



Marshall McCammon (center), son of Mr. and Mrs. John McCammon, was the littlest angel in the Christmas program at the Methodist Church. The other angels are Shannon Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Weaver; Molly Dorn Bomar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Bomar; Trevah Leigh Stafford, daughter of Mrs. Sharon Stafford, and Stephen Decker, son of Rev. and Mrs. John Decker.



Children taking part in a nativity program at the Methodist Church were Holly Nance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Nance; Tonia Perkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Perkins; LaMona Dee Stafford, daughter of Mrs. Sharon Stafford; Neal Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edwards; Julie Towe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Towe; Clay Mercer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mercer; Tara Nance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Nance, holding baby Trey Wyatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wyatt, and Andrew Decker, son of Rev. and Mrs. John Decker.



Lance Bradford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bradford, climbed on Santa's lap and told him that what he wants for Christmas is a new bicycle. What he didn't tell Santa was that he needed a new bicycle because he had donated the bicycle (which he felt he had outgrown) for a little girl at Gristown, USA.

Juannah Woods writes a "Dear Santa" letter for her sister, Melissa. They are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wayne Woods. The letter that Missy dictated reads: "Dear Santa, I want a Barbie Doll and a Starr Doll, Roller Skates that are red, white and blue with red wheels. Also Sandy Seaweed and Baby Star. And a Stay Alive Game, the Memory Game, and Operation. Love, Melissa Woods."

Zane and Wayne Henderson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Henderson, have been spending some time rattling the packages under their Christmas tree. This helps to heighten the anticipation of the wonderful delights that await them on Christmas morning!





Indians Had a Sacred Spring Festival Tree Upon Which They Hung Gifts

In early pioneer days in America, Indian children were invited in to see the Christmas tree and were given extra food. On one occasion — in fact, probably on many more than just one — Indians were found dancing around the tree, stamping and whooping in the familiar manner of ceremonially excited braves.

One can imagine the shock and dismay on the part of some of our pioneer ancestors.

American Indians were accustomed to the idea of giving among themselves, though the habit was

prompted less by ideas of doing good and sharing with the less fortunate, than the more human one of raising one's prestige.

They had, also, a tree upon which they hung gifts. This was considered a sacred spring festival tree, not a Christmas tree. A tribe in North Dakota would plant, each year, a young cedar near the big medicine lodge. Children brought gifts of moccasins, pelts, shawls and so forth to hang on the branches of what was called, with the simplicity of so-called primitive peoples, Grandmother.

In the fall, Grandmother was uprooted and set afloat on the Missouri river for a long journey into the Great Beyond. Much in the way that Alaskans are reported to have set adrift their old folks, upon the icy water flocs.

The Indians of course recognized that the white brothers' Christmas was an important occasion. It came to be called by tribes The Big Eating. By others, in districts frequented by French trappers, who kissed each other as they exchanged gifts, it was known as Kissing Day.

BLESSINGS

As we share the splendour and wondrous blessings of this cherished holiday, let us sing in praise of its glory. We join you with our thanks.



RHODE PIPE COMPANY

HALLELUJAH!



Peace on earth, good will to all, as we celebrate the miracle of our Saviour's birth. At this holy time, we give thanks.

CAPROCK FOOD



This is the time of year when we look forward to thanking our great friends and patrons for doing business with us. We are thinking of you and we hope that you will have a wonderful Christmas season filled with friendship.

Grabbe - Simpson Chevrolet, Inc.

A LOOK BACK TO THE 1870's . . . A STORY BY LAURA INGALLS WILDER

How A Poor Pioneer Family Celebrated Christ's Birthday

"Christmas was coming. The little log house was almost buried in snow. Great drifts were banked against the walls and windows, and in the morning when Pa opened the door, there was a wall of snow as high as Laura's head".

A paragraph from Laura Ingalls Wilder's beloved "Little Books" — true accounts of the pioneer life that the writer experienced, from her 6th to 18th years in the 1870s and 1880s; her restless father moved his family from a Wisconsin forest to Indian Territory to Minnesota and finally to the Dakota Territory.

The books were published between 1935 and 1943.

The family endured many hardships — bitter-cold winters as well as stifling summer heat. They lived first in a log cabin, later in a dugout by the creek, then, later in shacks — wherever fate (and Father) moved them. They went through cyclones, droughts, plagues of cicadas, yet the Ingalls family shared love and faith in each other, and they always celebrated the birthday of the Christ Child.

For a Christmas in the big woods, when the house was blanketed with snow, Ma baked bread, beans, cookies . . . distilled vinegar and baked dried apple pies! Truly a doughy soul. They entertained

relatives . . . Aunt Eliza and Uncle Peter and the cousins who arrived on Christmas Eve on their big bobsled, sleigh bells ringing.

Some other Ma and Pa would have thrown up their hands at the sight of them — maybe got the shotgun off the cabin wall and picked them off from a window — but not the Ingalls! They shared their good things — the children slept in a row on the floor — the grown-ups, wherever they could find space.

Christmas Eve found them aglow with anticipation, in a circle of love.

In the morning the children found gifts in their stockings: a pair of bright red knitted mittens and a stick of red-and-white striped mint candy. Guess who the Christmas Fairy was? She must have earned her reward in heaven, but that Christmas Day she received all the reward she wanted, in the surprise and happiness expressed by every child.

For Laura, the smallest child, there was also a homemade rag doll with

black button eyes, black yarn hair and a dress of pink and blue calico — a doll "so beautiful that Laura could not say a word."

On other Christmases there were no presents. The Ingalls family were lucky to have their lives. However, Ma had saved a bundle of "Youth's Companions" that had been sent them by long-delayed mail or via a passerby. While the light lasted they read the stories. Pa even managed to buy the store's last two cans of oysters, so their Christmas dinner had a festive quality.

All the "Little Books" tales are fascinating, and you can be sure that the adults who gave them to children made a point to read them first. The stories have an ageless, timeless appeal. They contain the essence of Christmas . . . selflessness, appreciation of the simple joys, and love of family life.

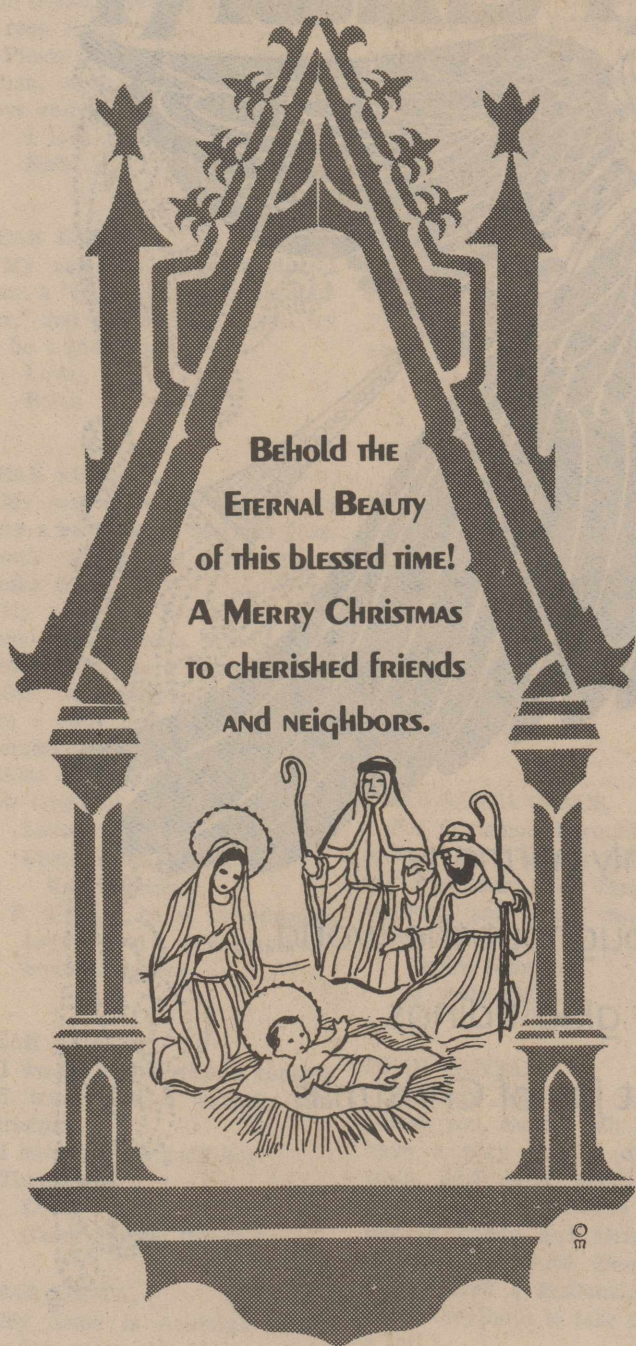
In the Ingalls family the little Christ Child dwelled, not only on His birthday, but every day.

