

All Around the Town
by Mary Ann Sarchet

Thanksgiving Day in Dallas at The Cattleman's, Stan Martin just about broke up his Silverton friends when he went to pay the rather large bill for the meal he had just eaten. The cashier didn't seem very amused, however, when Stan commented, "I really just came here to eat; I didn't come here to buy this part of Dallas!"

Mrs. Datis Martin, in whose home our son is, prepared a very clever Christmas tree for her class this year. She made yellow paper pears to decorate the artificial tree. She wanted a partridge for her pear tree, but was forced to settle for Dana's stuffed quail. Ken called her creation "the quail in the aluminum tree," proving that he missed the whole point. He said he didn't much like that quail in the tree, anyway, because it seemed to be looking at him all the time! (He said the same thing the first week of school about Mr. Lanham: that he seemed to be looking at him all the time—not that he was a bird in an aluminum tree.)

Just for the record, my old Webster's Unabridged Dictionary says that "in North America when used without qualification 'partridge' designates the ruffed grouse; in the Southern states and parts of the Western states, the bobwhite (which is called 'quail') in the Northeastern and Central states is referred to as a partridge."

So, boys and girls, Mrs. Martin DID have a partridge in her pear tree!

The other day I was at school when Principal Payne was carrying out an armload of films to be sent back. He told me that he had been reading about all the "bad" films in the B.C.N., but that no one ever sent them that kind!

I think he was going to give the film people ONE more chance!

The other day when the FBLA had its annual Christmas Party, Wayne Nance, Steve Jarnagin, Charles and I were invited as guests. Wayne, Steve and I were in the downstairs hall that morning when it became apparent that a called BOARD meeting was about to take place in the lounge. Principal Rampley went in after two boys and closed the door behind him.

Well now, that door has glass panes in it and Wayne and Steve just couldn't stay away from it. Pam Vaughan was standing near me, and she said in a stage whisper: "Anyone who watches gets a lick!"

Wayne and Steve just about had their noses pressed against the glass by this time. Pam repeated, "They're gonna get licks if they watch!"

But Wayne and Steve stood side by side watching the whole show. Then Pam said, "Well, if they do get licks, I'm going to watch!"

Later I overheard Wayne telling Steve that "I got so many licks while I was in the seventh, eighth and ninth grades that hurt so much that I finally decided it would be a lot easier to behave!" Precious memories.

The following might not seem like much of a contribution for the Christmas edition, and yet I believe it to be quite timely for this holiday season. After all, the families who are separated due to the war in Vietnam should be remembered at Christmas when they, too, would like to be spending this time with their families. Some U. S. servicemen have missed being at home for many Christmases.

Another moratorium weekend has come and gone, with much less publicity than in previous months.

The other day I was reading an article about the wives of GIs who are missing in action, and a point for all of us to ponder hit me pretty hard.

The first time the wives spoke with the North Vietnamese in Paris in mid-September, they were promised that they would receive word about their husbands' whereabouts. To date the wives have received no word on this.

The thing that is so heartbreaking for the wives who have been working desperately for some word from their husbands is that they don't know whether their husbands are alive or dead. They

Hail Suppression Study Completed

An experimental hail suppression study was discussed by representatives of the county extension office, ASCS and SCS in a meeting at the Soil Conservation Service offices here Friday morning.

F. F. (Flip) Calhoun of Plainview, a member of the Texas Water Development Board's weather modification advisory committee, reported on a study conducted by Atmospherics Inc. of Fresno, California.

This was an informal meeting, and no formal action was taken by the panel of agricultural agency representatives who attended.

The study covered nine High Plains counties, including Hockley, Lubbock, Crosby, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Castro, Swisher and Briscoe.

Calhoun said the study indicated it would be feasible to establish a hail suppression program in

the area. Calhoun is meeting with local Technical Action Panels to sound out interest in implementing a research program in a pilot area. A regional meeting of all interested persons is scheduled January 6 at the Hale County Agricultural Center in Plainview.

The study proposed a research program for a 3,000-square-mile area north and east of a Lubbock-Plainview line. Cloud seeding would be the hail-suppression technique employed.

"We're not talking about stopping all hailstorms, but evidence indicates we could, with a properly mounted program, anticipate 50 to 70 per cent reduction in hail damage over a target area," Calhoun said.

While the cost would depend on the exact area covered and other details which would have to be completed before the project could be initiated, one research

proposal would carry an annual price tag of about \$136,000. The proposal, Calhoun said, "offers a terrific opportunity to the area." He said the potential cost-benefit ratio "could really be astronomical."

Calhoun said the research program would involve treating every possible hailstorm approaching the target area in a five-month hailstorm period each year. The research program would cover three years.

The study, Calhoun said, showed there are an average of 25 "hailstorm days" a year in the nine-county area.

If the pilot project proved successful, a full-scale operational program could be established. Some of the costs associated with research would be eliminated in an operational-type program.

"This should not be construed as just an agricultural program," Calhoun, a farmer, emphasized,

"People in the cities and towns should be every bit as interested as farmers because of the large amount of damage hail does to personal property in this area."

The report by Atmospherics Inc. said estimates indicate hail produces a \$15 million average annual crop loss in a 23-county High Plains area. This figure was based on experiences cited in the study area.

One insurance company office at Plainview was quoted as saying it had paid out more than \$1 million in hail-damage claims in the May-August period this year. This was reported to have represented \$4 in claims for every \$1 of premium payments.

This company's estimate of total claims paid by all agencies in the area on damages from hailstorms on June 10 and June 13 was \$4.5 million, according to the report.

For these reasons, on March 24,

Atmospherics Inc. submitted an unsolicited proposal to the Texas Water Development Board. This proposal called for "A Feasibility Study Concerned with the Development of a Hail Suppression Research Program in Texas."

In general the proposal outlined a study to be conducted in a 3,000 square mile area.

In October, representatives of Atmospherics Inc. with the aid of Calhoun and other Plainview area residents, schools and other sources, conducted the study in the nine-county area which includes Briscoe.

The contract executed called for investigation into areas involving the climatology of the area, accumulated data on hail damage to agricultural and personal property, on-site investigations of the study area, personal interviews throughout the area, compilation of data related to a hail suppression program and to determine approximate costs of a research program and subsequent programs related to both research and operational activities.

November 18, the report was compiled and presented to the TWDB.

In the report, Thomas J. Henderson, president of Atmospherics Inc., and Donald Dickering, assistant, who made the "on-site" investigations, stated that under the original goals established for this feasibility study, the total 5,500 square miles of interest was to include approximately six counties, within which a 3,000 square mile area would occupy a principal area of interest for possible hail suppression research.

However, the subsequent on-site investigations revealed a need to expand the total area of interest to include nine counties covering some 8,500 square miles.

The report studying the climate stated that from Lubbock on the south to Tulsa on the north, the climate can be described as semi-arid. It is the transitional area between desert conditions on the west and relatively humid climate to the east and southeast.

Temperatures range between a mean daily maximum of 74 degrees F and a mean daily minimum of 44 degrees. Highest temperature on record is about 110 degrees with a record minimum of near -16 degrees.

Temperatures are variable but the greatest changes occur during the winter months when frequent surges of cold air move down from the north. The winter cold periods rarely last longer than two or three days before west and southwest surface winds bring the warming trends.

Summer days are hot but low in humidity and good wind circulation minimize any extended uncomfortable periods.

Precipitation is most frequently the result of summer thunderstorm activities. Like temperature, the monthly and annual precipitation amounts are variable.

Records indicate an annual minimum of less than nine inches to a maximum of nearly 40 inches. Maximum amounts in any 24-hour period have reached seven inches. A few monthly totals have been recorded which are greater than the record minimum annual amount.

Maximum rainfall usually occurs during May, June and July when the warm moist air flows northward from the Gulf of Mexico. Sixty-five to 70 per cent of the total annual precipitation occurs during the May-September period.

The report pointed out the need for hail suppression research in this area.

According to those compiling the report, "In other areas of the United States and abroad, we have found a significant correlation between the months which produce maximum cumulonimbus cloud activity and months which produce maximum hail frequency."

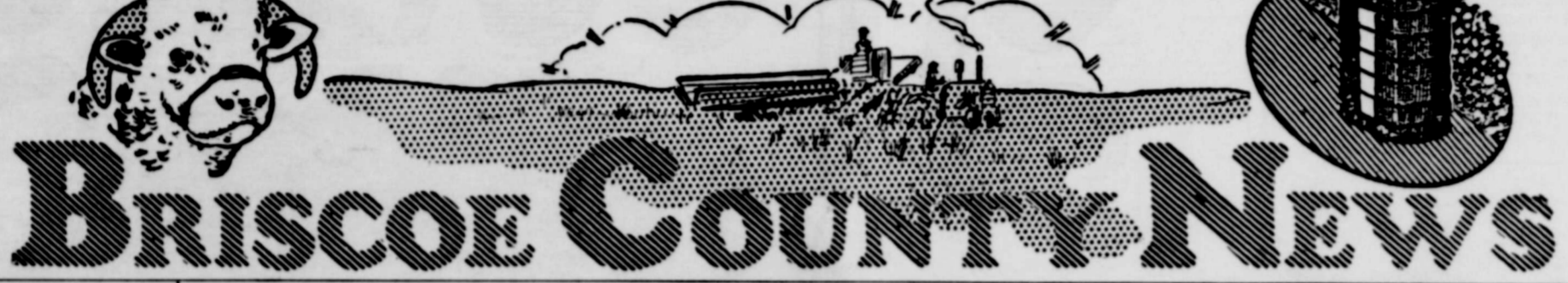
"This does not seem to be the case in the primary area of interest covered by this report," they stated.

The report related that examination of weather data showed that the months of June, July and August produced the greatest frequency of cumulonimbus cloud activity while the months of April, May and June produced the maximum hail frequency.

"Available data is insufficient to explain which precipitation mechanism might be responsible for hail within a particular regime of cumulonimbus developments.

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Jowell Receives Army Commendation Medal

Staff Sergeant Johnny Jowell, son of Mrs. Miriam Jowell of Silverton, has received the Army Commendation Medal for heroism in the Republic of Vietnam on September 26, 1969.

The certificate, signed by Brigadier General George W. Dickerson, and accompanying medals have been received by Mrs. Jowell.

The accompanying letter, from Major James E. Fritz, cited the reasons for the conferring of the award.

"On September 26, 1969, SSG Jowell distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions while serving as platoon sergeant of the second platoon of Company A, First Battalion, 508th Infantry . . . While under intensive fire from a large enemy force SSG

aren't asking the North Vietnamese to release them; they're not even asking them to deliver their letters to them; they are asking the enemy: 'Are we alive or widows?' No news has been received by some of the families of men listed as 'missing in action' for four or five years.

Mrs. Gregg Hartness of Dallas said on her recent second trip to Paris, the North Vietnamese "took a harder line and said they had made no promise of a letter." Instead, she said, they just said "to tell the American people—and especially the moratorium committee—that we are certainly grateful for their help."

The American people, the American news media, and the moratorium committee are helping the North Vietnamese war effort so much that they are publicly expressing their gratitude now!

We had already been told how the printed words concerning the war protests and reports of the government in its efforts to negotiate an honorable end of the war are used against the prisoners of war. Is your patriotism and faith in your country and what it stands for strong enough that you could continue to resist torture, starvation and the very worst living conditions imaginable if your captors daily shoved magazines and newspapers under your nose which indicated that the people at home didn't back your cause, didn't care about an honorable peace settlement and the lives given to preserve peace, and pictures of dirty, long-haired young men refusing to fight for their country? The conditions in the prison camps coupled with memories of the good life at home could easily confuse GIs who are shown this sort of

Jowell moved from man to man insuring that everyone was all right and directing his element's suppressive fire. Exposing himself on numerous occasions he continued to give his men encouragement till the enemy was routed. During the contact the platoon leader was wounded leaving SSG Jowell in command. Without hesitation he accepted the new responsibility and performed his duties in an outstanding manner. His admirable leadership ability and personal bravery provided the guidance necessary for the efficient functioning of his element under battle conditions contributing greatly to the mission's success. SSG Jowell's personal courage and calm professionalism in the face of the enemy were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army."

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material, and other containing news about civil unrest, drug problems, communism on college campuses, and all the rest.

Could you endure their hardships—AND shrug off the communist propaganda and American news publications—and refuse to sign confessions and the like in hope of making an easier life for yourself after years of living less than half a life?

We do not only do a cruel injustice to our servicemen when we allow our nation to be mocked in print or devote so much space to the activities of the protestors, we also hurt our nation and thus OURSELVES. Even though I think the Vice-President went a little too far when he went out to spank the news media, he did bring to public attention a thing which has not only hurt America, but has also helped to encourage those who would destroy our nation.

We OWE our servicemen our support and we need to make sure they know we are behind them every step of the way!

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Fogerson To Head Merchant's Group

Ware Fogerson has been elected to serve the Silverton Merchant's Association as president during 1970. The new officers will be installed at the next regular meeting, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 8, 1970, in the P.C.A. community room.

The other officers who will serve with Fogerson are Troy Jones, vice president; Bud Couch, secretary, and Jack Robertson, treasurer.

Officers this year have been Jack Robertson, president; Bud Couch, vice president; Charles Sarchet, secretary; Troy Jones, treasurer.

Dues for 1970 will be payable January 1, and member organizations are asked to pay Jack Robertson. Dues are \$10.00 a year, and all Silverton businesses are invited to become members.

News Office Closed Until Next Monday

The office of the Briscoe County News will be closed from Christmas Eve until Monday, December 29. This issue of the paper is being published early so that most readers will have it before Christmas.

Most Businesses To Close Two Days

Most Silverton businesses will observe a two-day Christmas holiday.

