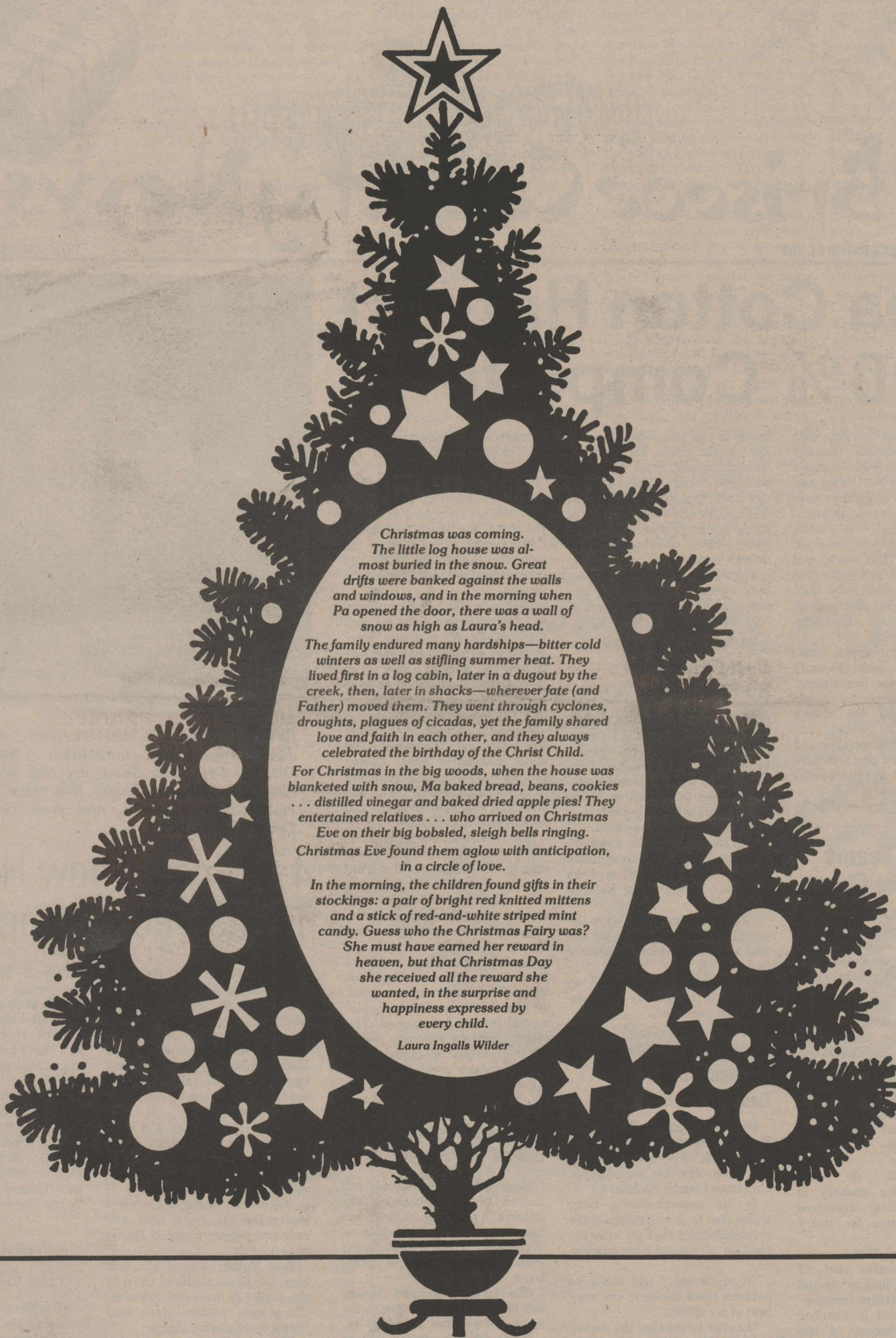
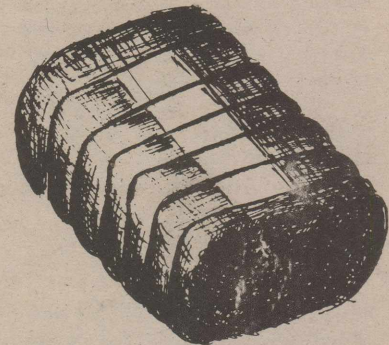


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Area Cotton Harvest Is 90% Complete

A windy, fast-moving cold front that whipped through Texas early last week dumped rain and snow on Northwest and North Texas and brought at least some relief from dry conditions.

The snow and ice, while working a hardship on livestock and hampering field work, will melt slowly and replenish soil moisture more effectively than rain, said Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

These northern areas, however, are still moisture-short overall, and grass fire danger remains, said Carpenter in his weekly report on the state's agriculture.

He said the frigid weather and sparse ranges and pastures also have increased supplemental feeding of livestock.

Carpenter said dry weather in

much of the state has kept oat and wheat fields, so vital for winter grazing, from providing sufficient forage. The early-fall dry spell caused many farmers and ranchers to delay planting of small grains. Those fields that were planted often came up to skimpy stands.

Favorable conditions during the summer and early fall, however, enabled the harvest of

an unusually big hay crop in most of Texas. Those supplies are coming in handy now.

Despite disruptive weather, always a hazard in agriculture, 1987 will go on record as one of the best for beef cattlemen, Carpenter said. For most of the year, the market for cattle and other livestock has held steady to strong.

1987 also will be remembered as an especially good one for such major cash crops as cotton, corn, sorghum, soybeans and rice, the Extension director said. The peanut crop is described as so-so overall, and pecans are off in quantity but of good quality.

Sorghum harvesting is essentially finished throughout the state, Carpenter said. Cotton picking and stripping is complete in South and Central Texas and is in final stages in northern and northwestern counties.

The recent snow will help but more moisture is needed, particularly on wheat in the Panhandle. Frigid temperatures have slowed cattle gains and supplemental feeding is underway. Cotton harvesting is about 90 percent complete.

On the South Plains, moisture from snow is a blessing but wheat fields and ranges are still on the dry side. Some supplemental feeding is reported. The cotton crop is a good one and is about 90 percent out of the fields. Below-average pecan yields are of good quality.

Fairy McWilliams Candidate For Re-Election

Mrs. Fairy McWilliams authorized the Briscoe County News to announce this week that she is a candidate for re-election as Briscoe County's tax assessor-collector, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in 1988.

Mrs. McWilliams said, "I would like to take this means to announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of tax assessor-collector for Briscoe County.

"I have strived to please the people of Briscoe County for the past nine years, and will continue to do so.

"Your vote and influence in my behalf will be greatly appreciated," she concluded.

Beryl Long Seeking Re-Election As County Commissioner

Beryl Long has authorized the Briscoe County News to announce that he is seeking re-election to the office of Commissioner of Briscoe County Precinct 3.

In his announcement, Long states that he is well aware of the responsibilities that go with the position of County Commissioner.

"If re-elected, I will strive to perform those duties to the very best of my ability.

"I never forget that the money used to operate the county is the taxpayers' hard-earned money. A Commissioner's first priority is to exercise financial restraint and yet keep the county operating effectively, in the service of the people.

"I will appreciate the support of the people in Precinct 3, and will try to merit your trust."



INTERMEDIATE CHAMPS—Top winners in the Junior II main dish competition of the South Plains District 4-H Food Show are (left to right) Jayme Gladden, Cochran County, first place; David Carver, Hale County, second, and Josh Brooks, Briscoe County, third.

4-H Food Show Held On Texas Tech Campus

Eight county 4-H members competed in the District 4-H Food Show on the Texas Tech University campus in Lubbock on December 12. Over 180 4-H'ers from the 20-county South Plains District exhibited food they had prepared and participated in an interview to test their nutrition knowledge.

George Pigg, Valley 4-H Club member, was awarded first place in the Junior I fruits and vegetables division. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roye Pigg of Quitaque. His father was project leader for the boys' food and nutrition project group in Quitaque.

Josh Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks, placed third in the Junior II main dish division. His project leaders were Gail Wyatt and Dorothy Martin.

Other participants in the district competition were: Junior I—Jeremiah Brooks, main dish; Kristi Smith, bread and cereal, and Patrick O'Neal, nutritious snacks and desserts; Junior II—Holly Nance, fruits and vegetables; Ashleigh Wyatt, nutritious snacks and desserts, and Julie Ross, breads and cereals.

Celeste Sperry qualified for the senior division but was unable to attend.

Penni Fogerson, District 4-H Council representative, served as a timer for senior judging and introduced guests at the awards program.

Raye Smith and Gail Wyatt served as judges for the contest.

Others attending were Lee O'Neal, Tina Nance, Mary Pigg, Janinne Brooks, Velda Ross, Connie Smith, Zelma Mayfield and County Extension Agent Lynda Fogerson.

Courthouse Offices To Be Closed

All offices in the courthouse, including the Appraisal District and Guaranty Abstract, will be closed December 24-25 and January 1.

Please arrange your business so you won't be inconvenienced by these holiday closings.

Put flour and seasonings in a salt shaker when flouring meats, poultry or fish.

Exit Level Teams Test Results Given

On October 27-28, 1987, more than 200,000 junior and senior students took one or both sections of the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) exit level tests. At the direction of the State Board of Education, the passing standards in mathematics for juniors first tested at this administration were higher than those in effect for juniors in 1986 and 1985.

	Number of Items Required for Mastery		
	1987	1986	1985
Mathematics	50	39	36
English Language Arts	50	50	45

The criteria for mastery of specific instructional objectives remained the same for every administration.

Initial October 1987 performance data indicates that 72 percent of the juniors tested mastered all tests taken, compared with 83 percent in October 1986. Twenty percent of the eleventh graders failed only one section of the test, and eight percent failed both the mathematics and English language arts sections.

Silverton ISD was pleased with the results of our junior students. All juniors tested passed the test for both mathematics and English language arts.

Employed Homemakers Invited To Program

Employed homemakers are invited to a "Maintaining the Balance" program which has been re-scheduled for 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, December 30, in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank.

The meeting planned December 16 was postponed due to the inclement weather, snow and ice.

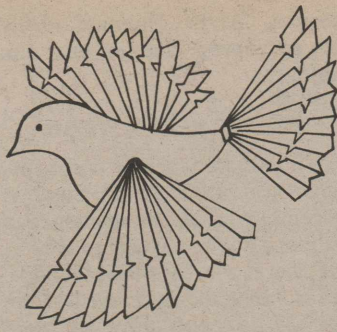
Topic for this session will be "Meals in Minutes," presented by County Extension Agent Lynda Fogerson. This program is planned to help employed homemakers maintain better balance between home, work and family.

The first electric watch was invented in Chicago in 1885.

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**Christmas Dove
Of Peace**

Cut out the shape of a dove's body from white, light-weight cardboard. Cut a slit in the body where the wings will be inserted.

Pleat paper for the wings and for the tail. Cut designs in the paper while it is folded. Insert the wings and glue on the tail.

are supposedly asexual, be shown as having breasts! So--the USPO boldly issued stamps of old master's paintings. The controversy seemed to be solved in 1971 and since by the issue of two different Christmas stamps--one religious and one secular.

Notes On Santa's Mail

Many countries have a scheme for helping children to communicate with Santa Claus. There are fantasy addresses such as Toyland, Reindeerland, Snowland, etc. Under universal postal regulations letters addressed to Santa at the North Pole must be forwarded to their destination since it is a real place.

The responsibility for replying falls upon the Greenland Post Office which in times past welcomed the inclusion of a small postal order to defray the expense of the reply.

Christmas Stamp

More than ninety countries now issue a special Christmas stamp to add color to greeting cards and packages, and in some cases to include a small premium to aid charities. The USA first issued a Christmas stamp in 1962, showing a Christmas wreath on a single 4c stamp. Little did anyone know that the issue of this stamp symbolizing Christianity would raise the ire of some non-Christians who argued that it was unconstitutional. But the United States Post Office ignored the criticism and persevered in issuing Christmas stamps; however, there was a tendency to play down religious aspects by using Christmas flowers or Christmas trees.

By 1965 the opposition receded and a weather vane in the form of Gabriel the Archangel was depicted on a stamp. Now, another stir went up--should angles who

"Genius is, as a rule, a response to apparently hostile limitations."
Robert Lynd

**The Congregation of the
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Meeting at Rock Creek**

Extends a Gracious Welcome to All
To Attend Any and All of Our Services.
SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Evening 7:00 p.m.

**O Tannenbaum,
O Tannenbaum!**

Most of the homes in the United States have lighted Christmas trees, of course meaning that there are millions upon millions of Christmas trees sold each Christmas season. President Theodore Roosevelt discouraged their use as a blight upon our natural resources, but since that time it is recognized that they can be grown and replaced almost as rapidly as the Christmas turkey.



*A Christmas
Wish...*

May your holiday be extra special... filled with all the things you treasure!

Joe & Ruby McWaters



**"This is the day which the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"
(Psalm 118:24)**

A Blessed Christmas to one and all!

MID-PLAINS RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

OBITUARIES

MARY RUTH PRUITT

Mary Ruth Pruitt, 61, died at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, December 10, at Swisher Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 12, at Wallace Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Charles Davenport, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home.

She was born Mary Ruth Pyle on September 13, 1926 in Garvin County, Oklahoma. She married Edwin Pruitt on May 27, 1944 in Plainview. She had lived in Swisher County most of her life

and was a member of the South Plains Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, of the home; two daughters, Linda Ruth Minyard of Huntsville and Cheryl Durling of Plainview; three sons, Jerry and Garry Pruitt, both of Amarillo, and Ronnie Pruitt of Greeley, Colorado; her mother, Mable Pyle of Tulia; two sisters, Clara Marie Mahan of Arlington and Wanda Hodges of Edmondson; two brothers, Chester Pyle of Spearman and Joe Pyle of Guymon, Oklahoma; and 12 grandchildren, including Katrice and Anthony Minyard of Huntsville.

Pallbearers were Randy Hodges, Rick Minyard, Raymond

Reeves, Alvin Dunnam, Billy Cowan, Terry Hodges and Jim Majors.

WILLIE BELLE WEBB

Willie Belle (Jackie) Webb, 60, died at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 13, at her residence in Lubbock due to natural causes.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, at the First United Methodist Church in Tulia with Rev. Dan Pearce, pastor of Flynt Avenue Baptist Church, and Rev. Ernest McGaughey, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Tulia, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home.

She was born Willie Belle Simpson on June 3, 1927 in Tulia. She moved to Lubbock in 1945. She worked at the Litton Industries for 13 years and was a retired owner of a donut shop in

Motorists Encountering Hazards This Winter

"Driving on icy, snow-covered or wet roads are just some of the hazards motorists will be encountering this winter. Drivers will need to be more cautious and learn to adjust their driving habits from day to day or sometimes from hour to hour," said Major V. J. Cawthon, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Major Cawthon continued, "Most of our wintertime accidents are caused by driving too fast for conditions. Sometimes 20 or 30 miles per hour is too fast when driving on icy or snow-packed roadways."

Some of the first things a motorist should do is to have their cars "winterized", whether it be replacing a worn wiper blade or a worn tire. He also cautioned those people who operate a 4-wheel drive vehicle that we may have better traction

when starting off—but the distance required to stop is the same as other cars, and by using more caution, slowing down, and leaving earlier to go to school or work, we can make winter driving safer.

Treats Or Tips

Someone thought it would be nice to have a "Boxing Day" in which to give boxes of treats to those performing public services such as: *postmen, milkmen, newsboys, policemen, etc.*, and so it became a holiday. But this type of giving was viewed by many as merely a form for "giving tips."

Noted writer Jonathan Swift complained about this and gave not because he wanted to but because he didn't want to be embarrassed by not doing so.

Austria's Christmas Contribution

Austria has contributed much to the world's Christmas by the beloved song, "*Silent Night! Holy Night!*"

The American Santa Claus is not known in Austria, but on December 6 Saint Nicholas makes his appearance accompanied by the devil. Both of them must receive information about the children's good or bad deeds.

If the devil starts to strike with his rod, Saint Nicholas chases the children away. If the children promise to be good he gives them candy, nuts and fruits.

