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Knox City

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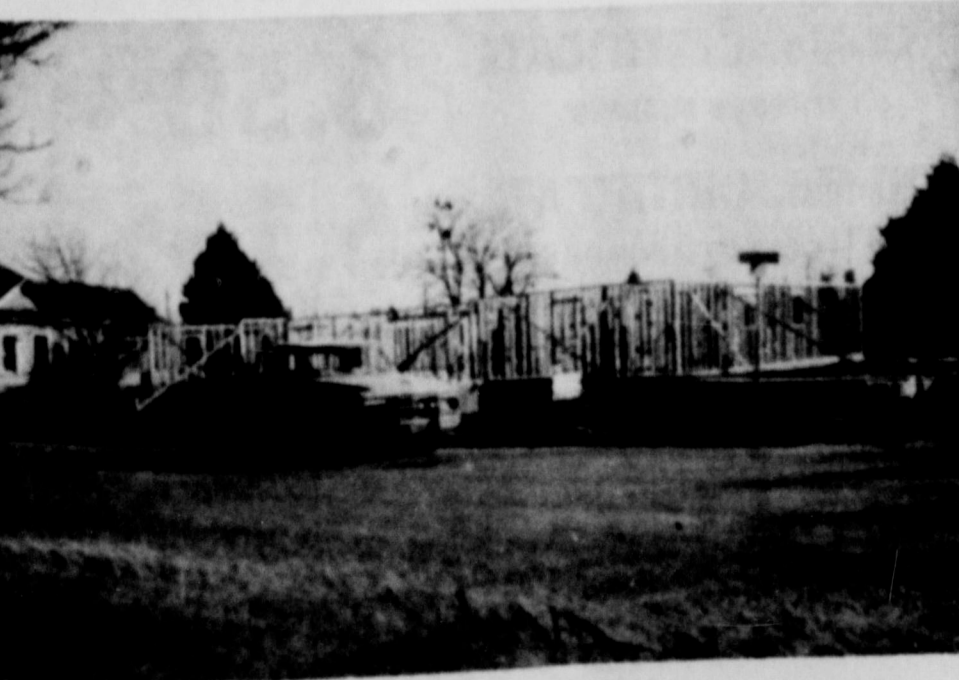
NEW FACILITIES OF THE VOCATIONAL AG Building include large storage areas, a panelled office, and an open space for tools and other equipment.



VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE INSTRUCTOR Jim Dillon explains to News reporter Mary Ann Boone the plans for the newly finished classroom and ag library contained in the new ag building on the Knox City Schools campus.



THIS LOVELY HOME IS that of Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Barnard Jr. located about two miles southwest of Knox City. The home has four bedrooms, a basement, and is finished in antiqued brick. The Barnards and their children moved into the new home July 15.



CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY AT South Fourth and Avenue E on the new home of the Sammy B. Whites. The house is a three-bedroom structure with 2,400 square feet of floor space and will be of light colored brick.



Season's Greetings To Everyone

The Knox County News this week is a special Christmas edition with greetings from both merchants and individuals to their friends and customers.

The merchants make the special edition possible each year and are extending their sincerest appreciation for your loyal patronage. Looking forward to serving you in the future, they send you one and all best wishes for the Merriest Christmas ever.

Grocery Specials Effective Thurs.

As this week's News is being put in the mails three days early due to the Christmas holidays, the grocery specials appearing in this issue will not be effective until Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 27, 28, and 29.

Customers are asked to note that specials for Bob's and M System previously advertised for Christmas will be in effect through Monday, December 24.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

The Knox City Greyhounds and Houndettes traveled to Clyde Thursday night.

The Houndettes defeated the Clyde girls 65-40. Denise Grindstaff was Knox City's high point shooter with 40 points.

The Hounds downed the Clyde varsity 64-63 in a nip and tuck game. High point men for the Hounds were Donald Swearer and Robert Taylor, who had 19 points each.

Junior Livestock Show Set For January 5, 1974

The Knox City Junior Livestock Show will be held Saturday, January 5, at the Future Farmers of America farm west of town, if the weather permits, according to Leon Burkham, Knox City vocational agriculture instructor.

Judging the show this year will be Bill Scott, vocational agriculture instructor at Abilene High.

Son of Former KC Resident Is Killed

Among those killed during an Arab terrorist attack on the Rome, Italy, airport Monday, December 17, was the son of Knox City High School graduate, Mrs. Wiley Turner, the former Mary McMinn.

Eleven-year-old Russell Turner was killed when Arab terrorists threw grenades into a Pan Am plane on the runway of Rome's International Airport. He was en route to join his parents in Saudi Arabia for the Christmas holidays. Turner is employed by an American oil company in Saudi Arabia.

Party Held For School Faculty

The faculty of the Knox City schools and the members of the Board of Education and their spouses enjoyed a Christmas buffet Tuesday night in the recently completed instruction room which was added to the vocational agriculture building on the school campus.

Punch and coffee were served with an assortment of Christmas treats including cheese balls, nuts, and a large variety of Christmas cakes and candies.

The group played "crazy bridge" with prizes being awarded to high score.

Did You Know

that John H. Thomasson - P.O. Box 192 - Sudan, Texas 79371 subscribes to The Knox County News?

New Schedule Given For Knox City Schools

On Monday, January 7, a new schedule goes into effect for Knox City schools, as Daylight Saving Time goes into effect for the nation.

The first class will begin at 9 a.m. instead of 8:30 a.m., as it does now. Accordingly, all class periods will begin one half hour later than at present, and will still be 55 minutes long.

Kindergarten through fourth grade will be dismissed at 3:20 p.m. with fifth grade through high school being dismissed at 4:20 p.m. on the new schedule.

The lunch schedule has also

been revised. The pickup schedule for kindergarten children has been set so that children who go home for lunch are to be picked up at 11:45 a.m. Those kindergarten children who leave after having lunch at the lunchroom are to be picked up at the lunchroom at 12:15 p.m.

Students arriving before 8:45 a.m. must go to the library in the junior high building. Teachers will open their rooms at 8:45 a.m., and the first bell will ring at 8:55 a.m.

The new schedule will not affect starting times for ball games and other after school activities and events.

Phone Bills To Show Decrease In January

Telephone bills will reflect a one per cent decrease for the second year beginning in January.

The reduction is the second

scheduled step to eliminate the Federal Excise Tax paid by telephone customers and collected by telephone companies on telephone service. The tax was reduced during 1973 from 10 per cent to 9 per cent and will be reduced to 8 per cent during 1974.

The Federal Telephone Excise Tax was first passed as a "temporary" tax during the Korean Conflict in 1953. It was an easy tax to assess, even easier for the government to collect since telephone companies did the collecting for the government free of charge.

Despite continuing efforts to remove the tax, felt by many to be unfair, it has continued since the end of the Korean Conflict.

The tax is levied on both local telephone service and long distance calls.

Holiday Hours For Post Office Told

Postal patrons are advised that the local post office will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Monday, December 24, and will be closed all day Christmas Day, December 25, Postmaster Jeff Graham announced. All mail will be processed, Graham said.

Post office hours on Monday, December 31, also will be from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The office again will be closed New Year's Day, according to Graham.



NAMED TO THE ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM in the annual Knox City Invitational Basketball Tournament held here last weekend were Hounds Robert Taylor, left, and Eddie Johnson. Others chosen were Martin Randle and Tim Pringle, both of Haskell, and David Bell of Crowell.



KNOX CITY HOUNDETTES Temi Baker, left, and Mandy Lankford were named to the All Tournament team in the annual KC Basketball Tourney here last weekend. They joined Sheryll Branch of Crowell, Lisa Liles, Leena Stout, and Lynn Condron, all of Throckmorton, for the honor.

Holiday Store Hours

Knox City businesses will be closed for the Christmas holidays, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 25 and 26, according to Chamber of Commerce secretary-manager Mrs. Kenneth Crownover.

Federal offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25. The News office will also be closed Monday and Tuesday, but will be open for business as usual Wednesday.

Dr. R.G. Howell and Associates will be closed Monday afternoon and all day Tuesday for Christmas.

Businesses will again be closed January 1, for the New Year's holiday. The News office will remain open January 1.

Federal offices will be closed Monday, December 31, and Tuesday, January 1, 1974.

Judging will begin at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Classes to be judged at that time will be breeding sheep and fat lambs.

After a lunch break, judging will resume with the swine classes. Judging of all classes should be completed by 4 p.m., Burkham said.

Ribbons will be awarded in all classes, with trophies being presented to champion animals in the various divisions.

Rosettes will be presented to the top showman in each division.

The annual presentation of the Claud Reed Memorial Trophy will be to the individual exhibitor accruing the highest number of points.

Many of the animals shown in the Knox City Livestock Show will be exhibited in the Knox County Junior Livestock Show set for Friday and Saturday, January 11 and 12, in Munday.

Santa Visits Kindergarten

The youngsters in Mrs. Margie Clonts kindergarten class welcomed a very important guest, Santa Claus, to their Christmas party Friday morning.

The jolly gentleman took time to hold each of the 34 youngsters on his lap, as he listened to what each one wanted for Christmas. He gave each child a small bag of goodies.

Refreshments were served and gifts exchanged by the children and their teachers, Mrs. Clonts and her assistant, Mrs. Jan Lankford.

FROM KANSAS

Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Cornett of Johnson, Kansas, visited his mother, Mrs. W.H. Cornett and other relatives and friends last week.

The Cornetts were en route to spend Christmas holidays with their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. John Gilmore, Carla and Kerri in Fort Worth.

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Notice

That in accordance with Article 1377c of the Penal Code CRIMINAL TRESPASS (Senate Bill III passed by the 82nd Legislature), notice is hereby given that all lands of the W.T. Waggoner Estate are POSTED—save and except where written permission is given to come upon the same. **JOHN BIGGS TRUSTEE** 12-2 tfc

FOR SALE: Registered Angus Bulls - 12 months to two years - \$400.00 up. James Long - 8 miles north Crowell - Left side highway. Phone nights (817) 839-2835. 11-14tc

FOR RENT - Three bedroom house. See W.J. Roddy or call 658-8963. 11-15 tfc

I WANT TO BUY or lease 5 to 25 acres mesquite pasture. Ron White. 658-3232 or 658-3567. 12-20 7tp

SEE YOUR MONUMENTS before you buy. More than 50 designs to choose from Also curb work. J. C. McGee, 10-21 tfc.

KRAUSE PLOW AND SERVIS SHREDDER REPAIR PARTS now in stock. Also Braking plow shares for John Deere, IHC, and Oliver. John Egenbacher Implement Co. 658-3242 1-18 tfc.

1974 SUCCESS Calendars and refills in stock at The Knox County News office. If we do not have the size you need, we will be happy to special order for you. Come in today. tcnc

NEW, USED PIANOS AND ORGANS. Reasonably priced. Free delivery from Abilene. Call Don Richards, Les White Music Co. 915 672-9781. 10-11 4tc

POLAROID COLOR PACK CAMERA for sale. Practically new. Call 658-3142 days or 658-3327 after 6 p.m. 11-29 tfc

CLEAN expensive carpets with the best. Blue Lustre is America's favorite. Rent electric shampooer. \$1. Perry's Knox City, Texas. 12-27 ttc

CARD OF THANKS
I would like to express my sincere thanks to all my friends for the many acts of kindness during my hospital stay. Your calls, flowers, cards, gifts, prayers, and concern made me realize again what wonderful people live in Knox City!
Merry Christmas to all of you.
Carrie Belle Benedict

ONE of the finer things, Blue Lustre carpet and upholstery cleaner. Rent electric shampooer. \$1. City Hardware. 12-27 ttc.

SHELLED PECANS FOR SALE: \$1.80 per pound. Ready for deep freeze. John Covey in O'Brien. Phone 658-3172. 12-13 ttc

CARD OF THANKS
Thank you for the cards and visits during Pruitt's stay in the hospital.
Your kindness and thoughtfulness will always be appreciated.
Pruitt and Edna Large
12-27 ttp

SCHOOL CALENDAR
Dec. 27, 28, 29: H.S. Boys in Hardin-Simmons Tournament. H.S. Girls in Hawley Tournament.
Wed., Jan. 2, 1974: Classes Resume
Jan. 4: Munday Here, 5:00, BGB
Sat., Jan. 5: Local Livestock Show

GIRL SCOUTS
Junior Girl Scout Troop 15 had a Christmas caroling party Monday evening. The twelve fourth, fifth, and sixth grade girls sang carols at the Brazos Valley Care Home, for several shut-ins, and for teachers and families of the girls.
After singing, the girls returned to the First United Methodist Church for hot chocolate and doughnuts.

