And what is "religion" to Christianity?

We render that which is to man — "religion and church, but, who of us render that which is God's? — in the sense to that of the "Word" and to which we are commanded?

Are we not all Pagans in practice of the Pharisees? We decorate the tree — we give gifts and receive gifts — sing hymns and say a prayer — bless ourselves and curse our neighbor. BUT — who goes "abegging?" NOT CHRIST!!!

OH! we are "holy" — moreso than our neighbor . . . and that "hole" may swallow us in its flaming fire — and CHRIST LAUGHS AT US — for did He not say "Few there are that would enter?"

You all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday — even if we are all Pagans at heart; selfish in our doings; Satanic in our thoughts and, only Christian on the surface.

I am not of the Cloth, therefore, condemn me as you will. But Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday as we walk together "in the shadow of the valley of -----."

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More Pork Can Be Fed With Grain Now on Hand

Availability of grain sorghum favors an increase in Texas pork production.

THE FACTS show that Texas grain sorghum production was approximately 17.36 billion pounds in 1966, and only five to six percent of the state's total production was used for feeding hogs, T. D. Tanksley Jr., Extension animal husbandman, said.

In contrast, midwestern farmers market 35 to 45 percent of their corn through hogs and cattle. Extensive livestock feeding

developed in the corn belt because it provided an opportunity to market grain at a higher price.

If Texas farmers marketed only 25 percent of their sorghum grain through hogs and this increased the selling price of sorghum grain by only 50 cents per hundredweight, it would increase the net income to Texas farmers by over \$15 million annually. Feeding this amount would enable Texas hog production to increase from 1.2 million head to about five million, which is approximate-

ly the number consumed by Texans each year.

WITH THAT in mind, Tanksley said, prospective pork producers may be interested to know that Texas is undergoing significant changes. Production units are becoming larger and more specialized. As a result, the need for skilled management and a critical business approach is becoming increasingly important.

The progressive pork producer has adopted new breeding and selection programs to increase pork meatiness. Pork products are becoming more lean and tender. Tanksley pointed out that recent meat composition tables indicate that the fat and caloric content of today's pork is one third less than pork of fifteen years ago.

In addition, new housing techniques with environmental control and mechanization to reduce labor are being incorporated into today's confinement units. Cooled and heated farrowing houses, slatted floors and a "flush" type manure disposal system are common features in modern pork enterprises.

"THIS DOESN'T mean that everybody growing grain should be in the hog business, but it won't hurt to think about it," advised the specialist.

"The 50 cents per hundredweight is a conservative estimate and is merely a focus on the possibility of increasing farm income through hog production," Tanksley concluded.

MODERN AGRICULTURE



LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please make all children happy. Please bring a doll.
Love Diane

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good little boy.

Could you please bring me a tractor, plow, truck, loader, and a combine?
I love you. I hope you love me.
Love,
Dale Wilhelm
Age 5

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a Easy Bake Oven, and a real pretty doll, and don't forget to bring

something for Daddy and Momie and my 3 brothers, and Santa please, please bring Mr. Ray Robertson a new jeep cause he been so good to us and his a real real good man he has help us so much this past year, I love you Santa,
Mary Lou Lopez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a hoster set of guns and please live a picture of you under our tree, please don't forget to bring some thing to my 6 cousins the Ramos family.
Love,
Jessie R. Lopez

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl will be 5 Feb.

Hunters, Study These Rules Of Safety and Sportsmanship

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reminds sportsmen that hunting is a privilege that carries with it certain responsibilities.

FIRST, the hunter has a responsibility to the law. He must obtain the proper hunting license, have permission to enter private property, use only legal means of taking game, and hunt only legal species.

Second, the hunter has a responsibility to the landowner. He 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.

THE HUNTER should know the boundaries of the land on which he hunts, and he should cross fences in a safe and proper way.

Fire is always a hazard, and littering can make an enemy out of the landowner in a short time. 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.

THIRD, the hunter has a responsibility to himself. He must know his physical limitations, because over-exertion can mean a heart attack or other serious physical ailments.

Using the right firearm and ammunition and a well sighted-in rifle will not only make hunting easier, but safer.
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THE HUNTER should be sure of his target and aim for a clean kill. If he wounds an animal, he should make a conscientious effort to retrieve it.

For safety's sake, he should make his presence known to other hunters so they will not mistake him for game.

Tower, Price Breathe New Life Into the Missouri River Plan

A new Panhandle water import study would be authorized under bills introduced last Thursday by Congressman Bob Price and Senator John Tower.

THE STUDY would be made by the Chief of Army Engineers to determine the feasibility of diverting water from the Missouri River to the western part of Texas.

Price said the plan was presented at the annual meeting of the Mid-West Electric Consumers Association in Omaha, Neb., and would use surplus waters of the Missouri River which would be diverted from Fort Randall Reservoir in Nebraska.

The water would be lifted through a series of dams and/or canals to a point near Alliance, Neb., from where gravity flow would carry it through a major canal across western Nebraska, down the Colorado-Kansas border, across the Oklahoma Panhandle and into the Panhandle of Texas.

PRICE said the study already made by R. W. Beck and Associates, analytical and consulting engineers, indicates that the Missouri River Basin offers the best source of water for the Panhandle.

"From what I have seen of the study, I am convinced that the plan is worth looking into," Price said.

According to the study, the annual water flow of the Missouri at Sioux City, Iowa, is about 1-1/2 times the flow of the Colorado, which serves California and Arizona.

"SO THERE seems to be plenty of water to divert from one area to another without endangering anyone's growth," Price said. "As a fact of life, the western part of Texas, as well as other Great Plains areas, must have an in-

creased water supply and this could be the answer."

The Panhandle Congressman said he did not believe the Missouri study would conflict in any way with presently authorized studies of importation of water from the Mississippi into West Texas and the Panhandle.

"I believe both are worth looking into," Price said. "The existing Texas water plan has recognized the fact that the only sources available to make up the growing deficiency and lowering water tables in the Panhandle and West Texas are at great distances from the state," Price said. "As desirable as this transfer is in theory and as attractive as the plan looks, the needs of the surplus water areas must be taken into account as well as a division among water short states of any diverted water. And that would be included in the feasibility study Senator Tower and I have introduced," Price added.

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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.

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Please make all children happy.
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Love
D'Lynda

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I love you You are a good
I water a doll and a table
a doog girl I like you Sant C
You are a lake man You
doog man Santa Clause
to Ruby Jo

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this
year. Please bring me a army
truck and trailer.
David Allison

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to
a trampoline to me. My
er wants a guiter. My
wants a doll. Zito wants a
Mike wants a record
Mamma wants anything,
wants some slacks, Daddy
a new billfold, Zito wants to
Brazil also, I would also like
to come to my house 714
St.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this
year. Please bring me a Johnny
7 gun.
Dustin Wilcox

Your F
Jeff

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this
year. Please bring me a Baby
Hungry.
Sonya Willingham

Dear Santa Closu,
I want you to bring me a
nBarbe and my sester wan
to bring her a little bear
a nice Christmas Santa T
you for least Christmas
Love Laura

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this
year. Please bring me a snow-
cone machine.
Leslie Phillips

