

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas, 1945... of all Christmases... looms as the most soul-stirring, the most meditative. A friendly day in which to dream as well as make merry... a day when "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" will assume a greater meaning... a hope so profound that it transcends utterance. Give thanks for this land where people are free to gather and pray. Give thanks for the birth of the Saviour who taught the world that love is more powerful than hate, good mightier than evil, life stronger than death. Express your thanks—by attending church.



## OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

WILLIAM C. DONNELL, fireman, second class, USN, husband of Mrs. H. C. Donnell, Silverton, serves aboard the support carrier USS SAVO ISLAND whose wartime record coincides with the victorious sweep of American armed might from the south Pacific area to the Japanese surrender.

At different times serving with the Third, Fifth and Seventh Fleets, the SAVO saw action at the Palau, at the Battle of Surigao Straits, Manus, Mindoro and Okinawa.

The first squadron to operate from her deck was the renowned Combat Squadron 27 which chalked up the outstanding record of 62 Jap planes, a cruiser, a destroyer and a submarine.

When the war ended, she was in the Aleutians ready to take part in offensive operations in the north Pacific.

LT. LOWELL ELROD spent a few hours with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Elrod Thursday.

TRAVIS GILLAND has returned with his discharge after spending fourteen months overseas.

CONRAD HENDERSON is home on a 24 day leave.

ELLIOTT LEE visited in Silverton this week. He has his discharge from the Army.

Pvt. SHORTY JACKSON left Saturday to back to Camp Beale, California.

HASKELL JACKSON is expected home tomorrow with his discharge from the Army.

WARE FOGERSON returned Saturday with his discharge from the Army.

L. D. GRIFFIN came in Wednesday for a 21-day furlough.

Ensign and Mrs. J. S. Long have been visiting here this week.

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## Subscription Bargain Rates End December 31

The Briscoe County News bargain rate of \$1.50 per year is fast drawing to a close. December 31 is the last day subscriptions will be accepted at that price.

The combination bargain rate for the Amarillo, Fort Worth, and Wichita Falls dailies with the Briscoe County News is in effect. By adding only \$1.00 to the following daily rates, you can receive a year's subscription to your home paper:

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So check your expiration dates and if you need to renew come in and let us take care of your subscriptions for you

Here is a list of those who have taken advantage this week of the special bargain offers:

Bryan Strange  
Deene Donnell  
Noah Amason, Canyon  
C. L. Hampton  
Jim Baird  
H. P. Rampley  
Jeff Peeler, Denver City  
D. O'Neal

### THANKS!

The football boys, coach, and the entire school wish to express their appreciation to the mothers who contributed either food or in any other way to the football banquet Tuesday night.

W. C. Baird  
Sid Richards  
H. P. Richards  
Walter Brannon  
Milton Frizzell  
L. B. Dyer, Dalhart  
Edwin Davis  
Paul B. Ragan, Mohler, Idaho  
Mrs. W. M. Dickerson, Canyon  
J. W. Lyon, Quitaque  
Kemp Thompson  
Pfc. John C. Wimberly  
Ray C. Bomar  
Mrs. Betty Guffee, Dennison  
Mrs. J. H. Burson  
Mrs. Jeff Roberts, Lubbock  
Ed Vaughan  
J. Lee Francis  
Wesley Sykes, Sonora  
Walter Watter  
Dillard Scott  
Tom Whitely, Lamesa

W. T. Diviney, Burlington, Ia.  
Bud McMinn  
Ben O. King  
Floyd B. Williams  
Sgt. R. L. Bingham, Lubbock  
Hallie Johnson  
J. E. Vaughan  
Homer Redus, Vigo Park  
Myrtle Evans, Phoenix, Ariz.  
Ralph Lemons  
Mrs. Bill Shives, Tulia  
S. P. Brown  
S. E. Evans  
Mrs. J. D. Lawley, Linden,  
L. A. McJimsey

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mason spent Sunday in Memphis.

## Victory Bonds Bought In December Count On Drive Quota

All purchases of Victory Bonds during the month of December will be counted on the Victory Loan Drive quota.

A total of \$26,775 Series E bonds had been bought in Briscoe County through December 12. The E bond quota is \$70,000. For our county to go over the top as it always has in previous drives, a remaining \$43,000 must be bought by December 31.

Briscoe County has oversubscribed their overall quota of \$110,000 by purchasing a total of \$225,075 of all denominations of victory bonds since the drive opened on October 29. However, until the Series E quota has been met we will not be considered "over the top."

In these remaining days of the drive let's buy all the bonds we possibly can—and justify our Briscoe County pride!

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express sincere thanks to my many friends for their kindness and thoughtfulness during my illness. I appreciate especially the many cards, and flowers sent to me while in the hospital and since I came home.

T. L. Anderson

Capt. and Mrs. H. T. ANDERSON are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Anderson. He has recently returned from Japan.

## Civic Club Plans Discussed At Meeting

Twenty-nine business men and civic leaders gathered at the school lunch room Thursday, December 13, for a second meeting. After the meal was served, Woodson Coffee, Jr., called the meeting to order and they went into the matter of deciding the nature of the organization. A committee composed of Joe Mercer, Doc Minyard, and R. E. Brookshier reported on the various types of clubs to be considered. Joe Mercer spoke in favor of a civic club. Doc Minyard explained the workings of a Lion's Club, while R. E. Brookshier discussed the Chamber of Commerce. A vote was taken of those present with the result that a majority favored a civic club. It was decided for the chairman to appoint a committee to draw up a constitution to be presented to the club in its next meeting, to be held in the school lunch room, Thursday, December 20 at seven-thirty p.m. It was felt that more business men would be free to attend an evening meeting than would be present at any noon hour. The committee to draw up the constitution consisted of Joe Mercer, Harley Redin and Bud McMinn. All present were urged to bring someone with them for the next meeting.

It is hoped that everyone will get behind this movement, for there are many reasons why Silverton and Briscoe County need the services of some type of organization through which many efforts toward betterment of the community can be advanced. Every citizen, regardless of his occupation or where he lives, who is interested in community betterment should attend these meetings.

## Legion Meets To Plan Veteran's Building

### Football Banquet Given Tuesday Night

The annual football banquet honoring all members of the Silverton Owls was given at the high school gymnasium Tuesday night, December 18.

The banquet meal was prepared by mothers of the football players and served by a group of high school girls. Some eighty guests were present.

Following the invocation by Rev. G. A. Elrod, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jimmy Price took charge as toastmaster of the program for the evening.

Gean Mercer, accompanied by the piano by Betty Burson, sang "White Christmas."

Coach J. W. Brannon, Jr., introduced all members of the football team, the pep squad leaders, and the football queen.

Guest speaker of the evening was W. W. Nicklaus, coach of West Texas State College at Canyon. In his speech he stressed the importance of building strong character as well as strong physical bodies.

The program was concluded with the singing of a group of Christmas carols by Faye Brown, Mildred Carruth, Gean Mercer, and Betty Burson, accompanied by Modine Yates.

At a business meeting of the William Graves Post No. 402 which was held last Friday night, plans were formulated to start work in the near future on a Veteran's Building in Silverton. It is believed by members that this building will be a great thing for Briscoe County. It is to be primarily for veterans of World War I and II, but it will be available for community affairs. Other clubs and organizations of the county will be allowed to meet there and use its facilities.

The building is for all veterans, but the responsibility for its erection as being taken by the local American Legion Post.

The returning service man, of course, does not have to join the Legion, but in a small community such as this, all veterans should work together in a group if the most good is to be accomplished. The Legion is taking the lead in this project and invites the cooperation of every veteran as well as the entire community.

Plans as to the type of building and size are about completed. Detailed drawings of the plans will be on display in a downtown store window soon.

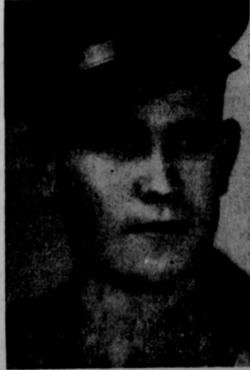
Funds on hand now are not sufficient to pay for this building, and most of the money will have to come through donations. A very good way to show your appreciation to the returning veterans is to donate generously to this building fund. Any Legion member will be glad to accept your gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McWilliams were in Silverton this week.