The Post Office, First State Bank, Southwestern Public Service Company and Pioneer Natural Gas Company will be open on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Francis recently attended the Christmas party for members of their Camper Caravan in Brownfield.

Appaloosa Club Has Dinner Party

The Golden Spread Appaloosa Horse Club, with members from an area within a 200-mile radius of Plainview, held their annual meeting at Graham's Cafe in Abernathy on December 12. Turkey and dressing with all the trimmings was served to the member families.

The year-end awards were given to owners of horses that accumulated high points for the 1969 show season. Trophies were awarded to the following:

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1968 Stallion — Pride's Choice owned by Doug Stone of Levelland 1965 or before Stallion—Comanche Benge owned by Ned and Kathleen Dollar of Amarillo; 1968 Filly, Pistol's Poco Dell owned by Lou Smith of Tatum, New Mexico; 1967 Filly, Bonnie's Bobette owned by Elaine Aduddell of Dalhart; 1966 Mare, Coke McRoberts Penny owned by Bill Hymann of Brownfield; 1965 or before Mare, Absarokee Cowgirl owned by Dan Watkins of Amarillo; three and four year old Gelding, Pay Day's Britches owned by Miss Mary Goble of Lubbock; five year and older Gelding, High Stakes II owned by Paul Aduddell of Dalhart.

PERFORMANCE
Junior Reining, Comanche Benge; Junior Western Pleasure, Mr. Ernest owned by Joe Watkins of Amarillo; Senior Western Pleasure and Senior Roping, Absarokee Cowgirl; Barrels and Stakes, Sugarfoot owned by Lynn Shadden of Abernathy; Junior Cutting, Miss Flying Snowcap owned by Ercell Givens of Abernathy; Senior Cutting, Little Robin owned by Bill Cartwright of Plainview.

HIGH POINT HALTER HORSE
Comanche Benge

HIGH POINT PERFORMANCE HORSE
Absarokee Cowgirl

OFFICERS ELECTED
Doug Stone of Levelland was elected president to succeed Wayland Fitzgerald of Silverton, who has served the Association for the past four years. Others elected were Ned Dollar, vice president; Miss Mary Goble, secretary; Mrs. Mary Lee Littlepage of Tahoka, treasurer; James Hartwell of Amarillo, director; L. R. Iker of Fritch, director; Mrs. Alpha Mae Hatkins of Amarillo, director; Johnny Miller of Tulla, director, and Paul Aduddell, director. Mrs. Lou Smith was re-elected as director-at-large from the Eastern New Mexico Appaloosa Horse Club.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ENDS JANUARY 4
Silverton School students are enjoying a full two-week vacation from studies this Christmas. School was dismissed at 2:30



CARRON MONTAGUE

Local Student Tours Washington, D. C.

Carron Annet Montague, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Montague of Silverton, recently returned from a three-day field study trip in Washington, D. C. The tour, sponsored by the political science department at the University of Oklahoma, was initiated by students in political science honors classes and directed by Dr. John Paul Duncan, David Ross Boyd, professor of political science, and Larry B. Hill, instructor in political science.

On the agenda were visits to the White House, Congress, the courts, several regulatory agencies, the Pentagon, the State Department and the Federal Judicial Center in the Dolly Madison House. They were addressed and held discussions with Carl Albert, Supreme Court Justice White, Deputy Attorney General for Civil Rights James Turner and Richard Dimmels at the Housing and Urban Development Office. They were also received by the ambassadors of Israel and Kuwait before their return to the OU campus.

Garrison Is Winter Candidate for Degree

Garner Garrison, a Tarleton State College student from Silverton, is a candidate for graduation at winter commencement exercises.

A record 131 candidates are scheduled for graduation on December 21. Commencement exercises will be held in the Main Auditorium on the Tarleton campus.

Garrison is slated to receive the bachelor of science degree with a major in agricultural education. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Garrison of Silverton.

p.m. Friday, and will not resume again until Monday, January 5.

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HOW TO KEEP YOUR

Christmas Poinsettia



Let's get those Christmas plants off to a good start. It's much easier to keep them in good health than it is to nurse them back after they begin ailing.

Take the poinsettia — with red, pink, or white bracts. It is very sensitive to changes in temperature, so keep it out of drafts. Use water at room temperature. Bracts will last longer if the plant is kept at lower temperature, particularly at night. If it is near a window, move it back at night so it won't get a chill. Give it bright light but no sun. Gradually withhold water after the plant is through blooming. Store in a cool basement until April or May, watering it once a week.

When the weather warms up, cut back stems to about 6 inches and sink the pot in a protected spot in the garden; prune it back in July or August — or a couple of times during that period. Before the weather turns cold, bring the plant to a South window; water and feed regularly; give it total darkness about twelve hours a night during October and November. Bracts should show color by Thanksgiving and you can discontinue the artificial darkness. The prized part of the poinsettia is the colored bracts or leaves, and not the true flower, which often falls soon after the plant is purchased. If the small flower parts do fall, the showy bracts still remain attractive.



FUN & PRETTY . . . You can make an exclusive gift boutique in your own kitchen or game room. All you need is a collection of empty coffee cans, colorful paper or fabric, and a few trimmings.

Candle Long Part Of German Tree

Germans used to look on their Christmas trees with pride and even a little awe.

They were a beautiful sight. No store bought colored balls, just dozens of candles burning bright and warm.

Not so long ago the Fire Department campaigned against tree candles, and insisted on the danger and fire hazard.

German families have begun to follow the American custom of using colored lights and even packaged decorations. They still grumble about it, but the number of Christmas Eve fires has dropped dramatically, according to Fire Department figures.

Unlike American custom, the German Christmas tree is never displayed before Christmas Eve and never placed on the lawn in front of the house.

UNUSUAL STAMP

The 1968 Christmas stamp for Canada had an unusual design. It featured an Eskimo carving of Mother and Child by Munamee of Cape Dorset, Baffin Land, which was presented to Queen Elizabeth during her visit to Canada in 1951.

Presents, Christmas Go Together

"Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents," grumbled Jo, lying on the rug. This of course is the opening line of LITTLE WOMEN, the classic by Louisa May Alcott, which, in its Centennial Edition will probably appear on many a young gift list this year. Five million copies in the U.S. and has been translated into thirty languages. While its sentiment and moralistic platitudes may be dated, the book has much to recommend it even to young swingers. Perhaps it's the emphasis on innocent simplicities — the Christmas theatricals, the muffins taken to the poor family — that heart-breakingly reveals how far we've all come from innocence.

Christmas Breads Are Traditional

Christmas isn't Christmas without coffee cakes and sweet breads. If you are a little shy on baking skill or time, use a variety of wonderful mixes that can be found in your super-market as the base for your gift from the oven. Just a few ingenious touches can turn them into creations anyone would be proud to present for the holidays.

Try this suggestion for making a festive pecan date ring: Start with a package of date-nut bread. Melt a half cup of butter in a saucepan and stir in a half cup of firmly packed brown sugar. Add to this one-half teaspoon of vanilla. Now sprinkle one half cup of silvered almonds or pecans into a greased seven cup ring mold. Pour brown sugar syrup over the nuts.

Now make up a package of date bread mix according to directions. Spoon this over the pecan mixtures and bake in a moderate oven at 350 degrees for about forty minutes. This delicious nut ring can be served hot or cold. Try wrapping it in your prettiest wrapping paper or place it in a round tin. It will make a welcome gift to a friend or neighbor.



One of the most exciting features of Christmas, which everyone in Spain attends, is called "Parade of the Gigantes".

Immense figures 20 or 30 feet high are made from wood or cardboard representing kings, queens, historical or even a mythological figure. These are carried by men of vigor.

The figures are placed on their shoulders (with the aid of a peephole . . . and a snorkel to breathe through) and jig and whirl and frolic, to the music of fife and drum.

A pair of gypsies usually follows along passing the hat among the parade watchers and collecting pesos with great alacrity. This later goes to their favorite charity.

Use Color Scheme

If you choose one color scheme and stick to it, your packages will look more individual and you won't have ribbons and papers that don't match each other.

It is also much less expensive to buy one very large roll of paper, than to invest in costly packaged. Often the packaged papers turn out to have two square sheets which usually are too large or too small for your size package.

At the same time, it is wiser to buy large yardage bolts of ribbon and cheaper in the long run than ribbons measured in feet.

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA,

Would you please bring me a talking Barbie and Ken? Also a new doll buggy. Hope everyone has a very merry Christmas. Thank you.

I love you,
 Donna Boling
 P. S. Don't forget to bring my big sisters something.

DEAR SANTA,

Please bring me a set of Hot Wheels. Thank you.

Blaine

YARN FOR DECORATING

A little imagination can turn ordinary materials into works of art. Take knitting yarn, styrofoam shapes and a few bits and pieces of decorative braid and turn them into dazzling trimmings. You then have unbreakable ornaments for the tree and also an ideal project for the whole family to enjoy.

You can wrap the yarn around styrofoam cones, circles, diamonds or half-circles. For further decorations add tassels, pom-poms, braid or whatever you wish.

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

Would you please bring me a new doll called Swingy and a cash register? Also some candy, gum, nuts and fruit. Hope all little children have a nice Christmas. Thank you very much.

I love you,
 Brenda Boling

Christmas — A Holy Day

CHRISTMAS is a day of Grace and gratitude. Christmas is a Holy Day. Christmas also means joy and hope for the world.

THE CHRISTIAN CANDLE

The Christian candle, symbolic of Christ, "The Light Of The World", originated from sacred Roman and Hebrew Customs. Tapers of tallow from animal fats later were candles made of beeswax, as it became more plentiful. In many nations these were held erect by metal holders clamped onto the branches of the Christmas tree. Sanctified they were believed to radiate love and friendship, to dispel hatred and discord, just as our electrified counterparts today.

Greetings



At this most joyous of seasons, it's a pleasure to take the opportunity to wish a very merry Christmas to all our good friends!

HOUSE CHEVROLET COMPANY

Jimmie House

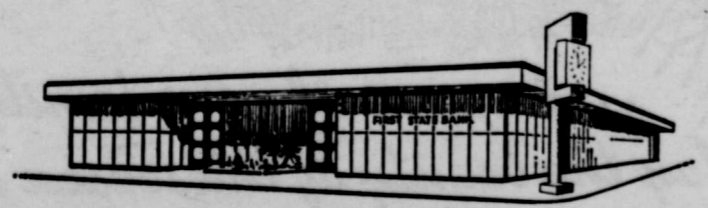
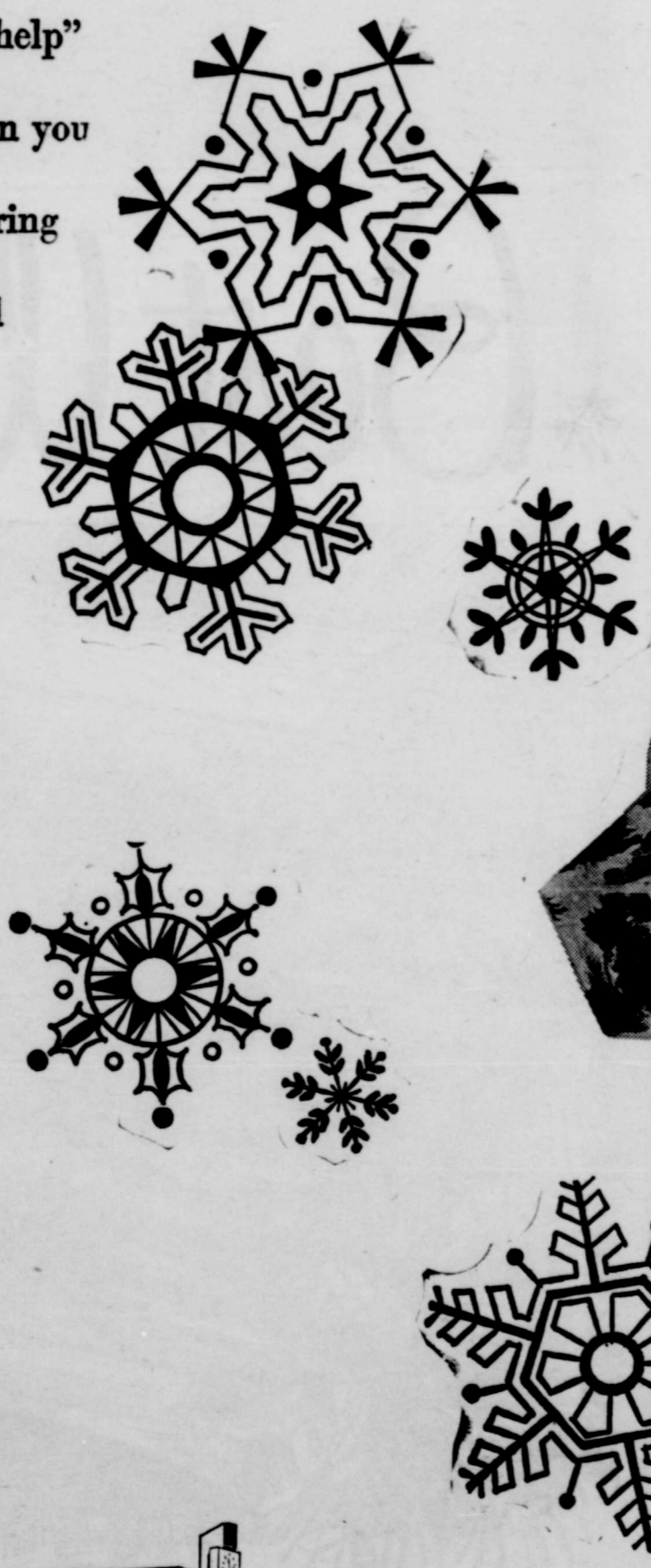
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AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS WISH

Remember what fun it was to "help"
Dad cut down the tree? . . . When you
got home you'd pop corn and string
it while logs blazed and crackled
on the hearth. Mother would
be baking gingerbread cookies
and throughout the house
the sound of happy, eager
voices would tell each
visitor the holiday season was
here. Times have changed
but the special joy that
youngsters know at
Christmas is still the same—
we wish that joy to you!