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl
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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this
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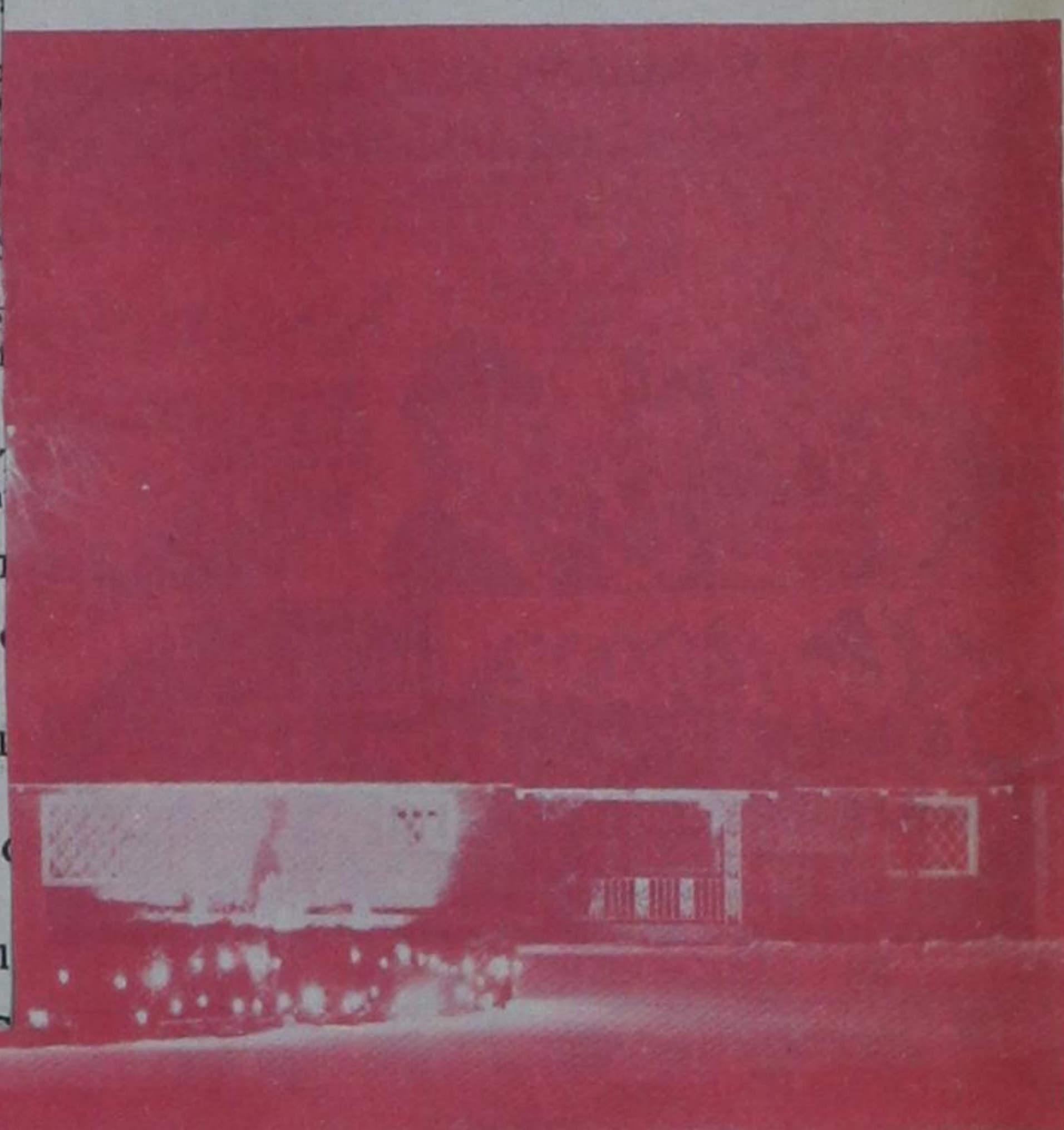
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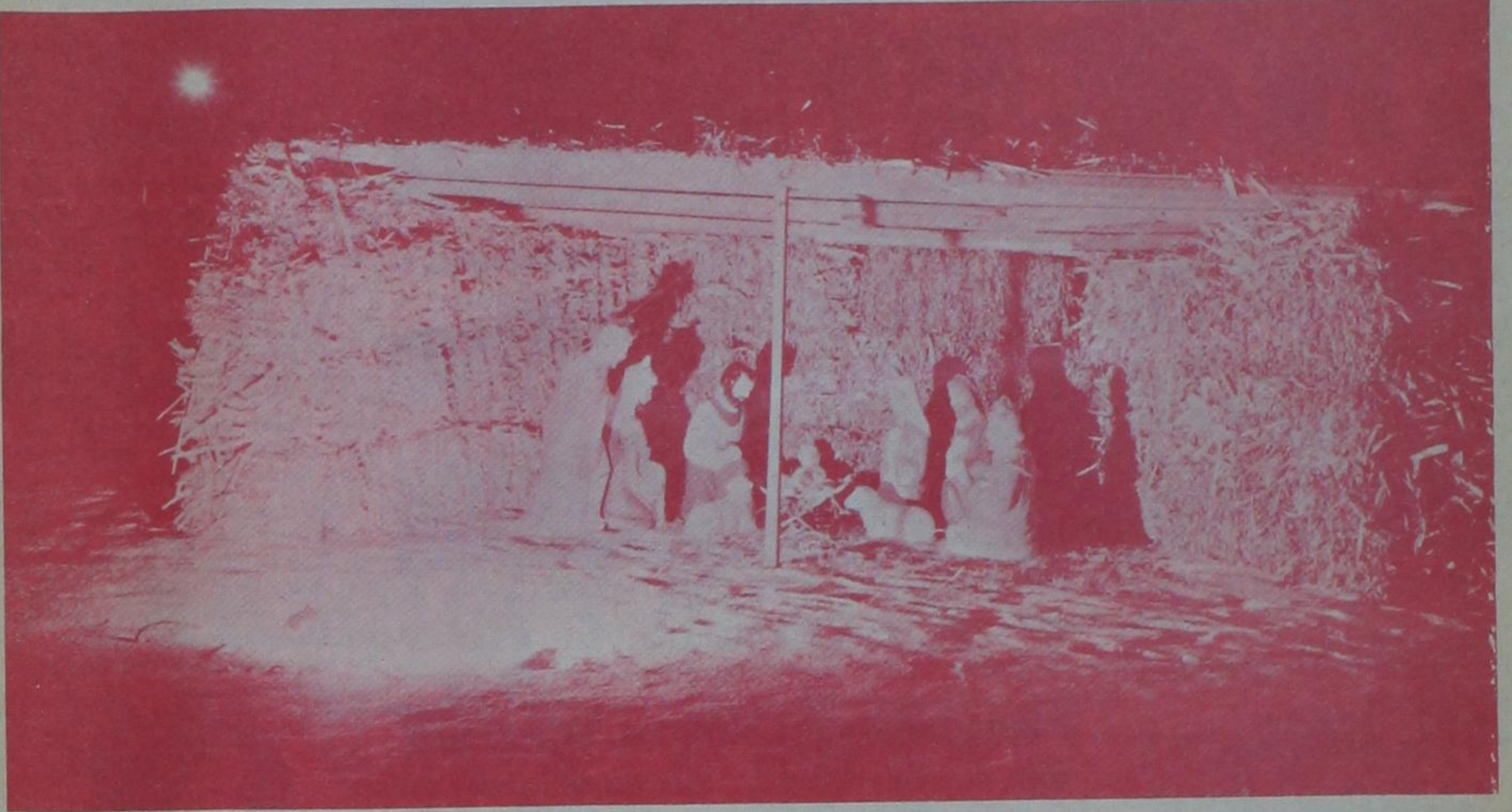
Y NEWS

Homes Herald Holiday

Thursday, December 21, 1967



G. L. WILLIS JR. HOME SOUTH OF DIMMITT
... Colorful lights adorn shade tree and circular hedge



MANGER SCENE AT GLENN HATLA HOME, 901 W. BEDFORD
... Impressive to travelers entering city on Clovis Highway



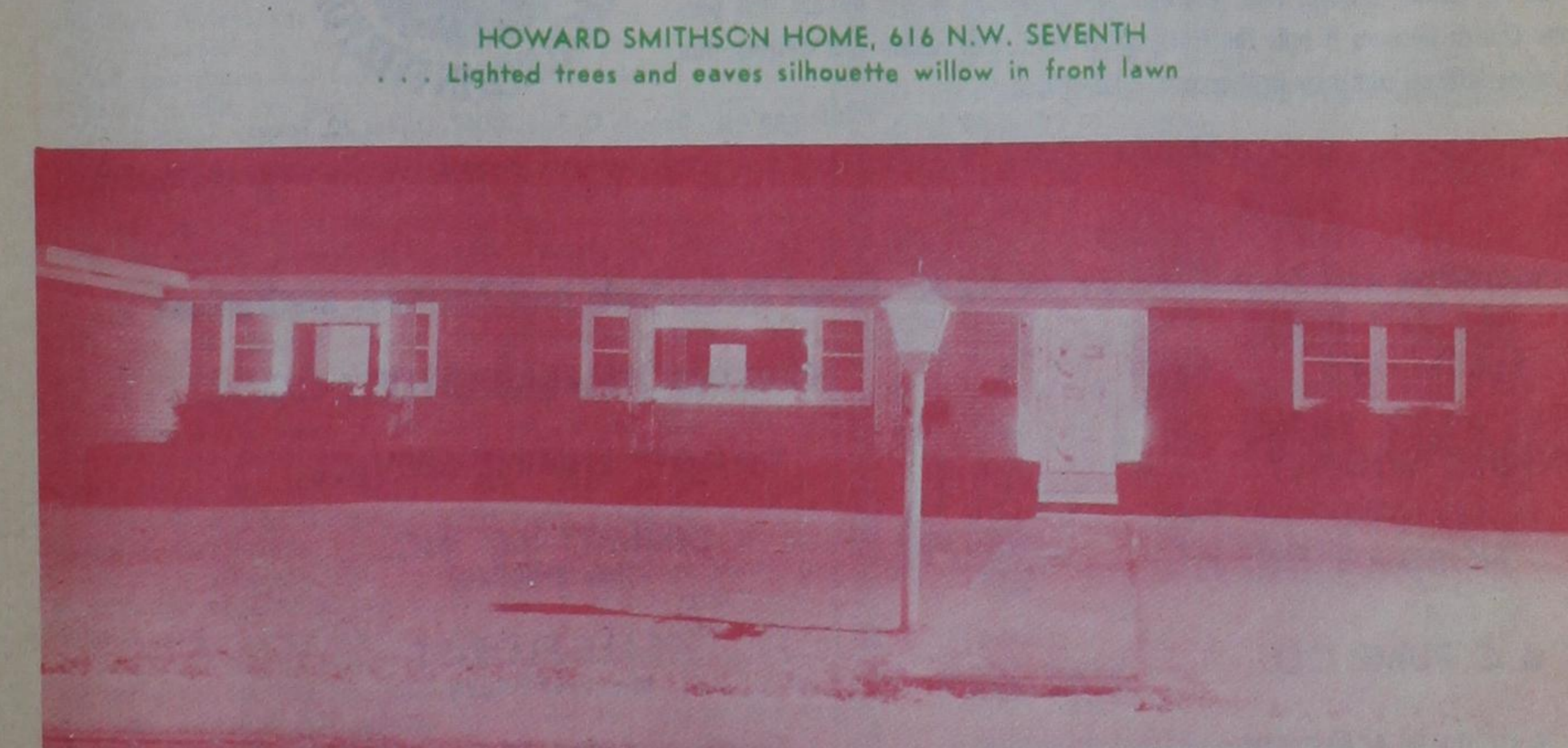
BRAD FULFER HOME, 205 N.W. EIGHTH
... Lights border window and twinkle on tree



