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## SANTA CLAUS TO BE HERE DECEMBER 20

Santa Claus will be at the school gym next Tuesday night between seven and eight o'clock for the children of the community. It was decided at the Lions Club last week that Santa should make a visit to Sterling for the benefit of the small fry and plans were made for his visit here to coincide with a basketball game that will be played in the gym that night. All the children of the county are invited and will be given a chance to go by and see Santa and maybe shake his hand as they receive a small gift of candy from the old gentleman.

There will be no admission to the game that night and all parents are urged to bring their children to see Santa Claus. His appearance is due to action taken by the Sterling City Lions Club.

## "Covering the County"

By Garlyn Hoffman, Co. Agent.

The cotton referendum voted on December 15 was really a hot issue in this county. There were only two eligible voters in the county, Si Matlock and Orb Fincher. They had interest in a cotton crop in 1948. If cotton quotas carried by 2/3 vote this will be the situation:

Farmers who plant within their acreage allotments will be able to market all cotton without having to pay a penalty. They will be eligible for government loans at 90% of parity and receive conservation payments from P.M.A. Any farmer planting over his allotment will have to pay a penalty of about half the parity price on all cotton that is produced in excess of his marketing quota. He will not be eligible for government loan or conservation payment.

If it does not carry this will be the situation: Farmers who plant within their allotments will be eligible for government loans at 50% of parity and can receive conservation payments. Those overplanting will not be eligible for loan, and they cannot receive government payment. However, they can market all of their cotton without paying any penalty.

J. T. Davis, just back from Denver, reports that the Sheep and Goat Raisers Convention was a good and interesting meeting. He stated that the weather was nice and that he did not put on an overcoat during his entire stay. That overcoat may come in right handy here at home during this cold spell, Mr. Davis.

The veterans class wives really had a nice dinner for their husbands Monday night. It was held at the Legion Hut, and about thirty attended. Joe Lemly, the area coordinator, was the special guest. Claude really sees to it that his class is well fed . . . with a little help from the wives.

Dayton Barrett caught two eagles in steel traps Sunday. He placed his traps around a dead lamb hoping that an eagle would step into a trap. He stated that one of the eagles had a wing spread measuring more than seven feet. That was a nice size bird.

All of you boys and girls remember that Santa Claus is going to pay Sterling City a visit Tuesday night, December 20. He will be at the basketball game at the gym. He plans to be there between seven and eight o'clock. Your children come and bring your parents, and both will see Santa and a good basketball game.

M/Sgt. and Mrs. Bob Hughie, and their three daughters, Carol, Ann and Mary, visited Mrs. Hughie's aunt and uncle, the Harvey Glasses here last week. The Hughies have just returned from a three-year's stay in Germany, and were going on to Fort Benning, Ga. from here.

## NORATADATA CLUB PARTY

Mrs. Ross Foster entertained the Noratadata Club Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Rufus Foster. Very attractive plates were served to twenty-one members and three guests. A very interesting program was given by Mrs. Worth Durham and Mrs. Reynolds Foster.

Christmas party plans were discussed and made to have the party Monday night at seven o'clock at the Legion Hut with Mrs. Foster S. Price and Mrs. Trinton Revell as hostesses.

## LIONS RAISE \$300 IN CHRISTMAS AUCTION

With Horace Donalson as the auctioneer, the Lions Club members bid in approximately \$300 at the annual Christmas auction at the Wednesday luncheon. A regular turkey dinner was served by Mrs. D. P. Glass. Lion Donalson had to pinch-hit for the regular auctioneer, Worth Durham, who was out of town. The money raised will go to the regular Christmas cheer baskets for the shut-ins and ill, etc., and for the Santa Claus that will be at the school gym next Tuesday night.

Guests were Claude Collins, M. K. Smith, Jack Turner, James Miller, and a whole lot of people that were named Washington.

Several bids were bid in for people not there and some outsiders—not even members of the club.

## SWING OF SOUTHWEST FARM MARKETS

By United States Department of Agriculture

(USDA)—Most southwest farm products sold steady to lower Monday through Monday although occasional strong spots appeared, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration.