Streams In Desert Places

by Ozelle Stephens

"My son, forget not my laws; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee."
Prov. 3: 1-2

My dear reader, I hope and pray that you will read often this third chapter of Proverbs through the coming year. I find in it God's commands to all whosoever will remember and do brings great peace and strength. With the keeping of His commandments we have a good life with peace and happiness regardless of world conditions, for God is ever near to direct and supply your every need physically and spiritually. By being obedient to God's WORD we find wisdom and get understanding and the length of our days and our peace depends upon it. We shall not be afraid and the Lord will keep us from being taken. God loves you and will direct your every move for He holds the future in His Hand.

Legal Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Presley Shirley, if living, and if Deceased, Mrs. Presley Shirley and the known and unknown heirs of Presley Shirley

GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by finding a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday, the 28th day of January, A.D., 1974, at or before 10 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable District Court of Knox County, at the Court House in Benjamin, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 14th day of December, 1973.

The file number of said suit being N. 6263.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Egenbacher Implement Company as Plaintiff, and Presley Shirley, and if deceased, Mrs. Presley Shirley and unknown and known heirs of Presley Shirley as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: To foreclose on a Mechanic's and Materialman's Lien and Storage Costs on a two ton Bob-tail Chevrolet Truck, 1960 year Model, Serial Motor No. 127588, Identification No. OC 633 S 106309.

Issued this the 14th day of December, 1973.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Benjamin, Texas, this the 14th day of December A.D., 1973.

Zena H. Waldron, Clerk District Court, Knox County, Texas
By Florine Wilde Deputy

Letter To The Editor

The State of Texas
House of Representatives
Austin, Texas
December, 1973

Mrs. Billie Angle
Knox County News
Knox City, Texas 79529

Dear Friend:

The quietest season is a special time of year for all of us. It is a time when families and friends gather and give thanks for those things which are the most meaningful.

As the new year approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the Constitutional Convention which will convene in Austin on January 8. As your delegate to this convention it is my duty to tell you that the new constitution, as proposed by the Constitutional Revision Commission, in my opinion, is very detrimental to the rural areas. This is especially true in the judiciary branch of our state government. The proposed constitution practically eliminates our court system in the rural areas of Texas. The rural people would in effect be deprived of the right to elect their judges, who have such a profound effect on their daily lives, because of forced judicial redistricting. The proposed new constitution also combines the Supreme Court with the Court of Criminal Appeals, and the judges would virtually be appointed for life as is done in the federal judiciary. This would also be true in the Courts of Civil Appeals. Our federal system has virtually taken government away from us except for our rural courts, and I feel that you join me in my desire to keep our rural judges. They are the best there are in Texas.

As in the past I will endeavor to cast my vote the way the citizen of our legislative district desire, and I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
W.S. (Bill) Healy
Drawer 1
Paducah, Texas 79248

TOWER DRIVE-IN
RULE, TEXAS
Fri. & Sat., Dec. 28 & 29
Burt Reynolds
is
THE MAN WHO
LOVED CAT DANCING
Rated PG

Sun., Dec. 30, Only
DON'T LOOK IN
THE BASEMENT
with
William Bill McGhee
Anne MacAdams
Rated R

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT
The Knox County News is authorized to make the following political announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in May. All political advertising must be paid in advance.

For State Senator
30th District
RAY FARABEE
CHARLES FINNELL

Lunchroom Menu

BREAKFAST MENUS
DEC. 31-JAN. 4, 1974
Monday: Christmas Holidays
Tuesday: New Year's Day, Holiday
Wednesday: Orange Juice, Buttered Toast with Jelly, Milk
Thursday: Orange Juice, Scrambled Egg, Buttered Toast with Jelly, Milk
Friday: Applesauce, Doughnuts, Milk

LUNCH MENUS:
DEC. 31-JAN. 4, 1974
Monday: Christmas Holidays
Tuesday: Christmas Holidays
Wednesday: Fish Sticks, Cream Peas, Buttered Beets, Fruit Salad, Thick Sliced Bread with Butter, Peanut Butter Squares, Milk
Thursday: Frito Pie, Green Beans, Buttered Squash, Corn Bread with Butter, Orange Cake with Orange Icing, Milk
Friday: Chicken Fried Steakettes, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Broccoli, Hot Rolls with Butter, Honey, Milk

Letter To The Editor

Dec. 17, 1973

416 No. H. St. Apt. 13
Imperial, California 92243

Billie Bess.

I didn't have to put the string around my finger.... I knew when my subscription expired; however, I did not receive any other notice some few weeks or days back. I had already told myself that it was just getting too high for me as long as I had been away, but then you know me. Guess that was why I hadn't written to you to take my name from the list, even tho I had been meaning to, but I guess I just can't give it up and take a chance on missing something the folks don't write. Just keep my paper coming. I am enclosing my check for \$6.50, even tho I had talked myself out of it.

Inez Carver

Editor's note: Thank you, Inez, for the kind words.

DECEMBER 1973

VISITING IN THE HOSPITAL AT CHRISTMAS
Changes are if a friend or relative is hospitalized during the holiday season to stop by and pay a visit. But a guest in a hospital room there are rules you should follow.

BRING HOLIDAY CHEER
If you bring nothing else, bring a smile with you when you visit. Talk about cheerful topics. Do not try to avoid talking about illness and death.

SUGGESTIONS ON GIFT BRINGING
Many patients will be on a special diet. A better idea is to bring the family to see what gift might be best. Sometimes, we might be able to help a patient and we hope you will ask.

JONES PHARMACY
PHONE 658-3215



We wish all our good friends
happiness through the holidays!
JOYOUS HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Jo Nell and Clifford Comutt

See Us Now For New Higher Savings Rates

	ANNUAL RATE	ANNUAL
PASSBOOK EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1974	5.25%	5.3%
90-DAY NOTICE CERTIFICATE \$500.00 MINIMUM	5.75%	5.9%
12-Mo. CERTIFICATE \$1,000.00 MINIMUM	6.25%	6.4%
12-Mo. CERTIFICATE \$5,000.00 MINIMUM	6.50%	6.7%
24-Mo. CERTIFICATE \$1,000.00 MINIMUM	6.50%	6.7%
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48-Mo. CERTIFICATE \$5,000.00 MINIMUM	7.50%	7.7%

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BOX 511 - STAMFORD, TEXAS

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Your "FIRST" Federal Savings and Loan Association

NOTICE

Dear LP-Gas Customer:

I am sure that you are vitally concerned with the price of LP-gas (propane and butane), and you are not alone. We too are concerned and are requesting your help in doing something about it.

Under the present Phase IV controls, our profit margin (the difference between what we pay for LP-gas and our selling price to you) is frozen. We are not allowed to pass along any increases in our overhead, that is, wages, rent, insurance, truck and equipment costs, etc. As a result, LP-gas dealers are making less on the gas they sell today than in the past. We are allowed to increase our selling price to you only by the actual amount that LP-gas is increased to us by our suppliers.

There are many factors in America today which are causing us to pay more for any form of energy. The most influential effect on the increased price of LP-gas, however, has been as a result of increases not directly related to LP-gas. The cost of crude oil, both imported and domestic, has increased dramatically in recent months. The Cost of Living Council has adopted policies that have allowed producer/refiners to pass through these increased costs of crude on the various refined products such as LP-gas, fuel oil, diesel and gasoline. These suppliers have passed an inequitable amount of these increased costs on to LP-gas, and this is grossly unfair. The increased costs should be passed on equitably and fairly to all refined products. Propane users should not have to carry more than their fair share of these increases.

We are asking all of our customers to complete the statement at the bottom of this letter and return it to us or to any other LP-gas dealer so that we can deliver them to the Cost of Living Council and to our Congressmen. Please do so without delay!

We are anxious to hold down the price of LP-gas and with your help perhaps we can do so.

Sincerely,
Monty Penman Butane
Smith Liquid Gas

Detach & return to us.

TO: Mr. John T. Dunlop, Director - Cost of Living Council - Washington, D.C. 20508

It is unfair for the increased costs of imported and domestic crude oil to be indiscriminately placed on propane. I (we) urge you to require that the increases be placed on all products on an equitable pro-rated basis.

Name _____
Address _____

Christmas...! Time for remembering

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prepared the fruit cakes, baked the cookies and fool- ishly set them aside to cool, not beyond our 'childish reach. We remember the great Bird and its crusty brown goodness, and the crunchy, tart whole cran- berry sauce accompanying. And caroling! We looked forward to it, to gathering with friends and caroling on street-corners as the lamps overhead flickered and lighted up each rosy face. How proud we were, to "sing in parts," to give each jolly song, each hymn its special best.

And when we came in from our various rounds, we remember the all-en- compassing warmth as we stood over the floor grate! The heat rushed through our corduroys and serge garments and our boots.

These are the senses of home, the wondrously com- forting "little" things that meant Christmas to many of us, many years ago. We return to them, nostalgically, in 1971.

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The Friendly Beasts

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ably born in a stable rude,
friendly beasts around Him stood,
our brother, strong and good.
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ed His mother up hill and down,
d her safely to Bethlehem town;
the donkey, shaggy and brown.
the cow all white and red,
him my manger for His bed,
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Author Unknown



Letters To Santa



Austin, Texas
December 16, 1973
Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Annica Muller and I'm 16 months old. I live in Austin, but I'll be with my Mimi and Granddaddy Shaver in Knox City for Christmas. I want a cuddly teddy bear, some dishes, and a Zipper Book. My sock will be easy to find. It's in the window with my name on it.
Love,
Annica

Dear Santa,
I want some chairs and a table. A guitar and some dishes. And some new clothes. I was good this year. Bring Steve and Shelly something, too.
Sharon

Dear Santa,
I want a big car, and I want some shoes, and I want a little bike and I want a 5 speed bike

and I like them. I want a little car and I like the coat and I want a coat too and I want a train and I want a pair of boots. We have a big trainer. I have a little garden. I want a little toy for me.
from,
Randy Hibbits

Dear Santa,
I would like to have watch and a pellet gun and Evil Knevil motor cycle set and racing car

and B.B. gun and a pivot pool and a radio and a poster of Santa, mini bike and a basket ball goal and ball and a foot ball uniform and a foot ball and a whirely bird.
from,
Paul Taylor

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a nice boy, and we have my Christastree up and it going to be fun to have

christmas. And I want a record player and a bicycle and that is all.
from
Clinton Wayne Kimmel
C.W.K.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Baby doll for Christmas and houseshoe that are very pretty and I would like a housecoat with it. I want pajamas. I would like them to be all the same color. I would like

my baby doll to come in a case. I want some clothes with her. I want some pajamas with her and houseshoe, housecoat with her too. I would like the clothes to be same color as mine.
from,
Charlette Albus

Dear Santa,
I love you. How is Mrs. Santa? I want a play icebox, Sweet Cookie, a nurse kit, and telephone.
Becky Underwood



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD...

... that He gave us His only begotten Son, the Gospels proclaim. This is the wonder of Christmas — the glorious manifestation of God's love for mankind through the birth of His Son, Jesus. As we celebrate Christ's coming and praise God for His goodness and mercy toward men, let us strive to respond to that Divine generosity by giving in return to those around us . . . to our fellow-men, whom God has loved so much.

The Citizens State Bank

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SANTA'S THUMBPRINT
2 cups flour
1/2 tsp. soda
1/2 cup sugar, firmly packed
1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/2 cups uncooked oats (quick or old-fashioned)
1 6-oz. pkg. semi-sweet chocolate pieces
gradually adding brown and white sugar. Beat until
vanilla and almond extract. Sift together flour, soda,
to creamed mixture. Blend in oats. Shape dough into
place on ungreased cookie sheets. Make a hollow in
in preheated 375-degree oven for 10-12 minutes. Melt
top of double boiler. Spoon melted chocolate into
cookie. Chill until chocolate is firm. Makes 4 dozen

OLD-FASHIONED SUGAR COOKIES
1/2 tsp. soda
1/2 tsp. cream of tartar
1 Tbsp. milk
Colored sugar
Ingredients. Roll into small balls and place on a cookie
oven with a glass dipped in colored sugar. Sprinkle
red sugar on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 minutes.