First State Bank

Letters to Santa From Mrs. Bailey's Class

DEAR SANTA,
I have been a very good girl. I would like a Barbie and a jewelry box and a Cinderella watch.

Love,
Rose Lee Perkins

DEAR SANTA,
Me and my brother want a walkie-talkie together.

Love,
Jennifer Martin

DEAR SANTA,
I want a Betty Crocker Easy Bake Oven. I have been a good girl. Fill my stocking with candy and apples and oranges.

Love,
Connie Rowell
Merry Christmas!

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
Will you please bring me a bicycle for Christmas? My Grandmother and my Granddaddy are supposed to get me a watch. Bring me a trampoline.

Love,
Paula Verden

DEAR SANTA,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a musical doll.

Love,
Nelda Mow

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I want a Barbie for Christmas. And a Betty Crocker Easy Bake

Oven. And I think that is all for now.

Love,
Cilia Ybarra

DEAR SANTA,
I have been good this year and last year. I hope you bring me a watch and a Mr. Chimp and please bring me a racing set.

Love,
Greg Hill
Have a merry Christmas, Santa.

DEAR SANTA,
I want two pairs of spurs and I want some chaps and I want a cowboy hat and I want some boots and I want a saddle.

Love,
Tommy Kennedy

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I have been very good. I want a Mrs. Beasley doll. I want a Hot Wheels set. I want a football.

Love,
Denice Clower

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I want a B-B gun and a punch-back and a happy new year.

Love,
Kelly Comer

DEAR SANTA,
I've been a good boy. I want a rifle pellet gun. Here is a picture of it:

Love,
Paul Brannon

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I want a Betty Crocker Easy Bake Oven and I want very much for Christmas.

Love,
Kathy Eiland

DEAR SANTA,
I have been good. I want an electric train and a B-B gun and an Indian maker and a mini-bicycle.

Love you,
Jim Culwell

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I want a Teeny Tiny Tears, a Coke machine, a popcorn machine, a talking Barbie, a speedometer for a bike and a bicycle lock.

Love,
Karen Lea Martin



Psychiatrists say you're perfectly normal if you're feeling tense and a little dejected despite the spirit of the Christmas Season. Like practically everyone else, you have a Christmas neurosis. It is also known as the "Bah, Humbug!" syndrome.

Symptoms are easy to spot: In the middle of a Christmas party you want to go home; you argue over what color balls should go on the tree; and on Christmas Eve, as you rush to wrap the last of the gifts, there's a burst of tears. One psychiatrist says, "Christmas puts an unusual strain on otherwise happy people." It creates very high expectations, some so high that reality can never really match them.

It is inevitable, the realities of Christmas contrast sharply with the highly fantasized memories of childhood Christmases.

Inner conflicts arise when people try to act in ways they feel they should act. The worst thing in the world is to be told to be happy and loving when you don't feel that way.

Adults, particularly mothers, feel under some pressure to demonstrate their love for their families during the holiday season by giving lavishly of themselves, buying gifts, baking favorite foods and decorating the house.

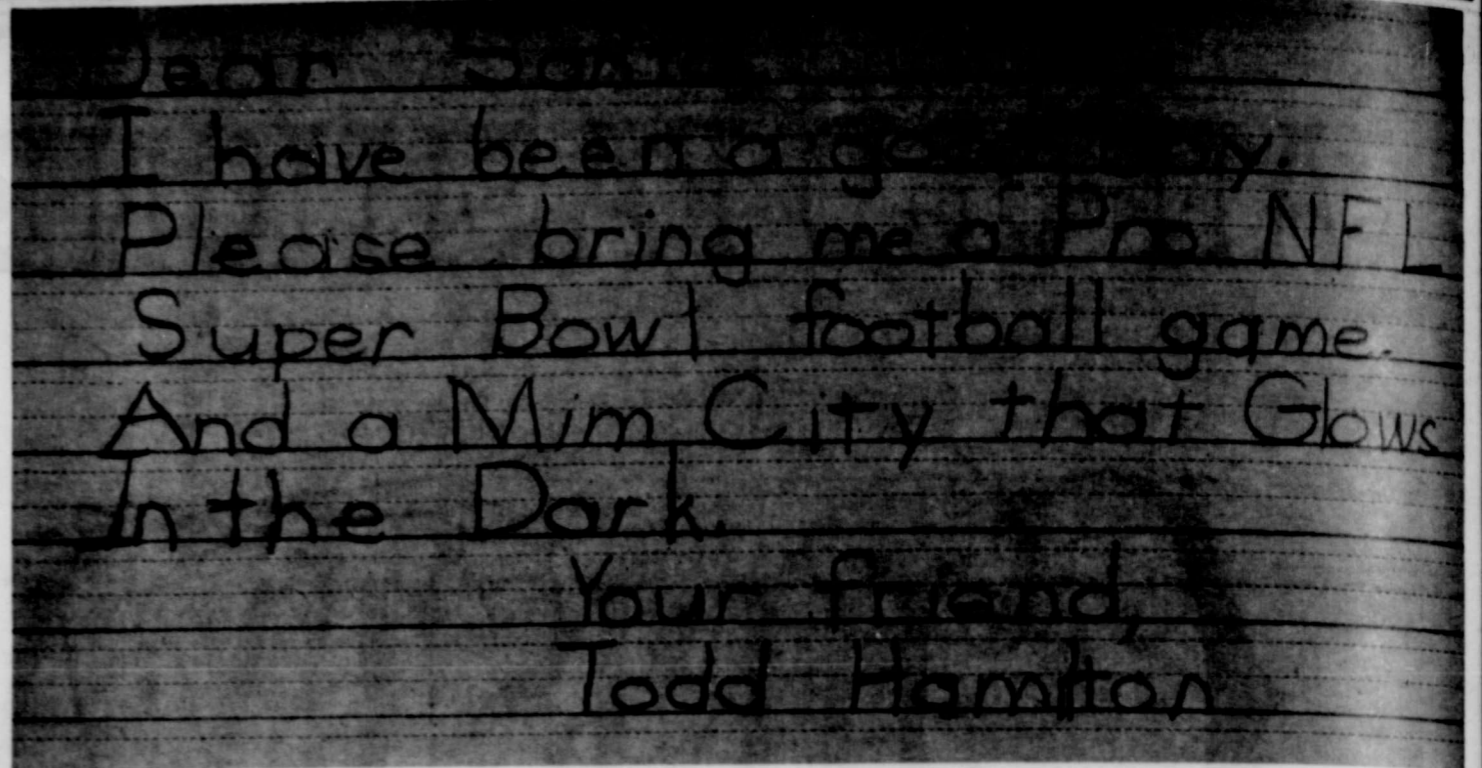
"Mothers may also burst into tears because they're exhausted", says one doctor.

HOLIDAY BEVERAGES

Eggnog is by far the most popular Christmas beverage in the United States, although hot punches are regaining favor. Also popular is spiced tea with cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg added before brewing, then combined with heated fruit juices.

CAREFUL SHOPPING

Don't be in such a hurry to do your shopping. You may be able to save money and disappointment by taking more time. Shop only at reliable stores. Don't be blinded by bargains — they're not always good buys. Shop and compare prices, even if you're ordering from catalogs. Prices are extremely different for the same item.



DEAR SANTA,
For Christmas I want a B-B gun and Rockam-Sockam robots.

Love,
Mark McWilliams

DEAR SANTA,
I want a bicycle for Christmas and dishes, too, for me.

Love,
Sandy

DEAR SANTA,
I have been a good girl. I want a Cissy doll. I am in the second grade. I have two sisters and one brother. I am 7. My big sister is 12 and my other sister is 9. My brother is 13 and he has had just 3 birthdays.

My teacher's name is Mrs. Bailey.

Love,
Marilyn Hardin

DEAR SANTA,
I have been good. I want a Dancerina for Christmas. And some books for Christmas.

Love,
Scotti Fleming

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
This year I want a new Ken and a Barbie and some clothes for them. I also want a Heidi doll.

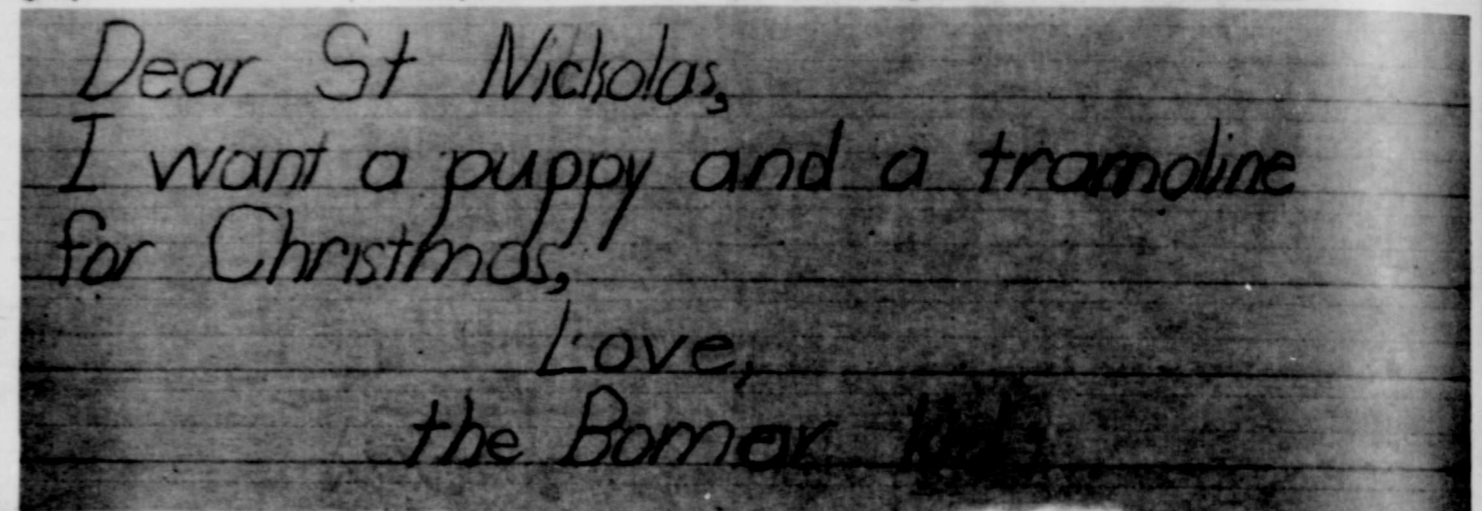
Love,
Carol Stodghill

Dear Marnie and Barn,
This year I want a Dutch doll. I also want a bicycle.

LOVE,
Carol

DEAR SANTA,
I have been good all this year. I wish that I had a football for Christmas and a flag.

Love,
Mark Klein



Wishing you peace at Christmas. May this season bring to you many blessings.

THE HOUSE OF GIFTS
Doug and Charlsie Arnold
Roy and Zollie Brown

Peace on Earth

As we celebrate the birth of the Infant King, let us rededicate ourselves to the goal of peace on earth among all men.

BILL, MABLE AND JOHNNY GRIFFIN
ERWIN AND DOROTHY BOYD

Best Wishes

...to you and your family.
May the beauty of the season be reflected in the hearts of all men.

WE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 25 & 26

Jack's PHARMACY
JACK ROBERTSON
Registered Pharmacist

Letters to Santa From Mrs. Bomar's Class

DEAR SANTA CLAUS, Please bring me some dishes. Your friend, Gena Ray Cessnun

DEAR SANTA, I have been wanting to get one of those talking phones for Christmas. Please bring me one. I have been waiting for one for years and years. And I have been a good girl this year and every year. Please bring me one for Christmas this year. Love, Roxanne Bullock

DEAR SANTA, I want a big truck and train and football shoes. Please bring them to me, Santa. from John

DEAR SANTA, I want you to bring me a BB gun and some football shoes and a football and a football game and a football suit and a Hot Wheels. Your friend, Mike

DEAR SANTA, I would like to have a popcorn popper and a football and an electric football set and a kicking tee and a record player and a basketball and a desk and an astronaut set and a watch and a mask of you. I love you so much because you bring me things. Your friend, Nicky

DEAR SANTA, I want some new dishes and that is all I want. At school we play and work, and that is what we do. I love you, Santa. When you come to school we are happy to see you, Santa. Will you come to see us? Will you be happy to see us? Your friend, Diana

DEAR SANTA, I want a Swingy, Mystery Date, Dynamite Shack and Kaboom. Santa, I hope it isn't too much and I hope at least I get one thing. Santa, I've been a good girl so please get me something. Dee Sissney

DEAR SANTA, I hope you bring a doll. I hope you bring me a doll. When you bring me a doll, please bring me some dishes. And will you bring me something else? And bring me a table and the table will cost five dollars and the doll will cost one dollar. And the dishes will cost six dollars. I love you, Rosa Linda

DEAR SANTA, I would like a Dancerina doll, and a Donald Duck movie projector, and a game of Monopoly. And my brother would like a building set, and a target range with a rifle. We have been fairly good this year. Your friends, Sherrie G. Alexander and Ross W. Alexander We love you.