The North Pole was flown over for the first time by Richard E. Byrd and Floyd Bennett on May 9, 1926.

Lubbock. She was a member of the Flynt Avenue Baptist Church in Lubbock.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ronald Lewis Webb.

She is survived by three daughters, Cynthia Pandolfo, Dale Poindexter and Karen Crawford, all of Lubbock; her father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil G. Simpson of Tulia; one sister, Faye Webb of Lubbock; three brothers, Wendell and Ray Simpson, both of Tulia, and Edward Simpson of Temple; and nine grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Gary Ball, Boyd Griffith, Scott Pandolfo, Mark Bowers, Larry Simpson and Kerry Sarchet.

Mrs. Webb was a first cousin of Charles Sarchet, and was also a cousin of Bern May and Earl May.

Hutsell Jewelry



Don't Forget to Register For Our Treasure Chest of Jewelry To Be Given Away December 23!

Gift Ideas For Last-Minute Shoppers!

Holiday Hours 10:00-6:00

Open Christmas Eve Until 5:00 p.m.

Sterling Silver and 14 kt. Twist Charm Rings	Starting at \$ 4.99
Children's, Women's, Men's Watches	29.95
14 kt. and Sterling Silver Nugget Rings	65.00
Chains, 18" to 30"	5.95
Eelskin Items	19.00
Diamond Earrings	14.99
Diamond Drops	39.00
Diamond Stud Jackets	90.00
Diamond Drop Enhancers	46.00
14 kt. Earrings	18.00
Misc. Earrings, Lead Crystal, Sterling Silver, etc.	5.50
Bangle Bracelets	11.00
I.D. Bracelets	8.95
Musical Boxes and Ornaments	14.00
Jewelry Boxes, Jewelry Rolls, Ring Pouches	1.25

For the Men in Your Life

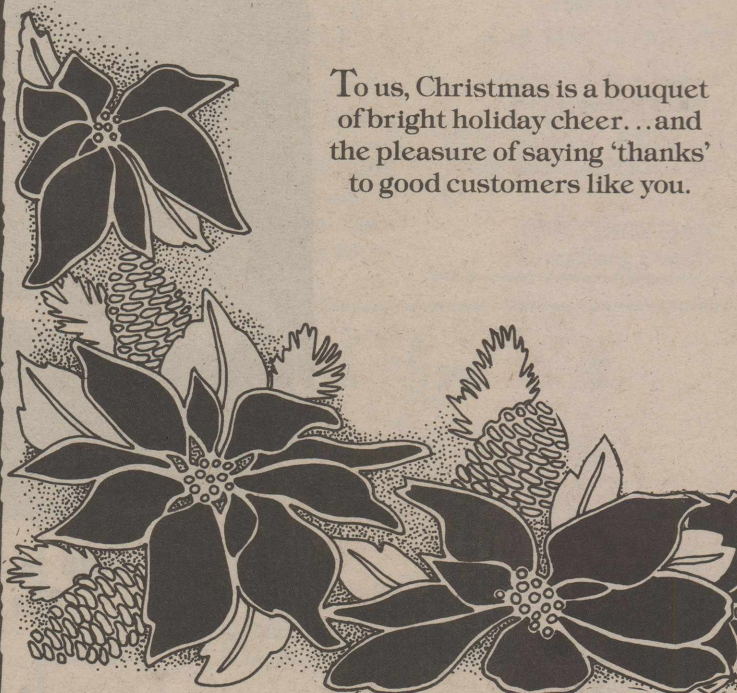
- Eelskin Money Clips and Wallets • 14 kt. Nugget Tie Tacs
- 14 kt. and Sterling Silver Nugget Rings • Jewelry Boxes • Chains
- Bracelets • Money Clips • Tie Tacs • Watches • Knives
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- Calculator Portfolios • Seiko Travel Alarms

Christmas Elves will rest December 25th through 28th; Watch for After-Christmas Sale **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

MOONLIGHT MADNESS SALE, December 22
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
10 to 50% OFF on many items!

SEASON'S GREETINGS

To us, Christmas is a bouquet of bright holiday cheer...and the pleasure of saying 'thanks' to good customers like you.



Mary John's Flowers & Gifts

Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa,
My name is Matthew Schied Whittington. I am six months old. Please bring me an Animal sounds barn. I have been a good boy. Please bring Cody, Magan and Danny lots of goodies.
Love,
Matthew

Dear Santa Claus,
I read your letter to Jenny in Turtle magazine that began, "Thank you, Jenny, for the plate of cookies, fudge, and cake, but I'm afraid if I eat these I'll have a tummyache!" So this year I will leave fruits and vegetables for you.

If you have room in your sleigh my family and I would like a swing set for our backyard.
Have a nice and safe trip.
Love,
Kimberly Ann Blazier
8 years old

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kendra. I am four years old. I have tried to be good all year and help Mama with my brothers.

When you run the reindeer to my house would you put a swing set with a slide in the sleigh for us.
I would like to visit you at your house sometime.
I love you,
Kendra Rhoderick

Dear Santa,
I want one Baby Talk, two strollers, some fruit and candy, and some surprises. Please bring something for our baby, and I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Bryn

Dear Santa Claus,
May I have an Apple computer. I will share it with my brothers. And may I have a pink jambox.
Thank you very much,
Molly

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good girl this year.
Please bring me some toys! I want a bicycle, a Whiz Kid computer, a tape recorder, a Big Bird kitchen and some candy.
Kina Garrison
P. S. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Christa already got a basketball goal, but you can bring her something if you want.

Dear Santa,
I want a pink radio and a Barbie van and a Cornsilk Cabbage Patch and skates.
Love,
Dara

Dear Santa,
My name is Ticarra. I am 3 1/2 years old. I cannot write yet so my aunt is doing it for me. I would like a doll house, doll, Teddy Ruxpin and a rocking chair for Christmas. How is Rudolf doing? I watched him on TV the other night. I love him.
My little brother is Billy. He can't talk yet so we don't know what he wants but maybe he would like some snap toys. I love you Santa.
Love,
Ticarra Nicole

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and Rocker, Baby Doll. For Barbie I want an ice-cream shop, and ropers. Please Santa I want a Talking Cabbage Patch Doll.
I love Santa.
From Lindsey W.

Dear Santa,
I want pegs and crackers in my bed and operation game.
P.S. It all don't half to be here.
Love, Windy!
And have a nice Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I want a bow and arrow and a racing car set.
P. S. It all don't half to be here.
Love, Tanner
And have a nice Christmas
Snowmobile

Dear Santa,
My name is Matt Strange. I want a flat bed trailer, a front

end loader, a red trailer and a red truck.
Bring Kassie a big baby doll, a new purse and some new clothes for both of us.
Bring all the good boys and girls toys and clothes and fruit. We will leave you milk and cookies.
Merry Christmas.
Love,
Matt and Kassie Strange

Dear Santa,
This year I have been good. Would you please bring me a scooter, doll, toy and a trampoline.
Love,
Julie Weaver
P. S. I'll leave you milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. Would you please bring me a trampoline and a pair of skates (like mom's).
Love,
Shannon Weaver
P. S. I'll leave you celery and grape juice.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Amy Jo Maciel and I am four years old. I have been a pretty good girl this year. Would you please try and bring me a radio with a microphone, a wagon, a bubble mower, a baby named Tracy, Teddy Ruxpin, clothes, and a party kitchen. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Amy Jo Maciel



In the early days of the petroleum industry, during the late 1800, kerosene ranked as the leading product of refineries. Gasoline was considered a useless byproduct.

Boy Scout News

We want to thank all the nice folks who bought our briskets. I hope they were good; it really helped us out. I want to take time to thank Calvin Shelton for his assistance and time, and E. A. Birdwell for letting us get wood from his ranch. We appreciate the use of the trailer loaned by Charlie Parker.
We hope everyone survived the big snow. We hope everyone

gets what he wants from Santa. Have a happy and safe Christmas. From all of us at Troop 262: Mark, Tommy, James, Johnny, Rick, Gary, Jimmy, Kirk, Lance, Lance, Jeff, Terry, Stan, Lyndell, Braden, Frank, Steven and Russ.



A horse can sleep standing up.



Dorothy's

ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE

STARTS MONDAY

Dec. 28 - 9:30 a.m.

LADIES
DON'T MISS
THESE GREAT BUYS
ON OUR BIG
SALE OF THE YEAR!

A Whole Store Full of Merchandise to Choose From. Lots of Good Buys!

"SALE PRICES YOU HAVE TO SEE TO BELIEVE"

EXCELLENT SELECTION TO CHOOSE FROM

Gabriel-Wayland Shopping Center
Plainview, Texas

Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

". . . a thousand years from now,
Virginia . . .
He will continue to make glad
the heart of childhood."

—Francis Pharcellus Church

One of the joys of Christmas is
expressing our appreciation to good
friends and customers like you.

BROWN-McMURTRY IMPLEMENT



Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, Magi came from the East to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him" ... And behold, the star that they had seen in the East went before thee, until it came and stood over the place where the child was. And when they saw the star they rejoiced exceedingly.

Anna Lee Anderson
 Bill, Della and Brenda Boling
 Johnnie and Dean Burson
 Nelle and Anne Bryant
 Roy and Zollie Brown
 Joe, Vaughnell and Cal Brannon
 Seymour and Ruby Brannon
 John and Beverly Bowman
 E. A. and Norma Birdwell
 Paula, Wil, Charlie and Molly Bomar
 Wade, Mary Jo, Jess and Lori Brannon
 Luree Burson
 Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Baird and family
 The Jimmy Bursons
 Perry, Marsha, Bradley, Brandi and Lacy
 Don, Mary and Kathy Brown
 Iris Burson
 Tom, Deb and Donny Burson
 Walter and Bobbye Bean
 The Bill Brooks family
 Elton and Lanita Cantwell
 Lee and Ada Clay
 Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Cleveland
 Leo and Neva Comer
 Don and Arlene Curry
 Ricky Clardy
 Stanley, Waynelle and Kirk Couch
 Bud, Glenda and Julia Couch
 Larry and Cindy Comer, Cy, Miles, Lisa, Chase and Max
 Oner and Elsie Cornett
 Carrie Dickerson and Clinton
 Bill, Shirley and Lee Ann Durham
 Kirk Durham
 Zelda Dudley
 Carol, Mary and Max Davis
 Fred, Pat, Tammi and Neal Edwards
 Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Eddleman
 Margaret and Snooks Frizzell
 Barry, Michelle, Jared, Nathan, Andrew and Caleb Francis
 Stan, Lynda, Kristy and Penni Fogerson
 Doug, Elaine and Jim Forbes
 Berle and Aloha Fisch
 Wayland and Flo Fitzgerald
 John and Maebelle Francis
 Leo and Peggy Fleming
 Cam, Missy, Tarran and Yance Forbes
 Sylvia Fogerson
 Donald and Carlye Fleming
 Raymond K. and Ravenel Grewe
 Bessie Garrison
 Garner, Dorcas and family
 Brett, Judy and Corye Gill

Mule and Mary Grantham
 LaRue and Beefie Garvin
 Cipriano and Norma Garcia
 James and Geneva Griffin
 John, Wilma and Eber Gill
 Carroll and Glenna Garrison
 Don and Lottie Garrison
 Mikel, Liz, Taylor and Lori Griffin
 Clay and Myrt Guest
 Joe Gallington
 Elzora Gallington
 Pascal and Donnie Garrison
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 Mr. and Mrs. Lane Garvin and girls
 Jack, Ruby and Julie
 L. D. and Roberta Griffin
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 Doc, Sharon and Russell Simpson
 J. L. and Faye
 Marvin, Reba, Colby and Kaylee
 John, LaQuetta, Bryan, David and Clay
 Jack and Eloise Strange
 Wade and Zoe Steele
 Rena Schott
 Gerald, Raye and Lance
 Jack, Teresa and Melinda Sutton
 Bill, Matt and Kassie Strange
 Billy, Mike, Warner Bill and Suzann Settle
 The Alex Segura family
 Elbert and Juanita Stephens
 Lynn, Connie, Kristi and Jeff Smith
 Vinson and Jerry Smith
 Alton Steele
 J. R. and Gladys Steele
 Wayne, Betty, Jeannita, Christina and Stephen
 Clifton and Joy Stodghill
 Jimmy and Madeline Stone
 Fred and Wanda Strange
 Jane Self
 Joe Self
 George and Agnes Seaney
 Norman and Peggy Strange
 Charles and Mary Ann Sarchet
 Ken, Jonann, Brandon, Jordan and Molly Sarchet
 Jerry, Sandra and Trent Smith
 Ray and Nelda Teeple
 Jay, Patsy, Julie and Braden Towe

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 David, Reba and Dwain Tipton
 Pauline Turner
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 Doug, Karen, Chad, Neal and Dee Turner
 Bud and Norma Vaughan
 Charles and Faye Whitfill
 John, Gail, Ashleigh and Trey
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 Roy Mack and Lois Walker
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 Max, Sheryl, Shannon and Julie Weaver
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 Dock and Wanda Wallace
 The Woods—Roy, Gloria, Windy, Tanner, Russell and Shannon
 Gary, Cathey, Robbie, Leslee and Lindsey Weaks
 Shafe and Jonnie Weaver
 Elvira Weaks
 Aaron, Mary Lane and Rhett
 Gary, Susie and Chase Younger
 Riley and Lois Ziegler



A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

Let us remember the meaning and the message of the first Christmas.

Those whose names appear on these pages 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 helped make possible the repair of street signs in Silverton.



Cissie Brown wasn't bashful. Everyone in the office knew what she wanted for Christmas. "Just get me a man," she said, "and I'll be thankful for the rest of my life."

The trouble with Cissie, everyone knew, was that she had some far-out idea about the kind of man she needed. Cissie was looking for a knight in shining armor or, his modern counterpart—rich,

handsome, intelligent, and all of that. Cissie had been looking for him for most of her 30 years, and, according to the girls in the office, had overlooked better-than-average-type men in the process.

Ted Kagle was one. Everybody knew that Ted had been in love with Cissie for years. He was too quiet, too reserved to say anything about it, but you could see it in his eyes everytime he looked at her. It wasn't unusual that no one ever kidded Ted about it. Everyone knew he was a sensitive type guy.

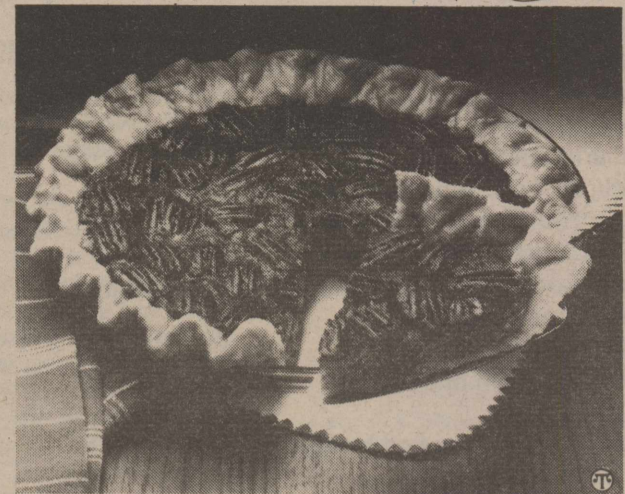
But One

Fred Watson had never said anything where others could hear,

but he had gotten in a word or two from time to time. Whenever he caught Cissie alone, he would say something nice about Ted. He also had kind words for Cissie whenever he was with Ted and no one else was near. He never suggested anything. He was too smart for that. He just passed a complimentary remark.

The office Christmas party was scheduled this afternoon, however, and Fred's mind was elsewhere. He needed something to "spike" the punchbowl. He had done so for ten years and everyone knew about it, even the old man. He'd never complained, because there were two punch bowls and everyone just waited until Fred

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A delicious dessert can be easy as pie when you make it with maple syrup.

MAPLE PECAN PIE
(Makes one 9-inch pie)

- 1 (9-inch) unbaked pastry shell
- 3 eggs
- 1 (8-ounce) bottle Cary's® Pure Maple Syrup
- 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1-1/4 cups pecan halves or pieces

Preheat oven to 425°. Bake pastry shell 8 minutes; remove from oven. Reduce oven temperature to 350°. In large bowl, beat eggs. Add remaining ingredients except pastry shell; mix well. Pour into prepared shell. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until golden. Cool. Refrigerate leftovers.