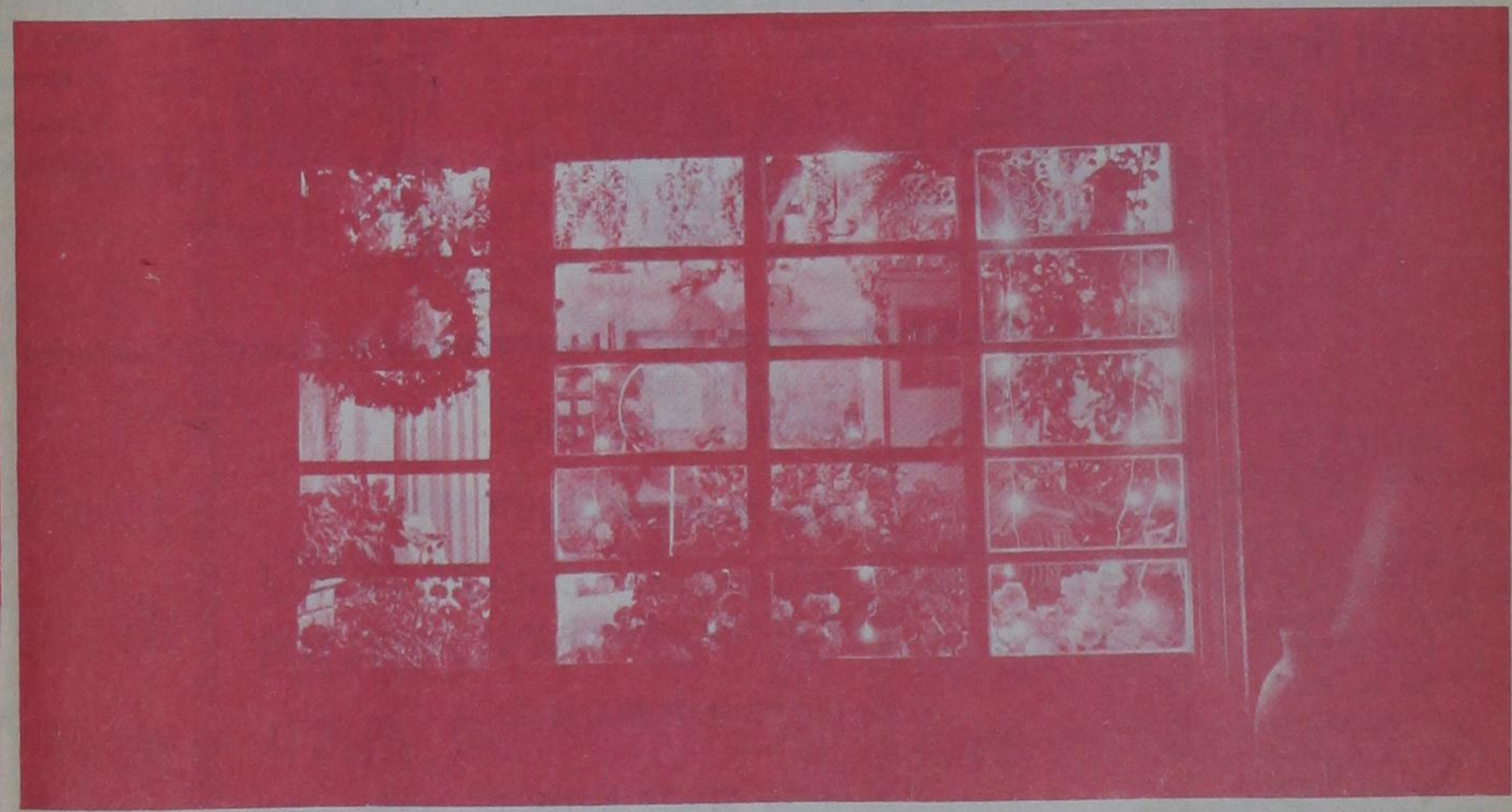
H. T. DODSON HOME, 507 WEST LEE
... Decorations feature colorful, lighted bottles in right windows



BOB MURDOCK HOME, 404 S.W. FIFTH
... Lights outline home, porch and door



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH PARSONAGE, 712 WEST GRANT
... Christmas card door and colorfully decked windows



HOME OF MRS. G. L. WILLIS SR., 710 WEST LEE
... Indoor greenery provides backdrop for wreath, lights



GARDEN CLUB'S SANTA AND REINDEER DASH ACROSS COURTHOUSE LAWN ... Led by Rudolph, with red blinking nose

\$10 Million Is Approved For New Parks

More than \$10 million has been approved by the Parks and Wildlife Department for state and local parks in Texas since federal matching funds became available under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965, according to Robert G. Mauermann, deputy director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

SOME \$5.5 million have been approved for state park projects and \$4.6 million for city, county and river authority parks, Mauermann said. Under the Land and Water Act, half of an approved project is paid for by federal grants.

For State parks construction, the state legislature appropriated half or \$2.7 million and local political subdivisions provided some \$2.3 million through bond issues, local funds, or gifts.

Mauermann said the state park funds were now obligated for construction in 10 state parks, including Palo Duro. Meridian State Park in Bosque County, with a \$105,506 construction project, is the only state park that has been officially completed.

Area TB Group Being Planned

Castro County citizens are asked to participate in plans to provide local tuberculosis services in this county.

CURT LAMBERT of the Texas Tuberculosis Association in Austin will visit Dimmitt in January to discuss with local residents what can be done to provide better health opportunities locally.

The Texas Tuberculosis Association has for years operated through a series of county associations. It is now in the process of forming "area" associations in which groups of counties band themselves together to offer a more complete tuberculosis program than is possible for one county to do.

"By pooling our resources in the entire 26-county area, we expect to do a more thorough job in each of the counties than we were ever able to do with each county operating separately," Lambert said.

Flying fish sometimes move through the air as fast as 35 mph for hundreds of feet. They have been known to rise as high as 50 feet. —Sports Afield

Southwest Texas affords the shotgunning a bonanza in scaled (blue) quail—with little competition from local hunters, who concentrate on other game. —Sports Afield

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"PERCE STRINGS" by Bill Henderson

THE JOBS YOU'RE IF I COULD BE SATISFIED AS TO YOUR HONESTY. HONESTY? SAY, I GOT PROOF I HAVE LOTS OF DAT. LEGAL PROOF! PLENTY TIMES I BEEN PINCHED FOR DISHONEST STEALIN'—BUT EVERY TIME I GOT OFF—ACQUITTED, DEY CALLED IT. FOR HONEST DEALING YOU CAN DEPEND UPON HENDERSON'S

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BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Toys, Trees, Lights Could Cause Mishaps

A home accident can dampen Christmas spirit quickly. The death toll in home accidents rates second only to highway deaths, and usually goes up during the holiday season.

FOR HOLIDAY safety, Joy Arrington, Extension home management specialist, suggests using a sturdy ladder for placing decorations. A small ladder may be your wisest investment for the holiday.

Use only those decorations with lead-free paint. Decorations should be flameproof. Many ornaments, especially imported types, have no safety regulations covering them, she adds.

Safe toys are decorated with nontoxic paint and are sturdy, with no sharp edges. Beware of toys with plastic keys and other small items which might tempt a youngster's mouth.

A TEXAS child died this month when a plastic toy piece lodged in his throat.

Although angel hair will not burn, it will cause tiny cuts and should be kept away from children, Miss Arrington warns.

Home accidents account for two-thirds of all accidental deaths among children and for half those of people 65 years of age or more. Falls make up half of the home accidents, and burns and fires cause many others.

MANY FIRES occur during the Christmas season, and the major cause is the tree.

Be cautious with Christmas trees, keeping them away from heat sources such as fireplaces, television sets and heating units. Use a fire screen to contain flying sparks, advises Miss Arrington.

To prevent drying, keep the tree in water. Dry needles and branches ignite easily. When the tree becomes dry, discard it.

To insure tree safety, keep the lighting system in good order, free of fraying insulation, broken sockets and loose connections. Keep the base of the tree from combustibles and remove Christmas wrappings as soon as possible, but don't burn them in the fireplace. Flames flare easily into the room.

Unplug the lights before leaving the house or going to bed.

Use only extension cords which carry an Underwriters Laboratory seal, distinguished by UL symbol on the tag, advises Miss Arrington.

Nine out of 10 home accidents are preventable, she said.