Christmas Tree Came From Ancient Rites

The pagans decorated trees, particularly evergreens, because they thought the trees were inhabited by woodland spirits. The Druids of ancient England tied gilded apples onto tree branches. During Saturnalia, the Romans decorated small trees with toys, masks of Bacchus, and candles.

Centuries passed before anyone took a tree inside the house

and decorated. No one knows exactly who was responsible for the first indoor tree. Some say it was Martin Luther, who lived in Germany from 1483 to 1546. Others say it was an Austrian, in 1605. We do know that a German decorated the first indoor tree in America, in 1832. It was not until the Teddy Roosevelt years, however, that Christmas trees gained favor and became an American tradition.



SILVERTON WELL SERVICE



REJOICE

Let us glory in the wonder of Our Saviour's birth, as we share the infinite blessings His message brings. Thanks to our faithful friends at this hallowed season.

SILVERTON OIL COMPANY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The beauty of the season is reflected in the glowing faces of our very special patrons. It is with pride and pleasure that we send warm greetings to you all.

Shear Delight
Shirley Henderson



HI! MERRY CHRISTMAS

In his pack, filled with bountiful delights, jovial St. Nick has a special gift of thanks for our wonderful friends. In a festive spirit we wish you all the joys of Christmas.

Thank You, Silverton!
Jeans and Things

NOEL NOEL



We raise our voices in merry celebration of this glorious season, and sing our thanks for your generous support.

SILVERTON AUTO PARTS

Fred, Pat, Tammi and Neal Edwards
H. A. and Jo Cagle

CHRISTMAS IN MEXICO IS MADE FESTIVE WITH PINATA

In Mexico, the celebration of the holiday season begins in earnest nine days before Christmas. During this time the *posadas* are observed.

Celebrants form a procession behind figures representing Mary and Joseph, and go about from house to house, asking for *posada* or lodging. Inside the homes, other celebrants enact the role of the innkeepers who refused Mary and Joseph lodging in Bethlehem.

After being told that there is "no room at the inn", the celebrants are at last admitted to one of the homes, and the fiesta begins.

The highlight of this celebration is the smashing of the *pinata* by youngsters. A clay pot, filled with nuts and candies and other trinkets, and imaginatively decorated with paper-mache, is strung up on a rope; each youngster is

blindfolded in turn and allowed to take a swing at the *pinata* with a stick. Since the rope can be pulled each time a youngster swings at it, many blows are usually required, with much shouting on the part of onlookers, before the *pinata* is finally broken and goodies cascade upon the delighted youngsters.

The tradition of the *pinata* was actually brought to Mexico during the 16th century by Europeans. Although it is no longer a tradition in Europe, the custom of breaking a candy-filled pot has flourished in Mexico.

Christmas in Mexico is a blend of both religious significance and merry-making, much as it is in the United States. And of all the Mexican customs currently enjoyed south of the border, none is merrier than the breaking of the *pinata*.



GLORY GLORY



Let a heavenly harmony be heard throughout the world, heralding the glad tidings and abundant joy of Christmas.



FLUTE HUTSELL, MANAGER



Deck the halls and gather 'round to share in a festive celebration. Hope your holidays are trimmed with treats!

Merry Christmas

Brown Furniture Hardware and Appliance Company
Carol, Mary and Max

Christmas Blessings

We exult in the Divine Miracle and remember its true meaning. At this sacred season, in this holiest of all times, we are warmed by His gifts. And in that spirit, we extend our reverent gratitude to our fine friends and neighbors.



NANCE'S FOOD STORE

Easy pomander balls

In Grandmother's day, ladies used pomander balls in closets and dresser drawers to keep their clothes smelling fresh and beautifully fragrant.

Many packaged sachets are available today, but none are as delightfully aromatic as these easy-to-make, spicy-scented ones.

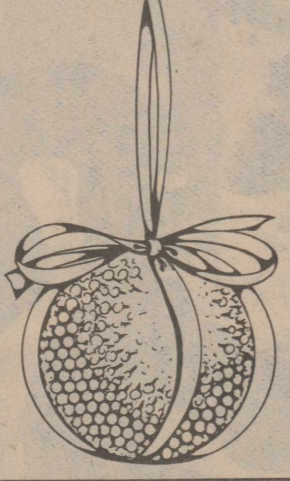
If you're looking for something just a little bit different for gift giving, try a few of these. You'll need the following for each sachet you make:

- Small firm apple or orange
- 1 unopened box of cloves
- 1 Tbsp. orrisroot powder
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 yard narrow colored ribbon
- 1 medium size paper bag
- Clear plastic wrap

Dividing the fruit into equal parts, insert two rows of cloves around it, using only cloves with long, pointed stems. Continue inserting cloves into each quarter until fruit is covered. Put orrisroot powder and cinnamon into the paper bag, put fruit in and shake gently until pomander is covered. (When making several pomanders at one time, coat each one individually.)

Leave fruit in bag to cure for several days, in a cool, dry place. Remove pomander from bag and tie ribbon around it. Straight pins can be used to hold the ribbon in place if you find it slips. Keep pomander in plastic wrap until ready to give or use.

An interesting note about pomander balls...long, long ago they were believed to ward off disease.



Chinese Shrimp Makes Tasty Holiday Treat

- 1 pound peeled, deveined raw jumbo shrimp
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon chervil
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 3 beaten eggs
- 1 cup flour
- Oil for frying
- Soy sauce
- Lime wedges

In a large bowl combine shrimp, salt, chervil, pepper and lemon juice. Let stand for 15 to 20 minutes. Cut shrimp lengthwise and spread open. Coat with egg. Dip in flour. Fill a heavy frying pan with 1/8 inch deep oil. Cook shrimp until brown turning carefully. Drain on absorbent paper. Serve on a platter. Sprinkle with soy sauce; garnish with lime wedges. Serves 6.

FROM JANUS

January takes its name from Janus, the two-faced Roman god who supposedly could look over the past and tell the future at the same time. He was depicted with key in hand, denoting ability to open all doors and gateways.

EARLY TIME

The Egyptians were the first to develop a fairly accurate system of time keeping. They developed a calendar sometime about 4,000 B.C. the "beginning", which they estimated at 5502 B.C., was based on the Mundane era of Alexander.

IN CHINA

In ancient China, residents cleaned their houses, paid their debts and put their affairs in order before closing shops and leaving homes for fireworks and celebrations. In the Chinatown sections of some American cities, a New Year's parade is a most colorful sight, with fireworks and fiery paper dragons breathing good cheer to everyone.



Count your garden by the flowers
Never by the leaves that fall
Count your days by golden hours
Don't remember clouds at all

Count your nights by stars, not shadows
Count your life with smiles, not tears
And with joy thru all your lifetime
Count your age by friends, not years

Ralph H. Ratliff

CHRISTIAN CANDLE
The Christian candle, symbolic of Christ as "The Light of the World", originated from Roman and Hebrew customs. Tapers of tallow from animal fats later became candles made of beeswax.
In many nations, candles were placed on branches of the Christmas tree, secured by metal holders. Sanctified, they were believed to radiate love and friendship, to dispel hatred and discord.

Best Wishes



Christmas is the sound of bells, the laughter of children, the glow of candles and the scent of pine. Christmas is the joy of families and the happiness of friends. We hope your Christmas has love, warmth and laughter. You have given us a wonderful Christmas throughout the year with your continuing patronage.



Silvertown Gin, Inc.

"Your Business Appreciated"

JIM DAVIDSON, MANAGER

Merry Christmas to All

May all the bright gifts of Christmas be yours.
Warm thanks to all our friends.

BILL & MABEL GRIFFIN



It's our favorite time of year . . . when we pause to thank our many good friends for their patronage in the past. We look forward to serving you in the future. Have a Merry Christmas.

VERLIN B. TOWE AGENCY



O, sing out in praise of the Prince of Peace! As we join together in the warm glow of His love, we wish you the many blessings of the Christmas season.

FLEMING WELL SERVICE

'Kohoutek' Comet Put on Show at Christmas '73

During early to mid-January there was much excitement and anticipation over the expected appearance of the comet Kohoutek.

It was dubbed "the Christmas Comet" and was expected to be most visible to the naked eye on January 14, at twilight.

Alas! The spectacular comet fizzled. It went into a decline, as far as earthlings are concerned. True, many thousands viewed its pulsing splendor through powerful lenses at observatories, but the common man on his own backporch was acutely disappointed that he couldn't look over to the southwest skies and see this phenomenon.