Tip: 1-1/4 cups coarsely chopped walnuts can be substituted for pecans.

**A Child
is Born**



In the magical and musical spirit of the Christmas season, we'd like to extend our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their business!

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has his first glass of punch before deciding where to fill their glass.

Fred's phone rang. It was the wife, saying company was coming by for a visit before dinner. "I'll take care of it right away," he said, happy for an excuse to run his errand. "Going to shipping for a minute" he said to no one in particular.



After an hour or so, the party was off as usual. It seemed a little happier than in previous years, for some reason. There was more singing, laughter, joke-telling. Even the old man seemed more in the spirit of things.

Playing Santa

Things were running more true to course when the time for opening gifts arrived. The old man played Santa, as usual, commenting on each gift, "Say, that's nice isn't it? Who had your name this year, Sam?"

When he came to Cissie's gift, he said, as he always did, "Let's see, now young lady. I'll bet there's something nice in here for you."

Everyone knew what Cissie was going to say, as she had each year, "That's a small box. Maybe it is a gift certificate for a good man."

No one expected Fred to say anything. But he did. "You guessed it, young lady. It's a gift certificate for dinner and dancing at the Purple Ballroom. All paid for. Made out to Mr. Ted Kagle and Miss Cissie Brown."

You could have heard a pin drop. The old man cleared his throat. "Fred, you haven't..."

"I haven't, sir, nary a drop. On my honor, sir..."

Cissie was waving the "Certificate" before the audience.

"Did you ever see such a novel gift? Thank you, Fred. As for you Ted, I warn you, I like to dance for hours."

Ted had found his voice, too. "I'm not very good, Cissie, but you'll find I'm willing and long-lasting."

Everyone applauded. Fred said, "Let's have another round of punch."

They did, hardly anyone taking notice that Fred was not taking his punch from the same bowl he had favored earlier in the day.

They Missed The Sign

"...Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." Matthew 2:2.

The wise men of the east who had been carefully studying prophecies had been patiently watching the sky for years looking for the sign of the Messiah. Now they had followed that star for days and days.

The Jews were astonished to see them making their way through the city asking about the King of the Jews. The wise men were equally astonished that such an amazing thing has happened and no one seemed to know!

Did the Jews see the star? Had they missed the arrival of the King of Kings? It is strange to think that this special people whom God chose to let His Son live among ignored His birth and most chose to reject His help and finally crucified Him without reason. But wait, are His children doing the same today? Are we too busy making a living, too busy with sports and games? Are we, too, guilty of killing Him out of our lives! May the King of Kings have a special place this Christmas in our lives!

Happy Christmas

Mary Scott put another pecan pie in the oven. She planned to finish the preparations, even if some of the food were left over until Christmas of next year.

She had been upset since Fred called to say one of the children had come down with the flu and they would not be coming for Christmas dinner.

Jack's situation was different. He lives a thousand miles away. He had always brought his family to "grandma's", just as everyone else did. Coming so far to see his mother was one thing; to see his sister was something else.

Mary had known that it would all end when mother died. She and Fred and Jack had been close, all of their lives. Even after they had teenagers of their own, everyone returned to the old homestead each Christmas. It had been a tradition of many years standing. A tradition that now had apparently ended.

It had ended of course, last Christmas. Mother had died in mid-December. They had all agreed not to get together last Christmas, but everyone had appeared enthusiastically when Mary suggested they gather at her house this year. She knew now they just didn't want to say "no" at the time.

Kid Stuff

Billy came bounding in with all the energy of a fourteen-year-old. "Say, mom. Guess what! All the kids are going to get together Christmas afternoon on Galt Hill with our sleds. We're going to have a race and everything."

Mary laughed. "You feel real sure you'll get that sled for Christmas?"

"Sure I will." He winked. "Old Santa hasn't let me down yet."



Ann, sixteen entered. "You had better mend your ways, then young man. You don't get good presents when you've been a bad boy."

"Ah, you sound just like a sister."

"A sister who is not going to be on the hill with your wild children. Mom, some of the kids are planning a sleigh ride. Chaperoned. Billy Smith has asked me. Can I go?"

When will it be?"

"Christmas night. Everyone agrees we should be with our families Christmas Eve and Christmas Day."

The Idea

Later, as Mary was rearranging the lights on the Christmas tree, the words came back to her. "Everyone agrees we should be with our families Christmas Eve and Christmas Day."

She had always been with her family, her entire family. That is the way it should be. There had never been a question as to where everyone would spend the holiday. But, mom was gone. Fred and Jack would spend Christmas with their wives and children. And, come to think of it, Ann and Billy and she and Bill would spend their together.

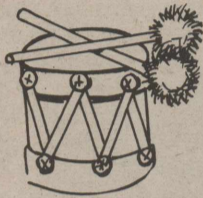
Last Christmas has seemed like a dream. The most pleasant memory was the quiet hours the four of them had spent Christmas Eve, the walk through the snow to church, the children's delight upon discovering the presents under the tree when they returned home.

Mary suddenly realized that, even though she had been looking forward to seeing her two brothers and their families, she had, on one or more occasions, thought about the quiet hours her own family would share before they arrived.

She met Bill at the door. "Fred called. Tommy has the flu."

Bill put his arm around her shoulders. "Well, dear, then we'll just spend a quiet, happy Christmas, the four of us."

"Yes, it will be happy, family Christmas just the same. We can do our visiting some time other than Christmas."



Drum Ornaments

Make cute drums to hang on the tree or for place-setters, writing names on them.

1. Cut off a 2" section of a cardboard tube such as from paper towels.

2. Cut circles of solid color fabrics with a diameter that is 1" wider than the tube's diameter.

3. Spread glue around one end of the tube. Center a circle over that end. Press the fabric down over the glue stretching the fabric tightly. Do the same for the other end of the tube. Let dry. Clip off excess folds.

4. Cut a strip of felt 6-1/2" x 1-7/8". Glue around the tube cutting off any overlap to make a smooth joint. Glue a piece of 7" x 2" print fabric over the felt, overlap ends about 1/2" for the back of the drum.

5. Fold an 8" long x 1/8" wide piece of ribbon in half. Glue the ends to the back of the drum for a loop.

6. Glue a piece of 3/8" wide ribbon around the drum even with its top edge, overlap at back 1/2". Cut off any excess. Repeat with the other end. Let glue dry.

7. Cut ten pieces of ribbon, each 1-3/4" long (from 1" wide ribbon). Start at front and glue these 10 pieces diagonally around the drum. Overlap pieces to make points about 1-1/4" apart. Glue a sequin over each point.

8. DRUMSTICKS: Glue a pom-pom over one end of a piece of dowel 3-1/2" long and 3/16" in diameter. Do the same for the other stick. Glue the sticks across the drum.

The Shepherds Play

The play, Los Pastores (The Shepherds) is an old miracle play with its theme being the eternal struggle between Good and Evil. The Devil attempts to keep the shepherds from going to Bethlehem, but the Devil is put to route with the aid of the Archangel. It takes about five hours for this performance, usually given outdoors in Texas and in 1950 was revived in Los Angeles, where it was a big hit before the American conquest of California.

Student Starts A Tradition

One engrossed college student was said to have started the whole boar's head tradition. According to the story the student of Queen's College, Oxford, was walking in Shotover Forest deeply absorbed in reading Aristotle. Suddenly, without warning, a wild boar attacked him. The surprised young man had no time to draw his sword, all he knew to do was to jam his book down the boar's open jaws and choke him to death.

The much-relieved Oxonian cut off the animal's head and triumphantly carried it back to college. The roasted head was impressively carried down the hall and served to the students. Queen's College, since that time has observed this custom. But now its a false head, with a piece of brawn under it that is carried.

The "Boar's Head Carol" is sung in a solo as the platter is carried along; everyone joins in the chorus. The provost slices the brawn and serves his table; the dish is then sent to the other diners.

This college custom was soon accepted by English nobility and became a favorite Christmas rite. Its ceremonies grew to be very

elaborate through the passing years, but was banned by Cromwell. With the Restoration, the rite came back but never seemed to regain its old popularity.

Bread and Apples For Christmas

An English superstition said a loaf of bread should be left after the Christmas Eve supper, so that there would be plenty of bread during the next year, and to enjoy good health apples were eaten at midnight.

The Happiest Day

Isn't it interesting that the happiest day of the year, Christmas, is also almost the shortest!

On this happy occasion the most popular Christmas stories are often the saddest--poor, little crippled children and the match girls. In the true Christmas story of the gift of Christ, we see a life of cheerfulness ministering to the needs of the poor, the sick, and the down-

hearted. He counted His life as nothing, while He counted everyone else as everything.

Shouldn't Christmas be to us what He prescribed for life: loving, giving, reflecting on what we can do for Him and for others? May Christmas be the happiest day of the year and may every day following it be even happier by sharing!



Lacy Baubles

Mix half glue and half water in a small bowl. Blow up small balloons. Saturate cotton embroidery thread in the glue solution. Draw the threads between the fingers and wrap around a balloon. Sprinkle with glitter if you wish. Let thoroughly dry in a warm place. Pop the balloon and remove it. (If the balls aren't sturdy, increase the glue proportion or use heavier thread).

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Best Wishes To All...

And to all, a very merry Christmas!

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Telephone Company Completes First Fiber Optic Cable Placement

Jerry West, Operations Manager for GTE Southwest Incorporated in Memphis, announced today the completion of the first major fiber optic cable placement in the Panhandle of Texas. The

project which began in April of 1987 completed in the first of December 1987, and involved the placement of over 90 miles of fiber optic cable.

The Panhandle areas of Mem-

phis, Clarendon, Groom and Panhandle were selected for the advanced fiber optic cable placement due to local service needs. The cable was placed along Highway 256 from Memphis to

Clarendon, along Highway 70 from Clarendon to Interstate 40, then over to Groom and Panhandle, making this one of the longest fiber optic routes in Texas.

"Fiber optics is helping us answer some of the customers' requests for expanded communication services while maintaining our position as a low cost provider of quality service," West stated. "The optical fiber

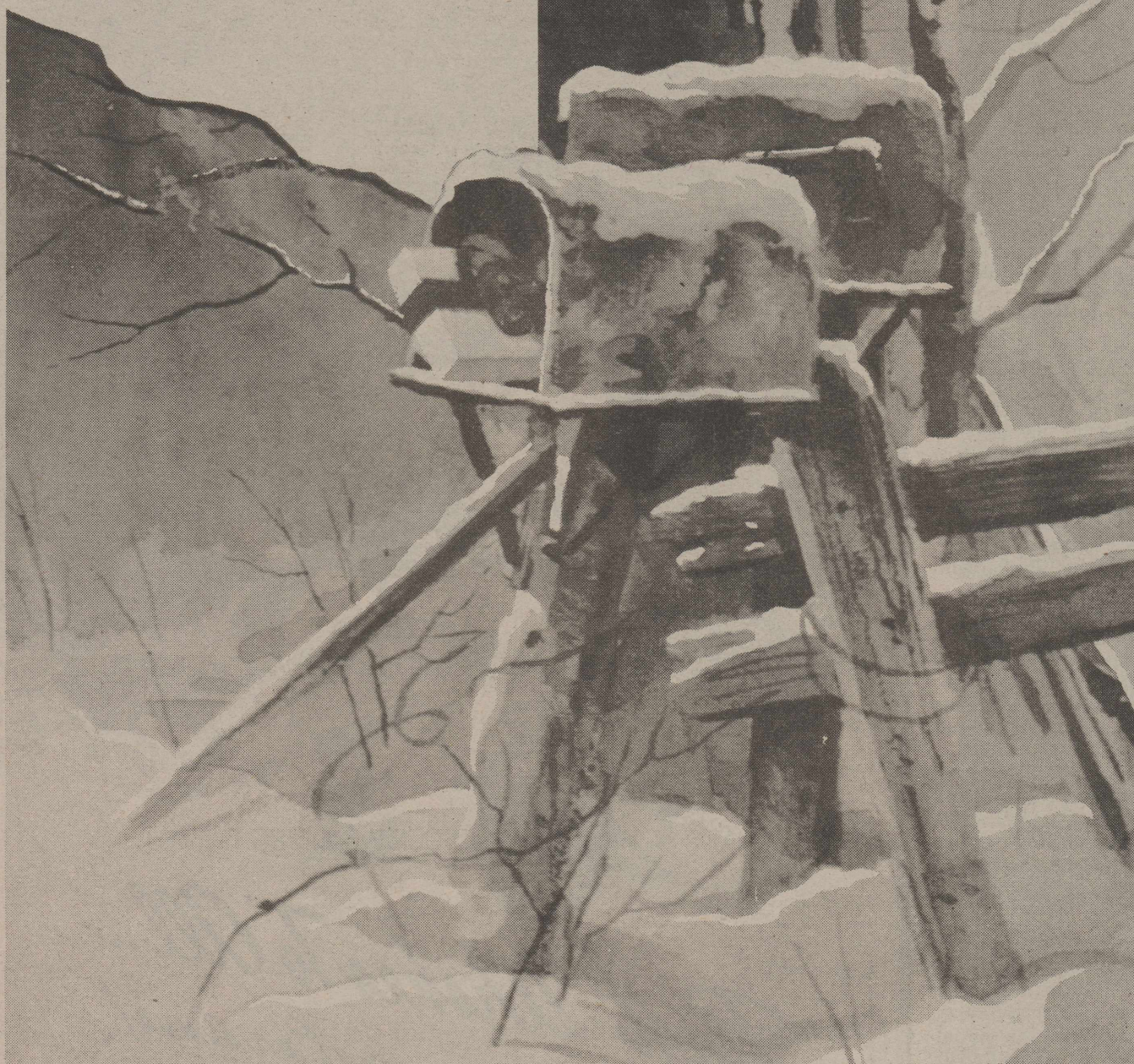
can carry over two thousand telephone calls, data messages, graphic materials and television pictures, meeting a variety of new and emerging demands from both our business and residential customers. In fiber optics, normal speech signals are changed into light pulses and then sent through the fiber. "A single fiber optic cable measures about one-thousandth of an inch in diameter, which is about the thickness of the human hair." Four of these hair-like cable wires will be running through our underground system. "These hair-like fibers, could if you wanted to, send a complete set of encyclopedia contents, in seconds," he added.

"Another major improvement with fiber optics cable is that, unlike metal cable, it is less likely to be adversely affected by lightning or noise on the line, and provides the customer with a higher level of privacy."

West concluded, "Not only are we proud about the improving of service, but we are pleased with the level of both voice and data transmissions with use of fiber optics and hope this brings our customers a greater level of service satisfaction."

Season's Greetings

Wishing all our good friends a holiday filled with love and laughter, mirth and warmth. It's been a pleasure serving you during the past year.



Red & Green Christmas Holly

Holly became a part of the American Christmas when it was brought to the United States by English settlers. Some think that "holly" is a corruption of "holy," calling it the "holy tree." Actually the name comes from the old English "holen" or "holegn" which was given to the genus of trees with bright red berries and glossy leaves. The holly tree has more than three-hundred species and can be found in almost every country.

It takes about eight years of growing a holly tree to know if it is a male or the female tree that bears berries, so raising them is a gamble unless they are propagated by grafting or cutting. At any rate, the holly has a distinct place in our Christmas decorations.

Fancy Feasts

One of the most sumptuous Christmas dinners was given in 1492 (when Columbus was feasting in the New World with an Indian chief) by Henry VII. Lord Mayor and aldermen of London were being honored. There were 120 different dishes served to the king, queen, and court members, with the peacock being the most outstanding dish. The mayor and his associates had *only* 24 dishes and an abundance of wine.

These lavish feasts were continued during the reign of Henry VIII, who once use a gold tablecloth that had cost more than \$3,000.

The feasts often began at noon and lasted for the next eight or nine hours. Often the banquets had twelve courses, symbolic of the twelve disciples.

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Cooking Corner Tips To Help You

Just Say Cheese



American-made Brie with onions is the secret ingredient in this foolproof soufflé.