## CIVILIANS AGAIN



FOY CHITTY



ARTHUR McJIMSEY



LEE McINTYRE



EDGAR MILLS



TRAVIS GILLILAND



W. L. PERRY



JAMES DAVIS

**Honor Roll For Second Six Weeks**

- Freshmen:**  
Joyce Brown  
Jett Mason  
Anna Belle McCarty
- Sophomores:**  
Hazel Dee McGavock
- Juniors:**  
Modine Yates
- Seniors:**  
Betty Nan Burson  
Mildred Carruth  
Erma Lee May  
Thelma Gean Mercer  
Joyce Dell Hardin  
Jeanne Dudley  
—THE OWLET
- TOO MANY CHILDREN NEVER ENROLL IN SCHOOL**
- There is an increasing number of children out of our school here in Silverton, and something should be done about it.
- Truancy usually leads to delinquency, so besides breaking a state law, their parents are ruining their child's chance to be successful in life. Is there any reason why children should not go to school? There is no reason on earth that equals their future happiness and security.
- A child himself should have enough pride to attend school, but if he doesn't, his parents should see that he does so.
- Actually, the future of this world depends on the average mind, and if a child does not attend school, his mind will not be properly trained. Besides hurting his life, he is lowering the standards of the country, therefore, it is imperative that we attend school.
- THE OWLET
- MILDRED CARRUTH—BRUCE PRICE VOTED MOST POPULAR**
- In assembly held Tuesday, December 11, Mildred Carruth and Bruce Price were elected as the most popular girl and boy in high school by the student body. Each was given a ballot on which he wrote the name of his choice. Mildred and Bruce received the majority of the votes.
- Mildred, or "Mickey", takes an active part in all school activities. She plays forward on the basketball team; she is editor of the annual and society editor of "The Owllet"; secretary of the Student Council; a receptionist;
- First Grade:**  
Carlye Monroe  
Rose Lee Mitchell  
Hugh Ed McClendon  
Deleath Peugh  
Betty Ann Brown  
Evelyn Jones
- Second Grade:**  
Ena Lou Grabbe  
Mike Reid  
Clayton Dale Elkins  
Ruth Nix  
Jo Ann Rowland  
Victor Fogerson  
Jimmy Legg  
Linda Beth McDaniel
- Third Grade:**  
Patsy Bomar  
G. W. Chappell  
Joni Douglas  
Virginia Garrison  
Roy Dean Henderson  
Don Ledbetter  
Sidney Marshall  
James May  
Timmileen Miller  
Leonard Perkins  
Joyce Pope  
Lola Mae Vaughan  
Jomarie Wesley
- Fourth Grade:**  
Mary Dell Teague  
Mildred Bean  
Nyma Rae Calloway  
Jatsy Jean Crass  
Anne Brown
- Fifth Grade:**  
Tommie Strange  
Shirley Copeland  
Junis Mercer  
Mary Francis Dudley  
Mary Faith McMurtry  
Kay Steele  
Barbara Nix  
Sandra Mallow
- Sixth Grade:**  
Deanie Henderson  
Estelle Bradley  
Welda Estes
- Seventh Grade:**  
Roy Hyatt  
Duane Lemons  
Pat Northcutt  
Billy Tennison  
John Francis  
Mary Tom Bomar  
Vonna Wood
- Eighth Grade:**  
Donald Paige  
Joan Clemmer  
Teresa Crass

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You saved used cooking fat for war needs, — continue saving it to help yourself and your family regain the peacetime plenty of America.

**FORMER STUDENTS RECEIVE DISCHARGES**

In the past four or five years many S.H.S. graduates have been in the armed services. Now that the war is over, they are returning with discharges from the various organizations. Each week boys who have been away for many months or years are seen again.

Among the many returning service men are Roy Mac Walker, who served in the infantry in the European theater, Harley Redin, an ex-marine captain in the Pacific area, Edgar Mills, who was in the Navy in the Pacific, John Ed Bain, an ex-Marine who served in the South Pacific, Johnnie Quillen, who was in the Navy in the Pacific, Jack Burleson, in the European theater with the Army Air Corps, and George Martin, who was in the Pacific in the Infantry.

Many of the men plan to return to college, while other have obtained jobs. Silverton is glad to have them back, and S.H.S. salutes these and other ex-students for the fine jobs they have done.

**BASKETBALL PROSPECTS FOR THIS SEASON ARE EXCELLENT**

Silverton has a well established reputation in the field of sports. This can be understood for the Owls won bi-district in football last year.

Looking over the prospects for the coming season in basket ball, it looks as though this year's team is going to uphold this fine record.

Joe Lynn Allard, Captain of the team, played on the second string last year and proved his ability as an outstanding player and is a favorite again this year.

Bruce Price plays forward and Bobby Bradford plays center. They also played on the second string last year.

Bruce's outstanding features are his speed and his god handling of the ball.

Not many people noticed Bobby at the beginning of last year's season, but by the end of the year fans considered him a "whiz" on the court.

Bobby MacWilliams and Milton Clemmer were forced to be dropped from the line-up because of ineligibility.

"Mac" was on the line-up when Silverton went to regional last year and is considered as one of the best players in the district. His height and ability to make goals are outstanding.

"Clem" is an example of an ex-

cellent forward. He is fast and has a good eye for making long shots. Fans will be seeing a lot of these two boys later on.

John Arthur Arnold and Clifton Stodghill, who are replacing these boys are handicapped by taking the places of such good players as Bobby and Milton, but Coach is confident that they have more than the ability to do this.

The second string also has prospects of being a winning team this season. Everyone of them demonstrates good handling of the ball and an eye for making goals. This sure-shot second string consists of captain Jimmy Price, George Rampley, Carl Tidwell, and Lester and Jack Paige.

The girls team is made up of captain Jeanne Dudley, Dot Bailey, and Mildred Carruth playing forward with Faye Brown, Nelma

Joyce Chappell, and Deal Self as guards. The substitutes are Betty Lesley, Betty Gardner, and Joyce Brown.

All of these girls are experienced players and have a good chance of resulting in a winning team.

—THE OWLET

The lifetime of the average American, 62.8 years for white males and 67.3 years for white females, is twice as long as that of the average Mexican.

Ancient Romanas had to get reserved seats for events held in their amphitheaters. According to the Encyclopedia Britannica tickets of clay showing seat numbers have been found, and the seats in the amphitheaters were usually carefully numbered.



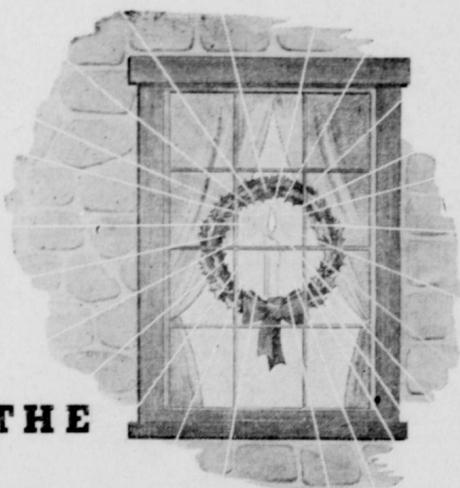
Noel! Adeste Fideles!  
Holy Night!

Hark! The Herald Angels sing. Once again the air is filled with song and music . . . the music of the spheres. Once again it's Christmas with all that this sacred holiday implies.

We hope that this Christmas of 1945 will be a truly happy Christmas for you and yours.

Carl Crow and family

**Carl Crow  
Magnolia Station**



**MAY THE  
LIGHT OF PEACE  
SHINE ON FOREVER!**

**SOUTHWESTERN  
PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMPANY**

Required as a diet for the pre-school child and those of school age, Dr. Cox included milk, fruit, vegetables, eggs, meat, fish or cheese, cereal and bread and added that cod liver oil and other vitamin preparations are important in winter and early spring but should be prescribed by the family physician.

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**Joyous  
Christmas**

1945

That best part of a good man's life—  
His little, nameless unremembered acts  
Of kindness and of love.

—WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

Christmas is the season of the open heart and the open door. Let none stand out in the cold or be unremembered.

In this community of good fellows, where each helps share the other's happiness and all do their part towards making the Christmas season enjoyable for each and everyone, it is a privilege to be in a position to serve you. We take great pleasure in wishing you a Merry Christmas.