The comment occasioned by the heralded appearance of the comet caused many people to wonder if the star of Bethlehem was also a comet.

The discoverer of the comet is Lubos Kohoutek of the Hamburg Observatory who observed it when it was near the orbit of Jupiter, 350 million miles from earth.

As we go to press, the most authoritative sources say that Kohoutek has lost its tail, too.

On the evening of January 14, looking through one of the world's most sophisticated telescopes, the comet was a great round shimmering glob of glow, surrounded, as it were, by myriads of tiny winking diamonds.

Spectacular, certainly, even if it did not "live up to its notices".

Greetings



We're wishing everyone a very joyous Christmas and shouting a hearty "THANK YOU" for your loyal patronage.

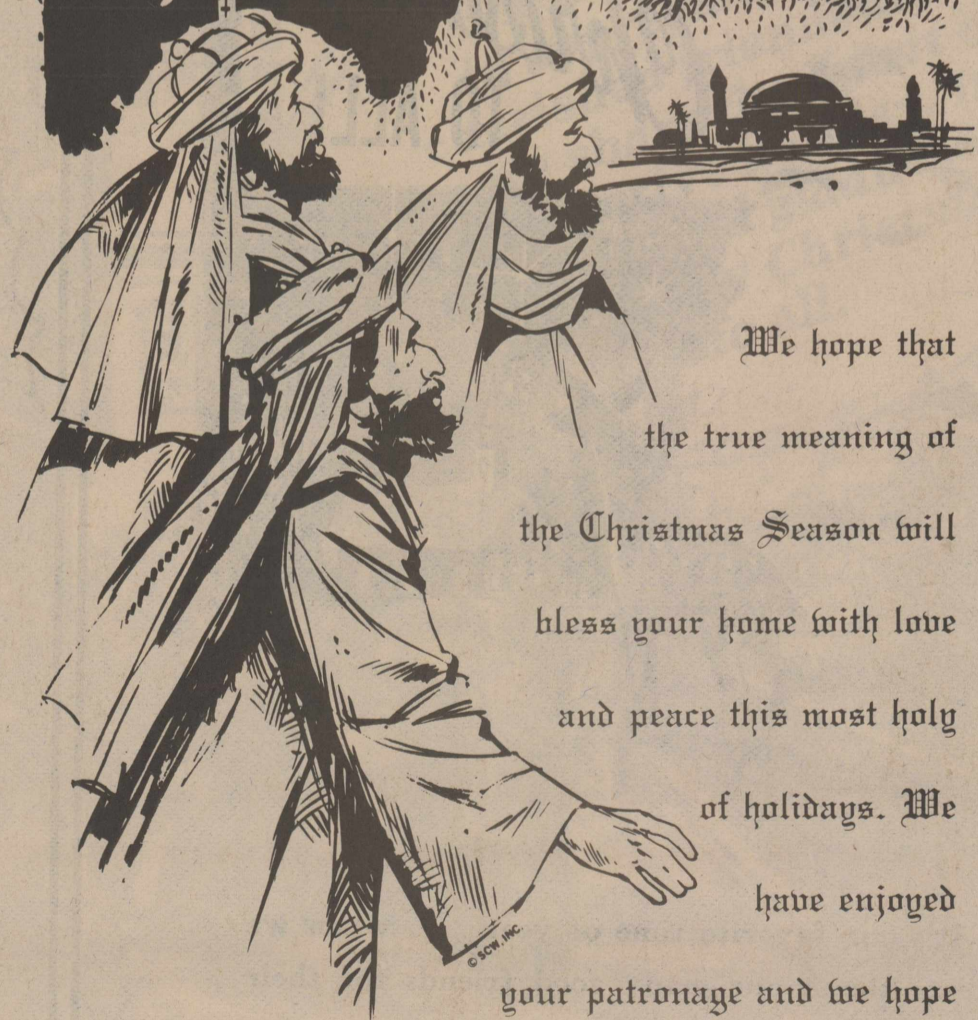
JERRY'S MALT SHOP



It's time to gather in friendship and good will to celebrate the memory of good times, good cheer. Our holiday best to you.

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We hope that the true meaning of the Christmas Season will bless your home with love and peace this most holy of holidays. We have enjoyed your patronage and we hope that we can continue to work with you in the future.

DANNY DIAL-TONE MID-PLAINS
 RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

**Mrs. Mullin's Class
"Big" Wish List**

Clay Mercer—I want a pony and a Real Spaceship, a Shotgun, a Real Trans-Am, a flying carpet, a trip around the world, an autographed picture of John Snyder and a Mini-bike.

Juan Vargas—A Big Detroit, go-cart, and a Merlin.

Bryan Ramsey—Derby Race Track, Stay Alive, Life, Clue, Chess Set, cards.

Kirk Couch—Go-cart, \$8,000, Pellet gun, flying carpet, flying go-cart.

Kendal Minyard—I wish for a new friend, a football, soccer ball, a mini-bike, and a go-cart. The End.

Joey Leal—I wish I had a guitar and an electric train.

Jim Cogdell—A Fang, a Wipe-out and a Tyco Daredevil Jump Set.

Wayne Henderson—I wish I had a B-B gun, a knife, a car, a bike and a go-cart.

Jana Kitchens—I wish for a Fresh and Fancy, new clothes, Twister, earrings, to do my mathematics better and a Race Car Set.

Anthony Minyard—I wish for a new bike, a black kitten, a car-truck that runs on batteries and a mini-bike.

Rachel Bridges—I wish for a Holly Hobbie Doll and some new clothes, and also new doll clothes.

Tracy Tomlin—I wish for a chair, clothes, a football and coveralls.

Penni Fogerson—I wish for a doll, some eyeball slime, doll highchair, \$8,000, a bunch of candy, a little puppy, a gown, a bicycle, a race car, Santa's picture, Trans-Am, and not to see my sister first thing on Christmas morning.

Tonya Clardy—I just wish for a bike, a TV of my own, a trampoline, some clothes and a car or van of my own. (I wish)

Stefanie Cassada—I wish for a Beauty-Secrets Barbie Doll, a Dream House, a Baby-Alive, paper dolls, chimes, and jump rope.

Melinda Chavira—I wish I could have a trampoline.

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA,
How are you doing making all those toys for the boys and girls? I have been nice part of the time and will keep trying til Christmas.

Please bring me a record player, some records, a table to put my record player on, Dolly Pops and a Play Dough Fuzzy Monster Shop.

I will leave cookies and milk for your snack.
I love you,
Alisha Breedlove
Age 5

DEAR SANTA,
My name is Staci and I have tried to be a pretty good girl this year. Would you please bring

Linda Mendoza—I wish for a doll house and a TV.

Tony Aday—I wish for a .22 rifle, a B-B gun, a go-cart, a Big Trucker, a Motorcycle and a Trans-Am car.

Frank Lowrey—I wish for a pellet gun, Mini-bike, telephone, TV toys, ski glasses, Timex watch and a football suit like the Houston Oilers.

Melissa Garcia—I wish for a Soft-Skin Baby Doll, a So-Easy-Sewing Machine, a baby sister to play with because I have so many brothers. I already have three brothers and no sisters. I also want a Fresh and Fancy.

Matthew Aday—I wish that I had a go-cart, a bike, a Trans-Am, a motorcycle, and a Big Truck.

Teddy Hubbard—I wish for a bow and arrow, a shot-gun, a guitar, a Rough Truck and a Space Ship.

Deann Northam—I wish I had a watch, flashlight, kitten, a better math grade, a better science grade, a doll, a bike, a Barbie set, a dog, book, coloring book.

Lynn Vaughn—I wish for a Baby-Wet-and-Care and a bicycle.

Andrew Decker—I wish for a go-cart, \$4,000, two silver pieces, a B-B gun, a baby sister and Star Wars Stuff.

Angie Aguilar — I wish for some shoes, a Barbie Doll, and a crying Baby Doll.

Mark G.—I want a 3-wheeler, a race car set, a train set, a telescope for my 22 rifle.

me a new doll that really cries, some new games, a big riding tractor, and new clothes. Please remember my cousins, Chris, Bradley and Kelli will be at Granddaddy Loyd's. Michael Shane will be at his home. My big cousins, Jay and Robby, will be at Nanny's. I will leave you a snack.

I love you,
Staci Hill

DEAR SANTA,
I am four years old and have tried to be a good boy. For Christmas I would like for you to please bring me a choo-choo train and other surprises. My sister's name is Kaylee. She is one year old. Kaylee would like a baby doll.

Thank you.
I love you,
Colby Self

DEAR SANTA,
My name is Heather. I am seven years old. I want a Twister, Numbers-Up, Strolling - Bowling, and a race car set.