PECAN GOODIES
1 cup chopped pecans
Pinch salt
1 egg white (large egg)
350 degrees. Mix brown and white sugar, Rice
and salt. Beat egg white until stiff and shiny and fold
top by teaspoonful on buttered cookie sheet. Bake
down, about 13 minutes. Let stand 2 minutes and

Coaches' Comments

by Sam Nichols

The Houndettes opened the '73 Holiday season with a 65-40 victory over Clyde Thursday night. The girls led all the way, playing good defense, as well as scoring above the season's average. Mandy Lankford, Jane Arledge, and Tami Grindstaff allowed only 16 points in the first half.

Denise Grindstaff led the scoring attack with 40 points, while Teri Baker pitched in 15. Kary Kent had a career high of 12 assists in the game. Debbie Reese also did a fine job coming off the bench.


We seemed to move the ball better against the Bulldogs, and our defensive rebounding is



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa is busy spreading Christmas cheer, and once again it's our time to thank friends and customers for their loyal patronage.

Penman Oil & Butane
KNOX CITY, TEXAS



Merry Christmas

We ring out with notes of good cheer to you and yours this Christmas season. You've brought us a happy year, through your patronage and good will. Our deepest appreciation is yours.

C and C Electric
Willie Collins
Knox City, Texas



Christmas

greetings to our many friends at this joyous season!

Knox County Lumber Co.
Jim Ross, Mgr.



the legend of the woodman and the little stranger

Once upon a time, many years ago, there lived a woodman and his family in a little cottage deep in the forest.

When Christmas Eve came, the family sat down to a meagre meal, but their spirits were rich with gratitude that they had anything to eat, and a roof over their heads against the snow-storm raging outside. They

improving every game.

The next encounter for the Houndettes will be against Rule in the Hawley Tournament after Christmas.

by Jerry Lowrey

The Greyhounds traveled to Clyde last Thursday night and escaped with a 64-63 victory. The game was close throughout with the Hounds never being behind, but never able to pull away from a good shooting Clyde team. The Hounds got into foul trouble, and Baker, Swearer, Taylor, and Johnson played the fourth quarter with four fouls each with only Johnson fouling out late in the quarter.

The Hounds got good scoring out of the inside people with Taylor and Swearer getting 19 points and Johnson putting in 16 points. Offensively we played pretty well, hitting 25 out of 50 from the floor, and 14 out of 17 from the charity stripe.

The trouble was defensively when we got into foul trouble and couldn't really challenge them on defense. The results were several easy shots on the inside, which keep the game close plus their 15 of 18 from the free throw line helped keep it close.

The Hounds will be taking a few days off now, and report back on Wednesday, December 26, for their next workout before they tackle Wylie in the Hardin-Simmons Tourney.

were grateful too, for the fire burning briskly in the grate.

As they were partaking of their thin soup there was a gentle knock on the door.

"Who, I wonder," said the woodman, "is coming to see us on such a bitter night?" But he opened the door, letting the snowflakes blow in. There stood a child, pale and tired and shivering in ragged clothes. The family quickly brought him in, put warm, dry clothes on him and gave him some hot soup and bread. Then the woodman's wife, a kindly soul, gently put him to bed on the cot where her son usually slept.

After a time the whole family went to bed. During the night they were awakened by the sound of singing, the most beautiful to fall on mortal ears, for when they looked out the window they saw it was coming from a choir of angels!

In the center of the choir stood the little boy, dressed in splendid robes, and around him a radiance which out-dazzled the white snow about him.

Awed by the spectacle, the woodman and his family knew at once that the little visitor was the Christ Child, and bowed in reverence.

Breaking a branch from a fir tree the Child set it in the ground, saying, "Because of your goodness to me, this branch will become a tree. It will always be green and will bear fruit at Christmas, and you will always be blessed with



To our friends and patrons . . . we wish you a season full of all the joys of Christmas.

Lloyd & Helen Waldrip

Did you know that the first Christmas stocking was first hung in either France or Belgium!

Did you know that mistletoe was used centuries ago to ward off witches and now it is used to lure a kiss!

Did you know that the first Christmas tree erected in a church in U.S., in 1851 shocked its Cleveland congregation. It was considered too heathenish!

JOY TO THE WORLD



Just as Christ's glorious coming made Christmas day blessed, may the coming of each Christmas bring the beauty of Christ's love to

The Grace Gift Center
Munday, Texas



Blessings to All

May the world extend the spirit of the season into the New Year and bring peace to all nations. Let us pray for lasting Peace in our times.

Lowrey's

Spirit of Christmas

The Pickwick Papers by Charles Dickens
the old festivals
at of Christmas
the strongest and
felt associations.
a tone of solemn
red feeling that
with our convivial
fits the spirit to a
hallowed and ele-
ment.

There is something in the very season of the year that gives a charm to the festivity of Christmas. At other times we derive a great portion of our pleasures from the mere beauties of nature. Our feelings sally forth and dissipate themselves over the sunny landscape, and we "live abroad and everywhere." But in the depth of winter, when nature lies despoiled of every charm, and wrapped in her shroud of sheeted snow, we turn for our gratifications to moral sources. Our thoughts are more concentrated; our friendly sympathies more aroused. We feel more sensibly the charm of each other's society, and are brought more closely together by dependence on each other for enjoyment. Heart calleth unto heart; and we draw our pleasures from the deep wells of living kindness.

which lie in the quiet recesses of our bosoms; and which when resorted to, furnish forth the pure element of domestic felicity.

One of the least pleasing effects of modern refinement is the havoc it has made among the hearty old holiday customs. Many of the games and ceremonies of Christmas have entirely disappeared, and like the sherris sack of old Falstaff, are become matters of speculation and dispute among commentators.

The world has become more worldly. There is more of dissipation, and less of enjoyment. Pleasure has expanded into a broader, but a shallower stream, and has forsaken many of those deep and quiet channels where it flowed sweetly through the calm bosom of domestic life.



MEMBERS OF THE CAST of "A Christmas Carol", presented Thursday morning by eighth graders are shown above with their director, Mrs. Wynette Mullins. Elementary students and those high school students not taking exams that period, attended the presentation.

'A Christmas Carol' Presented

Under the direction of Mrs. Don Mullins, members of the Knox City eighth grade class presented the Charles Dickens play, "A Christmas Carol" on stage in the school auditorium Thursday morning.

With powdered hair and appropriate makeup, the young thespians were costumed in clothing of the Dickens era.

Offstage music and sound effects were provided by class members.

The cast of "A Christmas Carol" included: Narrator, Lori Richards; Scrooge, Brett Boone; Mrs. Cratchit, Lydia Lankford; Mr. Cratchit, Junior Gonzales; First Ghost, Tommy Mangis; Second Ghost, Judy Ray; Third Ghost, David Anderson; Fred, Mike Howell; Gentleman, Eddie

Martinez; Marley, Mark Clonts; Tiny Tim, Donny Mullins; Martha, Karmen Robinson; First Man, Raul Espinosa; Second Man, Phillip Rhodes; Belle, Irene Flores; First Boy, Charles Durham; Second Boy, Rodney Warren; Fan, Cheryl Brieden; Tom, Judy Herring; Dick, Gayle

Ware; Peter, LaVerne Martinez; and Young Scrooge, Debbie Ray.

Sound and stage hands were Jami Clonts, Angie Rios, Terri Harris, Diane Reynolds, Valla Rodriguez, Jimmy Albus, Billy Lerma, Kenneth Rodgers, and Tony Rhodes.

TRAVEL TIP

To help gas-short motorists looking for late-night or weekend refueling, there is now a new national directory of 370 24-hour service stations. The directory, which sells for \$2, is published by Reymont Associates, 29-N Reymont Ave., Rye, New York 10580.

YEAR END CLEARANCE

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SOUTH OF HASKELL ON STAMFORD HIGHWAY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

May your home be blessed with joy and your hearts overflow with happiness this Christmas Day.

Denton Gro. & Sta.

A.P. and Ruth

The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Holiday gift buying and the accent on after-Christmas specials are sure to add up to heavy activity in electrical appliance sales.

Consumers should take the time to be informed about the characteristics and performance expectations of the particular appliance for which they are shopping, especially at this time when we all are being asked to conserve on electrical energy.

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has received several complaints recently, expressing dissatisfaction with advertising claims or inadequate warranties for some appliances, as well as some charges of "bait-and-switch" practices.

"Bait-and-switch" is the name of the game of advertising a very special "bargain," then telling consumers who respond to the ad that the advertised product has been "sold out," or that it just isn't as good as another line in stock. The customer is talked into purchasing something else, which costs more.

That practice is outlawed under the 1973 Texas Deceptive Practices-Consumer Protection Act.

A legitimate merchandising outlet advertising a low-priced special usually will warn the public that the sale is for a limited time, or that only a specific number of the items are available—or, give a "rain check" to those who come after the special stock has been depleted.

Another type of complaint relates to interest rates charged when large appliances, such as washers, dryers, and dishwashers have been financed on a time payment plan.

In most cases, we find that the interest rates charged were legal rates, but the consumers involved did not realize what they were when they signed the time payment contracts.

Make certain that you do know what difference you will

be expected to pay, because retailers are authorized by law to charge more for "paying on time" than for cash purchases. Compare the differences between store financing and banking institution financing, which may vary from place to place. You might be able to effect a real saving.

Above all, do not sign any financing paper in which any spaces have been left blank. Make certain all disclosure details of original price, total price, amount of interest charges, number and amount of payments and so on have been written into the contract, and that you understand them.

When shopping for any appliance, find out about the special features of the name, model, and make. Ask what it can do, and what it can't do. Make certain instructions for operation and maintenance are in the package. Determine what is needed, in the way of voltage, space, and clearance, for installation. Turn it on and test it for power and noise at the store.

Avoid dealers whose salespersons don't take the time to give you adequate assistance, or who have reputations for ignoring complaints. Study the warranty carefully. Some consumers become unhappy when they learn that warranty services require them to pay excessive mailing or labor costs.

Look for a safety symbol, such as that of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., for assurance that the appliance is not a shock or fire hazard.

Be sure to keep your sales receipt until you have used the appliance and know it performs as expected.

If you do run into any problems, do not hesitate to inquire of your local better business bureau, or call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division in Austin, San Antonio, Lubbock, El Paso, Dallas, or Houston.

REDDY TIPS

On how to live better

Conserve energy and save money too!

... savings on operating costs... remember the lower you set the thermostat in the winter, the more money you save on energy cost.

... the sunshine help warm your home... open the drapes during the day. Close the drapes at night, this will help insulate your windows and keep cold air out.

... at your home, not the outdoors, be sure all doors and windows are closed. Close damper when not using your fireplace.

... before you leave home, or go to work, turn off all unneeded lights and small appliances.

Best Texas Utilities Company
An Equal Opportunity Employer

Hi there!
Hope your holidays are the merriest!

Penman Butane

O'Brien - Rochester

PEACE GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

Once again a troubled world looks to the Star of Bethlehem, recalling the birth of the Prince of Peace. May He be born again in every heart this Christmas, so that at last all men may dwell together in peace and harmony.

KNOX COUNTY NEWS

BUDDY, BILLYE, AND STACY
JO - MARY - MARY ANN - BEA

Farm And Ranch News

BY HERMAN COLLIER

DETERMINING NEED FOR GREENBUG CONTROL

There is only one good way to determine if greenbugs should be controlled in small grains, according to Emory P. Boring, Area Extension Entomologist. This is to inspect your field once or twice each week depending on how active greenbugs are and how the population is growing.

When small grains are three to six inches tall, as is the case in most fields, populations of 100 to 300 greenbugs can be tolerated before chemical controls will be needed. Plants that are growing vigorously can support larger populations of greenbugs without an economic loss that plants that are suffering from lack of fertility, moisture or from moderate to heavy levels of leaf rust infection.