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**MORE LETTERS TO SANTA**

Dear Santa:  
I would like a doll, dishes, doll house furniture, ball, crayolas, and a paint book. I also would like some doll clothes for my doll. If all this cannot be had give me what you can and I'll be satisfied.  
Your "try to be good" friend  
Argie Lynn

Dear Santa Claus:  
I would for you to bring me a doll, a water set and a ring. I would like some fruit, nuts and candy.  
Your friend,  
Jo Ann Rowland

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a boy seven years old. I would like for you to bring me a football, a rifle and an airplane. Please bring my sisters and cousin something nice.  
Your friend,  
Clayton Dale Elkins

Dear Santa:  
I wish you would bring me a doll, a toy telephone, a nurses kit, and a doll house. Please bring my baby brother something too.  
Your friend,  
Ina Lou Grabbe

Dear Santa:  
I wish you would bring me a doctor kit, a gun, a steam engine, and a building set.  
Your friend,  
David Carson Grabbe

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl in the first grade. I have been good this year and I would like for you to bring me a table and some chairs, doctor set, iron, and ironing board. I would like most for you to bring me a sweet pearl necklace. Please bring me some candy, fruit, and nuts.  
Your friend,  
Loubel McMurtry

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a wagon, doctor kit, one color book and a story book. Some fruits, nuts and candy.  
A friend,  
Gay Lynn Calloway

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a two gun holster set, a red truck, a bow and arrow set and a big wagon, and lots of nuts, candy, and fruit.  
Your friend,  
Donnie Perkins

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll, a dresser set, a bracelet. Bring my little brother a truck and a wagon. Bring us lots of fruit, nuts, and candy.  
Your friends,  
Mildred and Jimmie Perkins

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl two years old and please bring me a doll, and dishes, and a wagon if you have one.  
Your friend,  
Laquetta Jo Chitty

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy in the first grade. Please bring me a gun and holster set, and a blackboard with chalk and eraser. Also some fruit, nuts, and candy.  
Your friend,  
Troy Chitty



A man who calls his wife an angle explains that she is always up in the air and always harping on something.

Then there was the spinster who said she didn't need a husband as she had a parrot that swore, a stove that smoked and a cat that stayed out at night. However, when a man phoned one day and asked the maiden lady, "Will you marry me?" she said, "Yes—who is this speaking?"

Just a few observations: The world has two classes of people: Those who are willing to work and those who are willing to let them work.

No man can be wrong all the time. Even a clock that isn't running shows the correct time once every 12 hours.

If a cat has kittens in an oven, that doesn't make them biscuits.

There's nothing like being able to adapt yourself to your surroundings—like the applicant for a job of teaching school in a mountain district. Asked whether he taught that world was round or that it was flat, he replied, "I teach the round system or the flat system—whichever the trustees want."

And—to give a very serious illustration—like the time that Jeff Davis (the Arkansas one) was making a speech to a jury in a damage suit as the result of a pathetic accident wherein a little boy's foot was caught in a rail and he was crippled by a train. Governor Davis said: "His mother looked on as the mighty engine bore down upon

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him, powerless to aid her helpless boy."

The opposing attorney interposed, "But, governor, his mother was dead."

Davis thundred, "I mean, gentlemen of the jury, she looked down from the golden balustrade of heaven."

The fact that the child had been a half-orphan caused the jury to bring in a bigger verdict.

Truth is stranger than fiction to some folks.

It may be, though, that they really have a high regard for the value of truth—and that is the reason they are so economical in the use of it.

Like the old soak. Somebody was complaining that the price of whiskey had gone away up. The old soak said, "It's just right now bringin' its true worth."

Somebody ought to produce a book, well-illustrated (in fact, the thing about the book)—on spots around Austin that are associated with the world's greatest storyteller, O. Henry.

There is the old Land Office, with his desk, and the winding iron stairway, which he described in one of his early tales. "Bexar Scrip 2692."

And there is the old church, a block away, with its sharp spires and above the portal, the big window with stone columns like spokes of a wheel. And, of course, the Capitol itself—for O. Henry was a member of a military company and took part in the corner-

stone ceremonies. In fact, during the program, a pretty girl recited a poem. She was destined to become his wife.

And don't forget the Driskell Hotel, for in the lobby, its old chairs shadowed by big pillars of marble, he used to wait while his wife practiced songs with a choral club on the mezzanine floor.

Too, there are the old, black trees in the hollow on the Capitol grounds.

The Millett Mansion, with its atmosphere of the Old South, was there in O. Henry's day.

His home is preserved as a museum. Many of the stately mansions past which the young dreamer strolled still stand. The building that housed the bank in which he worked was torn down a year or two ago, but the old Federal Building is still there, most tragic of all with its O. Henry associations, for it was in a courtroom there that he was tried and sentenced to prison for something of which the world now believes he was innocent.

**TWO TIMES FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL SECURITY**

In order to get all the social security benefits for which a worker and his family may be eligible, there are two times for action, said John D. Palmer, acting manager of the Amarillo, Texas Social Security Board office.

One is when the worker reaches 65. At that time he should get in touch with the nearest office of the Social Security Board—even if he does not intend to retire

soon, and ask about his benefits. Retirement benefits amounts do not stand still. Periods of sickness, unemployment, or work in jobs not covered by old-age and survivors insurance reduce the average monthly wage on which benefits are based and so decrease the benefit amount. Fortunately, at 65 the insured worker can fix the amount of his benefit by filing his claim. If he keeps on working at the same or higher wages, he may later raise his benefit amount by filing a request for recomputation.

The other occasion for action is when the worker dies. Then the family or a friend should get in touch with nearest office of the Board—promptly—whether or not they know the worker was insured. There may be insurance benefits for the family. Benefits for widows and children can be paid retroactively for only three months after a claim is filed. Thus, the family may lose benefits by delay.

**STUDENTS OF T.C.U. NAME TEN BEST STORIES OF YEAR**

The story of the atomic bomb was and is the No. 1 news story of 1945, in the almost unanimous opinion of students in the department of journalism at Texas Christian University, who characterized it as "an event of world-shaking importance."

"The A-bomb is not only the most important story of 1945, but also of 1946, 1947, 1948, and many years to come," one student commented. "It stopped one war, but the question is will it start another?"

The students, asked by Prof. J. Willard Ridings, T.C.U. journalism department head, to name

the "10 Best News Stories of 1945," nominated 27 stories for final consideration. Those that placed first and second were so ranked by nearly everyone, but 19 stories received votes for inclusion on the "10 Best" list.

The No. 2 story, just barely behind the A-bomb story, is the Allied Victory Over Germany and Japan. "Peace! It's wonderful! was the paean of the people."

The remaining eight stories compositely rated as worthy of inclusion in the "10 Best," with typical comment, are:

3.—Death of President Roosevelt. "Taxicab drivers and prime ministers, friends and enemies—all mourned the passing of the man who, more than any other in his day, had labored to serve mankind."

4.—The San Francisco Conference. "Hope for tomorrow's world is born—appropriately enough, in the 'Land of Liberty.'"

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5.—Labor Party Victory in England. "Social change at the polls instead of by force."

6.—Labor-Management Strike in U. S. "A confused public can scarcely judge the merits of these case, but it does realize that it is the 'innocent bystander' who is liable to get shot."

7.—Chinese Civil War. "Watched by the world as a testing ground of theories concerning international co-operation for world peace."

8.—Trials of War Criminals. Law and order, on an international scale, is saying, "Crime doesn't pay!"

9.—Where is Hitler? "The people love a mystery story—but they know full well where they hope Hitler is!"

10.—Flag Raising on Iwo Jima. "Probably the first time a photograph has been included in the '10 Best News Stories of any year.' A thankful American people, emotionally overflowing, give their mass acceptance to this symbolic reincarnation of the 'Spirit of '76.'"

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FARMER'S RESPONSIBILITY  
IN 1946 FARM PROGRAM  
By George Martin

The 1946 farm program is in reality a farmer's program and the farmers have a lot of responsibilities in connection with same. The newly elected farmer members of the ACA committee will

administer the program in the county. Each farmer will be expected to secure prior approval for each practice of which he expects to get assistance. In addition to this, each farmer will be expected to report to the county committee, within certain dates, that the practice has been completed and the extent to which the practice has been carried out. It is very important that each farmer understand the specifications to be met in carrying out each practice as payment cannot be made for any practice that does not meet the specifications outlined in the program handbook.

