

by Mary Ann Sarchet

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

Family

Christmas means lots of things to me, but one of the most important of these is the gathering together of scattered family...

None of the children ever left home that Grandma didn't see. I saw her cry at the departure of the earliest ones...

And since Grandma is no longer with us, we don't make those long journeys at Christmas any more; the gathering together of the family has taken on a new meaning...

The family is a little book, The children are the leaves, The parents are the covers that safe protection gives...

Christmas is a time when even the hardest hearts melt and people think a little more of others and a little less about themselves...

Mrs. Self and Mrs. Masey have dressed more dolls than you can count on all your fingers and toes, so that underprivileged children of the community will have Christmas gifts this year...

The firemen have done a nice job of repairing the other toys which were donated for underprivileged children. The selection of toys was almost breath-taking early this week before the distribution began...

As he passed along the way But it lifted a load from a weary heart And brightened a dreary day. It was only a cheery word he spoke

But it made his brother strong See ALL AROUND THE TOWN— CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO

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Aoudad Sheep Season Opens Here January 6



Curt Steele, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Edd Steele, wasn't quite sure whether to laugh or cry while visiting Santa Saturday afternoon...

The sponsorship of L. O. A. Junior Study Club in cooperation with Eta Chi chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International...

The time is drawing near for the 1968 Aoudad sheep hunt to begin, according to County Agricultural Agent Ken Cook.

This year the hunt will be two days longer than before and will begin January 6. The season will continue through January 10...

The checking station will be at the roadside park on Highway 256 north of Haynes Boy Scout Camp.

The Parks and Wildlife Department asks that each hunter save the stomach contents, female sex organs and blood samples.

This year is expected to be a good season for hunting the Aoudad, according to Cook, and much excitement will stem forth at the checking station when these trophies are brought in.

NEW BABY

Pfc. and Mrs. Norberto Garcia are parents of a baby boy, Norberto, Jr., born in Swisher Memorial Hospital on December 8.

Mrs. Garcia is making her home here while Pfc. Garcia is serving with the Armed Forces in Germany.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brooks were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Terry and Mrs. Buddy Mayfield...

Charles McIntyre, who had been a patient in the Lockney Hospital for two weeks, was transferred to an Oklahoma City hospital Friday...

City To Drill Deep Water Test Holes

At their regular monthly meeting, the Silvertown City Council voted to drill two deep water test holes as soon as possible after Christmas.

In a discussion with L. E. Davis concerning the tests, the Councilmen were advised that if the City will contract with Davis Drilling & Pump Service...

Drilling of the four test holes will be at various locations on the town section, in an effort to locate a water source to supplement the declining wells presently in service here.

Farmers Having Soils Analyzed

This past week, 42 soil samples were sent in from Briscoe County, according to County Agent Ken Cook.

Most of the soil tests indicated low levels of phosphorous. In the calcium test, 90% of the soils tested exhibited very high calcium rates...

Among those sending in soil samples were Carver Monroe, Garland Francis, Don Brown, Robert H. Hill, G. W. Chappell and Allen Kellum.

By obtaining soil test results, the average farmer can better determine his fertilizer needs for the coming year, Cook added.

Attend Dedication Service In Lockney

A number of members of the Rock Creek Church of Christ attended dedication services at the West College Church of Christ in Lockney on Sunday afternoon, December 17.

The recently completed building is the new church home of the congregation formerly meeting at Prairie Chapel and West Side in Lockney.

Mrs. and Mrs. Joe T. Salem of Sudan and Tom Salem of Turkey were in Silvertown Monday.

Mrs. Gabe Garrison has been a patient in the Plainview Hospital this week.

Some Businesses To Close Dec. 25 and 26

Some Silvertown businesses have indicated that they will be closed both December 25 and 26, taking a two-day Christmas holiday Monday and Tuesday of next week.

They are: City Cafe, House Chevrolet and Hunt's Barber Shop.

Among those who indicated that they would be open Tuesday morning, December 26, are Nance's Food Store, Briscoe County News, and B & B Food Center.

Nichols Resigns As Mackenzie Director

Jim Tom Nichols has resigned his position as a director for the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority.

John Tole of Tulia has been appointed to replace Nichols on the board of directors.

Nichols has indicated that he plans to move to Dallas soon.

Clinic To Be Closed December 26

The Silvertown Clinic will not be open next Tuesday, December 26. Dr. L. C. Barbour will be on duty in Tulia.

The Clinic will be open as usual on Thursday, December 28.

Senior Citizens' Party Hosted By Church of Christ

Thirty "Senior Citizens" of Silvertown gathered in the Annex of the Silvertown Church of Christ on Monday, December 18, as guests of the Ladies' Bible Class for a luncheon and a period of merriment and fellowship.

Those signing the register of guests were Patti Deavenport, Mrs. J. M. Perry, Mrs. E. E. Tomlin, Mrs. Belle Olive, Betty Olive, Cass Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Gregg, Stella Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt, Mrs. H. P. Howard, Mrs. Mary Rampley, Mrs. Minnie Haynes, Elbert Dickerson, H. L. McWaters, Nannie Bomar, Mr. and Mrs. George Weast, Mrs. Roy McMurtry, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Alexander.

Following the meal, served by members of the class and a period of fellowship, the group viewed a Biblical film strip depicting the "Patriarchal Age" of Biblical history, which revealed the more interesting events and highlights of the period of approximately 2500 years from the time of Adam to Moses' call to deliver the Israelites from Egyptian bondage.

The class plans to make this event an annual affair, with attendance growing in number.

Cody Burson, 16-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Howard Burson of Perryton, has been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Burson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dickerson, Rhonda, Debbie and Clinton were to meet their sister and aunt, Bonnie Watters, at the Lubbock air terminal Wednesday night. Bonnie teaches in Yuma, Arizona, and is here for the holidays.

HOMEMAKERS ENTERTAIN HUSBANDS AT SALAD SUPPER

Members of the Silvertown Young Homemakers entertained their husbands at a salad supper on December 14 in the P. C. A. community room.

Bro. Bob Glover of the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney, was guest speaker on the topic, "Husband and Wife, the Winning Team."

- To make a winning team, Bro. Glover emphasized six points: 1. Determine to make marriage succeed 2. Love one another maturely 3. Live up to responsibility 4. Cultivate marriage relationship 5. Learn how to handle differences 6. Be loyal to each other

Hostess for the occasion, Mrs. Riley Harris, served coffee and Cokes to members. "Forty-Two" was played following the dinner.

Attending were Mmes. Riley Harris and Gordon Lowrey, Messrs. and Mmes. Joe Lee Bomar, Joe Brannon, Ken Cook, Guinn Fitzgerald, Jarus Flowers, John Francis, Buck Hardin, Joe Kitchens, Dyrle Maples, Jerry Patton, Bob Stafford, Wayne Stephens, Ted Strange and Ronald Vaughan.

Next meeting will be January 12, in the homemaking department.

Mrs. Glenn McWilliams was a patient in the Plainview Hospital last week.

From The County Agent's Desk

According to gin reports in the county during the past week, some 16,891 bales of cotton have been ginned in Briscoe County. Included in these are the Briscoe Co-Op Gin, with approximately 2,900 bales; Farmers Co-Op Gin at Quitaque, 3,200 bales, and the Davis Gin, 2,942. Other gins reporting were Dempsey Gin, 1,490; Tomlin & Fleming Gin, 2,160; Silvertown Gin, 2,150, and Paymaster Gin at Quitaque, 1,740.

This represents a substantial increase in total bales over the previous years resulting from better growing conditions and a favorable harvest.

PRE-CHRISTMAS DINNER ENJOYED IN HILL HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill and Sylvia hosted a pre-Christmas dinner honoring their son, Ralph, who was leaving December 19 for Washington before being sent to Vietnam.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hill, Mrs. J. C. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hester and Ricky, Sp. 4 Hill and his wife, Janice.

The Ronnie Hesters came in the afternoon.

Bill Watters continues to be a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital.

SOUTHWESTERN CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS MEETING

The Southwestern Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Nelda Jasper on Thursday, December 14.

After the business meeting, a poem by Frances Kellum and a story by Sybil Teeple, gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were served to Della Boling and Donna, Frances Kellum, Ruby Kitchens, Sybil Teeple, Teresa Sutton, Marie Garrison, Lanita Cantwell and Ima Nell Francis.

Before the group was dismissed, Cynthia Sutton sang "White Christmas."

Next meeting will be in the home of Marie Garrison on January 25, and roll call will be "My New Year's Resolution."

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hester and Mrs. Ralph Hill were in Amarillo Tuesday to take Sp.4 Hill to emplane for Washington to await shipment to Vietnam with his unit of the U. S. Armed Forces.

YOUR NEWS IS IMPORTANT!

The news about what you and your family are doing is an important part of your local newspaper. But the publishers of the Briscoe County News don't know about it unless you tell them.

Whenever you have news for your hometown paper, please call the News Office, 3381.



Silvertown Owls are shown with the second-place trophy they won in the Silvertown Invitational Tournament. They are Roy Dale Wood, Paul Ray McWilliams, Thurman May, Jimmy Walker, Johnny Roy Weaver, Lannie

Arnold, Joe Mercer, Randy Cantwell, Dale Sissney and Lynn Frizzell. Sissney netted 63 points for the Owls and Cantwell caged 26 during the three-day tournament held here December 7-9.

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And gave him courage anew to tread
The road he must walk along
It was only a helping hand he gave
To a struggler on life's road
Who was struggling on through
The weary way
So tired beneath life's load.
Such little things in the world's
cold eye,
But the Master he served
would see
The love in his heart, and He
whispered low,
'Ye have done it unto Me.'
Good Cheer
On the street where we live,

almost every house has colored lights strung in many patterns and through the windows you can see gaily-decorated trees of all kinds. This seems to me a symbol of their hospitality and friendship, extended into the yard to make the night brighter. I will miss all the bright lights when they are gone!

I like putting up a Christmas tree and smelling its fragrance in the house. I like picking up a few little decorations each year so that the tree can be made a little prettier. I like selecting gifts and putting them under the tree for those who mean a lot to me. "The days go by and the weeks

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA,
Would you please bring me Baby Splash and Easy Bake. Also I would like a talking telephone.

I've been a good girl and I love you.
Thank you,
Kella Wofford
P. S. I also would like a pair of plastic sunglasses.

DEAR SANTA,
I would like a Blue Bird vest and a watch. My little

rush on
And before we know it, the months have gone,
But though we may be far apart
Friendship keeps us heart to heart.
We're builders of a better world
We are workers for a plan,
That seeks to make this good old earth
A happy place for man."

Friends
The custom of sending Christmas cards may be fading somewhat with increasing costs and rising postage, but isn't it wonderful to hear from a friend that you haven't seen in a long while at Christmas? It may be becoming less in fashion to send Christmas cards to those we see everyday, but for those whose "Christmas letter" is our only way of keeping in touch, it's wonderful.

"For remembrance is the sweetest flower
Of all the earth's perfuming;
Sun and showers, love and friendship
Keep it blooming."

Christmas Is Love
The true meaning of Christmas, to me, is love. The love we have for our fellow man—which is the basis for Christian beliefs.

It really gripes me to see "Xmas," which reminds me of a little article I read about "X." Who is "X"? If you hurriedly abbreviate "Christmas," and make it "Xmas," what meaning can it possibly have for you then?

It isn't "X's" birthday, and each time I carefully write out "Christmas," I think of the significance of the celebration of the coming of the One whose influence on the world will never be forgotten.

brother, Kelly, would like a bike. We sure do thank you for the toys you gave us last year.

Yours truly,
Lee Ann and Kelly

DEAR SANTA,
I am a little girl five years old and my name is Susie, and I have a little brother named Dwain who is three years old. We have been pretty good kids this year.
My little brother would like for you to bring him a Mus-

cal Train, some race cars, a dump truck and a little tool bench.

