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**Grocery Stores To Open Half Day On Day After Christmas**

Wayne Nance and Bud Couch have announced that Nance's Food Store and Bud's Grocery & Market will be open until noon ONLY on Saturday, December 26. Both stores will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon ONLY.

**DEAR EDITOR:**

Some people of Silverton fail to show due appreciation to the merchants of Silverton. Many people fail to stop and think of the advantages that they enjoy by just having stores in Silverton that sell nearly everything a family or farmer might need. A once a week sojourn to Plainview, Lubbock or Amarillo is as common to many families as fleas on a dog. These selfish people enjoy the chance to run down to the grocery store for a gallon of milk, to the auto parts store for a minor repair part, etc., but when the major expenditures are made, they are invariably made in the larger towns.

People are more interested in saving a little money than helping the local merchants stay in business. What if these stores did fail? We would have to drive many miles for the most everyday item. An example of a business that has already failed is the cleaners. This town has enough dry cleaning needs to make it worthwhile for a full time cleaner to operate profitably if everyone would patronize it.

Many complain of high prices and poor selections. If more people would patronize the stores we have, prices would be lowered and inventories increased.

Let's get behind our local merchants and buy in Silverton.

We fuss about hippies with long hair and some non-hippies, but we can be glad that we don't have those white powdered wigs like our Nation's Founding Fathers wore.

It looks like we have had the driest year in history and probably are due for a mild winter if November and December are indicators. Let's hope for a white Christmas for sentimental and economic reasons.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
 Respectfully,  
 I. C. Allgood

**Reception Honors Mr. and Mrs. Breedlove On Golden Wedding Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breedlove were honored with a reception in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Elliott in Hollis, Oklahoma, on Saturday, December 5, in celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

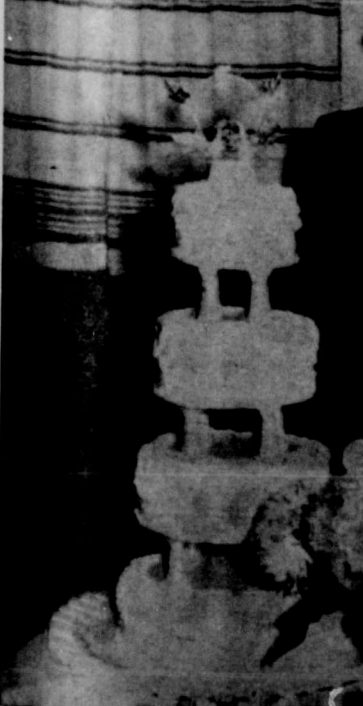
The house in which the celebration took place was one in which the couple lived when they were first married.

Hosting the reception were the couple's eight children; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Elliott; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breedlove, jr., Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Breedlove, Tullia; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Fox, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Fate Breedlove, Bellaire; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Smith of Andrews; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Breedlove, Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Van Breedlove, Lewisville, and the couple's eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The refreshment table was covered with a gold and white lace cloth and held the four-tiered white cake which was topped with a gold bell on which was the numeral "50". An arrangement of yellow mums and lemon leaves was used as the centerpiece.

Crystal and gold appointments were used. Guests were received between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. from Silverton, Amarillo, Tullia, Wellington, Dallas, Houston, Midland, Dimmitt, Wichita Falls, Andrews, Memphis, Dodson, Paducah, Lewisville, Bellaire, Borger, Plainview and Lockney, all in Texas; and Hollis, Vinson, Elk City, and Gould in Oklahoma.

The children's gift to their parents was an automatic dishwasher.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breedlove

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**Briscoe County News**

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**Tailor Shop To Open**

**Santa Brings Promise Of Doctor For Silverton**

by Mary Ann Sarchet

Santa may have paid an early visit to Silverton this Christmas, leaving the promise of several badly-needed things for the people of this community. Many gifts, however, are not without conditions and it seems that these will require something from local residents along with the promise to

provide numerous benefits to all of us.

Dr. John H. Boyd of Louise, Texas, has visited here during this week, and indicated to us at the News Office on Monday morning of this week that he has definitely made up his mind to move to Silverton. He and his wife, Myrtle (who doesn't like to be called Myrt) and their six children (who range in age from seven to twenty) are planning to move here at mid-term, which at their school will coincide with mid-term in the Silverton School. He telephoned Jack Robertson on Tuesday to ask for the floor plan and dimensions of the rooms in the local clinic so that he could make plans as to what equipment he would bring with him.

This would provide a doctor for the Silverton area, which has now been without one for several years. It would help school en-

rollment a little, and it should be a great benefit to the entire community in several ways. Dr. Boyd's biggest problem at the present is locating a home here for his family of eight.

Silverton's biggest problem in connection with the unexpected arrival of a new doctor is that the clinic needs: paint inside and out; new floor coverings; blinds and curtains for the windows; and replacement of the x-ray equipment which no longer meets state spe-

**Burson Home Scene of Christmas Party**

The home of Mrs. Tony Burson was the scene of a Christmas party and meeting of the March of Time Study Club on Thursday, December 19, at 3:00 p.m.

On being greeted by the hostess, each guest selected a miniature felt boot from a tray and placed gifts for exchange beneath the Christmas tree.

The club chairman, Mrs. True Burson, presided during the business session. Mrs. Rex Dickerson and Mrs. Alvie Mayfield reported the progress of the Bridge and 42 Marathons, with the projection of the proceeds to the public library support. Mrs. H. A. Cagle reported on the completion of the annual fruit cake sales. Mrs. Fred Mercer, library chairman, reported the progress of the Silverton Library in the Texas Inter-Library Network.

Christmas games were enjoyed and gifts were exchanged. Delicious refreshments were served from an array of foods. The serving table was covered with a floor-length Christmas cloth. The centerpiece was an arrangement of candles, green felt balls and greenery. Mrs. T. T. Crass, Mrs. Roy Mayfield and Mrs. Riddell Hutsell were the hostesses.

Attending were Mrs. True Burson, Mrs. H. A. Cagle, Mrs. Rex Dickerson, Mrs. Morgan Evans, Mrs. Coleman Garrison, Mrs. Robert Hill, Mrs. J. S. Hinds, Mrs. J. W. Lyon, jr., Mrs. Alvie Mayfield and Mrs. Fred Mercer.

Gabe Garrison and two visitors, Mrs. Jennie Fisher and Betty Olive.

Next meeting will be on Friday afternoon, January 15, with Mrs. Kate Crow as hostess.

Roll call will be answered with "A Resolution I Should Have Made."

**DITTY BAGS RECEIVED IN SOUTH VIETNAM**

Mrs. Clifton Stodghill felt well rewarded for her work as chairman of the Red Cross "ditty bag campaign" for Silverton when she recently received the following message. She would like to pass it along to those who donated time, money and merchandise for the ditty bags that were sent to U. S. servicemen in Vietnam.

SEASON'S GREETINGS:  
 We, the men of the 223rd Combat Aviation Battalion, wish to thank the many people of Silverton, Texas, for the many fine bags of presents that we received. We plan to pass them out on Christmas Day in our mess hall.  
 Many thanks from all of us.  
 Sincerely,  
 Paul A. Piper  
 Cpt. Inf. Adj.

**Christmas Fund Could Set All-Time Record**

by Mary Ann Sarchet

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 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 not be released until all money is in hand. Early this week the fund was approaching \$500.00.

The money donated by residents in lieu of sending Christmas cards locally is to be divided equally between the Silverton High School Library and the Silverton School Music Department this year. It had been hoped that at least \$500 could be raised so that each department could receive \$250.

As last year, the Silverton Eastern Star Chapter approved a donation to the project. Worthy Matron Elaine Forbes expressed the hope that the gift to the school would be considered an appropriate "thank-you" for the help given to the chapter's projects by residents of the community.

This is the fifth year that the L. O. A. Junior Study Club has conducted the Christmas Greeting Page Project. In 1966, \$600 was collected for the school; in 1967, \$449.75 was contributed for the 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 for the school. Last year's donations to the school music department topped all the others at \$607.

L. O. A. Junior Study Club would like to thank the people who donated so generously to this project to help buy "extras" for the public schools which are working so hard to turn out first-class citizens who will be the leaders of tomorrow. They are "our" kids,

**Christmas Dinner Party Held**

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes attended the annual R. E. Renfro family Christmas dinner party which was held in Lubbock this year on Sunday, December 20. Everyone gathered at the home of Mrs. F. P. Overmyer and Patti, hostesses this year, for light refreshments. The group then went to the dining room of Furr's Cafeteria for five o'clock dinner after which old Santa (portrayed by Gayle Renfro) came and distributed gifts to everyone. A magic show was presented by R. L. Renfro. Christmas carols and songs were sung, along with other things that are a traditional part of the family's Christmas. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Renfro and their six children and families and Mr. and Mrs. James Hudley, sr., Post; Miss Kay Hudley, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Jimmie Hudley, jr. and Miss Debbie Hudley, Lubbock.

**WATER UTILITIES GROUP HAS MONTHLY MEETING**

E. W. Yancey and Vance Childress were among those in attendance at the regular monthly meeting of the Caprock Water Utilities Association in Tullia on December 17. The meal was catered by Bruce's Grill for 38 members.

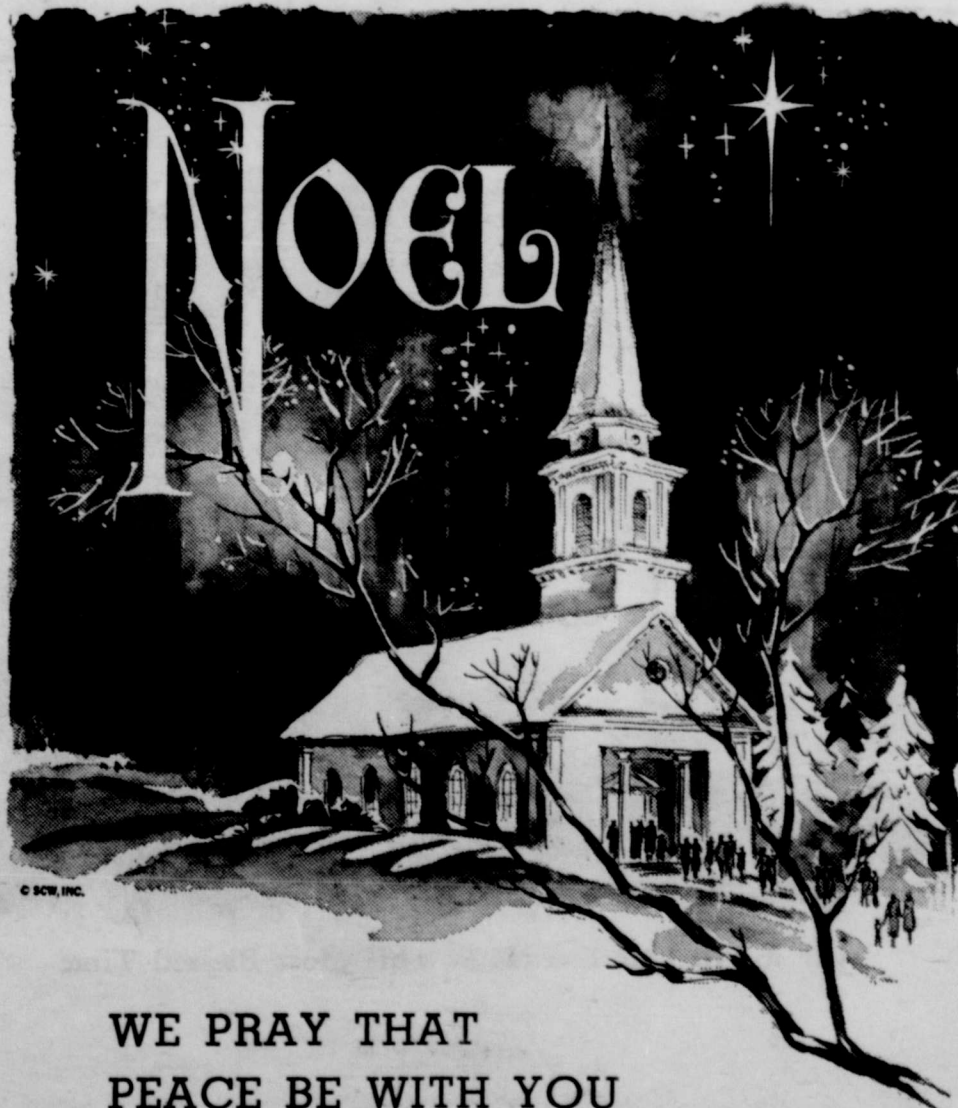
Tullia City Manager J. S. McGuire welcomed the association to Tullia. The program was a slide-talk presentation on operations of the Tricking filter plants, by Meryl Walters of Plainview.

This was followed by the installation of new officers: E. M. Jones of Dimmitt, president; Lyman Daniel of Lorenzo, president-elect; Duan Ham of Muleshoe, vice-president; Meryl Walters, Plainview, secretary-treasurer; Jim Gardner, Plainview, assistant secretary.

City traveling most miles was Muleshoe with 77 miles one way. Total miles by the 15 cities present 3,000. Next month's meeting will be in Hale Center.

Gary Gene Grady has undergone surgery a total of three times since he entered the Air Force in October. The first surgery was performed two weeks after he entered the service. Even though he is reported to be doing better, he would appreciate hearing from his friends at home. His address is: Floor 5A, Bed No. 2, Lackland Air Force Base Hospital, San Antonio, Texas.

these young people who are benefiting from this project; and no group anywhere could deserve the help more than they do. Be sure to read the list of those who have donated to this project elsewhere in this issue. They are the "angel patrons" of our school system, and a great many of them don't even have children in school here now.