The farmers recently elected to serve as community committees in the various communities throughout the county will be in a position to render assistance to the other farmers in their respective communities in helping the committee understand all the provisions of the 1946 program. We are listing below the names of the men elected to serve on the county committee during 1946 as well as the names of those that will serve as community committees:

County Committeemen: C. T. Rucker, Rocky M. Haverty, Fred

W. Mercer.  
Community Committeemen:  
Silverton: John E. Wheelock, Dave E. Chesshir, John R. Lusk, Quitaque: Joe W. Bailey, E. W. Scheid, Archie B. Ramsey, Francis: Allen N. Kellum, Elbert C. Dickerson, Frank Mercer, Kent: Roy L. Brunson, Scott Bolton, Blynn Morrison, San Jacinto: Woodrow J. Bice, Dalton T. Northcutt, Arthur C. Arnold, Antelope Flat: Bill Edens, Granvil W. Selman, Don Grady.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Burson and Mrs. Una Burson spent a few days this week in Alford, Fort Worth, and Dallas.

Mrs. Ware Ferguson took her little daughter Diane to the Matador Hospital Sunday to be treated for a food infection.

Mrs. H. A. Hodges and Mr. and Mrs. Doc Brown of near Tulia were guests of Mrs. J. L. Bice Monday.

Mr. John Adams of Tulia came Saturday to spend a few days in the A. C. Hamilton home.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Vessel of Indianapolis, Ind. came Tuesday of last week and stayed until Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Via of Happy spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Simpson and Mrs. Orlee Mills spent Friday in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Butler and son Daron Keith spent Sunday in Quanah.

Mrs. T. C. Bomar and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Burson were in Childress Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash Blasingame were in Turkey Saturday on business.

Mr. C. M. Strickland moved to her new home which she recently purchased from Mr. and Mrs. W. Coffee, Jr.

M. and Mrs. W. Coffee Jr. and Evelyn have moved to the balcony of their store. They have started building a new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Briscoe and Dora Ann Amason of Canyon were here Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Brown visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown, Monday.

Wylie V. Bomar Jr. received his discharge from the Navy at Norman, Oklahoma December 9. He served thirty-one months with a Naval Construction Battalion in the South Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Comer and Wylie Bomar Jr. went to Lubbock Thursday.

J. C. FOWLER who is stationed at Camp Robinson, Arkansas spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Fowler.

Miss Claynell Fowler who is attending Texas Tech at Lubbock spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Fowler.

Charles Lindsay came in Saturday with his discharge from the Army.

Mrs. V. L. Miller and Mrs. E. G. Finley had as their dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes and son Robert and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Cox.

Mrs. Bill McGavock is quite ill with the flu.

Mrs. Gladys Jackson was in Tulia Saturday.

Joyce Cooper of Floydada is working at Gladys' Coffee Shop this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Helvey McMurry are the proud parents of a baby boy born December 14 at the Tulia Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds and has been named Lee Helvey II.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bain and John Ed were in Dallas last week shopping for the store. While there they visited Mr. and Mrs. Piners at Denton and Mr. and Mrs. C. Knox at Krum, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil James at Hamilton.

Mrs. H. Roy Brown, Duward Brown and Mrs. Earl Brock were in Tulia Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Gilkeyson, Mrs. S. B. Gilkeyson, and Homer Gilkeyson went to Dallas last week to visit Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gilkeyson.

Mr. Ernest Evans who has been visiting here, returned to his home in Abilene Tuesday.

Miss Hester D. West of Floydada visited Thursday night with Agnes Cooper.

C. D. Wright attended the court of civil appeals in Amarillo Monday. Mrs. Wright accompanied him.

Mrs. Myrtle Evans and son Billie of Phoenix, Arizona visited her mother, Mrs. Jimmy Burson Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jarvis and Frank of Estilene visited in the Mike Mason home from Sunday until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hoyt left Thursday for Corpus Christi, after visiting Mrs. Hoyt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Elliston a few days.

"You can't see Mr. Jones," said the sharp-faced, sharp-tongued woman to the political canvasser at the door.

"But madam, I merely wish to find out what party he belongs to."

"Well, then, take a good look at me. I'm the party he belongs to."

**Do Your "Gums" Spoil Your Looks?**  
One look at some "GUMS" is enough to upset anyone.—Druggists refund money if first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to help.

Mrs. L. T. Wood and her mother, Mrs. Shaw visited friends here the first of the week.

**Ray Johnson Dies From Automobile Accident Injuries**

Ray Johnson, husband of the former Allena Francis, died in a Clarendon hospital Monday as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident last Tuesday night. Mrs. Johnson was critically

injured, and Eugene Riley, a 17 year old youth who was riding with them, was killed instantly.

The couple was returning from Amarillo and had given Riley a ride. Their car overturned at the junction of Highways 18 and 287 west of Clarendon.

Mr. Johnson had recently received his discharge from military service. The couple had only been married since October 18.

Mrs. Johnson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Francis. Her condition was improved sufficiently for her to be moved from Clarendon to the Plainview Hospital Wednesday.



**To Our Friends at CHRISTMAS 1945**

A GOOD WAY to keep Christmas well is to bring joy to everyone we can. This, we believe, is the spirit of this community... one of the important reasons why living here affords such genuine pleasure.

To you who have stood by us so faithfully during the year 1945 we wish a whole world of happiness pressed into this Christmas season. Merry Christmas to you and to every member of your family.

Snooks Pee Wee Lucille  
**W. C. 'Snooks' Baird**  
FARMERS PRODUCE CO.  
Across from Post Office

*Christmas Greetings*

Friday Night  
**"GET ALONG LITTLE DOGIES"**  
Gene Autry — Smiley Burnett  
A New Serial Starts

Saturday  
**THE HORN BLOWS AT MIDNIGHT**  
Jack Benny — Alexis Smith

Sunday & Monday  
**"THE SIGN OF THE CROSS"**  
Fredrick March — Charles Laughton  
Claudette Colbert

Christmas Day  
Matinees at 3:00 p. m. and 5:20 p. m.  
Evening Show — 7:40 p. m.  
**"WEEKEND AT THE WALDORF"**  
Ginger Rogers — Lana Turner — Van Johnson — Walter Pidgeon

**Palace Theatre**

**Kreuger, Hutchinson & Overton Clinic**

<b>General Surgery</b> J. T. Krueger, M. D., F. A. C. S. J. H. Stiles, M. D., F. A. C. S. (Ortho) H. E. Mast, M. D. (Urology) <b>Eye, Ear, Nose &amp; Throat</b> J. T. Hutchinson, M. D. Ben B. Hutchinson, M. D. E. M. Blake, M. D. (Allergy)	<b>Internal Medicine</b> W. H. Gordon, M. D. R. H. McCarty, M. D. (Cardiology) <b>General Medicine</b> J. P. Lattimore, M. D. G. S. Smith, M. D. J. D. Donaldson, M. D. <b>X-Ray and Laboratory</b> A. G. Barsh, M. D. <b>Resident Physician</b> Wayne Reeser, M. D. Doyle J. Doss, M. D. * In U. S. Armed Forces
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Clifford E. Hunt, Supt. J. H. Felton, Business Mgr.

**LUBBOCK MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY, X-RAY and RADIUM  
School of Nursing fully recognized for credit by Texas University  
U. S. CADET NURSE CORPS SCHOOL

BRINGING BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO OLD FRIENDS AND NEW

We are quite old-fashioned over here—old-fashioned enough to know that to merit the confidence of the entire community every transaction we make must rest upon the solid foundation of full value given.

May good old-fashioned Christmas cheer brighten for you the hours of this glorious Yuletide season.

**Bain Drug**  
JOHN ETHEL

*Greetings at Christmastide*

When Snow Lies Softly on the Hill

Now, when the fir trees wear white collars, when the birds make tiny stitches in the snow and our footprints hurry towards the warmth of home and the companionship of loved ones, it's time to wish all our friends the fullest joys of the Christmas season. So, hello everybody... and Merry Christmas!

**Raymond's CONOCO Corner**

*Christmas Greetings to all*

**CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME** for friendliness, for the open house and the open heart

It is the time, too, for us to greet our friends, to thank them for their consideration of us, and to wish them all a very Happy Christmas.

Jake Honea  
John Arnold  
Paul Reid  
J. W. Lyon, Jr.  
C. D. Wright

# Dear Santa

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a little ironing board and iron and a baby doll. My little brother wants a gun, truck, and airplane. We also want some fruits nuts and candy. We have been pretty good.

Love  
Gretchen and Arnold Morris

Dear Santa Claus,  
Will you please bring me a football, a football helmet, and some shoulder pads. I want a new pair of gloves and some football shoes.

Tommy Blasingame

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll, a pair of house shoes and house coat. I would like a sweetheart bracelet.

