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All Around the Town

by Mary Ann Sarchet

World's Meanest Mother

She recalled the painful years when she was growing up. "I had the meanest mother in the whole world," this anonymous person wrote. "While other kids ate candy for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs and toast. When others had Coke and candy for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich. As you can guess, my dinner was different from other kids.

"My mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. She insisted that if we said we'd be gone for an hour, that we would be gone one hour or less.

"I am ashamed to admit it, but she actually had the nerve to break the child labor law. She made us work! We had to wash all the dishes, make beds, learn to cook and all sorts of cruel things. I believe she lay awake nights thinking up mean things to do to us.

"None of this tooting the horn of a car for us to come running. She embarrassed us no end by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us. I forgot to mention, while my friends were dating at the mature age of 12 and 13, my old-fashioned mother refused to let me date until I was 15 and 16.

"My mother was a complete failure as a mother. None of us has ever been arrested, or beaten a mate. Each of my brothers served his time in the service of his country. And whom do we have to blame for this terrible way we turned out? You're right, our mean mother.

"Look at all the things we missed. We never got to take part in a riot, burn draft cards and a million and one things that our friends did. She made us grow up into God-fearing, educated, honest adults.

"Using this as a background, I am trying to raise my children. I stand a little taller and I am filled with pride when my children call me mean. You see, I thank God He gave me the meanest mother in the whole world."

From this, I would say the country doesn't need a 5-cent cigar; it needs more "mean" mothers... and dads.

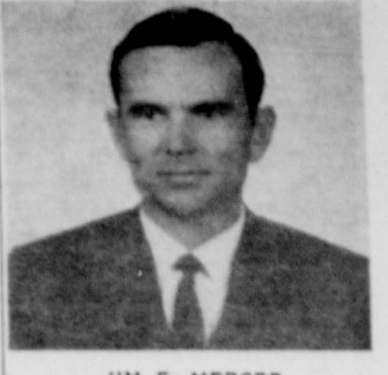
It has been called to my attention in the past few days that the celebration of Christmas, like Halloween, is actually of pagan origin—that for various reasons December 25 couldn't possibly be the actual date of the birth of Christ.

This may be true; I'm not an authority on the subject, and I don't want to argue the point. But I would like to say that even a symbolic celebration of the birth of Christ cannot be anything but good. Regardless of a person's faith, any seasonal celebration which causes even a few people to recall the birth of Jesus; which brings a softening of hearts and a gladdening of spirits, and which brings people together for special song and worship services cannot be anything but good.

If a person tells me that he does not believe in Christmas, I silently regret that he has missed the things which have meant so much to me at Christmas, but I respect his right to his belief and hope he offers me the same courtesy. This does not dim my appreciation of Christmas. If at this holiday season nothing more was accomplished than bringing relatives together who had been absent from the family group since the last Christmas, then it has been worthwhile. It is not good for families to grow apart.

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JIM E. MERCER

Selected To Attend Research Conference

Jim E. Mercer, 5302 Willowbend, Houston, a former Silvertown resident, has recently been notified of his selection by the University of Texas Dental Branch research committee to attend the Dental Students Conference on Research in Washington, D. C. February 27-28 and March 1, 1969.

Purpose of the conference will be to acquaint a selected group of dental students with the possibilities open to them in dental research, to inform them of the various educational opportunities available for the preparation of a career in dental research and to present an opportunity for the students to visit research facilities to become acquainted with dental scientists. One freshman or sophomore student is selected from each of the participating dental schools in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

Mercer's selection to represent his school was influenced by the fact that he worked last summer as a research assistant in the Department of Dental Materials and Physics on a new type of silver filling material. At the end of the summer, he made a progress report to the Houston Chapter of the International Dental Research Association.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Mercer of Silvertown, he will be expected to make the information obtained during the conference available to other students and faculty members on his return to Houston. A second-year dental student, he is the father of two sons, Kent and Jett. His wife, Nadine, teaches in the Houston schools.

Hugh Nance returned home on Tuesday after having been a surgical patient in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for several weeks.

DeLynn Fitzgerald, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Fitzgerald, was a patient in the Plainview Hospital Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Beth Martin of Tulla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McWilliams, has been a surgical patient in the Plainview Hospital.

Owls, Owlettes Win Second Place Trophies In Tournament

Silvertown's Owls and Owlettes both lost their bids for the championships of the Silvertown Invitational Basketball Tournament last weekend, the girls being defeated by a two-point margin. The teams were presented second-place trophies.

First place was won by the Estelline girls and the Hedley boys. Winners of third-place awards were the teams from Flomot. The consolation bracket was won by the Kress teams.

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS
Named to the girls All-Tournament team were Jackie Pigg, Susie Gilbert and Pam Morris of Flomot; Sally Case and Kathy Wedge of Turkey; Judy Rick of Kress; Ann Rapp, Chalon Hoover and Brenda Bragg of Estelline; Kathy Self, Jereldene Weathered and Evelyn Wood of Silvertown.

Selected for the boys All-Tournament team were Leon Ward and Johnnie Hill of Hedley; Alvie Calvert of Flomot; Mike King of Turkey; Max Newnan of Dimmitt; David Hart of Kress; Ronnie Welling of Matador; Thurman May, Bob Hutsell and Jimmy Walker of Silvertown.



ALL TOURNAMENT PLAYERS—Members of the Owlettes and Owls who were named to the All-Tournament Teams here Saturday night were Jereldene Weathered, Kathy Self, Evelyn Wood, Jimmy Walker, Thurman May and Bill Hutsell. Both teams placed second in the tournament.

Choirs To Present Christmas Program

The combined choirs of the First Baptist Church in Silvertown will present a special Christmas program Sunday, December 22, at 6:00 p.m.

Wayne Logan, music director, will direct the presentation.

Young Farmers Plan Second Turkey Shoot

Silvertown Young Farmers met Thursday, December 12 at 7:30 a.m. at the City Cafe for breakfast, and Calvin Shelton presided over the business meeting.

A Turkey Shoot will be held on Saturday, December 21, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Silvertown Gun Club range. Joe Lee Bomar is in charge of the hams and turkeys to be given as prizes.

Friday, December 20, the club's annual Christmas dinner will be held for the Young Farmers and guests. Games will be played following the meal.

Area I Field Lot Tour will be on Thursday and Friday, February 4 and 5, at the Silvertown Gun Club range.

Members attending the meeting were Joe Bomar, G. W. Chappell, Dwain Henderson, Robert H. Hill, Guinn Fitzgerald, Jimmy Myers, Alton Riddell, Shelton and Wayne Stephens.

DORCUS CLASS HAS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The Dorcus Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met Tuesday morning in the home of Mrs. Leavie Criswell for a Christmas social with each one bringing a gift for Girlstown USA at Berger and gifts for the shut-ins at the rest home in Lockney.

Mrs. Hutsell gave the devotional, "The Story of Christ," from Isaiah 7-14. Georgia Allard gave the opening prayer and Christmas carols were sung. A reading and poems were given.

Mrs. Garvin dismissed the meeting. Refreshments were served to Mmes. Manemma Hutsell, Blanche Newman, Opal Hyatt, Ruby Garvin, Minnie Thompson, Stella McJimsey, and the hostess, Leavie Criswell. Guests were Mrs. Jennie Fisher, Mrs. Alma Brannon, Mrs. Belle Olive, Betty Olive and Mrs. Allard.

Favor Market Quota Referenda

Ballots cast in the cotton and peanut quota referenda were counted Wednesday, December 11, 1968, by the Briscoe ASC County Committee.

A total of 388 ballots were tabulated in the upland cotton referendum. Three hundred and sixty-seven ballots, 95% of the votes cast, favored marketing quotas while 21, or 5%, voted against marketing quotas.

Peanut growers approved peanut marketing quotas 100%. A total of 10 votes were cast.

ENTERTAIN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS AT PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cornett entertained the Young Adult Class of the Silvertown Church of Christ at a dinner and "42" party Sunday night. The home was decorated for Christmas, adding to the festive atmosphere.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Champ McGavock, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Rowell, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Strange, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fleming, Jim Meyers, Dan Neal and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cranford.

Special Christmas Service Is Planned

A special Christmas Day worship service is being planned by the First Baptist Church, to begin at 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday, December 25.

The service will be dismissed at 10:30 a.m. A program of Christian hymns and worship is planned, with a special sermon by the pastor, Rev. C. H. Murphy, Jr.

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend the Christmas Day service, according to Rev. Murphy.

Some Silvertown businesses have announced plans to observe a two-day Christmas holiday, on Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26.

Some Businesses To Close Two Days

They are House Chevrolet, City Cafe, Bud's Grocery & Market, Hunt's Barber Shop, Tiffin's Department Store, Brown Hardware, Nance's Food Store, City Hall and Jack's Pharmacy.

To observe a one-day holiday on Wednesday are Salem Dry Goods, First State Bank, Thompson Implement and Brown-McMurry Implement.

The Briscoe County News will be closed Wednesday through Sunday.

Flomot 55, Matador 33

Pam Morris dumped in 25 points to lead the Flomot scoring. Her teammates, Susie Gilbert and A. Hunter each scored 13 points. Brenda Bailey scored 25 points for Matador.

Silvertown 46, Kress 33

Evelyn Wood dumped in a big 30 points for the Owlettes to lead the scoring for Silvertown. Diana Strange netted 12 points. Vicki Temoine scored 13 points for Kress, followed by Judy Rick, with 10.

Dimmitt B-team 39, Hedley 37

Cynthia Henderson led her team to victory by scoring 20 points for the Bteam Bobbies. Debbie Beams scored 12 points. Coral George caged 25 points for Hedley.

Estelline 31, Turkey 25

Hoover led the Estelline attack by scoring 17 points. Judy Rapp was credited with 10 points. Sally Case scored 19 points for Turkey, followed by Kathy Wedge with 6.

Kress 43, Matador 34

J. Rick netted 13 points for Kress, followed by Smith, with 12 and Mary Hart, with 10. Smallwood caged 15 points for Matador, while Bartin scored 10.

Silvertown 50, Flomot 37

Evelyn Wood scored 26 points for the Owlettes, with Diana Strange contributing 16 and Paula Birdwell getting 8. Susie Gilbert made 13 for Flomot and Pam Morris caged 12.

Saturday, Finals CONSOLATION

Kress 46, Dimmitt 21

Sherry Smith led the scoring for Kress with 19 points. Rich scored 11 and Vineyard made 10 points.

C. Henderson led the scoring for Dimmitt, with 8 points. Her teammates, Debbie Beams and P. Kenmore, tied with 4 points each.

THIRD PLACE

Flomot 56, Turkey 45

Pam Morris dumped in 23 points for Flomot while Susie Gilbert added 21 for the winners. Wedge caged 25 for Turkey, followed by Case, with 14.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Estelline 21, Silvertown 19

Chalon Hoover and Jan Rapp tied with 9 points each as Estelline captured first-place honors in the tournament.

The Owlette forwards had a bad night, with Diana Strange and Evelyn Wood scoring 7 points each, and Paula Birdwell caging 5 points.

BOYS DIVISION GAMES

Thursday

Dimmitt B-team 65, Estelline 37

Newman led the scoring for the Dimmitt B-team squad with 16 points. LaBadie and Bradford tied with 12 points each.

Monty Longbine led the scoring for Estelline with 17 points.

Hedley 57, Turkey 43

Leon Ward caged 18 points and Johnny Hill dumped in 11 to take See BASKETBALL — CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR

Santa's visit to Silvertown Saturday afternoon was sponsored by L. O. A. Junior Study Club. Pictured with Santa is Kevin Grabbe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ed Grabbe.



LINDA SCOTT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grantham, was second runner-up in the Mr. Executive Sweetheart contest sponsored by Nu Tau Sigma sorority Friday, December 6. Thirty-four girls competed for the title and were judged on personality, beauty and graceful movement. The girls presented a style show in the tea room of downtown Dunlap's in Lubbock. Guests attending from Silvertown were Mr. and Mrs. Grantham and Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Fitzgerald. Linda graduated from Draughon's Business College in Lubbock last week.

