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A FINE PAPER FOR FINE PEOPLE



Friday evening, December 21, was a special occasion for those living at Medical Center Nursing Home When a Christmas party was held in the Dining Room. Refreshments were served and gifts distributed from the Christmas tree. Pictured are just a few of those attending. Photo by Robertson.



SCOUTS OF TROOP 33 ENJOY CHRISTMAS ICE SKATING PARTY — These youngsters had a whale of a great time Thursday night when they enjoyed an Ice Skating Christmas party at Amarillo. "I don't believe I have ever seen a group of boys have a more enjoyable time," was the comment of Scout Master Tommie Saye, who was presented a special camera gift by the Troop as he sat in the stand watching on. Many can remember Tommie breaking a leg when he joined the group on roller skates at Memphis.

Photo by Saye's

### Funeral Services For Mrs. Cloeteal Ray

Funeral services for Mrs. Cloeteal Ray, 70, a resident of Donley County for more than 69 years, were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 23, 1973, in the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Weldon Rives, pastor, and Rev. James O. Brandon, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was in Citizens Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Schooler-Gordon-Robertson Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Ray died at 9:15 p.m. Friday, December 21st, at her residence. She was born April 1, 1903 at Ector, Texas and came to Donley County and the Hedley Community at an early age. She was married to William E. (Bill) Ray February 24, 1935 at Hedley and they moved to Clarendon that same year. She was a member of the Order Of The Eastern Star, and the First United Methodist Church and was active in the W.S.C.S.

Survivors include her husband W. E. (Bill) Ray of the home; one sister, Mrs. Rolle Brumley of Clarendon; a niece, Mrs. Shirley Welch of Pampa; a nephew, John Carroll Brumley of Lakin, Kansas; three great nieces and three great nephews.

Bearers were Glen Adkins, W. H. Cooke III, Wm. M. Porter, Clyde Martin, Willard Hudson, and Gene Alderson.

It was against the law to observe Christmas in the U.S. in 1959.

### Scout Troop 33 Goes Ice Skating Dec. 20

Thirty-one Scouts from Troop 33 went to Amarillo Thursday night, December 20, for Ice Skating. There were NO casualties and all seemed to catch on to Ice Skating real fast.

About half-way through, Senior Patrol Leader, James Thomas, on behalf of the Troop presented Mr. Tommie Saye, Scoutmaster, with a Kodak pocket Instamatic Camera which will be appreciated very much and will be used to take Scouting Action pictures for his scrapbook.

The following Scouts attended: James Thomas, Paul Hermesmeier, Butch Blackburn, Donny Garman, LeRoy Sanchez, Rex Brown, Loyd Rasco, Chris Ford, Dewey Ford, Daniius Alexander, Terry Putman, Stan Lefew, Dan Sawyer, Kyle Hill, Dean Hawkins, Shane Swinney, Drew Thornberry, Lance Thornberry, Kelly Tunnell, Jeff Topper, Jon Nichols, Richard Sanchez, Keenan Shields, Wade Porter, Steve Rives, Rich Hayes, Dan Hall, Irvan Thomas, Gary Thomas, Gary McClellan and Billy Gardner.

#### GAS FUMES OVERCOME LOCAL COUPLE THURS.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott McDaniels, owners of the Greenbelt Motel, were overcome by gas fumes from a faulty floor furnace Thursday morning. They were taken to Medical Center Hospital for treatment. We are wishing them a complete recovery.

### Christmas Edition Published This Week

This week's edition is the Donley County Leader's annual Christmas edition carrying the children's Santa Letters along with many greetings and messages of appreciation from your local and area merchants and others. Your next issue will be that of January 3, 1974.

You are invited to turn through these pages and read the many letters and messages.

We at the Leader Office, wish to express our sincere appreciation for the help given us in making this issue possible and to wish each and every one of you a most happy holiday season.

### May We Have Your News Copy Early!

There will be many who are visiting or who plan to visit through the Christmas and New Year holidays. Your cooperation in submitting your news as it happens will be greatly appreciated by the Leader Staff.

Rural columns should be in the office as early as possible. Only a capacity of type can be turned through our machines in a day's time. Call your community correspondent or call or bring your news to the office.

Happy Holidays!

Country roads are almost always sixty-six feet wide because that was the width of the original surveyor's chain.

### Donley Steer Show Set For Fri., Dec. 28

The Donley County Steer Show will be held Friday, December 28, at the Show Barn in Clarendon, according to Ronald Goch, County Extension Agent. The judging will start at 1:00 p.m. and Don Reeves, Collingsworth County Extension Agent, will be the judge again this year.

Twenty eight steers and three heifers will be shown by the following Donley County 4-H club members: Dean Hawkins, Jeffrey Helms, Mary Jo and Paul Hermesmeyer, David and Richard Leathers, Jamie, Lisa and Rodney McLean, Mark Mann, Starla Mann, Phillip Moreman, Andrew, Lance and Mac Thornberry.

Everyone is invited to attend the show and give their support to the boys and girls.

### Special Service Mon. Nite, Calvary Baptist

There will be a special New Year's service at the Calvary Baptist Church Monday Night, December 31. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will continue until midnight.

The service will include singing, duets, quartets, and special Choir singing. Refreshments and a time of fellowship will be at 10 p.m. and we will have special New Year's speakers. It will be a service that will be a real blessing to all that will attend.

Where had we rather be than in the house of the Lord at the beginning of a new year. Let's start the New Year right, come bring your friends. Everyone is invited to attend the New Year services with us. All the folks of the Calvary Baptist Church extend a special invitation to you to be present.

Roy W. Sullivan, Pastor

### MRS. J. R. BARTLETT IN AMARILLO HOSPITAL

Friends will be sorry to learn that Mrs. J. R. Bartlett underwent surgery at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Thursday. It is hoped that she will soon be improved and able to be back at home. Her son, J. R. of New York, visited her last Sunday. Her daughter, Mrs. Roy Grider, lives in Amarillo and another daughter, Mrs. J. W. Goodman resides in California.

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## Chamberlain News

Mrs. Hawley Harrison

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Darby of Ft. Worth and Mrs. Mary Barfield of Granbury, also Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ballew will be spending the Christmas holidays together, also they will be with Ruth and Neil Corbin, Pete and Jake Corbin, Bertie Fay Templeton and Loja Green.

Clayton Ferris came home Wednesday for the Christmas Holidays. He will be home until January 10.

Those spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lindley are Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bollinger of Stratford, Mr. L. J. Bollinger of Dalhart and Mrs. Harold Lindley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lindley, and Mrs. G. D. Cross, all of Clarendon.

Mrs. Pauline Koontz and Judy Morgan and Jason visited Friday with Mrs. Cora Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Carter and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. Gurvin Kennard and Jennifer, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Carter of Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. Abe Turner and family of Haskell will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dingler are having their Christmas get-together with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Grimland Saturday in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Judy Morgan and Jason of Duncan, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rogers and girls of Albuquerque, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Helms and family of Lelia Lake, also Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Koontz, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dingler and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Mann, Jr. and Sherrill are spending Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Mann and family. This will be their Christmas get-together.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barbee of Quitaque Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mullins and boys of Houston, and Mrs. Patsy Brasher and children of Odessa are spending Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barbee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ferris were in Memphis on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cannon and Lisa of Navasota are spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Harrison, and the Dennis Harrisons attended the Christmas Party at Martin Baptist Church.

Mrs. Richard Cannon will accompany them home for the holidays.

### The Christmas Story

By: Weldon Rives, Pastor  
First United Methodist Church

Most usually when we speak of the Christmas Story we think of those events recorded in the Gospels about Jesus' birth. How many times are children enthralled by the lovely accounts of the angels, the star, shepherd, Mary and the Wise Men. Adults are also fascinated by story in other ways, yet all focus our attention upon the New Testament events. But, is this really the beginning of the Christmas story?

The most famous musical setting of the Christmas Story is probably Handel's oratorio THE MESSIAH. It begins with a prelude followed by a solo quoting Isaiah 40:1—"Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, saith your God." Therefore, don't you see, Christmas did not begin in Bethlehem, nor with a star in the East, nor with Shepherds keeping watch over their flocks by night. It did not begin with an imperial decree that all the world should be taxed, nor even with Joseph and Mary. It began with a redemptive purpose in the heart of God. Handel knew this and concluded his oration with a mighty chorus of hallelujahs.