**WE PRAY THAT PEACE BE WITH YOU**

May that peace that passes understanding . . . the peace of Jesus Christ, our Lord . . . come into every heart this Christmas. We wish you and yours the very best!

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### Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA,

Please bring me a big dump truck, a football helmet and a new pair of boots. My mommie will leave a glass of milk and some cookies setting out for you.

Love,  
 Shane Tipton

DEAR SANTA,

I would like to have a Green Bay N.F.L. sweatshirt, a steel banjo for the Nashville sound, a package of football shirts, a junior low-cut football shoes, a package of fringed cotton vest.

Love, your friend,  
 Tommy (Perkins)

DEAR SANTA,

I would like a Polly Pose N Curl doll and Floral Flore jeans, no Iron Safari Shirt, a ballerina dress suit, a fringe shoulder bag kit.

Love, your friend,  
 Suzie (Perkins)

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DEAR SANTA,

I am five years old and I have been a pretty good girl. Please bring me a velvet doll with clothes, a baby doll with layette, Barbie clothes and some surprises.

Please remember all the other little boys and girls.

I love you,  
 Jena Camilla McFall

DEAR SANTA,

I would like to have a John Deere tractor and a football and a football sketch.

Your pal,  
 David Vaughn

DEAR SANTA,

I've been good. I would like to have an Easy Bake Oven for Christmas and please bring my little brothers something, too.

Love,  
 Rhonda Hooten

#### CAROLING

Carol sings are traditional in many great American cities. The custom is so popular in St. Louis that there is a Christmas Carols Association which has thousands of members. Residents welcome the carolers with lighted candles in their windows and offer voluntary contributions which are turned over to 70 institutions for the handicapped and underprivileged. In New Orleans, carol sings are traditionally held across the street from historic St. Louis Cathedral, in the French Quarter. Youthful carolers sing songs in both English and French.



Come, bring with a noise,  
 My merry, merry boys,  
 The Christmas log to the firing.

While my good dame, she bids ye all be free,  
 And drink to your heart's desiring.

— Robert Herrick

#### Warm Christmas

From a letter Horace Walpole wrote to his friend Sir Horace Mann, Strawberry Hill, December 26, 1748:

"Did you ever know a more absolute country-gentleman? Here am I come down to what you call keep my Christmas! Indeed it is not in all the forms: I have stuck no laurel and holly in my windows, I eat no turkey and chine, I have no tenants to invite, I have not brought a single soul with me. The weather is excessively stormy, but has been so warm, and so entirely free from frosts the whole winter, that not only several of my honeysuckles are come out, but I have literally a blossom upon a nectarine-tree, which I believe was never seen in this climate before on the 26th of December. I am extremely busy here planting..."

trinkets and masks of Bacchus during the Saturnalia.

### SANTA RIDES A WHITE MARE OVER ROOF TOPS . . . OTHER DUTCH XMAS-LORE

Donner, Blitzen and all the rest of that squad of flying reindeer which Dr. Clement Moore immortalized in his famous poem might get "in Dutch" with the children of the Netherlands who traditionally get a different image at Christmas. And the timing is different. Christmas comes twice a year for the children of Holland. They get their presents on the evening of Dec. 5 or the following morning. Three weeks later, with the rest of the world, they celebrate the festival, in a religious way.



In the morning, if the children have behaved themselves, they may find a little toy or some goodies in their shoes.



From the middle of November the misty Dutch air is filled with the sound of children's voices singing the traditional St. Nicholas song, completely secular. After Dec. 6 there is a switchover to Christmas carols.



St. Nicholas (the originator of all the Santa and Snowmen figures all over the world) arrives in Holland from Spain in the middle of November. From then until Dec. 6, the Saint's birthday, Dutch children may put their shoes by the fireside every evening, together with a carrot or a slice of bread for the white mare which the saint traditionally rides over the roof-tops in Holland.

Dutch mothers and fathers shop, especially until late in the evening for two weeks before Dec. 6.

#### SANTA'S VILLAGE

Santa Claus, Indiana and Christmas, Florida pop into the news each Christmas season, and throughout the year are visited by thousands of tourists. Away out West, in the San Bernardino mountains not too far from Los Angeles, California, the star of popularity is fast rising for Santa's Village, a replica of the North Pole home of Santa Claus, complete with plenty of snow during the winter months . . . and including, of course, Santa himself, his elves, animals, toys, candy, and a 20-passenger sleigh.

#### HOLIDAY HOLDOVERS

In the year A.D. 601, when Pope Gregory I sent missionaries to convert the pagans, he wisely instructed them to allow converts to transfer the harmless features of pagan winter celebrations into the spiritual fabric of the Christmas observance. Mistletoe, the Yule log and the Wassail bowl are examples. In the 8th century, the missionary Boniface may have started the Christmas tree tradition when he persuaded the Teutons to accept an evergreen decorated in honor of the Christ Child and do away with worship of Odin's sacred oak.



The open fireplace so popular in today's modern homes is helping to renew the popularity of the Yule Log tradition. Few moderns are likely to venture into the woods to select their own Yule Log, yet there will be a glowing fire in thousands of homes this holiday eve.

If you are going to sit by the fireside this holiday, you'll be in keeping with tradition if your Yule Log is oak, ash, olive, apple or pine.

Ash is popular because it burns quickly, throws off ample heat and need not be seasoned. Beech has a pleasant aroma and gives off a steady glow. Oak is often preferred because it burns slowly.

Less favorable woods are the pine, which is slow to get started, and the cedar, which sparks when seasoned.

**EARLY CARD**  
 What some investigators believe to be the first card printed specifically as a Christmas card was the one designed in 1843 by J. C. Horsley for Sir Henry Cole. The card had one center illustration and two side panels. The center panel depicted an English family raising wine glasses to toast a missing friend. Scenes on the side panels showed the feeding of the hungry and clothing of the naked. It was the only card Sir Henry Cole ever had designed — reaction to the toasting scene from temperance-minded friends was far from what he had expected.

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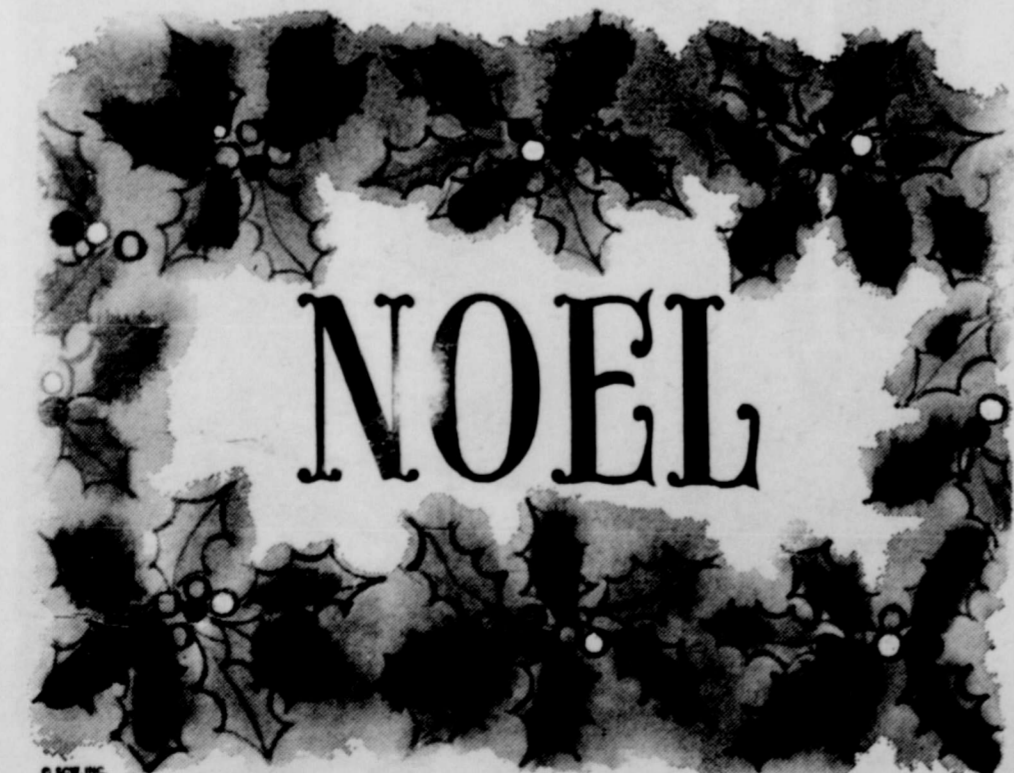
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To Our Customers and Friends  
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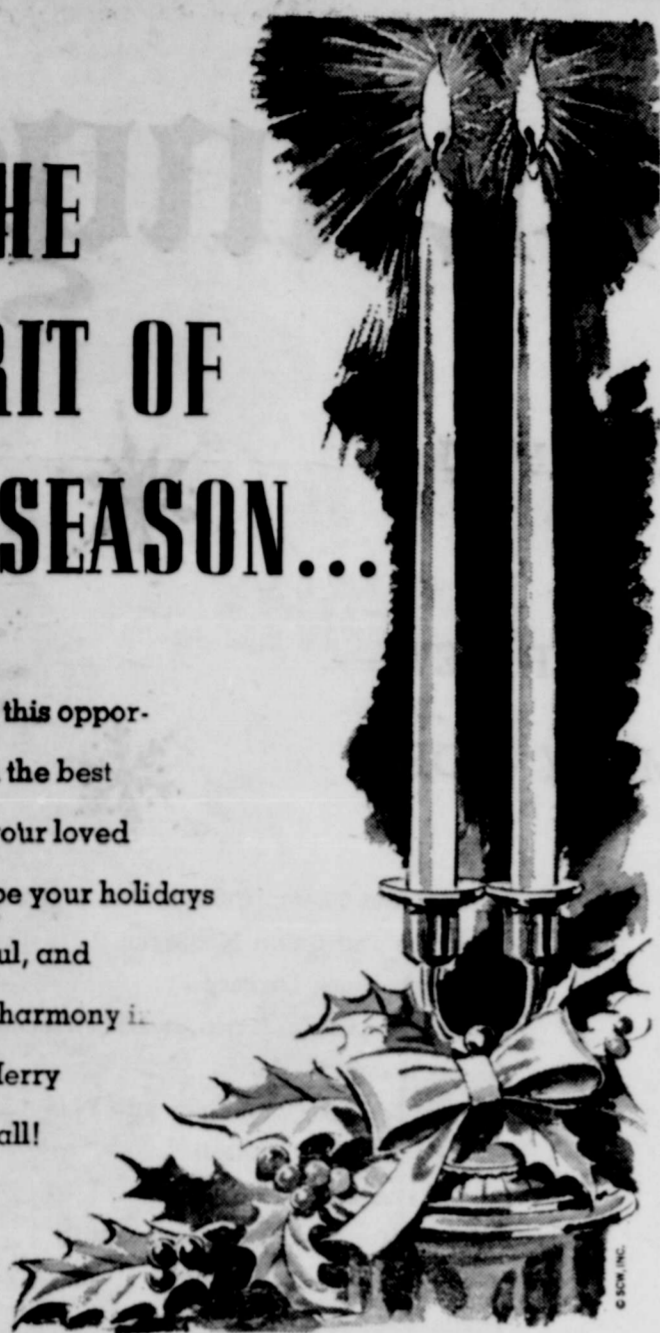


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# IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON...

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### Brazil celebrates a summery Christmas

As in many warm spots in the U.S. where palm trees wave and surfers play, in those Latin-American countries south of the equator, Christmas celebrates simulate the traditional wintry scene. During December it's summer, and Santa most likely will have a temperature-control undersuit beneath all that red velvet and ermine.

In Colombia, government authorities have prohibited the chopping down of pine trees to help preserve the nation's forests. So, many Colombian families will be using aluminum and plastic Christmas trees, even as their North American neighbors do.

Christmas is more of a family affair and often quieter in Latin America than in the more developed, industrialized northern countries. Families eat a large, intimate dinner. Gifts are exchanged, but on a somewhat smaller scale. The more devout attend midnight mass.

Customs in Latin America vary.

Take the Christmas Eve dinner, for instance. In Argentina, where the Italian influence is strong, families are apt to dine on ravioli and chicken. In Mexico, shrimp and rice and other regional dishes are likely to be the favorites, although turkey is becoming popular. In Lima, Peru, however, turkey has caught on as a main dish (unless some Yanqui-go home sentiment prevails). It's eaten with plenty of rice and salad, and afterwards there is usually an assortment of candies.

In Argentina, the bigger gifts are given on Christmas. On the day of the wise men, tots find smaller goodies tucked in

### What indeed is Christmas?

What, indeed, is Christmas? Why is Christmas, of all holidays, the most eagerly awaited, the best-remembered?

The answer must be that Christmas is the one holiday that has a special meaning for all mankind. The spirit of Christmas was first reflected in the eyes of wise kings and humble shepherds who had journeyed from far and near to witness a special miracle—the birth of a promised Redeemer.

Christmas customs change with the modes and mannerisms of new generations. Yet the real story of Christmas remains forever the same. Christmas is the birthday of Jesus Christ.

However we choose to celebrate this great holiday, we must find it difficult to ignore that there is in the world about us a spirit of love and goodness, of close communion with God and with mankind. It lives within the heart of all who have recognized the true meaning of Christmas.