Restraint Urged On Poultry, Beef

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman says the large grain supplies this fall pose a threat of over expansion in the production of livestock and poultry products next year. He has stressed the need for producers to hold production during the coming year in line with demand.

COMMUNITY CHURCH SCHEDULE

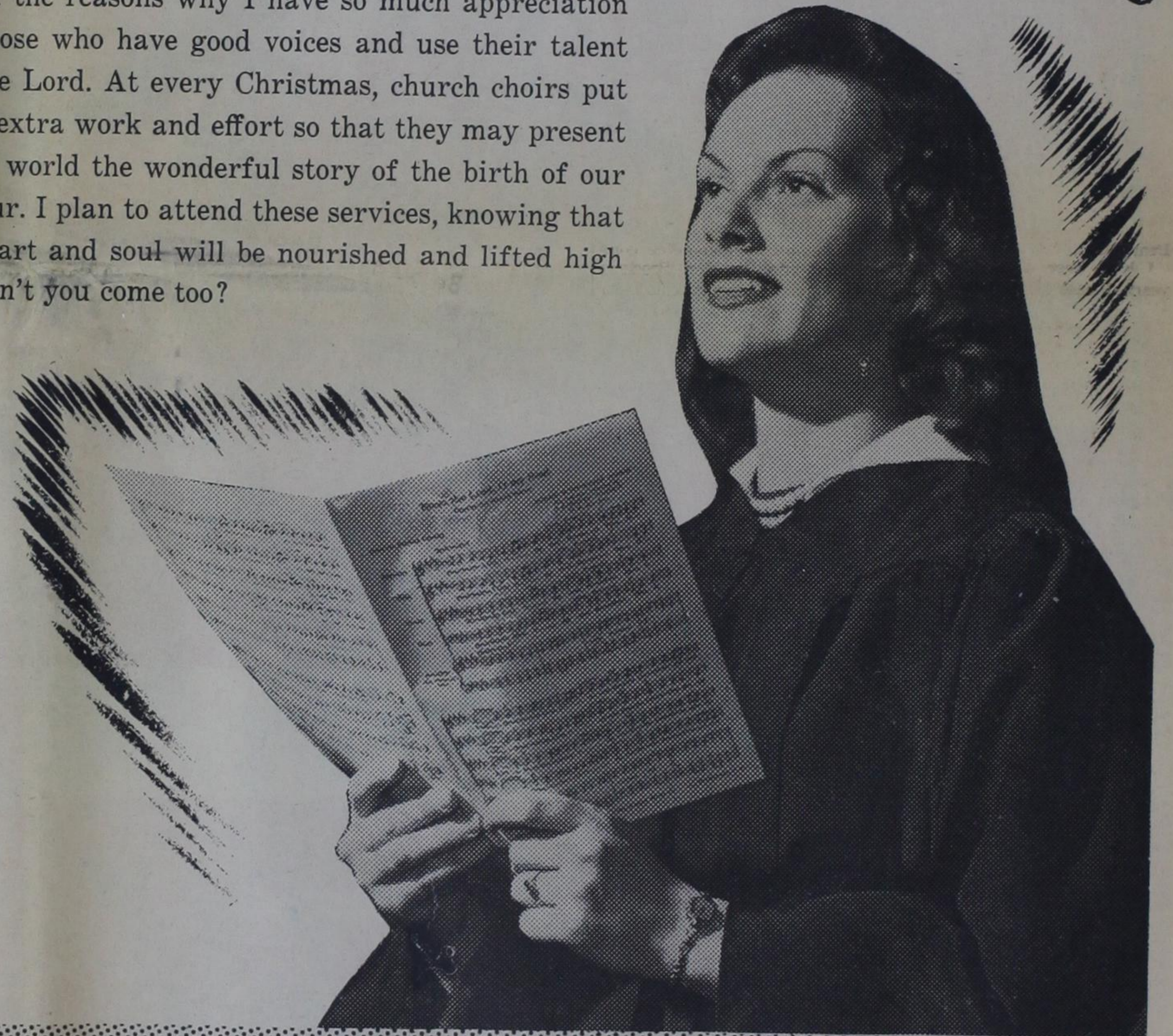
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Wednesday— WMU and Brotherhood Youth Organization 5:30 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. S.S. Officers and Teachers, BYC Choirs 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting 7:55 p.m. Sanctuary Choir 8:30 p.m.	Wednesday— Mid-Week Services 7:30 p.m.
IGLESIA DE CRISTO E. Lee and S.E. Third Evangelista — Max R. Zamorano Phone 647-3434	IGLESIA METODISTA "El Buen Pastor" Past Gilberto Diaz 807 S.W. 5th Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
LEE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH Lewis Wakefield — Phone 647-5355	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH C. Mitchell Kennedy, Minister Western Circle Drive
Sunday— Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Training Union 6:00 p.m. Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Women's Missionary Union Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Men's Brotherhood 2nd & 4th Monday 8:00 p.m.	Sunday— Church School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice .. Thursday 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday— Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.	CHURCH OF CHRIST (Northside) Bill Talley, Minister Third and Halsell Streets
SUNNYSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH M. D. Durham, Pastor	Sunday— Bible Classes for all ages 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Preaching 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Sunday— Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Training Union 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.	Wednesday— Classes 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night— W.M.U. 7:00 p.m. Sunbeams 7:00 p.m. Junior G.A.'s 7:00 p.m. Intermediate G.A.'s 7:00 p.m. R.A.'s 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.	Tuesday— Ladies Bible Class .. 9:30 a.m.
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Rev. Raphael Chen, Pastor 710 E. Bedford — Phone 647-4219	Joe Bailes Latin American Mission Rev. Ruben Calles
Sunday— Religion Classes 9:00 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Mon. Tues. Sat. Mass 7:00 a.m. Friday Mass and Benediction 8:00 p.m. Holy Day Mass 8:00 p.m. Confessions: Friday 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. Baptism By Appointment	Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Training Union 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship 8:00 p.m. Monday Afternoon Mission Service 2:00 p.m.
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 600 Western Circle Bedford W. Smith, Minister Phone 647-5478	NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH M. A. Pennington, Interim Pastor Sunday School Hour 10 a.m. Worship Hour 11 a.m. Evening Worship Hour 7:30 p.m. Mid-Week Services On Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Sunday— Bible School 9:45 a.m. Morning Warship and Lord's Supper 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Thursday Children's Hour for 6 year o'ds through 4th grade 4 p.m.	MACEDONIA CHURCH Monday night Workers Council 7:00 Wednesday night Prayer Service 7:30 Thursday night Usher Meeting 8:00 Friday night Choir Practice 8:30
ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Rev. John H. Sewell, Pastor	FIRST METHODIST CHURCH H. Weldon McCormick, Pastor Phone 647-3649
Sunday— Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Christ Ambassadors and Sunshine Choir 6:00 p.m. Evangelistic Service 7:00 p.m.	Sunday— Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Little Helpers, Vesper Choir Junior Choir 5:30 p.m. MYF 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday— Mid-Week Service 7:30 p.m.	Wednesday— General Meeting, WSCS 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
	CHURCH OF CHRIST (S.W. 4th at Bedford) Ronnie Parker, Minister
	Sunday— Worship 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. High School class 4:30 p.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
	Tuesday— Children's Classes 9:30 a.m.
	Wednesday— Bible Class for All 7:30 p.m.
	Saturday— Children's Classes 10:00 a.m.

... and they sang praises

"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

I personally have a poor singing voice ... this may be one of the reasons why I have so much appreciation for those who have good voices and use their talent for the Lord. At every Christmas, church choirs put forth extra work and effort so that they may present to the world the wonderful story of the birth of our Saviour. I plan to attend these services, knowing that my heart and soul will be nourished and lifted high ... won't you come too?



The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.



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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please make all children happy. Please bring a littl Miss Fussy.
Love
D'Lynda

Dear Santa Claus
I love you You are a good man I water a doll and a table I am a doog girl I like you Sant Clause You are a lake man You are a doog man Santa Clause
to Ruby Johnson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a army truck and trailer.
David Allison

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring a trampoline to me. My brother wants a guiter. My sister wants a doll. Zito wants a razor Mike wants a record player Mamma wants anything, Mama wants some slacks, Daddy wants a new billfold, Zito wants to call Brazil also, I would also like you to come to my house 714 Maple St.
Your Friend
Jeff Bell

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a Johnny 7 gun.
Dustin Wilcox

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Baby Hungry.
Sonya Willingham

Dear Santa Closu,
I want you to bring me a Twest nBarbe and my sester want you to bring her a little bear have a nice Christmas Santa Thank you for least Christams
Love Laura Cantu

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a snow-cone machine.
Leslie Phillips

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Baby See and Say.
Cindy

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Johnny and crib stovmixes
Tonya Hampton

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a
Olivere Glover

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a Easy Bake Stove
Judy Lumpkin

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Easy Bake.
Shellie

Dear Santa,
I want a kite and I want a doll for Christmas, and I want a toy train for Christmas, and I want a monny I love you,
Joe Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Easy Bake.
Shellie

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a knife I love you Santa.
James Howard

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please make all children happy. Please bring a race track.
Love Leslie

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a nine snowcone machine.
Rhonda Laurent

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please make all children happy. Please bring a gun and a ball.
Love Eddy

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy Please bring me a year this
Wayne Fishar

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring pellet gun.
Mark Summers

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a
Roy Dias

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please make all children happy. Please bring a doll and clothes.
Natalie

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Natalie

After meeting with a development team of SWPS last week, Brock said the new brochure will probably include pictures of the new Castro County Migrant Housing Project, the new Dimmitt Airport when completed, the Castro County Recreation Center, Plains Memorial Hospital, Dimmitt Feed Yards, Dimmitt High School, First Methodist Church, and other representative facilities in the area.