Theodore P. Ferris once wrote: "When God came into the world, he came out of the past, with roots in history, and he was born in a city that had a great memory. Jesus was a branch on a

full-grown tree, a shoot out of the stump of Jesse. In other words, there was a development that led finally to Jesus, through the prophets and the priest to the Master." And, through it all we come to realize that the Christmas Story is a love story; its author is love; its plot is love, its denouement is love. For in Jesus' birth, life, teachings, death and Resurrection, we have a full revelation of the Love of God, and the Christmas Story is but one part of that love. It points to mind and heart of God which was in the beginning and is until yet seeking to work out God's redemptive purpose in our lives even as he struggled with the Hebrews of the Old Testament and the Jews of Jesus' day. Therefore, this Christmas think not only of God acting in history that first Christmas Day, but as he acted in history before that event and as he has acted since then to show forth his love even when we are not loving him.

On behalf of the members of the First United Methodist Church let me wish you a very Merry Christmas in sharing with you these words of Howard Thurman:

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,

When the shepherds are back with their flock.  
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers,  
To make music in the heart.  
Grace and peace in Christ Jesus

THINK ON THIS: Christmas began in the heart of God and is completed only when it reaches the heart of man.

—The War Cry.

Arway, Colo., visited Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Helton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Martin of Dalhart, Mr. and Mrs. Shug Noble and family of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Christie of Idalou, and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Christie of Arizona spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Christie.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Jacobs of Amarillo visited Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Christie. Charlie Hearn also visited Thursday with the Christies.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reid of Claude visited Friday afternoon with Mrs. W. D. Higgins.

Mrs. Raymond Waldrop visited Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lyles.

B. H. Higgins of Amarillo visited Thursday with his mother, Mrs. W. D. Higgins.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### DPS Urges Careful Holiday Driving

"One of the most tragic wastes of our natural resources may occur this Christmas and New Year Holiday period," said Major C. W. Bell, Regional Commander of Region 5 of the Texas Department of Public Safety in Lubbock. Major Bell said he was not referring to the fuel shortage situation, but rather to the number of human lives that may be needlessly lost as a result of traffic accidents in Texas during the holidays.

It was noted by the Commander that by not exceeding fifty miles per hour, motorists could aid in the goal of conserving fuel and possibly reducing the severity of accidents, thereby saving lives. The Major made this statement in connection with the enforcement program of Department of Public Safety officers, aimed at reducing the death toll on Texas streets and highways throughout this festive period.

Major Bell said, "The Department of Public Safety will have all available officers on the highways watching for traffic violations, especially those motorists driving too fast for conditions and those driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages."

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lyles visited Sunday in Turkey with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cole and Shanna went to Silverton Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Helton went to Fronia Sunday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Waldrop and Colby. They will meet Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cornell for their family Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lester of Phoenix, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lester, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lester of Lubbock visited over the weekend and had Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Watson and family and Mrs. Raymond Waldrop and other relatives.

Stanley Leffew visited Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Othel Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Brunson and family of Amarillo visited Monday through Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Othel Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Helton and Brad of Lodi, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Helton and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Helton and Fronia of

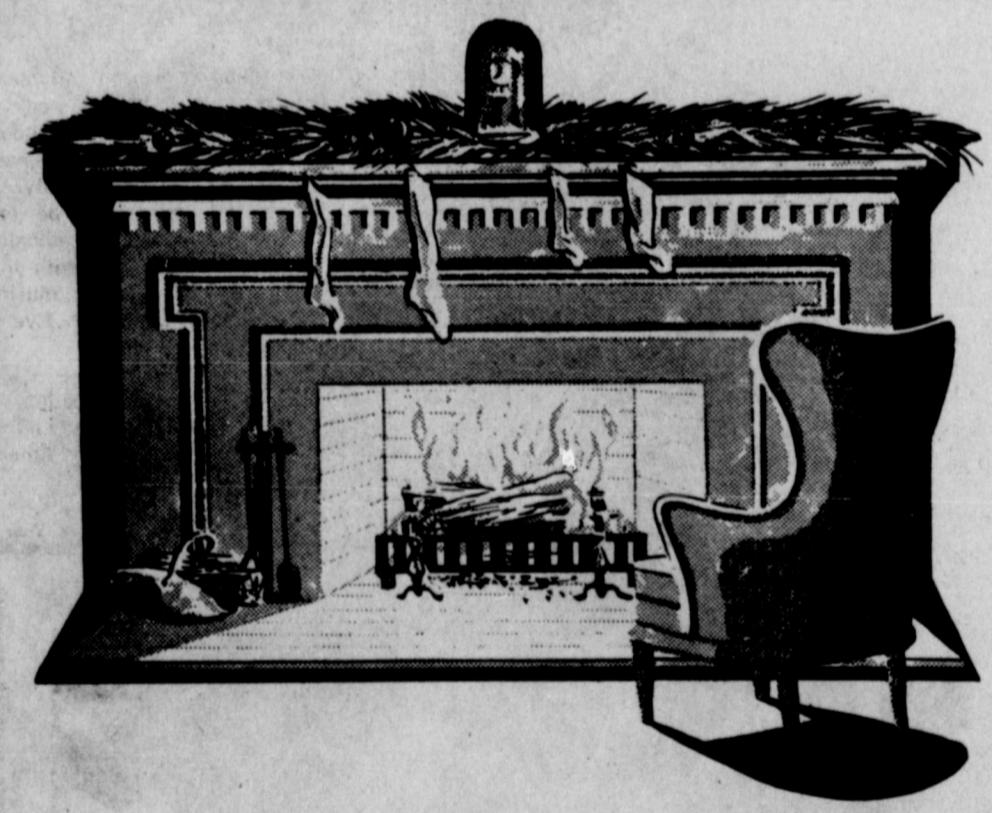
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**Community Action  
Board Meet Held  
Thurs. Dec. 20**

The Community Action Advisory Board met Thursday afternoon at 5 p.m. in the Community Action Building with Rev. Owen McGarity, chairman, presiding. Reports were made by Mrs. Edna Osburn, Community Action, and Mrs. Eureka Mays, Planned Parenthood.

Current projects were discussed and it was announced that the final class period for Typing and Upholstery ended last week and the Carpentry class ended Thursday night. Other classes are to be formed after the first of the year.

Expense of operating the office in Clarendon was discussed and once again the purpose of the two programs was stressed—namely that the program is designed to help people help themselves by learning a trade, job training, etc. in any number of personal interest areas in Community Action, and in the

local office will be closed through December 26. May all of you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ben Jonson, English poet laureate, is buried in an upright position in Westminster Abbey.

Coffee trees bear fruit for about 20 years.

**Christal Announces  
For Re-Election**

**As County Judge**

In announcing for re-election to the office of County Judge of Donley County, I wish to express my appreciation for the cooperation and assistance you have given me in this present term. I have tried, to the best of my ability, to serve in the greatest interest of the people of this County. In our Changing Government and laws, I feel I am better qualified to meet the challenges facing our County, because of past experience. I sincerely solicit your support and vote for re-election.

W. R. CHRISTAL

**Dick Risenhoover  
To Be Honored**

Dick Risenhoover, a former staff writer for the Amarillo News - Globe and an announcer for KGNC-TV and radio, will be inducted into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame in Amarillo Sunday, January 6. The public is invited to attend the induction ceremonies to be held at 2 p.m. in Amarillo College Gymnasium.

Risenhoover, a favorite announcer in the Panhandle area, is currently serving as the "Voice of the Texas Rangers" baseball team in Dallas. He is a graduate of Childress High School and Texas University. Later he was promoted to head basketball and head baseball coach, serving also as coordinator of the summer baseball program at Childress.

Prior to his position with the Rangers he was employed as a sports announcer for KDFW-TV, Dallas.

Congratulations to Dick Risenhoover!

**Assembly Of God  
Announces Special  
Service Fri., Jan. 4**

R. L. Leeder, pastor of the Assembly of God Church, has announced that the Gibson Trio headed by Rusty Gibson and joined by his two brothers, will be at the Assembly of God Church in Clarendon for a special service Friday night, January 4 at 7 p.m.