I would like to have a Baby Magic doll, a doll stroller, a little stove, sink and refrigerator. I would also like to have some pretty new clothes.

Don't forget our cousins, Steve and Julie. They have been good kids, too. And don't forget all the other boys and girls.

We love you,
Susie and Dwain Tipton



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Nelly Don

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NEW YEAR
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Dear Santa

I am a little boy five years old. Please bring me a cowboy suit, 6-guns, a Texaco truck and anything else you want to. Remember all the other children.

old. Please bring me a cowboy suit, 6-guns, a Texaco truck and anything else you want to. Remember all the other children.

Love,
Bobby Scott McPherson
P. S. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Santa.

DEAR SANTA,
I am a little boy seven years old who has been pretty good this year. I want a watch and a ring with a "J" on it.

I have a sister, Lori, who is four years old. She wants a Say and See doll and some dishes for Christmas.

We are planning to hang our socks on hopes that you will see them.

Please remember all the other little boys and girls. I love you.

James Mercer

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I am a little boy five years old. My name is Nicky Tedd Mcimsey. I have a big brother named Todd and a little sister named Tandy. I would like to have a walkie talkie, a football suit and some Indian shoes. Tandy wants a new baby doll and Todd wants a pellet gun.

Santa, please remember all the other boys and girls, especially all my friends. They have tried to be good, too.

Love,
Nicky



When the Puritans reached New England, they brought with them their dislike for any observance of Christmas and levied fines on those who dared to celebrate the holiday. It was not until the nineteenth century (after many German and Irish immigrants had arrived) that holiday celebrations really became popular in that part of the country.

In the Southern colonies, in Virginia, for example, there were gay gatherings of families and friends, with bountiful feasts and gala balls by candlelight. The aristocratic plantation owners carried on many of the holiday traditions that had prevailed for centuries in the home country. Often the slaves were not required to work as long as the yule log burned.

The Moravians who made homes in eastern colonies, because of religious persecution in the Old World, continued their unusual customs. On Christmas Eve, carrying

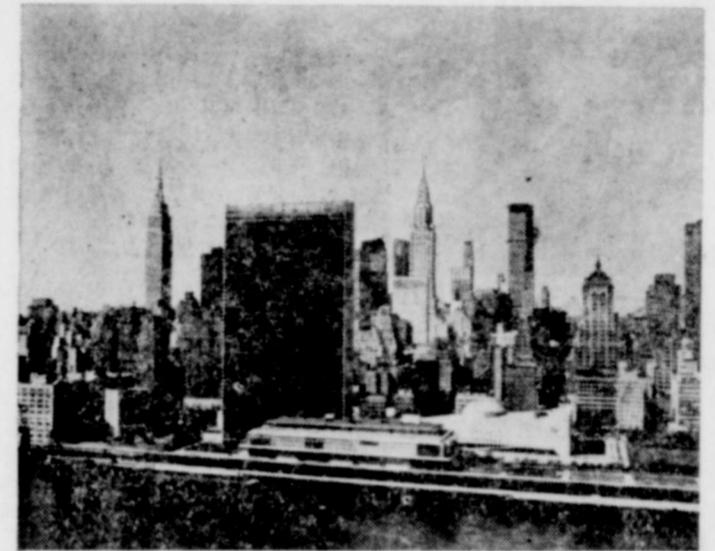


It's always a pleasure to greet the many friends we've known through the years

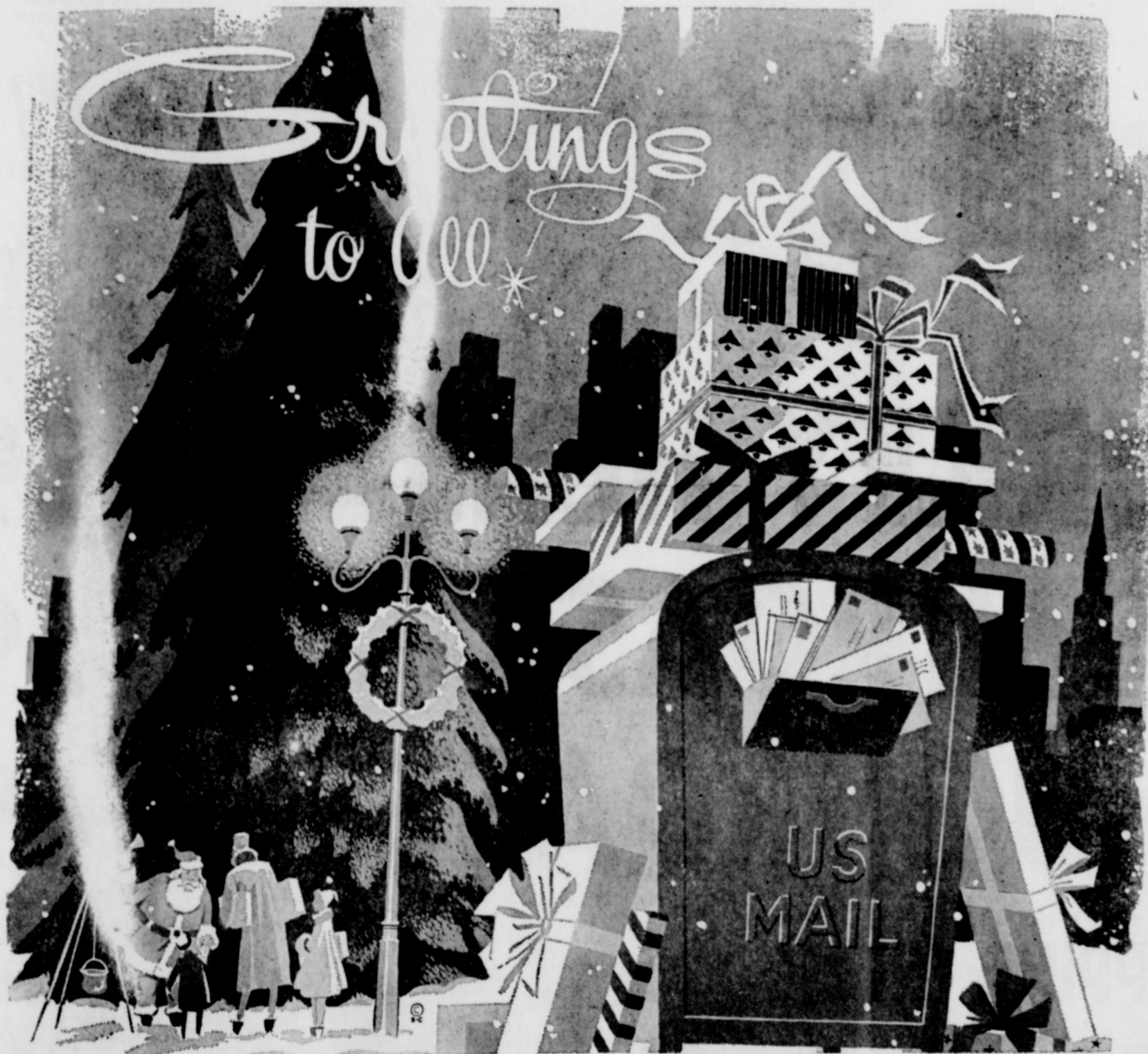
Don and Charlotte Boyd
Erwin and Dorothy Boyd
Bill and Mabel Griffin



Angela Lowrey was pictured with Santa Claus here Saturday afternoon. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lowrey, Angela and her sister, Shavonne, received candy canes from Santa. Many of the children brought their letters to hand to Santa personally.



NEW YORK SKYLINE . . . Visible in photo above is the rectangular United Nations Secretariat Building, flanked by the spires of the Empire State Building, left, and Chrysler Building, right. More often than not, New York has snow for the Christmas season. Always, in this great American city, there are interesting things to do and see at Christmastime.



ISN'T ELECTRICITY WONDERFUL?

Rural people think so — especially at Christmas - time! They remember when the Christmas glow faded away at the city limits. At least it seemed so. Dim lanterns bobbing across barn lots and kerosene lamps blinking through kitchens windows hardly whispered "Merry Christmas." But that's all changed. Farms now gleam with light. Front lawn decorations vie with Christmas displays in town. Now, thanks to rural electrification, neighbors are happy to share this brighter, more joyous Christmas with you.

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Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
Please bring me some G. I. Joe equipment and a Magumba gun set. Bring my brothers, Mark and Eric, a M-16 Marauder and some Matt Mason equipment; a submarine gun and Mighty Mike set. A doll and carriage is what my sister, Alesha, would like.

Bring all of us a Slap Hands and Snakes Alive game.

We've all been pretty good little kids and want to wish you a safe journey to all the boys and girls homes this Christmas.

Love to you,
James Alan Patton

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I am bigger this year. I am five years old. So please bring me some big-boy toys. I have



Rebecca Reid had several things to tell Santa Saturday afternoon when the old gentleman paid an early visit to Silverton. Rebecca is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reid, jr. Santa was assisted by members of L. O. A. Junlor Study Club who made arrangements for his visit.



PEACE
to you and yours
at Christmas

HILL VARIETY

been good and I help my daddy. I would like a Johnny Astro.

I will leave you a Coke on the table.

Love,
Mike Graham

Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney attended the golden wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Woody, former Silverton residents, in Tulia Saturday afternoon. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Steve Duncan while in Tulia.

DEAR SANTA,
I am five years old and I have tried to be a very good girl this year. Please bring me a record player, a Barbie doll, and a Texaco truck.

I enjoyed seeing you in Amarillo and have almost worn out the picture of you and me from looking at it so

much.
Love, from your friend,
Kathryn

James Carroll Mercer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mercer, underwent a tonsillectomy in Swisher Memorial Hospital Wednesday morning.

TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS

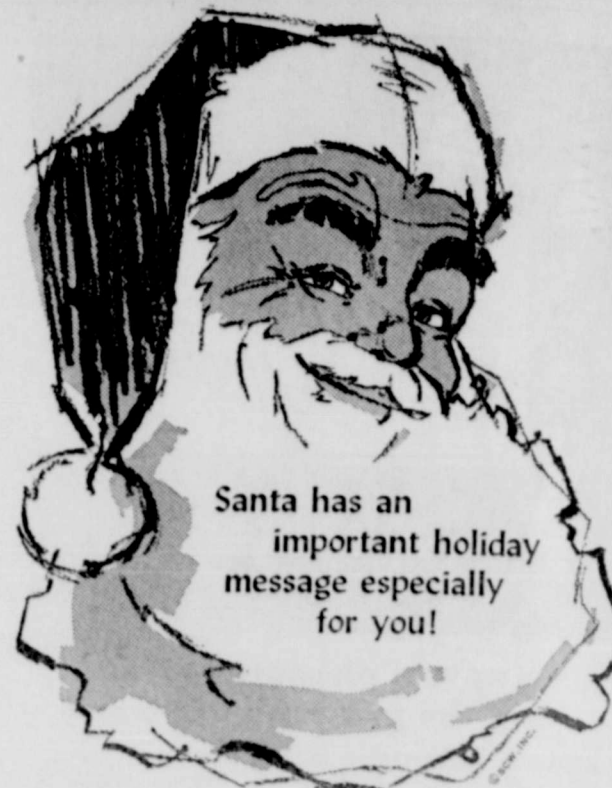


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DOUBLE STAMPS WEDNESDAY

Stork Shower Honors Mrs. Art Sommerfeld

Mrs. Art Sommerfeld was honored at a pink and blue shower at the home of Mrs. Glynn Tomlin recently.

The refreshment table was decorated with yellow and green, with a large stork surrounded by small storks. Donuts and coffee were served.

Hostesses were Mrs. Ronald Vaughan, Mrs. Wayne Vaughan, Mrs. Louis Edd Grabbe, Mrs. Joe

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA,
Please remember the poor children who don't have much money.
I would like a doll.