#### CENTERPIECE

For a dramatic and timely holiday centerpiece, arrange several cut poinsettia blooms with greens in a shallow bowl. Another decorative touch may be applied by ringing the bases of Christmas candles with holly and greens. If you are having a special holiday meal, place a wreath on the back of each chair with place cards attached to the top of the wreaths.

#### TREES A' PLENTY

The popularity of the family Christmas tree is found in the fact that approximately 45 million commercially-grown trees were sold in the United States last holiday season. This number does not include the small operator who cuts and sells trees locally, nor the hardy individuals who venture forth to chop down their own.

a shoe or under a pillow.

In Panama, North American influence from the Canal Zone seems to have its Christmas effect. Children in tropical weather look to Christ and to Santa for their gifts, found under the tree.

Venezuela has its own variation of Christmas Eve — it's celebrated the same way as New Year's Eve, with a large meal and afterward family fiestas, with dancing of national rhythms. New Year's resolutions are made on Christmas Eve as well as on New Year's Eve.

Mexican children wait till January 6 before getting presents...

Mexico is a country where Santa Claus and the Christmas legends have apparently lost a battle to win acceptance. Children are told that gifts come from "niño Jesus," the boy Jesus... and in most cases must wait until Jan. 6, the day of the Three Wise Men, before they get their presents.

### A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY

To the very young, Christmas is a time of bright little lights on a tree, of shiny glass ornaments and decorations, of filmy spun glass filaments, and of toys that have sharp, rough edges, and lots of candy, nuts and other rich edibles. All of this is part of Christmas... and this is fine—but a few precautions should be taken to insure a safe holiday.

Old strings of lights for the Christmas tree should be examined carefully. If worn-out bulbs are discarded, they should be put where youngsters can't get to them.

Glass ornaments and glass "angel hair" should be kept out of baby's reach. The ornaments crumble readily into sharp slivers.

Most manufacturers now avoid lead-based paint, but be sure the toys that come into your home do not bring the threat of lead poisoning when a child chews on the toy.

Select toys with a minimum of sharp edges and avoid toys constructed of materials which are quick to burn—and see that the toys are large enough so that baby can't swallow them.

#### HOLLY BELIEFS

The early Druids decorated their halls and homes with boughs of holly as a welcome to spirits threatened by frost and winter winds. Britons considered it unlucky to bring holly into a house before Christmas Eve and a variation on this belief held that the type of weather at the time the holly was brought into the home determined who would rule the house in the months ahead—if fair, the wife would rule, if bad, the husband would hold sway.

#### "THE CRICKET"

Charles Dickens is best remembered for "The Christmas Carol"—but this was not the most popular of his Christmas stories during his lifetime. An instant hit with the public was "The Cricket on the Hearth," a touching story of a father's attempts to shield his blind daughter from the realities of life. Shortly after it appeared in 1845, some 12 different theaters in London were presenting dramatic versions of "The Cricket."

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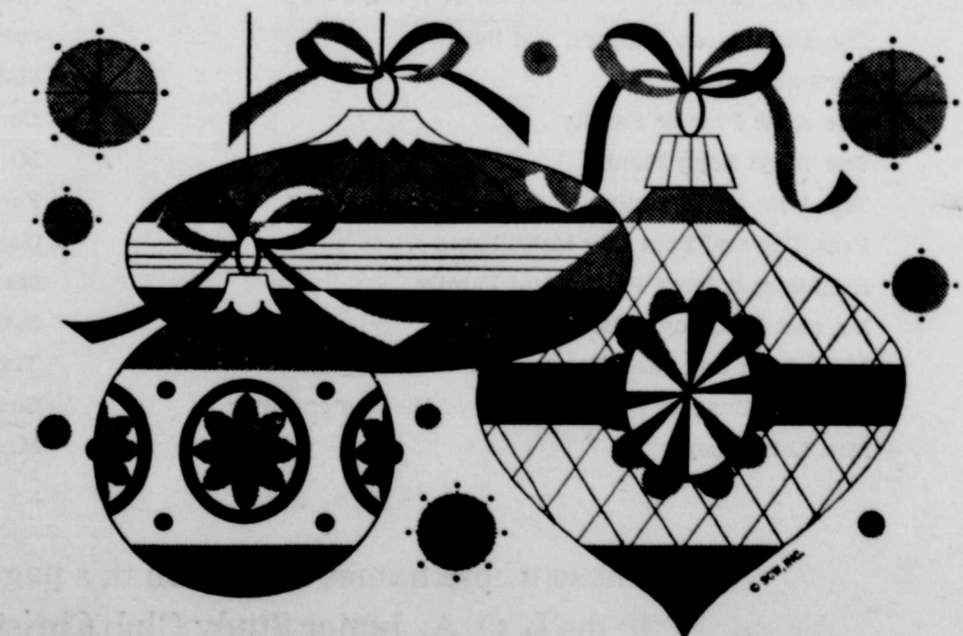
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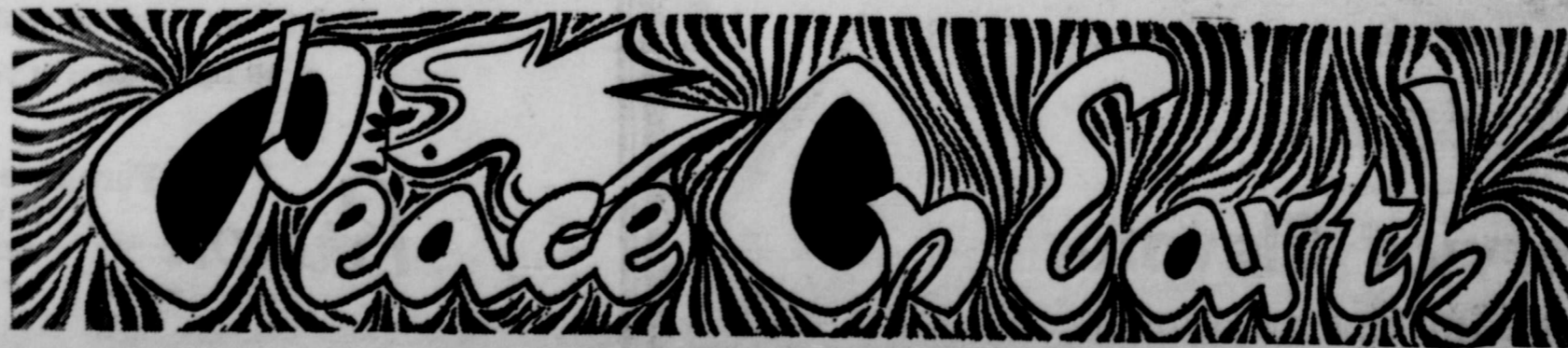
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Those whose names appear on this page extend to you their personal Christmas greetings. They have donated to the L. O. A. Junior Study Club Christmas Greeting Fund instead of sending greeting cards locally, and have made possible the purchase of stage risers for the Silverton Public School Music Department and books for the Silverton School Library. This page was donated by the Briscoe County News.



**Dear Santa**

DEAR SANTA,  
I am a little girl five years old and I have tried very hard to be good. I would like to

have a Baby-Go-Bye-Bye, an Operation game, a Buckaroo game and a surprise. Brad may be at our house Christmas. He may want his toys left beside mine.

Please bring my friend, Jena, and all the other good children some toys for Christmas.  
Love,  
Amy Perkins

**Dear Santa**

MRS. BOMAR'S SECOND GRADE WRITES LETTERS TO SANTA

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me some toys. I would like to have a football and a John Deer tractor.  
Love,  
David

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a baby doll then bring me a big doll.  
Love,  
Jeannie

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a Baby-go-by-by and a record player. And a Billy blast off space base. And skates. And a Cragston moon city. And a burglar alarm.  
Love,  
Sally Northcutt

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me some boxing gloves and a pool table for Christmas.  
Love,  
Andy

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me some toys. Please bring me some cars and a bike and trucks and some tractors and a train and a football.  
Love,  
Dewayne

DEAR SANTA,  
Bring me a doll named Bonny-by-by. And a play wig. And Operation and electric car. And cut-up and lots of nuts and fruit, please.  
Love,  
Brenda

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a bike. And a Crissy.  
Love,  
Elsa

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a Space man and a foot ball and a gun and a John Deer tractor.  
Love,  
Mark

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me an airplane and a truck and a jeep with a trailer and a B-B gun and a loader and a tractor and a bulldozer and a combine and a suitcase.  
Love,  
Joe Ed

DEAR SANTA,  
Bring me a doll and a hanger and a mini dress and a Operation game and a Crissy doll and a bike.  
Love,  
Judy Hooten

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a Baby Go By By and a record player.  
Love,  
Nora Davila

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a watch. And a Francy with growing hair. And a Dolly maker. And a Baby Go Bye-Bye.  
Love,  
Suzanne

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a velvet doll. I have been a good girl. I hope I will have a Happy Christmas. And a happy chirp.  
Love,  
Bardy

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,  
Please bring me a pogo stick. And Baby Luv'n care. And Lite Brite set.  
Love,  
Penny Cogdell

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a race track and a record player.  
Love,  
Brent

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me some toys. Record player, Mini bike, Bee Bee gun, Electra shot, shut gallery, operation game.  
Love,  
Kevin

DEAR SANTA,  
Bring me a minibike.  
Love,  
Bradon

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a doll named Dawn. And Swiny doll. And new baby tender love. And cake mixes. And two stuffed animals.  
Love,  
Robbi

LETTERS TO SANTA FROM MRS. BEAN'S SECOND GRADE

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a Crissy doll.  
Love,  
Gena Kaye Malone

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a Crissy and a pair of knee boots.  
L  
O  
V  
E,  
Shelly Harris

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a Crissy doll. I will be Good and bring me a Barbie that can talk.  
Love,  
Diana Martinez

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring a Crissy and a See'n Say and Baby go by-by.  
Love,  
Patricia Ann Ramsey

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a pellet gun and a electric foot ball game and a hot wheel sissler.  
Love,  
Michael Graham

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a Easy bake oven for Christmas and a Crissy doll.  
Love,  
Rhonda Beth Hooten

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a electric train, Dallas cowboy football suit, brown boots, hat, football tee.  
Your Friend,  
Bill Settle

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a gun.  
Love,  
Ramon

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a bee bee gun and ten packs of bee bees and a scope on the bee bee gun.  
Love,  
Eddie

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a football helmet and a football.  
Love,  
Steven Wright

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me some toys. I have been good like all girls and boys. I want a Crissy doll, and a easy bake oven, and a real live horse.  
Love,  
Lori Ann Mercer

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a pellet gun and a electric train.  
Love,  
Greg Stovall

DEAR SANTA,  
I would like to have a air gun. I would like to have a B B gun.  
Love, your friend,  
Walter Perkins

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me lots of toys.  
Love,  
Cynthia Hale

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a Johnny Lightning Cyclone track and pellet gun and Sisslers California 8 race set. Giant crane. I've been good.  
LOVE,  
Roger

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a horse and bring me men And clothes with it. And a gate with it and A horse in it and I want two horses with it. And I want some candy. And I want a real horse for my own horse. and I want one race car.  
Love,  
Kimberly Fitzgerald

**CHRISTMAS SUPPER HELD IN J. D. NANCE HOME**

Members of the Helping Hand Club met Thursday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance for the annual Christmas supper. The home was decorated in Yuletide fashion. Tables were laid with Christmas cloths and centered with poinsettia arrangements. Following the supper, the group played "42". Before adjourning, gifts were exchanged from beneath the white Christmas tree decorated with red satin balls. The supper is held annually to honor husbands of the members. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Crass, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Callaway, Mrs. Jack Jowell, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Rowell, Mr. and Mrs. Lenton Lanham, Mrs. Robert McPherson and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer and Mr. and Mrs. Nance.

DEAR SANTA,  
I know you are surprised to hear from me this Christmas since I haven't been especially good. I'm real sorry about the windows I've broken and the walls I've colored. I felt terrible about wrecking Mamma's television twice. If you will forgive me, would you please bring me a pick-up and a horse trailer and a horse and I told Daddy he could ride the horse. Cynthia has been a nice girl and I know that makes you happy. She is in school now and she studies real hard and I help her a lot. She would like to have a Dawn Fashion Show and she wants something else but she won't tell anyone what it is. Please be kind to all the nice boys and girls this year, especially those who can't have their daddies home from Vietnam. Cynthia will probably be asleep when you come, and Mama and Daddy surely hope I'm not up pitty-patting around like I usually do. Thank you, Santa. Joe Ted Edwards Cynthia Edwards P. S. Cynthia said we also want a Krazy car.

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a cattle truck and a Baby-Go-Bye-Bye. in a bumpty buggy. Please don't forget Kim, Shelia, Tammi and Trendera, and all other little children.  
Love,  
Debbie

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a bicycle. I am in the first grade.  
Love,  
Casey

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,  
Please bring me a Baby Dear One for Christmas. I have been pretty good this year. Please bring all the other girls and boys what they want.  
Love,  
Melinda Sutton

DEAR SANTA,  
I am 6 years old. I would like a truck and a tractor and a game of some kind.  
Love,  
Floyd Hightower



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# The Owl's Hoot Would Like To Wish Everybody A Very Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year

## Dorothy Do-Write

Today is Christmas Eve. Just think! Tomorrow is Christmas Day and all of the children will be up before 7:00 a.m. It's really hard to believe that Christmas is here once again.

The month of December is my favorite month. There is all of that hustle and bustle of getting all of the Christmas presents bought, hid and then wrapped. There is so much secrecy during this time that it sometimes gets very disturbing. But in the end, it is all worth it.