Milo lost 2 cents a hundred pounds for the week, and barley 2 to 3 cents a bushel and white corn a penny. Other grains showed little or no change. No. 2 yellow milo closed Monday at \$2.30 to \$2.35 per hundredweight in bulk carlots at Texas common points. Barley sold at \$1.31 to \$1.36 a bushel on No. 2 grade and No. 2 Texas white corn at \$1.64 to \$1.66. No. 1 wheat ranged from \$2.38 1/4 to \$2.44 1/4.

Eggs continued to weaken in the southwest as demand failed to absorb the increased offerings. Most poultry, including turkeys, showed little change from last week. Current receipt eggs brought 38 to 40 cents a dozen at Dallas and Fort Worth, 33 to 36 cents at Denver, and 33 to 38 cents at Little Rock.

A few less livestock came to market at southwest yards last week than the week before or the same week last year. Hog numbers increased sharply at midwest terminals.

Sheep and lamb prices changed little during the week. Fort Worth cleared feeder lambs at \$18 to \$20.50 Monday, while medium and good 50 to 65 pound lots returned \$19 to \$21 at San Antonio. Monday's trade drew lower bids at Denver.

Wool and mohair brought firm prices at fairly large amounts sold in active trade. Sales reached 55 cents a pound for adult mohair and 80 cents for kid.

Most hogs found steady markets last week, although prices were 50 cents lower at San Antonio. Sows sold 50 cents lower at most yards. Goon and choice medium weight butcher hogs bulked at \$15.50 at San Antonio, and from \$15.50 to \$15.75 elsewhere in the southwest. Some sales reached up to \$15.85 at Denver.

Southwest cattle markets were steady to \$1 higher for the week. Cows and calves showed the full advance. However, some cows and fed steers registered weakness at Denver. Most beef cows sold from \$14 to \$16 in the southwest.

Dressed meats sold mostly unchanged for the week at eastern wholesale markets.

Vegetables found slow demand and dull markets in the lower Rio Grande Valley last week. Beets, broccoli, cabbage, eggplants and peppers were little changed, while offerings of tomatoes were too light to establish a market. Sweet potatoes showed a steady trend at Southern Louisiana points. Cured U.S. No. 1 Porto Ricans loaded mostly in trucks at largely \$3.25 per 50 pound crate.

Wheat millfeeds strengthened in more active demand last week as other feeds showed little change. Hay found trading quiet at steady prices.

Cotton gained 25 cents a bale since last Monday at Houston, but lost 50 to 75 cents at most other southwest markets. Spot middling 15/16 inch closed at 29.25 cents a pound at Dallas, 29.60 at Houston, and 29.70 at New Orleans.

For wedding invitations, announcements, at-home cards, etc., see the local News-Record shop.

## America's Coal Studied By Club

"America's Coal and World Security" was the subject of the study of the Wimodausis Club when it met December 7 in the Community Center. Mrs. C. N. Crawford was hostess.

At the business meeting the club voted to buy a \$15 T.B. and send \$1 to the Latin-American Scholarship fund. A motion carried that the club donate 25c per member to the local Christmas fund.

On the program, Mrs. Jack Douthit discussed "America's Coal—An Ambassador of Democracy." Mrs. R. P. Brown talked on "What a Modern American Coal Mine Is Like." "Housing and Community Living for the Coal Mining Family" was the subject discussed by Mrs. Lura McClellan. Mrs. N. H. Reed gave "Coal's Future in the Atomic Age."

Other members present were Mrs. Harvey Glass, Mrs. H.L. Cope, Mrs. Roy Morgan, Mrs. W. R. Hudson, Mrs. Allie Foster, Mrs. Minta Phillips, Mrs. Kenneth Garms, Mrs. R. T. Foster, Mrs. Frank Cole, Mrs. W. N. Reed, Mrs. E. F. McEntire, Mrs. Ray Lane, Mrs. J. C. Reed, Mrs. T. F. Foster, and Mrs. R. W. Hughie, a visitor, niece of Mrs. Harvey Glass. She, with her family, has just returned from 3 years in Germany. Mrs. Hughie made an interesting talk on the welfare work in Germany.

Joe Emery, little Jodie Emery, Worth Durham and John Brock went deer hunting down near Rocksprings last week. That's all we can say about this hunt.

J. T. Davis attended the annual convention of the National Wool Growers in Denver last week. The two Texas girls that he and Adolf Steiler underwrote expenses to make the trip to the "Make It Yourself With Wool-Mohair" contest won places and prizes in the final judging. One girl, Ramona Manning, won a first with her mohair suit.