Love,
Rebecca Reid

Kitchens, Mrs. John Schott, Mrs. Randall Eddleman, Mrs. Tomlin, Mrs. Jerry Miller and Miss Sara Turner.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
My name is Jesse Allen Meason. I have been nice this year. I would like to have a toy combine and a little gas pump. I would also like to have a little green tractor, too. I would like a little play gun.

I will be very nice until that special night that you come to see good boys and girls.

I'm four years old and very nice.



Santa enjoyed a visit with Dee Ann Strange, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Strange, at Santa's Workshop here Saturday afternoon. Santa's early visit to Silverton was arranged by the L. O. A. Junior Study Club.

DEAR SANTA,
How are you doing? Fine, I hope. I want a doll and an Easy Bake Oven and a hoola-hoop for Christmas.
Tell your helpers hello. I don't have much to say.
Love always,
Carla

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a road grader and another big tractor. Also, bring Tad and Jesse one. I'll try to be a good boy.
Love,
Craig Patton

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I want a Spunky dall for Christmas. I have tried to be very good. I hope you will not forget this.
Yours truly,
Marilyn Hardin

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
Would you please bring me a target toss and some silly sand?
I love you. Don't forget the other boys and girls. I hope everyone is happy.
Love,
Twila Wood



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Evening 7:00 p.m.



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To The Members Of L O A Study Club

I want to thank each of you for the "Care Package" of candy and Kool-aid. It sure was appreciated and it is very helpful to know that you think of us overseas.

My battery has just come in from the field, where we were giving support on Operation Santa Fe. Now we are at a small compound in Xuan Loc and expect to be here until after Christmas.

Hope all of you have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
Sp.4 Guinn Turner

Mr. and Mrs. Holt Honored On 50th Anniversary

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt hosted an open house for the couple in observance of their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 17.

The refreshment table was covered with a cutwork cloth with a centerpiece of candles and gold mums. Cake and punch was served to approximately 148 guests.

Those attending from out of town included Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mackey, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ellis and Steve, Mr. and Mrs. Polly Huntington, Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Greer and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ellis, all of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Lawson and Reeda Cay and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Applewhite, all of Lockney; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vaughn, Dewey Seay, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. John McClendon, all of Tulia; Lela Mayfield and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Terry, all of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Stark of Quitaque; and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Northcutt of Clayton, New Mexico.

A lovely array of gifts was presented to the couple.

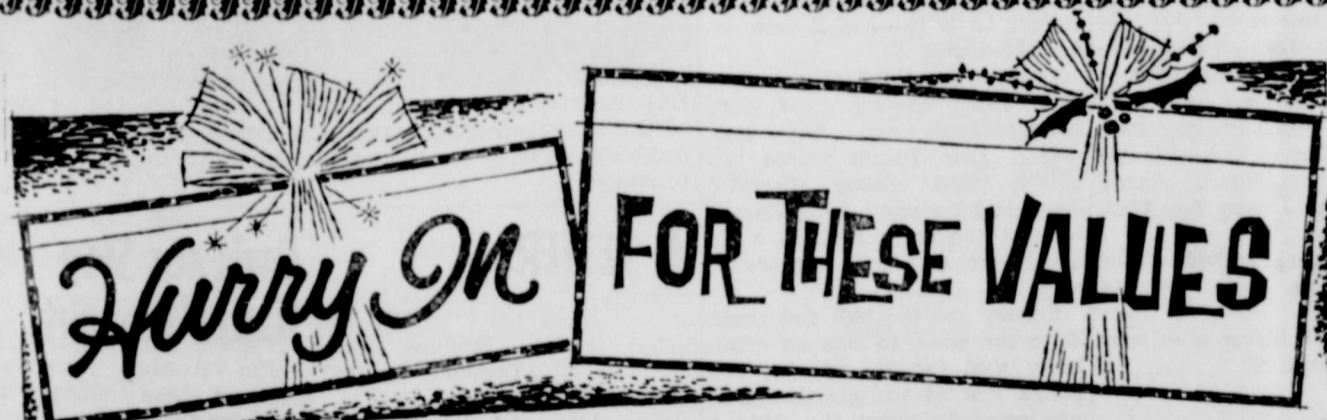
DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I have been a good girl and have been going to school every day. I would like to have a baby doll and bugle and a set of cookware. Please bring me a coat for Christmas.
I love you, Santa Claus.
This is my address:
Carolyn Sue Tinner
Box 384
Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA and Helpers,
I would like to have a stingray bicycle and a hand-work B-B gun.
Yours truly,
Herbert Lee Polley
P. S. I will believe in you always if you get me the toy I want. Please send me the presents I asked for.



May your Christmas be everything you've been hoping for!

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Service Elevator

From
VICKY'S VIEW

Point

A special day is approaching—fast. In fact, it is almost here. We call it Christmas. It's only someone's birthday. It's like Washington's birthday or Lincoln's or Columbus.

"It is?" you ask in surprise. Well, not quite. EVERYONE exchanges gifts on THIS day.

But whose day is it? Living as we do, there is not one among us who cannot answer this question, but in metropolitan cities, cities where the advertisers are having a real holiday these days, I'll bet there are small children and some not so small, who wholeheartedly believe in Christmas, but haven't the faintest idea exactly why.

The American Christmas consists of gifts, a tree, and Santa Claus for the children; and visiting, parties and (let's face it) booze for the older ones. Where's the religion? Look all day if you like. You probably won't ever find it.

Why, people who are professed atheists observe Christmas. What would life be without Christmas? Who are they kidding?

"It is better to give than to receive." Try convincing a small child of that! Only another sign of the changing face of Christmas.

What do gifts signify in our present-day world of dog-eat-dog and every-man-for-himself? Not much.

I've heard stories about how "in the good old days" people gave gifts to one another as a symbol of their love and admiration just as the wise men once gave gifts to the Holy Child. Well, I guess I'm just old-fashioned enough to wish I had known a time like that.

The price really DIDN'T matter then. In fact, it meant even more if the person had actually made it himself.

Today we say that the cost still doesn't matter; it's the thought that counts. Don't kid yourself. Can you imagine what we would think today if someone gave us a "homemade" thing? Especially we snobbish teenagers. We're the worst of all.

Well, a long time ago, or so I hear, you knew that a person really did wish you a Merry Christmas with his modest gift. Now, more than likely, when we get a present, it was picked up in a great hurry as the giver came to your home. And usually these gifts mean so little that they are discarded without a twinge of guilt or even a second thought. Why, it isn't even considered necessary to wear or display the gift in the presence of the given even ONCE to show appreciation. They probably wouldn't recognize it, anyway.

And when our grandchildren come to us and ask, "Grandad, I heard a kid at school say that Christmas is someone's birthday. Whose is it, Grandad?" we won't have an answer for them. Does it make you a little sick in the pit of your stomach? Well, it does me, too.

I think the whole modern idea of the Christmas season was summed up very well in a comic strip I read the other day.

A small girl was passing out a Christmas message that she had written.

"In it I deplore the encroachment of commercialism into the Yuletide season!" she said. "The true meaning of Christmas has been lost in the greedy scramble for quick profits! I struck a blow at those who use Christmas to attain their own selfish ends!"

Naturally her teacher was overwhelmed by the beautiful piece and by the thoughts born in a young and innocent mind. When she asked if she might have a copy, the sincere little tot replied, "That'll be 10¢, please."

It may be only a comic strip, but it is representative of our times. And who's to blame? We are. Not only the American society, but that of the entire world as well.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1967 **MERRY CHRISTMAS**



F.B.L.A. OFFICERS—Officers of the Future Business Leaders of America were pictured last week following the annual Christmas party. They are Rickie Bingham, secretary;

Mrs. O. C. Rampley, sponsor; Venita Teeple, president; Vicki Vaughan, reporter; Nancy Nance, vice - president; Debbie Dickerson, treasurer, and Ian Lanham, historian.

F.B.L.A. Christmas Party Enjoyed

The F.B.L.A. enjoyed their annual Christmas party during activity period December 15, with the Silverton High School teachers and honorary members, Bob Stafford and Mrs. Charles Sarchet, as guests.

Paula Birdwell accompanied Cynthia Sutton as she sang two selections and later when she led the group in singing Christmas carols.

All of the guests were presented a scented candle.

Senior girls were hostesses for the party. Frosted drinks with strawberry or lime sherbet, chocolate mints, Christmas candy and ribbon party sandwiches were served.

Two of the guests, Bob Stafford and Bobby Stephens, were recognized as being former F.B.L.A. members.

DEAR SANTA,

I've got to have some help! I can't stand this another day. For Christmas only one thing could ever make me happy again—another Typing II Class. Faye Gene left me in charge of them, and I don't have a single idea what to do with them. Please, OH, please! DO SOMETHING! They are uncontrollable. They gripe. They groan. They can't type. And they fuss if they all don't make A's.

Desperately,
Jim Baird

DEAR SANTA,

All I want for Christmas is a G. C. If I had a G. C., I would be so happy, and it would help me so much in my school work. It would help me get along better with my parents and friends, etc.

Santa, I would like to have it left in my stocking, but I seriously doubt if it would fit. You could leave it under the tree. See you and my G. C. Christmas Eve.

Love,
Juannah

DEAR SANTA,

All I want for Christmas is a book of instructions: Parking and Sparking.

Love,
Jerry Shoemaker

DEAR SANTA,

For Christmas I must have some new clothes. My old ones are completely worn out. I haven't had anything new for over five days. I've worn all my clothes at least once and maybe twice.

Love,
Mary Lane

DEAR SANTIE CLAUS,

Please, Santa, send me some new jokes! My old ones are worn out, old fashioned, and corny. People have already heard them, and don't want to hear them again. They would be appreciated by everyone.

Thanks,
John Cole

All Around School

John Burson and Mickie Jasper will probably be more careful about getting caught sliding down the banisters in high school since they "slid" into Mr. Alexander last Friday.

Someone heard that Roy is wrapping herself up for a Christmas present to give to Buddy—Buttons and Bows!

Others are wondering why Cynthia always goes to the end of Main Street before turning around.

Santa says that three high school girls are getting diamond rings for Christmas, but since it's still three more days—we can't tell who! Sure hope he doesn't disappoint any of them.

One of the Sophomore girls would like to tell the Juniors to practice what they preach—whatever that means!

Wonder why Cathy J. didn't wait until Christmas to see Bill's gift to her?

Marsha, what about those quick emotional fits that you are prone to have?

Santa Claus thinks we have some mixed up kids! He keeps asking why Venita keeps getting her hair cut and Steve Brown keeps letting his go!

Lexie's Ideal Boy

Hair—Steve Brown
Nose—Roy Dale Wood
Smile—Randy Cantwell
Eyes—Bob Hutsell
Physique—Dale Sissney
Sexiest—Lannie
Athletic—Joe Mercer
Funniest—Paul Ray
Cutest—Gene Smith
Teeth—Donald West
Typing Ability—Dale Sissney
Smartest—Harvey Masey
Hatefulest—Roland Montague

DEAR SANTA,

I want only two things for Christmas this year. First, I want a set of guns so I can fight the Indians. Those big bad redmen! Then, I'd like an index finger so I can pull the trigger. I'd really appreciate it.

From the S.H.S. Cowboy,
Woodie

DEAR SANTA,

For Christmas I have a special request. I want a foot that won't break. I'm so tired of lugging this old cast around. Please try to help me.

Love,
Danny T.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

We've been very, very good and never ever bad except when we weren't good. We just want some little things like cars and new school buildings.

Since we're not asking for much, you can send us some surprises. Please be good to all the teachers so they won't be grouchy.

We love you, Santa.

Us,
Lanis and Debbie
P. S. Oh yea, please bring two new desks for the English room.

THE PROSPECT OF WINTER

by Harvey Masey

The winter season brings many changes in life. For one thing, it gets colder. With the days and nights getting colder, it calls for a little more TLC (tender loving care) on dates. You can expect a little more consideration from a girl you are with, especially when you are parked and it starts getting cold.