Natural dairy calcium is an important part of everyone's diet. What better way to make sure your family and guests eat well (and properly) than by turning out entrees that use cheese and spotlight your own creativity?

Fresh "Tradition de Belmont" Brie, made in Wisconsin and California, is perfect for cooking and baking—as in this non-collapsible Easy Onion Brie Soufflé:

- 8 medium slices soft white bread, crusts removed
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups Half & Half
- 2 tsp. minced onion or chives
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 14 oz. slightly under-ripe "Tradition de Belmont" Brie with Onion, grated
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Romano cheese
- Paprika

Generously grease a 1 1/2 quart soufflé dish. With a wire whisk, beat eggs, then whisk in Half & Half, onion, mustard and cayenne.

Cut each bread slice into quarters. In bottom half of casserole, arrange half of the bread and half of the grated Brie and Romano. Pour half of the egg mixture over the bread and cheese layers. Repeat process a second time.

Preheat oven to 350°. Soufflé should sit at room temperature about 30-45 minutes.

Sprinkle top of soufflé with paprika and bake approximately 30 minutes until lightly browned.

If preferred, unbaked soufflé can be preassembled and refrigerated overnight. However, casserole should be brought back to room temperature before baking. Yields 4 servings.

For your free copy of the "Tradition de Belmont" recipe book, send a stamped, self-addressed business envelope to Besnier USA, 180 Madison Avenue, 18th floor, New York, NY 10016.



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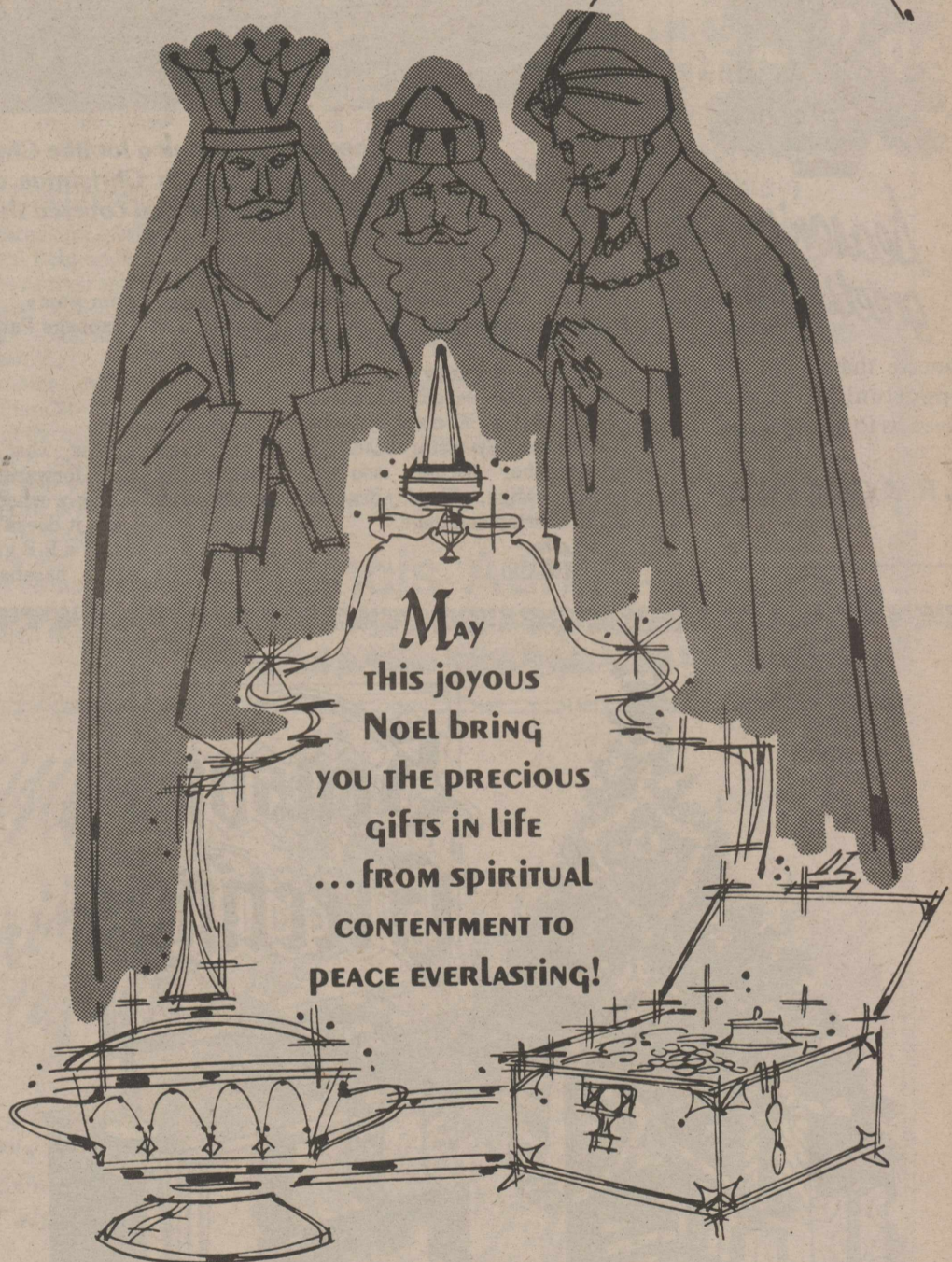
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Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a dolly for Christmas and a pony. You can decide the rest. Please tell me your phone number. Can you call me every Christmas to ask me what I want for Christmas. My name is spelled Suzanna. I love Santa Claus.

Love,
Suzanna Kellum
Age 7

I wish the elves and Mrs. Santa Claus a merry Christmas.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at the Jack Strange home. The home was brightly lighted with Christmas decorations before the snowfall which blanketed Silverton last week and covered the illuminarias.

Briscoe County News Photo

Season's greetings

Sincere thanks for the opportunities you've given us to be of service.

J. R. & Gladys Steele

Dear Santa,
I want a horse, a tractor and a football. I have been good this year. I am Oatmeal Pony, Jason is Santa and Cindy is Coconut Lamb in our school Christmas play at our ECE class in Tulia. Remember my sister Staci and my brother Richie, also my cousins Mike, Chris, Bradley, Kelli, Stormy and Sage.
Love,
Will Hill

Dear Santa,
I want pom-poms, roller skates, a new Cabbage Patch and a baby buggy.
Katy Hester

Dear Santa,
I want a car that goes backwards and forwards and goes turbo. It has a wheel that makes it turn and it doesn't have a cord. And I want a B-B gun and some B-Bs and a baseball and

bat.
Will Hester

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryan. I am 6 years old. For Christmas I want a real soccer ball, Leggos, 3 Hot Wheel cars, scooter. I will have cookies and milk for you.
Love,
Ryan Grady

Dear Santa,
My name is Danny Dunn. I am four years old. I'm trying very hard to be good. Please bring me a three-wheeled motorcycle and lots of surprises. I will leave you some Oreo cookies and milk. Please bring Magan and Matthew lots of goodies.
Love,
Danny

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a remote control car and some walkie talkies. I have tried to be good. I am five years old. I will leave you a snack by the fireplace. Thank you for the toys you brought last year.
I love you,
Ryan Minyard

Dear Santa,
My name is Eric, and I am two years old. I would like a little tent for my bedroom and a Little People Main Street. Remember my big brother too.
I love you,
Eric Minyard

Dear Santa Claus,
Christmas is a fun time of year. I like to watch you on television. This year I'd like for you to bring me a swing set and a road grader. I pick on my little brother sometimes, but I've been a good boy.
Have a merry Christmas,
Kody Rhoderick
2 1/2 years old

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 1 1/2 years old and want a lot for Christmas, but my brother and sisters want a swing set. I think that is what I would like also since I really like to swing and slide.
Mama and Daddy say that I have been good when I'm not fighting with my brother, but I only fight with him because I love him.
Merry Christmas,
Chance Rhoderick
1 1/2 years old

Dear Santa,
My name is Magan Dee Whittington. I am three years old. I have tried to be a good girl. Please bring me a Cabbage Patch doll that goes in the water and some surprises. Please bring my brothers Cody and Matt something. I will leave you cookies that you like and milk to drink.
Love,
Magan



Season's greetings

Sincere thanks for the opportunities you've given us to be of service.

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May Santa keep bringing happy holidays to you...merry and bright...filled with peace and good things. Accept our thanks.

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Mrs. Ridlehuber Remembers Days In Silverton In Interview

"Thirteen is my number. It has rotated through my life like you wouldn't believe—sad and happy," says Janie Ridlehuber when giving her birthdate, April 13.

"The month my husband and I were celebrating our 13th wedding anniversary, we moved into a new house on Friday the 13th. You know, it's just almost unbelievable. There've been some sad things that have happened on the 13th, like my father died on the 13th of a month. Most everything has been in the 13s.

"Just like I got a sticker for my car. The number was 8-5. My section number in one of my classes is 5-8. It's just almost unreal how many times 13 shows up around me. I sent off for a CB license and the last numbers were 13."

She continues, "And I am proud of my age. I am glad to be 60-years old and to be in such good health and be able to do the things I'm doing. And to have done all the things I've done in between."

What Janie Ridlehuber is



Janie Ruth Barnes Ridlehuber

doing is attending college. Why? "For myself. I am just doing this for myself. I doubt that I will ever enter the work force. I just couldn't let go of a dream to attain a college degree. I might go ahead and get a teaching certificate, right now, I just don't know."

She graduated from junior college in 1946, but "just didn't go on and finish. It wasn't because I got married or anything... I just didn't finish."

Just a few months short of her 60th birthday, Mrs. Ridlehuber made the decision to return to college. "I wanted a computer," she says, her laugh ringing out at the lack of a deep, intellectual reason for continuing her education. "I took a short course on computers at Tech in October, 1986. I came home and told Gene that I was going to sign up for the spring semester."

Her major in business education has not been all easy. "I came home one weekend and was

ready to throw up my hands. Gene (her husband, who is Plainview's mayor) said, 'Look you've started this, you have to finish it.' I needed that push. I was having to work so hard in one of my math classes.

"Then, I overloaded myself this fall. I didn't realize the extent or scope of some of my classes. I had to go to class five days a week. I'm glad I have those out of the way."

One of the things Mrs. Ridlehuber enjoys about college is the young people. "These young people take care of me. I don't know if it's because of my age—face it, I could be most of the kids' grandmother—but I do enjoy it."

"Oh, someone asked me when I expected to finish, get my degree, and I said, 'Oh, sometime between now and 1990.' I'm really not in a hurry. I feel that I need to enjoy and smell the flowers along the way. I'm enjoying the kids, the young people."

For Mrs. Ridlehuber, life almost began again after her children were grown. "While raising our daughters, I probably made 99 percent of their clothes. I enjoy sewing, crocheting—any kind of hand work. But when they were raised, I had time to do some things I wanted to do."

She laughs, "Remember to put in the article that I learned to play golf and started oil painting AFTER our children were grown."

Married nearly 40 years, the Ridlehubers moved to Silverton from Itasca, a small community near Fort Worth. "I packed and moved, never having seen the town we were moving to."

"I moved there sight unseen. I'd never been there. And we just moved. And that's the town, a little town, that has some of the finest people in the world, the best friends that we will ever have. There will always always be a big place in our hearts for Silverton. They welcomed us with open arms and we could never have been treated any better than we were there."

"I held 10 different jobs in our three years at Silverton. When the kids found out I had worked at so many jobs, they teased, 'Mother couldn't you hold a job?' I did tell them that in a little town, the work is often seasonal. You do what is available and for as long as it's available."

From Silverton, the Ridlehubers moved to Lubbock where their three children were born.

"I've been a Presbyterian always. We belonged to First Presbyterian in Lubbock and Grace Presbyterian here. First Presbyterian in Lubbock is what I call Grace's 'mother church.' That's not the correct term, just what I personally call it."

"First's elders and ministers helped form Grace here in Plainview. At that time, I had never dreamed of coming to Plainview. Now it is our home church. When we moved, we felt like we already had a church home."

The Ridlehubers moved to Plainview with the express purpose of going into business. Ridlehuber worked for an industrial bearing and supply firm, and, according to his wife, always declared that Plainview was the perfect place to start his own business.

"We had just always liked the looks of Plainview. Of course, when we lived at Silverton, Plainview was the big town to visit. It was just the place to go."

"I used to come over here from

Silverton to do my shopping. We had always liked the size of it (Plainview) and through Gene's association, knew quite a number of people here. He had always said he wanted to start a store here.

"Plainview has not only been good TO us, it has been good FOR us. And I think it's a pretty great place."

by Nicki Logan
Plainview Daily Herald
Sunday, December 20, 1987



The Name "Jesus"

Although today when a name is given to a newborn baby it usually doesn't have any more significance than an identification tag, in Bible times a name was chosen with great care. The name of a newborn signified the faith and hope of the parents, the baby's own personal characteristics, the circumstances of the baby's birth, or its life mission.

The name given to the Baby Jesus had great significance. Like Joshua leading Israel to victory in the earthly promised land, so Jesus would be the Captain of Salvation, coming to lead us to the heavenly Canaan.

The name "Jesus" also was equivalent to "Joshua" and was generally taken to mean "Jehovah is Salvation."

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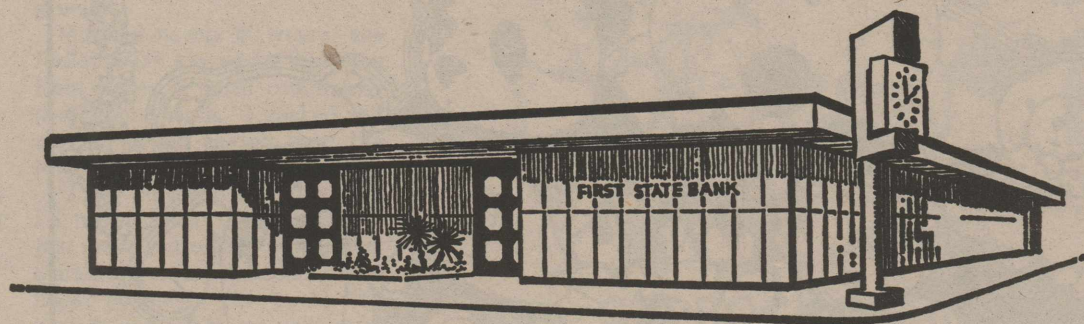
...To renew our faith, spirit and love of all living things and to continue to observe His special message. We share with all our sincere wishes for a heartfelt holiday season.

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Bryant and Ruby Eddleman have had their home beautifully decorated for Christmas, but when 12 inches of snow fell last week the decorations were covered by the white flakes. Santa's sleigh shouldn't have any trouble getting to their house.

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Local Ladies Win Bowling Tournament

The 1987 46th Annual Amarillo Invitational Bowling Tournament was held October 24-25, October 31-November 1, November 7-8 and November 14-15.

Representing the Tulia Bowlers were Waynelle Couch and Peggy Fleming, who won first place in Doubles Class "C".

Couple To Celebrate 60th Anniversary

The children of James J. (Jeff) and Ellie E. (Evans) Steele wish to announce their sixtieth wedding anniversary celebration will be held at 831C Yale Street in Tyler, Texas 75703 on January 9, 1988 from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. It is requested that there be no gifts sent.

Children of the couple are Jerry and Elvin E. Cannon, Ric G. and Sandra Steele, all of Tyler; Dwain G. and Vyda Steele, Dallas; Jimmy R. and Jean Steele, Fort Worth; Lou Ann and Glen Smith, Lubbock.

Host Renfro Christmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes were hosts to her brothers and sisters on Saturday, December 12, for their Renfro Christmas Party.

After everyone arrived, they drove to Tulia for a 1:00 p.m. lunch at the Steakhouse. Returning to Silvertown, they enjoyed the exchange of gifts, games, 42, picture taking, visiting and snacks.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Renfro and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gillespie, all of Vernon; R. L. Renfro, Fort Worth; Mrs. Hubert Hall, Memphis, and Cecilia Rutherford, Weatherford.

Happy Birthday To...

December 24—Berle Fisch, Sally Grimland, Jack Robertson, jr.