At the beginning of December the Christmas lights begin to light up one by one all over town. The Christmas trees begin to peep through the windows and everyone just seems to get happier.

As far back as I can remember, people have always grumbled a little when Christmas came because of all the presents that had to be bought and all of the money spent. But you know, I think everyone of them believed it worthwhile when they got up the next morning and saw their children's eyes as they tore into their packages.

Christmas is not only for the children, though. It is a time for adults. Christmas should be the happiest season of the year. I sometimes wonder if people don't take it for granted and are getting where it doesn't mean as much to them. Maybe it's just a day off from work or a day out of school. It really is sad the way some people think of Christmas. It seems as though every year it becomes less and less important. Maybe people are forgetting what Christmas really is.

Please don't be one of the people and make your Christmas a merry one! Remember, Christmas is the time to be jolly.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## With The Classes

Mrs. Herring's first and second period Junior classes have just finished reading "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain (Samuel L. Clemens). Every student is required to write a report on some topic in this book. The reports are due on the Wednesday we return from the Christmas holidays.

The Spanish classes are learning how to sing Christmas carols in Spanish. They will sing Christmas carols during the Student Council Christmas Party. Mrs. Herring is their teacher.

Mrs. Rampley's fifth period Typing II class typed themes for some of the Biology II students. The students were charged for the paper that was used for their themes and the money went to the F.B.L.A. chapter.

Mr. LaGrone's History classes saw a film on Transportation Monday, December 14. The film showed the possible ways of traveling in the future. Some are being invented and some are already in use.

## F.H.A. NEWS

The Silverton chapter of Future Homemakers of America have started preparation for their annual Sweetheart Banquet. Theme chosen is "Somewhere My Love," and it is to be decorated as a winter theme.

The committees are: Decoration—Lanis Davis, Jana Cross, Evelyn Wood; Buying—Theresa Tate, Sue Lynn Allard, Cindy Cross; Food—Terry Jones, Dorothy Yancey; Band—Rhonda Dickerson, Debbie Bomar, Paula Montague; Programs—Barbara May, Rhonda Sutton.

Suggestions for the banquet are needed and would be appreciated. If anyone wants to add a suggestion, an F.H.A. member should be contacted.

## Teams Drop Games To Canyon, Olton

The Owlettes had games with Canyon last week. The boys did not have a game scheduled that day.

The Owlette B-team fell victim to a tall Canyon group and dropped their match 46-16. Colene Culwell scored six points for the Owlettes.

The varsity Owlettes also fell to a very good Canyon team. The game was close, with the Owlettes finishing on the short end of the 52-46 score. Evelyn Wood led the Owlette scoring with 36 points.

Friday the Owls and Owlettes journeyed to Olton. The Owl B-team played first, and dropped a 57-26 decision. Herbert Polley got 16 points to lead the Owl scoring.

The Owlettes got off to a slow start against the Olton Phillies, but picked up steam as the action went along, then went cold in the fourth quarter. The final score was 59-49 in favor of the Phillies. Evelyn Wood was again highest-scoring individual for the Owlettes with 35 points.

The Owls were the last victims in what proved to be a disappointment for the Owls. The Olton team had a fantastic shooting percentage in the first half. The Owls could not seem to slow the ball down long enough to work for the good shots. The Owls also missed Fines Ivory who was out with the flu. The score was 86-32. Marvin Self and John Minyard each scored seven points for the Owls.

Next games for the high school teams are January 5 in their first district outings against Wheeler.

## Teams Played In One-Day Tourney

The Silverton Seventh Grade boys and girls basketball teams participated in the Tullia Seventh Grade Tournament last Saturday.

The first game was between the Seventh Grade Owlettes and Floydada. The Owlettes dropped that first game 41-4, with Becky Francis scoring all four of the Silverton points.

The Owlettes played Hart in the afternoon for the third-place trophy. The girls played hard and were in the game all the way, leading part of the time. The final score was 18-16 with the Owlettes on the short end. Peggy Croft was the leading scorer with nine points.

Coach Hubbard said he was very proud of the way his girls performed. They did not give up. This seems to be an Owl trademark this year.

Traveling with the girls team were Peggy Croft, Jeanette Arnold, Kerri Arnold, Sherrie McJimsey, Tammy Stephens, Mary Jo Thomas, Debra Strange, Marilyn Asebedo, Suzette Fitzgerald, Karen Childress, Ann Hardin, Danna Garvin and Becky Francis.

The Seventh Grade Owls also dropped both of their games. They lost the first one to Floydada 27-8 and the second to Hart 37-9. The boys have not really played together as a team much this year. They have been playing with the Eighth Graders. Russ Hubbard led the Owl scorers with eight points in the two games.

Participating on the boys team were Manuel Cruz, Russ Hubbard, Billy McGavock, Mike Juarez, David Lewis, Brett Gill, Ken Sarchet, Rudy Betancourt and Fernando Patino.

DEAR SANTA, Please bring me a new refrigerator for the homemaking department. When I came to teach at Silverton several years ago, Mr. Rampley apologized for its condition and it's STILL here—same condition!

Brenda Cook

## THE OWL'S HOOT

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1970



The Silverton FBLA Chapter helped Santa pass out candy to the lower grades at school.

## FBLA Christmas Party

The F.B.L.A. chapter had their annual Christmas party Thursday, December 17. President Lanis Davis extended the welcome, then

## Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA, Our little group has really been good this year and we are anxiously awaiting your arrival.

First of all we would like to have a Volkswagen bus, green, with houndstooth interior and please make it good so we will have one on Jack's Crew. Right now we are having a little trouble finding a meeting place. If you have an extra one, would you please fold it up and send it via Silverton Railroad. Of course we all need some clothes, any size, shape and color. Anything will be graciously appreciated.

Now we'll tell you what each of us want individually. Terry wants a pair of stilts so that she will be able to look Ronnie in the eyes. She wants a brand new pair of thick, fluffy eyelashes (and please make them black this time).

Theresa wants to give a genuine surprise party for someone.

Cindy wants something that Theresa has and if you have any left over, would you please distribute it evenly among the other four of us.

Sharon wants a brand-new muffler for her nearly-new car and if you could spare some cowboy boots, they would certainly be appreciated.

Dorothy wants a brand-new car for Dana and also a book of self-explanatory jokes.

Last of all, but badly needed, we would like a miracle formula for zits, the frizzy blues and a weight-reducing formula.

We have really been good and would appreciate any attempts to give us all of these gifts.

Love always,  
"The Six Pack"

P. S. If you have any left-over toys or scraps, send them to Jack's Crew.

WHAT IF... Jackie was dumb? Eddie was prepared for class most of the time? Some Silverton boys really did have a fair fight? Ramona was short? Cindy had short, blonde hair? everybody was friendly? Pam V. had a boyfriend? all the Typing II students could pass their five-minute writings? Mrs. Cook's hair had turned blonde instead of white? we still got out two weeks for Christmas? Rhonda D. wasn't used to gym burns?

## Junior Owls Take Win From Turkey

December 7 the Silverton Junior High Owls traveled to Turkey for a conference basketball game. The girls played first. The Owlettes played hard but lost 38-18. The Owls played in the next game. It was closer, but they did not lose their cool, and the Owls took a 39-32 win.

Highest scorers were Jill Hutsell, with 11, for the Owlettes, and Harland Vaughn, 13, and Ken Wood, 7, for the Owls.

The next round of games was played here December 17 against Hedley. Again the Owlettes were unable to muster an effective offense. After a close halftime score, the Hedley girls hit a scoring streak and moved to a 26-10 win.

The Owls also played a close game, but suffered their first conference loss of the season. As in the girls game, the Owls were only four points behind at halftime. Then they fell behind and could never catch up. The final score was 46-38 in favor of Hedley.

The only other loss the Junior High Owls had suffered in basketball this season was to the AAA Tullia Hornets Eighth Grade.

Leading the season scoring so far for the Junior High Owls are Harland Vaughn, 67 points; Scott Hutsell, 64; Carl Gallington, 57; Clarence Ivory and Ken Wood, 41; with scoring assistance from Russ Hubbard, Dee Arnold, Mikel Griffin and David Self.

## DEAR SANTA,

We have been very good boys this year. We both want plenty of candy and goodies to eat. We both want some toys that we can play with for a long time. We would also like to have two Matt Mason spacemen suits so we can go exploring in Ronny's pasture. Also give us the Matt Mason doll so we can play indoors when it is raining outside.

We don't want any underwear or socks or new clothes because last year we had to change clothes every day!! We both want football suits—like Bart Starr's and Joe Namath's—so we can play all the time. Bring us a horse apiece and a pair of boots.

Drive carefully and don't forget to show up!!

By,  
Ron and Marv  
P. S. It sure has been warm lately so you might not need your long-handles this year.

## Santa Claus

Box?  
Northe Pole, Earth  
Dear Mr. Claus,  
I have really tried to be a good little kid and I nearly have been, I hope. How have you been? Good I hope.

This year I would like a green helicopter with a chrome-plated blade and with the initials S.H.S.C.I. wrote on each side (in white paint). My friend and associate, Clarence Williamsonfield, would like 30 gallons of rocket fuel. We both would appreciate these gifts very much.

Yours very sincerely,  
Abert Peabody and  
Clarence Williamsonfield  
P. S. We, also, would enjoy a set of two purple kegs.

## DEAR SANTA,

I won't ask for anything for myself if you will please bring Tommy Burson some Avon Elusize Cologne so he will stop using Mrs. Herring's out of her drawer. He is driving me crazy.  
Lane Garvin

## DEAR SANTA,

It's too late now, but next year would you please bring the Student Council some Christmas Spirit so we will have decorated halls and a Christmas tree?  
SHS students

## We Wonder Why...

we can't have nine months off for Christmas.

## Resolutions For New Year

Everyone makes New Year's Resolutions. Here are a few being planned by S.H.S. students.

Joan—to shave my legs every night and get rid of my braces.  
Bill—not to be a bully.  
Lou—to get the car every once in a while.

Roger—I would like to discover a miracle cure for freckles and an ear shrinker.

Penny—stay in a good mood.  
Ty—reach 100 pounds.

Mrs. Rampley—to stop taking on more jobs than I can handle.

Barbara—to try to do my book-keeping right.

Paula—not to worry about anything.

David K.—not to be crazy.

Monty and Trent—we hope that long noses will someday be a fact.

(Contributed by R. Y.)  
Mike—try not to be a hippy.

Tommy—have fun but still be nice.

Mr. Clark—Fifth Amendment.

THE SIX PACK

Dorothy—get skinnier.

Terry—make it through school then I'll worry about the summer.

Thresa—get a car.

Sharon—enjoy life.

Sue—to pass Chemistry.

Cindy—to please everybody about the annual.

## F.H.A. NEWS

The Silverton chapter of the Future Homemakers of America met Thursday, December 10. Mrs. Teresa Sutton presented a program on making decoupage purses.

Future plans for the Sweetheart Banquet were discussed. It was decided to leave the theme and preparation up to the officers and chosen committees. Committees announced were decoration, buying, band, food and programs by Chairmen of the month, Cindy Cross and Sue Lynn Allard. Members of these committees should prepare and be ready to order materials before Christmas.

The F.H.A. Chapter had a concession stand at the basketball tournament last week. They would like to thank everyone for buying from them and helping finance the banquet. Their appreciation was also extended to Mrs. Sutton for giving the program.

## JUST ASK...

Ricky why he is sitting in the trash can in Typing II.  
Mr. Kent who is his girlfriend.  
Dixie why she makes up her eyes everyday in Algebra I.

Lori F. who is her boyfriend.  
Faye Gene who is the slowest typist she has in Typing I.  
Rhonda S. to do the fly for you.  
Annette to express herself.  
Herbert what was his case Friday night.

Penny why she and Micky like to play in water.  
Marvin who is Big Mama.  
Lanis why she didn't ride the bus Friday night.

Pam why she cried during History.  
Mary Stodghill if she's a rat.  
Eddie about the colored woman in the picture.

Darrell about the Beverly Hillbillies and the light socket.  
Amy who sings in the closet.  
Pam V. why her desk drips.  
Roger what he got for his birthday.

Tommy who was reading the pornography.  
Quinn if red icing is pretty on him.

Joan and Amy about D. G.  
Tottie to come back.  
Dana and Roger who got their car keys.

Cindy who the cruel slave driver is.  
Sue and Cindy where to find crepe paper.  
Roger about his new hairdo.  
Ricky if he believes in Santa Claus.

Amy doesn't have umph.  
the gym is flooded for the third time this year.

## Song Dedications

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer—Marshall R.

Stone Love—to Charlie from Big T.

Heaven Help Us All—the basketball students

Easy To Be Hard—all of Mr. Clerk's Algebra classes

Express Yourself—to Amy from Herbert

When We Get Married—from Mary C. to Joe

You Got Me Going in Circles—from the basketball boys to Coach Wright

Oh Christmas Tree—to Mrs. Rampley's tree in the Typing room

It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas—the high school

Stand By Your Man—Ramona Sweet Pea—Micki

Happy Together—from Micki to Lou

Baby I Love You—to Steve from Pam

Mama Don't Cry For Me—Lanis

Running Just As Fast As We Can—Terry Y. and Pam H.

Your Cheatin' Heart—Robert G.

Tears of a Clown—Kaedan

It's Crying Time Again—Jan. 4

Heard It Through the Grapevine—Jana F.

Monday, Monday—first day of every week

Pop-A-Top Again—last weekend

Breaking Up Is Hard To Do—Terry Y.