Another thing that winter brings is the hunting season. My favorite game is "dear." This is the one I look forward to and do my best to catch plenty of them. The best kind of hunt is the "lone one," when it is cold and waiting for someone to come along.

Another thing I like is sports. My favorite one is "girl chasing," which once in a while turns out pretty good with a catch or two. The funniest part is when the catch is made and the fun begins. This is why every "boy" usually looks forward to WINTER.

Owls Fall To The Happy Cowboys

The Silverton Owls met the Happy Cowboys here on December 11, and were decided 65-25.

Scoring for the Owls were Dale Sissney, with 6 points; Roy Dale Wood 6; Joe Mercer 4; Lannie Arnold 4; Thurman May 2; Randy Cantwell 2, and Johnny Roy Weaver 1 point.

Highest scoring individual for the Cowboys was Culp, with 14 points.

The game's halftime score was Cowboys 36, Owls 13.

Owls Meet 'Roos

The Kress Kangaroos tripped the Silverton Owls on December 12, outscoring the locals 38-21.

In the first quarter, the Owls trailed 9-10.

Scoring for the Owls was by Lynn Frizzell, 6 points; Randy Cantwell 5; Dale Sissney 4; Joe Mercer 4, and Lannie Arnold 2.

High scorers for Kress were Hudson and Hart, with 11 points each.

Miss Jones Presents FHA Demonstration

During activity period on December 14, Miss Dorothy Jones, home service advisor for Southwestern Public Service Company, presented a candy demonstration for the S. H. S. chapter of Future Homemakers of America.

She also gave suggestions on wrapping Christmas packages and the use of an electric blender. Avocado dip, chips, cookies and spiced tea were served following the demonstration.

Silverton Basketball Tourney In Review

Sixteen teams met in games December 7-9, and eight teams took home trophies. After three days of hard-fought games, the Estelline girls and Lockney boys were awarded the most coveted of all—that all-important first-place trophy.

The first - place trophies were donated by Briscoe Co-Op Gin and Brown - McMurry Implement Company.

After overcoming two teams, the Turkey girls felt a resounding defeat from Estelline and as a result, walked away with the second - place trophy donated by Nance's Food Store.

After defeating Matador and Kress, the Silverton boys were outscored in the last round and kept the second-place trophy that was donated by Redin Oil Company.

Third place trophies, donated by Sun-Vue Fertilizers and Maples "66" Station, went to the Hart girls and the Kress boys. Consolation was won by the Lockney girls and Estelline boys. The consolation trophies were given by Silverton Gin and Jack's Pharmacy.

ALL-TOURNEY TEAMS

Following the presentation of team trophies, Superintendent J. S. Hinds presented individual trophies to twelve girls and ten boys. The All-Tournament awards were donated by First State Bank in Silverton.

The 22 players selected were, in the estimation of the judges, representative of the high quality of the players in the tournament.

The girls team was composed by Kathy Self and Ginger Martin, Silverton; Cherri Rapp, Anne Rapp and Judy Rogers, Estelline; Pam Mills and Janice Smith, Lockney; Linda Popejoy, Hart; Shirley Bontke, Kress; Pam Morris, Flomot; and Kathy Wedge and Darlene Jones, Turkey.

Selected on the boys All-Tournament team were Dale Sissney and Randy Cantwell, Silverton; Ted Jones, Estelline; George Calvert, Flomot; David Majors, Turkey; Tracy Dickson and Biek Bickley, Lockney; and Charles Harris, Carl Hudson and Jimmy Rich, Kress.

OWLS TAKE SECOND PLACE

Typical of games played in the tournament was the Silverton vs. Kress boys game in the second round.

The first quarter ended with the Owls ahead 10-8, and they stayed on their feet for the rest of the night. At the half, they were well out front with a 26-18 lead over the Kangaroos.

In the third period, the game began getting closer and closer, ending 34-30, in favor of the Owls. The score bounced back and forth in an exciting fourth period of action. As the last seconds sped by, the 'Roos suddenly gained a two-point lead.

With only time to get a quick shot at the distant basket, Joe Mercer let it fly—and it sank, tying the score.

During the three-minute overtime which ensued, the score bounced back and forth once more. Dale Sissney scored two points, then Randy Cantwell drove in for a score. Lynn Frizzell brought the score back to a tie once more with only seconds to play.

Sissney got the ball and raced down the court to sink an extra-lucky shot for the winning two points just as the overtime buzzer sounded, giving the Owls a 54-52 victory over the Kress Kangaroos.

SUMMARY OF PLAY

The Owlettes began the tournament by beating Matador 40-23. Their travel to first place was cut short by Turkey and their path turned toward third place. Hart held out four points ahead of the Owlettes in the third round to take the third-place trophy.

The Owlettes, though they only won one game in the tournament, allowed their opponents to score only a total of 107 points to their 105.

Ginger Martin led the scoring with 44 points in the three days. Evelyn Wood was credited with 28, Jan Hutsell 16, Diana Strange 11, Paula Birdwell 4, and Lanis Davis 2.

The Owls allowed only a total of 151 points to be scored against them as they went into the championship finals. Sissney accounted for 63 points of the 142 that the Owls accumulated in play against Matador, Kress and Lockney. Cantwell was credited with 26 of the remaining points, Mercer 17, Frizzell 16, Lannie Arnold 10, Jimmy Walker 6, Johnny Weaver 2, Roy Wood 1, and Thurman May 1.



Kathy Self and Ginger Martin were named as members of the Silverton All-Tournament Team. They are shown admiring one of the individual trophies they received.



Dale Sissney and Randy Cantwell were selected as members of the Silverton All-Tournament Team, and each received an individual award for his performance during the three - day tourney.

A LETTER

Box 335
Estelline, Texas
December 14, 1967

Dear friends,

One of my girls lost the little name plate out of the individual trophy last Saturday night and I just wonder if one has been turned in. We would appreciate your sending it if you did.

We surely did enjoy your tournament—we always have. And we appreciate your town yelling for us, too. Last year's Quitaque game in the Clarendon Tournament really did leave a warm spot in Estelline's heart for Silverton. And this year, I don't believe anyone EXCEPT Silverton wanted us to win. Thanks again!
Suzy Rapp

TODAY I HEARD THAT . . .

Turkey boys holler for THEIR girls!
Roy Wood wears orange boots!
Paul furnishes pillows for sleepy people in English!
There's a new member of the English "Fearsome Foursome!" Rhonda Dickerson has a funny "bruise" on her neck!
Danny V. has been a bad boy, so Santa isn't coming to see him!
Jackie Carol's in love!
Jim Baird doesn't like Santa Claus!
Clifford had a fight!
K. S. D. D.

Owlettes Stop Happy Cowgirls

The Silverton Owlettes overpowered the Happy Cowgirls 48-31 on December 11.

Ginger Martin netted 20 points for Silverton, while Bates ripped the cords for 20 points for the Cowgirls. Diana Strange made 10 points, Evelyn Wood 16 and Jan Hutsell 2.

The Owlettes led the scoring throughout the game. First quarter score was 15-6 and at the end of the second period the Owlettes led 27-15. The fourth quarter opened with the Owlettes holding a 36-23 edge.

Kathy Self, Jereldene Weathered, Lexie Younger, Juannah Nance and Karen Holt were defensive standouts for the Owlettes.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I have been very good this year. I need a lot of presents! First of all, I would like for you to let that poor coyote catch the road runner. He's been chasing him for a long time. Then, I wish you would make all the poor teachers feel better when they come to and from school. Sometimes they get awful bad headaches, but I can't imagine why! I hope I get a big green fish for Christmas, and I will name him Jon Evans, after my dear teachers.
Luv ya,
Nicola Shoemaker

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FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN



May each of us in our own individual way so rededicate our lives that brotherhood of man will become a wonderful reality, and that the true meaning of Christmas will be felt everywhere, for all time to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Garrison
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Those whose names appear on this page extend to you their personal Christmas greetings. They have donated to the L.O.A. Junior Study Club instead of sending greeting cards locally, and have made possible the purchase of equipment for the Silverton Fire Department. This page donated by the Briscoe County News.



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CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you for the cards, flowers and gifts while I was in the hospital and since I've been at home. All are greatly appreciated. Bud Vaughan

Mrs. George Long has been a patient in the Lockney Hospital this week.

Mrs. J. V. Self and Mrs. Verlin Towe visited patients in the Lockney Hospital Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Joe Wayne Brooks of Belton was flown here by ambulance plane Monday afternoon, and is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mayfield, and other relatives. Mr. Brooks and the children are also here.

Mrs. C. A. Reagan has been a patient in the Lockney Hospital this week.

Alvie Mayfield is a patient in room 103 of the Plainview Hospital (813 West 8th Street) this week.

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FOR COMMISSIONER OF PRECINCT NO. 1 OF BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS: SHAFE WEAVER

Mrs. A. H. Chappell was admitted to the Lockney Hospital with bronchial pneumonia early last week, and returned to her home on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Champ McGavock were in Amarillo Saturday afternoon.

Ken Sarchet visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hill, and other relatives in Tulia Saturday and Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie House were in Lubbock Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wofford, Keila and Vicki visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wofford, in Plainview Saturday.

Cora Ivory, a student at Wayland Baptist College, was a patient in the Plainview Hospital early this week.

DEAR SANTA,

Please bring me an oven that really cooks and a doll that really crawls. Thank you for my toys last year. I will bake you a cake and Mike will leave you a Coke. Please remember the other boys and girls.

Love, Connie Graham

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DEAR SANTA,

My name is Dene' Ford and I am two years old. I have not been the best little girl in town, although I have tried very hard.

First of all, I would like to make a request for all the underprivileged children in the world. I wish you would make it a point to stop at each of their houses and leave them the toys they want.

Then you can bring me a hobby horse and a doll. I would also like to have plenty of candy and nuts as my Daddy eats twice as much as I do.

There will be cookies and milk for you when you come. Thank you, Dene'

DEAR SANTA,

First I will say Merry Christmas. I know you can't fill all the orders you get because we ask for too much and you have so many children to visit.

So I am asking only for a bike. My name is Donell Polley. I am seven years old. I hope you get to see all the kids and they get what they want, too.

Thank you very much, Santa. Donell Polley P. S. Santa, I would also like a Long-Tom rifle and pistol set. Thanks again.

DEAR SANTA,

I don't want anything for Christmas except a 1,000 little women doll, necklace, ring, hoola-hoop, clothes, lots of dolls and any other kind of toy. But it is too sad I can't have but one thing. I know there isn't a real Santa Claus, but what's the use of not letting everyone know what I want for Christmas?

So I just thought I'd let everyone know what I wanted so I would get what I want! Your friend, Peggy

P. S. Remember to get me just what I said—and every kind of toy you can find.

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Festive desserts and traditional drinks are a familiar part of the Christmas observance. Turkey on Christmas Day is an American specialty. Yet no treats are more associated with the holiday than plum pudding and mince pie.

The original plum pudding, tradition says, was cooked up by an English hunting party lost in the woods on Christmas Eve. It consisted of deer meat and a mixed variety of game animals, birds' eggs, dried plums, ale, brandy, sugar and flour. Mince pie, we are told, was created by the Puritans and served with a tiny figure of the Christ child in its center. The earliest known recipe dates to the reign of James I in the 17th Century — and called for beef tongue, chopped chick-

en, eggs, raisins, orange and lemon peelings, sugar and an assortment of spices.

Hot punches have always been popular in England and are regaining some favor in America.

A mild drink is spiced tea with cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg added before brewing. A bit more glowing is mulled cider, simmered with spices and served with floating orange slivers. And finally, the traditional Tom and Jerry, spiced brandy, frothy with egg.