DEAR SANTA, I have been a pretty good girl this year. Would you please bring me a Baby Small Walk and a high chair? I would also like some surprises. There will be cookies and milk on the table. Your friend, Patti Perkins



You can prune your own evergreens and use the trimmings for Christmas wreaths and other decorations. Be careful how you trim. Consider the natural contour of the tree and shrubs. Many branches may be removed without noticeable effect. Among evergreens that may be pruned before Christmas, experts advise, are yew, arborvitae, laurel, rhododendron, euonymus, magnolia, azalea, ivy or abelia. From the branches you can fashion centerpieces, wreaths, mantel or door decorations. To give leaves of broadleaf evergreens a lustre, wipe them with glycerine diluted with water. You may silver or gold some or spray them with artificial snow.

DEAR SANTA, I want a Johnny Lightening 500 and an electric train. My brother wants an electric football game and some little cars. With love, Zane Shane Todd

DEAR SANTA, I have been good all this year. I want a gun this year. I love you, Santa. Would you come to see me? I might come to see you. Love, Johnny Ray Klein

DEAR SANTA, I have been a good girl. I want a Dancerina. And a Crissy. And a Donald Duck movie projector. And a talking Cinderella. And a Susy Homemaker. Your friend, Melissa

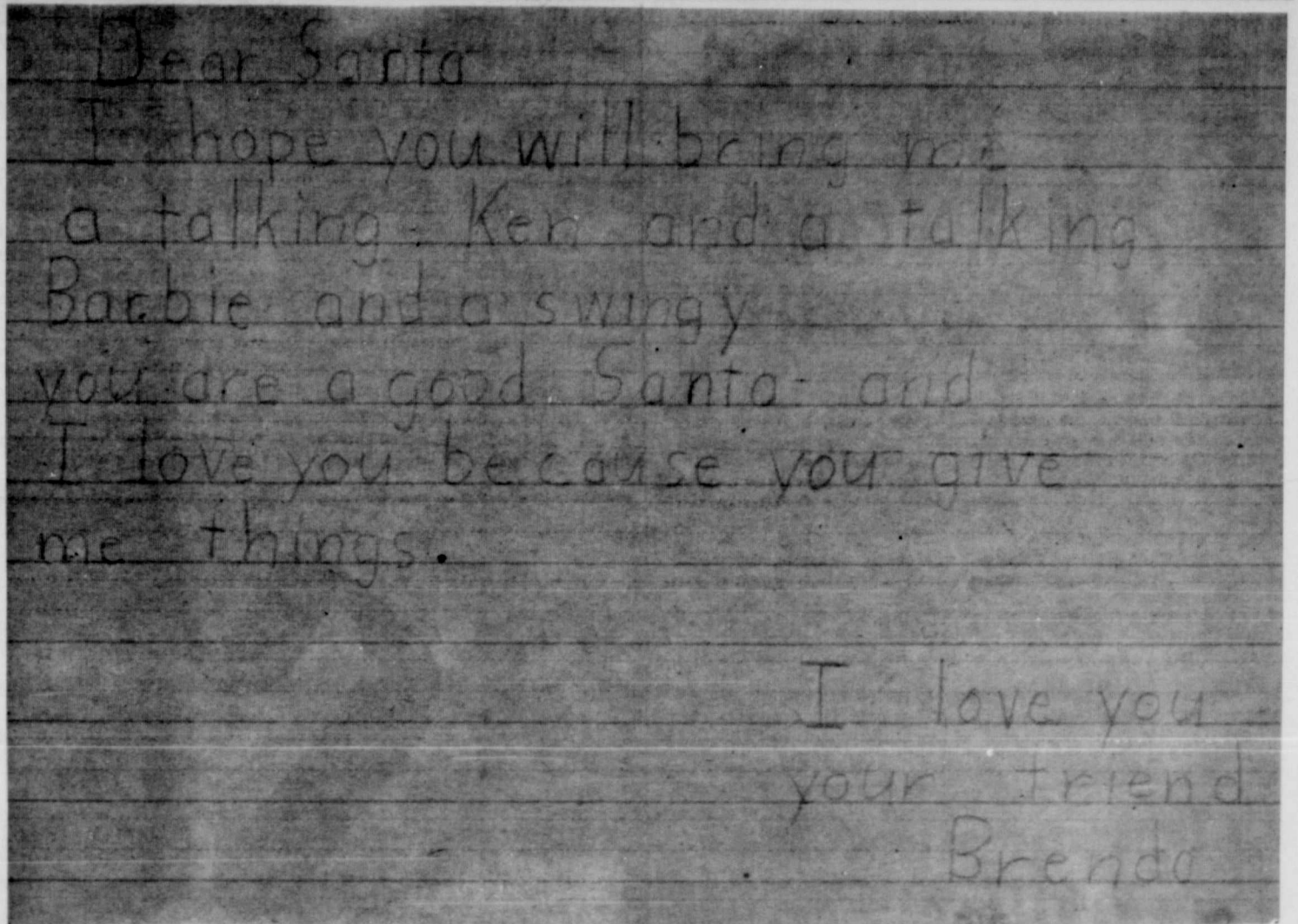
DEAR SANTA, I want a BB gun. And a Johnny Lightning 500. And a Hot Wheels. Your friend, Kenny

Feast Of St. Lucia

In Sweden, the Christmas season is ushered in on December 13th, the Feast of St. Lucia. Each community chooses a lovely Lucia queen to represent the young girl martyred for her religion centuries before in ancient Rome. The chosen Queen is feted and entertained royally. In families with daughters, throughout Sweden, the prettiest is traditionally chosen as Lucia. Her "gift" is to wait on everyone else for the day.

THOUGHTFUL GIFT

An ideal present for a couple who are moving away - an album filled with pictures of the home, the friends and the activities they are leaving. An album of candid pictures of an anniversary party or wedding reception makes an equally lovely gift. It may be given for the occasion itself or later as a birthday or Christmas present.



DEAR SANTA, I want a Johnny Lightning drag race set. I hope you come very soon! With love, Bobby Scott McPherson

DEAR SANTA, I want a Hot Wheels and four cars. I love you, Santa. Your friend, Rudy

DEAR SANTA, I would like an operation game, and a record player, and a hands down game, and a kaboom game, and a kicking tee, and a football, and some football shoes. With love, Diji

DEAR SANTA, I want a Johnny Lightening drag My brother wants a Dallas Cowboy suit. Me and my brother have

been good. Santa, Daddy wants a rope. Mother wants a lamp. Santa, I would come to visit you but I can't. Santa, me and Jimmy play together. Me and Jimmy have two paint horses. Love, Cam

DEAR SANTA, I have been nice. I would like to have a musical sleepy doll and

a blackboard. And some fruit and some nuts and candy. I love you, Santa. And don't forget the other girls and boys, too. Love, Wanda

DEAR SANTA, I want a truck and a fire truck. I want a car and a football. I love you. Love, Gaby Aguilar

Advertisement for SILVERTON BUTANE CO. featuring a large illustration of a Christmas tree and ornaments, with the text 'HAPPY HOLIDAY Sincere good wishes to you, our good friends and customers, this very joyous season. SILVERTON BUTANE CO. SILVERTON, TEXAS'

Advertisement for RAY THOMPSON IMPLEMENT featuring a large illustration of a nativity scene with the text 'Christmas Joy May God grant you and your family these joyful gifts of this holy season... Love, Peace and Understanding. We thank you for your loyal patronage. RAY THOMPSON IMPLEMENT'



CAROLS BY CANDLE-LIGHT

On Christmas Eve in Melbourne, Australia, a vast crowd assembles to sing the season's favorite carols. In recent years over 300,000 have been on hand. This "Carols By Candlelight" festival is the world's largest Christmas carol "sing".

It is a delightful spectacle, for every singer carries a lighted candle. Picture those tiny lights glowing in the darkness while that vast chorus rises to the stars. It is one of Yule's most thrilling presentations.

Everybody comes, regardless of race, religion, or social position; every singer has a candle to show against the darkness.

For such a large gathering, there have to be business like preparations. Candles and candleholders are ordered as early as March, to make sure the supply will not give out the last minute.

Of late years this Yule event has beentied in with an appeal in behalf of sick and disabled youngsters. The response has become very generous. A staff of very many people handle all the details of the "Carols By Candlelight" program.



Christmas Stockings FOR ALL...

Everyone needs a Christmas stocking. So take a few minutes now to make gay ones for every member of the family, using a fascinating new gadget to attach imaginative trims instantly.

A new button attacher, about the size and shape of a fountain pen, is equipped with a needle-pointed end which inserts a plastic thread through holes in buttons to attach the button securely and permanently to any material. It can also attach sequins, felt cut-outs in holiday motifs, bows and ribbons, names and numbers in far less time than a needle and thread would require.

To make the stockings, cut stocking shapes from red felt — bigger shapes for Mom and Dad, smaller for the children. Cut felt cuffs to fit. Using the Buttoner attach decorations to stockings. The buttons hold cut-outs in place. Use button attacher to apply gold braid, rickrack, sequins and names to felt tops.

Then, with the right sides together, join stocking sections. Sew felt tops to stockings so they will form a cuff when turned. Turn right side out, hang on mantel, and wait for Santa.



DISPLAY UNIT . . . You don't have to use adhesives or tacks if you wish to make a gay festive holiday decoration using your Christmas cards. A display unit of plastic netting provides a nearly invisible surface when cards are attached with provided fasteners. Displayer can be attached to wall, or used as a room divider.



Christmas Legends With Animals

Christmas season folklore is fascinating. Whether true or not, there are innumerable tales on traditions of the holiday season.

Animals are prominently mentioned in many legends and customs.

One Christmas legend tells of the little gray lamb with a longing in its heart to be white. It wandered to the dwelling of the Holy Family, lingering at the door. The Christ Child, seeing the lamb, beckoned it in. He laid His hand on its head, and it became white as snow.

Norwegians, Swedes, and the Swiss make it a special point to be extremely friendly and hospitable on Christmas, both to domestic pets and wild birds.

A persistent Christmas legend is that bees hum a carol in honor of the Christ Child. In England, holly is placed on the hive to wish the bees a Merry Christmas.

Spaniards are taught to treat cows kindly: they believe that cattle breathed upon the Christ Child to keep Him warm. Tradition holds that cows and horses kneel in adoration at midnight each Christmas Eve. Among the residents of the German Alps it is believed that on Christmas Eve all animals can speak.

In Worcestershire, it was at one time the custom to give a bough of mistletoe to the cow that first bore a calf after New Year's Day, to bring good luck to all.

In Syria, the youngest camel which accompanied the Three Wise Men is called the camel of Jesus, and it is this camel which brings gifts to children.

In Bohemia a horse is taken into a river at Christmas and walked against the current. The rider tosses an apple into the stream and if it hits the horse it will be stronger during the coming year.

Dear Santa

I've been thinking about you a lot lately, and I surely do hope you are well.

This year Christmas may be terribly exciting at our house because Joe Ted is big enough to get into everything. Santa, I would just love for you to bring me a Swingy doll, a Ken doll and a Barbie wedding gown. We would all like for you to bring Joe Ted something he can beat up and tear apart.

I know you must have a hard time working out your schedule to get to everyone's home but I think there are a few instructions

I need to give you about our house. Please be very quiet or you will wake Joe Ted and by all means, don't go in and kiss him. He gets up two or three times every night so it will be hard to know just what time to come to our house. I want you to kiss me just like you have been doing the past six years. Another thing, try not to let the cats in because they would holler and wake up everybody and then they would want breakfast. Would you please gift wrap our presents? You will find your refreshments on the piano.

All of our friends, neighbors, grandparents, cousins, uncles, aunts and their pets deserve an extra nice Christmas this year so

please remember them as well as our American soldiers who are fighting for us to have a peaceful Christmas in the United States.

I surely do hope it was cooler at the North Pole than it was here last summer.

I hope I haven't forgotten anything.

Love,
Cynthia Ann Edwards
Joe Ted Edwards

WELCOME!

Is there a warmer way of saying "Merry Christmas" and "Please Come In!" than a front door that's bedecked with greens and trimmings?

TREE COOKIES

The nicest Christmas trees ever are those trimmed with garlands of popcorn and cranberries and home made cookies. It's an old-fashioned idea that few mothers take time for any more. Even if you prefer your tree laden with tinsel and lights and expensive ornaments, don't overlook the joy of making cookies for Christmas. It adds a warm and hospitable aroma to the house and gives children an inner happiness that can never be bought or forgotten.

YARDS OF CARDS

Pin Christmas cards to lengths of four inch ribbon. Decorate top with a bright bow and trimmings from the tree. Add pine cones.

CREATIVE WRITING

The best creative writing is contained in the bits and scraps sent to Santa Claus. It will not win literary award, but it contains the ultimate in excitement, drama and the poetry of the soul.

To the writer, Santa Claus is not a red-frocked myth. He is as real and as vital as love, hunger, tears and passion fulfilled.



Season's Greetings

IT'S OUR FAVORITE TIME OF YEAR . . . WHEN WE WISH ALL OUR FRIENDS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

PLAINVIEW PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSN.

DEE McWILLIAMS, MGR.

BRENDA PATTON, Sec.

cards to ch ribbon. bright bow n the tree.



How seldom Christmas comes — only once a year, and how soon it is over — a night and a day! If that is the whole of it, it seems not much more durable than the little toys that one buys on the street corner. They run for an hour, and then the spring breaks, and nothing remains but a contribution to the dust heap.

Surely that need not and ought not to be the whole of Christmas — only a single day of generosity, ransomed from the dull servitude of a selfish year — only a single night of merry-making, celebrated in the slave-quarters of a selfish race! If every gift is a token of a personal thought, a friendly feeling, and unselfish interest in the joys of others, then the thought, the feeling, the interest, may remain long after the gift is forgotten.