December 25—Joe Grabbe, Donna Estes, Dorothy Bomar, Nora Lee Yeary

December 26—Lindsey Jennings, Sloan Grabbe, Eddie Baker

December 27—Fern Parker, Brady Grant, Holly Glenn, Denny Hill, Ellen Edwards, Dara Ramsey

December 28—Braden Towe, Bill Settle, Mary Chris Cantwell, Walter Bean, Kathy Perkins

December 29—Pat McWaters, Buddy Brown, Joe Edd Burnett, Van Breedlove

Happy Anniversary To...

December 24—Mr. and Mrs. James Patton

December 27—Mr. and Mrs. Terry Grimland, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Towe

December 28—Mr. and Mrs. Barry Francis

December 29—Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hutsell

December 30—Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fuston

Ted Childress of Lockhart, brother of Vance Childress of Silvertown, entered South Austin Medical Center Monday for gall bladder surgery. He came through the surgery in good condition. He is in Room 254 and the Austin zip code is 78704, if anyone would like to send a card.



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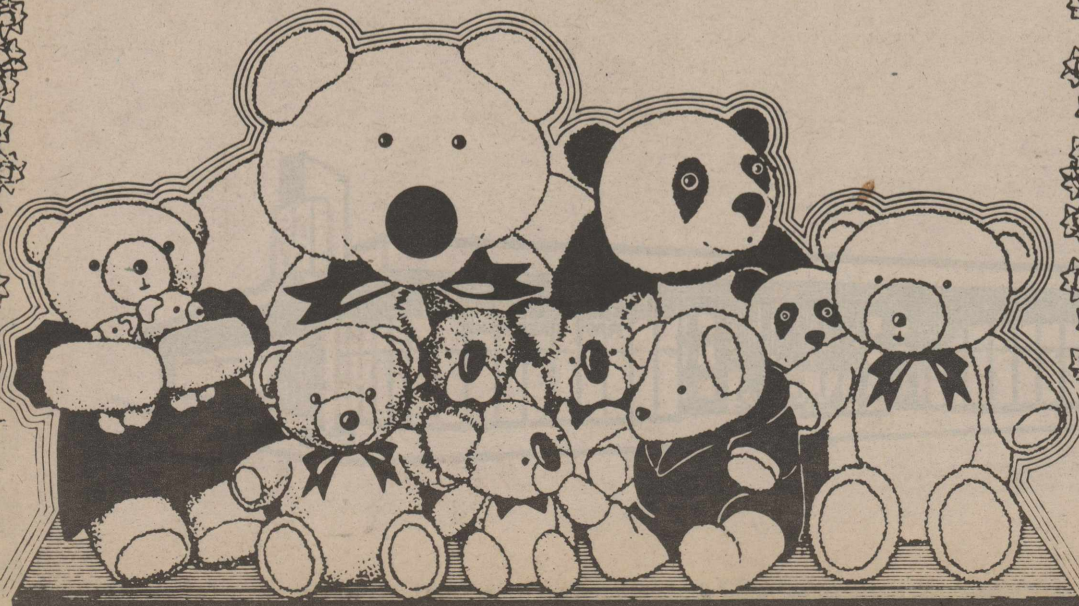
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A Bear-y, Merry Christmas

Cheer-filled tidings of the holiday season!
To all, go our thanks for your support.

Hutsell Jewelry

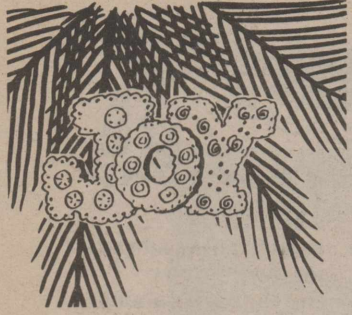
Silvertown, Texas



May this holy time bring to your hearts His clear message of Christmas love.

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Bread Clay For Christmas Decorations

You will need 8 slices of white bread and 1/2 cup of white glue.

Fresh bread will often be too moist for bread clay. Allow "day old" bread to air-dry for several hours. Remove the crusts making sure no crust crumbs get mixed in. Tear the slices into small pieces and put them in a large bowl.

Pour glue over the crumbs and mix with hands. It will, at first, be very sticky. Knead about five minutes, vigorously, until smooth and velvety. Now the dough shouldn't stick to the hands but if it does, wash hands; apply hand lotion or liquid detergent to the fingers before returning to the dough.

Form dough into a smooth ball. Refrigerate in tightly-wrapped plastic bag. It should keep for several months.

Break off pieces of dough and knead in coloring substances. The color will darken as it dries. If the dough is sticky after coloring is added, knead in a little flour. Experiment with such coloring substances as: poster paints, shoe polish, water colors, acrylic paints, powdered dyes, instant coffee, etc. Liquid food colors cause the dough to be quite sticky, so may not be the best.

Now you are ready to roll out the dough and cut it into decorations. Allow the decorations to dry thoroughly. Lacquer to keep out insects if you wish.

Why Wasn't His Birthday Remembered?

Why was it that no one really remembered the exact day of Christ's birth? Wouldn't you think that someone would remember the birthday of the most important person ever born on Earth?



Yuletide Greetings

Have a wonderful holiday; thank you for your patronage during the past year.

Amy's Beauty Salon
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When Christ was born scarcely anyone but Mary and Joseph knew that this was to be the Saviour of the World. A handful of shepherds on the hillside were told of His birth. Three wisemen who had been studying the Scriptures were led to the Baby King--but other than these, hardly anyone knew of the significant birth! Why didn't Joseph and Mary--keep His birth date alive for all the world to remember?

Putting things into perspective, knowing Jesus who gave rather than took for Himself, one can never see Him exalting His own birthday. Perhaps it was His plan that His exact birthday not be remembered--that His life of love should be remembered as an example for us to look not to ourselves but to others.

Where Is Santa's Northpole Workshop?

Santa's Northpole workshop is located at Wilmington, New York (near Lake Placid) on the side of Whiteface Mountain.

Ten log, steep-roofed houses; Santa's permanent home; a post office; a blacksmith shop; and a small chapel having a Nativity scene designed by Arto Monaco (formerly with Walt Disney) comprise the Northpole Village.

Live reindeer, ponies, goats and sheep are a part of the village. Of course Santa and his assistants keep busy making gifts and toys for all to see.



Christmas Clothespin Soldier

Draw a soldier onto a large tongue depressor or piece of wood that's 1/8-inch thick. Cut out the soldier shape. Lightly sand the edges with sandpaper.

Paint the soldier with enamel model paints or acrylics. Let dry.

Glue a clothespin to the soldier's back so that the fastening end is even with the soldier's feet.

Luke's Christmas Songs

The most original author of Christmas songs was Luke--a physician who wrote one of the books of the Bible, the gospel of Luke. Many of the well-known Christmas songs we enjoy are based on the hymns of Nativity in the first and second chapters of Luke.

Mistletoe Significance

Since the mistletoe plant was connected with pagan Druid rites it was regarded as "an emblem of unwholesome superstition" by many Christians and was not used in church decorations. There was one exception, however, a large spray of mistletoe was laid on the altar at the stately York Minster in England. The significance seemed to be connected with the fact that man is dependent upon God for life just as the mistletoe clings to the host tree for its life.



Gingham Clove Decoration

Cut an 8-inch circle with pinkish shears from small-checked gingham fabric. Place about 100 whole cloves in the circle's center. Gather the ends of the gingham up to form a sack of cloves.

You will need a 10-inch long piece of ribbon, that's about 1/2-inch wide.

Tie the ribbon tightly into a bow around the ball of cloves. Place a hook at the back through the ribbon for hanging.

Wassail Bowl Tradition

Tradition says the Wassail Bowl began with Saxon maiden, Rowena when she presented Prince Vortigen with a bowl of wine and greeted him with "waes hael." "Wassail" means, "Be in health," or "Here's to you." A mixture of curdled cream, roasted apples, mulled ale, eggs, nuts and spices was used in making wassail.

Flanders Traditions

Selecting characters for Nativity plays in Flanders, Belgium is not always easy. One of their requirements is that each person in the play must resemble some character in Brueghel's paintings.

Another Christmas custom in the villages of Flanders is to appoint three men as the Magi. These men are chosen for their practice of virtue during that year. They sing two songs at the door of each village home. One song tells the journey of the Magi, while the other song is the Flemish version of "O Tannenbaum." The Magi are usually invited in for tea or pancakes.

Christmas In Bulgaria

A very interesting ceremony begins on Christmas Day in Bulgaria. Corn is placed in a stocking before breakfast; the head of the house sprinkles corn on the doorstep as he says, "Christ is born." The family responds, "He is born indeed."

Then the head of the house strikes the blazing log in the fireplace and with each blow utters a wish of good health to the land and to the stock and a wish for a rich harvest. The ashes of the log are carefully gathered with a coin hidden in them. Pieces of the log's ends are placed in trees to assure the yield of good crops.

Christmas Remembering

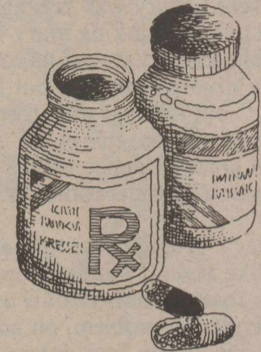
Greater than all the Christmas traditions is the real meaning of Christmas. Many of us only think of Christmas as a day for Santa Claus, presents, and eating. But the real significance and joy of Christmas comes when we remember it is the birthday of Jesus--God's gift to us.

Santa On A String

In Czechoslovakia, youngsters believed that Saint Nicholas came down from heaven by swinging on a golden cord bringing a basket of presents for all good boys and girls.

A Poacher In The Nativity Scene

In some of Belgium's border towns where smuggling is a rather common occurrence, the Christmas pageants often include a smuggler or poacher who also brings gifts to Jesus. This lends significance to the fact that Christ came to save all people and that no one need be afraid of Him.



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Merry Christmas to All

May the gentle blessings of the holy season touch you and yours this Christmas and always!

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December 24-25
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What About Joseph?

Much honor has been given to Mary, the mother of Jesus, but not much has been said about Joseph.

It seems that Joseph was a widower with at least six children. Betrothal or engagement was a legal relationship which could only be broken by a legal divorce. Imagine how Joseph felt when he discovered Mary was pregnant! To all human thinking Mary was an adulteress and as such he could legally divorce her or "put her away," but the fact that Joseph spared Mary from this public trial shows great evidence of his integrity and consideration toward her.

Mary's pregnancy could also look like Joseph was the culprit. While Joseph was brooding over this perplexing problem, an angel appeared to him in a dream revealing the Holy Spirit's part in

Mary's conception. God required this act of faith by Joseph and Joseph passed the test by accepting Jesus birth.

Joseph worked closely with Jesus in his carpenter's shop, giving him lessons that would last throughout his life on earth. Just as Mary was the chosen mother, Joseph also must have been the perfect earthly father for Jesus--protecting, guiding and being a companion to his special son.

The Day Of The Messiah

The Jews of Christ's day greatly hoped that the Messiah would save them from the power of their captors, the Romans. Instead of coming to restore the kingdom of Israel, Christ came to restore the dominion of God in the hearts of men.

Although Christ worked diligently to save men from poverty and social injustice, His higher aim was to help them prepare for

a heavenly kingdom where peace would reign eternally.

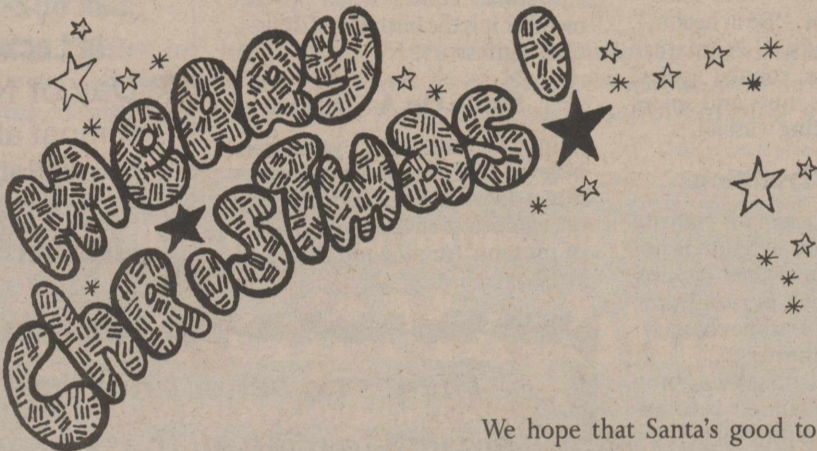
Post Office Announces Christmas Schedule

The Post Office will close at 12:00 noon Christmas Eve. Please mail your letters and packages early that day. Any letters mailed after noon for "out of town" should be put in the outside box for pickup at 2:00 p.m.

Mail will be put up on Saturday and the routes will run, according to Postmaster Fred A. Strange.



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| 3 egg whites | 1/4 teaspoon almond extract |
| 1/8 teaspoon salt | 2 teaspoons water |
| 2 cups powdered sugar, sifted | 1 cup chopped walnuts |
| | 3/4 teaspoon vanilla |

Preheat oven to 225°.

Beat salt and egg whites until stiff but still moist. Alternately add sugar slowly with mixture of liquids. When mixture is thick and glossy, fold in the nutmeats. Drop by half teaspoonfuls onto Teflon-coated baking sheets or line metal sheets with brown paper.

Bake 40-45 minutes. Remove from pan while hot.

Gingerbread Children
(18-24 depending on size)

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| 1/2 cup margarine | 2 teaspoons soda |
| 1/2 cup butter | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 1 1/2 cups sugar | 2 teaspoons cinnamon |
| 1 egg | 1 teaspoon ginger |
| 2 tbs. dark corn syrup | 1/2 teaspoons ground cloves |
| 4 teaspoons grated orange rind | 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg |
| 3 cups all-purpose bleached flour | |

Blend margarine and butter; gradually beat in sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg, beating until smooth. Add orange peel and corn syrup Mix.

Sift dry ingredients; stir into butter mixture. Form into balls; wrap in wax paper. Chill in refrigerator.

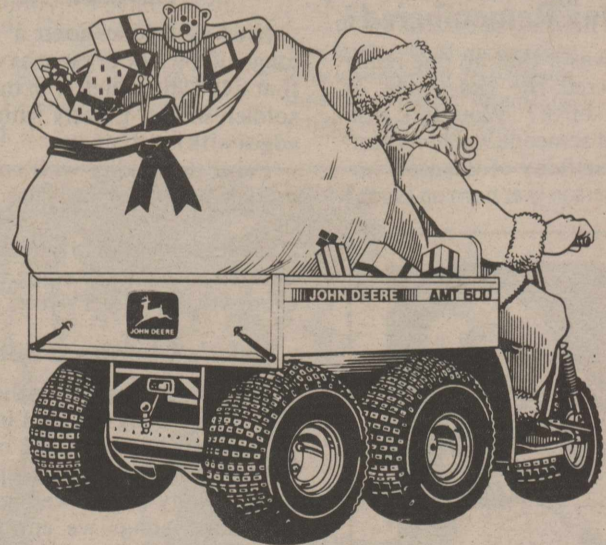
Preheat oven to 375°. Roll dough on lightly floured surface to thickness of 1/4 inch. Cut with gingerbread cutter. Cut small triangle pieces and place on sides of heads to appear like hair ribbons.

Bake on ungreased baking sheet 1-inch apart for 8-10 minutes. Let stand 2 minutes on pans before transferring to cooling rack.

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the Christmas Visitors

Jimmy Roberts looked longingly out the window. The snow-covered fields and barns were lovely in the soft moonlight. What a way to spend Christmas Eve, he thought, all alone with a kid brother.

What a Christmas! Dad in the hospital after an automobile accident; mother spending practically every day and night with him, and me, here all alone with a kid that can't even stay awake long enough to welcome Santa Claus.

Jimmy looked at the big clock on the kitchen wall. The kids were probably gathering now for the annual sleigh ride. He could just imagine the laughter ringing about the Macklin farm as the two teams were hitched to the homemade sleigh. He'd miss the ride over the fields, the singing of Christmas Carols and then, the return home to the warmth of the fireside and the welcome sight of mom and dad sitting nearby. That's how Christmas ought to be; how Christmas had always been.