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Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA,
 My name is Blaine, and I am four years old. I have a little brother named Barry, and he is almost two. We have been as "good" as you might expect two little boys to be—not so good at times, but we really try. I am sorry Barry has cried every time he has seen you this year. It isn't that he doesn't like you—he is just going through a "fright stage."
 I would like a parking tower and a talking book. Barry just loves Marvel the Mustang, and certainly would like to find one under the Christmas tree.
 We love you, and hope you and Mrs. Santa have a very merry Christmas. Merry Christmas to all little boys and girls everywhere.
 Blaine and
 Barry Eddleman

BASIC ENGLISH

If "gh" stands for "P" as in hiccuph;
 And if "ough" stands for "O" as in dough;
 And "phth" says "T" as in phthisis;
 And "eigh" is pronounced "A" as in neighbor;
 And if "te" stands for "T" as in gazette;
 And "eau" stands for "O" as in beau;
 Then the right way to spell "potato" should be:
 "Ghoughphtheightteau!"

A SOONER NEWSPAPER

carried an item the other day about a Methodist minister announcing his scripture at a Sunday service. He began reading, then stopped, examined his notes in a puzzled manner. "Excuse me!" he exclaimed, at last. "I'm in the wrong John!"

Mrs. Pete Chitty has been a patient in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo this week. Mrs. John Schott was in Amarillo to visit her mother Tuesday.

No present is worth having unless the giver would rather have kept it for himself.



MAINE TREAT . . . How about a hot entree for the holiday season? There are a variety of ways to prepare Maine sardines and a popular recipe is reprinted below. The little fish are rich in high-quality protein and, because they are packed in polyunsaturated oils, there seems to be no danger of increasing the cholesterol level in the blood stream.

Try Sardine Recipe For Treat

MAINE SARDINES
RAVIGOTE
 -a hot entree-

- 1-3 cup consomme or dry white wine
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1 small white onion, minced
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon minced chives salt and pepper to taste
- 3 cans (4 oz. ea.) Maine Sardines
- 1 package frozen peas cooked
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Combine consomme or wine, vinegar and onion. Simmer until reduced to about 1/3 cup liquid. Make a cream sauce by melting butter or margarine, stirring in flour and cooking until mixture bubbles. Add milk and stir until mixture thickens. Stir hot cream sauce into hot wine mixture. Simmer gently for about 4-5 minutes. Whip heavy cream very slightly to give it body and stir into sauce. Add chives. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Drain sardines and place in casserole. Pour sauce over sardines. Garnish with peas and grated cheese. Place in hot oven (450 degrees F.) for 10 minutes until cheese is bubbly.
 Yield: 4 servings.

Miss Anna Lee Anderson visited Judge and Mrs. M. G. Moreland at an Amarillo hospital early this week. Mrs. Moreland suffered a broken knee in a fall while she and Mrs. Fred Lemons were in Amarillo Saturday.

NEED A HOBBY?

Visit Sylvia's Corner at

Fogerson Lumber & Supply

DICKENS' WORK

Few names are more widely associated with Christmas than that of Charles Dickens, whose memorable Christmas stories have endeared him to millions.

One of Dickens' greatest, and least-known works was written especially for his own children. It was called "The Life of our Lord." Dickens left instructions that this work not be commercialized, and it was never publicized until some 100 years after his own death, and the death of his youngest child, Sir Henry Fielding Dickens.

Dickens' deep veneration for the lessons of the life of Christ upon earth are found in these words:

"Everybody ought to know about Him. No one ever lived who was so good, so kind, so gentle, and so sorry for people who did wrong or were in any way ill and miserable, as Hewas. "And as He is now in Heaven, where we all hope to go, and all meet each other after we are dead, and there be happy always together, you can never think what a good place Heaven is, without knowing who He was and what He did."

WOMEN PAST 21 WITH BLADDER IRRITATION Suffer Many Troubles

After 21, common Kidney or Bladder Irritations affect twice as many women as men and may make you tense and nervous from too frequent, burning or itching urination both day and night. Secondly, you may lose sleep and suffer from Headaches, Backache and feel old, tired, depressed. In such irritation, CYSTEX usually brings fast, relaxing comfort by curbing irritating germs in strong acid urine and by analgesic pain relief. Get CYSTEX at druggists. See how fast it can help you.

SHINE ORNAMENTS

Old Christmas tree ornaments can be bright and glossy. Spray them with clear lacquer from an aerosol container. The lacquer also gives them protection against breakage. Push button artificial snow is also very good for added trim to ornaments.

CHRISTMAS IN THE SUN

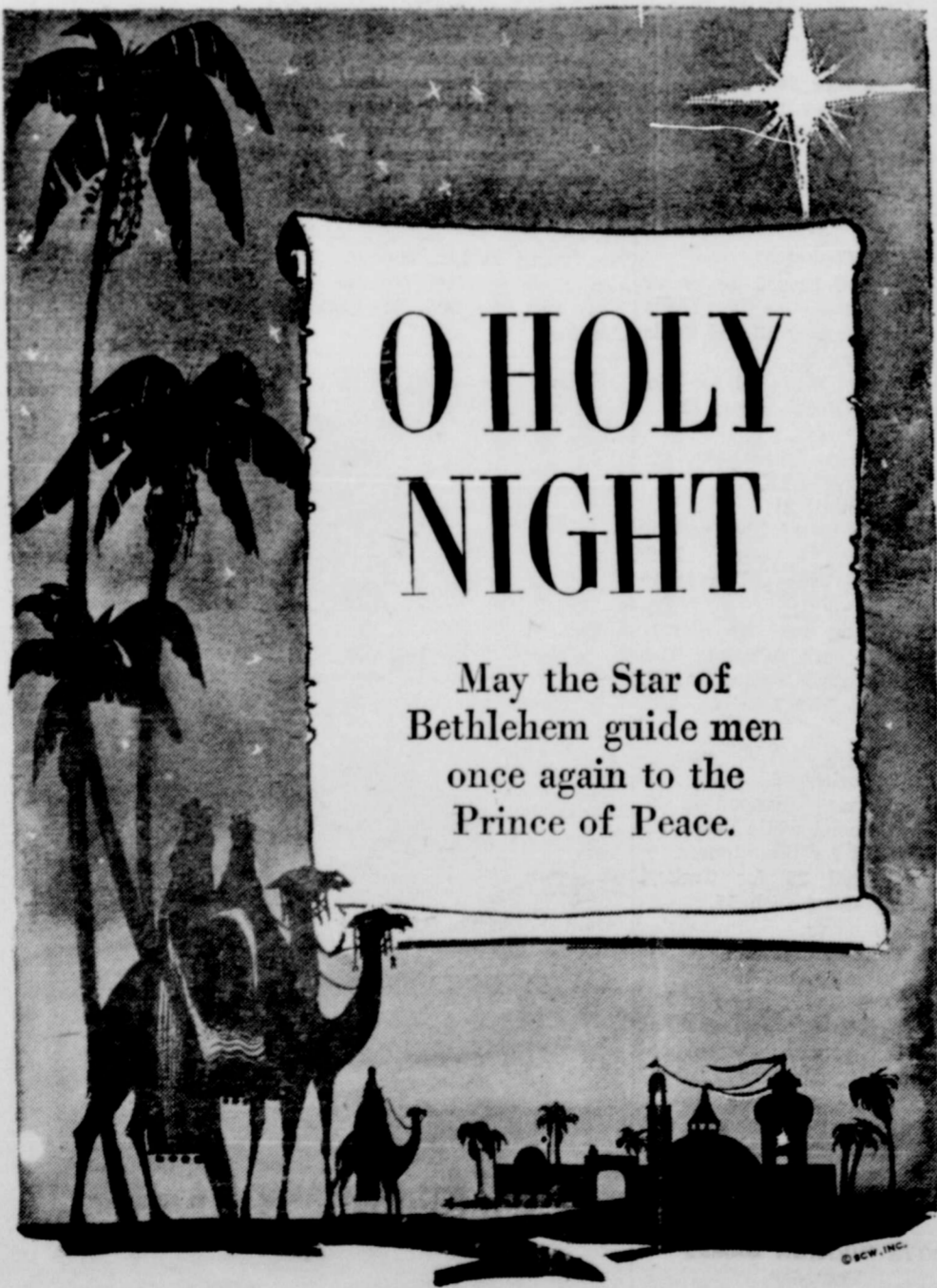
The Christmas season at winter resorts means lots of sunshine and no snow. This is strange to tourists, however the natives have a special flair for celebrating the Yul tide. Special dinners, festivals and other activities are a part of the Christmas celebration.

Christmas Gift Suggestions FOR MEN
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O HOLY NIGHT

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SILVERTON, TEXAS

Girls Win Statewide 4-H Honors, Plan Chicago Trip



Helen Matus

Texas may be full of wide-open spaces, but four young women from the south central region have brought honors to their state by staying right at home.

They are Brenda Haby, 17, of Rio Medina; Annette Hairrell, 16, of Devine; Marjorie York, 17, of Wharton, and Helen Matus, 16, of Schulenburg.

Their 4-H projects have been judged 1968 state winners by the Cooperative Extension Service, and they have been awarded all-expense-paid trips to the National 4-H Congress to be held Dec. 1-5 in Chicago.

Miss Haby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Haby, is state champion in the clothing program, sponsored by Coats & Clark Inc.

Miss Haby, who has been a 4-H member for seven years, previously had been chosen as dress revue teen queen of Medina County. She has presented demonstrations on clothing care.

She has been a junior leader for four years and has held an office in her local club for six years. Besides using her sewing skills, she has instructed her 4-H Club in food and nutrition study.

Annette Hairrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hairrell, is winner in the home economics-consumer education program, sponsored by Montgomery Ward.

An eight-year veteran of 4-H Club work, Miss Hairrell has been an office-holder for five years. She has the distinction of being the only girl in Medina County to have placed first and alternate to the district 4-H dress revue contest five times in a row.

She has won honors with her food project and through her poultry work has learned many varied ways of serving the fowl she has raised. Her swine project has helped her raise money to further her 4-H projects.

Miss Hairrell credits the consumer education side of her 4-H studies with teaching her that a low price tag does not always indicate a bargain. She has learned that good material and good animals prove well worth the money in the long run.

Marjorie York, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John York, is state winner in the achievement program, sponsored by the Ford Motor Company Fund.

Miss York has taken the 4-H Achievement project for eight years. In that time, she has made 86 garments, won 36 county blue ribbons, been awarded the dress revue medal, and received first place awards at Wharton County and district dress revues.

She has taken such projects as food preservation, horticulture, poultry, photography, electricity, soil evaluation and leadership. Miss York plans to use these experiences as background for her future career in

fashion design, in which she will major at the University of Texas.

Helen Matus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Matus, is state champion in the home management program sponsored by Tupperware.

She is an old hand at home management and won a blue ribbon at the state money management demonstration contest. She won three blue ribbons for home management project records in Lavaca County, and took first place in the district awards program. She has also received three blue ribbons for table setting, and three first place awards in the county home management awards program.

During her 4-H years, she has sewn 57 garments, raised nine beef animals, prepared 1,508 dishes and 1,832 meals. She plans to study journalism next year.



Marjorie York



Brenda Haby



Annette Hairrell

"Commitment to Responsibility" is the theme of the 4-H Congress. Delegates will stay at the Conrad Hilton, the world's largest hotel.

While in Chicago they will tour the city as well as its major museums. Among these will be the Art Institute of Chicago, the Field Museum of Natural History and the Museum of Science and Industry.

A particular treat awaits them when they hear Arthur Fiedler of the Boston Pops Orchestra conduct the world-famous Chicago Symphony Orchestra.



Practically everyone knows that jolly old St. Nick was a real-life bishop in ancient Turkey, the original Santa Claus who liked to distribute anonymous gifts. Yet, it is not so well recorded that he was also the patron saint of pickpockets, robbers, and pirates.