## Presbyterian Guest Speaker

Rev. B. B. Hestir, pastor of the Presbyterian church here, announced this week that Dr. E. K. Tenny of Fort Worth will speak at the 11 o'clock hour next Sunday, Dec. 18. Dr. Tenny has spoken here before and everyone is cordially invited to hear him Sunday morning, said Hestir.

## Name Texas Top Ranking 4-H'ers

TRIPS to the 28th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago were given three Texas club members as rewards for their outstanding records in the 1949 National 4-H Clothing, Home Improvement and Tractor Maintenance programs. The state winners and brief outlines of their records follow:



Barbara Dean



Lee Wolf



Dorothy Kastner

Though seven years in 4-H were filled with many exciting events for Barbara Dean, 17, of Alvarado, none climaxed the thrill of being chosen State winner in the 1949 Home Improvement program. Receiving this honor means that Barbara accomplished more in the way of home improvement than any other Texas 4-H'er. Among the many things she did was to remodel her closet, refinish bedroom furniture, reupholster rocker and chair, make new curtains and skirts for stool and dressing table. She has repapered her bedroom walls and has helped her family in the laying of a hardwood floor for their living-dining room. Her work as a demonstrator of improving bedrooms won her the 1949 Maggie W. Barry Scholarship award. Her award, provided by Sears-Roebuck Foundation, was a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress, Chicago.

Learning proper care and operation of tractors not only paid off in fuel saving for Lee Wolf, 19, Gainesville, but brought him the distinction of being chosen 1949 State champion in the National 4-H Tractor Maintenance program. By putting into practice what he learned, Lee kept the family tractor

All of these activities are conducted under the direction of the Extension Service of the State Agricultural College and USDA cooperating.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TO BE TAKEN DECEMBER 26

It was announced this week that the customary Christmas holiday that falls on Sunday, December 25, would be taken on Monday, December 26. As is the custom, when a holiday falls on Sunday, the Monday following is taken off by the merchants, banks, post office, etc.

The fire trucks made a run to Mrs. D. C. Durham's home Thursday morning about 11 o'clock. An automatic heating plant had got to smoking and it was feared a fire had started. A cleaning-up job was all it needed, said Mrs. Durham.

Mr. W. W. Odom and Homer Weimer of George West spent the week-end in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Weimer. Homer is their son. Mr. Odom is band director of the George West Public School and director of the First Methodist choir.

Rev. W. J. Weimer and family attended the funeral of their brother-in-law, B. O. Bailey of Belton, who was killed in a car wreck.

## Baptist W.M.S. Has Christmas Program

The Baptist Womens Missionary Society had their annual Christmas party the home of Mrs. S. L. Augustine on Monday afternoon of this week. A book study, "Japan's New Day" was given as the program.

Gifts were presented to the officers, Mrs. Lee-Hunt, Mrs. Augustine and Mrs. Clyde Everitt.

Refreshments carrying out the Christmas colors were served to Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Everitt, Mrs. D.C. Durham, Mrs. Jack Douthit, Mrs. C. D. McEntire, Mrs. Henton Emery, Mrs. Roy Morgan, Mrs. Padgett, Mrs. J. A. Revell, Mrs. Mud Allen and Mrs. Augustine.

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## Wimodausis Club Has Christmas Program

Mrs. R. T. Foster was hostess in her home Wednesday afternoon at the Wimodausis Christmas party December 14. Hostesses with Mrs. Foster were Mrs. W. R. Morgan, Mrs. W. N. Reed, Mrs. H. L. Cope, Mrs. Minta Phillips, Mrs. C. A. Bowen, Mrs. R. P. Brown, and Mrs. O. M. Cole.

A Christmas program was given. Mrs. T. F. Foster discussed "Where Xmas Comes From." "Xmas Trees and Xmas Bells" were talked on by Mrs. E. F. McEntire. "Plum Pudding and Poinsettias" were the subjects talked on by Mrs. Kenneth Garms, Mrs. W. L. Foster, Jr. discussed "Xmas Greetings and Santa Claus." Mrs. W. J. Weimer had as her subject "Whose Birthday?" "Christmas Carols" were discussed by Mrs. H. D. Glass.