By now controlling greenbugs until populations reach levels that can cause economic damage, producers give beneficial

populations of tabids, parasitic wasps, spiders and others an opportunity to increase their numbers and bring greenbug populations under control. Beneficial populations do not build up until there are many greenbugs or other aphids in the field. Once populations of beneficials begin to increase, it is not uncommon to find that 25 to 50 percent of the greenbugs have fallen prey to the beneficials. Therefore, chemical controls should be reserved for those cases where beneficials do not bring damaging greenbug populations under control.

Larger wheat plants can tolerate heavier populations of greenbugs without suffering economic losses. Information on population levels that various size plants can tolerate and on how to inspect your field is presented in MF-338 "Suggestions for Controlling Insects and Mites on Corn, Sorghums, and Small Grains." This publication

is available at your County Extension Agent's Office.

ANIMAL AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE COMBINES FIVE SHORT COURSES

Five short courses and a symposium will be combined in the first Texas Animal Agriculture Conference set for January 21-23 at Texas A&M University. Conference sessions in the new J. Earl Rudder Conference Center are expected to attract about 2,000 participants, according to L.A. Maddox, general chairman.

Livestock production short courses are being offered in beef and dairy cattle, horses, swine, and forages and pastures.

Joint general sessions for all groups will feature some of the nation's outstanding leaders in animal agriculture, Maddox says.

An added feature will be a Latin American Animal Agriculture Symposium for participants from throughout Latin America. Most presentations will be in Spanish.

A multi-theme approach by the beef cattle short course will cover a wide range of topics in animal breeding, reproduction, nutrition, and animal health. Dr. Dennis Herd is chairman for that section.

The horse production short course will include latest information on horse nutrition, feeding and selection, health behavior and pasture management. B.F. Yeates will chair the session.

A general theme of keeping pigs healthy and growing will be used for the swine short course. Discussions will center around respiratory diseases, stress as it affects commercial production, the importance of size of breeding animals, and a panel talk on methods of feeding sows. Dr. W.E. "Bill" Thomas is section chairman.

For dairymen, two important aspects of the dairy industry—nutrition and farm records—will be highlighted. Emphasis will be placed on production and storing of quality forages, on-farm storage and various processing systems. A.M. Meebna will chair the short course.

The pasture short course will focus on profits available when forage is utilized by efficient, high producing cattle. Using pastures for grazing steers to slaughter weights will be a panel topic. The economics of new hay handling equipment will be discussed, along with forage nutrients for all classes of livestock, according to Dr. Neal Pratt, section chairman.

The Institute of Tropical Veterinary Medicine will present a program for Latin American Livestock producers on improved methods of management, prevention and control of important diseases of cattle. A thrust will be recent information on the control of anaplasmosis and piroplasmiasis in imported cattle. Dr. Fred Maurer of the College of Veterinary Medicine is Chairman.

On January 23, Texas A&M's Animal Science Department will present a program on breeding for tropical environment, feedlots in the tropics, artificial insemination and marketing. Dr. Tom Carrwright, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researcher in animal breeding, is chairing the session. Dr. O.D. Butler, Animal Science Department head, is general advisor.

The Animal Agriculture Conference is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas A&M University System.

patron saint of travelers

Modern-day man carries around today's counterparts of magic potions and signs used by his ancestor to dispel evil spirits.

One of the tokens many of us use is the Saint Christopher medal seen frequently hanging from the rear-view mirror in automobiles.

Who was this St. Christopher? His story is fascinating.

In 200 A.D. there was a powerful Arabian king, who had a son whom he named Offero, which means "the bearer."

His passion for proving his personal bravery caused him to leave home and seek the ultimate challenge.

One night he could hear a voice as if calling from the river:

"Offero! Offero! Help me!"

Seizing his staff, Offero ran toward the river bank. To his great surprise, there was a little boy. When the child saw the youth, he smiled, and to Offero there seemed to be a great light around him.

"Offero, will you carry me across the river?" asked the child.

Offero, thinking that the child had been separated from his parents, picked him up and started across

the river with him.

But as he proceeded, the child seemed to become heavier and heavier, and the tide more fiercely strong. The waters almost carried them away, but by dint of his staff Offero somehow managed to steady himself with his little burden and to reach the shore, exhausted, but safe.

He was falling asleep when as if from a great distance he heard the child's voice saying:

"I am the Christ. You have served me well, for you, Offero, carried Me. Who bears the burdens of the world, through these waters tonight. And I shall

leave a sign so that you will know that it is so."

And miraculously, when Offero wakened, in the full blaze of noon, he saw that where his staff had lain, there now grew a lush, luxuriant palm tree with leaves, flowers and dates. And Offero knew that this was the sign for which he had been waiting. He had found Christ and he would serve Him forevermore.

And from then on, Offero was known as Christopher (Christ-Offero), meaning Bearer of Christ.



NOEL

Behold! the Madonna and Child, sacred symbols of the Season, and a reminder of our many blessings.

JERRY'S PLUMBING

Jerry and Peggy Galt
Mary Thomas-Charlie Bauman-Felix Valdez

Santa Letters

Dear Santa I am Eloise. I go to First Grand And I like a Big doll For me and a Big Doll for my sister And Tea set for my sister too and a Baton
Eloise Agraz

Dear Santa I want a bicycle and a tool box for Christmas
Love Adam Garcia

Dear Santa My name is Mark Delgado, I am in the first grade and live in Knox City, Texas. However, I

YULETIDE CH

A Sincere Wish for a Merry Christmas and thank you to our many friends and customers

Bud Conners E

Bud Conners, Stone, Kitch
Benjamin, Texas

We've enjoyed serving you...hope to serve you again!

Knox City Grain Co., Inc.

Billy Mitchell, Mgr.
Knox City, Texas

O Holy Night

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with Peace and Happiness.

The Dick Richards Family

Christmas Cheer

Good friends, good times - all the bounty of the Season to you!

HAZEL'S CAFE

Hazel & Claude Johnston
Benjamin, Texas

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa, I want some apple bits and a tank. Bring my sisters and brother something but I don't know what they want.
B.B. Eddington

Dear Santa, I want a Snoopy toothbrush. I want some clothes (pants and shirt). I wish you a Happy Christmas. I wish your other workers would have a Happy Christmas.
Terry Lowrey

Dear Santa, I am a little boy 5 years old and I have a baby brother named Justin. Please bring me a 2 gun holster, flashlight, and little animals. Bring Justin a rattler.
I will leave cookies and milk on the table.

Your friend,
J. Emerson

Peace on Earth

"AND OF HIS KINGDOM, THERE SHALL BE NO END."

MAY PEACE AND JOY BE YOURS THIS CHRISTMAS TIME AND THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR, AND THE BLESSINGS OF THE CHRIST CHILD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS...

The Knox County Hospital Staff

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
 Santa Claus I want barby
 Vanities set. And a pants suit.
 And some shoes. And I have
 tried to be good all this year.
 Merry Christmas
 from,
 Lori Kimmel

Dear Santa:
 My name is Chad Griffin. I
 am nearly three years old. I
 have been a pretty good boy this
 year.

For Xmas, I would like for you
 to bring me a Putt Putt Railroad,
 Mickey Mouse clock, talking
 Bugs Bunny, basketball - goal
 set and a sweater.

I will leave you some milk and
 cookies under the tree.
 I Luv You,
 Chad Griffin
 403 Main
 Knox City, Texas
 79529

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I would like a
 G.I. Joe. I have tried to be good
 all year. I have very nice
 teachers so it is not hard to be
 good at school.

from,
 David Lankford

Dear Santa,
 What I want for Christmas is
 a hair dresser, and a doll with a
 comb, and lip stick and a brush
 and Santa I have tried to be nice
 this Christmas and a record
 player and that is all.

from,
 Maggie Rurd

Dear Santa,
 I would like a pellet gun,
 some pellets, and also a mono-
 poly game a red, white and blue
 basketball net and some B.B.s
 for my B.B. gun and a pair of
 wheels for my bicycle and a lot
 of other games.

from,
 Kevin Leach

Dear Santa,
 I want a 10 speed bicycle and a
 Dallas cowboy sweat shirt, and
 a guitar, and a horse.

from,
 Mike Oliver

Dear Santa,
 This year I don't want much I
 want a three speed bicycle, and
 a scittle pool, five boxes of air
 for my pellet gun, and twenty
 dollars.

from,
 Four Bateman

Dear Santa,
 I want the Sons of Liberty, a
 ten speed bike, Hot Wheels and
 a football that is red, white, and
 blue, a new baseball and some
 money, a Super Spy game, some
 Nance Drew books, Some re-
 cords with some tapes, a tape
 player, a clock some shoes, and
 a new coat.

from,
 Rance Wayne Hacker

Dear Santa,
 I want a 3 speed and a Sweet
 Cook doll for Christmas, and my
 little sister wants a 3 speed and
 a record player, and Santa Clus
 we have been trying to be nice.

from,
 Linda

Dear Santa,
 "How do you like giving
 presents away? I have tried to
 be extra good this year so I want
 something special. I want an
 B.B. pistol 45, a pair of black
 leather gloves, and a cap. It will
 get real cold this winter and I
 want to be ready. I will leave
 you some cookies and a glass of
 milk. You will get real hungry, I
 don't have a chimney so I will
 leave the door open. Have A
 Merry Christmas, and A Happy
 New Year.

from,
 Ricky Averitt

Dear Santa,
 I have tried to be good this
 year. This is what I want for
 Christmas. I want a camera and
 film and a Barbie Friendship
 Camper and some guppies, a
 rabbit, some new shoes, and

some new clothes, a book
 collection, and last of all a coin
 and stamp collection. Have a
 Merry Merry Merry Christmas.
 Merry Christmas.

from,
 Jeanna Richards

Dear Santa,
 Hi! Santa Claus how are you?
 Do you know what I want for

from,
 Sergio M.



"The Faith of a Little Child"
 . . . Let Us Attempt to Regain It

Almost everyone is familiar with the letter written to a little girl in the late 1900s by Charles Dana, Editor of the New York Sun newspaper.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

The words are famous all over the world, and have been translated into many languages.

In this year 1971 it epitomizes the same need to believe in the simple realities . . . not necessarily in the hard facts; sometimes they are immaterial, secondary to the spirit that is intended.

With the world full of torment and divisiveness, of raging wars and revolution, there is more need than ever today to hold to the Spirit of Christmas. Believe what you like about the divinity of the Christ, of the miracle birth, of the angels appearing to the watching shepherds, of the Star that led the Wise Men to the place where He lay. Believe or not, no thoughtful person can discount the beauties of the Christmas Season.

It may be necessary to strip away the tinsel (though in itself it is only an embellishment to something possibly very real). It may be necessary to close your ears to the commercial din which descends

on American cities and towns as early as October!

It may be necessary to overlook the feverish exchange of gifts that pyramid in importance or monetary value without any spiritual substance whatever.

It may be necessary to dig deep for the true beauty of Christmas, in our own lives and in the lives of those who touch us, day to day.

This year let the spirit of Christ "do its own thing," on its own precious terms.

Let us go back to seeing Christmas with the eyes of a child . . . not the selfish little child who thinks only of what gifts Santa will bring, but the unspoiled little child who is as yet untouched by the superficialities and the meaningless trappings of Christmas.

Let us give freely of ourselves, without thought of return.

Let us put aside old resentments, old feuds, corrosive habits which splinter our souls.

Let us "run" to welcome our neighbor, of any color - or any persuasion - even the bigot, for he is the loneliest of all.