Love,
Heather Kitchens

DEAR SANTA,
My name is Brandon and I am five years old. I want a racing se with trucks, an w gun, a Ruff truck and some new boots.

I love you—
Brandon Kitchens

DEAR SANTA,
My name is Trent Smith. I am four years old. I would like very much to have a race car, a train set, and a truck racing set. I would also like to have a "Big Duke" and a "Superman."

I have tried real hard to be a good boy this year.

I love you,
Trent
P. S. I will be at Grandmother's for Christmas this year.

IN OLD JAPAN
The New Year celebration in old Japan lasted three days. Everyone donned their Sunday best and visited friends and relatives.

Green pines and bamboo adorned gateposts. Doorways were decorated with red lobsters, crabs and scarlet tangerines, symbolizing wishes for health, happiness and a long life.

Rosh Hashanah
Jewish people have celebrated the New Year since antiquity in September or early October. Rosh Hashanah means "The Feast of the Trumpets."

INDIA'S NEW YEAR
New Year's Day in India is an extremely solemn festival. Flower-bedecked cattle are followed through the streets to the sacred Ganges River where pilgrims gather to worship. In the southern part of the country, the boiling of new rice is an appeal for good luck during the New Year.

**'Yuletide Is Here'—
Love, Warmth, Cheer**

And inside, close to the hearthstone,
There is love and warmth and cheer,
While a gay and festive spirit seems to say, "Yuletide is here!"

The "gay and festive spirit" praised in this Old English carol is the holiday feeling. What could make anyone feel more festive than love, warmth and cheer? The comfort of being with those you love, family, friends, and neighbors, and of a traditional holiday ceremony, say more than anything could that, indeed, the "Yuletide is here."

Traditions play a most important role in the holiday feeling. Old familiar carols, candies, colors, greens, smells, and sights associate themselves forever with Christmas. Yet new traditions are established every Christmas season which are as much a part of the feeling as that of the timeless tree. Just as the colonial lady chose new foods and decorated with greens, the modern lady selects bright new colors and appealing recipes. No matter what the century the holiday feeling belongs to Christmas.

Canape'
Left-over turkey may be used to make a delightfully different canape' for a New Year party.

Combine 1 cup finely ground turkey, 2 mashed hard-cooked egg yolks, a dash of onion juice, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Mix with enough cream to hold together. Spread on crackers and garnish with chopped pimiento, green pepper, slivered pickles or chopped black olives.

MYRRH LEGEND
According to an old legend, Adonis, a beautiful youth, originated from a myrrh tree. Myrra, daughter of Theias, King of Syria, deceived her father and was exiled to the deserts of Arabia, where the gods transformed her into a myrrh tree. After a time, legend says, the tree burst asunder and Adonis emerged.

**The Congregation Of The
CHURCH OF CHRIST
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ATTEND ANY AND ALL OF OUR SERVICES.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Evening 7:00 p.m.

Behold the divine vision of
Our Saviour's birth. Christmas
blessings to all our friends.



**SILVERTON METAL
WORKS, INC.**

Merry Christmas



We wish you joys
to remember,
memories to treasure
and love to share at
Christmas and always.
With full hearts we say thanks.

HARRIS GIN

Riley, Sandy, Shelly, Scotty
and All The Employees

... and
wise men
still seek
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Lighthouse Electric Cooperative

Ball Teams Idle Until After Holidays

Silverton's Owls and Owlettes will be idle until Tuesday, January 6, when the varsity teams from Hedley come here for, a pair of games beginning at 6:00 p.m. This will resume District action.

The teams played three non-conference games at Hart Thursday night of last week, with the Owlettes winning a 31-25 decision, and the Owls losing 40-38 and the junior varsity Owlettes losing 39-38. Both the Owls and JV Owlettes were ahead in their games until the closing seconds, when Hart got the breaks required to win the games.

Staci Mayfield led the scoring for the varsity Owlettes with 11 points. Katy Francis scored seven; Missy Brown, five; Susie Tipton, four; Vicki McJimsey and Judy Northcutt, two points each. Owlettes 8 16 23 31 Hart 7 18 31 25

Russell Couch led the Owl offense with 15 points. Other scor-

ing was by Casey Bean, seven; Kelly McMurtry, six; Jimmy Stone and Shane Reagan, four points each, and Brandon Jarrett, two points.

Owls	12	19	31	38
Hart	13	19	26	40

Amy Perkins burned the baskets with 18 points for the junior varsity Owlettes, with Judy Northcutt pouring in 13 points. Donna Boling added five points and Lisa Lavy scored a pair of points.

Owlette JV	8	17	29	38
Hart	12	19	29	39

Silverton's junior high teams will travel to Lakeview for their next games on January 5. Game time will be 6:00 p.m.

DEAR SANTA,
My name is Shannon, and I'm 2½ years old. I want a little trampoline so I can play with it in my room. Also, I would like some blue skis like Mommy's and Daddy's.

When you come to my house I will leave you some cookies and milk so you won't get hungry.

Love,
Shannon Weaver

Conference Slated In Amarillo In February

The Twelfth Biennial Grain Sorghum Research and Utilization Conference will be held at the Hilton Inn in Lubbock, Texas on February 25-26-27, 1981.

The purpose of the three-day conference is to review current production and marketing problems; research that has been completed, that is now underway, and is needed for grain sorghum.

Anyone interested in more information on the conference may contact Grain Sorghum Producers Association at 1708-A 15th, Lubbock, Texas 79401, or call 806 763-4425. There will be a registration fee charged to defray the costs of the conference.

DEAR SANTA,
I'm nine years old and I want a Run Yourself Ragged, Race Car Set, Spirograph, and Oh What a Mountain.

Love,
Jana Kitchens

Water Board Sets Tax Rate

Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority board has set the same 18 cent tax rate on \$100 valuation as last year.

Statements have been mailed in Tulla, Floydada, Lockney and Silverton. A 3% discount has been offered to all taxpayers who pay their Mackenzie Lake tax during the first 30 days from the time of mailing. After that 30-day period there will be no other discount.

All Mackenzie taxpayers also will receive a 20% discount on a yearly family recreation permit at Mackenzie Lake. The discounted permit fee will be \$20 for the year.

Neil Taylor, Mackenzie Lake manager, reports that he has been in touch with Representatives Charles Stenholm and Jack Hightower to expedite the attainment of the grant and loan monies that have been approved for the above-ground water supply.

Taylor said work has started on the boat ramps in the recreational part of the lake. Concrete slabs will extend from their present location to the top of the hill. Asphalt parking lots also will be added.

No tax money is used for the recreation area. Sale of permits will pay for 30% of the work being done now, and the other 70% is paid for by the Parks and Wildlife Department.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

Hello. Please bring me some toys. And a truck. And a car. And a doctor's kit. And a pickup truck. I'll leave cookies and a little bit of tea for you. I have been kinda good, not real good. I'll stay up all night and sleep on the couch so I can see you and say hi and shake hands.

Your friend,
Michael
Shane

As A Man Thinketh

Gerald Beasley
THE HAPPINESS WAY

Paul Fuller, a salesman, was not much on giving, but he knew how to take. One day he noticed a street urchin admiring his flashy new car.

"Is this your car, mister?" Paul nodded, "My brother gave it to me for my 25th birthday." "You mean your brother gave it to you and it didn't cost you nothing? I wish I..."

Paul just knew he was going to wish he "had a brother like that."

But the wife's response was jarring: "I wish," said he, "that I could be a brother like that."

"Tis the season" for lavish giving. Receiving, too. O, the joy of receiving!

Jesus comments: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Thus, the philosophy that getting brings the greatest happiness is flatly wrong!

The "Scrooge" of Luke 16 and the barn-building fool of Luke 12 saw only self. Materially successful, covetously solvent, they had missed life, totally!

Envy the Macedonians whose "deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality." Their secret? "... first they gave their own selves to the Lord..." (2 Cor. 8) I conclude they gave of self, time, talent, money. And their giving was not just "seasonal."

Face it. Jesus is right! (Acts 20:35)

DEAR SANTA,

My name is Dusty and I would like for you to bring me a Tonka Mighty Crane, a NASA Space Set, a Buck Rogers Star Fighter, a gun set that has handcuffs and a badge. If you think I need it, I would like a Silver Streak Train too.

Vanessa wants a Talking Baby Beans and Matthew needs a dozen cloth diapers. We all would like a surprise in our stockings because we have been good children. Have a Merry Christmas,

Santa!
Love,
Dusty, Vanessa and Matthew

DEAR SANTA,
I have tried to be a good girl. I help my mommie a lot. I would like to have a baby doll, a playhouse, and a Mickey Mouse jumper.