Johnny One Time—Laura Arnold

Blue Christmas—to Daddy from Pam

Mustang Sally—Patty Tidwell

Wild Thing—Ellen and Claudia

Eve of Destruction—Seniors

Better Sit Down Kids—Mrs. Wright

Listen People—the LaGrone

Until It's Time For You To Go—to all the girls with boyfriends at home for Christmas

Leaving On a Jet Plane—Coach Stovall

Spirit In the Sky—Mrs. Putman

Big Bad John—Jon McDaniel

Yellow Bird—Alan G.

Hurt Just a Little—Max Weaver

Romeo and Juliet—Ronnie and Terry J.

Gene Gene—Gene C.

I Been Lonely Too Long—Rhonda Sutton

I Can Hear Music—SHS Choir

## GUESS WHO

In the Junior class there are two girls.

As mean as some boys but still they have curls.

Together always dodging trouble.

One great person they do trouble.

One small car they did steal.

Blue in color with four small wheels.

It was driven far away with care and ease.

To the gym lawn as easy as you please.

Weekends are their one main interest.

Weeks for them are such a stress.

Never dull are the parties they throw.

Some really fun times to you they could show.

## Wonder Why...

Darrell shakes his head all the time

Chemistry is so hard this year

Ronnie V. sits in class and daydreams all the time

teachers give homework over the weekend

everybody thought Brit was Einstein

Charlie like to bum

Marvin's hands get cold at basketball games

Pam and Jeanetta always like to go to the library during Algebra

Ricky always argues with Mrs. Rampley

Cindy doesn't watch before she opens her mouth

Jackie is called a dictionary

Quinn was staring at the wall



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C. L. Love from the Lubbock Childrens Home is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Vaughan and Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hall Friday evening in Memphis.

**TREE ORIGINS**

The decorated Christmas tree as we know it developed from the miracle plays of the Middle Ages. The plays originated as liturgical cantatas sung in Latin in churches with very slight dramatization. Scenery was held to a minimum. The Garden of Eden, for example, was designated by a fir tree hung with apples. This Paradise tree, as it was called, represented the Fall of Man, not the Nativity.

As the miracle plays gained popularity, they became more elaborate, with more characters, more scenery, even live animals — until their staging out-grew the limits of a church. Moved outdoors, the plays became increasingly secular until, about 1450, their performance was banned.

The tree of Eden, the Paradise tree, somehow survived in the public mind after its play was forbidden. It was set up in the house as an object lesson for children: the ever-

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**KEEP THE CHRISTMAS**  
Christmas is essentially a religious holiday, so church activities should be an important part of holiday planning. The homemaker who entertains during the holidays can plan ahead and prepare foods which will require little last minute attention. Buffet serving is recommended for large groups as it can be informal and easily done.

green tree was an emblem of immortality, while the apples stood for sin. Round wafers were hung on the tree to symbolize redemption. The strictly moralistic character of the Paradise tree gradually faded into pure decoration as apples were replaced by glittering ornaments, and plain wafers took on the shapes of moon and stars, of men and animals.

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Please don't forget my little sister, Kori Lee. She is 3 years old and she wants a Baby-Go-Bye-Bye, a stove and an ironing board and iron.

Thank you for all the toys you brought us last Christmas.

Love,  
Kerry

DEAR SANTA,

I am eight years old now and I'm usually a good girl most of the time. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie Watch, a Baby-Go-Bye-Bye and a Francie with growing hair. I would also like to have a Dollymaker Set.

Love,  
Susie Tipton

DEAR SANTA,

I am a little boy six years old. I've been about as good as a six-year-old can be.

I would like for you to bring me a watch, a Power Mite Workbench, and a Matchbox Country Set. I would also like a Matchbox Parking Plaza.

Love,  
Dwain Tipton

DEAR SANTA,

How are you? I am fine. I have a brother and sister. My name is Carolyn, my brother's name is Mike. He's 2 years old and my sister is



SECTION TWO SILVERTON, TEXAS 79257 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1970

## Holly was venerated by ancients

Modern man is apt to take holly for granted, although it is much admired, and used, during the Christmas Season. Yet even before the coming of the Christchild, holly held a niche unique in the history of men's relationship with plants.

Writings of the Greeks and Romans record the giving of holly branches and wreaths on happy occasions. Wedding guests brought holly to the newly married couple as an expression of their good wishes, and boughs were frequently given as gifts to friends to signify goodwill. Its lustrous leaves and glossy berries enlivened pagan revels throughout Europe, most notably the notorious Roman festival of Saturnalia.

Householders from the frozen North to the Mediterranean isles brought holly into their dwellings to protect themselves from evil spirits. They considered it a haven for friendly fairies of the forest during the winter's cold, dark days. Branches were put in the barns, too, because its cheery brightness was believed to make the cattle thrive despite the bleak weather.

Persia's followers of Zoroaster believed the holly tree casts no shadow. They made a tea of holly leaves for use in religious ceremonies. In Germany, holly was called Christdorn, for it was thought that the crucifixion wreath was made of holly. In England, he who trod on holly berries was cursed with

bad luck, for the robin who loves these berries was said to have plucked the thorns from Christ's brow. This was how he got his red breast, according to ancient legend.



When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

—St. Matthew 2:9

Sonya. She's 2½ months.

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Love, yours truly,  
Annette Fleming  
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DEAR SANTA,

I am a little boy 5 years old, and have tried to be good this year.

Please bring me a wagon, train, and a telephone.

Love,  
Monroe Hill

DEAR SANTA,

I want a walkie-talkie and a surprise.

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St. Nick, put something in my stocking.

DEAR SANTA,

I want a steel guitar not the one that has any legs. That is all.

With love,  
Bobby McPherson

## Legend of the poor shoemaker and his candle

Here is an appealing story that focuses on Man's old friend, the candle. Back in the Middle Ages, any light, no matter how fragile, was much prized, and a candle, though perhaps common to us, was a possession of great value.

A shoemaker lived in a cottage on the edge of a village, near the dark woods. Although a poor man, he placed his candle in the window each night to guide travelers. Despite wars, hardships and illness, by some miracle, some mysterious grace, his light never wavered.

This inspired the villagers and during the Christmas season most of them placed a candle in their windows. The custom grew and became universal.

### Altered Meaning

The meaning of "Merry Christmas" has changed somewhat over the years. Originally, "merry" meant "blessed, peaceful, pleasant."

As the saying goes, "If we would but light one candle, what a bright world this would be!"

How about it, men and women, the rich, the middle and the poor... of Christmas 1970?



## FACTS AND FANCIES THAT HAVE GROWN WITH THE FESTIVE TREE

One of the most joyous elements of the Christmas season is the Evergreen tree. Yet it is a fact that they were first brought into homes at a time of fear. And primitive man thought that they harbored beneficent spirits.

In the North, primitive man watched with mounting terror the decline of the life-giving sun. Lengthening winter nights carried the threat of unending cold, darkness and hunger. Frozen fields held no promise of another harvest. Fruit trees stood bare, apparently lifeless, deserted by the spirits.

Alone in the bitter cold and gloom, the evergreens stood as a document of faith in the revival of the sun god and the return of light and life to the frozen world. Living conifers in tubs were brought indoors to prop the householders' courage and to shelter the sylvan spirits. These earliest trees of the winter solstice ritual were not ornamented. They were a testament of life, not mere decoration.

The frivolous elements in the social observance of the Christmas holidays came not from the North but from the Mediterranean countries. In Rome, the celebration of the winter solstice was an imagined return to the simplicity and brotherly goodwill of the Golden Age. During the week of the Saturnalia which began on Dec. 17, all class distinctions and rules of decorum were suspended. No official business was transacted, children were released from school and truces were imposed on battlefields. Houses and public buildings were garlanded with flowers and evergreens. Gifts were exchanged, feasts were rampant and masks and mummers roamed the cobbled streets.



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### Little-known stories, and origins of Xmas customs

Americans exchange billions of Christmas cards every year.

There are conflicting reports of who sent the first one. According to one source John Calcott Horsley designed the first card for Sir Henry Cole in 1843. It is a triptych, the central panel of which shows a well-fed family at table. They raise their glasses to toast, "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year To You." Flanking them in the end panels are the poor and the hungry.



According to another source, the origin of this relatively modern custom is sometimes ascribed to the English Royal Academy artist, W.C.T. Dobson. In 1845 he sent friends lithographed copies of a sketch he had made to symbolize the Christmas spirit.

The first English printed cards were very simple; a robin, a sprig of holly or mistletoe, plus a conventional greeting. Pioneers of Christmas card printing in the United States were mostly Germans such as Louis Prang, who opened a shop in Roxbury, Mass. in 1874.



### Yule Log

An important ceremony of Christmas in many countries of Northern Europe was that of burning the Yule log. Logs large enough to burn for twelve days were used, and the fire was tended constantly to prevent its burning out before the end of the twelve days. In Lithuania, now a part of Russia, the word for Christmas meant literally "log evening."



It is quite likely that the early Christians — persecuted, driven underground — chose to celebrate Jesus' birthday during the Saturnalia so that the public festival would conceal their secret rites.

It is not surprising that the gaiety and outward form of the Saturnalia were incorporated into our Christmas customs.

The date of Dec. 25 was expressly chosen by the early Christian leaders as a means of combating their chief competitor, the Mithraic religion. Dec. 25 was the birthday of Mithras, the Unconquered Sun, revered as creator of the world and upholder of truth and justice, whose followers underwent a ceremony of baptism to attain eternal life. This highly ethical and intellectual religion was especially favored by the influential upper classes — and was therefore deeply rooted in the life and customs of Rome.

By the middle of the fourth century A.D., it was evident that the populace was determined to have a festival at the time. In 353 Pope Liberius, to honor Saturnus or Mithras, or just for the sake of having a rollicking good time, decided to absorb observances by declaring Dec. 25 the official birthday.

### Fruit cake Enjoyed by Old Romans

One of the most-favored delicacies of the holiday season is the Fruit-cake.

Many a loving homemaker will start months in advance and make the cake from an old family recipe, wrap it in a rum- or brandy-soaked cloth and store it until the Great

Days come.

Most of us envision a dark red-brown cake so filled with fruit and nuts that it can hardly be cut . . . so aromatic with spirits that we could stand over it all day and 'drink in' its redolence.

However, the term "good fruitcake" has as many variations as the singers of its praises.

Such discrepancies arise, says an expert in bakers' matters, "because no one appears to have decided exactly what constitutes fruitcake." Not even a su-

per-fussy Department of Agriculture of a certain state has attempted to define the delicacy.

It's not difficult to see why. Over the years, fruitcake has had as many recipes as eaters. To the ancient Romans, according to a well-known cookbook, it was Satura, a mixture of a well known barley mash, dried raisins, pine kernels and pomegranate seeds "laced with condiments and honeyed wine."

To Elizabeth of England it was spice cake,

containing, according to a recipe of the time, "good ale barme . . . eight eggs with two yolks . . . aniseeds bruised . . . (and) a little rose water."

Most modern recipes appear to descend from the old Pennsylvania Dutch cake and British plum pudding cake. The latter was notable for its considerable brandy content, an ingredient missing from many commercial products.



### Remember the Needy

Now that the time has come wherein Our Saviour Christ was born, The larder's full of beef and pork, The granary's full of corn, As God hath plenty to thee sent, Take comfort of thy labors, And let it never thee repent To feed thy needy neighbors. — Poor Robin's Almanac

# YULE TIDE WISHES

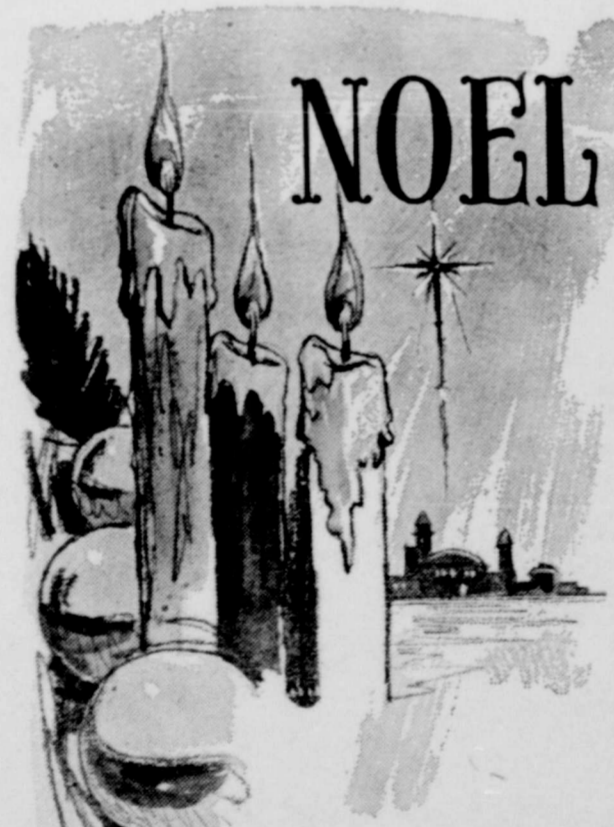


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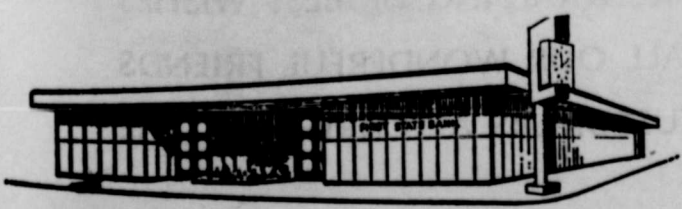
"Joy to the World" . . . It is Christmas! We hope you have a very Merry Holiday!