Let us be joyous, with hope that springs from faith that we and all mankind can

Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
 I have tried to be a nice girl. I have included my Christmas list for this year and I would like for you to bring me a baby crissy doll, a sew magic, a pair of moccasins, a gown, a pair of houseshoes, and a sunday purse and biffold.

from,
 Jill May

Dear Santa,
 I want a 10 speed bickle and a Dallas cowboy sweat shiart, and a guitar, and a hores.

from,
 Mike Oliver

Dear Santa,
 This year I don't want much I want a three speed bicycle, and a scittle pool, five boxes of air for my pellet gun, and twenty dollars.

from,
 Four Bateman

Dear Santa,
 I want the Sons of Liberty, a ten speed bike, Hot Wheels and a football that is red, white, and blue, a new baseball and some money, a Super Spy game, some Nance Drew books, Some records with some tapes, a tape player, a clock some shoes, and a new coat.

from,
 Rance Wayne Hacker

Dear Santa,
 I want a 3 speed and a Sweet Cook doll for Christmas, and my little sister wants a 3 speed and a record player, and Santa Clus we have been trying to be nice.

from,
 Linda

Dear Santa,
 "How do you like giving presents away? I have tried to be extra good this year so I want something special. I want an B.B. pistol 45, a pair of black leather gloves, and a cap. It will get real cold this winter and I want to be ready. I will leave you some cookies and a glass of milk. You will get real hungry, I don't have a chimney so I will leave the door open. Have A Merry Christmas, and A Happy New Year.

from,
 Ricky Averitt

Dear Santa,
 I have tried to be good this year. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a camera and film and a Barbie Friendship Camper and some guppies, a rabbit, some new shoes, and

some new clothes, a book collection, and last of all a coin and stamp collection. Have a Merry Merry Merry Christmas. Merry Christmas.

from,
 Jeanna Richards

Dear Santa,
 Hi! Santa Claus how are you?
 Do you know what I want for

from,
 Sergio M.

Christmas? I want a BB gun, football, a race set, with cars, and a Mini bike. I hope where you live isn't too cold. Now by Santa Claus.

from,
 Sergio M.

May Christmas Ring with Joy!
 May the joys of the season be yours

WE WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 25 & 26

SHEILA'S CAFE

Joyous Noel
 May the Spirit of Christmas bless you and yours and bring you the Joys of the Season.

Owens Auto Supply
 Athleen & David L. Owens
 Knox City, Texas

Holy Night

the blessings of the Christ
 with you and your family
 Irrigation

UNA and ALTON
 ANDY and GENE

Christmas

Hdwe. & Furn.
 NOX CITY, TEXAS

Best wishes to you for a joyous day

May your Christmas be bright and happy

Marion's Mobil Station & Laundry
 Knox City, Texas

Question:
Is Lone Star doing everything it can to hold down costs?

Answer:
Yes!

We're operating more efficiently than ever before. But our costs are going up none the less . . . just like yours. For instance, the interest rates on money we have to borrow for constructing new gas supply systems have increased dramatically. These rates have recently been at all time highs.

Within the last 18 months, we have invested nearly \$100 million:

- to build a large diameter, 400-mile pipeline from West Texas to the Dallas-Ft. Worth area,
- for other facilities along this pipeline,
- to attach major new reserves and
- to pay for well drilling by producers . . . all for the purpose of assuring continuing natural gas supplies to our customers.

These investments don't even include the cost of all the gas we must buy to fill the line. In 1969, natural gas cost us about 19 cents per thousand cubic feet. Recently we paid more than 85 cents for major new supplies. And the price is still rising.

Costs like these are the price Lone Star must pay for your continuing natural gas supplies. It's important that you understand our need for adequate rates so we can continue to deliver clean gas energy to your home for winters to come.

We're doing everything possible to hold down controllable costs. But even with gradual rate increases, natural gas from Lone Star will still be your most economical and efficient non-polluting fuel.

Lone Star Gas
 Clean Energy for Today and Tomorrow

Santa Claus Letters

cake mixes. Leah Boone

Dear Santa, I want some toys, a bunch of clothes. I have two brothers and a twin sister. They want some toys too. My mother wants a present too. We want a record player to play some church songs. Bring my mother some big clothes. I want a colored doll and my sister do too. We love colored dolls. Linda Hunter

Dear Santa, I want a B.B. gun, bicycle, magician kit, basketball, and a Nerf Car. David May

Dear Santa, I want a Pop-Corn machine and a doll and a Barbie Doll, some Barbie Clothes. Paula Chambers

Dear Santa, Please bring me a colored doll and a brush and comb. Love, Glenda Hunter

Dear Santa, Please bring me a baby buggy and some doll clothes. I want a play broom and mop. Sandy White

Dear Santa, I want a doll and a dog. Kathy Hernandez

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie doll. Sew-Magic, a doll house, and some Love, Boyce Tankersley

Dear Santa, I want Baby Alive, a Magician Kit, and a new bicycle, a real B.B. gun, and a cowboy set. How have you been? Tammy Rogers

Dear Santa, Bring me a set of guns and a tractor. Junior Agraz

Dear Santa, I want a bicycle, a little train, a truck. Robert Espinoza

Dear Santa, I am two years old and my name is Boyce. I would like a green tractor like Daddy's with a little wagon behind it so I can pull Sissy and Pooh. I would also like a shot gun so I can kill birds. I have tried to be a good boy. Love, Boyce Tankersley

P.S. Please don't forget the other boys and girls.



Letters To Santa Claus

Rt. 2, Box 224-A Breckenridge, Tex. 76024

Dear Santa, I have been a pretty good boy this year, I guess. Would you please bring me a tractor out of the mud? Also, I would like a cowboy hat like my daddy's. Please don't forget all the other boys and girls. And thank you for all the toys you brought to me last year. I love you, Tony Hester

P.S. I will be at Do-Do's and P-Pa's Christmas.

3102 Sherwood Lane Wichita Falls, Tex.

Dear Santa, I am a little boy 15 months old and I live in Wichita Falls. I will be at P-Pa's and Do-Do's house for Christmas. I would like to have anything to ride or climb on, especially a "Wonder Horse". Please bring P-Pa some clippers because he wants to cut my hair. Bring Do-Do some Ays and I'm sure P-Pa will like that! Bring me anything else and I'll be satisfied. I Love You! Alan Tremble

Box 1114 406 W. Calif. Seymour, Tex.

Dear Santa, I am a little boy 2 1/2 years old. I have tried to be a good boy, but sometimes I forget to mind Mama and Mrs. Simek. I will be at P-Pa's and Do-Do's house this year for Christmas. Bring me anything and I will like it. Please remember to bring my cousins, Alan and Tony, something, too. I Love You, Marty Bufkin

Dear Santa, I have 7 brothers and 2 sisters, so would you bring us some toys for Christmas

Danny - 9
James - 8
Charles - 7
Luther - 6
Michael - 5
Andy - 1
Anthony - 4
Roxie - 3
Beatrice - 2

O'Brien Donny McCrary

2921 Featherston Wichita Falls, Texas December 12, 1973

Dear Santa Claus, Hi! My name is Royce Don Mitchell and I'm two and a half years old. I've been a pretty good boy this year so would you please bring me a Putt Putt train and a Jumping horse. Please don't forget my Grandma Jacobs and Aunt Nett in Knox City!

Love Ya, Royce Don

CHRISTMAS GREETING

On this wonderful holiday of Peace we send our heartfelt greetings, for your Christmas to be merry and bright.

Cable Vision of Knox
C.E. Williams

MERRY CHRISTMAS

May your home be blessed with joy and your hearts overflow with happiness this Christmas Day.

To all my friends
Mrs. Cordelia Woodward

An old Spanish Legend: San Froilan of the Wilderness

Many years ago a pilgrim monk, Brother Froilan, came to live in the wilderness. With him he brought an old rug for protection against the elements, some packets of healing herbs and seeds for growing. Around his waist hung his crucifix, and a short-bladed Damascus sword.

His neighbors were the remnants of the Germanic tribes, all pagans, believing in gods of wood, stone and sacrifice.

With one of the few gold pieces he had brought he purchased a small gray donkey, which became his companion and friend, as well as his beast of burden. This was his only friend among the hostile families nearby with whom he could not communicate by the spoken word.

Brother Froilan pondered how he could reach the minds and souls of the older folk. Out of a quiet mind he summoned what might be the answer: through the wooden figures he made — things these people could see, touch, feel.

The little animals he carved represented that first Christmas. Perhaps he could also carve angels, shepherds, kings from the East — perchance even the Holy Family! Then he could indeed bring a Christmas to his neighbors which they could truly take to their hearts.

Thus the monk began fashioning the other figures of the first Christmas, and he told the stories to the children as he carved the figures. The children, delighted, shared their joy with their elders.

After a while they too came to sit and watch the "strange" monk with his "strange" stories to tell.

Even in the rain they came. He was weaving the threads of truth.

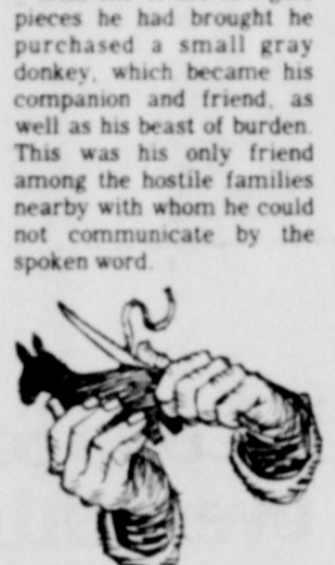
The children made a small spread for the tiny Jesus figure. The older people brought offerings of food to the monk for his evening meal.

Brother Froilan was deeply grateful for the heavenly Father for showing him a way to these people's hearts . . . and perhaps to a better way of life, through Christmas.

Hi there! Hope your holidays are the merriest!

Model Cleaners

C.W. and Dorothy Webber



Christmas Blessings To All . . .

May your gift at Christmas be peace and your treasure in the new year.

Bea & Grady Benedick

Glad Tidings

Friends, we thank you for patronage. May everything be bright and gay bless your this holy day.

The Fabric Shop

Wilma Whitford

SILENT NIGHT

Christmas Blessings

. . . and our sincere appreciation for the confidence you have placed in us and the opportunity you have given us to serve you.

May the coming year be a Happy and Healthful one for you and your loved ones.

Guinn Sheet Metal & Plumbing

L. C. and Amerolis

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

What is Santa carrying in his bag? All our best wishes for a happy holiday season, plus our sincere thanks for your confidence in us!

Oliver Flying Service

BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Ho-ho-ho! We're brimming with holiday happiness — and it's mostly because of you, our fine friends and customers. You've made us proud and happy to serve you through a successful year. To you and your family, a Happy Holiday.

Brazos Valley Gin

CHARLES REESE, Manager
KNOX CITY, TEXAS



Letters To Santa Claus

December, 1973

Dear Santa
My name is Richard Miles Howeth. I would like a hobby horse and a rocking chair for Christmas. I would also like a Molly Moo Cow and a choo-choo train. I would like a play radio and a busy bee pull toy. Anything else you want to add will be okay with me. I love you and bring some candy too, please.

Love you
Richard
P.S. Please bring Jason something too. He's my brother.

December 1973

Dear Santa,
My name is Jason David Howeth. I would like some squeeze toys and some candy. I would like a play doggy. And some new clothes. I would like some rubber blocks and a play train and a radio to put me to sleep at night. Thank you, Santa, and I love you.

Love you,
Jason David

Dear Santa,
I would like -- first, my name is Liz and I am four. I would like some dishes, some western boots, a tricycle, a cow girl suit, some talking dolls, a jewelry box, and a music box, and some games. Not the ones you brought me last year. I also want a hoppity Donald Duck. I love you. Thank you.

Love you,
Liz

Dear Santa
My name is Billy Friske. I want a cowboy suit, a helicopter, a G.I. Joe set, a superman punch me, a choo-choo-train, and an Indian set. And a truck and a boat. Thank you and I love you. There will be cake or something for you to munch-a-brunch.

Love you,
Billy

Dear Santa,
My name is Cyndy Griffith. I am seven and I would like a sewing machine, a set of dishes, a girls bike, a baby Tender Love, and some candy. I also would like a bat man punch me and a jump and float. I love you and thank you very much. Come early and I will give you some home made ice cream.

Love you,
Cyndy.

Dear Santa,
My name is Missy Friske. I want a stuffed toy, a Molly Moo-Cow, some candy, some new clothes, and a Raggedy Ann Doll. I am nearly three and will leave something for you to eat. I love you very much.

Missy.
P.S. Don't forget my brother Billy and my sisters Cyndy and Liz.

PEACE AT CHRISTMAS



To you our customers, at this very festive season, we wish all blessings.

Roddy's City Cafe & Motel



May the true glory of Christmas be with you and your loved ones at this time.