This oddity came about when St. Nicholas intervened to persuade a robber band to return stolen treasure. Pirates looked to St. Nick for accurate tips on the weather, even flew his supposed likeness on flags of their ships. In later years, swindlers in France were popularly referred to as the "Knights of St. Nicholas."

St. Nicholas was apparently very wealthy and exceedingly generous. The best-known gift-giving tale concerning this first Santa Claus — bags of gold secretly thrown into a house to provide three luckless daughters with dowries — is today symbolized by the sign of the pawnbroker — three gold balls.

The good bishop supposedly possessed miraculous powers. While on a voyage to the Holy Land, he calmed the waters of the sea to save a drowning sailor.

Sailors and pirates adopted him as their patron saint. Pirates even stole some of his relics from a Turkish church and took them to Bari, Italy, where a church was build for him in 1087.

Born in southern Turkey, of wealthy Greek parents, Nicholas joined the church and became bishop of Myra. It is said that he went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and was there imprisoned by Emperor Diocletian for his faith. Later released by the Christian Emperor Constantine, he returned to Myra, where he died on December 6, 342.

MISTLETOE KISS

Ancient Druids believed mistletoe was given to the goddess of love and therefore every woman passing beneath it was kissed. Today, it is popular belief that any woman who stands beneath the mistletoe invites a kiss. Some even hold that a girl kissed beneath the mistletoe will be married within a year — if she allows herself to be kissed but once for each berry on the mistletoe.

TO GIVE

Giving gifts and sending Christmas cards has become a part of our Christmas whether we like it or not. We should not object, because both can contribute to the spirit of the season. In the final analysis, we have ourselves to blame. We have become so involved in the commercial aspects of Christmas that we forget the spiritual aspects.

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FEED THE BIRDS

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Woodpeckers, nuthatches, warblers, bluejays and brown creepers are meat eaters. Cardinals, juncos and finches like vegetable seeds.



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Mrs. Tom Tillson of Matador has recently been a guest of Mrs. Ruby Elliston from Friday until Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Elliston visited in Matador last Thursday and Friday.

Greetings



To all our friends and their families. We want to wish you the merriest Christmas ever and bounty of holiday cheer.

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... THE LORD HAS COME! LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM... AND MAY HIS PEACE REIGN ON EARTH, NOW AND FOREVERMORE!

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BASKETBALL — CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

scoring honors for Hedley.

Mike King scored 13 and Rod Setliff added 12 for Turkey.

Flomot 72, Matador 51

Alvie Calvert led the scoring for Flomot with 20 points, followed by Johnny Turner, 19; Billy Green, 12, and David Hunter, 11.

R. Welling caged 23 points for Matador.

Silverton 56, Kress 53

The Owls hit 77% of their free throws as compared with a 50% record by the Kress Kangaroos as

they completed a successful first round in the tourney. Thurman May caged 16 points, while Jim Walker got 13, Bob Hutsell made 12, Paul McWilliams netted 8, and Lannie Arnold scored 7 points. David Hart scored 18 points for Kress.

Turkey 40, Estelline 31

Mike King scored 15 points for Turkey, as Rod Setliff made 12 and Rod Adamson caged 8 points. Moore scored 8 and Longbine got 6 for Estelline.

Hedley 68, Dimmitt 43

J. Hill led the scoring for Hedley with 23 points, followed by Leon Ward, with 20, and Bicken, with 13.

LaBadie and Young each scored 7 points for Dimmitt, and Vaughn and Bradford each caged 6 points.

Kress 90, Matador 65



Santa is pictured giving candy canes to Kevin and Michael McGavock, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Champ McGavock, and Tammi Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edwards, Saturday afternoon.

David Hart was the highest scoring individual for Kress with 34 points. Gary Morgon and David Cantrell each added 12, and Mike Terrell caged 11 points. Nichols scored 25 points and Welling added 21 for Matador.

Silverton 55, Flomot 49

Thurman May and Jimmy Walker tied for scoring honors for the Owls, with 17 points each. Paul McWilliams added 12.

Calvert netted 24 points, while Hunter got 8, Whitaker netted 7 and Green caged 6 points.

Saturday, Finals

CONSOLATION

Kress 72, Turkey 48

David Hart led the Kress scoring with 26 points. David Cantrell scored 16 and Mike Cariole got 10.

Rod Setliff scored 22 points for Turkey, followed by Mike King with 10.

THIRD PLACE

Flomot 77, Dimmitt 69

Alvie Calvert scored a big 25 points for Flomot, while his teammates, Johnny Turner and David Hunter, each scored 14. Billy Green got 12 and Jan Whitaker scored 10 points. LaBadie and Bradford each got

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA,

This year I would like a big drum set, and a voice control airport. I would also like a little pool table. I have been a very good boy this year. We will leave you a snack.

Your friend,
Mike Granam

Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn spent Saturday night and Sunday in Lovelland with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McMinn. Others enjoying Sunday lunch in the Henry McMinn home were their daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Jerry Stachr and Linda of Cartridge, Tennessee, and a son, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McMinn and daughters of Lubbock. Afternoon callers were Mrs. Henry McMinn's mother, Mrs. Ripley, and sister, Miss Lorree Ripley.

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Thursday, December 12, the Young Womens Class of the First Baptist Church hosted a luncheon and baby shower honoring Mrs. Wayne Stephens and Mrs. Louis Edd Grabbe. Both were presented a corsage of silver with a white baby bootie in it.

Attending were Mrs. Buck Hardin, Mrs. Jerry Miller, Mrs. Gordon Lowrey, Mrs. Fred Minyard, Mrs. Dean Rowell and the honorees.

22 points for Dimmitt.

Hedley 52, Silverton 39

Leon Ward and Johnny Hill each scored 15 points for Hedley and Shane Ricken got 13 points.

Jimmy Walker caged 16 points for the Owls, and Bob Hutsell made 10. The Owls hit 60% of their free throws as they lost to Hedley.



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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 overhead projectors for the Silverton Schools. This page donated by the Briscoe County News.



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Only Five Shopping Days Until Christmas!

by Gail Mayfield

The familiar phrase "only five shopping days until Christmas" is ringing in everyone's ears. The hustle and bustle of wrapping gifts and deciding what to give everyone has in some way become the main goal of the Christmas season. I do not think anyone has forgotten the real reason for celebrating Christmas. It is still in their minds, but with all the rush, it has gotten pushed back and temporarily overlooked.

As I see the people shopping for their Christmas gifts, I notice something is missing from some of them. Their faces seem gloomy, not at all friendly like they are supposed to be at this time of the year. I think that if these people would stop and think about why they are really celebrating Christmas and the things they have to be thankful for, their expressions might change to warmth, and joyous thoughts might fill their hearts.

Christmas has become a very special thing to me. Not because of gifts, but because at this time of the year I feel a little more enthusiastic about everything. When I remember that without Christmas our world would not exist as

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1968

LUNCHROOM MENU

DECEMBER 19
Turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, bread, butter, fruit salad and milk

DECEMBER 20
Hot dogs, potato chips, pork and beans, buttered buns and milk

It does today, I cannot help but feel a little more love to all mankind. I think of the boys in Vietnam who would love to be home with their families, but are continuing to fight for what they believe in—freedom.

As Christmas approaches, let us remember the real reason for Christmas and relate the phrase "only five more days to do your Christmas shopping" to "only five more days to recall the real meaning of Christmas and to get in the Christmas Spirit."

Owls Win Second In Home Tourney

The Silverton Owls captured the second place trophy in the tournament held here last week.

The Owls won their first two games before losing the final game to Hedley.

In the Kress game, the Owls came from behind at the half to win with a 56-53 victory. Thurman May and Jimmy Walker were the high scorers with 16 and 13 points.

The Owls upset Flomot for a second win with a 55-49 victory. May and Walker were again high point men with 17 points each.

Hedley dumped Silverton in the final game with a 52-39 victory, which put the Owls in second place. Walker and Bob Hutsell were high point men with 16 and 10 points.

Hedley took the first place trophy by beating Silverton. The Owls kept the second place trophy, and the Dimmitt B-team won the third place trophy.

Three of the Owls won Best-Player awards given in the tournament. They were Hutsell, May and Walker.

SOME CALL IT DISRESPECT; OTHERS CALL IT LOVE

by Roy Garrison
Last week I was "corrected" by a teacher when I called one of my other teachers by her first name. I was told that addressing my teachers by their first names showed disrespect.

Thinking about this, the thought came to mind: "What's in a name?" and "What is a teacher?" The name sets a person apart from others, and no matter whether it's the first or surname of the person, disrespect or friendship can be shown by the tone of voice that speaks the name. Wanting to be a teacher myself, I feel a teacher should not only teach her subject, but should be an example of good human relations.

I call two of my teachers by their first names, not because I disrespect them; just the opposite, I have a very high regard for both of them and appreciate that they are first my friends and in return my teachers.

F. B. L. A. NEWS

The merchants of Silverton were very generous in buying ads in the tournament program from the members of the FBLA.

Those who bought ads were The First State Bank, Ledbetter-Rhode, Briscoe County News, Nance's Food Store, Rhode Pipe Co., John Deere Dealer, Silverton Elevators, Briscoe Co-op Gin, Bud's Grocery & Market, Maples & Son 66, Shamrock Cafe, Plainview Production Credit Association, Baldriges Bread Co., Service Elevator, Fogerson Lumber & Supply, Perry Whittemore, Ashel McDaniel Texaco, Brown Hardware, Hester & Son Gulf, Tiffin's Department Store, Howard's 7-11, Maja Beauty Salon, Bill's Conoco, Hunt's Barber Shop, Jack's Pharmacy, Crass Motor Co., Southwestern Public Service Co., Brown-McMurtry Implement Co., Silverton Auto Parts, Big Al's Mobil, Davis Gin, Rock Creek Grocery, The Snack Shack, Farm Bureau Insurance, Merlene's Flowers & Gifts, City Cafe, Salem Dry Goods, The House of Gifts, City Tailors, Lallie's In & Out Snackateria, Silverton Co-op Elevator, House Chevrolet, Silverton Pool Hall, Sun-Vue Fertilizers, Silverton Metal Works, Verlin Towe Agency, Briscoe Consumers and Pauline's Beauty Shop.

The FBLA chapter appreciates the merchants buying the ads, and also want to thank Mrs. Polachek, a high school English teacher, for her donation of \$5 to the organization.

TREE TRIMMING

The prettiest Christmas tree looks its best only if it is properly trimmed. The number of lights used—whether too few or too many—affects the appearance of even the most perfect tree. Here's a formula used by professional lighting experts: Height of tree (in feet) x width of tree at base (in feet) x 3. It's not as complicated as it sounds. For example, if your tree is 6 feet high and 4 1/2 feet wide at the base; 3 x 4 1/2 x 3 equals 81 lights for a good lighting effect.



AH, MUSIC... A gift sure to delight the heart of any young lass is her own record player and a collection of children's records.

DANGER IS...

putting your nose in a test tube of ammonia.
riding in a Camaro at night going 125 mph down the cap with the lights off.
the clippi in Cathy Jones' hair at a basketball game.
getting your finger stuck in a Coke bottle.
driving on the left side of the road on a freeway.
chewing gum in Faye Gene's class.

Cathy opening her Christmas presents before her mother sees (and after Marge sees this).
leaving Flomot out of the tournament programs.
forgetting to wear your mask in chemistry.

being next to someone with BO.
going to sleep in Typing II and having ice tea thrown in your face.
backing off into a ditch at night and having to push your car out while another car is coming at you.
being with one girl while going steady with another.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE...
Lenda Crabb's gym leader's sweater?
Grandpa O. C. and Grandma Faye?
Frogs croaking in high school?
Mrs. Polachek's tests?
The chemistry labs?
Coach Wood's ballet dancing last Thursday night?
Our Christmas tree—with berries?

Not getting to see a film in History for a week?
Lannie going to sleep in Typing and his rude awakening?
Paul Ray looked like Pinocchio in his basketball picture?