Dear Santa,
I am 14 years old and what I want for Christmas is a purse and a piano.
Yours truly,
Sylvia Perez
address: North house on East Lee Street Dimmitt

Also, photos of agricultural scenes will be included in the booklet, showing the raising or processing of sugar beets, cotton, grain sorghum and potatoes, Brock said.

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa Claus I wish you go to my hous and I what a doll that cay and have a happy day and a happy time mary Christmas.
Love Selia E. Rosas

TENTATIVE design for the front cover will be a map of the county's underground water formations, he said.

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Love,
Daniel Perez
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As a chamber director, Brock was appointed to head the project after Southwestern Public Service Co. explained its brochure program for cities it serves and offered to help produce the brochure and pay for the first printing.

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BRISCOE COUNTY FARMER HAS NEAR RECORD MICRONAIRE

It is a quite interesting story to hear the experience of Mr. Joe B. Mercer, a member in the Briscoe County Co-Op Gin, who lives in Silverton and farms on the High Plains near that city, as he relates his experience with a new cotton that was first released in 1966. Mr. Mercer has a verticillium wilt problem on his farm and he planted the new Gregg 25V that has the glandless seed, both years of 1966 and 1967, and no wilt showed up in the cotton. In 1966 he watered in July and then again just before the rain started around the 20th of August, which lasted for 4 or 5 weeks, and he says the cotton didn't make at all. This year he planted the same cotton again, but he managed it differently and he has a quite different story to tell.

Out of 97 wrap-ups from approximately 48 acres he had 80 bales ranging in micronaire from 3.7 to 4.3 with only 11 bales falling below the 3.5. The lint yield per acre averaged 1054 pounds compress weights; there were 61% of the staples ranging from 1 inch to 1-1/16; with 30% being 31/32, and the remainder

15/16. The planting was finished by April 18, and harvesting was completed by November 12.

Here is a salute to you, Mr. Mercer, a farmer of the Plains on the northern fringe of the cotton belt with a record like this on wilt infested ground in a bad year for micronaire like '67. When Mr. Mercer was asked how he watered the cotton in '67, he replied, "I watered it July 20th, and that was it, and it never rained any afterwards." He also states that he had a neighbor who had the 25V in '66, and that he watered in July, but had not watered again when the rains started, and that he had one of the best fields of cotton around.

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Classes Pick Favorites

The seniors of DHS met in the auditorium to elect favorites. They were:

- Most Beautiful — Mary Lynn Hays
- Most Handsome — Jerry Lytle
- Best All Around — A'llan Webb and Donald Johnson
- Friendliest — Chris James and Graham Sheffy
- Most Valuable — Sue Lust and Ronald Johnson
- Most Talented — Paula Birdwell and Scott Moran
- Most Likely to Succeed — Sherry McCowan and Zito

They also elected a committee to decorate the senior hall Christmas style, the committee consisted of Pete, Julian, Rochelle, Mary Lee, Tommie, Beverly, Cecilia, Chris, and Paula.

After the meeting was over the senior class met out in front of the school to make a group picture then they returned to their six period classes.

Juniors

The Junior class met on December 8 to nominate class favorites. The favorites were:

- Most Handsome — Larry Gamble
- Most Beautiful — Diane Webb
- Friendliest — Sharon Flynt and Jerral Seale
- Most Talented — Janice Mooney and Steve Buckley
- Most Likely to Succeed — Steve Smith and Sharon Barker
- Most Valuable — Karen Birdwell and David Land
- Best All Around — Durward Strickland and Patty Simpson

They also appointed a committee consisting of Jerral Seale, Lee Buchanan, Larry Gamble, Steve

Bobbie of the Week Delores Wilke

Our Bobbie, Delores Wilke, this week is a little tornado on the defense of our Bobbie basketball team. She is not only a quick mover but also a quick thinker. These characteristics make her an outstanding guard. She stands 5 ft., 4 in., and weighs 110 lbs. **DELORES WILKE** is the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilke. She has attended our public school system for 10 years. This is Delores' first year on varsity and she seems to be doing a remarkable job for her team. Good luck this year and in your future two years of basketball.

Buckley, Ann Spencer, Diane Webb, Janice Mooney and Darla Underwood to decorate the junior hall for Christmas. They they re-

The Shadow Bell Jingles As Julie Runs

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way! That's what I am — a jingle bell! That's what I am — wears me is a very happy and gay freshman girl, especially since Santa Claus is comin'! Anyone can always tell when we're around since I jingle and she laughs and talks, like all humans do.

MONDAY SHE felt bad, because of all things, she had to go to the doctor to get a shot — she stepped on a dumb ole nail! That hurt! We had a lot of fun Thursday — helping trim the tree at home. I even got to see all my friends hanging on it! Jingle, Jingle, Jingle! Friday, she spent a delightful evening at church listening to the LCC chorus sing religious songs.

When Saturday came, she decided to stay in bed late and finish her beauty sleep. That night she babysat with her brother while her mother attended a tea. Man, she really had it rough! But, later she got to go shopping downtown and spend her money.

SUNDAY morning she woke up bright and early and went to church and afterwards had a delicious Sunday dinner with the Bill Snider family. Then she "hit the books" all afternoon and evening. The next morning, (Monday) she dragged out of bed and cruised to school. That afternoon she played a hard, tough game of basketball. I really jingled then! After a hard day at school Tuesday, she went to have her eyes checked at the doctor. That night she attended another exciting basketball game to boost the Bobcats and Bobbies.

Lately she has been sitting up at night at all hours, classifying her "bugs" for biology. After this week and the day Santa Claus comes, I will no longer exist till next year, so I will have to leave my friend, Julie Hotel, and disappear into the blue. Merry Christmas Julie, and Everybody!

turned to their six period classes.

Sophomores

The sophomore class met December 8 to elect class favorites.

- They were as follows:
- Most Beautiful — Vicki Vaughn
- Most Handsome — Billy Sanders
- Most Valuable — Suzanne Merritt and Danny Newton.
- Best All-Around — Delores Wilke and Lee Bradley
- Most Talented — Ruth Dyer and Roy Thomas
- Most Friendly — Debbie Wilson and Danny George
- Most Likely to Succeed — Keri Kirkpatrick and Mark Cleavinger

After the favorites were elected they returned to their six period classes.

Freshmen

A freshman class meeting was held December 8. A committee was chosen to decorate the hall.

- The following class favorites were chosen:
 - Most Beautiful — Jill Braafadt
 - Most Handsome — Mark Wohlgenuth
 - Most Talented — Ann Golding and Bryan Hutto
 - Most Likely to Succeed — Pam Barker and Rick Smith
 - Friendliest — Leisa Dannevik and Mark Simpson
 - Most Valuable — Debbie Beams and Kent Bradford
 - Best All-Around — Trudy Elder and Perry Floyd
- The class then returned to their six period classes.

Bobcat of the Week Scott Moran

Tweet! Did you see that long-legged boy run across the line and make two more points for that mighty Bobcat team? Boy I did and I ought to know because I'm a whistle riding around a referee's neck.

OF COURSE I'm deaf since he blows in my ear all the time, but I certainly get a good view of all the games.

I see numbers 12 and 13, Scott Moran, has been doing an awful good job lately and helps out quite a bit for his team. Just last week he was in the top five in the free throw contest.

This 6 ft., 1 in., senior forward was born June 4, 1950, to the proud parents of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Moran, and has become an outstanding student in DHS.



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Senior Girl of Week: Juanelle Conard

The Journalism Department has chosen Miss Nora Juanelle Conard as senior girl of the week. **MR. AND MRS. TEX** Conard discovered on Dec. 28, 1949, that they were the proud parents of a bouncing, baby girl, Juanelle states that she has resided in Dimmitt all her life.

Juanelle's favorites are many, which shows she is a very active girl. She likes twirling, playing the guitar, and singing, when there is nothing better on her agenda.

Then listening to the radio she prefers to hear "A Summer Place." If she has time she likes to paint or draw using her favorite color of Kelly green. She says the best movie produced so far is "Dr. Zhivago." Juanelle likes to ride around in a Super Sport on her way to eat shrimp. She prefers Eddy Arnold's singing, Gregory Peck and Doris Day's acting, and Mr. Smith for a teacher, which shows she likes music or band.

JUANELLE belongs to the Lyre Club, FTA, and FHA, which keeps her busy.

Her honors are many and they include: twirler for three years, Homecoming Queen, friendliest of her sophomore year, most talented her junior year and band reporter her senior year.