Please take toys to all of the kids. I'm sure they have been good, too.

Robby and I will be at Nena and Grandy's at Roaring Springs. We will leave you a snack.

Love, Leslee
P. S. Please bring Frosty (our cat) and Moon Doggie (our dog) a surprise.

APPRECIATION
Thanks to the public who helped to make our bake sale a success.

Silverton Senior Citizens

School Dismissed For The Holidays

Silverton Schools were dismissed Friday at 2:30 p.m. for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Classes will resume Monday, January 5.

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Micheal Grant of Corsicana are the parents of a son, James Brady, born Wednesday, December 17, at Corsicana County Hospital. He weighed nine pounds and five ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ted Strange of Silverton and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Grant of Dumas. Mrs. Mildred Thompson of Silverton is the baby's great-grandmother.



Have a beautiful Christmas. We are grateful for your patronage and we hope that you continue to visit us.

BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

NOEL



Stay warm and happy this holiday enjoying family and close friends. We consider you our dear patrons and warm friends. We hope that you have a wonderful holiday season.

BRISCOE COUNTY OFFICIALS

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Dick Roehr, Sheriff
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Fred Mercer, Judge
Mildred Reid, Treasurer

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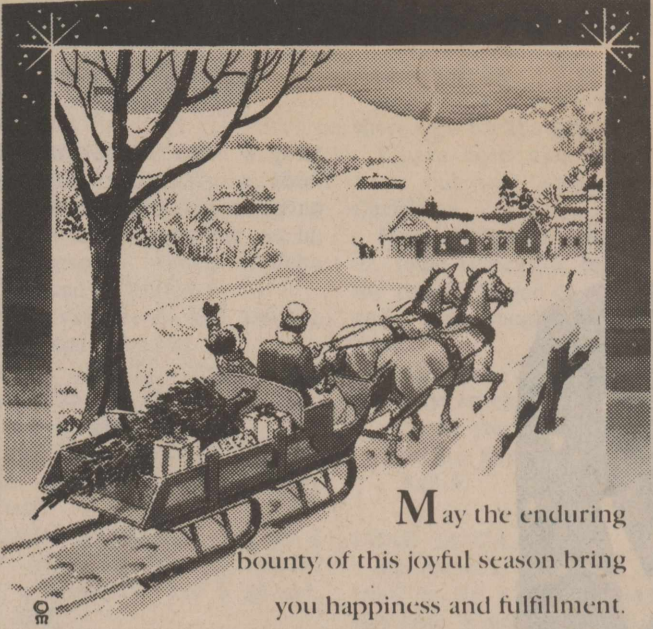
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May the enduring bounty of this joyful season bring you happiness and fulfillment.

To cherished patrons, our warmest thanks and a

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

LONE STAR CHEMICAL - NITA'S

Here's Prayer For Christmas

St. Francis of Assisi is perhaps best remembered for his influence on the caroling tradition. He was, however, a great friend to animals and a writer of note. He is given credit for authorship of this Christmas Prayer:

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy Peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, Hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

BEST OF ALL

Particularly at Christmas, the things you can't buy are best of all. What about some token of love, about love itself, and friendship, understanding, a helping hand, prayer...and consideration?

These things are not for sale in any store and they are things most people seem to need most. Let's not permit the crowds and the excitement to crowd Christmas out of our hearts, but keep it where it belongs. Christmas is not found in stores, nor under the tree — it is in the hearts of people.

TREE DECORATION

Decorating the tree should be fun, not confusion, and will be if proper preparations are made.

Straighten out lights along the floor and remove all kinks before you start to trim the tree. Check all bulbs and replace the ones not burning. Disconnect the strings and arrange colored bulbs alternately.

String lights around the tree, starting at the top and placing lights on inside boughs first. When strings are in position, disconnect them before hanging ornaments.

Some gift shopping ideas for those special people

'Tis Better To Give . . .
. . . than to receive. An old adage that rings true, more so at the holiday season than any other time of the year. Searching out unusual gifts can add a spirit of adventure to holiday shopping.

Small shops and colorful boutiques with unique items abound in almost every city and town. Try to set some extra time aside for browsing before you shop. You'll enjoy it, and your

friends will appreciate the extra thought and effort.

For a handcrafts-ophile you could choose a small loom and some unusual yarns in interesting textures and shades. An art buff will surely cherish a carved African tribal mask.

And how about filling a tiny wicker basket with pretty ribbon sachets, in a variety of floral and spice scents! Most health food and apothecary shops stock these,

made from natural ingredients.

A store that sells old clothing usually has beaded pouches that make really wonderful evening bags. And old crystal chokers and rope necklaces come in beautiful iridescent colors!

Many of these same stores have barely worn Chinese kimonos that can double as housecoats and as soft wraps over evening clothes.

You're bound to come up with lots of clever ideas, so have fun!

RUDOLPH

"Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer", was written by Johnny Marks in 1949. Recordings by Gene Autry and Bing Crosby promptly sent Rudolph on his way to eternal popularity.

The song was based on an "ugly duckling" story written in 1939 by Robert L. May, an advertising man.

BLESSINGS of the Holy season.



May its brilliance fill your heart forever.

Jones Dept. Store

JOY TO ALL



Gathered round Santa in merry celebration, we think of our friends and take this moment to say "thanks." We appreciate you continuing association and hope your holidays will be bright and happy!

FOGERSON LUMBER & SUPPLY



Merry Christmas

In celebration of this season so serenely beautiful, we gather together to express our profound gratitude for your faith and friendship.

We hope your holiday is filled with the joy that comes from sharing its bright blessings with those you love.

RAY THOMPSON IMPLEMENT CO., INC.

MILDRED THOMPSON

DON CORNETT AND TED STRANGE



In this season of happy surprises and magic delight, we join Santa in delivering best wishes to our many good friends. Here's to a fun-packed holiday... and thanks for your faithful support!

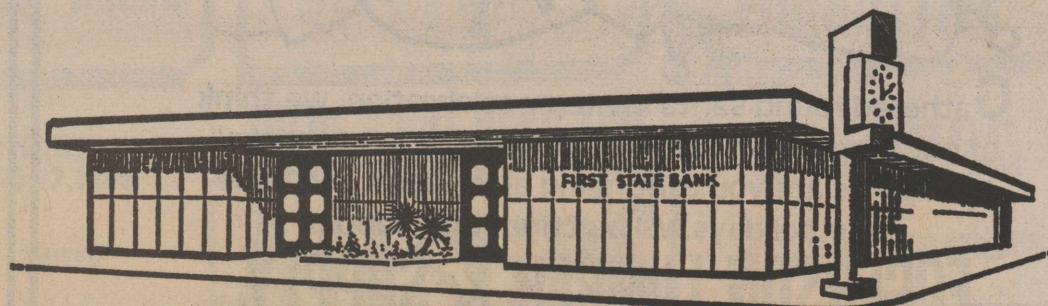
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*Ruby Brannon
Joyce Richards
Sid Richards*

First State Bank





We hope that the true meaning of the Christmas Season will bless your home with love and peace this most holy of holidays.

We have enjoyed your patronage and we hope that we can continue to work with you in the future.

Potpourri

Evelyn Wood

Special fragrance for that very special time of year

by Ruth Kling

Christmas is a very special time of year. It is the season for remembering those we love, as well as the nostalgia of the Christmas days of long ago.

There are scents always associated with this lovely holiday. The pines of the tree and wreaths, the candles, even the turkey and pies, all conjure up beautiful memories of seasons past.

Homes, churches and even offices all seem to have a special fragrance at this festive holiday. It is really not so unusual that we associate special scents with Christmas. Down through the ages, the sense of smell is closely linked with many important occasions.

Fragrance is as old as history itself. Many customs in different countries emphasize the importance of associating Christmas scents, sights and sounds.

The Old Testament refers frequently to fragrance, which usually was in the form of incense. Many early religious ceremonies included offerings of aromatic gums and woods which were burned to create a mystique of a special scent associated with the event.

The Wise Men of the East carried offerings of frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child. Frankincense is an aromatic gum or resin from various trees of East Africa. Myrrh is also an aromatic gum resin that exudes from certain small trees of Arabia and eastern Africa. Both were used as incense and in perfume. Surely, the Wise Men must have considered these important to be included with their gift of gold.

All through history, we find many references to fragrance.

During the Middle Ages, women used very soft fragrances such as lavenders, florals and jasmynes. These also seemed to blend well with Victorian fashions, as well as with the vapors and faints these 19th Century ladies were prone to.