DECK THE HALLS

The most popular holiday green still comes from the U. S. mint.

AN INTERESTING FACT

Each of the seven days of the week is designated as the Sabbath by various nationalities and religions. Monday is the Greek Sabbath; Tuesday the Persian; Wednesday the Assyrian; Thursday the Egyptian; Friday the Turkish; Saturday the Jewish and Sunday the Christian.

Friday Designated as Dress-Up Day in SHS

Friday, December 20, will be the annual dress-up day sponsored by the Student Council. On this day, everyone participates by wearing his "Sunday best" to school.

The teachers agree that on this designated day, the behavior of the students is better than on any other day of the year. The students "act as well as they look." The Student Council Christmas party will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Song Dedications

Let's Hang On To What We've Got—Scotty and Gail
Fever—Debbie

Look of Love—Crockett to all the girls

It Ain't Me Babe—Max Weaver
Hang 'Em High—basketball players at the tournament

Shame Shame—Johnny Griffin
Saturday night

Abraham, Martin and John—Abraham, Martin and John
Love Child—Laquita

Eve of Destruction—Larry Comer
with ? Sunday night

SEASON SPIRIT

by Cathy Jones
Just around the corner is the most joyous season of the year—Christmas time. Are you already in the Christmas- fever bunch, still in one of the STINGY SCROOGE mood bunches? Come now, remember the reason for that special day in December! The birth of our Christ Jesus gave us reason for celebrating during this season. Forget yourself, and think about the old proverb, "IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE." Resolve to be more loving, generous, and kind in your actions and deeds, and you'll have a much happier NEW YEAR.

DEPENDABLE

Just to prove Santa Claus never lets a fellow down, there was one boy who asked for a soldier's suit and 15 years later he got it.

OWL'S HOOT STAFF

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News—Teresa Martine
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Fun & Nonsense—Cathy Jones
Paula Birdwe

Sewing and Safety Work Reaps 4-H Trip Awards



Randall Warminski



Lyna Pitts

Two Texas teenagers with widely differing interests have won state awards with their 4-H projects and are set to attend the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Dec. 1-5.

Lyna Pitts, 17, of Earth, looks perhaps toward a career in dress design. She won her award in the 4-H Dress Revue. Randall Warminski, 16, of White Deer, began work on his award-winning safety project after a relative was killed in a tragic accident.

Miss Pitts has an impressive collection of blue ribbons—eight for county dress revue contests and seven at district dress revues. During the project she has taken part in 17 dress revues, completing 59 garments this year.

Combining patterns is a favorite method of sewing for her. She usually changes each pattern she uses. For her award-winning state dress revue entry this year she combined three patterns for the coat, vest, skirt and blouse ensemble. It was made of gray-and-red plaid wool, charcoal gray wool and white flannel.

She saves time when sewing by cutting out several patterns at the same time, "because it takes the most amount of time to do and I enjoy it the least," she says.

Dress revue is not the only outstanding 4-H Club project for Miss Pitts. In 1966 she was named outstanding county junior leader. She has served on the county council for five years, helping with plans for county achievement programs

and judging junior record books. An honor student while in high school, she presently is enrolled as a freshman, majoring in art and design, at Texas Technological College.

Her award is sponsored by Simplicity Pattern Co. Inc. Warminski spent months preparing a demonstration entitled "Dangers of Volatile Liquids" after an explosion killed his aunt and seriously injured his uncle.

The youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warminski, has given the demonstration before 865 persons, many of them farmers. He was named state award winner in fire prevention last year.

He has also taken part in water safety programs and given demonstrations on testing water for purity and overloading of electrical circuits.

His project was sponsored by General Motors. The 4-H Club projects in Texas are under the supervision of the Texas A&M University Cooperative Extension Service. They select the winners of the trip awards.

Theme of the 1968 congress is "Commitment to Responsibility." Along with attending business meetings, the youths from each of the 50 states will spend some leisure time touring Chicago, perhaps doing a little Christmas shopping along famed State street. A pop concert presented by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Arthur Fiedler, Boston Pops Orchestra conductor, is also on the agenda.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 19—FBLA Christmas Party; Jr. High Basketball here with Clarendon, 6:30
Dec. 20—Student Council Christmas Party; High School basketball with B-team girls at Hart at 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 31—High School basketball with B-team girls at Quitaque at 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 21-Jan. 1—(inclusive) Christmas holidays
Jan. 2—Back to school

DONALD DEE'S IDEAL GIRL

Toes—Juannah
Littles—Paula
Eyes—Cathy
Nose—Evelyn
Ears—Diana
Teeth—Cynthia
Smile—Gayla
Figure—Carron
Walk—Kathy
Feet—Diana
Mouth—Rhonda
Lips—Gayla
Legs—Juannah
Rosey Red Cheeks—Dorothy
Best Dressed—Cindy
Friendliest—Carol Ann
Wittiest—Gail
Most Beautiful—Carron
Sweetest—Paula
Most Athletic—Kathy
Co-ed Correspondent—Miss Carol Ann Montague
Personality—Gail
Tallest—Evelyn Wood
Shortest—Carron

SO IT GOES

The silliest gift
Of the lot
Was the billfold
Father got.



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Best Wishes for a Safe Holiday from your

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Yuletide greetings to one & all! May your holidays be gay!

THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY OF SILVERTON HIGH

Dear Santa
 I am 6 years old.
 I have tried to be good
 this year. Would you please
 bring me Tippy Toes for
 Christmas. would you please
 bring my sister something
 nice.
 Paula Verden

ster, football suit and helmet.

I love you.
 Douglas Vaughan

DEAR SANTA,
 I have been a good boy. I
 want a gun.
 Thank you.
 Kenny Little

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
 My name is Brenda Yancey.
 For Christmas I want a Susy
 Homemaker cooking set, some
 shoes, a doll house, a Tippy
 Toes, an ice cream machine
 and some new clothes.
 Your friend,
 Brenda

DEAR SANTA,
 I have been a good girl. I
 would like a Tippee-Toes doll,
 a snow cone machine, a Coke
 machine, a basket and a ba-
 nana seat and high handle
 bars for my bicycle.
 Karen Martin

DEAR SANTA,
 I have been a good boy this
 year. I wanted a b-b gun and
 also I wanted a football suit
 and a bike and that is all I
 want.
 Greg

DEAR SANTA,
 I want a Eege doll, bubble
 gum machine and a coat.
 Thank you.
 Please do not forget all the
 other kids. I love you, Santa.
 Merry Christmas.
 Love,
 Carman Butcher

DEAR SANTA,
 I want a pussy cat doll,
 push-me-pull-ya, dresses,
 Snoopy, and a surprise.
 Love,
 Carol Ann



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As we near the end of our first year in business in
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 customers and friends for your patronage during the
 past months.

We look forward to serving your needs in the New
 Year which is just around the corner.

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**Mrs. Steele's Room
 Writes To Santa**

DEAR SANTA,
 I have been a good girl. I
 want a talking telephone and

Easy Bake and a bracelet
 maker.
 Love ya, Santa!
 Loni Ann Bice

DEAR SANTA,
 I am a good girl. I want a
 baby doll.
 Love you,
 Lucia Lopez

DEAR SANTA,
 I have been a good boy.
 Please bring me a football
 suit and a football. I would
 like to have Little Joe and
 his horse and the Bonanza
 Wagon.
 Love,
 Todd Hamilton
 Box 851

DEAR SANTA,
 I have been a good girl. I
 want a baby buggy and rings
 'n' things.
 Love,
 Marilyn Hardin

DEAR SANTA,
 I have been a good girl and
 I want rings 'n' things and a
 trampoline for Christmas.
 I love you.
 Melissa

DEAR SANTA,
 I want a Baby Small Talk
 and a billfold. I have been a
 good girl.
 Love you,
 Scotti Fleming

DEAR SANTA,
 Please bring me a gun hol-

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Season's Greetings



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BOXED CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR Sale at the Briscoe County News. Nice selection.

FOR SALE: 1965 HONDA MOTOR Bike; good condition. Call 847-4765 or contact Riley Harris. 49-4tc

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BLANKETS AND QUILTS FOR Sale at my home. Mrs. Carl Crow. 51-tfc

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Mrs. Stella Davis and Mrs. Mary Rampley were in Weatherford, Oklahoma, from Tuesday until Friday of last week to visit their new great-grandson, Michael Wayne Rampley, who was born there December 7.

The baby's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rampley. Michael Wayne weighed seven pounds and

one ounce. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rampley and Mrs. Tracie McMin.

Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Rampley also visited Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Rampley while they were in Weatherford "spoiling" their great-grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Norrid Lubbock are parents of a son, Edward Ray Jr., born November 11. He weighed seven pounds, six and a half ounces. The maternal grandmother Mrs. Gertrude Mason.

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Christmas Story Borrows Legends From Ancients

In establishing the date by which Christmas is celebrated commemorating the birth of Christ, it is interesting to note that Christendom did not begin its calendar computations until almost 550 years after the birth of Christ.

Much of the Christmas story is still unknown and untold; but legend and story has traced its history since the beginning when Christ preached among the people, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

Christ was thirty years of age when the people of His time recognized Him as the Messiah of God. In face of the shepherds and Three Wise Men, it wasn't until the Holy Spirit descended upon Him at the baptism in the Jordan that His teachings were accepted by the Christian world.

Strangely enough, many influences have had their effect on the festival of Christmas as it is practiced today, and none of them "Christian" in the true sense of the word. Yet, with them lies the true, romantic, rich beginnings of the Christmas Story.

History tells us that from every epoch of history, from the old, old Babylonian Festivals, to the Druid Mysteries, from the Roman Saturnalia, to the Egyptian Midwinter Festival of Foods and finally to Christ Himself, has come segments of the whole of the Christmas Story.

But there is more to the Christmas Story. Much of what the Christian world in this twentieth century observes, stems from a time long years and even centuries before Christ.

Timmy moved his head very slowly on the pillow. He had been playing wounded cowboy, lying still and feeling the winter darkness creep into the room, listening to the sounds beyond the window... the crunch of snow as the cars sped by, the jar of the switching boxcars in the nearby railroad siding. But mostly the voices.

His wan little face drew tighter around the eyes. If only he could be like the other kids, shouting and running past the window! It had been so long since he had walked and played.

He turned his face to the wall. Mama would be coming in and he didn't want her to see him this way. Mama... his whole, wonderful world.

Since they had brought him home from the hospital, every moment of Mama's day was merged into his. She was always near, her gentle hands like the touch of an angel.

He didn't want to be sick. He remembered when Papa's, "Well, Tim, old man..." made him forget the long day. Now it hurt the way Papa said it.

And Mama, telling him when she held him, about Jesus and His Heavenly home.

"Mama, when I go to Heaven will the angels let me play?" But Mama had run crying from the room and she didn't come back for a long time.

He was floating on his back now, drifting... The murmur of voices in the next room came to him from far, far off. He was so tired! He couldn't remember when he had been so tired, but he mustn't go to sleep now; not with all that magic on the other side of the door going on. If only he could stay awake!

And Papa with Mama sitting beside his bed talking to him and making him think about Christmas all the time — like Christmas had something to do with his getting well.

But, criminey, they were worse than kids! Why, Santa wouldn't be here for three whole days!

Timmy was right; Santa wouldn't be due for three days yet. But then Timmy did not know that his picture had been in the newspaper. Timmy and the word "leukemia" and what the doctors had to say with an urgent appeal to the heart of a great city to move Christmas closer for one small boy.

All Timmy knew, it was about to happen — now.

He could barely keep awake now. They had better come for him soon. He wanted to open his eyes but they seemed weighted

A Wish On A Star

By John Toohy

"Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me: for such is the Kingdom of Heaven"...St. Matthew, 19:14



down. And now the great chill was steadily creeping over him--and he was so tired. So awfully tired...