Her pet peeve is unfriendly

Pupils Present Music Program

Music programs highlighted the news from North Grade Elementary School.

BEGINNING Friday, Dec. 15, the different grades performed. The fifth and sixth graders sang Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. The Hart Chorales came to the North Grade Gym on Wednesday Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. for an exchange program. The fourth grade students present their music program in the high school auditorium today at 7:30 p.m.

Shane is being presented as movie entertainment in the form of a special treat to the kiddies before the holidays. This is being shown on Dec. 19, 20 and 21.

THE YULETIDE season is being portrayed in the Junior High as a door decorating contest makes its way into the merriment. The home rooms are basing their contest on originality, thought, and the overall attractiveness of the finished product.

Juanelle's future plans consist of Hardin-Simmons University majoring in elementary education.

The Journalism Department believes Juanelle surely deserves every happiness that life can give her.

Campus Chat

Seniors Survive Entrance Exams

As a mighty senior ring belonging on a very busy girl's hand, I have had an exciting week.

THURSDAY the Bobbies competed in the Springlake Tournament and won their first game, while the Bobcats took a victory over Canyon there.

A dance in Hereford drew a small crowd Friday night. Those seen were Larry Gamble, Gary Crum, Harry Jones, Vicki Axe, Anita, Debbie Beams, Sharon Henley, and Jeanne Damon.

Saturday I was no odd ball — there were hundreds a most like me as I spent four miserable hours in Canyon while my owner took her ACT test. We saw many familiar faces besides the people we went with. Those Dimmitt seniors were: Mary Hays, Juanelle, Anita, Vicki Axe, John Hays, Jimmy Waggoner, Jimmy Johnson, Gary Crum, Darrell Pope, and Michael Green. By the way did you enjoy your four hour wait, Lint?

SUNDAY afternoon the freshmen and sophomores, I was to'd, did their part of decorating the halls for Christmas. Unfortunately, the seniors and juniors won the booby prize for forgetting and having to do it Monday after school. At 6:30 the Woodwind Ensemble met to practice for the concert Sunday.

DISTRICT basketball started Tuesday, and the Bobbies and Bobcats started off a winning season for all owners of senior rings like "me" to remember.

Speaking of the Castro County show, January 4, 1968 the FFA and Young Farmers Organization will compete in a Donkey Basketball game in the high school gym at 7 p.m. This activity is sponsored for the purpose of obtaining funds for ribbons to be given at the Castro County Livestock Show. The event should prove to be very entertaining and humorous—so be sure to not miss the game.

FFA Completes Citrus Project

The Dimmitt FFA is keeping busy this year. They have just completed a fund raising project where boxes of oranges and grapefruit were sold. The project was successful and the FFA hopes that everyone was well-pleased with their fruit orders.

Early in 1968 the FFA boys will have an opportunity to begin exhibiting their animals which they have fed. Several stock shows will be attended which may include many of the following: National Western Stock Show at Denver, Colorado; Amarillo Stock Show, San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Houston Livestock Show, the South Plains Show at Lubbock, and the

Editorial

Rev Up! Banzai!

By **BETSY SIMPSON**

There seems to be general agreement among all Dimmitt travelers that there is nothing on earth to compare with the Dimmitt traffic or the Dimmitt drivers.

The traditional samurai-kamikaze spirit which has been passed on from father to son now manifests itself on the streets of Castro County's largest city. The most noble act that a licensed Dimmitt driver can perform is to crash his car into flames at an intersection, taking as many other cars with him as he possibly can.

The Dimmitt people practice a form of vehicular karate which is not only a sport but a form of self-defense. It is known as "the way" and it is believed the true meaning of life can be found only after a person has experienced a traffic pile-up in the rain on the "Drag" at 10 o'clock in the evening.

A qualified karate driver must show courage, determination, and spirit. His mind must be cleared

of all thoughts and he must be prepared at all times, not only to defend his own car, but to attack another car when the opportunity presents itself.

He must also master "the absence of preconceived thoughts." Each traffic situation must be treated as a brand new one requiring a self-confidence that can only come from long hours of meditation during the endless Dimmitt traffic jams.

In order to qualify for a black safety belt, the driver must learn to thrust, strike, block, heel, and twist his car, striking out at his opponent without worrying about the danger to his own safety or the consequences to those within a two-block radius of the traffic light.

A good karate driver must remain relaxed, the ball of his right foot firmly on the accelerator, the left foot near the brake. When he sees an opening, he makes a thrust toward it, screaming "kiai!" This not only frightens the opponent in the other car, but also gives the driver the needed courage to go on.

At the moment the driver makes his thrust, his opponent might try to cut him off with a "ukewaza" or blocking technique. By braking fast, the driver uses the weight of his opponent's car against him, and with luck the other fellow will crash into a department-store window.

If the opponent manages to keep his car on the street, the karate driver must throw a "kake-uke" (inside hooking block) which can with luck, make the opponent swerve into another oncoming car.

In order to keep their bumpers firm, most karate drivers practice on Dimmitt pedestrians. A car in good condition can split three pedestrians in half with one blow. There exists today one person who claims he can split as many as six pedestrians without hurting his car.

The importance of karate-driving to the people of Dimmitt cannot be underestimated. Not only does it build the spirit and soothe the mind, but it is great for muscle toning, low blood pressure, and hardening the body.

It is Dimmitt's greatest weapon against the population explosion, and many say they prefer it to the pill.

(Adapted from Art Buchwald in the Lubbock-Avalanche Journal, 12-11-67).

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CARD OF THANKS

The family of Lewis E. Wakefield wish to take this opportunity to express their sincere gratitude for the many ways we have been helped during our sorrow due to the death of our loved one.

Thank you for your prayers, for the flowers and food. Also for each expression of sympathy. Dishes, which had been left in the home, will be left at the Lee Street Baptist Church. May God Bless each one of you. The Lewis E. Wakefield Family

CARD OF THANKS
A special thanks goes to all the churches and their pastors and especially to First Baptist Church for the use of their church and for the choir that so graciously helped.

CARD OF THANKS
I would like to take this time to say thank you to those that were so nice to me while I was in the hospital. To all the hospital staff, to Dr. Balckburn and to the staff of Jack Cartwright for the many gifts, flowers and all the visits.

May God bless each and every one.
Alona Hudson
Mr. and Mrs. George Hudson and Donna

Plentiful Foods

Need help with December menus until Christmas? Let the Department of Agriculture help you with its "plentiful food" list. Top spots go to oranges, grapefruit, grape juice, cabbage, broiler-fryers and turkeys. Watch for specials on them.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please make all children happy. Please bring a doll.
Love,
Jean

Dear Santa,
I want a gun car you come to Dimmitt for boy and girl.
Rolando Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please make all children happy. Please bring a race track.
Love,
Lisa

Dear Santa Clause
I and you are good friends and I hope you like it to? I like the snow to play on. I like Santa Clause. I hope you get here on time. I been a good boy. I love ye Santa Clause.
Richard Buck

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please make all children happy. Please bring a race track.
Brent

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a shot.
Ronnie Young

Dear Santa Clause, I am a good boy. I want a mushing gun for Christmas. I like you Santa Clause and your raingbeers. I like y-u Santa Clause. I hope you get here on time.
Ramon Ramos

Dear Santa,
I am being a good little girl. Wou'd you please bring me a Jack-In-The-Box and a swing set? I love you.
Jeanie Wilhelm Age 2

Dear Santa Clause,
I am a good girl I want a ball for Christmas and a doll too. I love Santa Clause. Dear Santa Clause here is my Christmas tree and my work.
Margie Velasquez

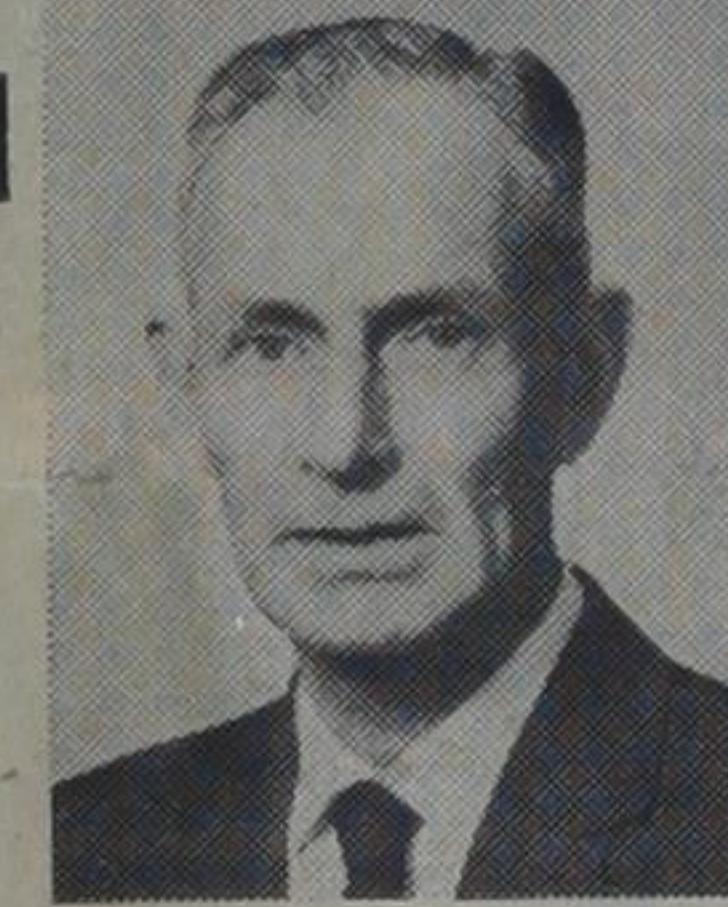
Dear Santa Clause,
I am writing this letter for my little brother since he is just three years old. He wants a pair of boots and a electric guitar. And I want a watch and twister game, and a Barbie house. I hope that isn't to much. Please fill our stocking full.
Love,
Debbie and Brad Murdock 404 SW 5th

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please make all children happy. Please bring a ba'l.
Love,
Alann

P.S. I wish you a safe travel on Christmas Eve.