Sounds

Jimmy walked into the living-room. Sammy was asleep sprawled on the rug before the fireplace. Jimmy sat down in an easy chair and studied the room, the flickering fire, the beautifully-lighted



Out of the sleigh they came, everyone from miles around.

tree and the heaping presents beneath. How quiet was the world, except for the crackling of the fire. How quiet, except for another sound. Sleigh bells! They were coming this way...and they were singing. He could hear them.

Nearer and nearer came the voices and the bells. Jimmy dashed

to the door, with Sammy, now wide awake, right on his heels. "Hello, hello. We wish you a Merry Christmas." The voices rang out in Chorus and out of the sleigh they came, the Smiths, the Jones, the Atteburys, the Macklins, everyone for miles around.

Bearing Gifts

Happily, each bearing gifts, they marched into the house, placing packages ceremoniously on the livingroom floor. From somewhere Mr. Macklin produced a beard and a Santa cap. The room became hushed.

"Now Jimmy and Sammy," Mr. Macklin said, "while Mrs. Macklin and the ladies prepare some hot chocolate in the kitchen, I speak for all of us. We know that your Christmas cannot be the merriest under the circumstances. But you must remember that these circumstances are just temporary. Most of us visited your father today. He'll be home soon, and good as new. All of us would have loved for you boys to spend Christmas Eve with us, but we decided it would be better if we brought a little of our Christmas spirit to you."

Sammy was fumbling among the presents, Jimmy, a bit uncomfortable and afraid that his emotions were showing, straightened one of the ornaments on the Christmas tree. "I don't know what to say."

Sing Out

"Don't say it," young Ted Macklin shouted, "Sing it." And he led off with a round of "Jingle Bells."

Soon, mom came home; more Christmas Carols. Mr. Macklin passed out the gifts. Each was opened to a chorus of "Oohs" and "Aahs"—except for dad's. These were placed beneath the tree with the rest of the family packages. As Mr. Macklin said, "You can have Christmas again when dad comes home."

Jimmy stood on the porch and watched the sleigh disappear into the night, carrying with it the sounds of merry laughter and jing-

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ling bells. Things weren't so bad after all. And, there was still another Christmas yet to come.



Bells Are For Christmas

Christmas bells—big ones, ring out throughout cities and countryside. Christmas bells—handbells ring out beautiful Christmas songs. Christmas bells—small ones, ring from sleighs. Christmas bells—insistent ones, ring from the Salvation Army. Christmas bells—church ones, ring from even "down under" in Australia where the "Christmas Bell," a bright flower blooms.

Bells are for Christmas, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" ringing for peace on earth and good will to men.

Wax & Christmas

Tallow candles were first used in the Christmas festivities but as wax grew less expensive wax candles were used for church services. Since wax is the product of virgin

bees, these wax candles became an emblem of Mary's purity. Many believed that bees came straight from heaven and religious institutions often kept swarms of them.

Christmas Wish For Fish Dish

Fish have become the main Christmas entree for some countries. Stewed eels were eaten in Italian homes. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden the largest fish are saved for this occasion and blessed by priests. Dried cod are soaked in lye water for hours, then the flaky bits are cooked and served with melted butter and lingonberry sauce.

In Poland and Germany, carp is served with a gingersnap sauce. Spain has salt cod with a special sauce. The Finns have boiled cod, seasoned with allspice.

Two Boys Save The Christmas Tree

One of the special objectives President Theodore Roosevelt was noted for was his fight for the conservation of our natural resources; therefore, he promptly banned the use of Christmas trees for White House festivities.

It was not long after this declaration, however, when he got a big surprise which greatly angered him. It was discovered that two of his boys, Quentin and Archie, had smuggled a tree into the mansion and set it up in Archie's room! There was steam rising from the White House that night! But the boys promptly appealed to Gifford Pinchot, "America's first professional forester," and their father's good friend.

Pinchot convinced the President that if young evergreens were promptly cut it could be helpful rather than harmful to our forests.

The President now showed the sign of a truly great man, when he got the facts he stood corrected. The Roosevelt boys got to keep their tree that year. Ever since, the White House has had an indoor tree. Thanks to Archie and Quentin Roosevelt the Christmas trees roll on.



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General Telephone Changing Its Name

General Telephone Company of the Southwest will ring in the new year by changing its name to GTE Southwest Incorporated, the company announced today. The change will become effective January 1, 1988.

The six other GTE domestic telephone operating companies will make similar changes in their names.

The decision to drop the "General Telephone Company" title from each company came after extensive market testing, which found that "GTE" is one of the most recognized corporate names in the country.

"The study showed that the old name was inadequate to describe our business. We are,

after all, more than your basic telephone company," said E. L. (Buddy) Langley, GTE Southwest president. "In addition to regulated network services equipment, GTE Southwest and its deregulated division, Business Phone Systems, provide business communications systems, equipment and maintenance services; telephone network consulting; long-distance billing and collection for interexchange companies; private line services; mobile telephone service; radio paging and voice and data transmission."

James L. Broadhead, president of GTE Telephone Operations, said the name changes will allow "all of our telephone

operating companies to maintain their important local presence, while gaining the strong market value of one of America's most familiar corporate names."

GTE is a worldwide corporation with combined revenues and sales totaling more than \$15 billion in 1986. Its three core businesses — telecommunications, lighting and precision materials—employ approximately 160,000 people in 48 states and 33 countries.

The GTE Telephone Operations, GTE's largest business unit with revenues of nearly \$11.3 billion in 1986, includes telephone operating companies in the United States, Canada and the Dominican Republic.

GTE Southwest provides network access to over 1.2 million customers in 398 exchanges in Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

No-Bake Coconut Fruitcake

(10-12 portions)

- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 1 pkg. vanilla pudding
- 2 cups milk
- 1/4 cup grape juice
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups flaked coconut
- 3/4 cup dry almond macaroon crumbs
- 1/2 cup pitted, sliced dates
- 3/4 cup heavy cream, whipped
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped Maraschino cherries, halved
- Pecan halves

Soak raisins overnight in grape juice. Combine pudding mix and milk in saucepan to cook and stir over medium heat until comes to full boil. Remove from heat.

Add vanilla and coconut. Cool. Lightly oil 1 1/2 quart loaf pan. Arrange cherry and pecan halves in a design on pan's bottom.

Fold raisins, dates, nuts, and macaroon crumbs into cooled pudding. Fold in whipped cream. Spoon lightly over design in pan.

Freeze until firm, about 8 hours. Garnish with additional Maraschino cherries and pecan halves.

Special Fruitcake Servings

Either make your own fruitcake or buy one. Wrap the cake securely in double foil. Place on a cookie sheet. Heat in slow oven, 325° for about 40 minutes. Serve warm with Lemon Fluff Sauce:

LEMON FLUFF SAUCE

(for 8 servings)

- 2 egg whites, room temperature
- 1 pkg. lemon-pie filling
- 1/2 cup sugar

Prepare pie fillings as directed. Beat egg whites until soft peaks are formed. Add a tablespoon of sugar at a time, beating well after each addition. Fold egg whites into lemon mix. Serve warm on heated fruitcake slices.

Greetings of the Season



How like the serenity of a silent, snow-clad woodland, is the peace that comes to the heart that finds the true meaning of Christmas.

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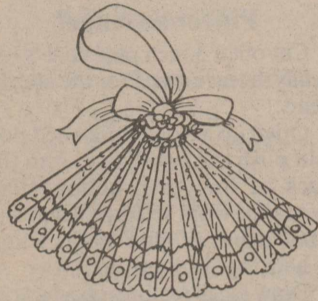
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Christmas Cherry Legend

There is an old legend of five hundred years or more telling of Joseph the elderly man walking with his young bride, Mary, in a cherry orchard. As she told him of the angel visits, Joseph became so suspicious that he refused to pick cherries for Mary. But upon Mary's request the cherry branches bent over graciously for her. As Joseph saw this he was filled with remorse and asked for her forgiveness.



Christmas Fan

Cover the back of a 4" paper gold doily with glue. Glue it to the center of a 6" white paper doily; gently smooth out and let dry.

Cut out one-third of the doily. Pleat the other two-thirds with fan-pleats, using the points of the doily's edge as a guide.

Cut off 1/2" at the folded point. Puncture a hole through all the layers with a sharp needle.

Slip a spiral paper clip (3/4" diameter) through the needle holes.

Tie a ribbon into a bow on the paper clip. Tie a ribbon loop to the paper clip to hang the fan by.

Cut the stems off close to the flowers. Dip the back of a rose in glue and glue in place at the base of the fan. Glue smaller flowers around the rose. Hang the fans on the Christmas tree or use for other decorations.

Pretty Christmas Wrap

Make your own pretty Christmas wrapping paper inexpensively.

1. Spread newspaper over the area on which any paint might splatter. Cut a piece of solid color gift wrap or inexpensive shelf paper (glossy or shiny paper isn't suitable) and place it in the middle of the newspapers. Weight down the corners if they curl.

2. Squeeze out excess water from a dampened sponge. Cut sponge about 1 1/2" x 2", cut again into a rough oval.

3. Shake a jar of tempera paint. Pour a little paint into a paper plate. Dab sponge's flat side lightly into the paint. Remove the excess paint. Paint should be tacky on the sponge not thick. Press the sponge down slightly leaving its print on the paper each new print just touching the other one. Cover entire paper with prints. Let dry thoroughly.

Experiment by putting one color on, then putting on another color, filling in other spaces, etc. Some of the prettiest papers can be sponging on white designs over dark pieces of paper, making the appearance of snow patterns. Then use a ribbon the same color as the paper color.

The average American household watches TV for seven hours and two minutes a day according to A.C. Nielson reports.



Season's Greetings

We're never too busy to pause and wish you the best for this holiday season. Thank you for letting us serve you.

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Christmas Eve Surprises

While some families put the most emphasis on Santa and his surprise appearance down the chimney on Christmas Eve, the Portuguese plan another surprise. They make cribs of moss and painted wooden figures, then at midnight on Christmas Eve, while the children's attention is distracted, the father slips the Christ Child into the manger.

Christmas Moods

The Danes enjoy a full Christmas Eve and wake up to a highly sociable and boisterous Christmas Day along with a two-hour lunch with family and friends which they later on in the day walk off in snow. Far off in South Africa a Christmas dinner of roast suckling pig, roast lamb, chicken pie and ripe fruits and

vegetables may be eaten in the middle of a deafening midsummer thunderstorm.

Christmas in Mexico

A few days before Christmas the Mexican family forms a procession and goes from room to room throughout the house, symbolizing Mary and Joseph seeking shelter as they went from inn to inn.

At each room, they are turned away, except the last room. In that room is a small creche around which the family kneels and sings Christmas songs.

Stocking Full of Good Times

Children love gifts of our time and attention. For Christmas you might give children a certificate promising a story-telling time, a visit to the zoo, a trip to the

library, a camping outing, a time to bake cookies, or a time to work with them on a model car, etc.

Look in the yellow pages for museums, a planetarium, etc. Call a tourist agent for a train ride. Children are so easy to please. Give them a stocking full of good times yet to come!



Sand Dollar Christmas Decoration

Soak sand dollars for a day or until they're white in a strong bleach solution (3 parts bleach to 1 part water). Rinse thoroughly and dry them in the sun.

When sand dollar is thoroughly

dry, tie a satin ribbon through the sand dollar's long hole. Attach a hook through the bow (one can be made with paper clip if you have no other). Hang on the tree or on wreath for pretty decoration.

Gift Bearing

Remembering special people with gifts at Christmastime is one of the most satisfying joys of the season.

The three kings of the East brought presents of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child. Many people think that the origin of giving at our winter festival began with the Magi. Actually, the idea was prevalent before the birth of Christ. The Romans gathered symbols of health, affection, and happiness--boughs of myrtle, laurel, and olives to give to their rulers.

It was not long until the Roman emperors started demanding

more than greenery--they wanted material offerings of clothing and other articles made of gold and silver. These were no longer gifts of the heart when they were expected and demanded. It gives us something to reflect on. Have Christmas gifts become something we expect too much and yes, maybe even slyly demand?



Pinecone Angel

Cut out a 3-inch pine cone's top petals to leave space for the angel's head.

Open up a dried milkweed pod and push the two halves into the back of the cone, hollow sides facing the front to form wing. Put a few drops of glue on the wings to help them adhere better.

Draw facial features on a hickory nut, or small walnut, or a large wooden bead. Glue the nut onto the top of the cone. Let dry.

Glue on a hanger of yarn or string.

Father Christmas

When Henry VIII gave up his catholic faith, St. Nicholas was banished. But about three centuries later Queen Victoria married the German Prince Albert who brought the St. Nicholas tradition back to England. Now the white-bearded giver was given the name, "Father Christmas"--the counterpart of St. Nicholas and Santa Claus. Father Christmas fills the stockings.

Christmas Tree Friend

Some families in England have a very interesting Christmas tree custom. The same living Christmas tree is used year after year. The fir tree is uprooted from the garden, planted in a big Christmas tub and brought into the corner of the living room; it becomes an old friend.

Stiffened Fabric Decorations

Fabrics saturated with a white solution, dried, and ironed, can be cut and shaped almost like paper.

Start with a mixture of 1/3 glue to 2/3 water. (If you need greater stiffness, add more glue.) Immerse the material until saturated; squeeze out the excess. Spread and hang to dry. If drying indoors, place newspapers under it to catch the drips. Iron.

Pinking shears, scalloping shears, or just straight scissors can cut ribbons for neat bows to use on tree branches, wreaths or packages.

Loops of stiffened fabric can be wired and pinned to a fabric-covered Styrofoam wreath. Add a large bow at the bottom that has also been made of stiffened fabric.

France Christmas Entrees

The main dish for Christmas dinner in France varies from region to region. In Alsace, the goose has the place of honor. For the Bretons its buckwheat cakes served with sour cream. In Burgundy turkey and chestnuts grace the table. For Paris and the region of Il-de-France the entree is oysters, and the cake is formed in the shape of a yule log.

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never had a family or owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never wrote a book, or held an office. He never went to college. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends deserted him. He was turned over to his enemies, and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had -- his coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as this "One Solitary Life."



Although this poem has become popular in recent years, it is not a contemporary piece. The poem actually has tracings back to medieval times, and the poet to this day remains anonymous.

We pause to reflect on his life during the Christmas Season, and celebrate his birthday on Christmas Day.

Merry

CHRISTMAS

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American Christmas Contribution

The American Christmas is also a melting pot of customs from many nations. The yule log, Christmas cards, boars' heads and plum puddings come from England. Santa Claus comes from Holland, our Christmas tree and stockings come from other countries; traditions. Materially speaking, America's only contribution to Christmas seems to be the turkey.



Dried Arrangement Hints

Some beautiful Christmas decorations can be made from seeds and pits. Some hints for these arrangements may be in order.

To avoid insect infestations from things like chestnuts, cut away the back of the chestnut and pry out the inside.

Break English walnuts in half by giving several sharp taps along the joint on one side; repeat this on the other side and also at each end. Split by inserting a knife point in the flat end. Remove the nutmeat and glue the empty shell halves together. Insert a wire hook or loop of ribbon first if you wish.

Bake at 150° or 200° for about 30 minutes to kill any insects that might be unseen.

These may be stored in plastic bags that have no holes. Rodent-attracting items can be stored in glass jars or cookie tins.

It's also a good idea to add moth crystals.

Christmas Music Hits

In the music record world what is a Christmas hit? Elvis Presley's "Return to Sender" could be as much of a Christmas hit as "Mary's Boy Child" by Harry Belafonte.

Since Christmas is the time of the year when record sales are at a peak, to have a hit at Christmastime is very lucrative. It seems at Christmastime many consumers have more money than sense, thus even bizarre records that would probably never make it at any other time, flood the market from mid-November onward.

The Beatles are the champions of not only the single Christmas records but also of the Christmas albums; although they were number one in the album charts over six Christmases--they never up to that time specifically recorded Christmas songs.

Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" was the biggest Christmas selling single of all time.

Christmas, Winter's Bright Spot

As each Christmas season arrives it seems there are more and more complaints about the commercialism of Christmas. Yes, there is no getting around it--there is often abuse of the season, BUT, on the other hand--there is so much joy to feel and send forth.