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA,
I would like to have a doll and a buggy. I would also like a Susy Homemaker. I am six years old and have been a good little girl.
Thank you, Santa,
Brenda Yancey

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a match-box city with the little cars. Sometimes I am a good boy. I will try to be better next year.
Love,
Casey Bean
(Age 4)

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a Koo Koo Choo Choo and a Twister game.
Thank you,
Kyle Bean

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I am six years old and I am in the first grade. My teacher is Mrs. Trout, who I love very much. I have been sick and now I got burned and can't go to school. But I know you will be good to me. I want a baby doll and some dishes and a dining room set.
I love you, Santa,
Martha Tinner
Box 384
Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA,
I'm writing to you to tell you that this year I would

like a hair brush with mirror and comb set. I'm nine years old. I would like you to bring my baby brother a little toy guitar.

Oh, and Santa, a doll, too, for me.
Becky Rodriguez
203 Grady Street
Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA,
I want a Creepie People set and a gun set and a truck and a pair of boots. I can't wait until Christmas.
From Donald Lynn Thomas

DEAR SANTA,
I am six years old and want a dump truck that has hands to pick dirt and ship it.
Arturo Fabela

DEAR SANTA,
My name is Tony. I am four years old. I would like some guns and candies. I have been good, so don't worry.
And Santa, don't forget my Mother.

DEAR SANTA,
My name is Norma. This Christmas I would like a big doll and cookies and candies. And bring my little brother a horse.
Norma

DEAR SANTA,
I am writing to you to tell you I want a tea set. I am seven years old. And candies. Oh, and a doll, too.
Judy

Holy Land Birthplace Of Three Of World's Great Religions

It is questionable whether many people realize the geographical area that comprised the world around which Christianity grew. It is also more amazing to contemplate the world today and the influence Christianity has had upon civilization, when it is reflected that all the events the Bible records occurred in an area no more than 80 miles wide and 400 miles long!

The area known as the Holy Land is small indeed. The historical events however, which have taken place in this tiny piece of land, have almost literally taken civilization by its heels and shaken it into a realization of the difference between good and evil, even though in some parts of the world this realization is not openly acknowledged.

Within these small boundaries, contrasts can be found that are startling. For example, near Galilee the rainfall is abundant, while not far distant the desolateness of the Negev

desert is well known. Within a distance of 15 miles one can travel from heights of 2600 feet above sea level to 1297 feet below sea level.

The oldest inhabited city in the world is in the Holy Land. It is Damascus, which has been continuously inhabited from the earliest recordings of Biblical times to the present. The old wall around Damascus still stands and is so thick in places that many families have carved out homes from its massiveness.

The oldest city in terms of founding dates is Jericho. It is said to be 10,000 years old. However, it has not always been inhabited. There have been four Jerichos at various times, each not more than two miles from the previous sites.

Also in this fabulous land is the River Jordan. It now is a muddy stream not more than 50 feet wide that's deep in the springtime and dry during the hot summer months.

Many people are under the false impression that the Sea of Galilee is really a sea. It is not. It is a lake 13 miles long and 8 miles wide.

There is one place in the Holy Land that is more famous than any other — Jerusalem. Even today, it is a walled city, that has been besieged and razed more than thirty times, rebuilt at least six times, and is little more than 80 acres in area. Outside the wall of Jerusalem is the famous Garden of Gethsemane and the Mount of Olives.

Nazareth, the city from which Joseph and Mary started on their trip to Bethlehem, is now a barren small town.

The Holy Land is the birthplace of three of the world's great religions: Christianity, Judaism and Mohammedanism. Still a land of controversy and conflict, it is prayed one day the teachings of Him who said, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men," will be heeded.

DEAR SANTA,
I am eight years old and want a Johnny Eagle for Christmas. It sounds like real.
Agustin Fabela

tle and it wobbles when you blow the whistle and it stops and pulls its head in.
Andy Fabela

DEAR SANTA,
I am a good little boy nearly four years old. Please bring me trucks, cars, a drum set and guns. Don't forget my sister and brothers. We will be in Dumas Christmas, so look for us at Grannies'.
Love,
Scottie Roberts

DEAR SANTA,
I am eleven years old and want a desk for Christmas with three drawers in it.
Gloria Fabela

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
My name is Kirk and my sister's name is Julie. We have been good this year. Please bring me a race track and a record player. Please bring Julie a doll and a doll buggy.
We love you, Santa.
Love,
Kirk and Julie Evans

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a Fort Hero set and Marvel the Mustang.
Love,
Stevie Maples

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I am four years old and want a Tricky Tommy Turtle for Christmas. It has a whis-



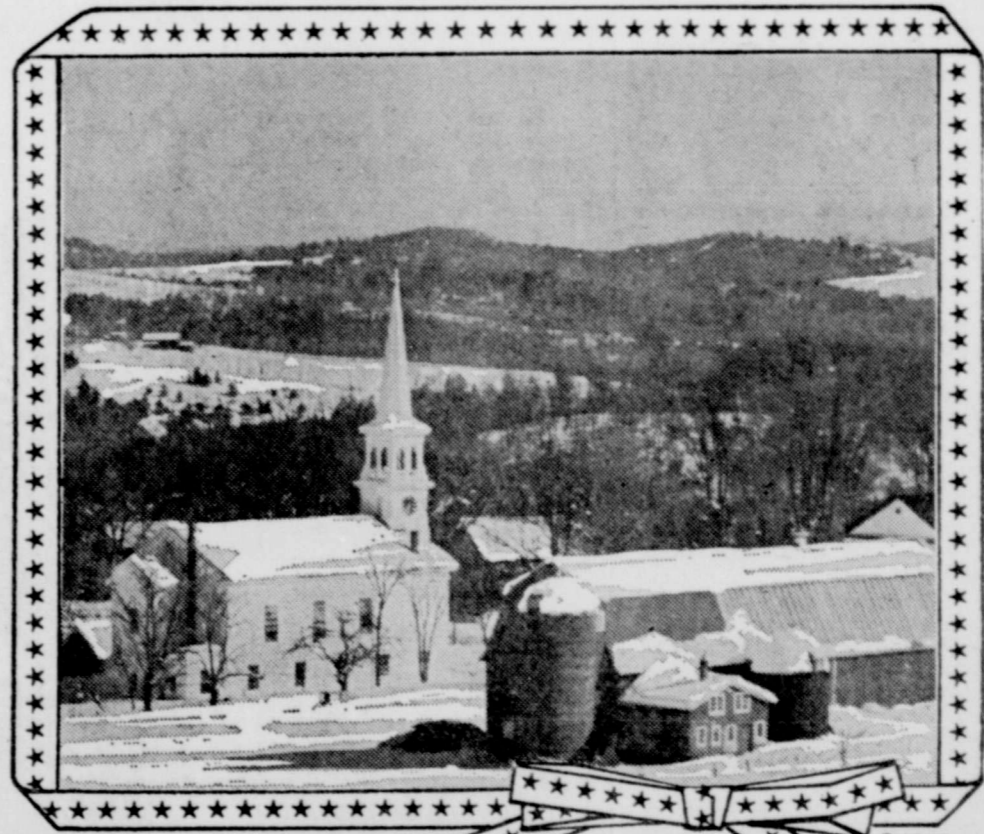
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CHRISTMAS SALE

By BILL BENNETT

Biff Coleman eased the pressure of his foot and watched the speedometer needle drop down to 35 miles-per-hour. Central City was probably a speed trap and he didn't want to get started off on the wrong foot.

Anyway, he mused, if I go too fast I might pass right on through before I realize it.

Top-drawer inefficiency, Biff thought, to start a branch office in such a small town. And just his luck to draw the assignment. Exiled, and at Christmas, too.

He saw the faint flow of red in his mirror. Yep, he had guessed right. Cops. Good thing he wasn't speeding. Or was he? That guy had his siren on. He's tailgating me, signaling me to move over, Biff thought. "What the . . . brother, I couldn't have been doing over thirty. What's the limit in this burg, anyhow? I'll fight through every court in this state before I pay a cent."

Meeting

He pulled over, the squad car edging up behind him. A young, smiling officer emerged from the car. The type that likes his work, Biff guessed.

A young, smiling officer emerged from the car.

"Now, listen officer, I want you to know . . .
 "Never mind, sir. Please step out of the car. I am Officer Paul McGrath, Central City police force. May I see your driver's license?"

Biff had it in his hand, all ready. "Here you are, but I would like to say . . ."

"Mr. Coleman, from River City. Mr. Coleman, welcome to Central City. Are you just passing through?"

"I had planned to stay. I . . .
 "It doesn't matter, sir. May I ask that you come with me? We won't be gone long. You can lock your car and leave it where it is. It will be all right."

"Come where with you? What am I supposed to have done? Can't I just go on my way?"

"You can refuse to go. You have the right. Have you some urgent appointment?"

"I just want to check into the hotel and . . .
 "You can do that later. If you have nothing urgent, will you come with me?"

"O.K.," Biff gave in. "O.K., I'll come with you. Let's go and get it over with."

Noisy

Biff stepped into the car. The officer started the motor and headed up the street, red dome light flashing, siren going full blast.

The squad car came to an almost screeching stop in front of a building which appeared more like a church than a police station.

"This is our community center," the officer said. "We use it for just about every meeting we have in this town."
 Biff allowed himself to be pushed through the door.

"Meeting?"
 "Sure, meeting. Look."
 Crowd

Biff looked. The place was alive with people. Little groups standing around, talking, eating cake and sipping punch.

"Meeting," Officer McGrath said. "We do this every Christmas. We choose someone apparently passing through and bring them here to meet the friendly folks of Calvert City." He gave Biff another friendly shove. "Here he is, Mayor."

The big man grasped Biff's hand. "Your name, sir?"
 Biff stammered, "Uh, Uh, Biff, Biff Coleman."
 The mayor raised his hands. "Ladies and gentlemen. Step up, if you will and meet Mr. Biff Coleman. Mr. Coleman is passing through and just stopped to let us wish him a Merry Christmas."

Biff found his voice. "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. But, I'm not passing through. I have come to stay. You know that building on the corner of First and Main just remodeled? Now, my company is opening a branch office there and I want to invite . . ."
 He was drowned by a chorus of voices, "Merry Christmas, Biff."

By Any Name, Santa's The Same

He's Santa Claus in America but he has many different names around the world. He is called "Father Frost" in Russia. Children call him "Kris Kringle" in Germany. "Nice Old Faltner" is what the Chinese children call Santa Claus and in Norway Children expect gifts from an elf called "Jul Tonten".

"Pere Noel" is who the French youngsters receive presents from and in Holland the name is "Sinterklass".

The world has many more "Santas", but whatever his name, wherever he exists, he brings happiness to children.

CARD SCENE

By far the most popular Christmas card illustration is the Nativity Scene. Next to that is winter scenes. In recent years the illustrations of Grandma Moses have become popular.

FOR HUSBANDS

A gift suggestion for husbands and children is: Get together and decide on a time and work saving appliance that will free her from work every day of the year.

Such an appliance is an automatic dishwasher. It doesn't matter whether the housewife has a large family or if there is just a husband and wife, a dishwasher in this day and age is a must.

INDIAN

CRANBERRIES

The American Indians made a paste from cranberries called "Femmican". This was used as a poultice for cuts and wounds. They used the juice of the berry for red dye. Eventually the cranberry was to become a tradition as part of the Christmas menu.

IN NEW ZEALAND

New Zealanders spend their Christmas Day in much the same way as it is in the United States and Europe.

CHURCH SERVICES

In his diary, Samuel Pepys tells that in 1662 he walked to church where he heard an exceptionally long sermon. Also, three years later, after the Christmas address, he saw a wedding at the church. On this holiday in 1666, Pepys wrote that his wife stayed in bed, as she had sat up until 4 o'clock that morning, watching her "mayde" make the mince pies. In contrast, "I, to church, where our parson Mills made a good sermon . . . thanks to God Almighty, for the goodness of my condition at this day."

CALM CHILDREN

Active children become more exuberant with the coming of the Christmas season. The mad rush of shopping and holiday preparations stimulates a child's emotions.

Child specialists believe that a quiet atmosphere and explaining the joys of the holiday will help them, and help you have a more peaceful season.