SPECIAL LAND SALE
1,238 acres on "North Sedan Highway," nine miles northwest on US 87 and then 22 miles west on FM 102 from Dalhart.
UNIT 1
N 1/2 and SE 1/4 Sec. 12, Blk. 5, CSS, Dallam County. One 1,200-g.p.m. well with 1966 Simons heavy duty 8-in. sprinkler pump set at 200 ft. New well 1965, static level 80 ft., pumping 150 ft. Recharged area. Best water anywhere on the Plains. Has second 8-in. well, pump traded on Valley. Insured loan, \$150 per acre, 6 percent, 15 years. Equipment financed; can take it over. Good deep land, lays well. Approximately 80 percent allotted.
UNIT 2
N 1/2 Sec. 13, joins Unit 1. One 8-inch well, pump traded on Valley, good \$160 per acre loan, 15 years at 5 percent. Will row water, but am using Valley. Approximately 80 percent allotted.
One 1,000-g.p.m. Valley sprinkler system complete with pump and motor goes with Unit 1 and 2. Have three circles of wheat on Unit 1 with 400 calves now; possession of Unit 1 to be worked out. Two circles of milo on Unit 2; possession on closing. Natural gas to all three wells. Price on these 800 acres described above is \$250 per acre on the land, with the equipment to be worked out along with possession of wheat.
UNIT 3
S 1/2 and NW 1/4 Sec. 8, joins Unit 1. One 1,200-g.p.m. well with 1966 Simons heavy duty sprinkler pump, motor, etc., and 1967 galvanized 1,000-g.p.m. Valley sprinkler. One mile on FM 102, good land, best water, static level 85 ft., pumping 160 ft. \$160 per acre first lein, 15 years at 5 percent. Equipment financed, can be taken over. Approximately 80 percent allotted. Price of Unit 3 land is \$250 per acre, with possession on closing and equipment can be worked out with interested party. Natural gas to well.
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NAZARETH UNISON CHOIR SINGS 'CHRISTMAS SYMPHONY' SUNDAY
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NOLAN FROEHNER DIRECTS SWIFT BAND IN 'THE HOLY CITY'
... Soloists are Lucy Maurer, alto sax; Beth Wethington, baritone horn

What Makes Christmas The Deadliest Holiday?

Christmas, with the deepest spiritual significance, is the deadliest holiday of all, according to Major Luther C. Moore, commanding the Northwest Region of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"IRONICALLY, Christmas achieves this terrible distinction precisely because we want it to be such a wonderful occasion," Major Moore said.

"It is a sentimental holiday. People will drive long distances for the traditional family reunion, undaunted by bad weather and road conditions. More travel — especially winter travel at

highway speeds — means more accidents," he added.

"It would be interesting to discover, in this era of jets and computers, what the word 'holiday' means to most people. What is the first thing that flashes to mind when the word is mentioned? Time off from work? A trip? An excuse to celebrate? Or a tragic accident toll?" Major Moore asked.

"UNFORTUNATELY, ... truthful answers probably would place all of those higher on the list than the true meaning of the holiday. And it's especially unfortunate that holidays must have an association with high accident tolls," the major said.

"The joyous spirit of Christmas is too often sought in the liquid form. This deadly combination of the throttle and bottle many times turns rejoicing into deepest sorrow. Last year in Texas, 38 percent of all rural fatal accidents involved a drinking driver," the major warned.

He reported that the four most frequent violations in all rural fatal accidents are: (1) Speed too fast for conditions, (2) Driving while drinking, (3) Wrong side of road, and (4) Did not have right-of-way.

"WE FEEL it is important to point out these facts as the Christmas holidays approach, in the hope that our fellow citizens against doing the things that have caused fatal accidents all over the state," Major Moore said.

Lazy Wrapping

When wrapping gifts, place a lazy susan in the center of the table and put seals, tape, scissors and other items in the various compartments. Several members of the family can work around the table and have wrapping materials within reach.

FOR BEST cooking to conserve food nutrients remember these three R's: reduce amount of water, reduce cooking time; reduce the amount of surface area exposed.

Easter News

Lions, Wives Have Banquet

By RUBY STONE

The Easter Lions Christmas banquet and Ladies Night was a gala event. A delicious turkey dinner was served after which Johnny Clark gave a most enjoyable talk on "the good old days." The ladies were presented with billfolds personalized with their names. A special event of the evening was the presentation of a plaque to Mrs. Houston Frye in memory of her husband.

THE LIONS held a turkey shoot Saturday and will serve at the J. H. Flood sale.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. LaPlant from Liberal, Kan. visited his parents, the G. H. LaPlants, and his sister and family, the W. O. Markleys, over the weekend.

Gary Burnett of Dalhart visited his parents, the John H. Burnetts. The three spent the first of the week in Oklahoma transacting business. Mrs. Burnett visited her mother, Mrs. Ida Robinson, in the Lou Len Manor in Mangum, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Trent Downing hosted the Easter Flying Club at its annual Christmas party dinner Saturday night.

Sharon Garrison, daughter of the Shirley Garrisons, will be home Sunday to begin the holidays. She is a freshman at McMurry College, Abilene.

EASTER LADIES Club held its annual Christmas party at the home of Ruby Stone. Eight members and one guest were present. Gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were served to Mrs. W. A. Epperson, with guest of honor Miss Addie Miner, Mrs. William Moss, Mrs. John Burnett, Mrs. W. O. Markley, Mrs. Trent Downing, Mrs. Shirley Garrison, Mrs. Mary Hawkins, and the hostess, Mrs. Ruby Stone.

V.F.W. NEWS

By GEORGE DERRICK

Over 250 kids came to our Christmas party, Sunday afternoon at our post clubhouse. Santa Claus was late in arriving, but this was due to bad weather up north. A happy time was had by all.

WE, THE Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, believe the recent ruling of the Supreme Court allowing known Communists to work in our defense plants, is deplorable, as well as utterly ridiculous.

We urge you to write your congressman; write our President; write the Supreme Court itself.

This ruling by the Supreme Court must be reversed, and soon, for the safety of our nation. Let's act now.

A LARGE group attended our annual post Christmas party Monday night at the post clubhouse. A toy was the price of admission to the ballroom. Many toys were collected in this manner. These toys will be distributed to needy families of this area.

Passing Thought: Greatest single cause of divorces: marriage.



A Very Merry Christmas

Here's to your happiness on this heart-warming Christmas Day. We're delighted and heartily grateful for the sincere loyalty and good will of our fine customers. Many thanks.

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Isn't Electricity Wonderful?

Rural people think so—especially at Christmas-time! They remember when the Christmas glow faded away at the city limits. At least it seemed so. Dim lanterns bobbing across barn lots and kerosene lamps blinking through kitchen windows hardly whispered "Merry Christmas." But that's all changed. Farms now gleam with light. Front lawn decorations vie with Christmas displays in town. Now, thanks to rural electrification, neighbors are happy to share this brighter, more joyous Christmas with you.

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Losses From Casualty, Theft Are Deductible

Taxpayers who suffered losses from theft or casualties, such as storm, fire, automobile accident, lightning, airplane crash and freezing, may be able to claim their losses as an income tax deduction, reports James Mallett, Extension farm management specialist at Texas A&M University.

HOWEVER, farmers are out of luck on deducting losses of crops raised for sale.

The amount of the tax deduction is the loss in property value, but is limited to its cost or basis, and must be reduced by the amount of insurance or other compensation received or expected to be received, Mallett says.

Proof of loss should be documented soon after the casualty occurs, Mallett says.

YOU SHOULD be prepared to show:

1. Values before and after cas-

ualty (pictures, appraisals, and signed statements by persons familiar with the circumstances, before and after are pertinent evidence);

2. Nature of the casualty and when it occurred;
3. The loss was the direct result of the casualty;

4. The cost or other adjusted basis of the property, evidenced by purchase contracts, deed, etc. (improvements to the property should be supported by checks, receipts, etc.);

5. Depreciation allowed or allowable, if any;
6. The amount of insurance or other compensation received; and
7. You were the owner of the property.

BUSINESS or farm property damaged or lost is deductible as a business loss. Each item of real or tangible property damaged by

casualty or lost by theft is considered separately in determining the deductible business loss.