Your friend,  
Lucille Clemmer

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a big pretty doll without hair, a ring, billfold, and a doctor and nurse set. Bring my little sister a doll. Please bring me some fruits, nuts, and candy.

Yours truly,  
Janet Turner

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a cow boy suit, a game knife, boxing gloves. Bring my little dog a toy dog. I would like a bat and ball, football suit, and football if you have them. Bring me a pair of boots and a pair of leather gloves and some fruit nuts and candy.

Your friend,  
Don Brooks

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a kodak, a cow boy suit, a rope, a sling top, bicycle, and some fruits, nuts, candy. When you come please wake me up.

Yours truly,  
Fred Chase Kellum

Dear Santa,  
We are two girls 6 and 4 years old. We would like for you to bring us whatever you can, also don't forget the other boys and girls.

Lots of love,  
Wilma and Barbra Shipman

Dear Santa,  
I don't want much. I want a pair of roller skates and a doll. I won't you to fill my stocking with nuts and oranges.

Love,  
Pat Patton

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a truck, and a telephone. Also I should like some fruits, nuts, and candy.

Your little friend,  
Robert Edwin Crass

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Doctor and Nurse Set and some doll clothes. Also I should like some fruits, nuts, and candy.

As ever a pal,  
Patsy Crass

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want you to bring me a belt, a scout knife, a fountain pen, and pencil and some fruit, nuts, candy and gum. Also bring the other boys and girls something.

Your friend,  
Teddy Jack Mayfield

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a gun, truck, football, and some fruit, nuts, and candy.

Your friend,  
A. C. Price

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll and a billfold. I should like to have some fruits, nuts and candy.

Your friend,  
Anne Brown

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want my brother to come home to stay. I want a doctor set, fruit, nuts and candy.

Your little friend,  
Joe Ray

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a blackboard and a bill fold. I would also like some fruits, nuts and candy.

Your friend,  
Wayne Ray Calloway

Dear Santa Claus,  
Will you please bring me a watch, a ring, a bracelet, a doll and a desk and chair.

Your friend,  
Shelma Nix

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want you to bring me a football suit and a football.

Your friend,  
Joe Dell Hutsell

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy ten years old. Will you please bring me a football.

Your friend,  
Doyle Wayne Young

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll some dishes, a blackboard, and a color book. Please bring me some fruit, nuts and candy.

Your friend,  
Mary Chrystene Young

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a doll, a sweet heart bracelet, some doll dresses, a doll bed, a black board, a ring, and some fruits, nuts and candy.

Your friend,  
Fay Ruth Bingham

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a B-B gun, a monopoly game and a bicycle. Bring me lots of fruits, nuts and candy.

Your friend,  
Fredrick Hamilton

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a girl 12 years old and I think I have been good enough for a makeup kit and hose, shoes, house coat and ring. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Bring us all fruits, nuts and candy.

Your friend,  
Hazel Wilson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I will be glad when Christmas Eve comes.

I want you to bring me a truck, football, gun, baseball, baseball bat, and a bow an arrow. Also fruit, nuts and candy.

Your friend,  
J. T. Harris

Dear Santa Claus,  
I wish you would bring me a football, a football suit, a boxing bag, a pair of boxing gloves and a horse, saddle and bridle.

Your friend,  
Arthur Forhand

Dear Santa Claus,  
This Christmas when you come down the chimney, you don't need to look at my bed to see if I'm asleep, just put candy and nuts in my stocking and put my toys by my tree. Then after you have finished on the table you will find a bowl of candy.

Good bye,  
Gerald Hyatt

Dear Santa,  
I would like very much for you to bring me an Indian doll with lots of clothes, ring with a blue set, and a glass dog. I would like some fruits, nuts and candy.

Your friend,  
Mary Gell Teague

Dear Santa,  
I want a pair of house slippers a ring and some fruit, and nuts and candy.

Love,  
Peggy Jones

Dear Santa:  
I would like a top and a bicycle and a football.

Your friend,  
Bobby Brock

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. All I want is a flying top, a top, black board, a truck and a story book.

Your pal,  
Estor Garrble

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have tried to be a good little girl and I want a housecoat, a ring, a doll, and a neckless. Bring Mother and Daddy a bed room suite.

Your friend,  
Peggy Lawrence

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a flash light, a top, a yo-yo, and some fruits, nuts, and candy.

Your friend,  
Joe Ned

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a doll with yellow curls and blue eyes. I would also like to have an ironing board some doll clothes and some pins.

Your little friend,  
Sandy Smith

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good boy. I want you to bring me a gun, an Ever-sharp, and a ring and a football.

Yours truly,  
Paul Halligan

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me a red ruby ring, a treasure hunt game, and flinch and rook cards. Please bring me some fruits nuts, and candy. Please bring these if you can.

Your friend,  
Mildred Bean

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good little boy. I want you to send me a few things this Christmas. A rocking chair, pop gun, and a doll buggy, also some nuts and candy.

Thank ou very much.  
Norman Walter Strange

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a football, an airplane, a helmet, a pair of football shoes.

Your friend,  
Jack Graham

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want you to bring me a bracelet, a ring, some house shoes, a pair of boots, and some fruits nuts and some candy.

Your friend,  
Margaret Ellen Stephens

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and dishes. Please bring me some candy, fruit, and nuts. Thank you.

Truly,  
Lottie Matthews

## Announcing . . . We've Sold

Beginning January 1st this store will be operated by the New Owners, Durward Brown and Harold Davis. We are confident that they will continue to serve you as well as we have tried to do. Serving you has been a pleasure. To our many friends and customers we say.

### Merry Christmas Arnold Bros. Grocery - Market

Doug ----- Arthur



May Your Hearts Be Filled With Happiness and Cheer Greetings to you, one and all. May your holiday season be merry, the coming year filled with much happiness

## Briscoe County News



Santa Claus would never get down the chimney with our load of good wishes for a Merry Christmas to the people of this community, because he just couldn't squeeze through.

You've been mighty good to us and we appreciate it beyond words. We want you to enjoy Christmas this season of 1945 as never before.

DOC'S DRUG



"Let not one heart be sad today, May every child be glad and gay, God bless thy children, great and small, In lowly hut or castle hall, And may each soul keep festival At Christmastime."

We wish all of our friends a  
**MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS**

## Gladys' Coffee Shop

GLADYS JACKSON -- Owner



**Christmas Is All of These**

Christmas is the good will shared at the family hearth; the carol sung together; the candle in the window; the glowing faces gathered around the festive board. And it is much more -- ever so much more!

We cannot begin to put into words all that Christmas is, nor begin to express how ardently we wish for you the complete enjoyment of Christmas. So, all we can say to you, kind friends, is Merry Christmas To You.

## Bingham -- McWilliams Texaco Station

Shorty Bingham Glenn McWilliams



**A Salute**

to our friends and a big, hearty Christmas wish to you all, this merry, merry Christmas season.

Looking back over the year calls to mind our greatest source of pleasure has been our contact with folks like you.

Willson & Son Lumber Co.



**As the Shadows**

fall on the close of another year, we desire to express our deep appreciation of your good will and friendship, and to wish for you during the Christmas season of 1945 all the better things that life affords.

Silverton Hotel



**To One And All**

CHILDREN looking out of the window at a desolate landscape try to catch a glimpse of a mythical sleigh drawn by mythical reindeer. But there is naught that is mythical about the spirit of Christmas that transforms the commonplace. That Christmas of 1945 may be for you the happiest Christmas of all is our sincere wish.

## Hughes Radio and Electric Co.

George Seaney, Mgr.

# Dear Santa

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a tricycle, electric train, billfold, truck and pop corn. If you do not have all of these things I will be happy with anything.

From  
Robert Haley Hill

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a hunting knife, a bow and arrow, a gun and a wagon. Don't forget the nuts, candy and fruits. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Your friend,  
Lenard Martin Perkins

Dear Santa:  
I am a tiny girl 3 months old. Please bring me a rattle, a comb and brush set and a rag doll to chew on.

Your tiny friend,  
Jerry Lynn Garrison

Dear Santa:  
I have tried to be good this year. Please bring me the rest of the furnishings for my doll house, including curtains, tablecloth, and rugs, and small dolls for the doll house. A book to read and a paper doll book. Also please bring me fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Your pal,  
Virginia Garrison

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl 5 years old and have been a good little girl. For Christmas I would like to have a doll, dishes, candy, nuts, and fruits. Please don't forget the other boys and girls and parents of Briscoe County.