Timmy bounced along like a breeze in April on legs ("Gee, they never get tired!") that seemed to float under him. He hadn't gotten his wings yet: he was grounded until he knew his way around a little more. This was such a big place, such an awfully big place... bigger than the roundhouse where Papa had once taken him!

He had a pal too, who had taken him under his wing, so to speak. Willie. Like everything else in this wonderful place, Willie had been there like a real pal, waiting, like he knew he was coming. He knew the ropes too, Willie did. He had been around quite a while. Take the way he explained it when Timmy wondered why he had been here so long...

"Gosh sakes, Tim, if everybody grew up, there wouldn't be any kids in Heaven!" "Gee, I never thought of that," Timmy said. That Willie was a wise little guy all right.

They were strolling now in The Garden, where beauty and wonder all blended with the music of children's laughter. Funny thing, it was like he always had lived here; why he didn't feel strange at all, he knew so many of these kids! But golly, they were so different from the way he remembered them. There was Joey from down the block. He had worn braces and talked funny and his hands flopped around like they weren't his at all. One day he didn't come around anymore, and Papa told Timmy that Joey had gone away. Boy, if Joey's Mama and Papa could see their Joey now! Why, he was hollering like the dickens, pedaling like mad, no different at all from the other kids.

And Rags; all the kids called him that because his pants were always torn, and he was so skinny. And Tina who was blind. One day she fell into a hole and they took her away and we never saw her again.

Now she was here too, but she could see and she was running and playing with all the other kids and there was laughter in her eyes where before there was nothing.

There were no quarrels, for no child had more than anyone else and everyone had everything — "for this was the Kingdom of Heaven."

Yes, it was all Mama had promised in this wonderful Forever After... Mama. And Papa. Gee, if they only could be here too! But again Willie, Heavenly-wise, drew on first hand experience to comfort his new little pal. Just a while he told Timmy, and they would all be together again. A year, ten years (time meant so little here). It would be like waiting for them to come home from shopping at the store.

Suddenly Timmy was confused. Where was everyone going? All this wondrous excitement, this sudden hurrying in one direction. But of course... How could he have forgotten — this was The Night!

From the Playgrounds of Paradise they came — laughing, dancing, singing. High above, like the chime of a bell faint and distant at first, now rolling across the Heavens with the mighty beat of a giant drum, the voices of all the angels rang out in hallelujahs to become hushed and whisper-soft as the flutter of birds' wings as His little ones skipped and danced into the great Palace of the Throne.

Then a child's voice was heard — then another's and others until they all were singing, "Happy birthday to You, happy birthday to You, happy birthday dear Jesus, happy birthday to You."

And now Timmy saw it. The tree. The TREE! Up, up it reached, rising to the very dome of Heaven, its branches silver rainbows darting in and out of the stars. Sunbeams peeped through the foliage lighting the great tree with the glow of the dawn. And lo, above it all, in a dazzling halo more brilliant than the sun,

and Papa know where I am..."

"Well, now..." the Keeper of the Gate said, and stroking his long beard he looked high above the heads of the little ones and waited; waited just like Timmy, but a bit more confidently for his answer.

Snow, falling steadily since dark, settled deep on the porch of the little house. In a darkened corner stood the tinsel tree, but there was no joy of Christmas for the two who faced it. Timmy's Mama and Papa alone now with their sorrow asking that eternal question, "Why, Why, Why?"

For a long while neither spoke, and then while they stared into the half darkness, an aching memory in every shadow, softly it came to them like the far tinkling of a bell. Then nearer, swelling higher as the rising of the wind, the voices of children filled the night, the sweet voices of little ones singing Christmas Carols, "All is calm, all is bright."

And while they listened, the harsh lines of sorrow in their faces softened, and in their eyes came the knowledge of the Miracle. That voice — it came like the beat of a heart between them, its joyful message to them alone filling the room like the sun on a winter's day. It was memories and heartaches, laughter and tears, "Mama" and "Papa" from the lips of a child, the first step taken with a tiny hand clinging to theirs. It was a melody of all, blending like drops of honey — strumming on their heart-strings.

The woman's lips moved but no words came, and the man's thoughts were hers. Going to the door, his hand trembled as he turned the knob. Snow, feathery as down, blew in through the open doorway, and when the last note had drifted away on the still night air, he closed the door softly and took his place at the woman's side.

"I couldn't see..." his voice trailed off finding no words for the wonder of it. "They left no footprints in the snow."

The woman's hand touched his, the light in her eyes the peace of understanding. Once more she was holding her first born in her arms. Words? What need was there for words? Can words clarify a miracle? Do we question the sun when it rises in the morning?

A switch clicked softly as the man left her side, and where there was darkness before, the room came aglow with red and green and rays of gold as the lights of the tree shone softly upon them.

The Star appeared lighting the Universe with its message as it had so long ago.

"Ooooooh, look!" With one voice they cried out. Never, never was there a tree like this. Banked around it, like a great drift in the forest, was every imaginable gift and toy.

And there was Magic and real Make-believe and the Wonderland Alice knew — and no child was forgotten, no stocking left unfilled.

And gee-criminey, look up there! It was, it was! Santa Claus in a golden sleigh flashing across the Heavens, his great voice ringing out, — "On Dancer, on Prancer, on Donner and Blitzen!"... Santa with his snow-white beard flowing behind like a banner. But the beard wasn't fooling Timmy. Oh, it was real enough all right but he had seen it before. It was the afternoon he had come up and the towering, jovial Man accosted him at The Gate.

"Merry Christmas... Merry Christmas!"

And now he was climbing out of his sleigh, his booming voice echoing like the rumble of summer thunder. Tiny hands clutched his robe, and reaching down like a fisherman playing in his net, he drew in this child, then another, and another and another.

Looking up... Timmy watched the flowing beard draw closer; and now the great arms were scooping him up and holding him the way Papa did. How gentle that great voice could be! He told Timmy that because of the joys of Christmas he had missed on earth, he was to be granted a special wish on The Star.

A wish on The Star — a gift from the manger for the little ones that slumbered off to Paradise the night of Jesus' birth. Jee-rusalem! But what more could a fellow want — unless — a Christmas present to the two he loved so much on earth! If they could only know, so as not to be sad or too lonely because he had left them.

"Please, could my Mama



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I hope all the reindeer are okay. We will be at my grandparents' home in Farwell for Christmas, but we will put out some hay for your reindeer to eat.

I love you Santa, and hope to see you sometime before Christmas.

Love,
 Kent McManigal

DEAR SANTA,
 I want a big bike for Christmas this year if it is possible. Sure hope you can. Merry Christmas to you.

Love,
 Greg Hill

DEAR SANTA,
 I am so happy it's Christmas again, aren't you? I hope we have just enough snow for you to use your reindeer and sleigh.

This year I am asking for a Tippee Toes doll with her horse and trike. She's fantastic! Thank you for the nice things you brought last year.

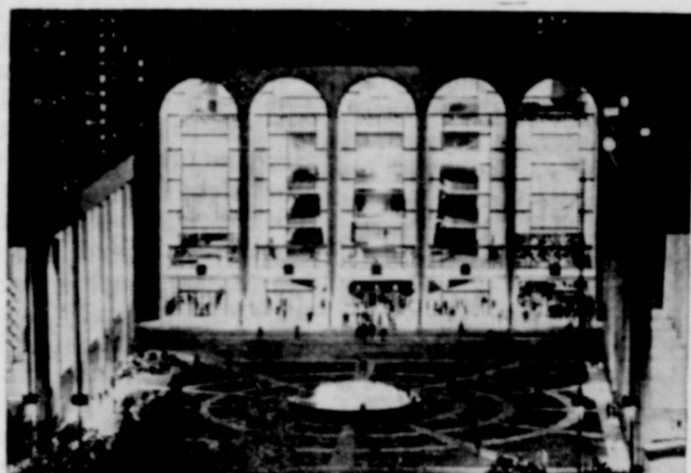
In case you haven't heard, I have a precious baby brother. His name is Joe Ted and he is 6½ months old. Could you find room in your bag to bring him a pair of boots, size 2. He would also love a teddy bear. I hope you can come by our house before 4:00 a.m. because Joe Ted just might be up taking a bottle by that time.

We will leave cookies for you and don't forget to come into my room and kiss me.

Please help everyone in the world to have a Happy Christmas.

With our love,
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MUSIC LOVERS . . . A performance at Lincoln Center's Metropolitan Opera House draws throngs of New Yorkers and visitors during the city's glittering holiday season. Face of the New York State Theatre is visible, Philharmonic Hall at right.

TO SEE CHRISTMAS

Open Up Your Heart And Mind

Sights and sounds tell us that Christmas is near. Mistletoe and evergreen in doorways and windows . . . Christmas cards and the sound of the postman at the door . . . street-corner Santas and the aroma of good food from the kitchen . . . toys in store windows and the sound of music wherever we go; these are the sights and the sounds of Christmas.

We must look beyond these obvious trappings of the season to really see Christmas . . . to realize the miracle of Christmas. We must see Christmas through our heart and mind.

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DEAR SANTA,
 For Christmas I would like a twist and turn Skipper set and a Play-doh set, and a sack of candy.
 I love you, Santa Claus.
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DEAR SANTA,
 I want Dydee Darlin' Doll and a musical teapot and a Twister. My little sister wants Kindergarten Kitcher and a Betsy Wetsy Doll.
 We will have some cake and coffee for you.
 I love you, Santa.
 Love,
 Karen Ziegler

DEAR SANTA,
 I just can't seem to decide what I want most for Christmas. Would you please surprise me? I'll be happy with almost anything. Oh yes, please don't forget to fill the stockings my brothers and I will have ready.
 Merry Christmas to you, Santa.
 Love,
 Monroe Hill

DEAR SANTA,
 I have tried to be a pretty good boy this year. Here is a list of toys I would like to have. I will let you decide

what you think I would enjoy most. They are a "Tricky Quacky Duck," pitch-back net, tractor with plows, dump truck, battery-operated parking lot, and fire truck.
 Please don't forget any of the other boys and girls.
 Love, from
 Michael Hill

DEAR SANTA,
 I want a walkie talkie and a tog'l set, Commander set and Hot Wheels.
 Thank you very much.
 Love,
 Wayne Hutsell

DEAR SANTA,
 I want a football set. I'd like a pair of football shoes and I would like a baseball glove.
 Yours truly,
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 I would like an animals farm set and a Defend-the-Fort set and the Lone Ranger set.
 Love,
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DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
 I want a Marvel the M tang and farm set and a doll with a play pen. I'm trying to be good.
 Yours truly,
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DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
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Legends & Christmas Myths

The willingness of people all over the world to believe myths and legends that have been passed down from generation to generation, is well known.

Because Christmas—and the festival of the holiday season is so interwoven with mysticism, legend and historical records, many superstitions have resulted in various countries.



The very Santa Claus story itself, is perhaps the greatest of all the Christmas myths, and as research has revealed, is expressed differently in various parts of the world.

As a matter of fact, the actual modern symbol of Santa Claus with his round belly, twinkling eyes, rosy cheeks, flowing white beard, driving his reindeer-drawn sleigh across the sky on Christmas Eve from the North Pole where he has a mammoth toy factory, was created in New York as early as 1882, a mere eighty years ago.

There are, however, equally as fanciful beliefs in other parts of the world, and while there is no documentary evidence to support actual belief in these superstitions, they are nevertheless accepted as legend and passed on, keeping them alive.

For example, if you were born on Christmas Eve in Scotland, it wouldn't be at all amiss if you believed that you had the power to see spirits, and yes, even to command them to do your bidding.

If this idea gives you pause and you mentally raise a quizzical eyebrow in disbelief, consider the peasantry of France. These gentle folk believe (the story goes) that all babies born on Christmas Eve will have a ready and facile tongue. We wonder if by that they mean "gift of gab."

But that isn't all with these French folk of the countryside. They also believe that those babies born on Christmas Day will be gifted with logic; a moot quality, one often born with the progenitor of argument. But ah, the maidens of France who, born on Christmas Day, come in for the big boon, for these lucky mademoiselles, it is said, will be witty, wise and virtuous!