### IN AND OUT DRIVE IN

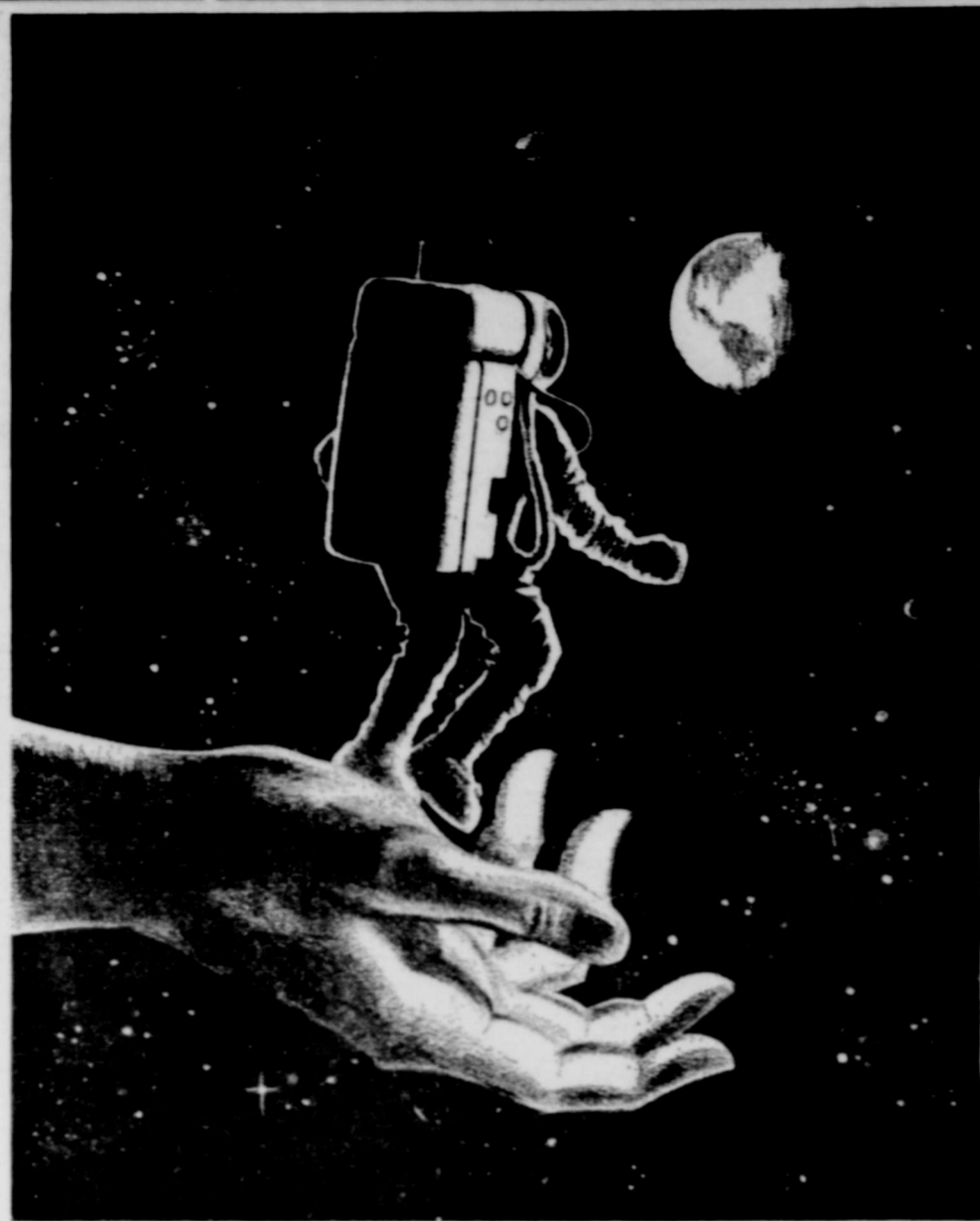
James and Lallie Patton

# Santa's holiday list...

It's sure to include each and every one of our wonderful friends and customers. We hope Santa's put you down for the very best of the Christmas season. And we hope that the holidays bring you not only presents under the tree but the gifts of life as well: happiness, peace, good health, and love.



*First State Bank*



magnificent moon-landing achievements should inspire Man to extend his spiritual horizons . . . what better time than Christmas, to begin?

Two years ago three human beings spent the first Christmas in space — the first Christmas that Man has spent away from the planet that has nurtured civilization since time began.

A few short months later two other human beings set foot on the virgin moon — the first time that Man has explored a world other than his own.

Tomorrow promises to bring Man in direct contact

with other planets; someday perhaps the very stars will become the venue of Man's exploration.

He is reaching for the very Heavens.

Technology — Man's technology — is conquering the universe.

There is talk of science — Man's science — unlocking the secret of life itself.

All of which prompts many thoughtful people to ask — particularly at a time of year

when we celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Peace — whether Man is reaching too far, attempting to usurp the role of the Creator.

It's an age-old question. Science vs. religion. It was asked of the Wright Brothers, who upset the known natural law that if God had intended Man to fly, He would have given him wings.

It is a question that has engaged eminent scientists and philosophers. Albert Einstein wrote that "science

without religion is lame; religion without science is blind."

The conclusion, generally, has been reassuring. Cornell University's first president, Andrew Dickson White, put it this way:

My conviction is that science, though it has evidently conquered Dogmatic Theology based on biblical texts and ancient modes of thought, will go hand in hand with religion; and that, although theological control will continue to diminish, religion, as seen in the recognition of a Power in the universe, not ourselves, which makes for righteousness, and in the love of God and of our neighbor, will steadily grow stronger and stronger.

But this was before the moonships Apollo.

The implications of manned space flight are so enormous that the theological questions inevitably rise again.

Man understands the world. It is finite. Only God understands the universe. It is infinite.

Or is it? Will spacemen someday explore its outer end, chart its boundaries, map its wonders with the precision of the surveyor's transit and mapmaker's compass?

Is creation in danger of becoming Man's handiwork?

Most of our nation's astronauts — the men who have actually ventured into the void — are religious men. And evidently they have seen and felt nothing to shake their faith in the one Creator of this universe we are now beginning to probe.

The words are once again words of reassurance.

On his return from the moon, astronaut Neil Armstrong visited the Vatican, addressed the Cardinals and

### Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA, Please bring me and my brother a football and helmets and GI Joe Dolls. We will be at Beamer's or Granny's in Silverton. Don't forget Lori.

Trey and Mike (McWilliams) Snyder, Texas

DEAR SANTA, Hi Santa! My name is Ken Hutson, and this is my very

bishops at the Roman Catholic synod then in meeting. How, he was asked, had his moon walk affected his personal relationship with God?

"Today as I looked around this building," replied Armstrong, "and looked up at the ceilings, I saw the best of Man's art work and it left a profound impression on me.

"But as we traveled between planets and saw with our eyes the views that are rather poorly seen by means of television and film, I was profoundly moved by the best of God's art work."

The lesson of Man's first hesitating steps into space shines perfectly clear to these men. And, from all accounts, it runs something like this:

Man can learn to explore the universe, can achieve the ancient dream of breaking free of his own planet. But we cannot conceive of a universe that had no Cause, or an intellect that had no Creator.



first Christmas here with you. I am 7½ months old. I really don't know what is going on, but I do know I like all the pretty lights and rattley packages! My Daddy and Mommy think I want a Rocky Roamer horsie, so I guess that will be just fine. Be sure to visit all the other little girls and boys, too! See ya

soon! Love, Ken Hutson

DEAR SANTA,

I am eight years old. I would like a car and a tractor and a truck and a bean bag game.

Love, Dewayne Hightower



### TEA PUNCH

#### Here's A Tasty Holiday Tea

#### PIN-BALL TEA PUNCH

- 2 quarts freshly drawn cold water
- 1/4 cup loose tea, 15 tea-bags or 5 tablespoons instant tea
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- 2 2-inch cinnamon sticks
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon rind
- 2 teaspoons grated orange rind
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 cup pineapple juice

For tea leaves or teabags, bring two quarts of water to a full rolling boil. Pour over tea,

cover and let brew 3 to 5 minutes; strain. For instant tea, merely dissolve in cold water. Combine sugar, 1 cup water, cinnamon and fruit rinds. Simmer 15 minutes. Add syrup and fruit juices to tea and chill thoroughly. Serve in punch bowl over ice cubes, or make pretty ice ring like this: Arrange seasonal or well drained frozen or canned fruit in a shallow layer of water in the bottom of the ring mold or angel food cake pan. Put in freezer until fruit pattern is frozen in place. Add more ice water and return to freezer until entire ring is solid. Unmold by running a little water over bottom of pan.

# Christmas Cheer



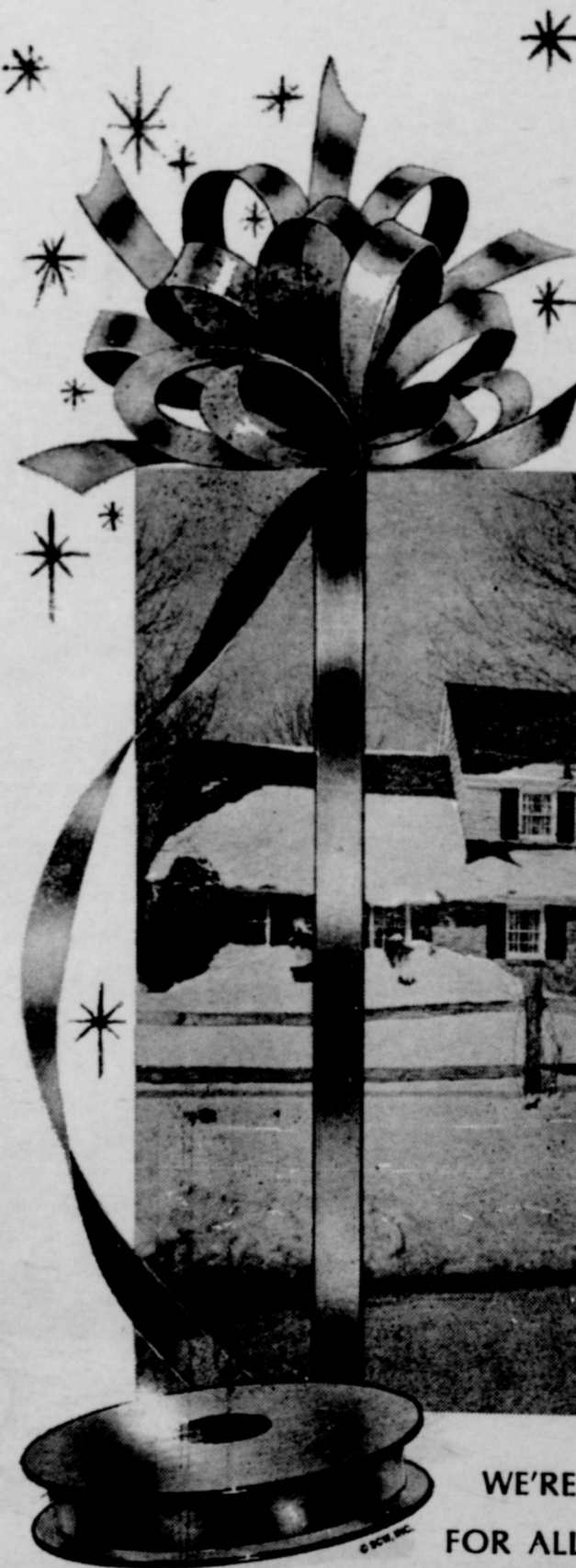
We're sending our best wishes along with Santa's to all our wonderful friends and patrons!

Thanks so much for letting us serve you at

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GLENN McWILLIAMS, MGR.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!



WE'RE WRAPPING UP BEST WISHES FOR ALL OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS AT CHRISTMASTIME

Jack's PHARMACY  
JACK ROBERTSON  
Registered Pharmacist



**YES, VIRGINIA, THERE ARE GLASS-ORNAMENT MAKERS. THEY WORK ON XMAS, MONTHS AHEAD**

While you're busy selecting the perfect ornaments for your family tree, the manufacturers of them in all likelihood, are vacationing on some southern sands, or otherwise far away from the bustle... unless they, too, are admiring the ornaments selected for their trees!

Back in July many companies produced and moved ornaments all over the country in preparation for the Big Holiday.

While the ornament business is not big in the United States when compared with other industries special care is taken in the delivery of decorations that will deck the

spruces, firs, pines and boughs of holly this Christmas season.

Mirabile dictu, only 12 to 15 per cent of such decorations are made of plastic.

Because of the special care in the shipment of glass balls, less than 4,000 out of 200 million glass balls produced last year were broken. An excellent performance!

Glass ornaments, which are produced by only three companies in this country, are usually only five one-thousandths of an inch thick and are quite fragile.

Most ornamental balls for the Christmas tree come in the popular size of 2 1/4 to 2 3/4 inches. One firm makes balls ranging from one" to 3 1/4."

Currently a major portion of holiday ornaments comes from Japan, with more and more being imported from Hong Kong and Taiwan in recent years. Italy, Germany and some of the countries behind the Iron Curtain also supply these products to the United States. In fact 8 to 10 per cent of all glass ornaments comes from outside of this country.

Over 80 different designs are offered by one leading U.S. maker, which fashions about 40 million ornaments a year from American-produced glass.

Most glass decorations today are manufactured by machine but a limited number are still made by hand.