We should spend more time getting children ready for a reverent Christmas rather than a commercial one. When the entire family pause to understand the true meaning of Christmas, it will be a joy to all.

GIFTS FROM

OUR KITCHEN

Look in your cupboards for Christmas giving ideas. A jar of homemade jam, jelly, marmalads or homemade pickles is a welcome gift to many.

Give a Christmas tree decorated with cookies. Select a small tree. Another delightful gift is Christmas bread. Make it plain or as a Swedish tea ring or coffee cake.

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco's first tree was made in 1850 from Douglas fir branches wired to a stick by a German Wine proprietor.

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA,
 Please remember the poor children who don't have much mud lik.

Love,
 Rob

DEAR SANTA,

My name is Amy and I am two. I am a good little girl. Will you please bring me a Barbie and some high heels for her, a suitcase and a pick-up, horse-trailer and some horses.

We are going to leave you some cookies and milk, and hope you come while we are

at our family Christmas party.

Love,
 Amy Perkins

DEAR SANTA,

Please remember the poor children who don't have much money. I would like a barbi doll.

Love,
 Donna Haire

DEAR SANTA,

Please remember the poor children who don't have much money. I would like a truck.

Love,
 Davey Thomas

DEAR SANTA,
 Would you please bring me a record player, a telephone that talks, Baby First Step. I've tried to be a good girl this year.

Thank you,
 Vicky Wofford
 P. S. I would also like a pair of plastic sunglasses.

DEAR SANTA,

Please remember the poor children who don't have much money. I would like a bike.

Love,
 Lori Cloe

DEAR SANTA,

Please remember the poor

children who don't have much money.
 I would like a bike.
 Love,
 Prisiliana Charles

DEAR SANTA,

Please remember the poor children who don't have much money. I would like a bike.

Love,
 Herdclio Ramiriz

DEAR SANTA,

Please remember the poor children who don't have much money. I would like a doll.

Love,
 Angelina Diaz

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
 I have been pretty this year. I want a fur suit, helmet, and some I can read. I hope you have a happy year.
 I love you,
 Larry B.

DEAR SANTA,

Will you please give me a B-B gun and race car set for Christmas? I have a brother named Jimmy. leave what you have for his age.

We will either be at house or at Grandma Charlotte's. Check both places as you fly over.

Cam and Jimmy Fox



OLD FASHIONED GREETINGS

To all our friends and neighbors, sincere best wishes for the holiday season. May your Christmas be bright with good cheer, warm with the affection of those you love, and merry with the sound of laughter.

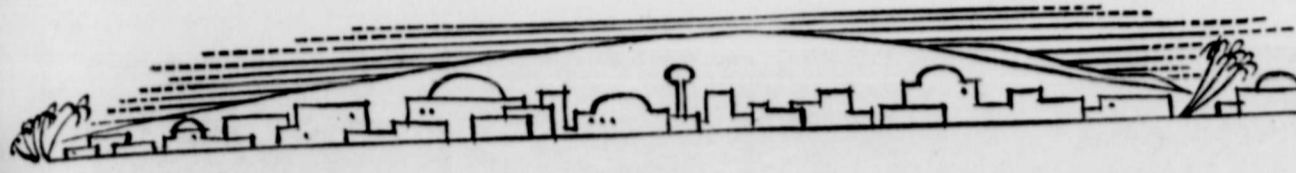
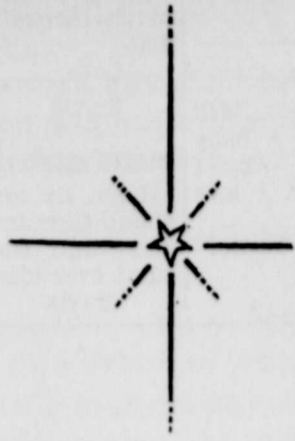
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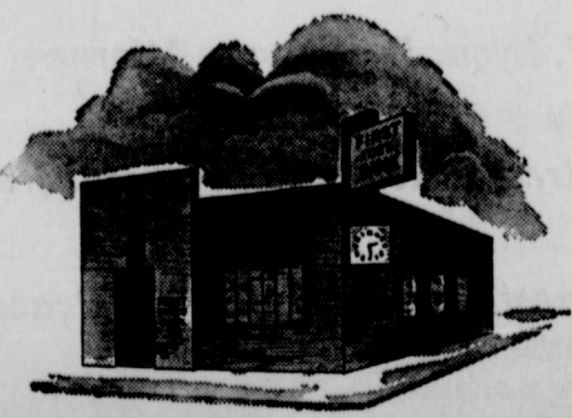
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Silent Night.. Holy Night



As we listen to the beloved hymns and
carols of Christmas, our thoughts
travel to another time, another place.
With the shepherds, we hear the
heavenly host announce
the glad tidings...with the
Wise Men, we follow the Star
of Bethlehem...with Joseph and
Mary, we gaze in wonder at the
Holy Babe. He is born again
in our songs...and in our hearts.



First State Bank

U. S. Adopts World Yule Customs

In terms of age, the United States is the youngest of the Christian nations that celebrates Christmas.

As a result, it is easy to understand that this country has borrowed its Christmas customs from many parts of the world — the celebration of the holy season being as old as it is.

However, the greatest contributors to our customs at the Yuletide have been England, Germany, Italy, Holland, Switzerland and Bavaria. But the "borrowing" Americans have done from their neighbors of the world underwent changes indigenous to our country, with some of the trimmings not picked up at all.

ENGLAND

In England, they have a Boxing Day, and why it is called "Boxing" is not known. Some theorists ascribe the name to the fact that the day after Christmas, gifts are left for the postman. This has spread to include the milkman and others who have performed services for the household.

SWISS

The business of the sleigh and six reindeer has been borrowed from the Swiss. But instead of our version of Santa Claus directing his team across the sky, they have an angel in the driver's seat, who comes bearing gifts.

BAVARIA

Candles in the window at Christmas Eve comes from Bavaria, where the custom dictates the tradition of lighting the way for Kristkind, messenger for the Infant Jesus.

THE YULE LOG

From England and Italy — though many miles apart — comes the custom of the burning of the Yule log. The more romantic Italians dress up their ceremony by having their children stand blindfolded before the burning log and recite a poem. When the children are finished reciting, the blindfolds are removed and at their feet are gifts. The log takes the place of the Christmas tree.

THE URN OF FATE

Another quaint custom prevails in Italy and Spain — in regards to the giving of gifts. In these two countries all gifts are placed in a large bowl called the "Urn of Fate." In it are dumped presents for all, none of them marked. Then each person draws a gift, examines it and trades among the members of the family until each receives a suitable present.

HOLLAND

In Holland they play a guessing and hunting game when it comes to passing out Christmas gifts. They put small gifts into enormous packages, hide large gifts in remote parts of the house, and use other more ingenious devices for hiding the gifts including the imbedding of them in sausages. The fun of course, is not only in the finding of the presents but also in guessing what they might be.

GERMANY

The Germans have a similar game but with a different twist. They wrap a gift and put a person's name on it. Then they wrap it again with still another person's name on it. This goes on until the package is quite large. Then when it comes to the unwrapping ceremony, each person expectantly unwraps, until finally there are no more "addressees" and the gift reaches its intended destination.

MEXICO

Mexican children do not hang stockings at fireplaces, as there are few in this tropical country. Thus the giving of gifts and goodies for children is surrounded by the custom of breaking the pinata (pronounced pin-yata). The pinata is a large earthenware pot, around which paper figures of birds, animals and even boats are created. The pot is then filled with gifts, cakes, candy and other good things. The filled pinata is hung by a rope from a rafter, and the children gather beneath it blindfolded. At a signal the children, armed with sticks, strike out at where they think the pinata is, break it and the goodies come tumbling down; at which point the scrabble begins.

THE PHILIPPINES

The Philippines, predominantly Catholic, start their Christmas on December 16th and climax eight days of Mass worship at 3 a.m. with midnight services held at Christmas Eve. That is the signal for the fireworks, the exchanging of gifts, caroling and general merrymaking to begin. The final Christmas festivities come to a conclusion January 6th, which is the date of the visit of the three kings of the East.

CHINA

The Chinese do not believe in the meaning of Christmas, yet they follow our customs closely without any religious themes. That doesn't stop them from having a merry time.

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA,

I am four, and I want a horse and two guns, some cars and trucks and what ever you want to give me.
Love,
Bennie Ray Odom

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I want a G I Joe for Christmas. I like Christmas very much. I like candy just the same. I will be happy with what I get. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
Love,
Larry Rasco

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I love you very much. Will you please bring me a baby doll lying in a bed. And I want a rocking chair. I love you, Santa Claus.
From Candy Lee Tinner
Box 384
Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA,
Please remember the poor children who don't have much money. I would like a doll.
Love,
Sylvia

DEAR SANTA,

I am six and will be seven about Christmas. I want two guns and some sweets and what ever else you have.
Travis

DEAR SANTA,

I would like a table and chair set and a set of dishes for Christmas. Please remember all the other girls and boys.
Robin Drewry

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I am eight and I want a baby doll and anything else you want to bring me.
Bobby Odom



It's that time of year . . . when winter spreads its mantle over the countryside . . . when thoughts turn to friendships old and new, and good wishes are sent your way!

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...goodwill to men. May this Christmas bring the peace that all the world yearns for.

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"and on earth peace, good will toward men"

"Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding — that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified —

that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them —

that each hour may bring us closer to final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses — that the true Spirit of this Christmas Season, its joys, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith, may live among us —

that the blessings of peace be ours, the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence"



May this message convey to you our best wishes for a Christmas that will long be remembered by you and yours.

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GLENN McWILLIAMS, Mgr.

Precious Gifts Of Perfume & Gold Based On Biblical Lore

The Bible relates that the first gifts the Christ Child received from the Three Wise Men were gold, frankincense and myrrh. That is the way the story is related in the Book of Matthew.

To the modern world there is no mystery about the value of a gift of gold. Yet in ancient times, this precious metal was only possessed by kings and very rich men. Thus, the gift was especially precious — one fit for a King.

The other gifts were rare and precious as well. However in today's world, little

is known of these substances even though they are still in use.

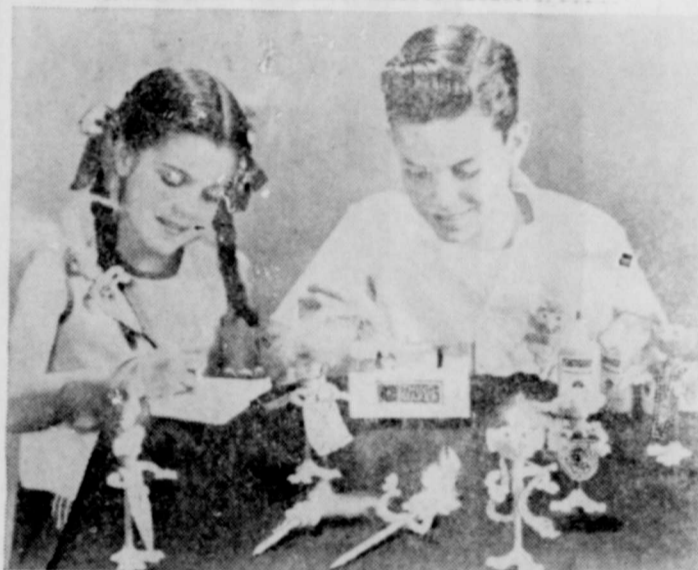
Since St. Matthew says that the Three Wise Men were from the east, it is assumed that the gold they brought with them for the infant Jesus came from the mines of Indian Mysore.

Frankincense, or olibanum, is a resin obtained from the bark of trees which grow on bare rock in the mountains of southern Asia and northeast Africa. Once upon a time it was used as a medicine. Today it is principally used as incense in Catholic

churches, Indian and Chinese temples.

Myrrh is a gum resin also obtained from the bark of trees which grow in Africa and Arabia. Since early times it has been used as a base for perfume and incense — and is still so used commercially today.