If all the holidays were to be done away with but one, almost all adults as well as children would clamor for that one to be Christmas. We would really miss the weeks of preparation, the religious services, the good will parties, the carols. After all, winter needs a bright spot--it's Christmas!



Poster Wrapping

A poster or other such picture can be prettily wrapped by placing it inside a cardboard tube, then wrapping the tube with black and white paper. Shiny, gummed stars can be stuck to the tube's dark wrapping paper.

Frosted Fruit

- 1 tbsp. water
- 2 egg whites
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- Grapes, cherries, currants, strawberries

Whisk egg whites and water until frothy but not stiff, with a fork. Place the sugar in a shallow bowl. Dip fruits by bunches, or individual pieces into egg white. Use a pastry brush to make sure the entire fruit is covered with the liquid. Now dip the fruit into sugar, pouring the sugar over the fruit with a teaspoon until fruit is completely covered. Shake off excess sugar and dry on wire rack. Decorate puddings and other festive dishes or use in a stemmed bowl as a centerpiece.

Special Christmas Dinners

Down through the years, in various countries the Christmas feasts have sometimes ranged from gorgeously exotic to downright ridiculous. Boars' heads with apples in their mouths, gilded peacocks and sweetmeats were set before medieval kings. Australian early settlers tried to make English plum pudding under the sizzling summer sun, along with braised kangaroo. Fried locusts and smoked elephant graced the table of an African adventurer, and one party during the 1870 siege of Paris dined off roast cat. It's plain to see that down

through the ages Christmas dinner was planned through a strong determination to feast on something special.

Gift Ideas for the Kids

Small children love to wash dishes--they may even grow up

liking to wash them if it's presented in the right way. Buy a large set of plastic doll dishes that is not very expensive, his or her very own bottle of mild dish soap, and a plastic dishpan.

The houseware counter can supply many kinds of inexpensive

sandbox toys: sieves, measuring cups and spoons, funnels, small molds and cookie cutters that aren't too sharp.

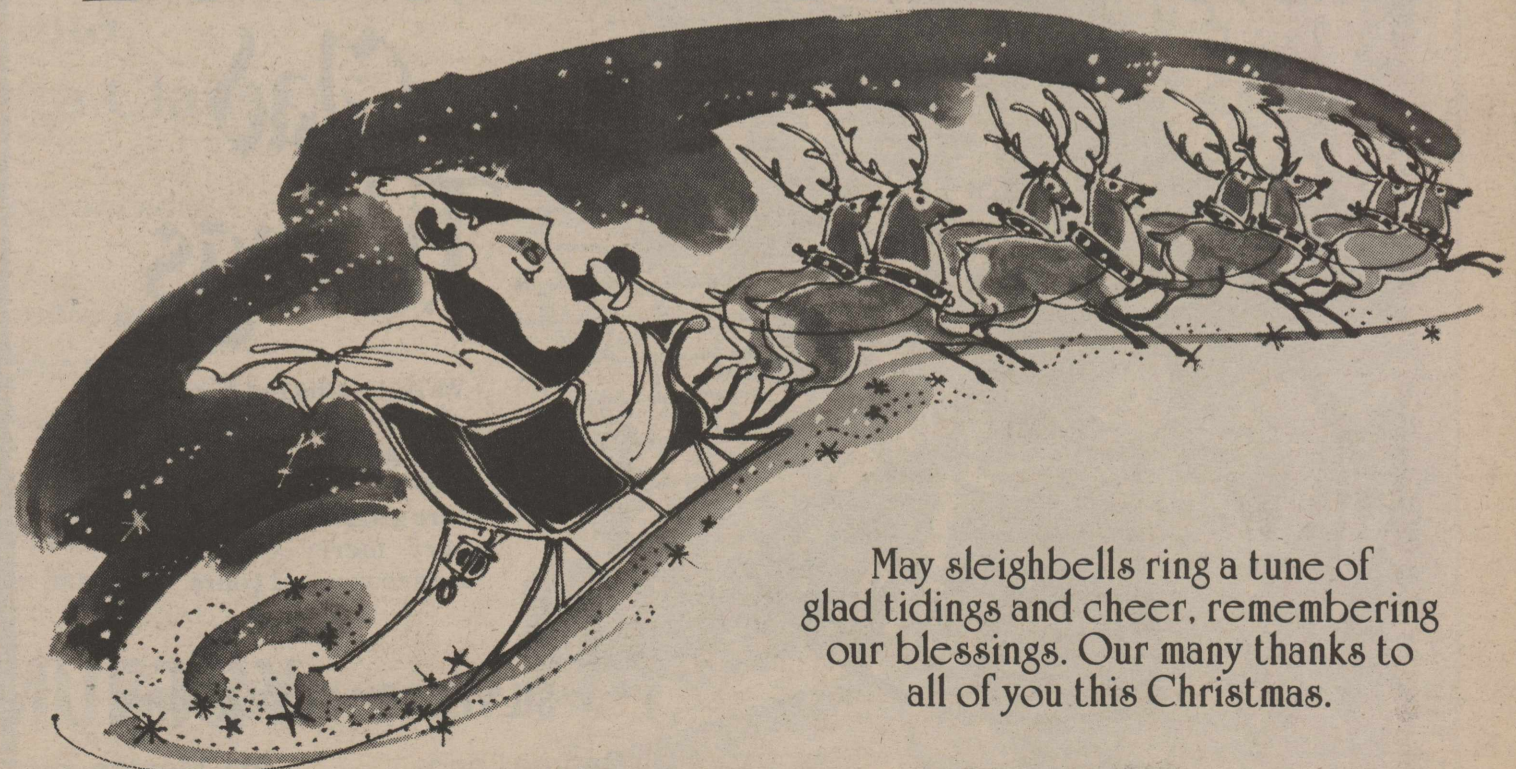
Children can make their own fun as we give them toys with which they can be creative.



When it's Christmas, the whole world comes alive with joy...and together in friendship. We especially value yours.

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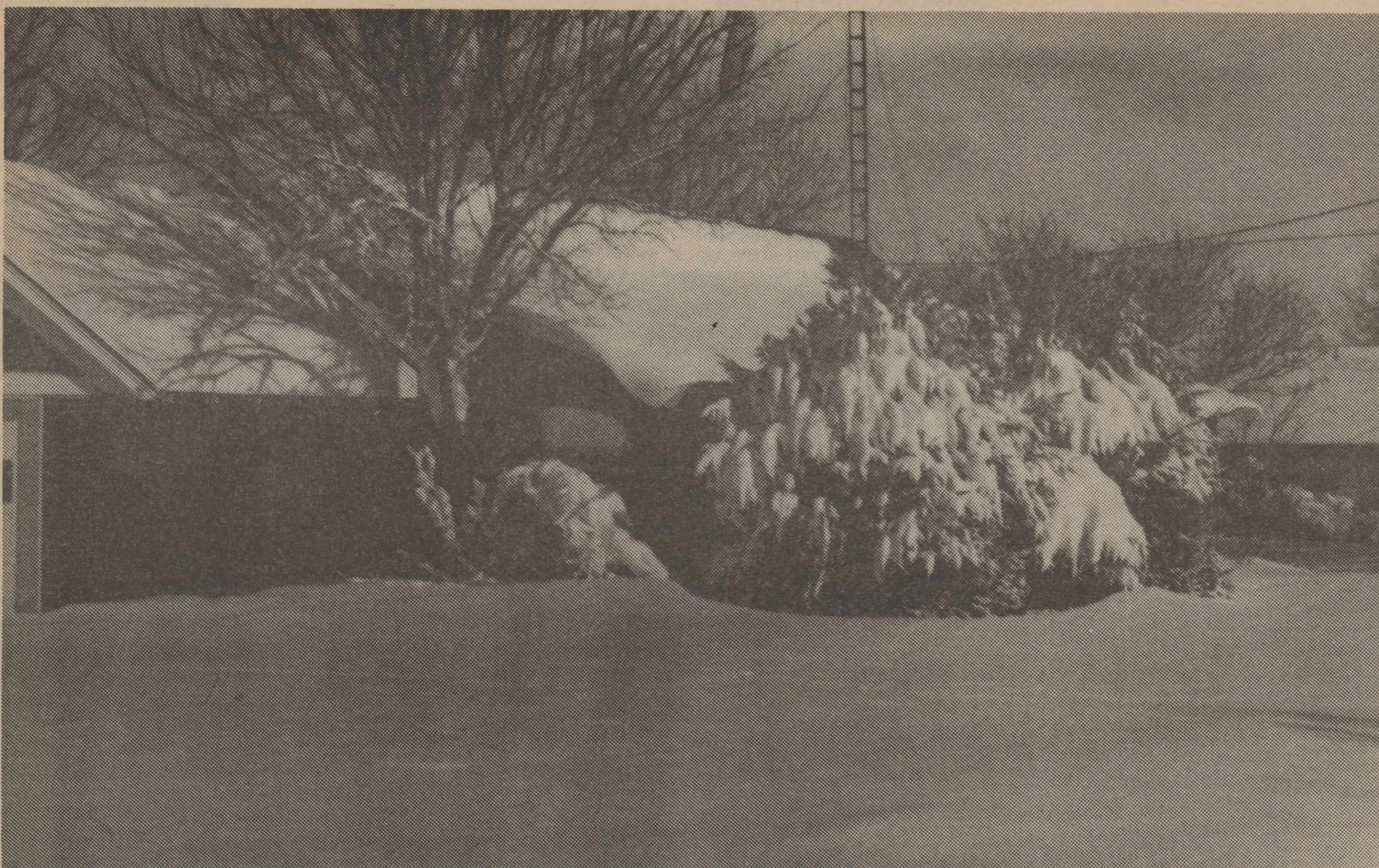
Here Comes Santa Claus



May sleighbells ring a tune of glad tidings and cheer, remembering our blessings. Our many thanks to all of you this Christmas.

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Stan, Waynelle and Kirk Couch



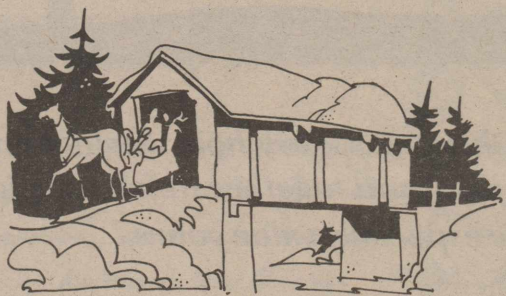
The Troy Burson home was transformed into a beautiful winter snowscape by the 12 inches of snow that fell on Silverton last week. Cold days with little melting left the snow on the ground a long time.

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An Old Fashioned Christmas

May the true spirit of the season warm your hearts and minds.

Frances Crass



An Old Christmas Song's Different Meanings

The "Twelve Days of Christmas" is, of course, a secular song rather than a sacred song for Christmas, but it has become an important part of the Britain and American Christmas festivities.

It may have been derived from the French troubadours or folk poets who accompanied it with the lyre or lute in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.

If the singer confused or forgot the lines, he had to pay a forfeit.

The French hens of the third day establishes the country's origin for the song.

The "calling birds" of the fourth day turned out to have several meanings depending on the country in which it was sung. Most birds "call." An American version in 1937 concluded it was "colored birds." The English "colley birds" meant "Blackbirds."

The "gold rings" of the fifth day, if read as "goldspinks" goes along with the avian nature of the first week, "goldspinks" being the old Scottish name for goldfinches. At any rate this old song brings a lot of fun to each new Christmas.

Christmas Hints for Nursing Home Residents

Our silver-haired friends who have become residents at nursing homes would especially welcome Christmas attention. While the rest of the world is enjoying the usual Christmas shopping, cooking, etc., etc. these friends are merely doing what they do each day and often feel left out of the family Christmas fun.

Some gifts for these friends might include:

- An adult version of a baby-bunting, a zip-up blanket bag with a hood in which to keep cozy warm.
- Warm, pile-lined slippers with nonskid soles and bed socks.
- A tote bag to hang on a wheelchair or walker, with ties sewn on the corners for easy fastening.
- For someone who's lost his or her voice or who just likes to doodle—a "magic slate."
- A newsy, rambling letter.
- To make sitting in bed more comfortable than a stack of pillows—a padded backrest.
- A writing case you've made from a nice box and equipped with a clipboard top, stocked with stamps, stationery, address labels, ball-point pens, pencils, an inexpensive magnifying glass, a small loose-leaf notebook pad with friends and relatives addresses written in large print.
- For cancelled checks and notes --an accordion file envelope.
- Lunch at a restaurant.
- A trip to see the Christmas lights.



Ragbow Wreath

You will need a polystyrene or foam base. Cut squares of many designs of prints, with pinking shears. Thread wire through the center of each square; twist the wire together making a spike in the back. Bunch the squares as closely together as possible, inserting the spike into the base until the base is completely covered. Tie a big, bright bow to one side at the bottom.

Special Gifts for Special People

For someone having an eye problem you could give a gift of a page-size magnifying glass. Since everyone has some kind of talent you could give a certificate entitling the receiver to one or a series of lessons in the thing that you do well such as: cooking, a sports activity, a craft, a hobby. Of course you wouldn't push a cooking lesson onto someone who is a bad cook, etc. This giving would be to someone you know would really enjoy this type of sharing.



Glad Tidings

We're ringing out how glad we are to have you as our friends and extend our sincere good wishes for a very merry Christmas to you and yours.

SILVERTON ELEVATORS

George Long

Roy Montague



The George Long home looked like it could have provided the artwork for a Christmas card after 12 inches of snow blanketed Silverton last week. The homes in this area of town were gaily decorated with illuminarias and other Christmas lights, but they were covered by the snow.

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Light of the World."

The Yule log custom among the English-speaking people seems to have come from the Scandinavian forebears. In England a log was selected from pine, oak, or ash trees. The Scottish people decided upon the birch.

A Birthday Of Peace Or Confusion?

The Roman Emperor Constantine (288-337) is the one who is believed to have set the Christmas celebration on December 25. It seems he wanted to try to make peace between his political constituency and his newly found faith; therefore, he chose this time because it was the season of the pagan festival of the Unconquered Sun. Much of the new religion was built with the remnants of the pagan cult still involved; it only stood to reason that instead of peace it could only cause a compromise—confusion resulting.

May the spirit of this Christmas be one of peace reflecting the birth and life of the giver of all good gifts to mankind!

heathen ideas were gone and became a symbol of Christ as "The

New Sales Tax Return Form Due In 1988

State Comptroller Bob Bullock says that Texas businesses will start 1988 with new state sales tax return forms that will cut government paperwork.

"This may be the most radical change in tax return forms in state history, but it's also the best one," Bullock said.

According to Bullock, the new long and short return forms will be easier to process and will replace several of the old forms in most cases.

"Now most of the taxpayers can use one form to file their returns," Bullock said, "and the

rest will be able to use very simple supplemental forms."

One feature of the new tax returns is a detachable billing coupon, similar to those sent with a credit card statement, that can be read by a machine for speedier processing, Bullock said.

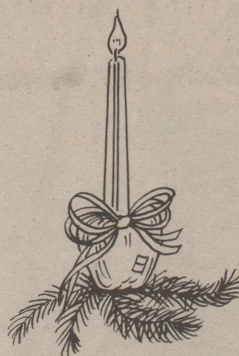
"There are at least a couple of dozen possible tax rate combinations in the state now. We had to find a way to process all of them," Bullock said.

The changes in forms and processing procedures were the direct result of new tax laws

passed by the Texas Legislature last summer and new local option sales taxes.

There are currently 440,000 businesses that file tax returns in Texas, Bullock said. Sixty percent of those use the short form to file, with the remaining 40 percent using the new long form.

Anyone with questions about the new forms or any other tax matters may call the State Comptroller's office toll-free at 1-800-252-5555, ext. 3-4600.



Christmas Apple Candleholders

Polish a bright red apple, one that stands up easily. Stand the apple up. Remove the apple's core about three-quarters of the way into the apple. Force a long-tapered candle snugly into the apple's center.

Cut two pieces of gold cord that are about 22" long. Hold these cords together and tie them in a bow around the candle's base.