Lighting Compliments Christmas Tree

Any Christmas tree is prettier and safer if it is properly lighted. To determine the number of lights for your tree, indoors or out, multiply the height times the width times three. One-half this final number is a minimum number of lights. Random placement gives an informal touch. With a poorly shaped tree or for more formal decoration, you may want to arrange the lights vertically so that each string is clipped to the top of the tree and runs straight to the bottom. Slightly less formal is a diagonal spiral arrangement around the tree, or a wavy arrangement. No matter which method you use, start at the top and work down to the bottom. Place lights nearest the trunk first and work out to the tips of the boughs.

For added effect, floodlights at the base of the tree add decorative shadows and give sparkle to ornaments. Colored floodlights can add drama, too.

Tip To Males

SHE'D LOVE TO RECEIVE IT BUT WON'T BUY IT

A woman's explanation of the types of gifts she would love to have but wouldn't buy for herself, may seem rather illogical to a man but it is typical of feminine reasoning.

She will say "I would spend \$20 on a sweater but not on a wallet. I would spend \$50 on a dress, but not on a sweater. Yet, I would love to have a \$50 cashmere sweater."

What it all boils down to is practicality. The average woman will buy something for herself that appears to be the most for her money. Although she may wish to own something frivolous and extravagant, usually she will not buy it.

So, men, all you have to do is figure out just what she is secretly longing for for Christmas.



AND FASHIONS, TOO . . . A doll with hair that grows, that can be combed and set in an endless variety of styles. The only thing more a girl could ask would be a wardrobe of the latest in stunning female wear.

JEWISH 'CHRISTMAS'

The Jewish "Christmas", called Hannukah, is a gift-giving season which commemorates the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem. One of the most beautiful of Jewish festivals, Hannukah does not occur on a fixed date each year, but eight nights are used for gift-giving.

CAUTION ON CREDIT

Too many things are bought on credit or revolving charge plans.

You pay usually at least 18 per cent interest or service charges and sometimes more.

It's better to borrow money from the less expensive lending agencies for your Christmas buying.

EASY DECORATION

Take a board about 5 inches by 9 inches — or thereabouts — cover with foil and nail on a piece of chicken wire.

Pull green branches through the wire and slip colorful Christmas balls and figures amongst the greenery. That's all there is to it. Use the same board each year.



Our very best holiday wishes to you
SILVERTON AUTO PARTS

H. A. Varah

How To Wrap That Round Package

To wrap a round package, place the package on the paper and cut so that there is an inch overlap on the side. Fix neatly with tape. Leave enough paper at both ends to fold over and meet in the center of the cylinder. Pleat these ends neatly toward the center making firm creases. Cut two circles of paper to fit the ends of the cylinder and paste them over the pleats.

A round package or object can also be wrapped in several layers of tissue paper with overlap fixed with tape, and two or three inches of paper at each end. Tie the end overlaps firmly with ribbon or yarn. Cut rosette like ends that result in thin strips to resemble a party "snapper". Decorate each end with a bow.

This Is Christmas!

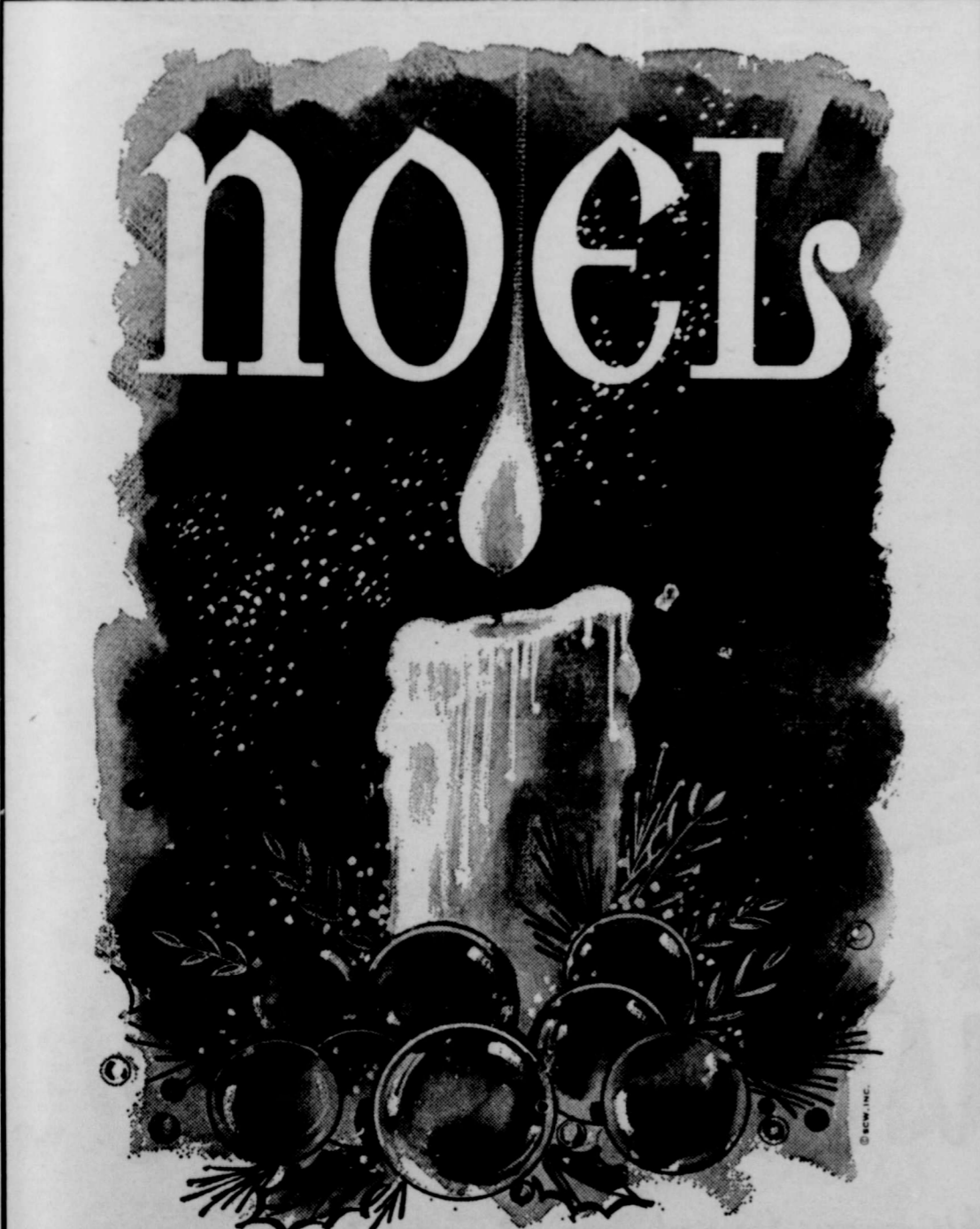
Light the candles on your tree of hope, for this is Christmas! Let your heart refresh and take joy and gladness, for this is Christmas!

Listen to the melody in all creation; it is there for those who will hear. Forget the trials of the hour. He who has learned the secret of trust will have no fear, for he can make this day of days one of gladness and praise-giving. For this is Christmas!



May your holidays be merry and overflowing with good things in life!

Service Elevator



May the spirit of holiday joy burn brightly in your home and in your heart!

DAVIS GIN
GLENN McWILLIAMS, Mgr.



We join jolly old St. Nick in wishing everyone, everywhere, happiness and good cheer, now and always.

Salem's of Silverton

HAIL—

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"In any case, it is obvious that some particular mechanism might be responsible for hailfall in the spring months and is not available during the later summer period even though cumulonimbus activity continues to be persistent," the report stated.

The area northwest of Plainview has a higher hail frequency than any other area in Texas. However, it is only about half the frequency found in the small area of Southeastern Wyoming, Southwestern Nebraska and Northeastern Colorado, the report said.

Pointing to the costs and losses incurred by hailstorms in the study area, the report stated reasonable estimates indicate in the larger 23-county Panhandle area, hail produces a \$15 million average annual crop loss.

In summary, the report stated that investigation has produced a broad spectrum of information related to severity of hailfall and the attitudes of people toward programs designed to modify this

phenomenon.

In the first case, the severity of hail within this area is such that hail suppression programs can be designed so apparent results could be identified in a relatively short period of time.

In the second case, general attitudes of the people within the area are ones of impatient acceptance. There is a lot of the "Let's get moving on something" outlook. However, experience in other areas of the United States and abroad indicates that people's emotion - accomplishment curve suffers some peculiar extremes.

Caution always is advised before plunging ahead with programs which may lack the necessary considerations of "people problems."

"We emphasize again that in this particular area of Texas, the problem appears minimal," the report stated.

In addition to favorable operational features there is a sympathetic academic community within or adjacent to the study area. Supplementing this college and university potential are the agri-

cultural research communities which have expressed interest in hail suppression activities and related cooperative efforts. With resident acceptance, academic cooperation, agricultural research interest and a favorable operational base, the area appears unique for a significant multi-faceted program, the report said.

This report was prepared as phase one of a three-phase program which would include an applied hail suppression research program in the area and, if successful, an operational program.

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I want a "Swingy" doll, guitar with Superman on it, and everything else I see—I can't make up my mind.

I'm sorry I told you last week in Amarillo that I hadn't been good. I made a mistake—I've been a good girl all year.

Don't forget Darren, Jody, Angela and Gary Hunt. I'll be waiting for you Christmas Eve.

Love,
Tammi Edwards

DEAR SANTA,

May I please have a Buffy doll, some dishes and a surprise for Christmas? I am a good little girl. I help my Mommy and I take care of Taffy, when she will let me.

Please bring my sisters some things and Taffy some oats. Maybe next year you can bring her a

HOLIDAY COASTERS

Coasters in gay holiday design make a delightful surprise gift. You can make them yourself by rubber cementing red or green felt to foam rubber sheeting 1/4 of an inch thick. Cut in circles with an ordinary scissors or pinky shears and top each coaster with a Merry Christmas seal.

HONG KONG SANTA

In Hong Kong, there is a Santa Claus, but the name is different. Everything else is much the same, however, as "San Tan You Lin" is found in many department stores, specially costumed for the season, and quick to hold a youngster on his knee and listen to a list of Christmas gift requests.

pretty green halter.

Our Christmas tree is twinkling in the window, so you can find us. Please remember all the other good children and Pepe Don, too.

Love,
Amy Perkins

DEAR SANTA,

I have been a pretty good girl this past year. I would like for you to bring me a Talking Barbie, a Tippee Toes doll and a movie projector. I would also like to have a fall and some new clothes.

And Santa, please don't forget that my cousin, Julie, has moved to Dimmitt, so don't forget to stop at her house.

Love,
Susie Tipton

DEAR SANTA,

I am a little boy five years old. I have been about as good as a five-year-old boy can be. I would like for you to bring me a Hot Wheels Race Track and a Road Construction Set. I would also like to have a new robe and some new

clothes. Don't forget to bring all the other boys and girls what they

want. Love,
Dwain Tipton



A joyous Noel to each and everyone of you!

ASHEL McDANIEL TEXACO

Ashel Mildred



Christmas Ham

2 teaspoons dried rosemary leaves
1 1/2 teaspoons cloves
1 teaspoon ginger
10 to 12 pound (fully cooked-bone in ham)

parsley sprigs
2 medium onions, peeled and sliced
1 stalk celery with top—sliced
2 cups apple cider

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Combine one teaspoon of the rosemary, one teaspoon of the cloves and the ginger. Place ham fat side up in shallow, open roasting pan. Rub surface with clove mixture. Insert meat thermometer in center, away from bone. Place parsley onion and celery around the ham; Pour cider into pan, then cover tightly with foil.

Bake, basting frequently with cider mixture in the pan until thermometer registers 130 degrees F, about 3 hours. Remove from oven. Increase oven temperature to 400 degrees. Pour off liquid from roasting pan, and strain. Skim off fat, and discard. Set liquid aside.

Remove skin from ham and score surface in diagonal pattern. Sprinkle with 1 teaspoon rosemary and 1/2 teaspoon cloves. Brush ham with some reserved liquid, about 30 minutes, or until browned.

To serve: Carve a few slices and arrange around ham on platter. Garnish with spiced crabapples, if desired.



NOEL

May the season bring spiritual and material blessings to you.


ARCHIE CASTLEBERRY



Merry Christmas

We hope that Santa's good to you & brings you the best of everything!

BRISCOE CO-OP GIN
Farris W. Martin, manager



Christmas Cheer

At this joyous time of year, we extend our warmest wishes and express our appreciation for your loyal support.

WE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 25 & 26

CITY CAFE
Agnes Bingham

Christmas Fund May Top Previous Years

As yet a final accounting of the proceeds of the L. O. A. Junior Study Club's Christmas Greeting Page Project has not been made; however, this year's project, benefitting the public school music department, could prove to be the most successful ever conducted by the club.

Several pledges had not been received at press time, and the official total will be released as soon as all money is in hand. Early this week, the fund was approaching \$550.00. Discussion was also heard concerning a proposed gift from another civic club to the music department in the amount of \$75.00 or \$100.00.

A 20% discount has been promised.

Firemen Have Been Busy This Week

Silverton Volunteer Firemen have been busy this week. There were three fire calls answered Monday afternoon, when high winds fanned burr burners into flames at Davis Gin, T&F Gin and Dempsey Gin.

The high winds Monday were also blamed for the collapse of a portion of the brick front on the new city hall, and three dead trees were blown over at the Badgett house.

Firemen were called Saturday evening to extinguish a fire in a car belonging to the Don Garrisons. The fire started when Roy Garrison was on her way to town, and Roy had to run through the fields to get help at home.