The Silesians have a pixieish sense of legend — or perhaps humor, when it comes to the gifts earmarked for babies born on Christmas. And how they arrived at this equation beggars logic, because they claim that all such babes who see the light of day on this holy day are destined to be either lawyers or thieves!

In Ireland — land of the leprechaun and other little folk from never-never land, they have a religious belief that is worthwhile indeed. They believe that if one dies on Christmas Day, he goes straight to Heaven. The doors to Paradise are open for suchfortunates, and Purgatory is completely bypassed no matter what kind of malefactor the deceased was on earth. Now that's a gift of Heaven!

The farmers of Denmark have a legend they keep alive — but this one is couched in the economic formulas of life. They believe that baked goods, and particularly bread that is made at Christmastime and saved until sowing time, will insure a good crop and harvest.

"Good St. Thomas serve me right, and send me my true love tonight," is a jingle that is highly romantic and might be applied to either sex. But not so in northern England. In this region of our English cousins, a maiden with yearning heart, used this as a supplication for a mate, but only if she placed a piece of holly under her pillow during the observance of Christmas.

One word of warning to unmarried ladies who might find themselves, for whatever reason, in the Swiss Alps. Beauty is beauty, and no one denies the majesty of the Alps nor the invigorating climate of this part of the world is for the hardy ones. But should our Miss be wielding her alpenstock high on the mountain and meet up with a romantic Swiss gentleman who offers her a sprig of edelweiss, she's had it. This is the signal of a marriage proposal and when the unwary Miss accepts, she accepts the donor with it. (That's at Christmas time, of course).



TEA PUNCH . . . Like to offer your holiday guests something a little different when it's time to pass the punch? Make it with tea, using your own recipe or the one below.

HOT TEA LEMONADE

(Makes 8 - 12 servings)

- 3/4 cup cold water
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 quarts freshly drawn cold water
- 3 tablespoons loose tea or 9 bags
- 12 whole cloves
- 1/2 cup lemon juice

Make simple syrup by combining 3/4 cup water and 3/4 cup granulated sugar in a saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. While syrup is simmering, prepare tea by bringing two quarts freshly drawn cold water to a full rolling boil. Immediately, pour water over tea. Let stand for 3 to 5 minutes. Strain into a chafing dish or other serving container. Add simple syrup, cloves and lemon juice. To serve, place a lemon slice speared with an additional whole clove in each cup and fill with tea.

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA, I am a little girl five years old. Please bring me a record player and Tippy Toes. Love, Julie Map'es

DEAR SANTA, For Christmas, I would like these things: Suzy Home-maker, Tip-e-toes, a fall hair piece, Baby Hungry, Baby Party, cars, Giggles doll. Patti Ramsey

DEAR SANTA, Please bring me Hot Wheels

cars, Bonanza, Talking Barbie, Giggles doll, Suzy Home-maker, fall hair piece, fire engine, little puzzle. Terri Ramsey

DEAR SANTA, Missy Ramsey wants a mirror and a swing for Christmas.

DEAR SANTA, I will be six years old on December 28. I can't go to school because they said I'm not old enough, so will you please bring me a tipping doll and some fruit and nuts or candy if you can. I know you

have so many letters from girls and boys you have to give things to, but I will look for some of it.

May God bless you always. From Glory Ann Tinner Box 384 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA, How are you this Christmas? I hope you are fine because I would like for you to fill my order. I am three years old and I would like for you to bring me a rifle like daddy's and a big hat and a horse on a truck and some candy and nuts.

I will have you some Coke waiting for you at my house. From Milk Lee Tinner Box 384 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA, I am four years old and I have been a good girl for my mama and daddy and all my sisters and brothers. I would like for you to bring me lots of fruits and nuts and candy. And if you can, Santa, please bring me a little baby doll that will walk and a table and chair.

May the Lord be with you all the way back to the North

Pole. From Brenda Lee Tinner Box 384 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA, My name is Marsha Yancy. I would like a nursery set, Tippy Toes, purse, dishes, Coke machine, pajamas, dress and shoes, and some doll clothes.

Your friend, Marsha

Mrs. Joe Edd Burnett has recently been a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital.

It's nice to have so many friends -

Merry Christmas

TO ALL OF YOU

Dear Santa Clause
I'm 100 years old
From Bill Brown
555 No La Brea
Silverton, Oregon
2130 W 85th Hwy
San Mateo, CA
To Santa Clause
North Pole U.S.A.
From
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RAY THOMPSON IMPLEMENT

John Deere Service & Parts

Mrs. Elms' Class Writes Santa Letters

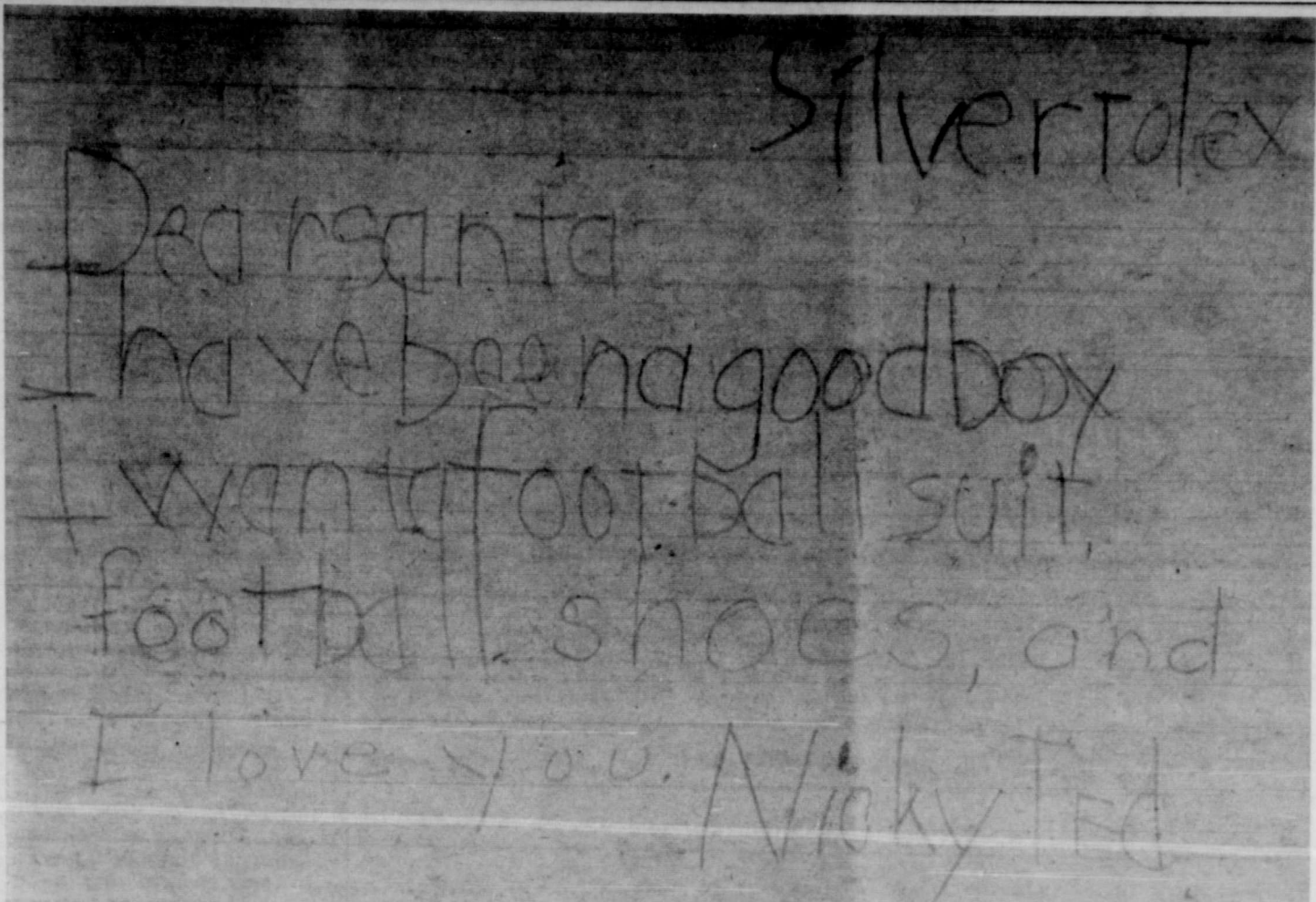
DEAR SANTA,
My name is Tonya Meason. I am six years old. I would like to have a doll bed, a doll, pajamas and a doll buggy for Christmas.
Love,
Tonya

DEAR SANTA,
Here I write to you to say sweet hi. Also, Santa, to tell you what I want for Christmas. Here's with hope that I get them.
For Christmas I would like Baby Teerful Cheerful and Teaset. That is what I want for Christmas.
So, Santa, I guess this is till the 24th and 25th of this month. Say hi to Mrs. Claus and Rudolf and all the other reindeer.
See you soon,
Nora P. Davila

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a battery powered phone and a cash register, nuts, candy, apples.
Thanks,
Nelda Mow

DEAR SANTA,
I want a real guitar and a mini-sport. I make good grades at school.
Love,
Mark Mc.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I would like for you to bring me a doll, bicycle, stove and tvan and chair.
Please don't forget my brothers, Danny and Jack.
I will leave you a Coke on the table.
Your friend,
Kathy Elland



DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I would like to have a Spyder bike and a Hot Wheels race track. I hope you can bring these things.
Thanks,
Zane Reagan
P. S. Would you please bring a bike for Shane and a teddy bear for Todd?

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I want a racing car set with black track and a road construction set. I would also like a rifle and a Play-doh Fun Factory Jr.
Have a merry Christmas, Santa.
Love,
Bobby Scott McPherson

DEAR SANTA,
I would like for you to bring me for Christmas a bow and arrow set. And a gun set.
Thank you, Santa.
Love,
Mark Klein

DEAR SANTA,
I am seven years old and just write you to say hello again and hope the Lord has blessed you the whole year through. The Lord has been pretty good to me and my sisters and brothers throughout the year.
Now Santa, I'm not asking for very much. I would like to have an electric stove and a sweet little baby doll. I've been pretty good, but I'm promising I will obey my tea-

cher and mother and father from now on.
Thank you, Santa. May God bless you all the way from the North Pole to Silvertown, Texas.
Martha Louicse Tinner
Box 384
Silvertown, Texas 79257

DEAR SANTA,
I want a camera kit and Easy-bake oven.
Suzie Perkins

CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Lighted candles in the window supposedly light the way for the coming of the Christ Child. Many people once believed that Christ appeared at Christmas, concealing his true identity.

Tree Of Nineties Was Simple

Ever wonder just what old-timers were talking about when they spoke of a "real old-fashioned Christmas tree?"
Back in the 1890's, it seems, Christmas trees were both charming and simple.

At the very top of the tree was a gilded, sparkling star. The branches were adorned with such things as streamers, flags, popcorn and cranberries strung together, chains of gold and silver paper, candles in holders (we don't recommend this, seems a fire hazard), peppermint canes, strips of gold paper, Santa Claus dolls, angels and cornucopias ("horns of plenty") filled to the brim with candies.

Hard candies like sourballs and peppermint canes were the typical "penny candies" of the Nineties. The canes were placed right on the tree, the sourballs either hung in little bags or used to stuff the gifts such as wagons and drums at the base of the tree.

FIREPROOFING

Christmas costumes and paper or cloth decorations can be flame-proofed by dipping them into the following solution, wringing them by hand and allowing them to dry: 3 quarts water, 7 oz. borax, 3 oz. boric acid.

Christmas Time In Costa Rica

In this island country there is a variation of the presepe known as the portal. Instead of a manger scene under the tree or in a corner of a room, a whole room is filled with a replica of the Nativity, and people go from house to house admiring them.

The Christ Child has for centuries been accepted as the giver of gifts, but recently Santa Claus has also made his influence felt here. It is not uncommon to see a mannequin in a department store window, equipped with a beard and the rest of the Santa Claus regalia.