**Ghosts**

Souls of dead persons may wander abroad on Christmas Eve. Or so it

**Dear Santa**

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I'm so glad it's going to be Christmas next week. I wonder what Mama and Daddy got me in the big box. Would you come to Nanny's Christmas Day, Santa Claus?

Santa Claus, get Neal anything. What are you going to fill up our stockings with? We got our lights put up and our house is decorated up. I've got a Christmas tree in my room.

I want an oven, a real stove, refrigerator, Baby Tender Love, Crissy, Dancerina. Neal is doing all right.

Love,  
Tammi and Neal  
(Edwards)

DEAR SANTA,

I want two walkie talkies and some records for my record player. And put something in my stocking. With some goodies in it.

Love,  
Scotti Fleming

P. S. My age is 8 years old. Please bring me two walkie talkies and just a few records. And something in my stocking this year.

Love, Scotti Fleming

DEAR SANTA,

I am Michael Wayne Flowers and I live on a farm. I would like to have some nice

was believed in both Yugoslavia and Norway. A lighted candle placed in a window was thought to have power to keep ghosts outside a home and to light them on their way. Yule candles are still placed in cottage windows.

toys for Christmas. I have been a good boy.

Michael

DEAR SANTA,

I want a baby doll with a bottle and dishes to feed it. Also a high chair and anything else you want to bring me, since I've been a real good girl.

I hope all the boys and girls everywhere get a lot of toys.

Shana Souter  
First Grade

DEAR SANTA,

I want a bicycle and a Baby Go-Bye-Bye most of all. I promise to be real careful with my bike since I'm just 4 1/2 years old.

I've tried to be a good girl most of the time.

Dana Souter

DEAR SANTA,

I am 2 1/2 years old. My mother is writing this for me. I would like a cap and truck and tractor and cars.

Love,  
Eugene Hightower

DEAR SANTA,

I am a little boy four years old. For the most part I have been a pretty good boy. I have two brothers and two sisters and they have been good, too.

Please bring me some guns and trucks for Christmas. Rex wants a hunting bow and some arrows. Roma wants a basketball and goal as she is really a basketball player. Bruce would like a bow and arrows. Jolanda would like to have a real baby doll with hair to comb and one she can bathe.

Santa, please let every boy and girl have a merry Christmas.

Love,

Todd Clayton  
P. S. Don't forget my mother and daddy and Uncle W. D., Aunt Peggy and Cousins Donna, Connie and Will.



*Bless thy year,  
thy coming in,  
thy going out...  
thy rest, thy  
traveling about,  
the rough, the  
smooth, the  
bright, the  
drear... God  
bless thy year.*

**Christmas in the West in the 1850s**

The famous landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted was visiting far from home, in Texas during the Christmas season in the early 1850s. Evidently his preconceived impressions of the wild West bore out. In his diary he noted that from his hotel window he could see the Christmas Eve celebration in San Augustine was noisy and boisterous. The town only had about 50 houses and 12 shops, but its citizens gathered into a band of serenaders who went about the small village beating on tin pans and being very boisterous. This was in sharp contrast to Olmsted's New England upbringing. Throughout Texas and the West, Christmas Day was often spent in wild turkey shoots, followed by a tremendous feast with the bird as featured fare.

Surprisingly enough, the British Victorians were the folks who introduced the custom of kissing under the mistletoe at Christmastime. Who says they were strait-laced?

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING ONCE SUSPECT**

Decorating the tree and the home was not always an innocent pastime. In the very early days of the Christian Church the Popes took a cautious stand on the matter of decorations and festivities. They felt that some of the emerging customs were too pagan in origin.



**IRISH LEGEND, IVY AND THE WINE GOD**

The term "Bacchanalian revelry" often applies to holiday celebrations. Ivy is intertwined in the history of Bacchus, for ivy was the Wine God's crown.

Legend tells how it was introduced into Ireland. When Bacchus was traveling through the western lands he visited Ireland, and fell in love with its lush green, charm and beauty. When the time came for him to leave the country, he decided to plant the ivy as a living souvenir of his affection for the Emerald Isle.

Pope Gregory I (604 A.D.) in a letter to St. Augustine of Canterbury advised him to permit, and even to encourage, harmless popular customs which seemed non-pagan and natural, and could be given Christmas interpretation.



Laughter, good cheer and kindness come from good friendships throughout the year. All this and much more is our Christmas wish to you and yours this happy holiday season.

**RAY THOMPSON IMPLEMENT, INC.**

**GREETINGS**



"Smooth driving" thru the season!  
**ASHEL McDANIEL TEXACO**  
Ashel Mildred

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Whatever else is lost  
among the years  
Let us keep Christmas.  
Its meaning never ends  
Whatever doubts  
assail us  
or what fears,  
Let us hold close  
this day  
Remembering friends.



"We try to emphasize the meaning of the holiday, the fight for freedom and relate it to modern history. I make latkes — we light the menorah, we have close friends over. We try to give our children a feeling of unity, that there are other Jews around, too — that all of us have a part, together, in this holiday season."

Many would like to believe in Santa Claus, too. Some Jewish parents bridge the Santa Claus gap.



Explained one Jewish mother, "Santa Claus visited our house and brought presents. We also celebrated Hanukkah, both the fun and the religious part. But at Christmas, the religious part was

completely disregarded. The giving and the Santa Claus part is American, not Christian."

Another mother disagrees. "One of the local rabbis said that it's an imposition to celebrate Christmas if you're Jewish and he's right," she said. "I think our neighbors appreciate it and respect us more for observing what we believe in. We can all live together, Christians and Jews, with mutual respect for our customs, in America."

To that we say, Amen.

There was a time when Dutch children shivered at the threat of a visit from Black Pete. But modern times have converted him into a merry fellow who does all the work considered below the dignity of a saint, and generally contributes a lot of fun.

This character, dressed as a Moorish slave and painted black is traditionally the one who carries the presents and deals out the punishments for naughty children.

### AMERICA'S SETTLERS CELEBRATED IN OWN WAY

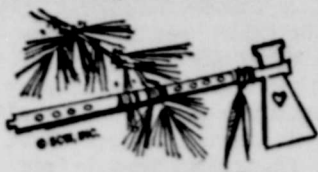
During the early 17th century any formal observance of Christmas was ruled out by the rigid code of Puritanism. Yule festivity was forbidden as emanating from the Devil. And the Devil was very much a personage in those days. This rule persisted until 1681 when it was repealed. Probably the influence of the Dutch and German settlers had prevailed, and their customs of Christmas feasting and gaiety softened the hearts of the strict Puritans.

The plenty of the new land provided abundant foodstuffs for the holiday table. And the woods' greens, boughs and assorted cones were used for decorative trim.



In 1804 the explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark rested from

their journey westward to celebrate Christmas Day somewhere in the vicinity of what is now Bismarck, North Dakota. Captain Clark wrote in his journal, "We enjoyed a merry Christmas during the day & evening until nine."



In northeastern Wyoming it was rumored that one of a pioneer's Christmas trees had a calming influence on a wounded Sioux Indian who burst into a widow's cabin seeking help and food. She was decorating a small tree for her two children. Its beauty aroused the Indian's curiosity and through sign language, the woman was able to explain in part some of the tree's significance. She fed and cared for the Indian and was able to take him back to his tribe. It is part of the legend that he, having learned the spirit of Christmas, rewarded her with many gifts.

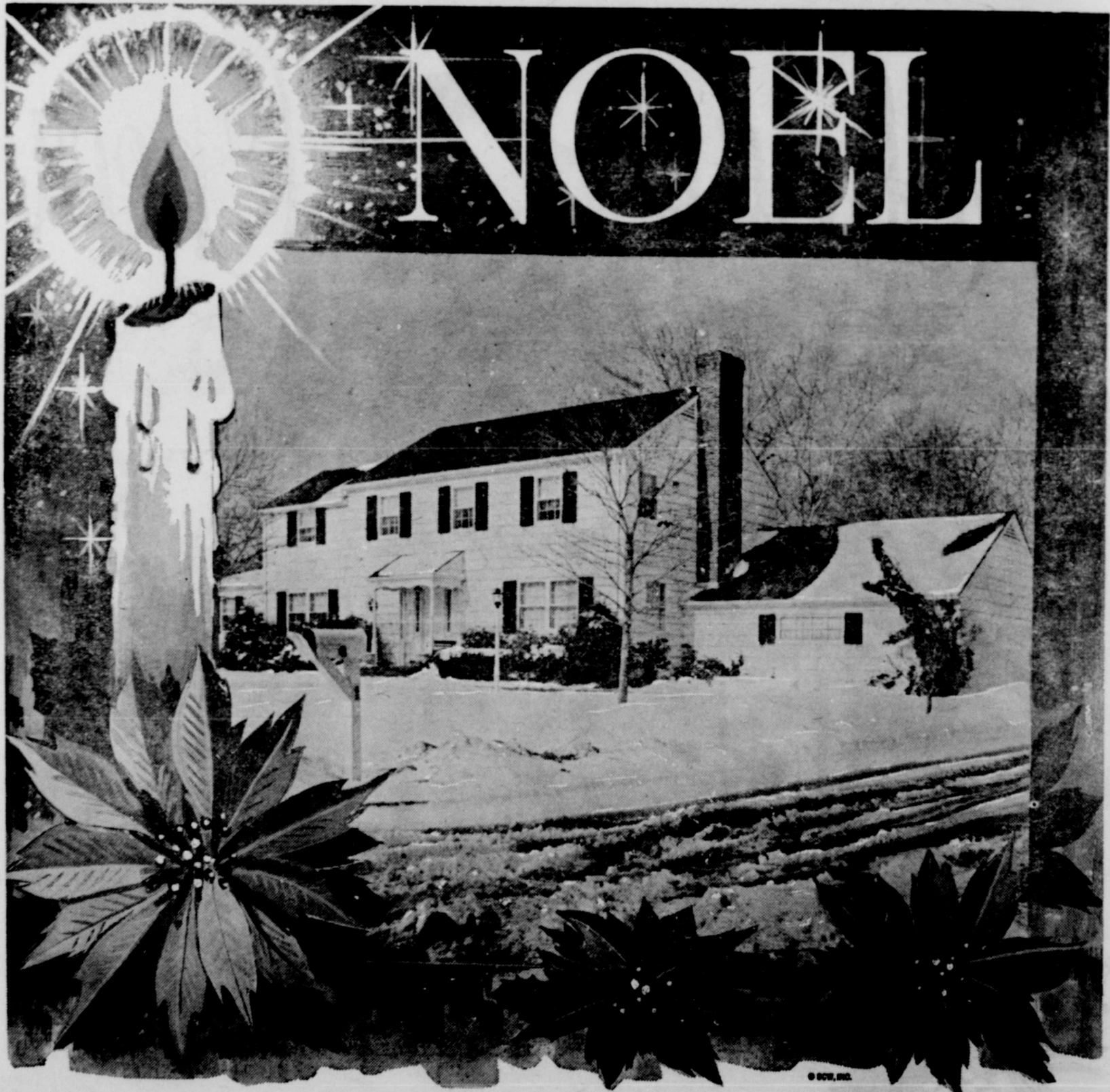


#### CARD DISPLAY

Looking for an unusual way to display your Christmas cards? How about a wall hanging, using burlap, heavy muslin or felt? You can use straight pins to attach the cards — or sew them to the fabric using strong twine and a large needle.



It's Time to Wish One and All a Joyous Holiday



May the joys and blessings of Christmas be with you and yours through this season and the coming year. And with this may we add our sincere thanks for your kind patronage this past year.

FROM ALL OF US AT

Salem's of Silverton



May the gladness and cheer  
of the HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON  
Bring much happiness to you!

ARCHIE CASTLEBERRY

Amarillo, Texas

### stories that shed light on Christmas

The good St. Nicholas would often make his appearance . . . riding jolly among the treetops, or over the roofs of houses, now and then drawing forth magnificent presents from his breeches pockets, and dropping them down the chimneys of his favo-

rites.  
Diedrich Knickerbocker's History of New York, by Washington Irving  
From a telegram by General Sherman to President Lincoln, Christmas Day, 1864: "I beg to present to you as a Christmas gift the city of Savannah."

And the angel said unto them: fear not for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is

Christ the Lord.  
— Luke II, 10 and 11  
A miner's Christmas dinner in the Rockies, 1858: pork, elk, antelope, buffalo, grizzly bear, squirrel, prairie dog and mountain rat; then swan, crane and quail.

England's Henry V lifted the siege of Rouen just long enough to permit food to get through for a Christmas celebration.

There is no record of Jesus' birthdate. Some

early church scholars urged that it be celebrated in January. Others pressed for March, April, or September. If, as Luke reports, shepherds were in the fields at night watching over their flocks, the Nativity must have occurred during a warm season. In winter, the sheep slept in folds.

The industrial revolution sharply cut back the traditional twelve days of Christmas. Massachusetts, in deference to the Puritan tradition, didn't declare Christmas Day a le-

gal holiday until 1856. But in the agricultural south, where December was a slack season, the slaves were on holiday as long as the Christmas log could be kept burning—sometimes more than a week.

Hessian soldiers had introduced the Christmas tree to Americans during the Revolutionary War, but it was 1856 before the first tree was put in the White House, by President Franklin Pierce. Several thousand years earlier, the Egyptians brought date

### U.S. Freedom Christmas Gift December 1776

Our religious freedoms are sometimes lightly regarded by certain Americans today, but back in the days when our country was very young, the freedom to worship as we pleased was one of the hard-fought victories of the Revolution.