Sweetwater Pump and Supply

Knox City

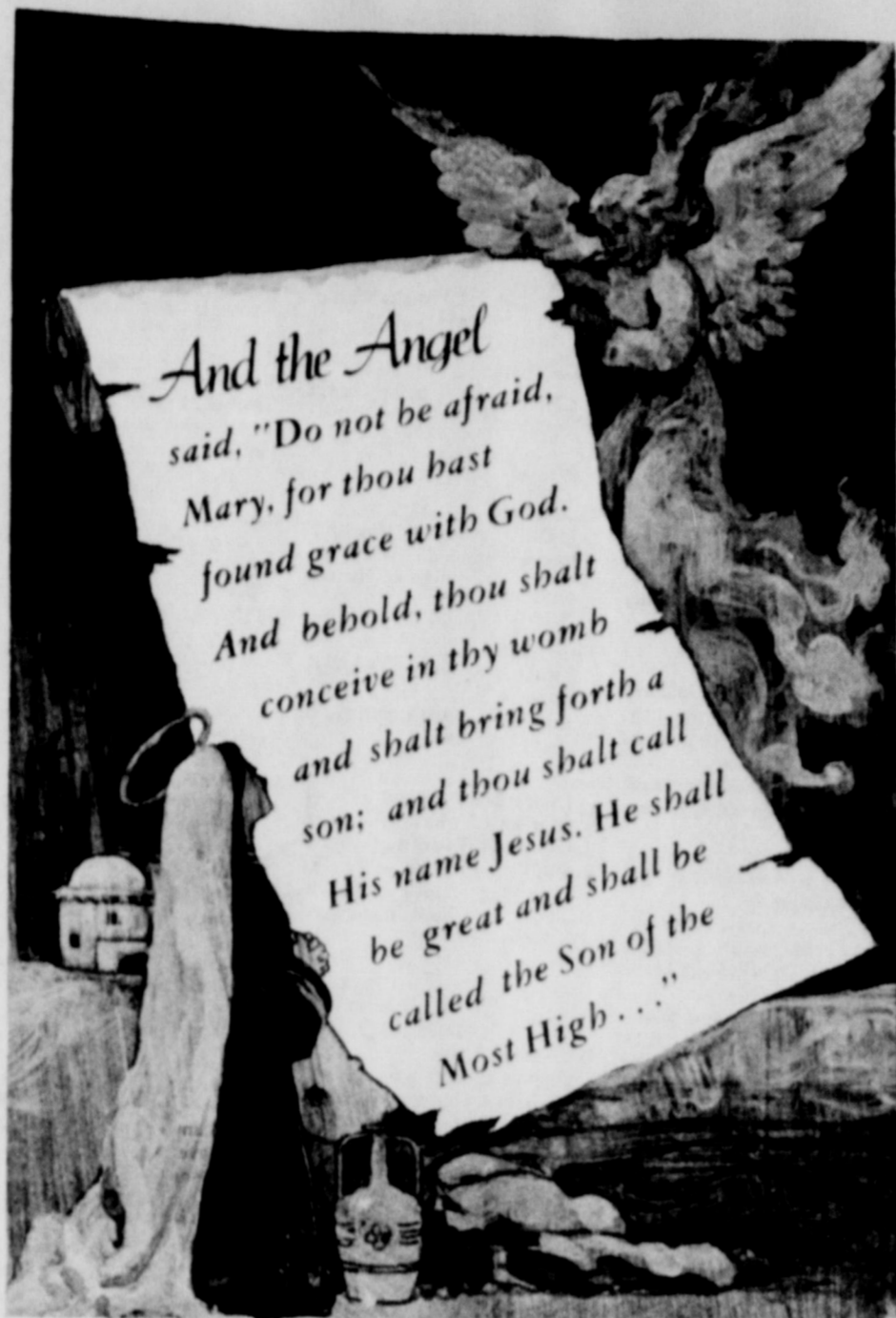


As you sing out in Yuletide cheer, we sing out with thanks for your patronage.

We wish you a Merry Christmas

SKILES EXXON STA.

Knox City, Texas



around the world at Christmastime...

In Ireland, on Christmas Eve candles are lighted and placed in every window of the house; doors are left ajar. No couple with a baby seeking shelter will be homeless. The candlelight shines forth all night long; only those named Mary can snuff the candles out.

In Belgium Christmas is a time of gifts and joy. The children leave tidbits in their shoes for Santa's reindeer, then hang up their stockings. In the morning the tidbits are gone; toys are in the shoes.

The old cathedral in Antwerp calls the faithful to worship with its resounding bells. Hundreds of singing children carrying emblems and streamers through the streets, along with priests and dignitaries in gold-embroidered robes.



In Finland the people prepare for Christmas many weeks in advance. Traditionally, suspended from the ceiling, is a straw framework decorated with paper stars; when lighted from below by the glow of the firelight and the tree candles, the effect is striking and mysterious. Straw is piled upon the floor, and as with the earliest Christmas, a manger-bed is prepared for the children.

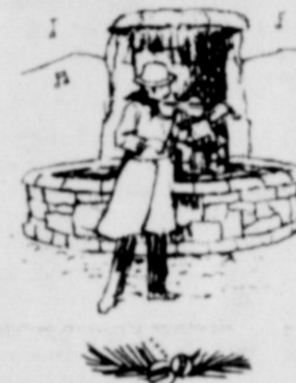


In Greece, when the country is not under military law, December 25th is a happy day for the people. Families get together, parties are planned, and there is much merrymaking. Greek mothers usually make their famous fried cakes. Greek grandmothers gather the children

around and tell them the old folk legends.

One is about the Karkantari, monsters who wander about on the 12 days after Christmas and try to make mischief. A priest dips a cross entwined with sprigs of basil into a copper vessel of Holy Water and then sprinkles the rooms of the house; this is supposed to make the mischief-makers disappear.

In Sicily the Christmas scene is picturesque. Mountain musicians playing melancholy melodies upon violin and cello are in contrast with those of other European countries. A midnight mass is held on Christmas Eve, following which a procession led by the priest, carrying a waxen image of the Child, slowly winds through the town. Then there is a display of hope for the world: fires are lighted, church bells are rung, and rockets roar up to the sky.



Rather than be caught up in the many meaningless chores of Christmas, why not let some of them go undone and concentrate your efforts on the true meaning of Christmas. You'll find you've created a warm feeling of family closeness and love. When Christmas morning comes, you'll be able to meet it with a new joy in having found the way to express the real meaning of the Lord's feast.

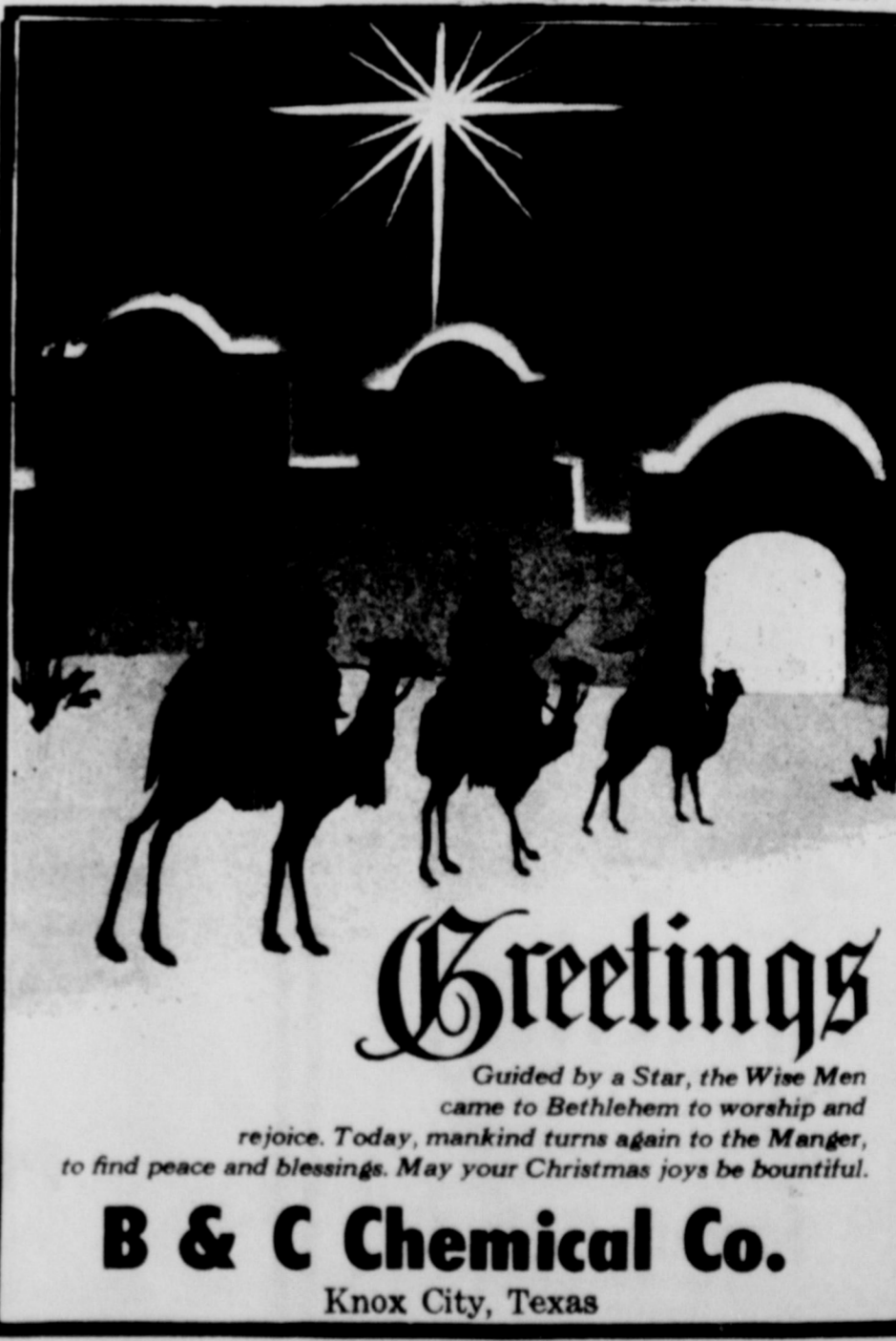


Christmas Blessings
This season let us give thanks to God, who guides our destiny, for his many blessings.



Joyous Christmas
It's the season for all to love, share and show they care. We care about you our loyal customers. Heartfelt thanks.

City Cleaners
Ken & Lorene Knox City, Texas



Greetings
Guided by a Star, the Wise Men came to Bethlehem to worship and rejoice. Today, mankind turns again to the Manger, to find peace and blessings. May your Christmas joys be bountiful.

B & C Chemical Co.
Knox City, Texas

Letters

Dear Santa,
I really want a little shetland pony for Xmas. But Jack says No. So I will be happy with a "Barbie Beauty Shop", Mattel Saucy doll, a little play stove, refrigerator, and cabinet. Please remember my little cousin Diana in Lubbock. I have her a gift also.

I love you,
John Eaton

Love you,
Shea Stubbs



May the blessings of Christmas be with you always

Knox City Florist
The Spurgeon Neelys



Christmas Wishes

All your wishes for the holiday come true and happiness be with your family.

White Auto Store

Tommy Kent

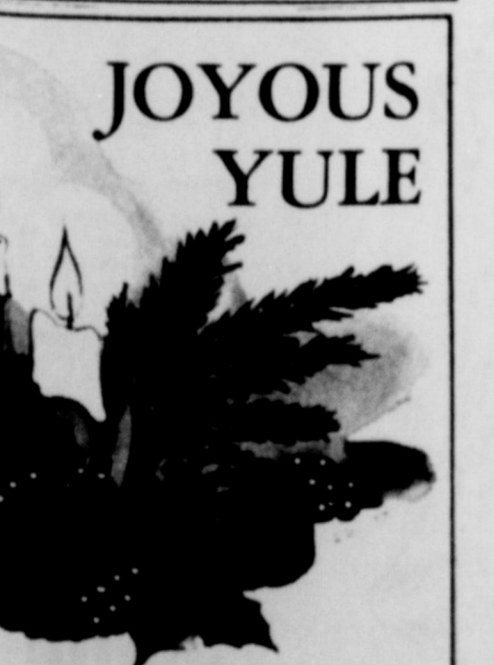


spirit of friendship and good will
Christmas... we thank our many
for their continued patronage!
our sincere wishes for holiday joy!