At the close of the program refreshments were served consisting of hot spiced punch, sandwiches and cake. Mrs. Bowen was at the punch bowl.

At the business meeting everyone was requested to bring bulbs to the next meeting to be put out at the community center.

Others present besides those already mentioned were Mrs. J. C. Reed, Mrs. Ray Lane, Mrs. Ralph Bynum, Mrs. H. L. Hildebrand, Miss Ethel Foster, Mrs. W. E. Allen, Mrs. C. D. McEntire, Mrs. V. E. Davis, Mrs. Lura McClellan, Mrs. George Case, Mrs. T. F. Foster, and Mrs. S. R. Hefley and Mrs. Frank Cole.

## Bratton Heads March of Dimes Campaign

A.T. Bratton, campaign director of the 1950 March of Dimes campaign for Sterling County, attended a pre-campaign meeting at San Angelo Monday. Campaign directors from a number of counties in this area were present for the meeting. John R. Laughlin, State Representative, Southwest Texas, from San Antonio, was in charge of the meeting.

Bob Kennedy of Abilene discussed successful campaign methods and made some very helpful suggestions to those present. Laughlin stated that the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, had given over \$100,000 to aid in the treatment of more than 400 cases of polio in San Angelo hospitals this year. Another area in Texas in the Lower Rio Grande Valley had been given over \$100,000.

The National Foundation Funds will be almost exhausted by the time the first money from the March of Dimes campaign reaches headquarters.

A letter from Basil O'Connor to Bratton this week stated that we must raise in the March of Dimes in January 1950 at least twice as much as we raised in January 1949.

The worst epidemic of polio in the history of our nation, more than 40,000 cases in 1949, is responsible for this financial crisis. To Nov. 19, 1949, there were 2,258 cases of polio in Texas compared to 1765 cases reported during all of 1948.

## FIRST GRADERS

# Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a B-B gun. I have a little sister and brother. Please don't forget them.  
Love  
Tony Allen

Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring me a bicycle and a piano.  
Love  
Dian.

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a pair of chaps, and a football.  
Love  
David Drennen

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a doll trunk and a doll buggy.  
Love  
Elizabeth  
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# Letters To Santa

(Continued from Page 1)

Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring me a football, an air gun, a train.  
Love  
Jimmie

Dear Santa Claus  
I want two guns and a tractor.  
Love  
Don McDonald

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a gun, a football.  
Love  
Wayne

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a bicycle, a pep squad suit, doll and a baton.  
Love,  
Kathryn

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a doll house, and a baton.  
Love  
Barbara

Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring me a doll and a ring.  
Love  
Jynette

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a doll, a bicycle, and a ball.  
Love  
Olga

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a gun, a bicycle and a football.  
Love  
Freddy

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a pep squad suit, a baton and a doll house.  
Love  
Saundra Robbins

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a bicycle and an air gun.  
Love  
Alfred

Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring me a bicycle, a football, and a helmet.  
Love  
Ross

Dear Santa Claus  
I want one football one bicycle and one bat.  
Love  
Mike

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a bicycle and two guns.  
Love  
George

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a baton, a doll, a doll house and a pep squad-suit.  
Love  
Johnny

Dear Santa Claus  
I want two guns, and a football.  
Love  
Jerry

Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring me a ring and a baton.  
Love  
Gwendolyn

Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring me a doctor set, a tool set, a football suit.  
Love  
James Ayres

Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring me a bicycle, and a doll.  
Love  
Enedina

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a bicycle. Bring two guns.  
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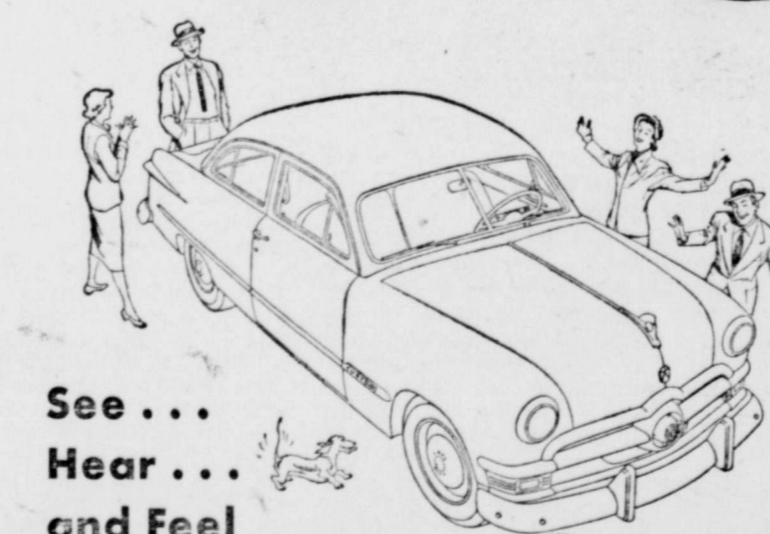
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We have purchased one drum for the Pep Squad, two coffee makers with storage containers, and are making plans for the annual football banquet which is to be held in January.