The foundation for the preservation of the freedom to celebrate such beliefs as Christmas—this was the gift to our country on that very day in December 1776.

It happened when George Washington and his men won the battle at Trenton . . . that was the beginning of a long line of victories that eventually led to ultimate victory and total independence, along with complete religious freedom.

#### BIG TREES

Annually, the most famous and most photographed Christmas trees in the United States are those erected on the White House lawn and at Rockefeller Center in New York. The 1958 White House tree, an Engelmann spruce selected from the Kootenai National Forest in Montana, was so large it had to be loaded on two flatcars for the trip to Washington. It was trimmed to 78 feet before being raised and decorated, yet was still the tallest ever used on the White House lawn. The Rockefeller Center tree that same year was 65 feet high and 35 feet in diameter at the base. It came from Maine and was selected only after an intensive nine-month search to find the most perfectly shaped tree possible.

#### TREE CARE

Many efforts have been made to chemically fire-proof the Christmas tree. Such substances as aspirin, sugar and fruit acids in water have been tried—yet nothing has proved as effective as plain water, which keeps the tree naturally moist and thus resistant to flame.

### 1st Christmas toast results in marriage!

One wonders at the forcefulness of the weaker sex, on occasion, especially when a member of the so-called stronger sex is under the spell of spirits, The wassail bowl and the Christmas toast were both started in the same gesture, so the tale goes, by the daughter of an early Germanic chieftain, then on a campaign in Britain. Offering a garlanded bowl of wine to her father's princely host, she said "Wassheil," or "Here's to you." The prince responded gallantly and, one thing leading to another, they were soon married.

For the common people of the Middle Ages, wassail was a mixture of hot ale, sugar, nutmeg, and ginger. The nobility, however, used the finest wines in the cellar. In later times, a popular base for the wassail bowl was Spanish sherry grown from the grapes of Andalusia and fortified with brandy.

The word "toast" however, emerged from the fact that early wassail



bowls sometimes had pieces of toast (as well as fruit) floating around in the top.

In medieval days the wassail was often accompanied by roasted peacock, re-stuffed in its feathered finery, and with a small fire (lighted brandy) playing about its nostrils. Her ladyship always served this dish herself.

Our European ancestors must have had strong stomachs and a gift for showmanship.



# Merry Christmas

Nature has covered the world with a mantle of white . . . making our thoughts turn back to other holiday seasons, when carols sounded joyfully around the piano and laughter rang out merrily around the hearth. We wish all the joys of past Christmases we have known, to each one of you.

## PLAINVIEW PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION

Dee McWilliams, Manager

Silverton, Texas



In the spirit of the Season we wish you true happiness. Merry Christmas to our many friends!  
DOROTHY & ERWIN BOYD  
DON & CHARLOTTE BOYD  
BILL & MABEL GRIFFIN

### Taos Indians have observed Yuletide for centuries

One of the most colorful celebrations of Christmas in America has been the rites conducted by the Taos Indians in New Mexico.

Commemorative Indian dances originated long before Spanish priests brought the Roman Catholic religion to the isolated pueblos of New Mexico in the 1600s. But with their conversion to Catholicism, the Indians blended the new and old, and the outgrowth was the Christmas dance.

The practice of Christmas dances originated when Spanish explorers and priests asked the Indians to perform whatever dances they thought would be appropriate for the religious holiday.

Customarily, either the Deer dance or the Matachines dance is performed on Christmas day.

According to the Indians, the Deer dance was chosen hundreds of years ago because the Indians thought the deer was one of the animals that might have been present when Christ was born.



The Matachines is a dance honoring the mother of Christ. According to an Indian spokesman, the dance was developed by the Indians from their interpretation of Spanish Catholic teachings about the Virgin Mother.

Religious events are plentiful in this predominantly Catholic state, although many of the services are no different (save for the setting, the adobe buildings and the cultural heritage of the people) from services held elsewhere.

Visitors now have to look long and hard to find any shepherds' watch-fires twinkling on the hills to light the path of Mary and Joseph. Once, such fires were common.

Also on Christmas Eve, the Indians of Taos customarily stage a procession lined by bonfires and by lighted pine faggots attached to long poles. Downtown Santa Fe is also usually ablaze with candle and artificial light during Christmas week.

### Hanukkah, Christmas customs foster mutual respect

Maybe some Jewish parents enjoy the image of Santa as much as their children do. Said one mother, "The children believe in Santa to not hurt my feelings. I sometimes try to save the big presents for Christmas day. They put some socks by the fireplace, but they stay empty. Santa Claus belongs to all sects, the children don't believe he's a religious figure."

They go to synagogue and at Hanukkah the house is decorated with stars of David. The family eats potato pancakes, and the children get a present every night. But, every year, the children ask for Christmas lights outside the house.

Behind all the Christian and Jewish symbols — the tree, the star of Bethlehem, the menorah, the star of David — is the effort by the parents to be sure their children understand the basic differences.



"We visited a friend who had a huge Christmas tree, and that widened their horizons," says a Jewish mother.

With all of the hoopla, the merrymaking, the feverish shopping mania, the neighbors' vying with each other to decorate the house, etc., etc., one wonders at how our non-Christian brothers react to the secular celebration of "Christmas."



What do Jewish children do when their neighbors' brightly colored Christmas lights come on, the trees are laden with baubles and the stockings are hung by the television set...? How do their parents answer questions about Santa Claus?

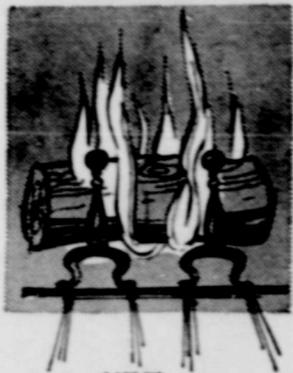
Said one mother, whose Jewish family is one of about 30 in her neighborhood, "There's such an abundance of Christmas in school. I find that 50% of the class curriculum between Thanksgiving and Christmas is devoted to the holiday. The Jewish children begin to feel very lonesome and stand-outish around Christmas. So we counter with our Hanukkah celebration."

### The Word "Yule" Has Pagan Origins

The ancient northern Europeans, acutely conscious of the peregrinations of the Sun, formed definite theories about it.

They thought the sun was a wheel revolving around the earth, and they observed that on one particular day in midwinter its appearance and disappearance marked the shortest day of the year.

This cycle was known to them as the Hweol, and it was a time of celebrating.



As the pagan Yule celebrations were replaced by the feast of Christmas, the festival season extended from Christmas Eve to the Feast of the Epiphany. This meant that the Yule log had plenty of time, big as it used to be, to flame and flicker before the last of it had smoldered to ashes.

In the agricultural economy of the pre-Civil War South here in our own country, the Yule log was the means of procuring a true holiday for the field hands.

There was on many plantations an accepted unwritten rule that the slaves would not have to work outdoors so long as the Yule log was aight. The workers would take advantage of this custom, and select the biggest and toughest gum tree trunk they could find. They would sink it under water for weeks beforehand, to make it as slow-burning as possible. Sometimes one of these nearly fireproof logs would simmer away for several weeks.

Sing hey! Sing hey!  
For Christmas Day;  
Twin mistletoe and holly.  
For friendship glows  
In winter snows,  
And so let's all be jolly!

— Anonymous

### Christmas belongs to other sects too, Asians say

According to the manager of a large department store in Hong Kong, Christmas no longer belongs to Christians only. "The Chinese population," says he, "has made it a fete of their own."

Buddhists, Confucians, Moslems, Shintoists, Taoists and all other men of good will express in some way the spirit of the season.

In South Korea Christmas Eve is a night for revelry. The midnight to 4 a.m. curfew, imposed because of any North Korean threat, is lifted. Koreans in the thousands flock to tea houses, night clubs and hotels.



In Burma, where the people are predominantly Buddhist, one may be able to turn on the radio on Christmas Day and hear a live broadcast of Handel's "Messiah" presented by an interdenominational, multiracial choir.

"Peace on earth" is what all the "little" people think about and families pray for. In military camps there is mail from home, the best food the army can muster and the odd improvised Christmas tree perched on top of a bunker.



In Taiwan, the island republic's 600,000 Christians observe a more subdued Christmas than their western brothers, saving festivities for the Chinese Lunar New Year.

December is bonus time in Japan. The year-end bonus is enjoyed by all employees of Japanese firms and the government, including the Prime Minister.

### Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I hope you will bring me a mini-bike that I have always wanted.

P. S. If you don't bring me a mini-bike, please bring me a Dallas Cowboy helmet and a suit. I hope you will bring me the things I wanted.

Love you,

Gregory Benntent Hill

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

My name is Michael, and I am 7 years old.

Please bring me a football, a whole football suit, and maybe a surprise.

Have a "Merry Christmas,"

Santa.  
Love,  
Michael (Hill)

DEAR SANTA,

I would like a camera, TV, Baby-Go-Bye-Bye, a maroon pom-pom, a white pom-pom, a fairy suit, telescope, basket, all the Barbies I like, an autograph of every movie star I like, projector, walkie-talkie, roller skates, Coke machine, baton, dishwasher, tape recorder, typewriter, super cycle, skittlepool, a real science book.

Love,  
Sherrie (Alexander)

DEAR SANTA,

I would like a fire gun, air gun, super flash flying air-

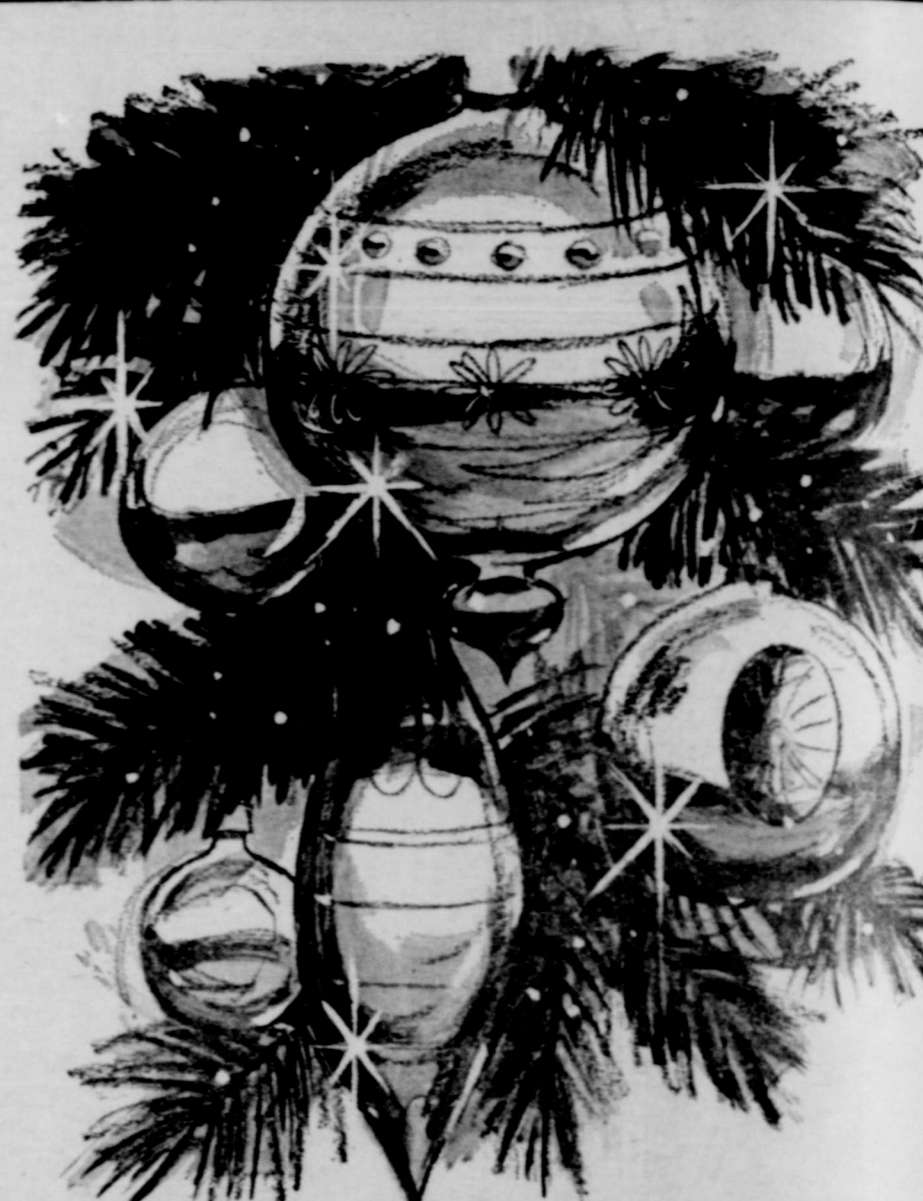
plane, John Deer plow, projector, power steam shovel, double barrel rifle, big roller skater, roller skates, football game, rabbit hole game, phony balcony, electric car, play family garden, peg desk with chalkboard, big western holster set, seeker, Mr. Brain, Snoopy the Red Baron.

Love,  
Ross (Alexander)  
Please bring something my brothers.

DEAR SANTA,

Please bring me a Wheel two track racing and racing cars. I would like a baseball glove and bat.

I love you,  
Mitchael Martin



# Merry Christmas

It's always a pleasure to take time during the holiday season to wish our friends well!

VERLIN B. TOWE AGENCY

**NOEL**

Even as the Wise Men did, let us worship Him.

**THE HOUSE OF GIFTS**

Roy & Zollie Brown      Doug & Charlie Arnold

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

Amen.

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