MAYTAG WASHERS AND DRYERS
Sales and Service
Fogerson Lumber & Supply

used the music department on all of its purchases by a Plainview firm, and this will help stretch the fund's purchasing power. For \$600.00, the department could buy \$720.00 worth of equipment.

Self Family Has Christmas Dinner

Five generations were present for a pre-Christmas dinner Sunday hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Mart Self. The generations were represented by Mrs. H. L. O. Riddell, her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mart Self, their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Self, their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scott of Levelland and their daughter, Mellanie Faye Scott.

All six of the Self children were at home for the occasion, as well as eleven of their thirteen grandchildren and their families.

Others attending, in addition to those already named, were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Masey and Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Self, David and Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Younger, Roger, Jenny, Lydia and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Frizzell and Marvin Self, all of Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McGowan and Zobie Self, all of Plainview; and Mr. and Mrs. George Masey of Amarillo.

HOUSEWARMING HONORS E. H. McGAVOCK FAMILY

A housewarming was given for Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McGavock and sons at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, December 21, in their new home at 1300 Pulitzer Street.

Mrs. Opal Hill and Mrs. Jack Davis were hostesses.

Cokes, coffee and cookies were served, and games were played by those attending. Many sent gifts who were unable to attend.

Silverton clubs donating to the greeting page project this year have included Century of Progress Study Club and Silverton Chapter No. 900, Order of the Eastern Star.

Margie Moreland, Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star Chapter, said of her group's donation: "We have received so many nice donations of clothing for our rummage sales from non-members this year. Our sales have been very good, and we are making this donation to the school music department because of our interest in education and also to say 'thank - you' to those who have been so good to help us with our money-raising projects. We have promised that the funds we have raised will be spent for a good cause, and we feel that our project is more worthy of our support than is the public school music program."

This is the fourth year that the L. O. A. Junior Study Club has conducted the Christmas Greeting Page Project. In 1966, \$600.00 was collected for the school; in 1967, \$449.75 was contributed for the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department; and in 1968, the fund was bolstered by a \$50.00 individual donation and the contribution of \$24.00 from the treasury of the L. O. A. Junior Study Club to net \$575.00 for the school.

* 4-H DOINGS

The 4-H Wildlife Project group will participate in a Field Trip on Tuesday, December 30, 1969.

Project group members are asked to bring guests, and each person attending is to bring a sack lunch.

Those going are asked to meet at the Briscoe County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m.

Club Entertains Husbands At Party

Members of the Helping Hand Club met Thursday night in the J. D. Nance home for their annual Christmas supper with their husbands as special guests.

Turkey with all the trimmings was served to Mrs. Miriam Jowell, Mr. and Mrs. Lenton Lanham, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Rowell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Crass, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Callaway and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance.

Games of "42" were played and gifts were exchanged.

Engagement Announced



JACKIE DURHAM

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ratliff of Lockney announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Jackie Sue Durham, to Mr. Rex H. Wells of Friona.

Miss Durham attended Silverton Schools before moving to Lockney, where she was graduated from high school. She and her fiancé both are senior students at West Texas State University.

Wedding vows will be solemnized on Saturday evening, January 24, 1970, at 7:30 o'clock at the First Baptist Church in Lockney.

Metal Works Employees Have Christmas Party

The employees of Silverton Metal Works were entertained at a Christmas party and supper Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McGavock.

Ham and all the trimmings was served to Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Stephens and family, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Minyard and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Minyard, and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McGavock and sons. W. J. Frazier of Amarillo and three children from Buckner's Childrens Home in Lubbock were guests.

Card and "42" games were played, and the group was entertained with a story told by Mr. Frazier, father of Mrs. McGavock.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sarchet and Ken were in Tullia for a Christmas lunch in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hill, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Whitehead and daughters, Kathy and Sharon, and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whitehead attended the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stephens Sunday at their home in Sylvester, Texas.

Sunday also marked the forty-third anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whitehead.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Whitehead and girls of Wichita Falls visited Sunday night and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whitehead.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hill and grandsons, Brad and Brian Hill, all of Tullia, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sarchet and Ken Tuesday morning, and Ken returned home with them for a visit.

Christmas Worship Service Planned

"We would like to invite all of our members, their relatives and friends to attend our special Christmas Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. Thursday," Rev. C. H. Murphy, jr., pastor of First Baptist Church in Silverton said today.

"This will be a short service—it should be over about 9:30, and the women will have plenty of time to prepare Christmas lunch following the service.

"It will also be a very informal gathering. In fact, last year some of the younger children came in their pajamas," Rev. Murphy added.

Couple Honored On Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney were honored on their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, December 21, 1969, at an open house in their home by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Seaney and Jim of Claude; David and Susie Seaney of Canyon; Mr. and Mrs. Max Garrison and Walt of Bryan; Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lowrey, Angela and Shavonne of Silverton.

Mrs. Max Garrison registered the 275 guests who called to extend best wishes to the couple. Mrs. Gordon Lowrey and Susie Seaney presided at the refreshment table, serving miniature fruit cakes, nuts, Christmas mints and punch. The table was covered with a gold lace cloth and gold and crystal appointments were used as well silver appointments, gifts from Johan Bull-Njaa of Norway, an exchange student to Silverton High School who made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Garrison and Max in 1964-65.

The centerpiece was an arrangement of gold chrysanthemums surrounding the Seaneys' 1919 wedding photograph, flanked by the current date and the numeral "50".

Out-of-town relatives attending included Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Adcox and family of Lubbock; Mrs. V. C. Adcox of Odessa; Claude Adcox, Bill McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jefferson, Pam and Cathy, all of Erick, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dean Seaney and boys of Security, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. James Roy Brown of Memphis; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hooper of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hooper and family, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hooper and family, all of Tullia; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bradley of Kress; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bradley, Kim and Marie Rivers of Sunray and other friends;

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Brown, Mrs. Annie Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. Nute Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Price Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Garrison and Tom Garrison, all of Tullia; Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Shearer, Mrs. Ethel Campbell and Margie, Mrs. Lee Cook of Plainview; Mrs. Mary Gammage, Mrs. Avis Cowart, Mrs. Nona Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Millard McNabb, all of Amarillo; Hub Hodges of Canyon; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Thomas of Hereford; Mr. and Mrs. Norland Dudley of Earth; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Barrett of Quitaque; Mr. and Mrs. George Miller of Floydada; Mrs. Buddy Comer and Christi, Debbie and Dudley McMinn of Lubbock; Pam and Doug Rampley of Roswell, New Mexico; and Mrs. Ola Isbell of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

We would like to thank everyone who helped make our Golden Anniversary open house such a memorable occasion. We appreciate so much all those who assisted with the hospitalities, those who sent cards and gifts, and those who came to visit.

George and Agnes Seaney

Dana Martin underwent a tonsillectomy in the Lockney Hospital last Friday morning.

Cathy Jones was a patient in the Lockney Hospital last week.

Charles and Ken Sarchet were in Floydada for their dental appointments Monday afternoon.

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA,
I want a bicycle and a hoppy hop and an electric car.

How are you and Mrs. Santa doing? I have been pretty good this year and hope you will come to see me.
Love,
Kevin McGavock
P. S. We would like to have a new puppy to play with.

DEAR SANTA,
I am four years old and have tried to be good. I would like for you to bring me a tricycle or a tractor with a wagon behind it.

I would also like to have some candy, nuts, apples and oranges for my stocking. I hope you are fine.
Love,
Michael McGavock

DEAR SANTA,
My name is Tandy McJimsey. I would like to have an Easy Bake Oven and a Baby Catch a Ball.

Please bring the other boys and girls some nice toys, too. Thank you for all the nice toys you brought me last year.
Love,
Tandy

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a training bicycle, and little pull toys for my baby brother, Sloane.

Thank you,
Kevin Brent Grabbe

DEAR SANTA,
We would like a Dancerina and a talking Ken doll, some luggage for our doll clothes. Please leave some candy and fruit in our socks.

We will be at our Mam-maw and Pap-paw's, so you can leave our things there.
Don't forget the other boys and girls and big teenagers.
Love,
Patti and Terri

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a Crazy Car and a King Kong Punching Bag. I go to kindergarten and I try to be nice.

Love,
Casey Bean

DEAR SANTA CLAUD,
I have been a pretty good little boy this year. My name is Monroe, and I am four years old.

For Christmas this year I would like to have a Tricky Busy School Bus, 3-way desk and a gun set.
My brothers and I will leave a snack for you, since you have such a long journey.
Love,
Monroe Hill

Robin red-breast, perennial harbinger of spring, has been associated in legend with Christ, and thus with Christmas.

It was told long ago that the bird attempted to ease Christ's suffering on the way to His crucifixion by pulling a thorn from the crown. According to the legend, a drop of blood fell on the robin's chest and remained there forever.

This explains why the robin was a familiar decorative touch to Christmas cards in the late 19th century.



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Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
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Evening	8:00 p.m.

DEAR SANTA,
I have been good this year. I hope you bring me a Mr. Chimp and a shooting gallery and a racing set.
Love you,
Greg

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I am a boy six years old, and have tried to be pretty good this year.

Please bring me a Johnny Eagle gun set, a little tractor with the wide front wheels, and a Kenner Give-a-Show Projector.

You have a Merry Christmas, too, Santa.
Love,
Michael Hill

DEAR SANTA,
My name is Trey. I am four. Please bring me an electric football set and a big wheel.
Mikel wants a farm set.
I will be at Beamer's or Gran-ny's.

Trey McWilliams
3104 El Paso
Snyder, Texas 79549

Sunday dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. P. H. McKenney were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee McKenney and Terry of Carlsbad, New Mexico; Mrs. Jerry Miller, Mrs. W. W. Reid, Belva Davis and Mrs. Mildred Reid.

DEAR SANTA,
I have been a pretty good girl this year. I would like a pin-up bulletin board and a talking Stacey. I would also like a pink lamp and some surprises. There will be cookies and coffee or milk on the table.

Love,
Becky Perkins

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The Story of the Nativity

(From the Gospel of St. Luke, Chapter II, 1-20)

1. And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
2. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria).
3. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David).
5. To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
6. And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
7. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.



9. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were sore afraid.
10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
11. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
12. And this shall be a sign unto you: "Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."
13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:



14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from and the babe lying in a manger.
17. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
18. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
19. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.
20. And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen as it was told unto them.

ONE GOOD THING ABOUT WINTER

There is one good thing about winter — he brings Christmas. Through the bleak December the thought of the coming festivities is pleasant — like the reflection of a fire on our faces. We taste the cake before it is baked, and when it is actually before us we find that it is none the worse for the fond handling of imagination.



CHRISTMAS Merry-Makings

Merry-makings from the tiny kingdom of Denmark capture the spirit of the Christmas season. The holidays there, as here, are a time of hospitality of easy informality. The traditional Danish cold table (smorgasbord) is a perfect way to adapt to a friendly, festive open house. Collect boughs of fragrant evergreen, symbol of life, to place around the table. Light four white candles, representing the four Sundays of Advent. Freeze a bottle of aquavit, the popular Danish drink, for tingling toasts. And offer your guests a yearly Yule ham, accompanied by such buffet favorites as shrimp salad, spiced veal roll, assorted cheese, and a country liver pate that can be served warm, as the Danes prefer, or cold with pickled beets. A marzipan-cookie cornucopia makes a spectacular center piece, spilling over with almonds, chocolate truffles, and honey cakes that have mellowed a fortnight.

Age Old Hope: Peace On Earth

Christmas means more than the annual celebration of a day or a season. It is a universal symbol of the generosity of the human spirit. There is in all creeds throughout the world an anniversary on which reverence is paid to a certain "something" . . . a divine spirit which constantly calls for individual dedication to the service of humanity.

Whether it be the teachings of Confucius or Mohammed or Buddha or Moses or Jesus, we find in all religions an age-old concept embracing these commandments: "Thou shalt not kill; Thou shalt not steal; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The Christmas season affords an occasion and an opportunity for us to reach out to our fellow man across the world and to speak the words that have lasted through centuries but have a new meaning now. We can remind each other at Christmas time that sacrifice is not obsolete and that brotherly love is the cardinal precept for human behavior.

Christmas And Bells

Many poet and musicians have been inspired to write music and verses concerning bells, and bells have been associated with religion for centuries.

John Pierpont, a lawyer who was not happy practicing law, became a clergyman and wrote verses to "Single Bells" in about 1857. He called it "The One Horse Open Sleigh", and it is sung all over the world at Christmas.

HARDY HOLLY

Most of the holly cuttings used in American homes are of the English variety, grown for the most part in the northwest where climatic conditions are most favorable. Several American strains are hardier than their English cousins and superior in color, foliage and fruit. They carry such interesting names as Merry Christmas, Santa Claus, Old Heavy Berry and Cronenberg.

Look For Safety

When buying toys, look for safety and quality. These are the two biggest things, not just the price. Make sure toys are flameproof, free of sharp edges and sturdy. Don't be one to waste money on junk toys. Wise family Santas can make Christmas a happy one for youngsters by providing durable, bright, and creative toys.

A Personal Gift

The most personal gift you can make at Christmastime, or at any other time, is a gift of your blood. The need for blood mounts constantly as our population grows and medical science finds new and increasing uses for blood. During this period, a heavier demand for blood may be created by increasing traffic accidents caused by weather hazards, fires often affecting children, and by a rise in seasonal illnesses.