Should there be any of the above amount left in the treasury after the banquet, it will be spent for equipment for the improvement of the concession stand.

Mrs. Ray Lane, reporter

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From where I sit, it would be a better world if we were half as willing to accept other people's ideas and tastes, as we seem to be willing to accept their bone and blood. There'll always be differences. Some like buttermilk, others would rather have a sparkling glass of temperate beer. But underneath we're pretty much the same—deserving each other's respect and tolerance!

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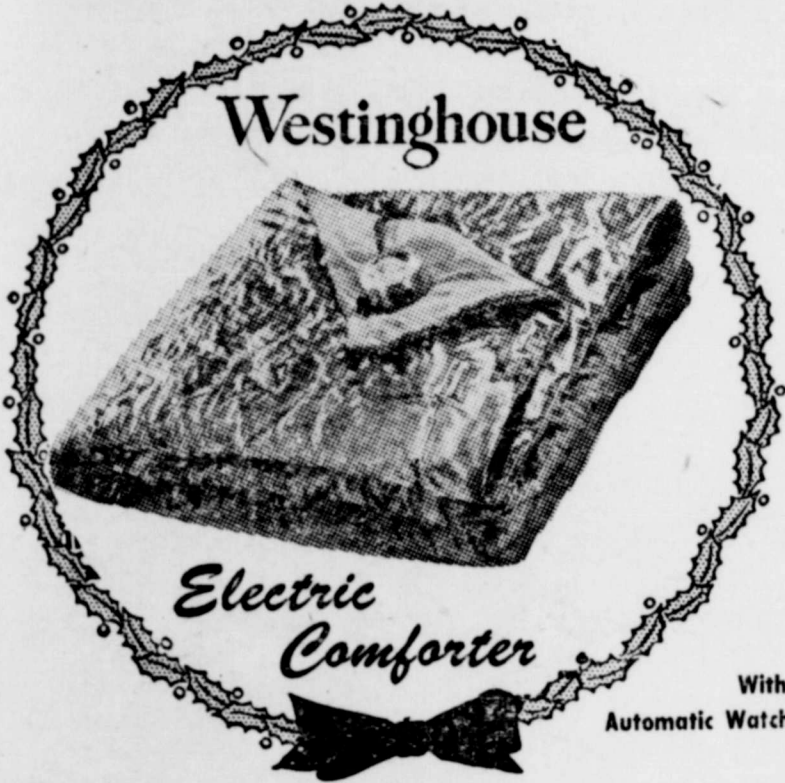
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Service of the Red Cross worker in a military hospital may be helping a man through the difficult hour when he learns that he will never be well again or removing the worry that often stands in the way of his recovery.

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In this country 361 field directors and their assistants cover 148 base stations, 31 substations, and 923 itinerant stations. During the last year field directors at camps handled more than 672,000 cases. Health and welfare reports requested by servicemen or their families were the most common type of help asked for. More than 179,000 such cases were recorded. The next most frequent type of request was that involving leave or extension of leave. The Red Cross cannot grant leave, but military authorities depend upon the organization for reports of conditions underlying leave requests. These cases run into many thousands each year.

Abroad, Red Cross coverage is almost as complete as in this country. In Japan alone, 159 men and women are serving occupation troops at 31 military installations and 14 hospitals. Other parts of the Far East are equally well staffed.

In Europe, 248 Red Cross workers serve military personnel and their dependents at 51 military installations and 15 hospitals, most of them in occupied Germany. Coverage is also given in England and to miscellaneous units still in France.

**Was David A Man After God's Own Heart?**

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