Thus it is the same today as it was in Biblical times when gifts of gold or perfume are made to loved ones. The gold perhaps isn't as precious nor as rare as it was when the Three Wise Men travelled to Bethlehem, but the idea behind the gift of gold, as well as perfume based with frankincense or myrrh, is the same.



FUN FOR KIDS . . . Make-and-play toys are high on the youngsters' gift lists this holiday season. One such unit enables kids to make all sorts of creepy people and things, using a plastic liquid that is heated and poured into a mold. The heating unit is UL-approved.



Throughout the Christian world, Christmas is THE holiday, universally celebrated, universally recognized.

Probably no library in the world could house the volume of material that is written about this great holiday in a single season.

Because so much has been written — and will again be written this holiday season — we must consider it remarkable that the story of the Nativity has continued a simple and unaffected narrative — "For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son."

Traditions and customs are subject to the changing times. Yet, amid the laughter and festivities, whatever carols are sung, however gifts are exchanged, there remains forever unaffected the simple story of the birth at Bethlehem. This is the story of Christmas — an event which took place nearly 2,000 years ago — the birth of a Redeemer and the promise of eternal salvation.

Through centuries of translation, of telling and re-telling, the meaning of Christmas remains simple and universal. Christmas is the birthright of every man.

DEAR SANTA,

I want a Heidi and a set of walkie talkies. My sister, Brenda, wants a guitar.

Santa, please bring all the other girls and boys what they want and have a Merry Christmas yourself.

Love,
Susan Payne

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I am two years old this month. I would like very much for you to bring me some pants and a gun and a green car. I love you very much Santa.

From:
Little Mike Lee Tinner
Box 384
Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA,

I have been a good boy. I would like very very much for you to bring me some pants and a pop-gun. I would like to have two little guns with caps. Will you please bring me a B-B gun?

I love you, Santa Claus.
Curtis Lee Tinner
Box 384
Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I have been a good boy and I am nine years old. I go to school every day.

I want a B-B gun for Christmas. Goodbye, Santa, I will be glad when Christmas Eve comes.

Yours truly,
Sammy Lee Tinner
Box 384
Silverton, Texas

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA,

I would like a big teddy bear and some new rattlers. I can't help but be a good boy since I'm only nine months old, so fill my stocking with "all day suckers" and anything else you'd think I liked.

Kenny Garvin

DEAR SANTA,

I'm six years old, and would like a doll and maybe a record player. Please remember all the other boys and girls and their wishes for Christmas.

Rieta Sue Garvin

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I want a doll and crib and buggy and purse, and I want Susy Homemaker and clothes and some dishes.

I am seven years old.
Marsha Yancey

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I would like to have a work bench, please sir.

If you do not mind, I would like to have a globe, please sir.

Your friend,
Brent Bean

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I want a Cassie Twist 'n Turn doll. I have tried to be good, and I nearly always have been. Could you please send a few accessories?

Yours truly,
Linda Hardin

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

Amen.



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Blessings of the SEASON

With the coming of this glorious holy time, the world reawakens to His message of peace and love for everyone.



BROWN - McMURTRY IMPLEMENT



THE NATIVITY — What has been called the world's most realistic representation of The Nativity, the three-dimensional, life-size scene at Gatlinburg's Christ Gardens (Gatlinburg, Tennessee) is shown from several angles. At upper left, Joseph and Mary gaze serenely into the manger-cradle of the newborn King. At upper right, a close-up view of one of the wise men kneeling in the stable before the manger where the baby Jesus lies shows the remarkable detail, both of the figure and of the colorful, authentic costuming. While below, the full scene is shown, with the three wise men at right and four shepherds in center. Three sheep add realism to the scene, and a tiny lamb lies on the straw near the manger. A rarity among Nativity scenes in that it is on display not just at Christmas, but throughout the year, the Christ Gardens Nativity has been viewed by many hundreds of thousands of people from all 50 states and scores of foreign countries.

Gatlinburg's Nativity Scene

Christmas every day of the year is the dream of many youngsters. And there is at least one place in the nation — Gatlinburg, Tennessee — where the spirit of Christmas, as represented by what has been called the world's most realistic Nativity scene, is experienced by hundreds of thousands of people, not just in December, but all through the year.

This famous scene is part of Gatlinburg's Christ Gardens, and it is unique in many ways. Portraying the First Christmas with startling realism, the life-sized, three-dimensional representation sets the mood for an entire tour which visitors may take through a series of important scenes from the life of Christ.

Ronald S. Ligon, director of Christ Gardens, which is non-denominational, explains that the appeal of the Nativity scene is demonstrated by the fact that while visitors to the gardens are relatively few during the month of December, there is always a substantial increase during Christmas week.

The scene, he points out, was designed to portray the biblical story of the First Christmas in the way most familiar to all, and consequently it has a few intentional inconsistencies. Joseph and Mary are shown at the manger, while four shepherds and three wise men stand and kneel nearby in the stable area.

Three sheep — real ones, incidentally, mounted by a taxidermist — stand nearby, and a tiny lamb lies next to the manger. Real straw covers the floor, real wooden beams form the roof structure and claytype walls carry through the realism of the setting.

The staffs in the hands of the shepherds are actual shepherds' crooks. Bluish light predominates, and rays from above shine through a window down upon the manger, as if from the Star in the East. Hanging over the side of the manger is a garment representing the swaddling clothes in which the baby Jesus was

wrapped. Mary is garbed in the traditional blue.

Technically, Mr. Ligon explains, the wise men from the East would not have reached Bethlehem soon enough to be included in the Christmas scene, but the familiar portrayal shows the three there, with gifts of gold, myrrh and frankincense. Their presence, he said, is illustrative of the sacrifice each has made to give up his worldly possessions and travel a great distance to worship the new King.

The shepherds, in fields closer to Bethlehem, made what was for them an equally great sacrifice in leaving their flocks to go to the stable where Christ was born. The four figures in the scene represent all the shepherds who may have made this journey.

Mr. Ligon points out that an excellent indication of the success of this representation of the Nativity is the fact that young children immediately recognize it.

The figures in the scene were crafted by the world-famous Gems, Ltd., of London, producer of waxworks for three quarters of a century, and the scene was designed by Deroy Displays of Canada. Costumes for the figures were made by the eminent London firm of B. J. Simmons, from fabric woven in the lands where the figures wearing the costumes were supposed to have lived.

Complementing the Nativity scene is appropriate music — the familiar carol "Silent Night," sung by the Christ Gardens Choir, under the direction of Dr. Cyrus Daniel, head of the Music Department at Vanderbilt University.

Dear Santa

DEAR MR. CLAUS,
I hope you are well this Christmas.

Will you please bring me a Tubsy-Doll and a Nurse's kit? I'll try my best to be in my bed asleep, and will ya come in and love me and say "Ho-Ho-Ho"? I'll leave a Coke and some cookies for your refreshments.

I would also like to have just a whole bunch of stuff! Maybe that's being kind of selfish so perhaps I should ask you to be extra kind to all the little orphan boys and girls and to all the children who are sick.

Please remember my grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, horses and cats.

Don't forget the Weavers may have their granddaughter, Shonda, with them during the holidays. You might ought to bring her and Teddy Mack some ear plugs.

I've tried to be nice this year, but since I've had my tonsils out, I surely have had lots of extra energy.

Please tell Mrs. Claus "hello" and "thank you" for taking such good care of you.

Thank you, Sir,
Cynthia Ann Edwards

DEAR SANTA,

How are you? Fine, I hope. I have tried very hard to be a good boy this year.

I would like for you to bring me for Christmas a gun and a little bike.

And please bring Dwaine and Susie what they want.

They have been good, too.

Thank you, Santa,
Merry Christmas,
Jason Stafford

DEAR SANTA,
Please remember the poor children who don't have much money. I would like a Barbi doll.

Love,
Ruth Rasco

DEAR SANTA,

Please remember the poor children who don't have much money. I would like a bike.

Love,
Mark Klein

DEAR SANTA,

Hi, my name is Buddy. I

am three years old. I would like it very much if you would bring me some toys. Bring my brother, Butch, some things, too. Thank you. I love you.

Buddy Pitchford
P. S. We'll leave you some cookies and milk Christmas Eve.

DEAR SANTA,

Please remember the poor children who don't have much money. I would like a gun.

Love,
Earl Jarrett

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I am a little boy five years old and have tried to be real good this year.

Please bring me a Johnny Express truck, some skates,

and maybe a football suit. Please don't forget about the other little children.

Merry Christmas!
Love,
Greg Hill

DEAR SANTA,

Please remember the poor children who don't have much money.

I would like a bike.
Love,
Rodney

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I am a little boy two years old, and would love to have a Mattel O Phene and maybe a car or truck for Christmas. Merry Christmas to you, Santa!

Love,
Monroe Hill

GREETINGS



TO OUR MANY GOOD FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Time to shovel the walk and enjoy the crisp, cold air of winter... time to think about those we know and like and those we've enjoyed serving in the past. We are grateful for your patronage, and as the Christmas season approaches, we want to extend to you and yours the very best of holidays, in every way.

Plainview Production Credit Ass'n

Dee McWilliams

Brenda Patton



They Followed the Star of Bethlehem

... and found a message of Love. May you and yours find this same message in the joys of the Christmas season, 1967.

SILVERTON AUTO PARTS
Varah and H. A. Cagle

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA CLAUS, I am four years old and really looking forward to your visit Christmas Eve. Please bring me a rifle, a Give-a-Show Projector, and a construction set. Oh yes, please don't forget to fill our socks.
Love,
Michael Hill

DEAR SANTA CLAUS, My name is Tonya Meason. I have been a very sweet little girl this year. I would like it very much if

you would bring me an Easy Bake Oven and a Baby Tubsy. I will be real good from now till Christmas. I will look for you in all the stores from now till Christmas. Be careful Christmas night.
Love you,
Tonya Meason

DEAR SANTA, Will you please bring me a Francie, a Beddy-Bye Biddle, some high heels for Francie, and some surprises. Thank you for the things I got last year. I am trying to be good so I won't get a bundle of swit-

ches. We have our tree up so you can find our house. Please remember all the other children at Christmas. Thank you,
Patti Perkins

DEAR SANTA, I want a hool - hup and some dishes. I want a doll. Her name is Barbie All American. I will leave you some coffee and cake. I love you cause you bring all the little children toys.
Love,
Karen

DEAR SANTA, Please remember the poor children who don't have much money. I would like a Barbi Doll.
Love,
Karen Ziegler

DEAR SANTA, Will you please bring me a Soapy - Diddle, a Casey and some high heels for her, a knitting machine and anything else you can find. If you don't don't have a Soapy-Diddle, bring me a Florence Niddle.
I am in the second grade and am making good grades.

We will see you when you come to town.
Love,
Becky Perkins

DEAR SANTA, Please remember the poor little children who don't have much money. I would like a ball.
Love,
Gary Sims

DEAR SANTA, Please remember the poor children who don't much money. I would like a bike.
Love,
Kirk



Giving gifts during the Christmas season is a custom that most of us enjoy. Some of us even become reckless and spend more than we should for a particular gift merely because it seems the "perfect" item for a special individual.

In ancient times and places, gift giving was sometimes compulsory. Roman emperors demanded Yuletide gifts of clothing, gold and silver from their subjects. So, it is said, did the kings and queens of medieval England.

Long before the birth of Christ, Romans exchanged gifts of laurel, olive and myrtle branches, in conjunction with the Saturnalia, a pagan festival which occurred about the same time as the present date of Christmas.

The Druids of England and Northern Europe tied gifts on trees during the festival observing the winter solstice.

Gift giving today does not take the form of appeasement; it reflects the spirit of kind-hearted generosity.

It is a safe bet that even those who cry out that "Christmas is becoming too commercial" have their own special gift list.