Proper Care Saves Poinsettia

If you wish your Christmas poinsettia to last, give it the proper care.

After maturity, keep the poinsettia in a cool place — about 60 degrees F. and give it proper watering. If the plant is not properly watered, the leaves will drop soon after it comes into the house. Soil should be watered thoroughly until water drains from the bottom of the pot, then allowed to become rather dry before watering is repeated. Roots of the poinsettia are sensitive to too much water. If the pot is set in a jardiniere and allowed to stand continually in water, roots may rot in a day.

Some weeks after Christmas, the poinsettia goes into a normal dormant or rest period and drops its leaves. It is difficult to give it home care that will revive it successfully for next year's bloom, so it is not practical for homemakers to attempt to save poinsettias from one year to the next.



SEASONS GREETINGS

Here's wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas filled with good cheer!

CRASS MOTOR COMPANY

Theron and Frances



Merry Christmas

It's the season for walks in the snow... for fires burning brightly on the hearth... for wishing friends the very best!

Salem's of Silvertown

Christmas Cheer



May Santa bring you all the things you wish for!

DAVIS GIN

GLENN McWILLIAMS, Mgr.

Mrs. Bomar's Class Writes To Santa

DEAR SANTA,
I want a Giggles doll and a set of play dishes and some toggles.
Love,
Annette Minyard

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a b-b gun and one giant-size trampoline and one walky talky and one Kentucky long rifle and pistols and one Johnny Eagle skeet shooter.
Love,
Kyle Bean

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a Tippy Toes and a baby bed and blanket and a hi chair.
Love,
Annette Fleming

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me Tippy Toes with her tricycle and her pony and a real pretty dress. And Hands Down. And Santa Claus and Dancer and red nose and I want them stuffed. And a trampoline.
Love,
Mary Jon Whittemore

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a bike and an Easy-bake oven. Please bring me a walky talky. I want you to bring me a trampoline and a talking doll. I want a coat.
Love,
Carolyn Tinner

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a b-b gun, walky talky, trampoline, bike, Major Matt Mason, Johnny Eagle, Johnny Skeet Shooter.
Love,
Bruce

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me Rings 'n' Things and a talking Barbie doll. Is it very cold down in the North Pole?
Have a merry Christmas.
Love,
Linda Hardin

Dear Santa:
Would you please bring me a Kenner Easy Bake Oven. And a Trampoline. But most of all I want my daddy to come home for Christmas.
Love
Ellen Hutsell

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me two guns and bring a nite clock and a walky talky and a bicycle and a Spider man and a Johnny Eagle skeet shooter and a b-b gun and a Kentucky long rifle and pistol.
Love,
Pristino Charles

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a football and some soldiers and a walky talky and a bicycle.
Love,
Refugio

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a walkie talky and please bring me a crayola. And please bring me a Susie baker oven.
Your love,
Janie Maciel

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a trampoline and a Johnny Eagle skeet shooter and an airplane and a walky talky and a b-b gun and a Major Matt Mason.
Love,
Douglas

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a doll named Tippy Toes and a talking Barbie and a trampoline and a Susie Homemaker and Rings and Things and a bicycle.
Love,
Michele Porter

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a bicycle and a walky talky and a trampoline and a 22 rifle.
Love,
David

DEAR SANTA,
Would you please bring me a trampoline, some coala kiddies and two walkie talkies. And I would also like a Kenner's Easy Bake Oven.
Love,
Tracy Gill

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a set of Hot Wheels and a b-b gun and a bike and a toy walky talky and a GI Joe.
Love,
James Alan Patton

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a walking doll and some skates. Have a big merry Christmas. You are nice to me. I hope I have lots of toys to play with.
Love,
Teresa Crosslin

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a football suit. If you don't have that, please bring me a twenty-two rifle. If you don't have that please bring me a bicycle. If you don't have that, please bring me a Johnny Toymaker.
Love,
James

DEAR SANTA,
How are you? Please bring me a b-b gun and a trampoline and a merry Christmas to you.
Love,
Dave Russell Francis

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring a trampoline and a Spiderman suit and a Major Matt Mason and a Johnny Skeet Shooter and a nigger shooter and a record player.
Love,
Larry B.

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a watch and an electric football set and a Johnny Toymaker.
Love,
Max Bice

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring a trampoline, two walkie talkies, Johnny Eagle skeet shooter, Cowboy in Africa, Kentucky long rifle and pistols, spider bike, Bucks High Chapperal, Marshal Trail Hunter.
Love,
Stevie Maples



If you were to travel through the rural areas of Austria, you would no doubt wonder about an unusual inscription written in chalk above the doorway of many homes. It goes like this: C + M + B = 1967.

These letters are renewed every year at Epiphany, the only change being replacement of the date of the new year. On January 6, 1968, the letters will be renewed, with the sole addition of the new year's numeral.

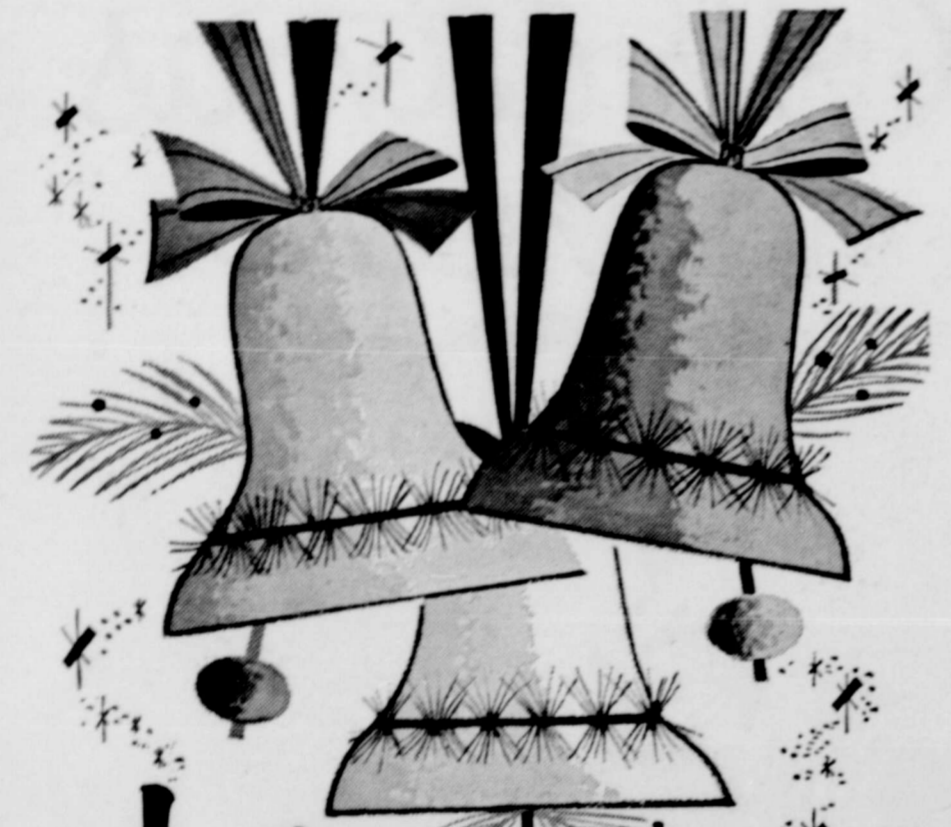
The letters stand for the names of the Three Kings, or the Three Wise Men, or Magi. In case you have forgotten, they are Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The Three Wise Men are the focal point of the celebration of Epiphany in the Western church, as they are considered the first called upon to worship Christ as God and King.

Tradition holds that January 6 was the date upon which the Wise Men completed their journey to Bethlehem. Yet Epiphany, from the Greek "revelation of the Lord" actually celebrates three manifestations of Christ: to the Wise Men, at his baptism 30 years later, and in the wedding feast at Cana. The Austrian custom of painting the initials of the Wise Men and the year above doorways replaced the pagan "Drudenfuss" or pentagram and other hex symbols inscribed thereon to guard the house from evil spirits. During the Austrian Epiphany season, three boys dressed as the Three Wise Men, and called Sternsinger, or "Star Singers", carry the message of the Magi from house to house. They are rewarded with cakes, candy and fruit; in recent years have taken up collections for charitable groups around the world.



A hearty "thank you" to all our Patrons... may this Christmas be your merriest ever!

SILVERTON BUTANE



Holiday Greetings

These gayly decorated Christmas Bells ring out a message of joy and happiness to all our friends and patrons... and "A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL"

Jack's PHARMACY
JACK ROBERTSON
Registered Pharmacist



Say "Merry Christmas" with a PATIO PAIR \$99.95 SPECIAL SALE PRICE

There's nothing more enjoyable than giving or receiving a special gift. So, here is a special gift idea. A Patio Pair... a gas light and gas barbeque grill. But, you're thinking, "Christmas seems like a strange time to give a gas light and grill!" Not at all. As soon as the weather begins to warm, you'll start thinking about getting outside again. Won't a gas light and a gas barbeque grill make those backyard get-togethers a lot more fun? Give the family a Patio Pair for Christmas.



If you buy now, you'll get a handsome dinner bell FREE.

Pioneer Natural Gas Company

NO ONE ASKED ME

When you are a confirmed optimist, you can believe in strange things. Take Ted Yates, for example. Ted believed that the spirit of Christmas was so highly contagious that even the meanest man in town was not immune.

Ted had argued the point for two Christmas seasons past. Why, he asked fellow members of the Dale City Saturday Night Club, exclude old man Barlowe when the club went about town asking citizens to make some kind of a donation to the Annual Kiddie Christmas Party?

Fellow club members shrugged off the suggestion. Ted could be excused. He had only been in Dale City for five years. He should not be expected to know everything.

Try Again
Yet, Ted was a persistent one. "Now look, fellas," he pleaded, "just because Barlowe is a recluse that you never see... does this mean that he is really so different from the rest of us? Maybe he thinks nobody cares about him. Don't you think he should at least get the opportunity to help his community?"

"He's had the opportunity for two years," Sam Bates said. "He's had that opportunity for years," spoke up Sam Bates. "The last time anyone saw him was nearly seven years ago. He came to town the day of the Founder's Day Parade and his nutty chauffeur almost ran over the brass band."

"He didn't even stay for the parade," added Caleb Day. "Okay, okay," said Ted. "What if he came in and offered to help with the party—say, a cash donation, maybe some gifts for the kids?"

"Which he could well afford," Caleb commented. "But, that will never happen."
"What if someone went to him and asked if he wanted to help in any way?" persisted Ted.

"Someone like who?" came a chorus.
"Like me, I guess," said Ted. Small Chance

And, so it was. With a few assorted bets for the price of tomorrow's cup of coffee at The Dinner Bell, Ted Yates was off to Greenvale, home of the mysterious Mr. Barlowe. Sam Bates offered 10-1 Ted would never get inside the door, and found no takers.

Ted was ushered into the drawing room by a tall, mannerly butler, who informed him Mr. Barlowe would be along shortly and then returned to the task of decorating the most beautiful Christmas tree Ted had ever seen.

Mr. Barlowe came—in an electric wheel chair. "Mr Bates"—he paused to look at Ted's card—"I mean, Mr. Yates, I will answer some questions you might have in your mind but do not dare ask. I became paralytic several years ago after a stroke. My world has since been confined to this house and its gardens. I have asked nothing of my neighbors because I neither asked nor gave when I was a healthy man. I ask nothing now, nor do I promise to give anything. Yet, since you are here, you obviously want to ask something of me. What is it?"

Ted cleared his throat. "I came, in the name of the community, to ask you to participate in our Christmas party for the kids."