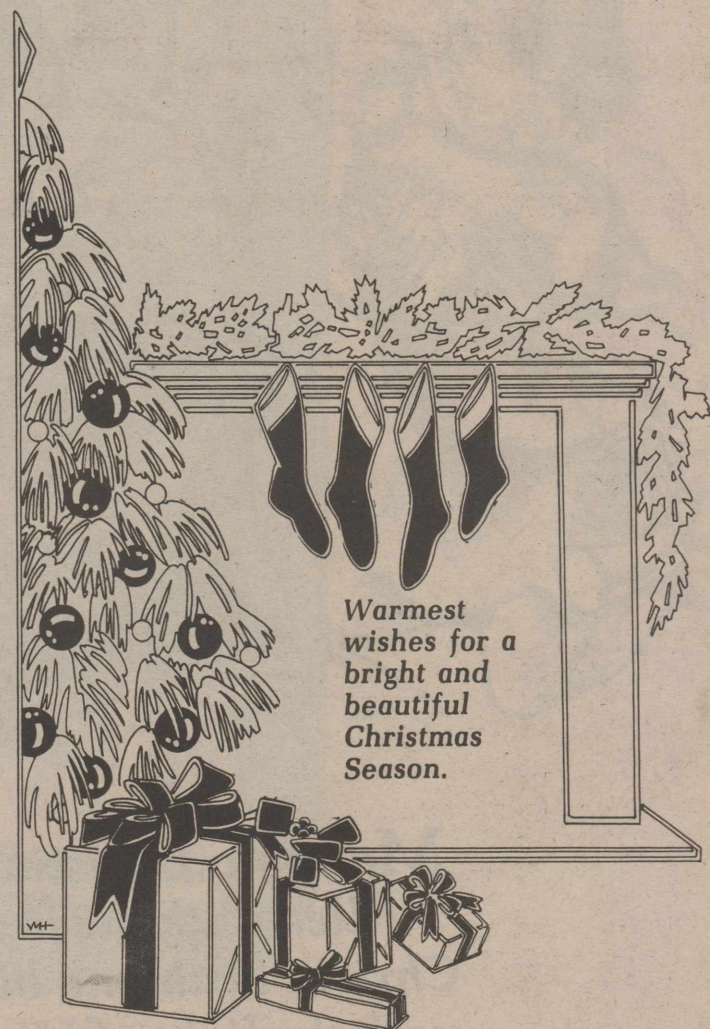
Group several candles together on a bed of non-flammable greenery as a centerpiece, a sideboard or on a mantel.

The Yule Log Burns On

In Northern Europe there was an old winter celebration, an immense bonfire to honor their gods. The Scandinavians worshipped their mystic tree, Yggdrasil. When Christianity was accepted by the northern tribes, the feast honoring Christ's birth replaced the old celebrations. The Christian leaders finally persuaded them to do away with Yggdrasil and burn the log. It was to signify that the

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house not a creature was stirring...not even a mouse...

—Clement Clarke Moore



Warmest wishes for a bright and beautiful Christmas Season.

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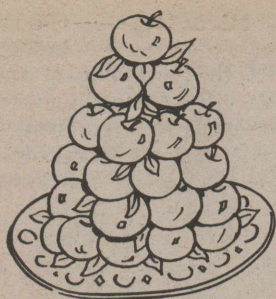
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All Good Wishes

May your holiday be shining with joy. To those we've served, our thanks.

The Pizza Box



Apple Tree Christmas Decoration

Wrap a Styrofoam cone with floral tape. Shine small lady apples. Insert toothpicks or pieces of stiff wire into each apple to at-

tach to the cone. Stack apples using the larger ones at the bottom and the smaller ones at the top. Insert small evergreen leaves here and there between the apples. Place the apple tree on a small, pretty plate or wooden block.

Famous Christmas Trees

There have been some nationally famous Christmas trees down through the years, such as:

1926—"The Nation's Christmas Tree," a giant sequoia more than 3,500 years old with a circumference of 107 feet stood in Kings Canyon National Park--the center of California. This was the setting for annual pilgrimages and

Christmas programs by many.

1933--The beginning of very tall Christmas trees placed in Rockefeller Center, New York City. That year the tree was 90 feet tall.

1948--A 96-foot white spruce stood in Pershing Square, Los Angeles.

1948--A 134-foot Douglas fir was the Christmas tree in Bellingham, Washington; the following year a 153-foot tree was used.

1950--Seattle held the record up to that time for the tallest Christmas tree, 212 feet high and weighing 25 tons.

The Christmas Sky

Why is it that on Christmas Eve, if it isn't snowing, the stars usually shine in their true splendor? One big reason is that there is no moon to drown out the light of the stars, since the new moon was on December 22; however, one star not seen in the Christmas sky is the Star of Bethlehem! Try as astronomers may, they cannot figure out any possible way this unusual "Star" could have appeared. The One who made the stars in the beginning arranged for this special sign. In the western Christmas sky just after sunset the brilliant planet Venus can be seen (often confused with the Star of Bethlehem). Venus is brighter than anything else in the sky, other than the sun and the moon.

Jupiter is visible for a short time above the southwestern horizon. Mars, though not very bright, is seen with a red glow.

Orion the Hunter wins the prize of the winter stars. Orion is seen in the southeast after sunset. One can't easily mistake its three bright stars in a row. Astronomers note something mysterious about Orion; one of its stars is like an opening with much movement in it--different than any other star. It is believed by some that this is the gateway to Heaven from which angels go in and out and that it is the place where Jesus will enter our Earth for His second coming.

Christmas in Madrid

In Madrid, Spain, the Christmas festival is still observed much as it was a century ago. Scarcely does it become dark when scores of men, women, and boys traverse the streets with bright torches; many of them striking loudly on tambourines as they form their procession. This tradition says that the shepherds visiting the Nativity played on this type of instrument to show their joy.



Talking Turkey

Although the turkey is known as Thanksgiving's main entree for many families, it is also a part of the Christmas feast by many. The French name of the bird is coq d'inde; the name gives away its origin since at first America was known as the Western Indies. America is the only place where the turkey has been found wild, out in nature, and is the source of all domesticated turkeys now found in almost all countries of the world.

Poinsettia Tradition?

What is the Christmas tradition for the poinsettia? There is none. But it has become inseparably associated with Christmas because of its beautiful red and green colors. Although it is native to Mexico and Central America, it was adapted to our country by Dr. Joel R. Poinsett, of Charleston, South Carolina, and brightens our holiday seasons.

Saint Nicholas Changes Names

Historically, the saint of Myra was known as Saint Nicholas. Throughout the years he has been called by many different names by many different countries, such as: Sankt Nikolaus, Santa Klaas, Kriss Kringle, Sint Nicolaas, Father Christmas, Pere Noel, and Befana. Wherever he appears he has become a symbol of unselfish generosity.

Almost half the newspapers in the world are published in the U. S. and Canada.

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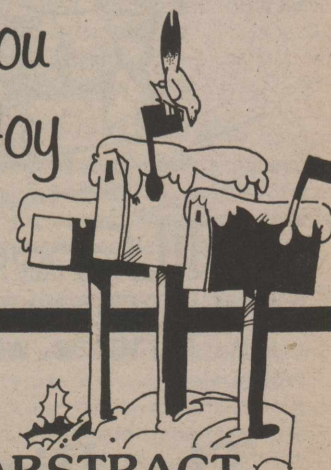


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GUARANTY ABSTRACT
Beverly and Dorothy

Looking Back

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

December 22, 1977—James Alan Patton chosen as first-team offensive center on All-South Plains football team . . . Santos Segura, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Segura, was hit by a motorist traveling through Silverton as he ran across Highway 86 near its intersection with Pulitzer Street Thursday. The boy had broken bones and some teeth knocked out. He was taken by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service to Central Plains Hospital in Plainview, where he underwent surgery on his foot and leg . . . Silverton Volunteer Firemen were called to Quitaque Friday to assist Quitaque and Turkey in putting out a burr fire at Paymaster Gin . . . Mrs. M. L. Welch fell at her home Thursday, breaking her hip . . .

December 22, 1977—Dear Santa, I want a Baby Won't Let Go, record player, Play and Make, camper, Jamie Summers doll, Love, Stacy Minyard . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want these things: Max Machine, big truck, skate board, little cars, Super Station Mazinga. You can bring me everything you want to. Love, Brad West . . . Dear Santa, My name is Kami Martin. I am 2½ years old. I would like a new baby doll and baby buggy for Christmas. I would also like a set of toy dishes and pans. Love, Kami . . . Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Tate had as their guests for an early Christmas dinner December 18, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brock and Tonya, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Long, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Long, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tate, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tate, B. A. Tate, all of McLean, and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Long, Silverton . . . Dear Santa, I wish for a Baby Heartbeat and a barbershop playdough and a bicycle and one more thing, fill my stocking well. Love, Traci Tomlin . . .

December 14, 1967—Santa to be here Saturday . . . Judge M. G. Moreland appoints Fred Mercer to Commissioners' Court . . . The Silverton High School coaching staff has selected players for the all-school girls intramural football, including Laquita Bomar, Linda McWilliams, Shirley Beames, Patti Tidwell, Judy Wilkinson, Lee Ann Tidwell, Maria Martinez, defensive all-stars; Nancy Reid, Pat McCoy and Betty Weathered, defensive honorable mention; Nancy Reid, Lee Ann Tidwell, Judy Wilkinson, Pat McCoy, Maria Garcia, Shirley Beames, Laquita Bomar, offensive all-stars; Estes Vasquez, Maria Vasquez and Betty Weathered, offensive honorable mention . . . Mr. and Mrs. Art Sommerfeld are parents of a daughter . . . Mrs. Ruth Bain Burleson, 68, buried Monday . . . Cowboy Tiffin buried at Quitaque . . . Mrs. Norman Strange is a patient at Swisher Memorial Hospital . . .

December 21, 1967—City to drill deep water test holes . . . Pfc. and Mrs. Norberto Garcia are parents of a son, Norberto, jr., born at Tulia December 8 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill and Sylvia hosted a pre-Christmas

dinner honoring their son, Ralph, who was leaving December 19 for Washington before being sent to Vietnam. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hill, Mrs. J. C. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hester and Ricky, Sp4 Hill and his wife, Janice. The Ronnie Hesters came in the afternoon . . . Bill Watters continues to be a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital . . . Jim Tom Nichols has resigned his position as a director for the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority . . . Senior Citizens' party hosted by Church of Christ . . . Cody Burson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Howard Burson of Perryton, has been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Burson . . . Dear Santa, Please remember the poor children who don't have much money. I would like a doll. Love, Rebecca Reid . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a Spunky doll for Christmas. I have tried to be very good. I hope you will not forget this. Yours truly, Marilyn Hardin . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a road grader and another big tractor. Also, bring Tad and Jesse one. I'll try to be a good boy. Love, Craig Patton . . . Dear Santa Claus, Would you please bring me a Target Toss and some Silly Sand. I love you. Don't forget the other boys and girls. I hope everyone is happy. Love, Twila Wood . . . Kathy Self, Ginger Martin, Dale Sissney and Randy Cantwell named to Silverton All-Tournament teams . . .

December 19, 1957—Mr. and Mrs. H. Roy Brown will observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday . . . Miss Liddy Virginia White of Stanton and Harold Carroll of Quitaque were married at the Baptist parsonage in Silverton Saturday afternoon . . . High school band has skating party in Plainview . . . Rickie Bingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Bingham, has been a patient in the Lockney Hospital since Thursday of last week. It has been reported that she is suffering from bronchial and lung complications . . . Rodney Vaughan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Vaughan, underwent surgery for hernia repair at the Lockney Hospital on Thursday of last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bernie May visited his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Malone, in Plainview Sunday . . . Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Vaughan of Haskell visited his grandmother, Mrs. J. E. Vaughan, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stephens, other relatives and friends on Thursday of last week. His mother, Mrs. John Vaughan, returned home with them for a visit . . . Loyd Stephens went to Jefferson over the weekend to return home Mrs. Stephens, Richard, LaNelle and Tammy who have been visiting there since Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Younger, and other relatives . . .

December 18, 1947—Highway committee to meet at San Jacinto . . . Mrs. John Arnold writes poem for Methodist dedication . . . Joe Dell Hutsell gets Norwegian dog for gift . . . Sybil Absher is elected Silverton FFA Sweetheart . . . Owls lose first game to Roaring Springs . . . Norma Jo Teeple, Betty Gardner and Nelda Montague were Saturday night guests of Lona Ann Stephens . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lyon, jr. left Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents in

Tennessee . . . The condition of Mrs. Edwin Davis, who was admitted to the Tulia hospital last Tuesday, is reported unchanged . . . Mr. and Mrs. James Patton and children left Wednesday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Puckett in Phoenix, Arizona . . . Joe Lee Bomar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee D. Bomar, underwent an appendectomy at the Plainview Hospital Friday of last week . . . Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a doll bed, a drinking wet baby doll, a rain coat and a billfold that zips. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls. Yours truly, Paula Reid . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a set of dishes, stove, sink, Magic Skin doll and trunk, some nuts and candy. I have been a good girl. With love, Mary Jane West . . . Dear Santa Claus, I am six years old. I want a baby doll that wets its diaper, a set of dishes and a doll buggy. I have been a good little girl all year. Elaine Stephens . . .

December 14, 1939 — Santa Claus is coming to town . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a wrist watch, a house coat, some house shoes, a cedar chest, and some little dishes. Also bring me some candy and nuts. I have been a very good little girl, and I hope to see you on the twenty-fifth. Betty Laverne Dickerson . . .

Dear Santa, I would like very much to have a ring and a Betsy-Wetsy doll and also some oranges, apples, nuts and candy. Yours truly, Betty Olive . . . The parsonage of the Calvary Baptist Church was the scene of the marriage Wednesday, December 6, when Miss Annabelle McJimsey and Mr. Chafe Tipton were united in marriage by Rev. B. P. Harrison . . . Mrs. W. Coffee, jr. was awarded a life membership in the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church . . . Dear Santa, I haven't seen you in a long time. I was just going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a fountain pen, rope, saddle, Kodak and pearl handled gun. I also want some nuts, fruit and firecrackers. My little brother wants a rope. Please be good to the other children. Yours truly, John Arthur Arnold . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a wagon and blackboard. Bring me some fruit and nuts too. I have been a good boy. I am six years old. Gene Hardin . . . Dear Santa, Will you bring me a doctor set, a jumping rope, a book and a Shirley Temple doll. Also some candy, oranges, apples and nuts. With love, Hazel Chitty . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please Santa Claus, bring me a B-B gun, snowshoes, bicycle, some candy, nuts and fruit. Love, William Alvie Francis . . .

March 13, 1930—Warner Grabbe made success in beef show . . . At the beginning of the Yard Beautiful contest, the running of chickens at large must be dealt with, and the Floral Club which is sponsoring the contest is entering a plea for the depreddating fowls to be kept penned up . . . Another misfortune has befallen Rev. R. P. Davis, pastor of the First Baptist Church. While he and Mrs. Davis were out riding Monday night, their car, a Durant, suddenly burst into flames and soon was a complete loss . . . William S. Maddox is buried Tuesday . . . Louise Brown wins first dental essay prize . . . Chinese elms set out at school by students . . . Jimmy Page, 50, buried here . . . Air circus proposed for Silverton . . . Bailey Hill will make farming pay . . . Roy McMurtry buys \$625.00 Hereford . . . Floral Club petitions City Council for low water rate on yards . . . Mrs. T. M. Nichols appears on WMS District program . . . London Bridge enjoys hours with Mrs. Dean Allard . . . Alvin Redin took his grandfather, R. W. Baldin, to Oklahoma Monday . . . Joining the parade isn't enough; organize one . . . Don't let the same dog bite you twice . . .

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Much love,
Marge Jones

We wish to express our appreciation to all those who called, visited, sent cards, flowers and food while I was in the hospital and since we've been home. Thanks, too, for your concern for George while he's in the rest home.

May God bless you,
Agnes Seaney

I want to thank all my wonderful friends for kindnesses you have done for me this year. The visits, calls, food, cards and other courtesies have been such a blessing to me.

I thank God daily for friends like you. May He richly bless each of you.

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