According to legend, the Christmas tree custom began when St. Boniface, a missionary in Germany during the 8th Century, adorned an evergreen in tribute to the Christ child and substituted the tree for some of the symbols used in pagan rites.

You can take your pick as to when the Christmas tree became popular in the United States. Some researchers say Hessian soldiers brought the tree custom with them to this country during the time of the Revolutionary War.

It has been established that Harvard University's first German professor, Charles Follen, decorated a tree for his son as early as 1832. A description of the tree was recorded in Harriet Martineau's book, "Retrospect of Western Travel." She described "an evening spent decorating the tree with gilded egg shells, wax paper bags filled with lozenges and barley sugar."

In 1847, researchers note, August Ingard of Wooster, Ohio, decorated a small spruce for his nieces and nephews.

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As the Wise Men did on that first Christmas long ago, let us rejoice anew at the miracle of God's love for us.

HOUSE CHEVROLET CO.

Jimmie House

Silverton, Texas

Highway 86

Small Appliance May Be Good Gift

A small electrical appliance is an excellent gift — if it is something the recipient needs and will use.

It's a good buy if it is adequate in size and durable in construction. It should be easy to clean, and immersible. It should also bear the Underwriters Laboratories seal of approval, both on cord and appliance.

If it is a good buy, it will also carry a warranty or guarantee.

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

The origin of many Christmas customs can be traced back to prehistoric times. Some Pagan customs were modified to fit into the Christian observances. But, as official Christian Holidays, Christmas and New Year's had a long struggle to become firmly established.

WHY?

Dr. Clement Clarke Moore was ashamed of his poem, very famous, "Night Before Christmas" and would not acknowledge that he wrote it for more than twenty years.

BE GRATEFUL

For how many more Christmases will the world be waiting for peace on earth to ALL men? This we do not know. We can though; be grateful for the true meaning of Christmas.

Be grateful to mankind's greatest gift, the birth of the Christ Child. Be grateful for His birthday, knowing that the spirit of good will on Christmas becomes the motto of all men.

FOR YOUR TABLE

Decorators say that your table arrangements should be kept as low as possible. In this way conversation across the table is possible without dodging heads back and forth.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

St. Francis of Assisi is credited with making popular the Christmas Nativity scene. He is also author of a prayer inspired by the Christmas spirit:

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born in Eternal Life.

FOR SHUT-INS

A good gift for a shut-in could be a flowering plant. The miracle of blooming plants adds a special touch to the holiday season. A plant expresses your message with feeling and meaning.

After the holidays have passed your gift remains as a pleasant reminder to someone that you are thinking of them.

BLOCKS TO BUILD

A pre-school child likes toys he can put together or build. Blocks are an all time favorite.

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

Torrington, Connecticut, erects for its children in December a Christmas village, where Santa and his elves work on toys, surrounded by shelves loaded with gifts. Santa chats with the youngsters and provides each one with a gift.

His sleigh and reindeer are likewise an attraction and include Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer. The Nativity scene with the Holy Family is lighted by a Star of Bethlehem.



May the Star of Bethlehem lead you to the Christ Child as it led the Wise Men long ago.

ASHEL McDANIEL TEXACO
Ashel, Mildred and John



Presenting the program for a Friendship Tea sponsored by L. O. A. Junior Study Club last week were Mrs. Randall Eddleman, president of the hostess club; Mrs. Edwin Dickerson, president of Century of Progress Study Club; Mrs. J. V. Self, vice-president of March of Time Study Club, and Mrs. Joe Kitchens, corresponding secretary of L. O. A. Junior Study Club. Highlights from each of the local clubs and foreign clubs were featured.

CHRISTMAS TROUBLE

BY MARY HANNAH

It was shortly after the turn of the century. My trade was that of a drummer. My territory was determined by fancy and, sometimes, by a weatherbeaten horse named Napoleon. Whichever fork of the road suited Napoleon, suited me. Napoleon huffed and puffed along, pulling a wagon load of pots and pans and assorted dry goods. I let him go his way until we came to a lane that led toward a promising farm house.

I had learned, through the years, to make it my business to let darkness catch me only in the vicinity of some sort of habitat which offered the promise of warmth and comfort for the passing of night.

On this particular occasion, which just happened to be Christmas Eve, I was in unfamiliar territory, somewhere in southern Mississippi: A broken wagon axle had brought Napoleon to a sudden, groaning halt. I set the animal free while I set about seeing what I could do to make repairs.

I was in unfamiliar territory on Christmas Eve. As you may imagine, it took me a long time, even though I hurried as fast as I could, spurred on by dark and ominous skies that threatened—even promised a siege of bad weather.

When I had finished with the job—you guessed it—Napoleon was gone. He was nowhere in sight.

I ran up the road, shouting, whistling, until I was forced to sit and rest. I returned to the wagon and looked in the forest on each side of the road. But, Napoleon was gone—and the rain which began slowly at first, came now in torrential fashion.

I hastily pulled a tarpaulin over my wares, and myself. For a time, I was dry and warm. Then water seeped around the edges of the tarpaulin . . . a trickle or two at first, then a steady stream, down the side boards and across the wagon bed until I was thoroughly wet.

It was an hour or two before dark when I decided to look up the road for help or assistance, knowing full well it might be 10 or 15 miles to the nearest sign of civilization.

I had not gone far when I met him. He was an old fellow, white-bearded and dressed in tattered clothing, ambling toward me as if it were the brightest day in May. At his heels, following nonchalantly, a very nondescript mule.

"My name is Karl," he said. "And my friend, here, is Dancer."

"Hello," I said. "Have you seen a horse up ahead?"

"Not horse, nor human, for miles. Dancer and me, we're just headed home."

"I need help," I pleaded. "Shelter for the night, or I'll buy your mule. I have a wagon load of supplies and . . ."

"Dancer will gladly help. But, he's not for sale. He is much too valuable to me."

"Then, you'll go with me to the next house or town?"

"Not I. I have things to do. Dancer will take you. Just set him free when you are there. He will come back to me."

One learns, as they say, to never look a gift mule in the mouth. I hitched up Dancer, bid farewell to old Karl and, after he refused any compensation, started again up the road.

When I reached the next community, Napoleon was waiting patiently. The moment I set Dancer free, off he was, back along the road we had just traveled.

Maybe there's nothing unusual about my story. Except for the fact that no one in the community had ever heard or seen an old man fitting Karl's description. And, in the many later years I traveled the same location, I could never discover or learn anything about him.

I wonder if he had something to do with the Spirit of Christmas.

Shelter

Chinese New Year

In ancient China, the observance of the New Year lasted not a day, but for 15 days. Festivities began on the first day of the new moon and were climaxed two weeks later by "Teng Chieh," the Feast of Lanterns.

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA, How are you doing? Fine, I hope. I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I want a doll and an Easy Bake Oven and a hoola hoop for Christmas. Tell your helpers hello, too. I don't have very much to say. Love always, Lajoyce

DEAR SANTA CLAUS, I am nine. I want a baby doll and some dishes and anything you want to bring. Hellem D'Louis Odom

DEAR SANTA CLAUS, I am five years old. I have been a good girl. I want a baby doll and a stove. Please bring me some new shoes for Christmas. Love, James Croft

I love you, Santa. From Levett Tinner Box 384 Silvertown, Texas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS, I am five years old. I have been a good girl. I want a baby doll and an ice box. Please bring me some shoes for Christmas. I love you, Santa. From Gloria Tinner Box 384 Silvertown, Texas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS, I want a long-horned bicycle and I want a gun. I also want an electric race track for Christmas. I would also like to have a bow and arrow set. This is all I can think of. If you have anything I might like, go ahead and bring it. Love, James Croft

DEAR SANTA, I am a little girl four years old and I have been a part of the time, anyway. Please bring me a Crawl-Along doll. Please remember Suzie Dwain, my cousins. I love you, Julie Maples

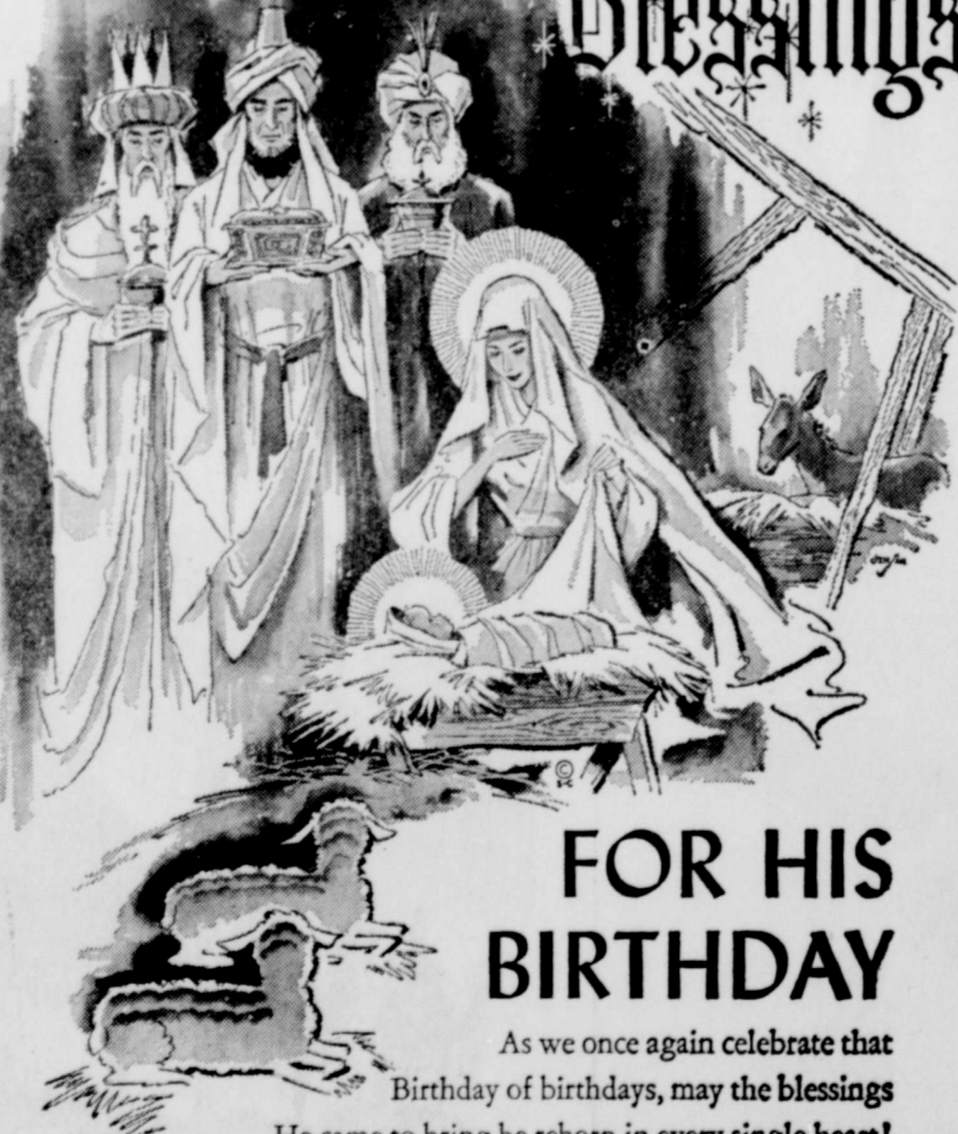
DEAR SANTA CLAUS, I would like a piano and a doll and a baby bed. Christmas. Ruth Rasco

DEAR SANTA, What I want for Christmas more than anything else is that a bunch of people don't go to church much more would get started again. Do you reckon you can help on this? Sincerely, Hardy Cole



With thanks to our many friends we say A Happy Holiday. B&B FOOD STORE

Christmas Blessings



FOR HIS BIRTHDAY

As we once again celebrate that Birthday of birthdays, may the blessings He came to bring be reborn in every single heart!

DANNY DIACONE
MID-PLAINS
RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

To our many friends and customers, a VERY MERRY Christmas



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Farris W. Marlin, manager

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