Mr. Gibson is from Oklahoma and last spring held a week of revival services in Clarendon. He has appeared here on several occasions with his family.

Friday's service will be one of music and Gospel singing you are sure to enjoy with this fine group of traveling musicians, stated Rev. Leeder. Everyone is invited.

When the highest section of steel is placed on a large building during construction, the American flag is displayed.

**Educational Benefits  
Under G. I. Bill**

Post-Korean veterans are down to about their last semester of eligibility under the GI Bill, but an extra year remains for those interested in farm cooperative training, apprenticeship or on-the-job training, and those qualified for advanced flight training, according to Jack Coker, VA Regional Director.

The standard eligibility period for GI Bill training for all veterans is eight years after separation for military service, Coker explained today. However, post-Korean veterans — those with service from February 1, 1955, through May 31, 1966 — were not eligible until the current GI Bill became effective June 1, 1966.

As a result, the eight-year period for this group of veterans expires May 31, 1974, for all but several forms of GI Bill educational training.

Additional educational benefits were added to the GI Bill in 1967, thus the extension of the expiration date to 1975 for these benefits.

VA officials explained that eligible veterans may qualify for flight training only when it is generally accepted as necessary to attain a recognized vocational objective. This can be in the field of aviation or where it is recognized as ancillary to the pursuit of another vocation.

Applicants for flight training must possess a valid private pilot's license and meet medical requirements for a commercial pilot's license, Coker said.

**EXCHANGING GIFTS**

Exchanging gifts at Christmas is one of the most time-honored of customs, and toys, dolls and games for the children have always ranked high on the gifts list.

In the not-so-long-ago, however, just one important present — a doll for a little girl, perhaps, and a toy accordion for her brother — was all that youngsters might expect at Christmas.

Though Santa is more bountiful nowadays, the gifts he brings are like those of yesteryear in at least one way. They reflect the interests and fashions of their times.

Dolls, yesterday and today, dress in the favorite styles of the moment. Toys, too, show the influence of current events.

Toy racing cars, for instance, came in with the automobile, while today more complex types of wheel toys take advantage of modern technological developments.

The alligator is the only animal whose upper jaw is movable.

Members of the white race have more hair on their heads than any other race.

**Sen. Max Sherman To  
Serve As President  
Pro Tem Of Senate**

State Senator Max Sherman of Amarillo has been elected by his fellow Senate members to serve as President Pro Tempore of the Senate during the first called session of the 63rd Legislature. Sherman, who is serving his second term in the Texas Senate, was unanimously elected during the opening day of the special session after being nominated by a fellow North Texas legislator, Senator Jack Hightower of Vernon.

Sherman, a 38 year old Panhandle native from Borger is currently serving as chairman of the Senate Natural Resources committee and is a member of the Finance and Jurisprudence committees.

The position of President Pro Tempore is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Senator by his colleagues. The President Pro Tempore presides over the Senate in the absence of the Lt. Governor and is next in line to succession to the Governorship in the absence of the Governor and the Lt. Gov.

Senator Sherman was joined during the swearing in ceremonies by his wife Gene, who is also a native of Borger; his son Lynn, age 10; and his daughter Holly, who is 9 years old.

**Cotton Classing News**

Three days of cold, windy weather slowed cotton harvest and ginning over the Greenbelt area this week, according to W. E. Cain, in Charge of the USDA Agriculture Marketing Service, Cotton Classing Office in Memphis, Texas. "Gin yards were already full of cotton to be ginned, so the slowdown only lasted until the skies cleared and temperatures warmed up again," said Cain.

The Memphis, Texas Office graded 35,400 samples this week to bring the season total to 113,200. This compares to 66,800 on the same date a year ago. The predominant grade classified this week was grade 32 with 37 percent, followed by grade 41 with 23 percent, and grade 31 with 22 percent.

Micronaire readings showed 78 percent milled in the desirable range of 3.5 to 4.9 and 17 percent milled 3.4 and below. Pressley tests showed 86 percent tested 75,000 psi or higher. The average for the week was 81,000 psi.

The Memphis area cotton market remained active this week. Demand continued strong and growers sold offerings freely. Prices at the end of the week were steady to 150 points higher than early week quotations. Prices for all grades, staple 30 and shorter, 3.5 to 4.9 mike, ranged from 3800 to 4000 points

over loan rates. Staples 31 and longer, 3.5 to 4.9 mike, ranged in price from 4500 to 5000 points over loan rates.

The average price paid farmers for cottonseed at the gin was \$100 per ton.

**CRITICALLY ILL**

Mrs. John Rhoades is critically ill at Medical Center Hospital at the time of this writing. Her daughters are here to be with her.

**General Telephone  
Announces Rate Drop**

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.

President of the United States receives his salary once a month by check.

Hawaiian language has only 12 letters.

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Cheerful  
Holiday**



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Christmas bring  
all the best for you  
and your family and follow you thru the new year.

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# Society

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## 1919 Study Club Met For Christmas Party Wed., December 19

The Hedley Lions Club Den was the setting for the 1919 Study Club's Christmas Salad Luncheon and gift exchange December 19. The group gathered at 12:30 noon.

During the business session Mrs. Lon Harmon was voted a new member. Welcome to our club, Neta. A gift was sent to Girletown.

The buffet table was laid with a white cloth, Christmas napkins and centered with a Christmas Carol arrangement from which trailing garlands of pinecones extended down the center. Accented the arrangement were gold decorated Bois D'Arc balls.

Thirteen members heard a wonderful Christmas Story Book Review, "Anniversary" by Margarette Sangster which was presented by Mrs. Royce Williams.

Rep.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Monte D. Stephens of Canyon, Texas announce the arrival of April D'Ann December 5, 1973. The young lady weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Myers of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stephens of Matador. Monte is a former resident of Clarendon and attended Clarendon College. He is now an agent with First Pyramid Life Insurance.

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## GREETINGS



To the best friends and customers a firm ever had ... here's wishing you sacks full of Christmas cheer at this season. It's been our pleasure to serve you during the past year ... we hope to serve you again.

## We Will Be Open Christmas Day To Serve You

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## The H. C. Easterlings To Observe 50th Anniversary December 30

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clyde Easterling will observe their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Sunday, December 30, 1973 from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Restaurant, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Officers for the coming year will be as follows: Ella Simmons, President; Eva Phelps, Secretary; and Leona Quattbaum, Reporter.

A Christmas tree was enjoyed by all of its lovely decorations. Gifts were exchanged among the members.

Members attending were Edna Hudson, Ella Simmons, Lilac Lowe, Nora Leathers, Beatrice Rodgers, Eva Phelps, Leona Quattbaum, and one visitor, Genoa Lowe.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Thomas of Perryton, Texas announce the arrival of a daughter, December 17, 1973 at Perryton. The little miss weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and has been named Holly. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hearn of Clarendon and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Thomas of Washburn. Great grandfather is Frank Lyle of Clarendon.

GI Bill enrollments in fiscal year 1973 edged past 2.1 million to the highest level in 22 years, the Veterans Administration reported recently.

## Homemaking Courses In January At AC

A new schedule of Amarillo College adult homemaking classes has been released by Mrs. Barbara Truitt, coordinator-instructor of the adult homemaking programs.

Beginning Jan. 9 is a class in household sewing which includes sewing bedspreads, table cloths, decorator pillows, curtains, and many other items for the home. The class meets from 1-3 p.m.

"With shortages facing us, and the high cost of buying, this course is becoming quite popular," said Mrs. Truitt.

A class in tailoring women's garments for those who have completed the basic bishop sewing

class is slated from 9-11 a.m. Jan. 10.

An upholstery class begins Jan. 11. Students bring a piece of furniture and re-upholster it in class while learning the basis of upholstery.

"These classes are limited," Mrs. Truitt said. Meeting time is 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Tailoring men's suits will begin from 9-11 a.m. Jan. 14. Women's knitted fabrics may be used.

Two classes beginning Jan. 15 are basic bishop sewing from 9-11 a.m. and beginning and basic bishop short-cuts from 7-9 p.m.

Registration and fees will be completed at the first class meeting. All classes will meet at the School of Vocational Arts, 6222 W. 9th, Room 103 of Building C.

A fee of \$7.50 is charged for all classes except upholstery which is \$10.

Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Truitt at the SVA campus

## Accent On Health

J. E. Peavy, M.D., Commissioner of Health

Diabetes, one of the top 10 killers, is being attacked full scale in portions of the Rio Grande Valley.

A massive screening program, along with a public awareness campaign, is being conducted in Starr and Hidalgo Counties through local health departments, the medical society and backup support of the State Health Department.

Diabetes may strike anywhere, but in the Rio Grande Valley it is more prevalent among those in the high risk group. Who composes this high risk segment of society? You are in it IF — if you are more than 45 years of age; if you are 45 or older and a close blood relative of a diabetic; if you are 45 or older and you are very overweight (obese); and if you are 45 or older and the parent of a newborn baby weighing nine pounds or more.

Some private physicians and local health departments screen patients for diabetes routinely if they fall into the high risk category. In Starr and Hidalgo counties, with a strong assist from television stations, those who are most susceptible are being sought out.

Through use of four specially produced television films from the State Health Department, as well as spot announcements, the message is being carried to all viewers. They are being asked to have screening blood tests made at a health department clinic, or from a private doctor if they are in the high risk group. The blood samples are then sent to the State Health Department Laboratories for evaluation. Local health department personnel will follow up on persons whose tests were positive.

Studies done in Starr County and elsewhere in the Valley have indicated that diabetes mellitus is much more prevalent in South Texas than elsewhere in the na-

tion. Dr. Mario Ramirez of Roma said about 20 per cent of his patients at high risk have diabetes. Often times, those with diabetes don't report to a physician until complications from the disease force them to seek medical aid.

Some of the complications from diabetes are blindness, gangrene, damage to kidneys, blood vessels and nerves, heart attack and stroke.

Early detection and treatment, so important in other diseases, is just as important if you have diabetes.

It is estimated that only about half its victims are aware they have the disease. In the other half it is hidden. Programs such as the special effort in the Valley may insure a healthier future for those in whom the disease is found.

Diabetes is a chronic, metabolic disease which is a worldwide problem. It has been known for thousands of years. The oldest known document, an Egyptian papyrus of 1500 B.C., contains the earliest reference to what was probably diabetes.

Although diabetes affects people of all ages, in this country it is 10 times more prevalent after age 45.

Despite research through the centuries, no cure is yet known. However, the introduction of insulin therapy during the 1920's, followed by oral drugs in the 1950's, greatly improved the prognosis for diabetes. Today the life expectancy of a diabetic is much greater than it was 50 years ago when insulin was first administered to a 14-year-old boy in Toronto. The boy recovered from a deep coma. Since that day, insulin has saved the lives of millions of people.

Simply put, diabetes is too much sugar in the blood. Blood sugar - glucose - isn't broken down into body fuel as it should be because of a malfunction of the pancreas.

A person with diabetes may have these symptoms: excessive thirst, frequent urination, excessive hunger, weight loss, failing eyesight, intense itching, pain in fingers and toes, weakness, tiredness and drowsiness.

A blood test can detect sugar in the blood, and many persons learn of the disease while undergoing regular checkups or being treated for another illness.

Prevalence in this country is increasing and probably is attributable to many factors. People, in general, are living longer. The life expectancy of diabetics has increased.

Finding of the diabetic is important, and finding the hidden diabetic is doubly so. The earlier diabetes is detected, the easier it can be controlled and a person put on the proper diet and medication, says the Health Department.

The Veterans Administration reports that California, with 3.23 million veterans, maintained its position in fiscal year 1973 as the state with the most veterans. New York ranks second with 2.52 million veterans.

TYPEWRITERS & ADDERS  
AT THE LEADER



AFTER THE GIFTS ARE OPENED—Texas Strawberry Omelette will make Christmas breakfast a special affair, says Agriculture Commissioner John C. White. Serve it with sausage and piping hot rolls.

Sell what you don't want and  
need through the classified ads.

Oology is the study of the science of birds eggs.

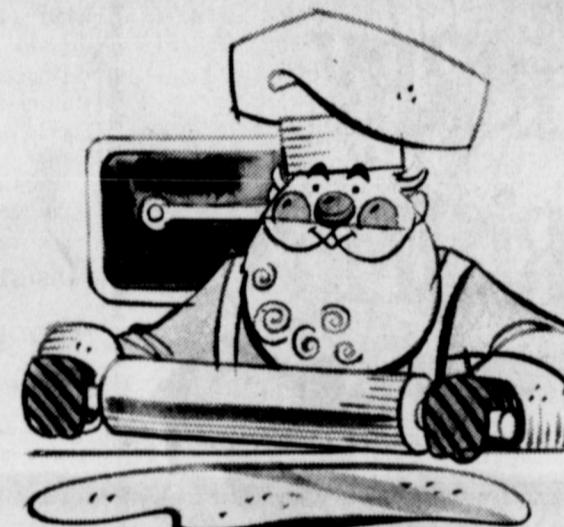
Women who retain their maiden names after marriage are called Lucy Stoners.

Louisiana is the only state whose law are not based on English common law.

Largest of the Egyptian pyramids has an estimated weight of 5 million tons.

Oology is the study of the science of birds eggs.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS



You can bet "dough" on it — we're wishing you a very merry Christmas!

## DREAM DONUT SHOP



Times may have changed but one thing is still the same — sending holiday greetings to friends old and new. It's a pleasure to wish you happy holidays.

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It was against the law to observe Christmas in the U.S. in Ireland Island in the Bermudas has the largest floating drydock in the world.



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May your Christmas be merry and bright!

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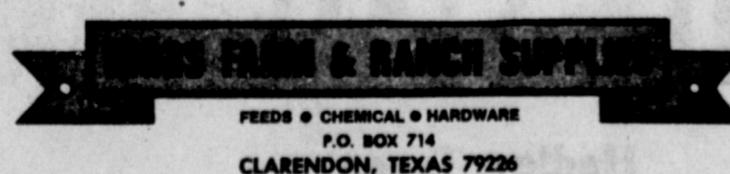
In the spirit of friendship and good will  
that is Christmas... we thank our many  
customers for their continued patronage!  
To all, our sincere wishes for holiday joy!

## Merry Christmas!



With all warmth and sincerity, we send our wish for an old-fashioned Merry Christmas. May the season be filled with a joy and happiness that will grow in all the days that follow. To you, our sincere appreciation and a very Merry Christmas!

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Operation Motorcide  
Thru Holiday Period

Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, announced today that changing travel patterns brought on by the national energy shortage make it impossible for the DPS to validly estimate the number of traffic deaths which might occur in Texas over the upcoming holidays.

He said, however, it was hoped the traffic death count would fall below the 14.5 daily average observed during last year's Christmas period, and below the 18.5 daily average recorded for the last New Year holidays.

Speir said it is impossible to compare total deaths between this year and last because the current holiday periods are both 102 hours as compared to 78 hours twelve months before.

The DPS director said factors expected to affect auto travel include driving curtailments

which might result from lower speeds, weekend service station closings, higher gasoline prices and the possibility of spot fuel shortages.

Reduced travel might normally result in some reduction in traffic deaths. But Speir warned that if a substantial number of drivers have reduced their speeds while a high percentage of others are still driving at high speeds, the number of deaths could be considerably higher because of accidents possibly resulting from more pronounced speed differences.

He reminded motorists that Texas law requires drivers going less than the prevailing traffic speed to keep right on multi-lane highways.

Speir urged drivers to avoid drinking if driving, noting that alcohol traditionally has been a major factor in the holiday accident problems.

And he pointed out that the apparently growing trend toward motorists carrying spare containers of gasoline in their vehicles might boost the toll-

Public School Issues  
Guidelines During The  
Nat. Energy Crisis

Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District will adhere to the best of its ability to the guidelines set forth by the Governor and Texas Education Agency to the Energy Saving Program during the designated period from January 1, 1974 and extending through March 31, 1974. They are as follows:

1. A 15% reduction in energy consumption.

2. Set all thermostats at 68 degrees during cold weather.

3. Reduce the setting of all thermostats to 65 degrees a half hour prior to the departure of students from a building and reset the thermostats to 68 degrees one hour prior to the arrival of students in the morning.

4. The school day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:55 p.m. (Daylight Saving Time — 10:00 a.m. to 4:35 p.m.)

5. Schedule all student activities to the extent possible, including athletic events, in the afternoons during the months of January, February, and March.