Paint & Body Shop

KNOX CITY, TEXAS

JOYOUS YULE



The glow of candles warm your
and love warm your heart this
season.

Love
Boone Family



Now, as its ancient
 times, may the
 guiding light of Christmas be yours.

K MOTEL

Mr. and Mrs. George Davis East City, Texas

Peace on Earth

This - the eternal message to the world - rings out at Christmas!

*Jo. Chelene
 Tom + Craig*



Christmas Blessings

**Peace On Earth
 Good Will To One And All**

Lynn Electric Motor Co.
 East City, Texas



Greetings

Merry holiday wishes and thanks to our many friends and customers who let us be of service throughout the year.

Farmers Grain Co.
 Leslie Groves, Mgr.
 East City, Texas

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
 I have been a good boy this year. I hope you come to see me again this year.
 I want a big train, a big dump truck, a big bulldozer, and a little bulldozer.
 My brother wants a record player and a real clock.
 My sister wants a record player, some records, and some clothes.
 Please remember all the boys and girls all over the world.
 I love you,
 James Boyd
 P.S. I also want a gun set with a badge in it.

Dear Santa,
 I want a Flip-N-Foot for Christmas. I am a very good boy. I want a G.I. Joe boy doll. This is Steve White from East City, Texas. Please bring Jim, Chris, and Uncle Joe toys too. I love you.
 Thank you - Santa
 Steve White

Dear Santa Claus,
 I have been pretty good this year. I have picked some toys for you to bring me. First I want a road grader, a trailer truck, a G.I. Joe, a helicopter, a BB Gun, a watch, football outfit. I want a vest and cowboy hat. I also want my bicycle painted and some new tires.
 I have a little brother his name is Mike, he wants a cowboy set with gun, hat, vest. He wants a low Ranger and Tonto set, a set of little trucks, and a lot more but Mother is tired of writing. See you Christmas!

Dear Santa,
 I have been a very good girl. I would like a bicycle and a burger doll.
 I am seven years old. Bring my brother some toys also.
 Linda Woyes

Dear Santa, My name is Guy Westbrock and I am seven years old. Will you give me something for Christmas and I would like a Fire Rescue Brigade and a Golden Puss lawman set and a Disney Play World and a Mickey Mouse Candy Factory and Brink Mike something and he will write a letter soon. Thank you.

Dear Santa Claus,
 My name is Sandra Carrasco and I would like to have a bike, a school board, and a big doll, and a set of a record player, and my age is eight and so I guess this is all I would like to have for now.

I like Santalinos to:
 Paul - Knox City Elem. School
 1. I want a gun.
 2. I want a gun.
 3. I want a bicycle.
 4. I want me some clothes.
 5. I may get me a football.
 6. I may get me a ring.
 7. I may get me a play TV.
 8. I am going to get me a football.

Dear Santa,
 We love you. We want pretty toys for Christmas. Debbie is first. She and I want two dolls and two beds. They are called baby beds. Laury wants a big doll it name is Little Lulu. We want grocery to play store. Also some electric toothbrush name Micky Mouse. A push button toy for Laury. A grocery cash box. Ernie and Bert records. And Farmers Says for Debbie also a playhouse. A tunnel to play. A costume for Debbie to button to. Minky Mouse watch Mandy. A record player for Mandy.
 Please come soon.
 Mandy, Debbie and Laury

Dear Santa,
 My name is Steve L. Odums. I am six yrs. old in the First Grade. They say that I am making good grades.
 Santa, please send me a B.B. Gun, and a Byc. and a Battery Train.
 My Kid Brother is 3 yrs old. His name is Anthony Carl. He wants a Guitar.
 My sisters name is Nedria Odums. She wants a Barbie Doll. She is 7 yrs old and in the second grade.
 We love you, Santa.
 Sign
 Servie

Dear Santa Claus,
 Please bring me a popo stick and a Tommy doll and a Raggedy Ann watch and a typewriter Country Camper with Ken and Skipper and a Mickey Mouse radio and I want Ken's and Skipper's outfits, too.
 Love, love, love,
 Phyllis
 Kay
 Bolton

Dear Santa,
 I want some life savers, and M&M's, a car, superman and Batman. Please bring me some jeans. I'm Todd Austin and I've been good.
 Todd Austin

Dear Santa,
 I want a B.B. gun and record player.
 Ray Rios

Dear Santa,
 I want a kitty, a B.B. gun, a bed and that's all.
 Jerry Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
 I want a bike and a dump truck and a little coke machine.
 Bill Walker

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a B.B. gun, a truck, and a car.
 Love,
 Tommy Ellis

Dear Santa,
 I want a Barbie and clothes for her, a ice cream machine, a doll that eats and drinks. I think that's all this year.
 Jenny Vasquez

Dear Santa,
 I love you. How are you doing? How is Mrs. Santa doing too? I want a nurse kit, a Baby Tenderlove, a little ice box, and a stove.
 Shelly Ramirez

Dear Santa,
 I want a bike, baton, and a doll.
 Rosa Castro

Dear Santa,
 I want a pool table, play drill, a football stander.
 Lance Hanson

Dear Santa,
 I want some shoes, a bicycle.
 Michael McCray

Dear Santa,
 I have been a good girl. I want a book. I have one about Jack and Jill. I want a doll and a baton, too. I am six years old.
 I love you, Santa
 Stella Edgington
 Box 590
 East City
 December 7, 1973

Dear Santa Claus,
 For Christmas I want a mini-bike, but if you can't get me that, a B-B gun or a pellet gun will be fine.
 Remember all the other kids.
 Bye Santa,
 Lape Rios
 P.S. A speedometer would also be fine.

Dear Santa
 I like for Christmas cowboy rifle set Busting Gloves and David Cassidy Model Guitar and that is all.
 My name is Junior

Dear Santa
 I have been very good this year.
 Please bring me a watch with three bands, a big doll, some clothes, and a coke stand.
 I love you
 Dervine Holcomb

Dear Santa,
 I want to have a real horse and a Barbie doll and a mke machine and ice cream machine. I need some new dresses and some play-doh, some Barbie clothes, a pencil and a pretty white kitty.
 Stacy Kren

Dear Santa,
 I would like to have candy. I want a lots of toys when it is Christmas. I want to get G.I. Joe jeep and a football and a walkyalky. And dear Santa I been nice to everybody and want to now if you are coming on Christmas and if you are fine and I want to know if you are nice to kids and girls.
 from,
 Teddy

Dear Santa,
 I want a make-up doll with clips and bows and make-up that can wash right off. Some Snoopy books. How is Mrs. Santa?
 I love you,
 Barbie McGaughey

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a doll, some dishes, and a coat. My brother wants a car.
 Melissa Lerma

Dear Santa,
 I want a B.B. gun and a play drill.
 That's it.
 I'll leave some cookies and cake.
 Michael Albus

Dear Santa,
 I want a gun, football and some cowboy boots. If you have a horse, I want him.
 That's all I want.
 Phil Sarabia

Dear Santa,
 I want a little Frosty machine and a dump truck, road grader, and a Star Truck gun.
 David Bradley

Dear Santa,
 I have been good. Please bring me a bicycle, drum and walky-walky.
 I love you.
 Michael Albus
 P.S. I am 6 years old.

Dear Santa,
 I am 4 years old, and I love you very much. I have tried to be a good girl most of the time. Please bring me a bicycle and a baby doll. I would like for you to leave lots of pecans in my Christmas stocking. Please bring my friends lots of toys.
 I will leave some cookies, milk, and a pipe for you.
 Love,
 Rhonda Albus

Dear Santa,
 My name is Lauri and I am four years old. I would like a Baby Alive and a playhouse with little furniture and people in it. I have been a good girl this year.
 Love,
 Lauri Tankersley
 P.S. Santa, Boyce and I will have some cookies and milk for you on our little table in the kitchen.

Dear Santa Claus,
 I have been a real good girl this year. I am 11 months old and this is my first Christmas. I would like lots of toys and some candy in my stocking.
 Love,
 Joy Gentry



Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a car, a Barbie doll, board. Send me Carla, a Barbie doll sister, Kim, want a roller skates. That's all, Santa.

Dear Santa,
 I want a sewing machine, a Barbie Doll house. On my kitchen table there's going to be some cookies. I want an oven that cooks real things. I want a bread that has hair, and a brush, and rollers and you can fix its hair anyway you want.
 Christi Clayton



Texaco Inc.

In lieu of sending Christmas cards, we make a donation to the heart monitor fund the Knox County Hospital.

Doris and Ken Crowder

Wishing you - our friends - the happiness of Christmas

Lane-Felker
 Haskell, Texas

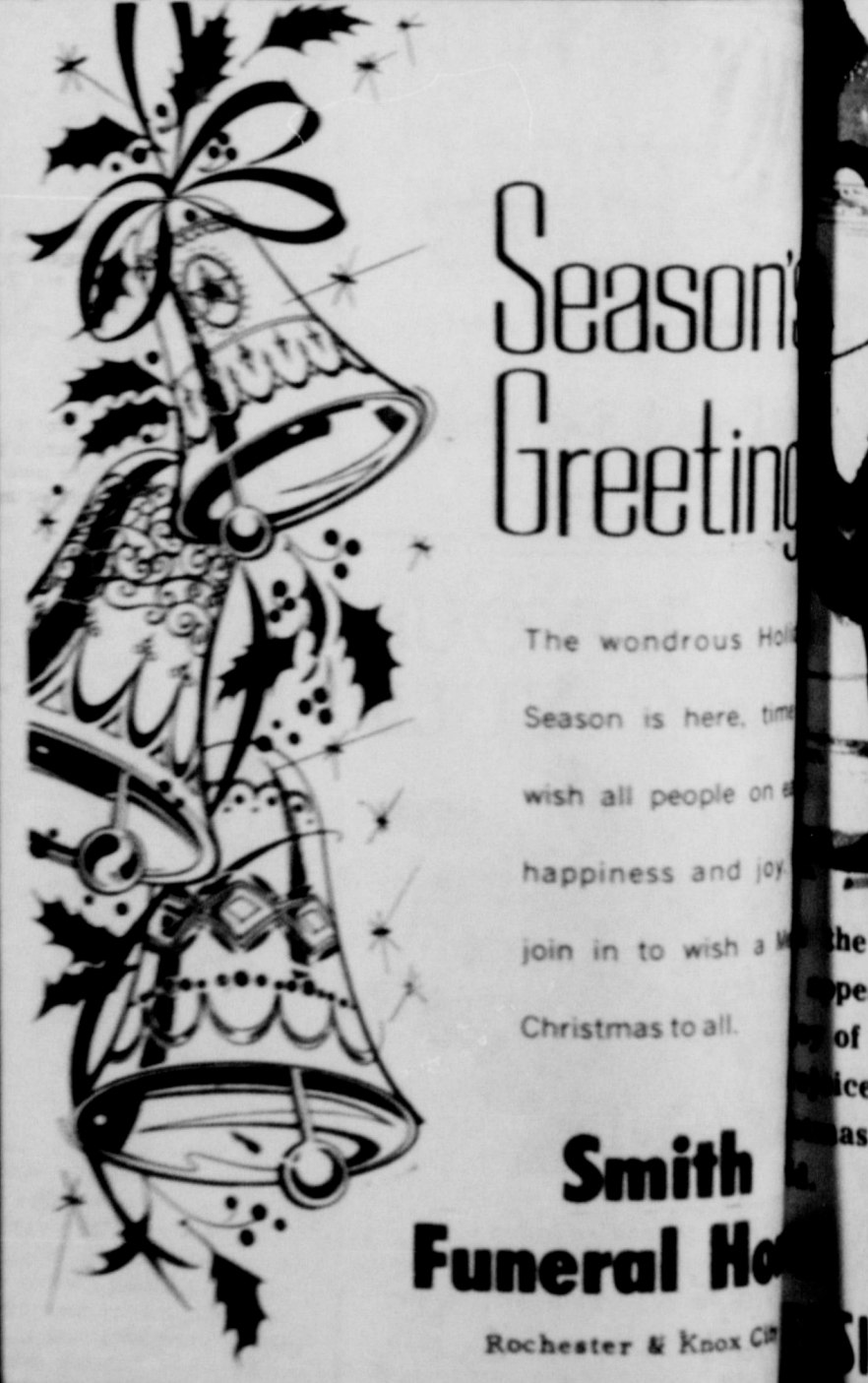


Joy TO ALL

We welcome the opportunity to wish you, our friends and neighbors, the best of everything at Christmas and to thank you for your patronage in the past. We look forward to serving you again!