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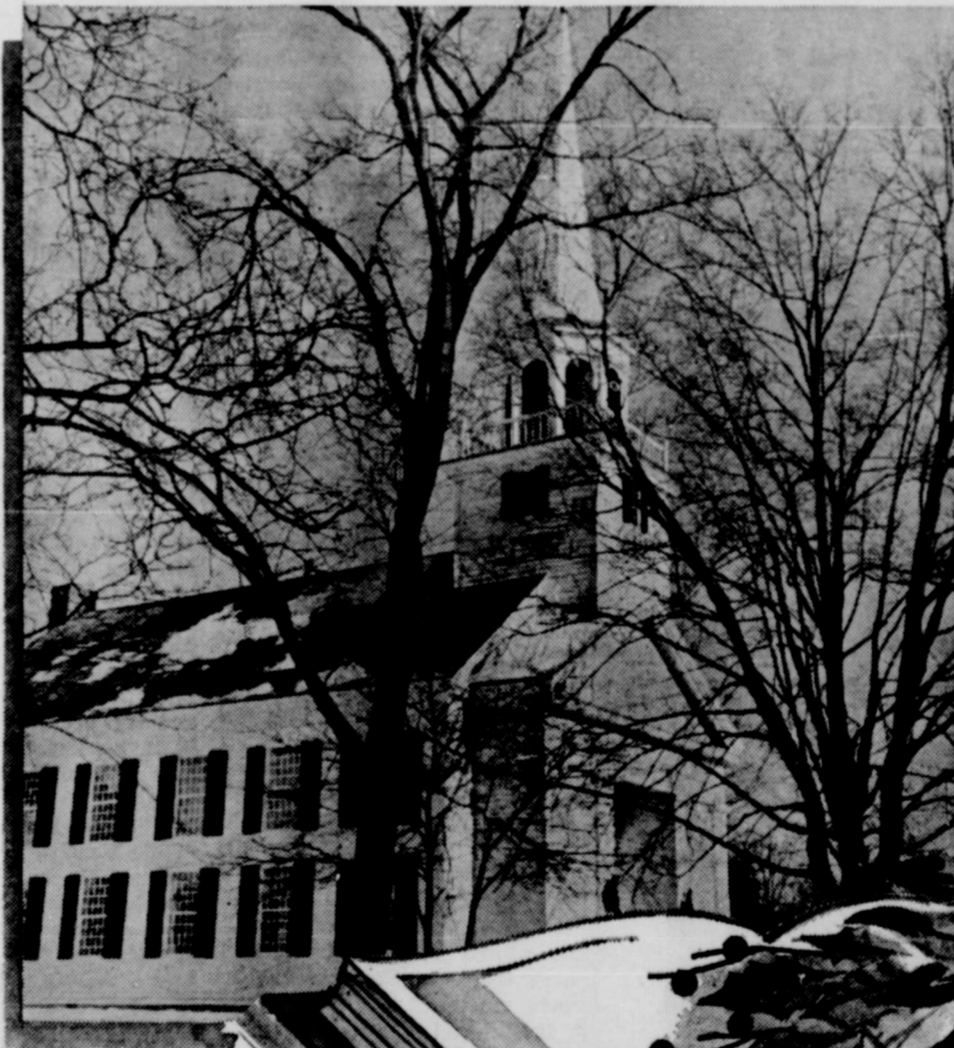
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MIDNIGHT DEC. 28

The Texas Department of Public Safety estimates that 54 persons will be killed in traffic accidents during the Christmas holiday period from 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 24 to midnight Sunday, December 28. DPS officials are joining with the Governor's highway safety program in urging Texans to "Drive Friendly" during the holidays and stay alive for the seventies.

CHRISTMAS JOY



As we gather together with friends and loved ones in our churches and our homes, may we remember the real meaning of Christmas . . . God's love for us . . . and may our hearts be filled with joy!

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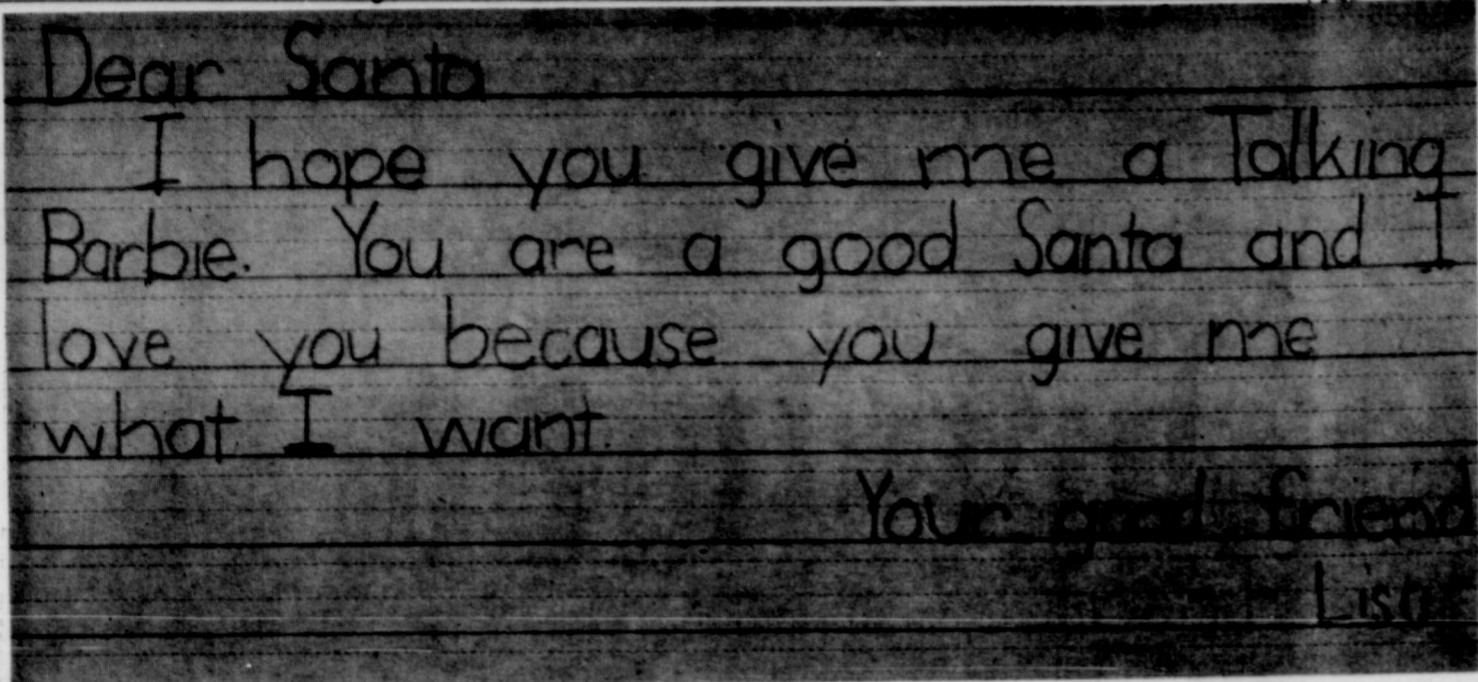
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Merry Christmas



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THE POINSETTIA

The Poinsettia plant was brought to the United States by Joel Robert Poinsett, first minister to Mexico. Poinsett successfully grew the wild scarlet plant on his estate in South Carolina, and American botanists named the plant the poinsettia. The name stuck, in the U.S., even though it was later discovered that a German botanist, Karl Willdenow, had earlier described and catalogued the plant as Euphorbia pulcherrima, or "the very beautiful Euphorbia." In other nations, it is known as the Fireplant, Mexican Flame Leaf, Shepherdess, and Lobster Plant.

When we place the figures of little donkeys, cows, sheep and lambs in our Christmas creche, let us pause to realize what important parts they played in that first Nativity scene, almost 2000 years ago.

SPRAY CANS MMM SCOTCH-GARD FABRIC PROTECTOR

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FIX UP OLD TOYS, TREAT YOUNGSTERS IN HOSPITALS

When all is said and done, there is no gift quite as wonderful as giving of yourself. For whatever reason the Creator may have, when we give our energies, our hearts to something or someone else, we share the joys perhaps to greater degree than the recipient.

This Christmas plan to bring a little happiness to the less fortunate, not by means of a check (though that is very welcome, too) but by means of personal involvement.



If you have children perhaps you have some old but still serviceable toys you could "bring back to life" with a little paint, a screw

or bolt here or there or some minor repair. It can be a great source of pleasure to a little fellow in the hospital, orphanage or in a home where Dad is missing or not employed.

Perhaps your town has organized groups which coordinate such activity. You will enjoy it even more if you participate with a group.

When painting toys to be used by children, it is most important to use non-toxic enamels or paints. Never use paint designed for outside use.

Keep in mind that children enjoy strong, bold colors, as well as the glossiness of enamel.

For small objects self-spraying enamels in aerosol cans are the easiest to use. If more than one color is to be applied, protect other areas with masking tape.

All this is good therapy! And you'll be doing someone a world of good.

Candles have long been a part of Christmas. In medieval days, yule candles, like yule logs, were of tremendous size. Holes were chiseled in the stone floors to act as holders, and Christmas dinner lasted as long as the candles burned.

Origin of Carols

In 1859, Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., an Episcopal rector, composed the words and music for "We Three Kings of Bethlehem Are."

"O, Little Town of Bethlehem" was inspired by a trip to the Holy Land. It was composed in 1868 by Phillip Brooks, an Episcopal minister. The music was written by Lewis H. Redner, organist of Brooks' church.

It is curious that one of the best-known carols, Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol", written in 1843, is to be read, not sung.

Customs in Denmark, Sweden and Bulgaria

Small metal trumpets that often trim Christmas trees began with a Danish custom. They used to play four hymns on them at Yule — symbolizing the four corners of the world.

In Swedish art, St. Lucia is sometimes pictured wearing candles in her hair. Her feast day, December 13, is a forerunner of Christmas.

In Bulgaria on Christmas Eve each peasant takes a lighted candle to the barn to awaken each animal, saying: "The Child is born and blesses you tonight."

Members of every family carry lighted candles on the way to church. Picture the winking, silvery streams of light threading their ways through the hills and valleys!

We have mentioned only a few of the customs which have prevailed in the European countries. Many of these customs are reflected in American Christmas celebrations. Also as befits a new country, it developed its own candle customs . . . these deserve an article all its own.

Melodious church bells conclude the celebrations of Christmas Day, ringing throughout the land until the last stroke of the clock chimes farewell to the Holiday.

FUN-LOVING KING RESTORES TREE TO YULE STATUS

Ironically it was the "merry monarch," Charles II, that much-maligned king of England, whose licentious adventures were the scandal of 17th century Europe who actually caused the Christmas tree's return into English life.

It is said that the Roundheads, who beheaded his father Charles I, had banished the tree as part of the Devil's work, but on Cromwell's demise and the return of the royalists, the fun-loving monarch restored this picturesque custom, much to the joy of the English-speaking world.

PUT THE REAL YOU IN YOUR CARDS...

Though we may speak of Christmas-card writing as a chore, in reality, to most of us, it is one of the pleasantest "chores" of the year.

It gives us a chance to remember and reach old friends, and also to say "hello" to new acquaintances we might like to know better.

Those of us who work at regular jobs will find card-writing a good way to "break the ice" with those people with whom we have little daily contact. Perhaps this

will be a source of a much more meaningful relationship within sterile office walls.

When you choose your cards let them reflect the real you; let the ones you select be the ones you feel most identified with. Don't try to be fashionable, or "modern," brilliant or off-beat, unless it happens that this expresses your personality "as it is."

Many people use a Christmas card as a kind of once-a-year message to very special people; they write a long note and enclose it, or on the back of the card. This gives you an opportunity to express personal thoughts in the very meaning of Christmas.

Another thing which is important this time of the year (if not at any other time!): be spontaneous . . . Don't stop and say, "Will he be embarrassed if I send him one and he hasn't sent me one?" Take the chance. And give him time to respond, if indeed you do take him by surprise. It will be none the

less sincere. And if you are "caught" in this situation, you should react genuinely. If you want to reciprocate, do so . . . in time for him to receive the card for Christmas, and if not, with a New Year's card . . . or, still better, with a special personal thank-you . . . by note or phone call.

A Christmas gambol oft could cheer
A poor man's heart through half the year. — Scott

The magi? They were wise men, as you know, who brought gifts to the Babe in the manger. Being wise, their gifts were no doubt rooted in wisdom; possibly their gifts bore the privilege of exchange.

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Season's Greetings to All

May you share with those you love, the blessings, big and small
That make this Christmas holiday your brightest one of all.
And through the year that lies ahead may every day renew
The Hope and Faith and Happiness that Christmas brought to you.

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Mrs. J. C. Hill
Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Garrison
Mr. and Mrs. P. H. McKenney
Joy, Clifton and girls

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 Christmas Greeting Fund instead of sending greeting cards locally, and have made possible the purchase of equipment for the Silverton Public School Music Department. This page was donated by the Briscoe County News.

Happy New Year

Story of St. Lucia, Personifies Light

Toward the end of the Third Century, A.D., in a Sicilian town named Syracuse, lived a girl, Lucia, daughter of rich and noble parents. Her father had died when Lucia was very young, and her mother, Eutychia, took care of her.

At this time the Roman Empire was governed by Diocletian. Though he had initiated many political reforms he was a tyrannical emperor.

Lucia while a young girl had dedicated her life to God and had resolved to give her earthly wealth to the poor.

Lucia persuaded her mother to visit the shrine of the early Christian martyr Agatha in Catania.

Beseeching Agatha to intercede for her mother, Lucia is said to have effected a miracle, and Eutychia in gratitude agreed to give away a large part of her wealth to the needy.

As was the custom in those days, Lucia was formally betrothed without her consent. However, on learning that he was not marrying an heiress the young man in anger denounced Lucia to the governor of Sicily, a vassal of the emperor.

When the guards came to drag her away to prison they found they could not budge her from the spot.

Then they set fire to her but she would not burn.

Santa's Not Coming

A Christmas card mailed by a police department reflects the statistical increase of all crimes.