6. Turn off all unnecessary lighting.

7. Close off and reduce heat to the minimum in all portions of

particularly if one of the containers should catch fire as the result of leaking fumes or spilled contents.

The Christmas period begins this year at 6 p.m. Friday, December 21, and ends at midnight Tuesday, December 25. New Year will start at 6 p.m. Friday, December 28, and terminate at midnight Tuesday, January 1, 1974.

During both periods, Speir said the DPS would place all available uniformed personnel on duty in a concerted effort to reduce accidents and save lives. He noted that patrolmen would be especially watchful for drinking and reckless drivers.

In addition to its enforcement activities, the DPS will be cooperating with local law enforcement agencies and the news media of Texas in a program called "Operation Motorcide." Information on fatal traffic collisions will be tabulated in Austin and released three times daily throughout the holidays in an effort to focus public attention on traffic safety.

buildings not necessary to the instructional program.

8. Maintenance and custodian work will be done during the day.

Daylight Standard Time Lunch period would be adjusted accordingly with the class schedule. Reasons for time change are the length of bus routes and time bus students would be picked up.

The above energy saving guidelines were discussed and approved by the Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District school board on December 13, 1973. Jeff L. Walker, Superintendent.

AC Nursing Exams  
Slated For January

Pre-testing dates have been set for administering vocational nursing exam Jan. 9-11 and 15-17 at the Amarillo College School of Vocational Arts, 6222 W. 9th.

Applications for the 12-month program are available from Mrs. Sue Ann Hicks, coordinator-instructor of the AC vocational nursing program.

Tests will be given in Room 204 of the Administration Building at the SVA campus beginning at 8 a.m.

The next 12 month vocational nursing class will begin Feb. 11, 1974, said Mrs. Hicks.

The first five months of training are pre-clinical to orient the prospective nurse with practices, procedures, and responsibilities associated with the nursing profession.

Seven months of clinical experience follows under the direction of a licensed physician or registered nurse. After this training is complete, students then prepare for state board examinations which, if passed, make them a licensed vocational nurse.

Hospitals that cooperate with the college in its endeavors to train students in the nursing field are Northwest Texas, High Plains Baptist, and St. Anthony's.

It is said that when President Roosevelt asked all governors in the Thirties to declare 35 miles an hour the legal limit in order to save tires and fuel Gov. Coke Stevenson refused. When asked why, He replied: "When you drive 35 in Texas you never get there." Have you tried driving at 35... It does seem that way for a fact.

Leader—Out-of-Town Rate \$5.50

The standard gauge for a railroad track is four feet, eight inches. Daylight Saving Time was originated in Paris in 1740 by Benjamin Franklin.



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## CLARENDON AUTO SUPPLY



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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

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**Adams Rites Held At Memphis Thurs. 20**

Funeral services for Mrs. Bessie Ann Adams, 91, mother of Mrs. W. S. Greene of Clarendon, were held at the First Baptist Church in Memphis Thursday afternoon at Turner Nursing Center in Childress. She was born in Arkadelphia, Ark. and moved with her family to Montague County in 1887 moving to the Lesley Community in Hall County in 1905. She married J. O. Adams in 1914 in Wellington. Mr. Adams died in 1957.

Surviving are a son, J. O., Jr. of Lesley; three daughters, Mrs. Paul Montgomery and Mrs. Joe Montgomery, both of Mem-

phis, and Mrs. W. S. Greene of Clarendon; two sisters, Miss Lula Lay and Mrs. Eula Belle Chappell, both of San Angelo; ten grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Leck Stevenson of New York State visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Richerson at High Plains Baptist Hospital. It was their first visit in 20 years. The Stevenson are to visit relatives in the area through the holidays.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1973

**Funeral Services For Elbert Dolman II**

Wilson Elbert Dolman II, 53, of Odessa and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Harrison of Clarendon, died Sunday night, December 16, 1973 at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 18, at 4:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church of Odessa with Rev. Joe Brown, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery.

Mr. Dolman, a former Clarendon resident, was born March 29, 1920 at Wichita Falls, Texas. He married June Harrison January 5, at Wichita Falls. During World War II he served with the U. S. Armed Services.

Surviving are his wife, June Corrine of the home; two sons, Wilson Elbert Dolman III of Austin, Texas and Ronald Roy Dolman of Moffit Field, California; three daughters: Paula Marie Berg of Denver, Colorado, Suzanne Jane Guyton and Deborah Janet Morris; one sister, Mrs. Marie Hill of El Paso; three grandchildren, a niece, and two cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Harrison of Clarendon, also H. A. Harrison, Jr. and Lee of Heyburn, Idaho were among those attending services.

**VISIT PARENTS**

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Stone arrived by plane Thurs. from Middleton, Wis., to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Palmer, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stone.

**Willard O'Neal Rites Held Saturday P.M.**

Funeral services for Willard O'Neal, a former resident of Clarendon, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon in Schoeler-Gordon Colonial Chapel in Amarillo. The Rev. B. L. Davis, pastor of San Jacinto Baptist Church officiated. Interment was in Llano Cemetery.

Mr. O'Neal died Thursday morning at his home in Amarillo. He had been a resident there for the past 33 years and was a salesman for Wallace Monument Co. He was born at Jacksboro and was a member of the San Jacinto Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Iva; two daughters, Mrs. Linda Kay Eddy and Mrs. Sandra Lou Richardson, both of Amarillo; a sister, Miss Peggy O'Neal, and a brother, Glen O'Neal, both of Clovis, New Mexico; and three grandchildren.

**Youth To Collect Paper Sat., Dec. 29**

Young people of the United Methodist, First Presbyterian, and Episcopal Churches in the Cooperative Youth Program will collect NEWSPAPERS Saturday, December 29, 1973, weather permitting.

Please place your papers on the porch, the curb, or the walk where they can be seen from the street. They will be picked up during the morning hours. The youth do not have an outlet for magazines so please make your bundles NEWSPAPERS ONLY.

**Clarendon College Offers Safety Class For Hunters In Jan.**

Clarendon College in cooperation with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will offer a Hunting Safety Class. The class will consist of two sessions, three hours each, starting January 22 to be completed the following Tuesday, January 29, 1974. Class time will be 6:30 until 9:30 in room 102 Academic Center Clarendon College.

Students completing the program will pay a fee of \$1.00 to be certified as a Safe Hunter of Texas. The class will be taught by Mr. Bill E. White who holds a Safe Hunter Instructor's Certificate. Mr. Carl Carter, the local Game Warden, will supervise the instruction and assist with field practice sessions.

All interested hunters are urged to be a part of this life saving program.

**FAMILY DEATH**

Funeral services for Robert Tolton Jinks, 78, of Lefors were held Saturday afternoon in the Lefors Church of Christ with Ron Lamb, minister, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa. Mr. Jinks was the father of Tom Jinks of Muleshoe.

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**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Political announcements appearing in this column are subject to the action of the Democratic Primary May 4, 1974. All announcement fees must be paid in advance.

**For County & District Clerk  
P. C. MESSER**

**For County Treasurer  
NINA DALE**

**County Judge  
W. R. CHRISTAL**

**RETURN HOME**

H. A. Harrison, Jr. and his son, Lee, arrived at their home in Heyburn, Idaho Friday night. Lee had been here several weeks helping Dennis Harrison gather Cotton and visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Harrison. H. A., Jr. flew down to attend funeral services for his brother-in-law, Elbert Dolman at Odessa, and came back by to visit a short time with his parents, the H. A. Harrisons.



**BE A SCOUT  
JOIN TODAY**

Join Troop No. 33 while the Round-up Drive is Still On.

He reported a 2½ inch snowfall Friday night.

**HOME FOR HOLIDAYS**

Ava Virson, a student at West Texas State University, is at home for the holidays to visit with her mother, Mrs. Herman Vinson and other.