JONES PHARMACY INC.

Martha, Henry J. and Peggy
 Joy - Alice - Velma - Lou



Season's Greeting

The wondrous Holiday Season is here, time to wish all people on earth happiness and joy. Join in to wish a Merry Christmas to all.

Smith Funeral Home
 Rochester & Knox City

Santa Letters

Miss Jones. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a pump pellet gun, crazy car, saddle bag, big wheel, socker-boppers, race track with lighted racers, hairy canary, giant stocking, Super Star, flippin fool. Don't forget Donny and Rhonda and Mama and Daddy.
I will leave a snack on the table for you.
Your friend,
Melissa Jones
Love, Greg Skiles

I am seven

The Gospel Story According to St. Matthew

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men 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 are come to worship him.

"When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea; for thus it is written by the prophet; And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda; for out of thee shall

come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

"Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem; and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

"When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and

worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

"And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child, to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt."

Matthew 2:1-14



Merry Christmas

FROM YOUR COUNTY OFFICIALS

Sam E. Clonts COUNTY JUDGE	John A. Smith TAX ASSESSOR - COLLECTOR
Zena Waldron COUNTY CLERK	H. C. Stone COUNTY SHERIFF
J. T. Cypert COUNTY TREASURER	Bobby D. Burnett COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Commissioners

Lee Patterson	R.C. Daniel
J. V. Carver	Bobby Roberson

Santa Claus Letters

4414 32nd Street
Lubbock, Texas
December 15, 1973

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 3 years old and I live in Lubbock, Texas. I have tried very hard to be a good little girl all year. For Christmas I would like an Inchworm, a Baby Tender Love, and some candy for my stocking.

I'll be at my Nanny's house in Knox City waiting for you.
I love you,
Michelle Hewitt

Dear Santa,
I'm gonna be good from now until Christmas. I want a car for Christmas. One that is two inches long. I want it colored gray.

Love,
Casto Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus,
If you will give my paper dolls, I'll be good all year.
Thank you,
Dora Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want a wig-doll. A comb comes with it. I have been good. I have cleaned off the table every night.

Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.
Leann Benson

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you send me a bike. I was good. Will you send me a baby doll in a buggy? I live in Apartment 10.
Love,
Delores Stafford

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pool table. I think that is enough for one boy.
I love you.
Your friend,
James Earl Stafford

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a New Born Tender Love doll, an umbrella, telephone, Barbie Camper, and an Inch Worm.
My brother, Larry, would like a basketball and goal, and a Stratego game.
We have tried to be a good boy and girl.
Love,
Laurie Webb

At this Holiest of Times

May the gentle spirit of the Prince of Peace gladden the hearts and homes of all our many friends and customers...

Eveline & Leo Beason

Christmas joys

May this Holy Season bring you an abundance of happiness!

City Hardware
H Lawsons

Christmas joy

As we make joyous preparations for the holiday season, we'd like to take this opportunity to greet our many good friends and patrons. We sincerely hope your Christmas is filled with the best of everything.

Factory Outlet
Mabel and N. L. McHam
Knox City, Texas

Greetings

True glory of Christmas be with your loved ones at this time.

Belle Benedict

WETIDE CHEER



Wish for a Merry Christmas - Thank You to Our Customers!

and Mobil Station

Dwight and Edrie
O'Brien, Texas

to The World...



the Star of Bethlehem appeared, how great was the joy of the Wise Men... let us be renewed in hope that Christmas brings to a troubled world.

SIDE CHEMICAL

NEW YEAR'S BIG SAVINGS

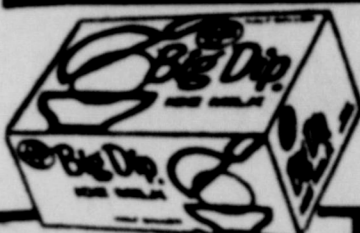
SPECIALS GOOD THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY
DEL MONTE CATSUP
39¢ 20-Oz. Btles.



DETERGENT
TIDE
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King Size

GOLDEN FRESH
ORANGE JUICE
5 6-Oz. Cans \$1.00

Foremost
Ice Milk
1/2 gal. 69¢



WHITE SWAN BISCUITS
3 Reg. Cans 39¢

SAMMY'S PRIDE Sliced Cheese
89¢
12 oz. pkg.

Gladi
FLO
25# bag

DELTA **BATHROOM TISSUE**
39¢
4 Rolls



WHITE SWAN **COFFEE**
Pound Can
89¢



Log Cabin **SYRUP** 79¢ \$3.69
24 oz. btl. with pitcher spout

KRAFT **Thousand Island Dressing**
Family Size
69¢
18 oz.



Kounty Kist **CORN**
3 12 oz. Cans 69¢



WHITE SWAN **BLEACH**
1/2 Gallon
29¢



KAL KAN **DOG FOOD**
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WILSON'S ALL MEAT **FRANKS**
89¢
12 oz.



GERBER'S Strained **BABY FOOD** 10¢
4 1/2-Oz. Jar

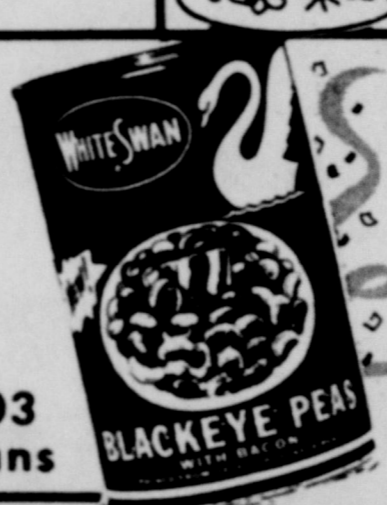


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IVORY LIQUID NEW! 99¢
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White Swan **BLACK EYE PEAS** 15¢
303 Cans



SEE THE NEW YEAR IN WITH **HOG JOWL** & BLACK-EYED PEAS
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10-Lb. Bag



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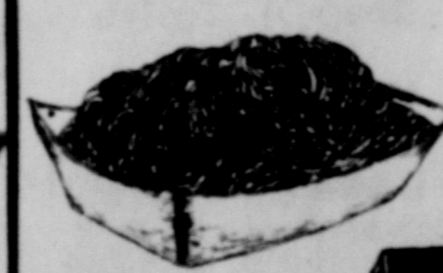
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Santa Claus Letters

with it and I want a set of tennis racket and I want a basketball and a uniform of football and some B.B. for my old B.B. gun? from, Henry L.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Evil Kneevil Stunt Cyle and a train set and also I need some pajamas and my brother wants stunt plane and a race car. I need to get Danny a back tire for his cyle and I need a front tire for my bike.
Bottle and jar cutter, a bike, and some school clothes.
Merry Christmas
I love you
Jerain Eaton

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and a little cookie.
Kathy Reynolds

Dear Santa,
I have been very nice this year.
I would like a Bartie, a Sew Magic, and a Barbie Camping set, please.
Love,
Kristi Boone

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Vanity Set, I want a steel bank, I want a real baton, I want a watch, I want a radio, I want a doll, I want a doll buggy.
from,
Melinda Hutchinson

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be nice all year. This is what I would like for Christmas. A pair of skates, a pogo stick, a Friend Ship, and last of all a unicycle.
from,
Melissa Whitley

Dear Santa,
I would like a Sew Magic. And a Baby Alive and Avon Lippop that taste like pop and a Ken boy Barbie Doll. What are you doing up North, Santa? It's a wonder that you can go all around the world in one night. How are you and Mrs. Clause and the elves? Oh, there is one more thing, I would like one of those balls you put your hand in and it talks when you say the thing you want him to. I forgot what they are called.
from,
Karae Thomas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Pool table and skates and a Jar and bottle cutter and bike and train set, car set, I love you.
James Eaton

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Bariedoll and her camper, white skates,
Wayne Watson
Knox City, Texas

Dear Santa,
I had a nice Christmas last December and I hope to have it this Christmas. I want a telephone and a bicycle and a set of Barbies and one more thing is a pair of boots and shoes each. And I am trying to be nice this year so I can get all I want.
Merry Christmas Everybody.
from,
Nedria Kim Rhodes

Dear Santa,
I want a pellet gun for Christmas and I want the pellet



the animals in the stable talk as cathedral bells peal

Many years ago there existed a custom among the farm people on Christmas Eve to "light the animals to the stable."

The farmer would light two candles... one for himself and one for the shepherd boy assisting him. They held their flickering candles for a moment in the corners of the animals' stalls. Then each stood at one side of the doorway, while the animals were herded in. The candles were snuffed out, and the animals were served double rations, for was it not their Christmas celebration, too? They had shared their shelter with Him that first wonderful night.

One Christmas Eve the farmer's family readied themselves for Mass at the great Cathedral as was their custom.

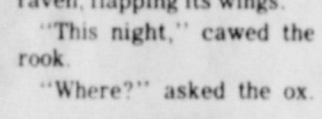
In the stable the well-fed beasts drowsed contentedly. At midnight they were roused by the joyful pealing of the cathedral bells. As if by signal, the animals stirred themselves.



Flying to a high perch in the stalls the rooster stretched its neck and crowed: "Christ is born!"



With a buzzing of wings the bees flew out of the stable in swarms, singing a dissonant carol as they went.



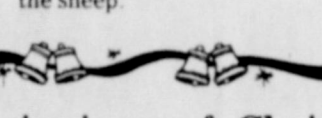
"When?" croaked the raven, flapping its wings.



And so, while the human beings sang praises to the newborn King of Kings in the Cathedral, the animals in their own simple way performed their acts of reverence. Some knelt in devotion.



"This night," cawed the rook.



"Bethlehem," bleated the sheep.

the beginnings of Christmas glowed in Festival of Lights

The roots of Christmas as it is observed in Christian countries go deeply into the folklore of the Druids, Scandinavians, Romans, Egyptians, and Jews.

Celebrations by all these groups took place at a time of year when "the days begin to lengthen and the cold begins to strengthen," or "when the earth began to waken under the kiss of light, when new hopes rose in frozen hearts."

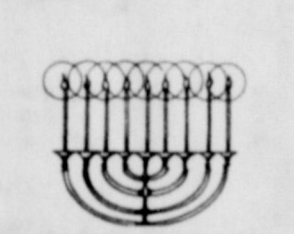
To the Jews this period was the Festival of Lights or Dedication, called Hanukkah or Chanukah.

Their history records that

in 165 B.C. a Maccabean army vanquished an army of Syrians. Judas Maccabeus entered Jerusalem with his forces and found it a place of desolation, the temple destroyed. He began the work of purification and on the 25th day of Kislev it was finished and a sacred light was lighted.

The sacred oil had been almost exhausted but a jar was found which they judged would burn for one day. Miraculously it lasted 8 days! Therefore the Jews decree each year that the 8 days previous to December 25 be celebrated.

The first night two tapers are lighted; one is the torch. The second night a third candle is added and so on for each night until the eighth day. Thus a true Hanukkah candelabrum has nine arms.



Merry Christmas
your holiday abound with lasting happiness—
and your heart be filled with the greatest gladness.
and C Electric
Willie Collins
KNOX CITY TEXAS

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and Jean Thomas and Karae

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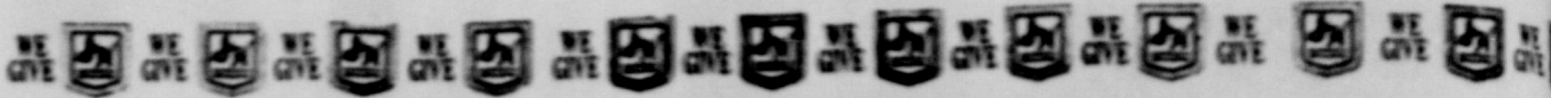
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