As women came into their own, their choice in fragrances changed. Now there is a wide selection, and even the scent of Christmas has taken on a more positive note. Of course, the scent of pines will always dominate the scene.

However, in any leading shop you can see both women and men, sniffing and comparing. One of the newer introductions which has swept the world of fragrance is Charlie by Revlon. This is a fragrance that seems to be a favo-

rite with the busy women of today's world. Career women, as well as homemakers who usually have many appointments out of the home, all seem to opt for this scent. It makes a lovely Christmas gift, especially for the woman who is into the spirit of the busy holiday season.

To really enjoy fragrance, learn the different forms. This is important when selecting gifts. Briefly, perfume is the strongest, most concentrated and lasting. Toilet water is next in strength to perfume. While perfume is often a blend of many ingredients, toilet water usually contains only the top note of the fragrance of the original perfume.

Cologne is the lightest form of fragrance, so it may be used more lavishly.

Many companies offer sachets and solid versions of perfume, making it possible to have a coordinated wardrobe of fragrance.

Still another lovely idea at this Christmas season is a gift of a fragrance that bears a prestigious name. One such selection could come from Norell, always a well-known name in fashion. The perfume is a classic and beautifully packaged for gift giving.

Christmas present and past is full of happy memories for almost everybody. Both can combine to the lovely Christmas scents, sights and sounds.

POINSETTIAS

The poinsettia is a welcome Christmas gift, but does require some special attention. They will last longer if they have plenty of light, are kept in a cool place and given proper watering.

Proper watering is necessary to prevent leaves from dropping. Water soil thoroughly, until water runs from the bottom of the pot, then allow to become rather dry before watering again.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Good friends, join us as we gather together to rekindle the cheerful spirit of a traditional holiday season.

A Merry Christmas to one and all.



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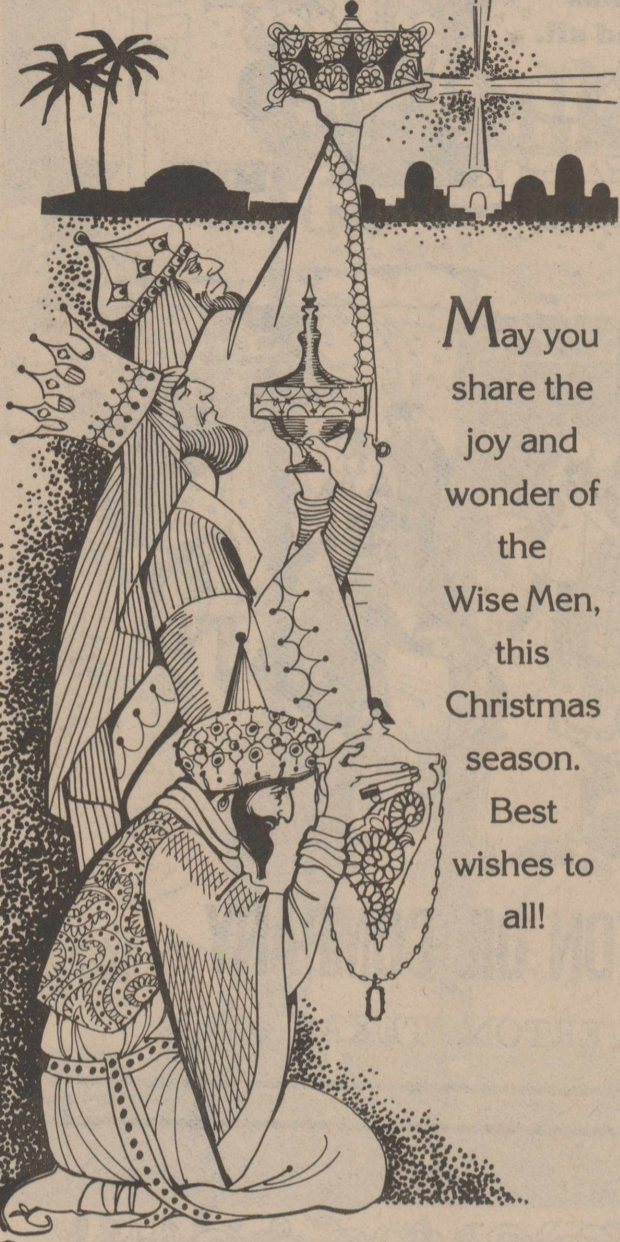
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Blessed Christmas



May you share the joy and wonder of the Wise Men, this Christmas season. Best wishes to all!

Tiffin's Department Store

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IT'S YOUR HEALTH

answers to your questions from the Texas Department of Health

The holiday season will find more than 150,000 different kinds of toys for sale in an estimated one million retail outlets. The following column from the Texas Department of Health answers some frequently asked questions about selecting safe toys for boys and girls.

QUESTION: Does the age of the child make a very big difference when shopping for a new toy?

ANSWER: Yes! A few months or a year or two in a child's development can affect the ability to cope with toys. Toys that might be safe for older children can be extremely dangerous in the hands of little ones.

QUESTION: How can the proper toy be matched with the appropriate age level of a child?

ANSWER: Learn to be a label reader. Manufacturers are required by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission to place age recommendations and precautionary labeling on toys. Testing is done for the different age levels.

These age levels are 18 months and less, more than 18 months but not more than 36 months, and 36 months to not more than eight years of age.

QUESTION: Besides age recommendations, what other precautionary labeling is important?

ANSWER: Look for safety labeling including "non-toxic" on painted toys, "flame retardant/flame resistant" on fabric products, and "washable/hygienic materials" on stuffed toys and dolls.

QUESTION: Should certain toys be avoided?

ANSWER: Toys that propel objects can cause serious problems. Projectiles — guided missiles and

similar flying toys — can be turned into weapons that injure the eyes. Arrows or darts used by children should have soft cork tips or rubber suction cups.

Electrical toys — improperly constructed or misused — can shock or burn. These toys must meet mandatory requirements for maximum surface temperatures, electrical construction and prominent warning labels. Electrical toys with heating elements are recommended only for children over eight years of age.

Parents should avoid toys that produce extremely loud noises. The law requires the following label on boxes of caps producing noise above a certain level: "WARNING — Do not fire closer than 12

inches from the ear. Do not use indoors."

QUESTION: What are typical dangers associated with the construction of certain toys?

ANSWER: Toys of brittle plastic can be broken easily, exposing dangerous, sharp cutting edges. Tiny toys and toys with small, removable parts can sometimes be swallowed by small children, or become lodged in their windpipe, ears, or nose. Pins and staples on doll clothes, hair and accessories can easily injure an unsuspecting child.

Even a teddy bear can have barbed eyes or wired limbs which can cut or stab.

To report a product hazard or a product-related injury, write to the Product Safety Division, Texas Department of Health, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756.



Merry Christmas...

May your holidays be adorned with the welcome sights and sounds of a better than ever Christmas!

Our sincere gratitude to all.

GARY GRADY TEXACO

SILVERTON, TEXAS



Warm Wishes

Mid the old-fashioned pleasures of Christmastide, we remember those who've been most dear... loving family, devoted friends, loyal patrons. For them all, we sing a chorus of resounding gratitude.

Jack's PHARMACY
JACK ROBERTSON
Registered Pharmacist



Hearts sing in appreciation of cherished friendships as we share the spirit of this festive holiday. In harmony and gladness we say "Merry Christmas" to all.

SWISHER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Dear Santa

a snack!
Ashleigh and Trey Wyatt

DEAR SANTA,
My name is Kami Martin. I am five years old. I would like a doll house, a sewing machine and a race track.

Please remember my brother, Brian, and all the other little boys and girls.
I love you,
Kami

DEAR SANTA,
My name is Brian Martin. I want a "Big Duke," a "Lone Ranger," and a Superman. I will try to be a good boy.
Love,
Brian

DEAR SANTA,
My name is Chris and I have been a pretty good boy this year. Would you please bring me a Tonka truck.

My name is Bradley. I, too, have been good. Would you please bring me a Robot.

Our little sister, Kelli, would like a baby doll that talks and a cradle.

Also we would like to have a new Gym set for Christmas.

Love,
Chris, Bradley and
Kelli Harrison
P. S. We will be at Granddaddy Loyd and Grandmother's home this year.

DEAR SANTA,
I would like a remote controlled truck and a surprise for Christmas.

I have been a good boy.
Thank you.
Love,
Casey Frizzell (5)

DEAR SANTA,
My name is Ashleigh and I am five years old. My new baby brother, Trey, and I are very excited about Christmas. I would like a blender, a baby that giggles and cries, diaper set, a typewriter and a microphone.

Please bring Trey something to chew on because he puts everything in his mouth. Don't forget to leave some baby food in his stocking so he won't eat all my goodies.