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I want a Baby Small Talk and a set of dishes and a Feely Meely. I am in the first grade. I am six years old.
Patti Perkins
P. S. I thank you for the things I got last Christmas. Thank you.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I would like very much a record player and a bride doll and a Kaboom game. I am in the third grade and I am nine years old.
I have tried to be good. I thank you very, very much for the things I got last year.
Love you truly,
Becky Perkins

DEAR SANTA,
My name is Lisa and I want a Tippy Toes doll most of all. Plus some dishes and guns. And my name is Bennie and I want a road grader, truck, and a gun and holster set.
We are ages four and five and have been real good most of the time. We'll try to be even better next year. Waiting for you.
Love,
Lisa and Bennie Allison

DEAR SANTA,
I am a little boy four years old and have tried real hard to be good.
Would you please bring me a John Deere tractor and trailer, dirt loader, road grader and plows.
Don't forget my little friend, Scotty.
Sue Lynn and Robbie have been good too, so remember them.
I love you,
Mitcheal Ray Martin

DEAR SANTA,
I am a young man four (nearly five) years old. Have been a real nice boy. So would you please bring me a tractor that plows (cause mine is broken), road grader (it's broken, too), a jeep, cement mixer, and a dump truck.
Don't forget Judy (she lives in Amarillo, now), Terry and Ronnie. And bring Ma lots of goodies, too.
I love you,
Scotty Roberts

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
Please bring me a Baby Hungry and an ID bracelet and a game of a Barrel of Surprise

Mr. Barlowe studied the floor, the ceiling, every object in the room before his firm eyes rested again on Ted. "Young man," he began slowly, "let me tell you a thing or two..." He paused, for a moment which seemed an eternity... "it would displease me very much if I came and were not allowed to play the role of Santa Claus. Let me have a list of the toys and gifts you now have. I will supplement the list as necessary."

An hour later, as he rose to leave, Ted could not resist. "Mr. Barlowe, why have you never participated in community affairs before?"

The old man smiled. "I think, Ted, no one ever asked me before."

Monkeys. Thank you. Love, Beverly Boling
P. S. Debbie wants a bike and a Spirograph and an ID bracelet.

DEAR SANTA,
I want an electric train or a speedline. I would also like a Bizzy Buzz-Buzz. Please remember all the other boys and girls.
Merry Christmas.
James Jarrett

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
Please bring me a Baby Party and Cotton Magic. I

would also like some candy, fruit, gum, and nuts. Thank you.
Love, Brenda Boling

DEAR SANTA,
Dear Santa I would like to have many things, but I'll start with these. I would like to have about two boxes of 4-10 shotgun shells, some matchbox cars, a real long vacation from school, a good time, but most of all I want everyone to get what they wish for.
This may be a short paragraph, but I think it'll handle

it.
Your friend,
Jeff Jones

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
Please bring me a Tippy Toes and a tricycle. I would also like for you to bring me some candy, fruit, gum and nuts. Thanks.
Love,
Donna Boling

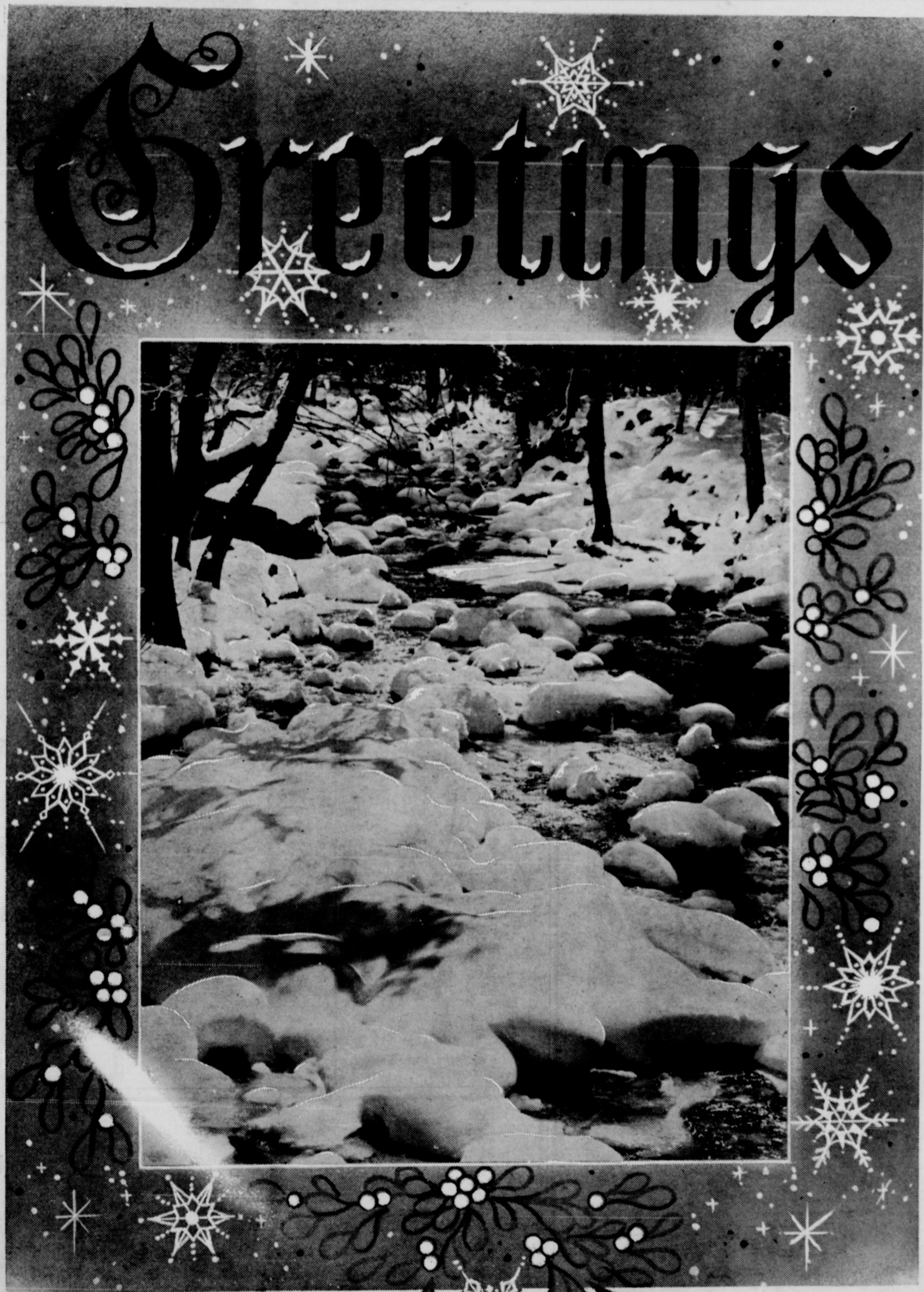
DEAR SANTA,
I am a little girl six years old. I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a spiograph and a doll and I would like some new

clothes.
Love,
Susie Tipton

DEAR SANTA,
I am a little boy four years old. I have been a good boy this past year. I would like to have a Mini-Sport Race Set and some Tog'l building toys. I would also like for you to bring me a Spirotot and some new clothes. Please bring all the other boys and girls what they would like to have.

I love you,
Dwain Tipton

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
How are you? We are fine. I would like to have a bike and four fishing poles.
Please bring my brother, Eric, a dump truck and football suit. Bring my sister, Alesha, a doll and baby bed.
We have been pretty good kids around this time of year. Please bring all the boys and girls things that they need and want everywhere.
Love from
Mark
P. S. My cousins from Missouri will be at my house Christmas, so leave their gifts here in Silvertown.



It's Christmas—and our thoughts turn to our friends as we prepare to celebrate the season. Best Wishes!

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DEE McWILLIAMS

BRENDA PATTON



MAY IT BEGIN ON A MERRY NOTE FOR ALL!

SILVERTON AUTO PARTS

H. A. and Varah Cagle

December 11, 1968
 Dear Santa,
 I would like to have
 a DyDee Darlin Baby
 doll and a Twister and a
 Musical teapot.
 Love,
 Karen Ziegler.

**Santa Letters From
 Mrs. Lorance's Class**

DEAR SANTA,
 I have been nice and I
 would like a little TV set and
 a Baby's Hungry and a Power
 Peddie Bike.

Love,
 Rebecca Ann Reid

DEAR SANTA,

I would like to have a Bar-
 bee doll that can talk. I would
 like to have a big stove. I
 would like to have big books.
 I would like to have a big
 teddy bear.

To Santa
 From Angelina Diaz

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like to have a rac-
 ing track and extra cars.

Love,
 Earl Jarrett

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like to have a pel-
 let gun and a b-b gun and a
 football suit. I live on Grady
 Street.

Merry Christmas,
 Love,
 Austry Polley

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like to have a bike
 and a doll and a twist-and-
 turn doll.

I've been a good girl all the
 year long.
 Love,
 Ruth Rasco

DEAR SANTA,
 I wish that I had a Tippy
 Toes and a Miss Beezle.

Love,
 Gaylene Little

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like to have a race
 track set and a drum set. And
 give me a tent and a football.
 And give the other children
 some presents, too.

I live in Silverton, Texas.
 And don't you give me a
 doll.
 Love,
 Bryan Burson

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like to have a Hot
 Wheels track and a bike.

Love,
 Elliott Hutsell

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like to have a race
 track, a drum and a football.

Love,
 Rodney Bullock

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like to have some
 Kenner's easy bake mixes,
 some creepy crawlers goop,
 a walky talky set and a Sting
 Ray Bike.

Love,
 Twilla Wood

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like to have the
 doll, Tippy Toes, and I would
 like to have a bike.

From
 Kim
 To Santa
 Love,
 Kim
 I live in Silverton, Texas.
 Kim Cornett

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like to have a Bar-
 bee doll for Christmas. I also
 want a walking doll and a TV
 set. I've been a good girl.

Love,
 Sylvia Cruz

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like to have a race
 car and train tracks and a
 jack-in-the-box and a foot-
 ball.

Love,
 Gaby Aguilar

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like to have a Bar-
 bee doll.

Linda S. Parras

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like a pair of go-go
 boots, and a Barbie doll and
 some doll clothes and some
 mixes.

I have been a good girl.
 Love,
 Lisa Younger

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like to have a bike
 and a tractor and plows, too.

Love,
 Davey Thomas

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like to have a Bar-
 bee doll and a walking doll
 for Christmas. I have been
 good.

Love,
 Tina Hooten

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like to have a rac-
 ing track and a gun.

Love,
 Rob
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like to have a bike
 and a truck to Heractio from
 Santa. I live in Vigo Park.
 This is for Santa.
 Love,
 Heractio Ramirez

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like to have a trap
 drum set and a football suit
 and a guitar. I live in Silver-
 ton, Texas.
 Love,
 Mitchell Simpson

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like a football set
 and a Gumby and Pokey set
 and a Stake truck.
 Love,
 Thomas Perkins
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like to have a trap
 drum set and a football suit,
 a race track, and trucks.
 I live in Silverton, Texas.
 Love,
 Kirk Durham

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like to have a Bar-
 bee doll and a walking doll
 for Christmas.
 Love,
 Carla Polley

GOD'S SHARE

In France, a portion of
 the Epiphany cake is often
 set aside as "la part de Dieu"
 - God's share. It is given to
 the first poor person who
 comes to the door.

LONG SEASON

In Sweden, the Yuletide se-
 son starts early, on Decem-
 ber 13th, the feast of St. Lucy. Ac-
 cording to tradition, St. Lucy
 went about carrying food and
 drink to the needy. Among
 Swedish families, it is custo-
 mary to choose a girl to represent
 St. Lucy and on December 13th
 she rises early and wakens the
 family to a breakfast of coffee
 and buns.

Yule Plant

The most popular pot plant
 for the holiday season is the
 poinsettia. It normally blooms
 when days are short and
 therefore ideally suited to the
 Yule season. Red poinsettia is
 the favorite, but white and pink
 are also used. This warm-clim-
 ate plant was introduced into
 the U. S. from Mexico in 1838
 by Joel Roberts Poinsett, U. S.
 minister to that country.

Blessings to All



On this Holy Day . . . we pray that you will
 be blessed with health and happiness and may
 the spirit of Christmas guide your future.



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The season for merriment is here...hope you enjoy it!

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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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