But no deduction is allowed for the loss of crops, livestock or produce raised for sale. Costs of producing these items and the cost of livestock, crops or produce purchased for resale are ordinary business expenses, and therefore deductible.

You may not deduct the first \$100 loss to property held for personal use. Improvements to personal real property such as your residence, trees, shrubs and ornamentals are considered as an integral part of the property. A single loss is calculated by comparing the fair market value of the property as a whole before the casualty with its fair market value following the casualty, even if several items of personal real property are damaged. Damage to tangible personal property like household equipment is evaluated separately from personal real property, explains the specialist.

DEDUCTIBLE casualty losses DO NOT include: (1) expenses incident to a casualty such as temporary housing, travel, or moving expenses, (2) expenses incurred by reason of injury to yourself or others, (3) loss through misplacement of cash or other property, and (4) damages by rust or erosion.

Costs of cleanup, repair, replacement and restoration are NOT deductible. However, these costs may be used to measure the amount of damage suffered if (1) they are necessary to restore the property to its pre-casualty condition, (2) the amount spent is not excessive, (3) they do not more than take care of the damage suffered, and (4) the value of the property after repair is no more than its value before the casualty. You are NOT required to repair or replace the property to qualify for the tax deduction. Get the proof and supporting



Foot-and-Mouth Disease Threat Leads to Meat Import Proposal

Congressman Bob Price Thursday joined in the introduction in the House of Representatives of a resolution calling on the administration to place an embargo on the importation of all red meat into the US until the exporting countries prove they are free from foot-and-mouth disease.

IN COMMENTING upon the resolution, the Panhandle congress-

Children Enjoy Own Cooking Sets

Bringing up a cook in your family? How about a Christmas present for her new role?

GIVE HER her very own cooking outfit — an apron, potholder, perhaps a bowl or cookie sheet, and her cookbook. Several books are out now especially designed for the young cook. They have simple recipes, cute ideas and are easy reading.

And don't forget Dad's little helper with outdoor cooking. He might like an apron, mitten potholder and some utensils himself.

evidence of your loss, says Mallett. Your tax practitioner, accountant, attorney or the Internal Revenue Service can assist you in claiming the deduction when you file your tax report.

Dedication Eyed For M-H Complex

Members of the Castro County Housing Association hope to stage a big dedication ceremony when the new Migrant Housing Complex is completed in East Dimmitt.

A late February or early March ceremony is being considered, a director said, because the Dimmitt Airport and Castro County Recreation Center projects will also be completed by then.

"It's expected that we might get some of the top men from the Farmers Home Administration and the US Department of Agriculture to come from Washington for the dedication," he said, "because this housing project is the first and largest of its type in the US."

THE HUGE complex, which includes 15 apartment houses, is being built primarily with a federal grant and loan arranged by the Farmers Home Administration.

"Also," he added, "the livestock industry is the most important industry in America today and should this disease get a foothold, it would be almost impossible to check."

"There is no question but that domestic meat supplies are sufficient to fill all domestic meat demands without the need of imports. An outbreak in this country could set us back 100 years. It is essential that immediate action be taken," Price said.

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Wool Program To End Dec. 31

The 1967 marketing year under the wool and mohair program ends Dec. 31. Payments for the current year will depend on completing all details of marketing either wool, mohair or lambs by that date. Marketings completed after Dec. 31 will become marketings in the 1968 marketing year. Applications for 1967 payments may be filed at the county ASCS office anytime.

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his office and I was able to see the halls of Dimmitt High. Well I could hardly believe my tubes when I saw some of these people walking down the halls and somehow each song that was running through my tubes would fit. Finally I started listening to the names and so I started matching songs with people. The first people I saw were Anita Cameron and Vickie Powell and it just so happened that "To Sir With Love" was playing. The next one I saw was a girl named Chris James and I heard about her boyfriend troubles and that she finally got together again and so I dedicated "Together Again," to her. Then I saw my first lovers who were John Hays and Karen Lytle and I de-

cidated that "Cherish" was the song for them. Then I saw Vicki Axe and so I thought that the song for her was "Different Drum," then I was Audrey and by the expression on her face I could tell that it was a "Turned Down Day." I then saw Mickey Simpson, and Jimmy Waggoner running down the hall and I knew that "Wild Thing" was their song. The next person I saw was Alex Catoe and I thought that he would be the type that would be at "Home on the Range." Then Mr. Moore walked in and I thought "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf," before he turns me off I want to dedicate "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" to all the Kids of Dimmitt High.



Senior Boy of Week:

Jerry Dodson

Once upon a time there was a little boy born to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Dodson at Jacksboro, Texas. He was named Jerry Don Dodson and was born on November 2, 1949.

As the years passed he grew and so did his interests, he is now a senior in D.H.S. His favorite pastime is working on his race car. He hopes to have it fixed soon and win a few races. He will listen to the song I Want Some More every chance he gets, and his favorite movie is Barefoot In The Park while his favorite actor is Paul Newman, and favorite singer is Nancy Sinatra. His favorite in food is fried chicken. While at school his favorite teacher is Mr. Diehl. If he had a choice of cars he would choose a blue Dodge Charger. His main hobby is hunting—although we're not sure what he is hunting.

He is a member of the Industrial Arts Club and Teen Club. To show that he enjoys industrial art he won the Drafting Award in 1967.

When asked his pet peeve he

Personalities To Be Elected

The Student Senate met Dec. 13 during activity period. There was a discussion on having a party but since there is no time the idea was dropped.

IT WAS ALSO discussed when the rest of the School Favorites are to be elected. It was concluded that the Personality King and Queen were to be elected before the Christmas holidays.

Then the annual staff presented their problem to raise the price of annuals to \$5.10 to pay for the colored pages. Although Dimmitt has the lowest price annual for a 2AA school, it is larger than most 3AA school annuals. In other words, you get more for your money. A vote was taken on the sub-

ject and the Student Senate was in favor to back the annual staff by a majority vote.

As the time ran out the meeting was adjourned and everyone returned to their sixth period class.



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

Good Speech Habits Reflect Personality, Students Learn

How will the improvement of one's speech help one as an individual? Speech is not limited to making speeches, but comprises the whole of one's oral communication with others; one can easily see that better speech means more successful living. It means better performance in classes.

BETTER SPEECH also means an increased ability to make friends. To other people, a person's speech is himself—in most cases, it's all they know about this person. One may be full of interesting and original ideas, but if one used commonplace, trite expressions and spoke in a hesitant, half-audible voice, one may not impress others as an interesting and imaginative person. One may have excellent taste, but a loud and affected manner of speaking will conceal that fact from the people one meets. Natural warmth and friendliness may be unnoticed because of awkward, self-conscious speech.

Success in many careers is reserved for those who become effective speakers.

Another reason for improving one's speech is in order to take a position of leadership in his community in clubs, church groups, government, there is a constant demand for people who can talk well.

WE OF DHS are proud to say that our speech department has expanded tremendously this year and is steadily growing toward a peak of outstanding presentations.

As many of you know, nevertheless, we are very proud to be associated with such a talented director as Mr. Robert Farrer.

The Speech I classes are now deeply engrossed and wholeheartedly working toward their Readers Theater productions: "Joy to

the World," "Report to Herod," "The Women of Christmas," a 1 of which will be presented to Elementary and a church group this week. A story-telling program will also be presented to Elementary.

DHS has much to be proud of in the outstanding work which has been laboriously induced in drama activity thus far this year.

Outside of our school production, the Drama Class is working exceedingly hard in efforts to learn more of the field of dramatics. At the present, the class is working on scenes from plays which will be presented after Christmas.

SPEECH III is advanced studies of the field of speech, including anything from radio broadcasting to advanced formal speaking. It would be quite competent to say that every student in DHS is aware of the Bobcat Caravan. The members of this program are diligently working on "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens which is to be presented on the Caravan this week.

Later in January and March, students from the speech department will have the opportunity to use or to expose what knowledge they were to have attained from the beginning of the year. Many speech tournaments are to be attended this spring. Among those are Abilene, Seminole and Midland. The entries are prose, poetry, debate, informative and persuasive speaking. Also upcoming, is a debate tournament which will be held in DHS the latter part of January.

Even though it seems appropriate to wish the department luck, with the talent and leadership involved, we feel certain they can do nothing but an outstanding job.

Peace on Earth



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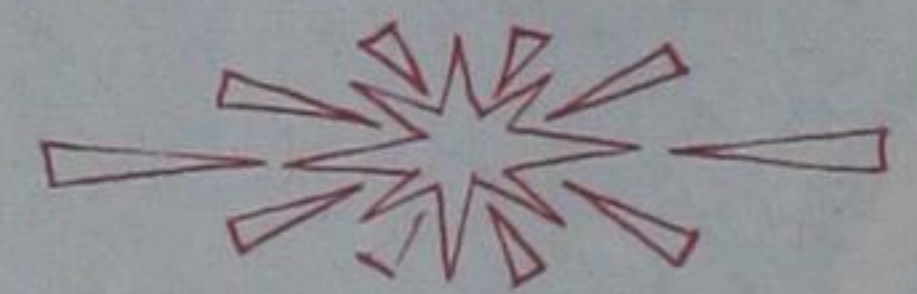
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