We love you and will leave you

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
How's Mrs. Santa Claus? Drive careful on your sleigh on the way down here. Bring Mrs. Santa—I want to see her, too. Drive carefully back to the North Pole.
I want a training-wheel bicycle, a baby doll, a sew easy, and a stove and ice box. I've been a good girl this year.

I hope yal have a good time coming down and going back.

How I love the reindeer and Rudolph and how I love you. I'll give you some punch and cookies.

Holly Nance

DEAR SANTA,
I've been a good girl this year. How's everybody at the North Pole doing? Please tell them all hi. This year I want a ventriloquist doll, Atari set, rock shiner, and stilts. I'll try to fix you something warm so you won't be cold. Please bring me all these toys.
I love you.

Tara Nance

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
For Christmas I would like to have a baby with a bottle, two big pom-poms (like Tammi's), a tricycle, and some candy, and that's all of it.
Dedra Johnston
3 years old

DEAR SANTA,
How are you? Are you fine? I love you, Santa. Can I please have a play gun, a choo-choo train, and Julie wants a doll that waves bye. Addlene wants a bag of candy and Bernie just wants a kind word. Memaw and Pepaw need a McDonald's store cause they have to take me there a lot.

Thank you,
Braden

DEAR SANTA,
I love you. Thank you for all the gifts last year. May I have a doll that cries, a bulletin board and a Simon. Braden wants a train.

Thank you,
Julie

Prices may be going up, but holiday bargains are available

There's good news and there's bad news! The latter is that prices are continuing to go up, up, up, with no end in sight.

The good news is, even in the midst of this gloomy economic time, there are still bargains to be had. You've just got to know where to look.

For instance, mail order buyers know that it's not too early to begin holiday shopping as early as August, and the smartest ones go directly to the Lillian Vernon catalog.

Known for both great value

and unusual items since 1951, the company is featuring quite a few nifty gift items that haven't increased in price for at least two years.

A perennial favorite is an authentic antique bobbin candle stick. This is an actual 19th century 9" hardwood bobbin with a metal spool at one end and wood inlays at the other.

They come straight from the mills in Yorkshire and some really look their age, providing a fun do-it-yourself restoration project. They are easily re-

finished, or can be treasured as is! For \$3.98 each, you can afford to do both.

A great gift for the gourmet cook is Lillian Vernon's own 10 piece tool set in an earthenware pitcher. This item has been available for years at the low price of only \$6.98.

All included

The ten tools include five wooden spoons—spoons that get into corners, some with slots for draining, some with holes for mixing, and paddles for folding. There are two giant forks with wooden handles for lifting and turning large roasts, and three different-sized tinned whisks for whipping.

As an extra gift for your favorite "him," there is a 2 3/4" pocket-tool kit—it's wafer-slim and amazingly compact, but it contains a nail file, sharp scissors, bottle opener, screwdriver and a superb stainless steel razor-sharp knife blade.

All this is protected in a handsome leather-look cover, with initials custom engraved on an oval brass disc. All this for \$3.98.

Unusual items

There are toys for kids, gifts for your favorite hostess, many for unbelievably low prices. These "bargains" typify the Lillian Vernon policy of great gifts at affordable prices.

These holiday gifts can be ordered from Lillian Vernon, Dept. MCG, 510 S. Fulton Ave., Mt. Vernon, NY 10550. Be sure to add an additional \$1.00 to cover shipping.

When ordering, also ask for a new catalog containing hundreds of new, never before offered items, many imported from Europe and many personalized.



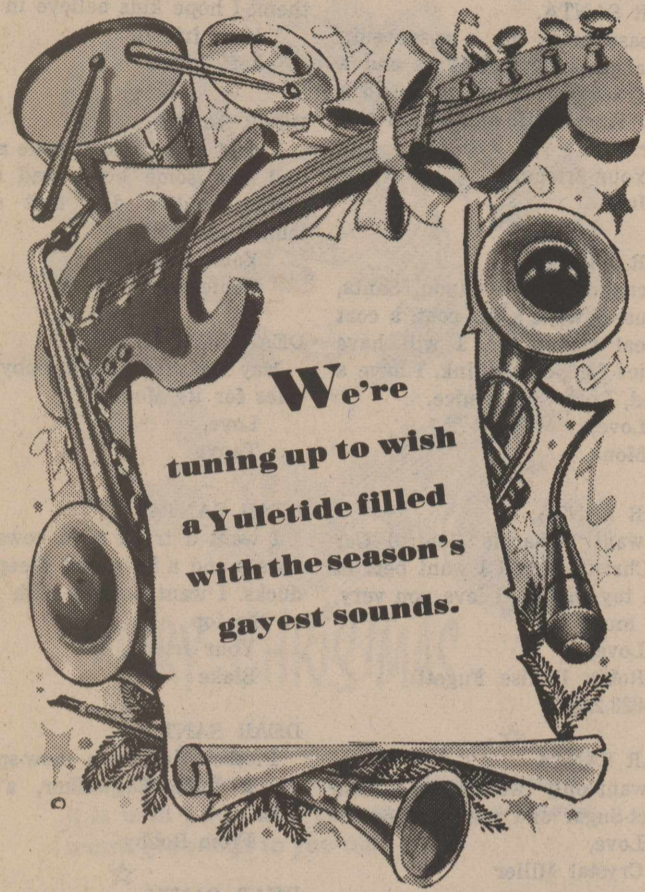
HAVING TROUBLE finding the perfect Christmas present on a limited budget? In the Lillian Vernon catalog you can order an authentic English 19th century wooden bobbin candlestick at the same amazing price of \$3.98 that it was sold for more than two years ago.

COOKIES & POPCORN

It's old-fashioned and fun to decorate Christmas trees with garlands of popcorn and cranberries and homemade cookies. Even if you prefer only ornaments, tinsels and lights, don't overlook the joy of making cookies for Christmas. Cookies and popcorn add a warm and hospitable aroma to the household and give children an inner happiness that can never be bought and is long remembered.

THE MESSIAH

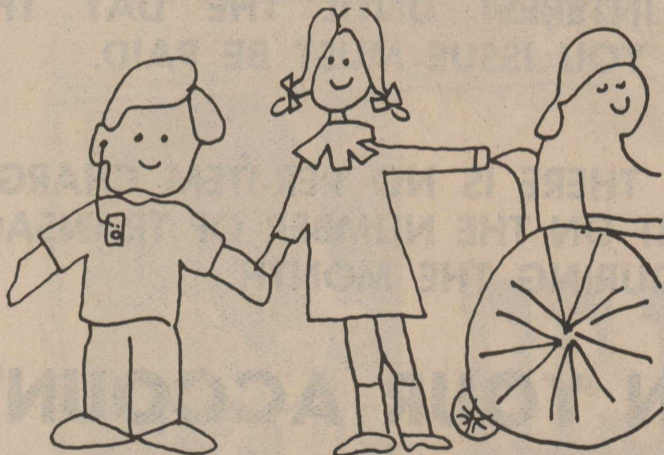
The Messiah oratorio, a Christmas tradition, was composed by George Frederick Handel in only twenty five days. It was first performed in Dublin, in 1742. One year later King George II established the custom of standing during the oratorio's "Hallelujah Chorus."



We're tuning up to wish a Yuletide filled with the season's gayest sounds.

CRASS MOTOR COMPANY

Theron and Frances



DO YOU KNOW A CHILD WITH A HANDICAP?

In One Minute You May Change a Lifetime

Every handicapped child, from ages 3 through 21, has the right to a free public education. It's a state law, but many people are unaware of this fact.

If you know a handicapped child who is NOT receiving appropriate educational services,

Call Collect
806-376-5521

or complete & return the Referral Form below.

Region XVI Education Service Center can assist in obtaining the appropriate services for a handicapped child. Referral & Resources can be provided through the Direction Service Component. Certain Supportive Services in cooperation with your local school district can be provided by the Direct Service Component.

Please take one minute of your time to either fill out the attached form, call the above phone number, or contact the Special Education Director of your local school.