Your friend,  
Lovengie Norris

Hello Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl almost 8 years old. My birthday is the 19th. I want a Bible, pyroloid dresser set, some candy, nuts, apples and oranges. Please don't forget our Service Boys and my Grandma McJimsey and Grandma Noblett. I would like to get some more things but if you can't bring anything else that will be ok.

Love to You,  
Helen Delois McJimsey

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a six-wheel truck, a cowboy belt, a bow and arrow set, some candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget Teddy Jack and all the other little boys and girls.

I love you,  
Dickie Mayfield

Dear Santa:  
I love you, Santa. I want you to bring me a pair of house shoes, gloves, and some kind of toys. Also bring me some fruits, nuts, and candy. I'll be looking for you.

Your friend,  
Sandra Gay, Myers  
P.S. Mother helped me write you.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want two sweat shirts, a pair of gloves and house shoes, a football and if you can't find a football I want some kind of building set.

Your friend,  
David Lee Myers

P.S. I love you, Santa Claus. Oh yes, I want some fruits, nuts, and candy.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 3 years old. I want you to bring me a doll, table and chairs and tinker-toys.

Your little pal,  
Frankie Lou Hunt

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a good little girl and I will be 4 years old in January. I want you to bring me an iron, ironing board, a doll, and some candy, nuts and fruit.

Your friend,  
Wanda Jean Yocum

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a very good girl all year. I want some rag dolls, (a boy and a girl,) a set of dishes, a boy and a girl, a set of dishes, a fairy tale book, some oranges, apples, nuts and candy. I am a little girl five years old. Thanks a lot.

Your friend,  
Zobie Sue Self

Dear Santa:  
I am six years old but did not start to school this year as my birthday is in October. I do try to be good. Please bring me a drum, coloring book, water colors, and a book to read. Also bring me some fruit, nuts and candy.

Your friend,  
Kay Garrison

Dear Santa:  
I want a football and an electric train and also a boys gun, a little 22, a carpenter set, jumping jack, also candy, fruit and nuts.

From  
Thomas Neil Burrus

Dear Santa Claus:  
We are three little girls ages six, three and two. For this Christmas will you bring us each a doll, table and chairs, iron and ironing board, and don't forget to bring us some candy, nuts and fruits. That's all for this Christmas.

Sincerely,  
Belle, Jeannette, and Joyce Perkins

Dear Santa Claus:  
Would you please bring me a doll house, monopoly and Chinese checkers, pollyanna, and a doll bed, world map and a doctor and nurse set, house shoes, toy telephone, a rocking chair, doll furniture, also fruit, candy and nuts.

From  
Joni Douglas

Dear Santa:  
I want a big doll and a doll bed, a box of crayolas, and a crayola book, a paper doll book a little telephone, and little ring and bracelet, a little pair of scissors and a little ribbon. Don't forget the nuts, fruits and candy.

Your friend,  
Mary Joyce Bradley

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a doll, housecoat and house slippers, an ironing board and iron.

Love  
Shirley Fitzgerald

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy six years old. This is my first year in school. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a train, boat and machine gun. Bring my little sisters some dolls and dishes. Bring all of us some nuts and candy, and don't forget Uncle George. He lives in Hereford now.

Your friend,  
Melvin Rowell

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a bicycle, a pair of house shoes, dishes, and doll and clothes. Don't forget the soldier boys and all the little girls and boys.

Your friend,  
Vivian Rowell

Dear Santa:  
I want a doll and doll bed and a color book and a box of crayolas and a set of dishes. Please don't forget the fruit, nuts and candy.

Your friend,  
Pauline Bradley

Dear Santa Claus:  
I would like a doll for Christmas. I also want some toys. Will you please find some toys for little sister and find her a doll too. We like to play with dolls. We would want some more toys to play with.

From  
Ruby Austin

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a football and a puzzle, and a wagon, a gun, a truck and some candy and nuts. That is all I want.

Your friend,  
Roy Dean Henderson

Dear Ole Santa:  
I am a little girl and as I am older than my little brother and sister, I will write our Christmas letter for all of us. I will be nine years old tomorrow.

We live out here in the country, so you will have to come out here this year.

Jack is seven years old and wants you to bring him a big truck or wagon, and a U. S. Marine Corps knife. Peggy Jean is four and really would love a baby doll and buggy and a rocking chair. I want most of all a ring, and bracelet set. I'd also like to have a doll if you have enough to go around, and please bring us all some candy, nuts and fruit. Will you not forget my mother and daddy and remember all the other little girls and boys.

With lots of love,  
Jo Ann Hollingsworth

Dear Santa:  
I want a junior trainer rifle, 35 inches long and weight 3 pounds. \$1.79.

(Unsigned)

Dear Santa:  
I want a doll. I want a doll buggy. I would like to have a pair of boots, too. Bring us some fruit and candy.

Your friend,  
Sue Reid

Dear Santa:  
I want a doll. I want some skates and I would like to have a new saddle too. Bring us some fruit and candy too.

Your friend,  
Mike Reid

Dear Santa:  
I want a big doll and a set of dishes and a doll bed. I want a telephone. I want some fruit and nuts and candy. I don't want you to forget other children.

From,  
Hazel Joy Strange

Dear Santa:  
I want a sewing set, a doll buggy and a telephone for Christmas. Please fill my sock with candy, nuts and fruit.

Thank you,  
Karen Copeland

Dear Santa:  
Will you please bring me a baby doll that can "mama" and "papa," a desk, a set of dishes, also a sweetheart bracelet, and a blackboard. I want nuts, candy and fruit.

Your friend,  
Patsy Ann Brannon

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy in the second grade. My grades haven't been very good but I try.

Please bring me a gun, a dump truck, and candy and nuts and fruit. Please don't forget the little boys and girls.

Thank you,  
Kenneth Ray Garvin

Dear Santa:  
I want a table and chairs, a cowgirl suit, a set of dishes, a paper doll house and furniture, and a telephone. Don't forget that I plan to spend Christmas in Littlefield. My little sister wants a little hobby horse and we both want a stocking full of candy nuts and fruit.

Your little friend,  
Linda Beth McDaniel

Dear Santa:  
I want a farm set, airplane, and a wagon. I want my stocking filled with candy, nuts and fruit.

Yours truly,  
Billy Grimes

Dear Santa:  
I want a truck and a wagon and a shovel.

From  
Bud Strange

Dear Santa:  
I want a bow and arrow, a gun and an army set. Please bring Diane a doll, a dollhouse, a set of dishes. Don't forget to bring me some candy and fruit.

Your friend,  
Victor Fogel

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy in the second grade. I would like for you to bring me an army helmet, a gun and a little truck. Don't forget my brother. Please bring us lots of candy and fruit.

A Little Friend,  
Ronald Dale Kline

Dear Santa:  
I would like for you to bring a wagon, a foam set, and a pair of boots. Also bring me some nuts and candy.

Your friend,  
Don Cornett



**Time To Hang Up Your Stocking**  
★ One of the biggest items in your Christmas stocking this Yule season of 1945 will be our note of thanks to you and our wish for the biggest, merriest, happiest Christmas you have ever had.

Vern's Coffee Shop

**Listen!**  
Hear that horn! Hear that excitement in the air, that laughter! It's Christmas, neighbor, the most hopeful Christmas in years!  
Imbued with this buoyant spirit of hope we express our wish for a genuine Merry Christmas to all our friends and patrons.

Bain's Beauty Shop

## Layne & Bowler

IRRIGATION PUMPS  
MEAN  
More Water For Fewer Dollars

Our pumps can be depended upon for sustained performance—To consistently produce more water at the lowest cost for power and maintenance. 60 years of leadership has proven our dependability.

I am the Layne and Bowler representative for this territory, and can now assure you quick delivery.

### Leo Koger

Tulia, Texas

WHEN we see little boys and girls shaking hands with Santa Claus this thought comes to mind:  
We would like our expression of appreciation for your patronage to be a hearty shake of the hand for each of you. As we seem to be denied this opportunity, please accept this, while a substitute for a handshake, as no less sincere in wishing you a  
**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

## City Shoe Shop

Perry ----- Estelle

**EXCLUSIVE SERVICE**  
Practice Limited to Optometric Service  
**DRS. CLOUGH & CLOUGH**  
Eyes Examined Glasses Prescribed  
Optometrists and Orthoptists  
Clough Bldg. Phone 236 111 W. 7th Plainview, Texas

### BUBBLES SEZ —

• Bundles from heaven, yes... but babies take twice their weight in wash! And it's awful hard to get the soap! Where there's fat, there's soap, remember. So keep saving USED FATS to help make it.