On the cover, the card reads: The Police Department regretfully announces that Santa is not coming this year. Inside, it explains: Nobody was good. Merry Christmas, Your Police Department.

In an agony of frustration they plunged their swords into her and killed her.

Perhaps because Lucia's name means Lux or "light" and also because she epitomized such a beautiful spirit, she became the patron saint of the blind. Her feast day is celebrated December 13.



In Sweden one daughter of a family is chosen to represent the Saint; she wears a crown encircled with lighted candles. In one hand she carries a tray of saffron buns with raisin "eyes," and in the other, a coffee pot. She visits each bedroom and wakens the sleeper with a song, offering buns and coffee.

In households where there are no daughters, a girl of especially fine character is chosen to play the part, and she rides down the street on a throne placed on a beautiful float. She is the living symbol of the joyous Christmas season.

Christmas Has Many Names...

In Greece Christmas is called "Genethlia," feast of the Nativity.

Noel is the term used for Christmas in France.

An Italian name for Christmas is "Nativita" from which probably derived the Spanish "Navidad."

The German "Heilige Nacht" signifies "holy night."

The likeliest derivation of our own "Christmas" is from the Hebrew "mas" which means tribute.

the Medieval ceremony of the 'royal peacock'

An elegant meat dish served in royal houses during Medieval times at Christmas, was the roast peacock. This dish was called "food for lovers and meat for lords."

A royal dish it was, too. The cooks carefully removed the skin with all its brilliant plumage. After it had been baked and partly cooked, the feathers were replaced and the tail spread out, just before the bearer entered the hall.



This was never a servant; it was the most distinguished or most charming lady present... followed by the ladies of the court, and accompanied by players of the lute, viol or cithern.

Rejoice and be merry!



THEY GO TOGETHER... What fireworks are to the Fourth of July, a doll of her own is most every little girl's idea of a happy Christmas.

Symbols of Christianity Adorn Trees of Far West

Something of a phenomenon took place recently in certain areas of Southern California.

It was in regard to the trimming of Christmas trees.

Instead of using lots of tinsel and garish-colored balls which are traditional but which suggest the barbarian background of much of the superficial celebration of the Season, the people hung stars, crosses and other emblems of the faith from the green branches.



These are known as "Christmons," the word coming from "Christus" and "monograms."

In other words, the designs are monograms of Christ and the message of Christmas.

At one Lutheran church, a 20-foot tree was decorated with more than 300 Christmons, each from 4 to 10 inches in diameter.



Meaning of each of the symbols is stylized.

- 1 - The circle symbolizes eternity, and the triangle the trine God - the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.
- 2 - Alpha and omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, the beginning and the end.
- 3 - Chi Rho, the first two letters of Christ in Greek. Also, it is said, it refers to Christus Rex, or Christ the King, in Latin.
- 4 - The first three letters for Jesus in Greek. Also Jesus Hominum Saviour.
- 5 - The cross, a reminder of His sacrifice for all men, of forgiveness and salvation.
- 6 - The crown symbolizes the King of Kings.
- 7 - The sun or righteousness refers to Malachi iv, 2 in the Old Testament, prophesying the birth of a Saviour.
- 8 - The rose symbolizes the nativity.
- 9 - A butterfly recalls the Resurrection, and man's rebirth through commitment to Christ.
- 10 - Star made of crosses with slanting arms, intended to represent the connection between Christmas and Easter.
- 11 - Christ over the world, as in Matthew xvi, 15, "Go ye into all the world."

OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

Way back in 1828, Clement C. Moore inspired the legend of Santa Claus and one of the first things Santa said, in a voice most impassioned...

"Let's keep Christmas gentle and old-fashioned". And we in America have, too, with our brightly lighted Christmas trees and Santa Claus bringing gifts and toys to good little girls and boys.

(But, we wonder a little about how he gets down the chimney with his avoirdupois).

The wonderful sounds and aromas of Christmas - the spices of baking, the sounds of the Yule Log crackling by the fireside, and the children who are starry-eyed.

Loose Rhyme

"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care in hopes that common sense would soon be there."



HEAD COUNT... "Just born" doll heads are inspected at the huge New York City plant of the Ideal Toy Corp. as the first step in the intricate beautification project that leads to the arms and hearts of little girls on Christmas morning. At peak of production, the company turns out up to 15,000 dolls per day in addition to a wide variety of toys and games.



A beautiful custom that originated in Austria is the Advent Wreath.

The wreath is made of pine or holly and has four candles in it. One candle is lighted on each of the four Sundays preceding Christmas, while one of the children reads a part of the Christmas Story from the Bible. All four candles are lighted on Christmas Day.

Another custom observed by many Austrian families is the placing of apple twigs in a vase of water on St. Barbara's Day, December 4th. If the twigs blossom by Christmas Eve, good fortune will come to the family, and the more blossoms there are, the greater the luck.

Old Wives' Tales Woven Around the Christmas Season Are Favorites

Superstition has long colored our concept of history and particularly its religious tenets. Frequently in countries where literature and the arts flourish, so do "old wives' tales," for good or ill.

In Scotland some people believe that to be born on Christmas is to have the power to see spirits and even to command them. According to Sir Walter Scott the Spaniards attributed the haggard looks of Philip II to the terrible visions he was able to see because he had been born on Christmas.

By contrast, in Silesia a baby born on Christmas will become either a lawyer or a thief.

English mothers used to take sick babies to the door Christmas Eve midnight, when Mary was expected to pass with her Child. If the baby recovered it was a sign that it had been touched by the Child with healing fingers; if it did not, it was believed that He had called the baby to be His playmate in Heaven.

In the duchy of Swabia girls went to the woodpile on Christmas Eve to draw sticks. If a long one, their future husband would be tall; if a thick one, he would be fat; if crooked, he would also be crooked in figure. If she wanted to determine his business the girl would drop melted lead into a pan of cold water. The lead would congeal into a shape suggesting an occupation. No matter how odd the shape, the old wives would come up with an occupation which seemed to satisfy the girl.

On Christmas Eve a maiden would set a bowl of water outside a window to freeze. The form which the ice took would dictate her future husband's business.

In Northern England girls placed holly under their pillows and chanted:

Good St. Thomas serve me right
And send me my true love tonight
That I may gaze upon his face,
Then him in my fond arms embrace.

Some girls make an indigestible cake of flour, water and salt. They eat this on Christmas Eve and it is expected to make them dream of their future husband.

In Switzerland, if a girl accepts a bunch of Edelweiss at Christmas it is an act of betrothal.



Christmas Blessings

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WORDS TO LIVE BY...

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.
Benjamin Franklin

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas time, when its mighty founder was a child, Himself.
Charles Dickens

Heap on more wood! The wind is chill. But let it whistle as it will, we'll keep our Christmas merry still.
Sir Walter Scott

Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these My Brethren, you have done it unto me.
Matthew 25: 40

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man I would do my part, yet what can I give him: Give my heart.
Christina G. Rossetti

Take what is: trust what may be: That's life's true lesson.
Robert Browning



Favorite FRENCH DISH



The French have a complicated recipe for Gâteau de Riz au Carmel. The following is the Americanized version. It uses packaged precooked rice and will produce a rich, custardy dessert with a glaze of caramelized sugar and is a perfect dish for your Christmas entertaining.

- GATEAU DE RIZ AU CARMEL (rice cake)**
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| 1 cup sugar | 1 1/3 cups packaged pre-cooked rice |
| 3 tablespoons water | 3 eggs well beaten |
| 2 cups milk | 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | 2 cups (about) prepared whipped topping, whipped cream or custard sauce |
| 1 cup of water | |
| 1/2 cup sugar | |

Combine the cup of sugar and the 3 tablespoons of water in a small saucepan. Stir over very low heat until sugar dissolves and syrup turns golden brown — about 25 minutes. Brush a thin even coating over the inside of a fluted or smooth-sided 1 1/2-quart mold. Set aside. Combine milk, 1 cup of water, 1/2 cup of sugar and the salt in a saucepan. Cover and bring to a boil. Stir in the rice. Cover and remove from the heat. Let stand 10 minutes. (Not all liquid will be absorbed).

Combine eggs and vanilla. Gradually add some of the hot rice mixture, stirring rapidly. Then add the egg mixture remaining in the saucepan. Pour into prepared mold. Bake at 400 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes, or until center of cake is firm. Unmold cake onto a serving plate immediately. Makes 4 cups or 6 servings. Serve warm with topping of your choice.



DOING IS FUN... Fun is what you make it and this mini-workshop for the junior do-it-yourselfer has battery operated drill, sabre saw, circular saw and orbital sander. The tools can drill or cut through balsa wood, styrofoam and similar materials, yet are safe enough for the youngest handyman.

YULETIDE FIRE CONES

One of the most enchanting and unusual presents you can give is a bag of pine cones or a Yule log chemically treated to burn in beautiful colors. All you need in addition to the cones or logs are ordinary chemicals which can be found in most drugstores or even in your own home. Use a container of crockery or wood of proper size and shape to mix the chemicals in; and protect your hands with rubber gloves.

Select the color you want and mix the chemicals for that color in water in the proportion of about 1/4 pound of chemical to one quart of water. Place the cones or log in a cheesecloth sling and soak in the solution for several minutes. Lay the treated cones on a thick layer of newspaper to dry after draining them well over the container of chemicals. It will take at least two days for them to dry. The following chemicals produce the following colors:

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| Table Salt Yellow | Copper Nitrate . . . Emerald |
| Borax Bright Green | Lithium Chloride . . . Purple |
| Calcium Chloride . . . Orange | Strontium Nitrate . . . Red |
| Copper Sulphate Blue | Barium Nitrate . . Apple Green |



FOR FAMILY FUN... A new fun game this holiday season is based on an action-filled variation of tic-tac-toe. The idea is to toss bean bags at suspended triangles and turn up three "X's" or three "O's" in a row.

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Flowering plants can add a special touch to Christmas decorations. A single plant may be used anywhere in the home. A plant on each of the three lower steps on a stairway bid a friendly welcome to entering guests. Groupings on a tray can be focal point for an entire room.

A LITTLE GREEN

Home decorators add to the spirit of the holiday. For an eye-catching arrangement, circle holly around a candle-labrum with red candles on mantle or table. A wreath of green and cones will add seasonal flavor arranged around a wall clock. If you prefer to really keep it simple, use a wreath alone over a mantle, on a wall, a door, or in the window.



HOLIDAY WELCOME... Outdoor decorations need not be elaborate to be effective. This cheerful doorway reflects the spirit of the season. Making your own decorations, if you have the time, adds to your own holiday enjoyment.

GREETINGS

It's our favorite time of year — when we have the opportunity of wishing all our good friends a very merry Christmas!

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SELECT TOYS THAT ARE SAFE Toys are a part of a child's Christmas, yet some of them are often the cause of suffering and heartache. Many serious injuries to children's eyes are caused by missile-type toys, such as pellet guns, dart guns, air guns, bean shooters and toys with rubber bands that release projectiles, such as sling shots.

Chemistry sets with ingredients which may cause burns or explosions can result in serious injury in the hands of a youngster without the experience to use them knowledgeably and prudently. This is why safety experts advise choose the toy that fits the child. CANDLES HAVE ANCIENT USAGE Candles, long a part of the Christmas observance, were in use long before the birth of Christ. Romans burned candles to honor their pagan gods. Later, Christians used candles to light the catacombs for forbidden Christian services. In early America, the custom of putting lighted candles on the Christmas tree gained widespread popularity. It was hazardous, but so was life itself. Through the years, candles have been traditional in many countries. In Ireland, a candle in the home was considered a profession of faith. Italian families burned a candle before the crèche throughout the Christmas season. In Spain, the faithful observed the holiday by placing a lighted candle over the door.



The actual joyous singing at Christmastime is traditional and can be traced back through many centuries. St. Francis of Assisi is given credit for using sacred songs, taken from church services, and using them in street festivals during the 13th century. He is sometimes called "The Father of Christmas Carols" because he introduced sacred hymns to the people for public singing. In early America the Pilgrims did not sing carols, but we find the rest of the New World bringing Christmas carols with them from their mother country and singing them at Christmastime during the festivities honoring the birth of Christ, much the same as we do today.



After the holidays use the discarded tree as winter protection for shrubs and garden plants. First, cut off the boughs. Small branches can be placed curved ends up around plantings or over garden beds when the ground is more or less exposed. This will prevent plants from frost heaving. Another use for the tree after Christmas is as a backyard bird feeder. . . Moreover, they make shelter for winter birds. A fir is ideal since it retains its needles all winter outdoors. The tree should be well anchored, preferably in a hole. Then tie pieces of suet, popcorn, apple, peanut-butter or other morsels of food to the outer branches. Always keep a container of water handy.



All the blessed sentiments of Christmas dwell in these words of Tiny Tim. Good will is there, gratitude to God, the soulful sense of the brotherhood of man, that divine spark of unselfishness which glows supreme in the Yuletide, though it may be smothered with ashes in all the rest of the year. "Every One" allows no exceptions. The rich, the poor, the kind, the cruel, the good, the bad - all are included. All do not deserve the divine blessing equally, but all need it equally, and in their several ways may be touched and purified and lifted up, for the moment, at least, to a realization of the spiritual meaning of life. And if we are so unwise as to fail to see any cause for the thankfulness, let us remember that it was the little lame youth, who had no material blessings at all, but a great and courageous soul, who pointed the way to the Christmas Blessing.

ABOUT TINSEL Did you know there is a legend associated with the use of tinsel as a Christmas decoration? According to an ancient story, spiders covered a Christmas tree with their webs and these, in turn, were turned into silver threads at the wish of the Christ Child.

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