**COTTON BUYER  
HOMER ESTLACK**

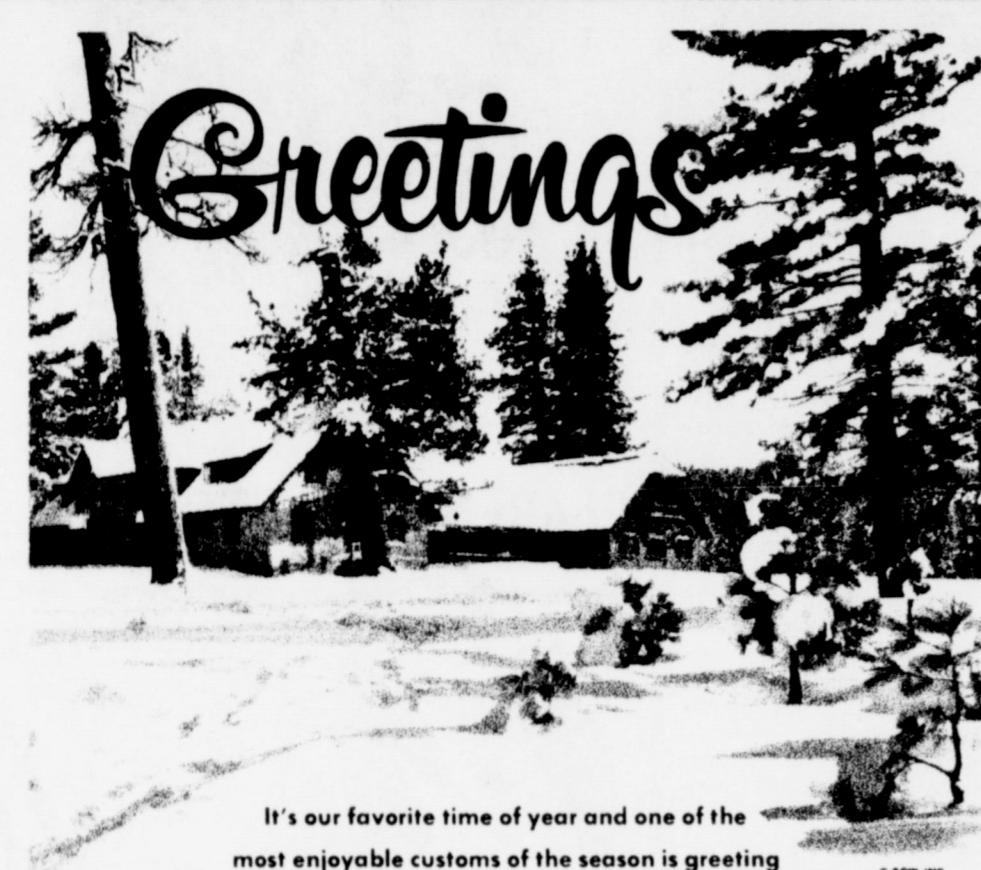
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...and are come to worship Him. Such was the message of the Wise Men who laid their gifts before the newborn King. Now, at Christmas, the star of Bethlehem shines before us more brightly than ever. Let us follow it to lasting peace.

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## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

To you, our friends and patrons, sincere best wishes for a truly joyous season.

## VOGUE BEAUTY SHOP



May your hearth be warm and your home filled with happiness this holiday season. We wish to thank you for your patronage during the year and look forward to serving you in the future.

## CORNELL TEXACO

Mr. and Mrs. Dood Cornell



## Letters to Santa:

Dear Santa,

I want Barbie Friendship Airplane, Barbie Dishes, Barbie Clothes, Cowboy Spurs, and Red Cowboy Hat.

Love,  
Gina Spier

Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Bubble Gum Machine.  
Please remember my sister. Bring our things to Granny's house. I am 5 and my sister is 8 months old.

Thank you,  
Christina Leathers

Dear Santa,  
I am 8 years old and in the 3rd grade. For Christmas I want a Dianah-mite doll and a Mod Hair Ken. I also want a Bear from the Greenstamp Book and the Campbell Kids and a stocking full of Candy. Don't forget anyone.

Love Always,  
Melinda Barker

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. Please bring me a Walkie Talkie with a Morse Code Key and a Harry Canary Stunt Plane.

There will be a Coke and a donut for your snack.

Love,  
Lynn Alderson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a big doll and some clothes for Christmas. Thank you.

Love  
Regina Phillips

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Doll, an Electric Blanket and a new pair of Gloves.

Love,  
Diane Hammons

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like to have a set of Walkie-Talkies, a pair of House Shoes. Sweet Cookie, Barbies Camper, and Taperecorder.

Please do not forget. I love you.

Love,  
Dyanne

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a very nice little girl. I am 6 years old, and have 3 brothers.

I want a Stereo and a Doll.  
Thank you,  
Christina Jaramillo

Dear Santa Claus,  
Could you bring a Sewing Machine? My Sister wants a Barbie Beauty Center. Love,

Thank you,  
Tracira Byrns and Diana Dawn

Dear Santa,  
I am 5 years old. I would like a Bicycle and a Hi-Dot Doll. Please bring Fruit and Candy. Don't forget Wayne.

Love,  
Lori Mays

Dear Santa,  
I love you very much. I have been a pretty good girl this year. Will you please bring me a stuffed Santa Doll, and some new clothes, and a Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy.

Love,  
Dolly Kay Dunn

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year.

I am five. I would like a New Baby Doll, Bike and Tricycle. And for you to remember all the boys and girls around the world. Especially Mary Ann and Pieke in Bithoven, Holland.

Love,  
Laura

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have tried to be good all year. And this is what I want. A Doll called Mimi, a Record Player, a Raggedy Ann Toothbrush, an Operation Game, and some clothes. And my sister wants a Barbie Doll, a Barbie Friendship, a Doll, a Barbie Car and Tent, a Barbie House.

Love,  
Shalan & Stewart Chamberlain

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 5 years old. For Christmas I would like a racing car Set, a Woodchopper and a View Master. I will try to be good.

Love,  
Todd Ellis

Tradition Has It  
That Yule Tree  
Began in Egypt

The Christmas tree, now almost a universal symbol, probably came to America from Germany, although tradition has it that Christmas trees originated in Egypt. The palm tree is supposed to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree, with 12 shoots on it, was used in Egypt.

German writers mention the tree as early as 1605. The German prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the Christmas tree in England when he had a tree for his daughter.

Shaving was originally a protective measure since long beards were easy for opponents in combat to seize.

## SEASON'S GREETINGS



Here's an old-fashioned wish that is still right for today: may the holiday season extend to you and your family every joy and blessing that is possible. We wish to thank you all for your patronage throughout the year...we look forward to serving you again in the future with pleasure. Have a very merry Christmas and a wonderful year to come!

ERNEST KENT

Your TEXACO Consignee

merry  
Christmas

To friends old and new we send our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas, filled with the joys of giving and receiving. Our thanks to you.



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**Letters to Santa:**

Dear Santa Claus,  
I sure would love to have a Childrens Living Bible, and a Doll named Sausy, and Clothes.

Love,  
Dorothy Braddock

Dear Santa,  
I want a pair of GoGo Boots, a Barbie that talks, a pair of Hip Hugger Pants, a Miss America Game and a Sesame Street Game. I have three sisters and they would like some things too.

Love,  
Sherri Sanders

Dear Santa,  
I love you! I would like to have a Lively Baby, Ironing Board, a Projector, Perfume, and Nail Polish, Dishes, and remember my little sister Sarita and all the other boys and girls.

Love,  
Nessa Brandon

## THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER, CLARENDON, TEXAS

Dear Santa,  
My name is Stan and I am seven years old.

Please bring me a B B Gun, a Veribird on a Ship, and any games you might have.

Don't forget my sister who wants a Big Wheel and a Sewing Machine. Also we like Fruit and Candy.

Please don't forget to bring my teacher, Mrs. Little, a nice present.

Love,  
Stan Garland

I hope you don't mind me writing for my Little Brother too. First of all, I would like a Baby Doll, Diaper Bag with Bottles, Diapers, and everything that goes with a Real Baby. I want a Baby Buggy and a Carry All for my Baby Doll. Just to Play with, I would like a See and Say, and some clothes to wear to school.

Kevin, my little brother, is three and he would like a new Tricycle, Trucks, Football and Helmet. He also would like a See and Say."

We hope boys and girls, all over the world will have a nice Christmas.

Love,  
Gwendy and Kevin Kerlee

Dear Santa,  
We have moved to Amarillo since we saw you last Christmas, but everyone tells us that you visit the good boys and girls here too.