## Happiest HOLIDAY SEASON to all

**THE QUEST OF HAPPINESS**  
has ever been the ultimate goal of human beings. Some find happiness in one way; some in another; and many never find it at all. Whatever road you may have been taking in your pursuit of happiness, may your fondest hopes be realized during this Christmas season of 1945.  
One other thought: we want every one of you to know that we deeply appreciate everything you have done for us during the past year.

## Hill Grocery

Bob Hill, Owner  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hill and Robert Haley

1945

## Christmas Joy

PEACE ON EARTH · GOOD WILL  
...TOWARD ALL MEN...

EVERY holiday has its significance, but none can compare with Christmas. It is the one time of the year when self-seeking gives way to selflessness, and all are united in one common attitude of good will towards our fellowmen.

## Finley's

Mrs. Eveliena G. Finley, Mrs. V. L. Miller and Employees

# Dear Santa Claus:

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a gun and a storybook, also nuts, fruits and candy. Don't forget my little sister and all the other little girls.  
Your little friend,  
Winfred D. Scott

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 3 years old. Santa, please bring me some dishes a doll, a stove, and lots of candy, oranges, apples and nuts. Don't forget my big brother and little sister.  
Your little friend,  
Marcia Faye Reid



1945 SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS 1945

## OUR FOREFATHERS

celebrated Christmas sometimes under the greatest of difficulties, to say nothing of danger. Today, in warm, lighted homes we welcome the arrival of Yuletide, without thought of those early hardships. It might make our Christmas a little happier, our hearts a little more thankful, to take thought of these things.

*In the reverent spirit of this glorious season we now wish each and every one of you the deep joys which only Christmas can bring.*

**Y. B. & G. Grocery**

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a long pop gun and a jeep. I would like an airplane too and some candy. Be good to all the boys and girls.  
Your friend,  
Alton Riddell

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a nice pair of warm gloves, a little jeep, some candy, nuts, oranges and apples. I have tried to be a good little boy.  
With love,  
Ronald Lee Welch

Dear Santa:  
Will you please bring me a doll and some doll clothes and a set of dishes.  
From  
Ruth Marie Nix

Dear Santa:  
I want a football a ball, a gun, a little toy pony, a toy dog, a toy bear, and a toy car for Christmas.  
From  
Edward

Dear Santa:  
I want a walky talky, a doctor set, and some candy and nuts. Well, that will be all.  
From  
James Carthel

Dear Santa:  
I want a doll and a ball. I want a bed for my dolls. I want a dress for Christmas. I want a purse. I want some shoes, a toy bear, and a little toy pony.  
From  
Joe

Dear Santa:  
I want a big doll, a set of dishes, and house shoes and candy, fruit and nuts.  
A friend,  
Margie Fay Price

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a pair of chaps, house shoes, and a pair of boots. Don't forget my oranges, apples, candy and nuts.  
Your friend  
Sharon Joy Gilkeyson

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have tried to be good. Please bring me a doll and a pair of house shoes, a sweater and a nurse's kit and an Indian Suit.  
Your friend,  
Frances Ann

Dear Santa Claus:  
We are a little boy six years old and a little girl three years old. Please bring us a doll and buggy and some dishes, a gun and scabbard and jeep. Also bring us some candy and nuts. We have a little brother one year old, so please don't forget him.  
Love,  
Jerry and Sharon Cozzen

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a doll and a pair of red house shoes. Please bring me a washing and ironing outfit and drum. Please bring me a ring and an ankle chain. Please bring me a pair of gloves and some dresses for my doll you gave me and a pair of skates, please.  
Your friend  
Patricia Ann Jackson

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a telephone, a doll and rocking chair, also some nuts, fruits and candy.  
Your little friend,  
Ginger Scott

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a table and two little chairs, a jig saw puzzle and a blackboard, and some chalk and don't forget the fruits, candies, and nuts.  
Your friend,  
Fay Bradley

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a sweetheart necklace and a stone ring. I have been a good girl this year. I am nearly eleven years old. Please bring me any kind of musical instrument. I want some candy, nuts, and fruit, too.  
Your friend,  
Faith McMurtry

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl two years. Please bring me a doll to h e Please bring me a doll and a sweetheart necklace. I would love to have a little chair. Please bring me some fruit and candy. I am really expecting you on Christmas Eve night.  
Your little friend,  
Toni McMurtry

Dear Santa:  
I want a doll and a pair of house shoes and a nurse's kit.  
Your friend,  
(Unsigned)

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 3 years old. I have been a pretty good boy this year, so please bring me a teddy bear, a good story book, and a wheel barrow. Also bring me some nuts, fruit and candy. Don't forget mother and daddy.  
Love,  
Ralph Kay Hill

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a brace-and-bit set, a gun, and a plane. If you cannot find a plane, bring me a blackboard.  
Love,  
Don Ledbetter

Dear Santa:  
I have been a good boy so I want you to bring me a bicycle and a football. Also bring me some fruit and nuts.  
Love,  
G. W. Chappell

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy 8 years old and I hope you will come to see me. I would like for you to bring me some mittens, a gun, and a little truck if you have any. I would like to have some candy, fruit and nuts, too.  
Your little friend,  
Tommy Len

Dearest Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a blackboard, scabbard, gun, a little hoe, rake, shovel, and a little rocking chair: that is kinda' big. Santa, be sure and bring my toys to my own home, for I'll be home this year. I have my tree all ready, so please hurry. Don't forget any little boy or girl.  
Love  
Ronald Ledbetter

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl 5 years old. I have been a good girl and I hope you will come to see me. Will you please bring me a doll house, a pair of mittens, some furniture for the doll house and a toy baking set. Also I would like a coloring book, some candy, fruit, and nuts.  
Your little friend,  
Marjorie Fern Autry

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl just one year old. Santa, I want just a doll and some blocks.  
A little friend,  
Rhena Kay Reid

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 5 years old. I have been a good little boy most of the time. Would you please bring me a wagon, skooter, truck, and lots of candy, oranges, and apples. Don't forget my little sisters who are one and three years old.  
Your little friend,  
Dwaine Dee Reid

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a pretty good little girl this year. Won't you please bring me a doll, ironing board, iron, some candy and fruit and some doll clothes. Don't forget the other girls and boys.  
Love,  
Marsha Monroe

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 5 years old. I have tried to be a good girl this year. Will you please bring me a doll, wheel barrow, nurse's set, blackboard, a story book, and lots of fruit, nuts and candy.  
With love,  
Myrna Sue Bingham

Dear Santa:  
I am a girl 5 years old. I have tried to be a good girl this year. Please bring me a doll with brown hair, a Bible story book, and some house shoes. Bring me some nuts, fruit and candy. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.  
Your friend,  
Sylvia Ann Hill

Hello Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy almost 8 years old. My birthday is the 19th. I want a Bible, a pyroloid dresser set, some candy, nuts, apples and oranges. Please don't forget our Service Boys, and my Grandma McJimsey and Grandma Noblett. I would like to get some more things, but if you can't bring anything else it will be ok.  
Love to you,  
Harvey D. McJimsey

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want for Christmas a doctor set and a pair of house shoes, a paint set and some dresses, and a book satchel. I want some fruit, nuts and candy.  
Love,  
Lola Mae Vaughan

Dear Santa:  
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a majorette doll, an ironing board, iron, a doll suit and some dishes. Oh yes, don't forget some candy and fruit.  
Love,  
Carlye Monroe



to one and all 1945  
**Christmas Cheer**

Again may you know the fragrance  
Of hemiock, pine and holly.  
Again may friendly voices call  
A greeting warm and jolly;  
And again may the meaning of  
Christmas,  
Deep and still more true  
Bring faith and hope and gladness  
To the hearts of yours and you.

**Silverton Cleaners**  
ED BUTLER — Operator



MERRIEST Christmas OF ALL 1945

And now comes another Christmas to be added to your store of memories. We hope this Christmas of 1945 will be a very enjoyable one—a truly happy one—fulfilling all the fine traditions of Christmas.