REFERRAL FORM

Name of Child _____ Age _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Name of Person Making Referral _____

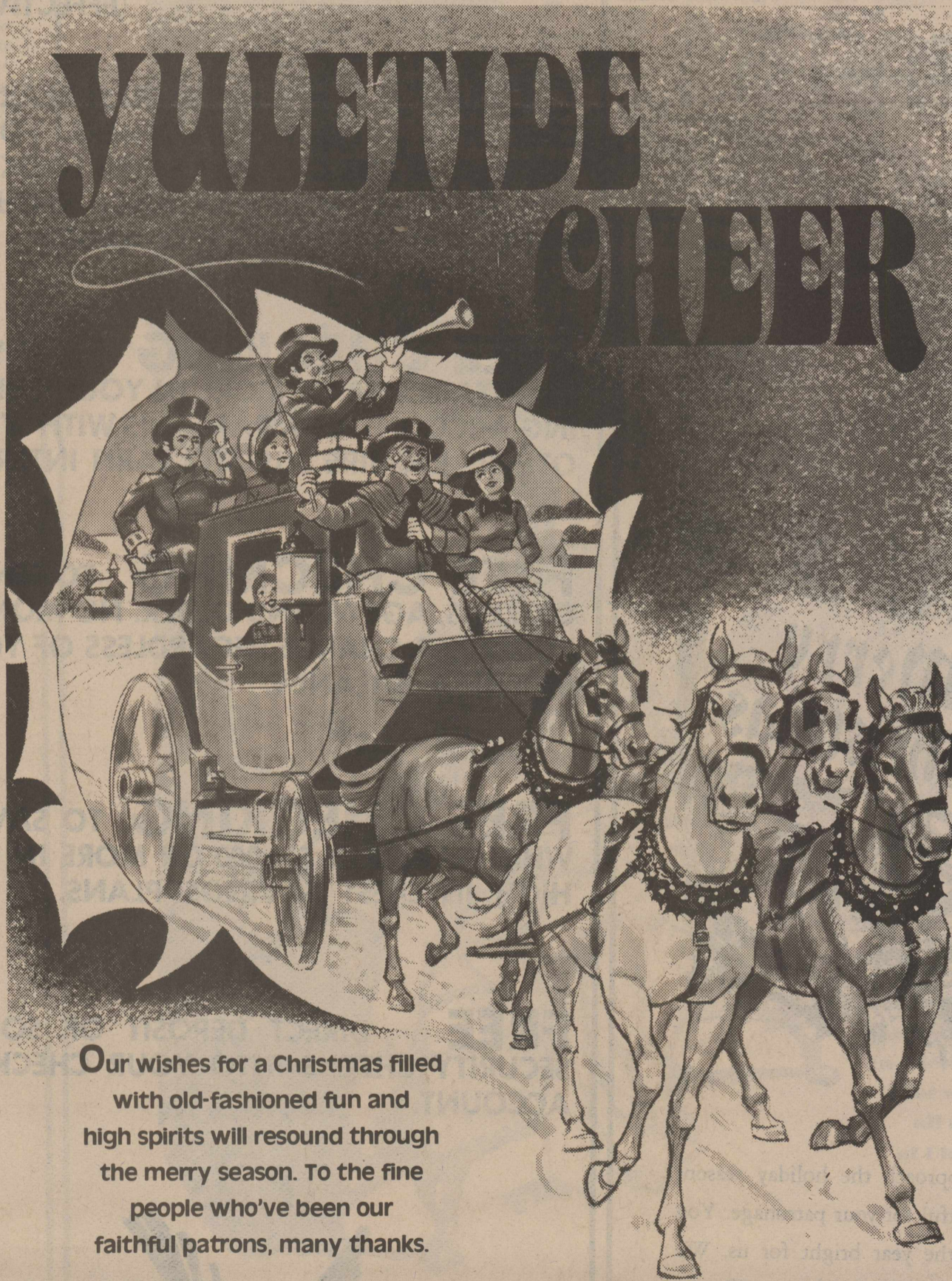
Telephone of Person Making Referral () _____

(By law, all information is held in strict confidence)

Mail Referral Form to:

Region XVI Education Service Center
Attn: Special Education Director
P. O. Box 30600 - Amarillo, TX 79120

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Our wishes for a Christmas filled with old-fashioned fun and high spirits will resound through the merry season. To the fine people who've been our faithful patrons, many thanks.

BRISCOE COOPERATIVES

RAYMOND McJIMSEY, MANAGER

Mrs. Bean's Second Graders Write Santa

DEAR SANTA, ☆

I want a tractor that has a scoop on the front and a digger on the back and that is all. My name is Bradley.

DEAR SANTA, ☆

Please bring me a space ship and a game of Star Wars and a Big Truck with some men and a scoop truck with a B-B gun and a car.

Your friend,
Juan

DEAR SANTA, ☆

I cannot wait for you, Santa, because I want a fur coat, a coat of real rabbit fur. I will have cookies for you, I think. I have a friend, Lori. She is nice.

Love,
Mona

DEAR SANTA, ☆

I want a Barbie Control Car for Christmas and I want best of all a toy soldier. I love you very, very much.

Love,
Robin Denise Fugett
823-2283

DEAR SANTA, ☆

I want only two things: a little Sweet-Sugar and some skates.

Love,
Crystal Miller

DEAR SANTA, ☆

I want a Rudolph that is electric. I want his nose to shine and I want him to walk. I want him to go when I press a button and he will walk. I love you, Santa. Please, Santa, I forgive the Lord that I have been bad. Please, Santa.

Brian West

DEAR SANTA, ☆

I want some gold, please. I want a dog and some sheep. I want a deer of yours, a pony, a trampoline, a rabbit, and a calendar. Merry Christmas to all.

Kathy Malone

DEAR SANTA, ☆

I want a bike, a doll, a coat, a

set of books, a ring, a pin, some perfume a necklace, a bracelet, a cup, a shirt, a pair of pants, socks, new shoes, a tea-pot, a set of play dishes and a Barbie-set.

Love, your friend,
Liza

DEAR SANTA, ☆

I want a Star Wars Doll; his name is Darth Vader, and a laser pistol on Star Wars. Please bring them. I hope kids believe in you.

Your friend,
Jeff Smith

DEAR SANTA, ☆

I want a doll and a game and a ball and some boots and some clothes and a doll that cries, laughs and talks.

Your friend,
Genie Lavy

DEAR SANTA, ☆

May I please have a baby that cries for its Mom.

Love,
Tonya

DEAR SANTA, ☆

I want a truck with cows and horses and a barn and sheep and ducks. I want a truck with a top on the top.

Your friend,
Blake

DEAR SANTA, ☆

Please bring me a snow-spreader, a Luke Skywalker, a new bike.

From Robby

DEAR SANTA, ☆

Please bring me an Evil Kneival and a calculator.

Your friend,
Fidencio Reyes

DEAR SANTA, ☆

I want a go-cart and a Merlin Electronic Battleship, a strong arm loader and star wars. I love you and hope everyone believes in you. We might leave cookies for you.

Terry Miller

DEAR SANTA, ☆

These are some things I have selected for Christmas: an electronic battleship for my brother, Sloan, a Baby Cries For You Kit to go with my Baby Cries For You Doll. The kit has all the

COMPANY TREATS

Unexpected visitors are part of the holiday season, so be prepared. Stock up on traditional foods such as plum pudding, miniature fruit cakes, candies or pickled peaches or pears. Don't overlook coconut, nut meats and ice cream sauces to dress up plain puddings or ice cream for dessert.

things to take care of a baby and I want to ride my horse, Pokey.

Your friend,
Carrie Ann Grabbe

DEAR SANTA, ☆

Please bring me a soccerball and a fur coat. Bring me a B-B gun and please bring a book about ice skating.

Your friend,
Lori Stubblefield

DEAR SANTA, ☆

I want a pickup and I want Darth Vader and Hans Soto Chewbacca and a tractor. That is all I want.

Your friend,
Brian Henderson

First Message

In this modern era of satellite communications, it is difficult for us to recognize the importance of an event that took place on January 1, 1903. On that date, the cable ship "Silverton" arrived in Honolulu after laying down 2,600 miles of cable from San Francisco. The first message cabled across the Pacific was sent on that day.

Pin Money

New Year's Day hasn't always been January 1 in England, but it has always been a day for giving and receiving presents. Kings and queens received very elaborate gifts on this day. Gifts presented by ordinary people led to the phrase "pin money." It was custom for men to give their wives and daughters money for pins and knick-knacks on New Year's Day.

July New Year

The Moslem calendar consists of 12 months of the year beginning with the approximate new moon without any intercalation to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes. Thus, the months, and New Years, too - retrograde through the entire year in about 33 1/2 years.



"Tis the season to be jolly," with family and friends together again. In harmony and good cheer we pause to thank you for your patronage, and to say that we look forward to serving you in the New Year.

SERVICE ELEVATOR - MACKENZIE FEED MILL

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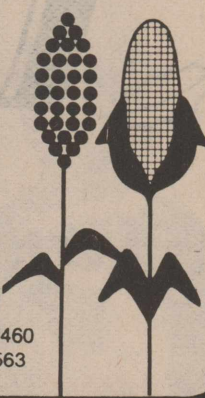
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