We are Keith and Karen Horton and although it has been very hard we have tried to be good. If you think we deserve anything, we'd like to drop a few hints such as a Bicycle and baby doll and buggy and perhaps a new gun would be nice too.

Please remember all of our friends!

Love,  
Keith and Karen Horton  
Amarillo, Tex.

Dear Santa,  
If you think I've been good enough this Christmas, please bring me a Snck-Worm, a Cowboy Vest, a Stuffed Monkey, and bring my brother Craig a Pellet Gun and please be good to everyone else.

I love you,  
Audie Shields

Dear Santa,  
My name is Stan and I am seven years old.

Please bring me a B B Gun, a Veribird on a Ship, and any games you might have.

Don't forget my sister who wants a Big Wheel and a Sewing Machine. Also we like Fruit and Candy.

Please don't forget to bring my teacher, Mrs. Little, a nice present.

Love,  
Stan Garland

Dear Santa,  
I want a B B Gun, and a Dump Truck, and Bike, and some Clothes. That's all I am asking for I have been a very good boy, I've got to go now.

Your friend,  
Kenneth Calloway

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl seven years old. I have tried very hard to be good all year. I only want one thing this Christmas. I would like a Mother Goose Doll that talks. Don't forget my little brother and sister.

I Love you,  
Zandria Edwards

Dear Santa,  
Even though I talked to you in Amarillo, I thought I would drop you a letter also.

I would like for you to bring me a Bicycle, Baby Doll, and Hoppy Hop.

Don't forget my brothers, friends and cousins.

I will try to be asleep early so you won't have to stay out all night.

Love,  
Shanna Cole, age 4

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tim Cole. I am six years old and in Mrs. Brandon's first grade.

This year for Christmas I would like to have a Train with real chugging sound, a Bicycle, and a Pogo Stick. Anything else I might like.

Please don't forget my sister and brother, all my cousins, and friends.

Thank you very much Santa,  
Love,  
Tim Cole

Dear Santa,  
What are you and your Elves doing? I am 5 years old almost 6. I go to Kindergarten. My teacher is Mrs. Cornell. I have tried to be very good. I would like to have a Trampoline, a New Born Baby, Tender Love, Sweet April, a Sew Magic, a Wedding Gown for Barbie, and Clothes for Ken.

Santa, I'll leave some cookies by the fireplace be careful Christmas.

Love  
Jill

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Van Brett, I am 5 years old and in Kindergarten this year. My teacher's name is Mrs. Cornell. I have tried to be a good boy this year.

So, will you please bring me a Car Race Set, an Airplane, a Bicycle, Smash up Derby Set, and a Train. Also nuts and fruit. Don't forget all the other boys and girls.

Will leave you some cake and milk out.

I love you,  
Van Brett

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Jan Kidd, I am three years old.

For Christmas I would like to have a Baby Doll, Baby Buggy, Snowcone Machine and some new Clothes.

My little sister Jill Dawn would like some Pull Toys and Baby Rattlers.

Love,  
Jan and Jill Kidd  
P.S. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good little boy most of the time. I would like to have a Kool-Aid machine, pistol with Play Bullets, Toy Power Saw, and some New Outfits for my G. I. Joe. Please Santa, don't bring me a Baby Tender Love, remember the other boys and girls because they have been pretty good too.

Love,  
Dan Nichols

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 8 years old in the third grade. For Christmas I would like a Ten Speed, Tape Recorder. And don't forget all the other boys and girls too.

Love,  
Stephanie Anderson



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

...to all our friends and patrons. May the happiness of the season follow you into the new year...we hope we will have the pleasure to serve you again soon.

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*Greetings  
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS*

*We're happy that the season affords us a chance to say hello to all our friends...and to wish them a very merry Christmas!*

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# MERRY



We wish you great joy this Christmastide...may love and peace abide with you and yours all through the holiday season and in days to come.

**FOXWORTH-GALBRAITH LUMBER CO.**

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It adds much to the enjoyment of the season  
to extend to our friends and customers  
our best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS . . .

### STEVE'S AUTOMOTIVE & INDUSTRIAL



... To all of you whom we have so enjoyed serving: we say thanks for your patronage - And, may everything that's bright and gay, Bless your household on Christmas Day!

CLARENDON WHOLESALE SUPPLY

may the  
**PEACE**  
of God, that passeth  
all understanding,  
keep your hearts and  
minds in the knowledge  
and love of God,  
this day  
and evermore.

### The First American Xmas Tree

Christmas traditions date back thousands of years . . . to the Druids and ancient Rome and beyond, but the first Christmas tree in America was brought into being comparatively recently . . . in 1847.

The place was Wooster, Ohio. A young German immigrant, August Imgard, a youth of 21, is said to have introduced the Christmas tree to America.

As Christmas drew near that year, it proved to young Imgard a season of somewhat dismal anticipation. He missed the fund of entertainment and observance which marked the Day in his homeland. So he decided to have one like those in Bavaria.

Two other reasons, very personal ones, were his nephew and niece. He wanted to bring added joy to their Christmas, and make it one they would never forget.

Young Imgard went into the woods and chopped down a spruce tree. From the village tinsmith he obtained a twinkly tin star. The family made paper decorations, and thus the Christmas tree, as most of us know it, came into being.



The townsfolk gathered 'round to admire it. Before long, the word had been spread far and wide, about the beautiful tree in Wooster, Ohio. It became an American custom.

America honors August Imgard. His tomb stands on Madison Hill in Wooster. This year, as in previous years, a lighted Christmas tree will probably stand at its door, a tribute to the man who first brought to America the symbol of joy and peace and love that should be Christmas for us all, all over the world.

The Donley County Leader  
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### Letters to Santa:

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbie Doll, a Barbie Beauty Center and a play School House. My sister has been a good girl, too. She wants a Baby Doll, a Play House and an Alphabet Phone.

Tish and D'Lisa Robinson

Dear Santa,

Thanks for last years Toys. This year I would like a Ten Speed Bicycle and some nuts.

Love,  
Terry Cole

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Doll, Dishes, a Dadora Friend Ship.

Thank Santa Claus.

Love,  
Linda Jean Weatherton

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Barbie House, Barbie Furniture, some Barbie Clothes, Baby Beans, a Big Barbie Case,

and a Beauty Parlor.

I hope you have a Merry Christ-

mas.

Love,  
Dondra

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to thank you for all the gifts you brought to me last year. This year I would be thankful if you could bring me a Barbie House, Furniture, Clothes and a Case for my Barbie Doll. I would also like a Baby Bean and a Beauty Parlor.

I hope you have a Merry Christ-

mas.

Love,  
Dondra

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Barbie House, Barbie Furniture, some Barbie Clothes, Baby Beans, a Big Barbie Case,

and a Beauty Parlor.

I will be thankful for anything

you will send me. Hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Lloyd

Dear Santa Claus,

I am Doug Burleson. For

Christmas I want a Rifle, Motor-

cycle and Johnny West Indian.

Remember the other boys and

girls. Thank you.

Love,  
Doug

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Dear Santa Claus,



We wish to thank you for your patronage during the past year. Merry Christmas.

### BRONCHO DRIVE-INN

Beulah and Scotty Lindley and Employees



Wishing you - our friends - the happiness of Christmas time!

MR. and MRS. TRUETT HALL



It's that time of the year again! May your home be filled with old-fashioned holiday cheer at Christmastime...and your hearts filled with the joy of greeting friends and being with loved ones. Best wishes from the folks at

**GROOM PHARMACY**

Groom, Texas

Johnny and Doris Homer

Phone 248-2741

### Letters to Santa:

Dear Santa,

My name is Geraldine Smith. I am 8 years old and I have been a good little girl. I want a Doll that dances. I want a Wrist Watch, a Baby Tender Love, and a Bab Doll. I want a Doll that comes with a baby bottle, a Swinger Doll that comes with baby food and a Baby Bottle.

Love,

Geraldine

P.S. Please don't forget to bring me a 10 Speed Bike.

Dear Santa,

I would like a Mini-bike, and a Dress Suit.

My little sister would like to have a Baby Tender Love.

Sincerely,

Tommy Stevens

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbie Camper, a Sew Magic Sewing Machine, and a Record Player. If it isn't too much trouble I would like nuts in my stocking. Please give the other children some nice toys, too.