Accept our hearty thanks for the pleasant business associations of the past year. Once again we say

**Merry Christmas!**

**Whiteside & Company**



And Now--Peace on Earth  
... good will toward men. This year as we celebrate our Lord's birthday, we give thanks because He has sent us the most precious gift of all—Peace. It is in this spirit of world peace and friendliness that we wish you the blessings of the Season—much happiness and beatitude in the New Year.

West Texas Gas Company

## WANTED

**FOR SALE** -- One five room stucco house, stucco garage. Good location at Canyon, Texas. \$4200 cash--See J. A. Montague 50-2tp

**FOR SALE** -- 10,000 Higer and kaffir bundles--Good grain 6 and 8 cents per bundle. 3 miles west Turkey see MACK CHRISTIAN or ROY RUSSEL-- Turkey, Texas

**WANTED** -- All kind of electrical work. Plenty of material. 30 years in Tulia. Telephone 183, 50-2tp  
L. C. RILEY Licensed and Bonded Electrician.

**FOR SALE** -- Windmill, pipe and rods; 1100 gallon overhead tank; Galvanized tin building 16 x 16. 50-2tp  
C. T. LOUDERMILK

**FOR SALE** -- My place in west Silverton. 50-2tp  
J. R. FOUST  
Phone Rural 18  
Box 2529 Amarillo, Texas

**FOR SALE** -- My place at Silverton. Would trade for good used car, prefer 39 Ford. If interested write. Mrs. LUCILE FREEMAN 3021 Morton St. 49-4tp  
Ft. Worth, Texas

**FOR SALE** -- Fence Charger; 4-row lister; 2-row cultivator; 2-row go-devil. 49-3tp  
Mrs. RUTH C. WATLEY

**WANTED** -- Sewing of all kinds and alteration work. See me in the home of J. N. Cantwell.  
MARIE EDWARDS 49-4tp

**FOR SALE** -- House trailer. For information go to the White Auto Store. 51-1tc

**FOR SALE**-- 20,000 good kafir bundles 8c (cents). 50-2tp  
W. W. PURDY  
On H. H. Brown place 3 miles south and 1/2 east of Quitaque.

**PIANO TUNING** -- Will tune pianos here during the holidays.  
LUTHER FOWLER 51-1tc

**FOR SALE**-- 1934 Chevrolet Coupe. In good condition.  
Monroe Lowery 51-1tp

**WANTED** -- One person to drive my car to Sinton. Leaving Sunday. 51-1tp  
MRS. RUTH C. WATLEY

**WILL BUY** your hangers!  
Silverton Cleaners

**Letters to Santa Claus**

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a good girl this year. I want you to bring me a little Mexican doll, a set of dishes, and a bicycle. I also want a bracelet and a color book. I would like some candy and fruit. Santa, I surely do hope you will bring lots of toys to other children too. I love you.  
Very truly yours,  
Glenda J. Johnson

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and dishes. Please bring some candy, nuts, and fruit. Thank you.  
Truly,  
Inetta Shelton

Dear Santa,  
I want a pair of house shoes, a dresser set, also nuts, candy, and fruit. Don't forget all the rest of the children.  
Yours truly,  
Christena O'Neal

Dear Santa,  
I want a doil with curly hair and a long dress and I want you to bring my gister a set of dishes and my mother a bedroom suite, and my brother-in-law and my father a pair of socks. Then I want to tell you that I have been a good girl too. I want you to give me a sack of pecans. I am in the third grade.  
Truly,  
Laura Swenson

Dear Santa,  
I want a bow and arrow, a bat and ball, a football, a gun, a doll and drum. Bring me some candy, nuts, and fruit.  
Your friend,  
Donald Ray Turner

Dear Santa,  
Would you bring me a football and a train. That is all I want for Christmas besides a sack of fruit.  
Your friend,  
Charles Wayne Mayfield

Dear Santa,  
You have been so good to me, so I have tried to be a good boy, and I am writing you a letter. I want a ball and bat, a B-B gun, and anything you have too much of. I guess that is all for this time.  
Yours truly,  
Douglas O'Neal

Dear Santa,  
I have been a nice little girl. I want a monopoly set, a water color set, a doctor and nurse set, and some candy and nuts.  
Love,  
Betty Fitzgerald

Dear Santa,  
I want a football for Christmas. Ed and Haskell want a football for Christmas. Santa, please bring the footballs. I will be asleep when you come. I have two sisters and they want a doll, and one brother that wants a gun.  
Your friend,  
Joe Shelton

Dear Santa,  
I want a bow and arrow and an airplane. Please bring me some candy, nuts, and fruit. Thank you.  
Truly,  
Sammy Turner

Dear Santa,  
I want a doil with curly hair and a long dress and I want you to bring my gister a set of dishes and my mother a bedroom suite, and my brother-in-law and my father a pair of socks. Then I want to tell you that I have been a good girl too. I want you to give me a sack of pecans. I am in the third grade.  
Truly,  
Laura Swenson

Dear Santa,  
I would like a doll and a set of dishes, a cash register and some candy. Bring my mother a pair of earrings, and my daddy a pocketknife and my uncle a nice necktie and my little brother something. Bring Mona Kay a doll.  
Yours truly,  
Donna Jeanne Mayfield

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Mrs. Lela Castleberry and two daughters have left for National City, California to visit her son.

J. E. Hill is home with a discharge from the Army.

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## Home Again

Yep, Uncle Sam finally decided he could get along without me—So I'm back home with my discharge.

Thanks a million for your continued patronage while I was in the service.

May Each of You Have  
A  
Happy, Joyous Christmas

## Ware Fogerson

FROM EACH OF US TO ALL OF YOU



Best wishes for Christmas

There's no place like home when Christmas comes around, and there's no time like right now to wish all you kindly home folks the merriest Christmas ever.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have served you in 1945, and we look forward to your continued friendship.

## Crass Motor AND IMPLEMENT COMPANY

BE WISE - BE AN Early Bird - ORDER NOW

### Dr. R. F. McCasland

DENTIST

Heard & Jones Building  
Tulia, Texas Phone 25

### DR. J. H. BROWN

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Heard & Jones Building  
Phone 234 Res. Phone 239  
Tulia, Texas



## Christmas Joy 1945

Measured by the span of years, it has been a long, long time since that first Christmas night, but it might have been but yesterday when we measure the spirit of kindness which Christmastime releases.

Christmas means happiness, and Christmas happiness is to be shared. We want to share our 1945 Christmas happiness with you.

ROY TEETER  
Special agent for Franklin Life Insurance Company.

## What's Doing in the Churches

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. H. W. Barnett, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00  
Morning Service 11:00  
Children's and Young People's Meeting 7:00  
Evening Service 7:30  
WCSA every other Monday at 3:00

**THE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Elder McFarland, Pastor  
Bible Study 10:00  
Morning Service 11:00

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. A. C. Hamilton, Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00  
Morning Service 11:00  
BTU 7:00  
Evening Service 8:00  
WMU Monday 3:00  
RA's, GA's, and Sunbeams  
Monday 4:00  
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:30  
WMU Wednesday 3:00  
Monday evening December 24, a Christmas tree will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church. The program will start at 7 o'clock, and everyone is invited.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. G. A. Elrod, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00  
Morning Service 11:00  
Training Union 6:30  
Evening Service 7:30  
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:00  
W M U Monday 2:30  
A white Christmas will be observed at the 11:00 o'clock service Sunday morning, December 23. All those who desire may bring a love offering for the Buckner Orphan's Home. This should be placed in a white envelope.

The evening service at 7:30 will be conducted by the Intermediates and Young People's Departments of the church. The message for the evening will be a reading, "The Keeper of the Stable" by Henry Booth.

**Vigo Park News**  
Lewis Earl Malone is home with a discharge from Ft. Sill, Okla. He and Mrs. Malone will live on the Gill farm.

Lt. Thelma Mehary U. S. Coast Guard from Ketchikan, Alaska, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Latham. Lt. Mehary is Mrs. Latham's sister.

W. O. Pevehouse has a discharge from the Army, he is on his way to his home in California.

Rev. and Mrs. Allen were dinner guests in the Floyd Bullock home Sunday.

There will be a Christmas Tree at the Vigo Church Monday night. Bring a gift and receive one.



## Christmas Greetings to one and all 1945

BRINGING IN THE YULE LOG

## YULETIDE HAPPINESS

At this time when Christmas trees are beginning to glow in the windows everywhere, and the holly wreaths are going up, we want to send you our best wishes for a very Happy Christmas. You have made 1945 a very pleasant year for us, for which we are duly grateful.

## COFFEE'S

Hardware, Furniture & Implements