Love,

Cara Cornell

P.S. Please don't forget my brother Bill. He would like a Ten Speed Bike.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am writing to tell you Hi, and I would like a New Born Baby Tender Love Baby, and some Baby Clothes for her. Also Rusty, my brother would like a Wreck-Truck for Xmas. Will be looking for you down on the Ranch Xmas Eve.

Love,

Danielle and

Rusty Stevens

Dear Santa Claus,

I am seven years old. I have a five-year-old brother. For Christmas I want a Barbie Center, New Born Baby Tender, Barbie Friendship, and a Set of Dawn Dolls.

Love,

Paige Ellis

P.S. My brother's name is Todd.

Dear Santa,

I want a Sew Magic Sewing Machine, and some Paints.

Love,

Carol Ford

Dear Santa Claus,

I am just a little girl. I want a Little Doll that cries. I want Barbie Dolls and some new Clothes and a Hair Dryer.

Love,

Dariene

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring me a Police Car and a Shooting Gady and a Football Uniform.

Love,

Bobby Hicks

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a B B Gun for Christmas and a Red Watch and a package of BB's, also I want a Football.

Dear Santa,

I want some Boxing Gloves, a Telescope, a Daniel Boone Gun, a Big Jim and View Master, and Shape.

Your Friend,

Dennis Braddock

Dear Santa,

I want some Dishes. I want a Doll.

Please bring by brother some Toys.

Love,

Robbin

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas a Lite Bright and a Busy Barbie and a new Ken.

I am 5. I love you.

Love,

Janet Risley

Ancient Hebrew Prayer

### A Prayer For The New Year

May it be Thy will, Our God and God of our fathers, That this coming year be unto all Thy people: A year of plenty, A year of blessings, A year of assembly in Thy sanctuary, A year of happy life from Thee, A year of dew and rain and warmth, A year in which Thou wilt bless our bread and water, A year in which Thy mercies will be moved toward us, A year of peace and tranquility in which Thou wilt set a blessing upon the work of our hands.

### Saint Luke

Chapter 2, Verses 1 Through 17

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenus was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house of lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be

delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

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

And this shall be a sign unto

you: . . . Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying . . . Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

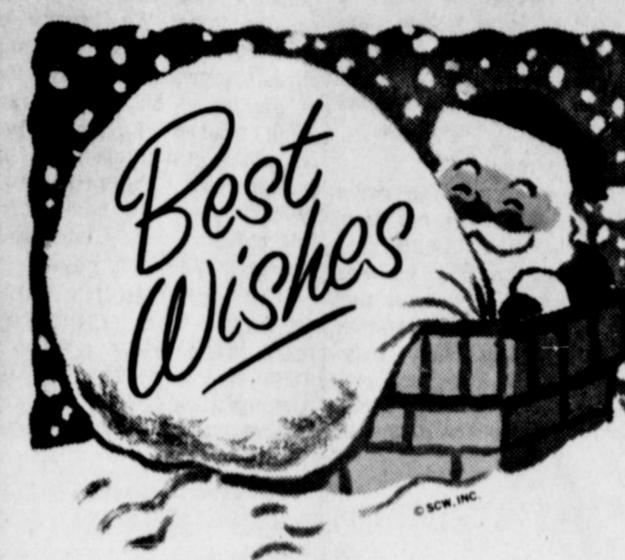
And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, . . . Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad

the saying which was told them concerning the child.

"Demand exceeds supply" is an oft repeated phrase concerning most onion and potato harvesting areas. This factor keeps prices of these items at higher levels, explains Mrs. Gwen-dolyne Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

The Veterans Administration reports that California, with 3.23 million veterans, maintained its position in fiscal year 1973 as the state with the most veterans. New York ranks second with 2.52 million veterans.



Just a light hearted greeting to wish our friends and patrons a Merry Christmas and a Holiday Season that's cheery and bright.

### HARLAN'S FLOWERS

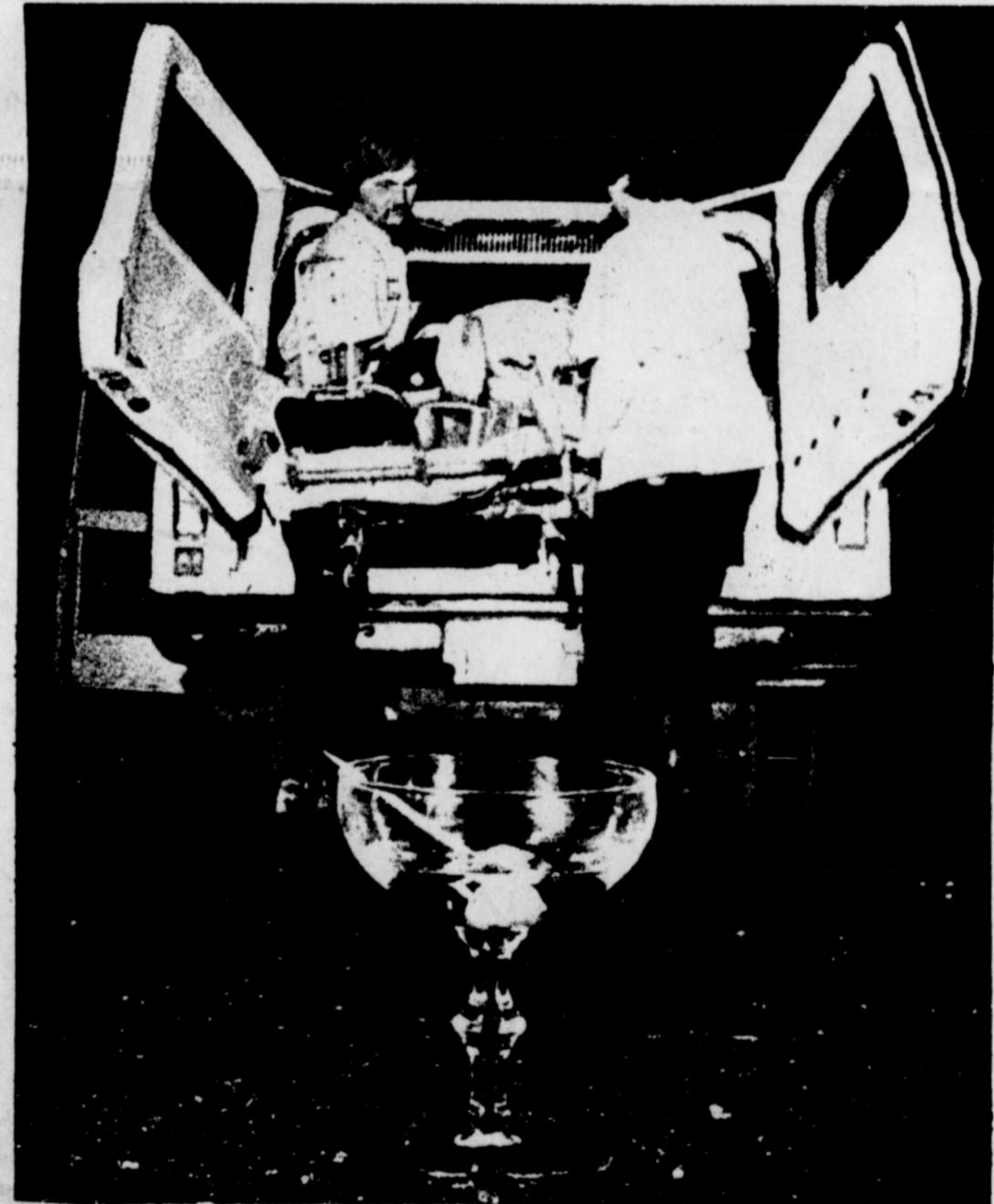
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May the Christmas Season be a memorable and joyous time filled with blessings and love for all.

### DALE HILL BELL STATION

MR. and MRS. DALE HILL



### T'was The Season To Be Jolly

'Twas the season to break his three-drink limit, too. What the heck, though, the Christmas Season comes but once a year, right? Sure it does. Assuming you're around to see it Just remember, some people have a lower tolerance to alcohol than others.

For them, one or two drinks can be trouble when they try to drive. If you're feeling a little too jolly after this year's big party, call a cab or get a sober friend to take you home. It could have a lasting effect on your happiness.

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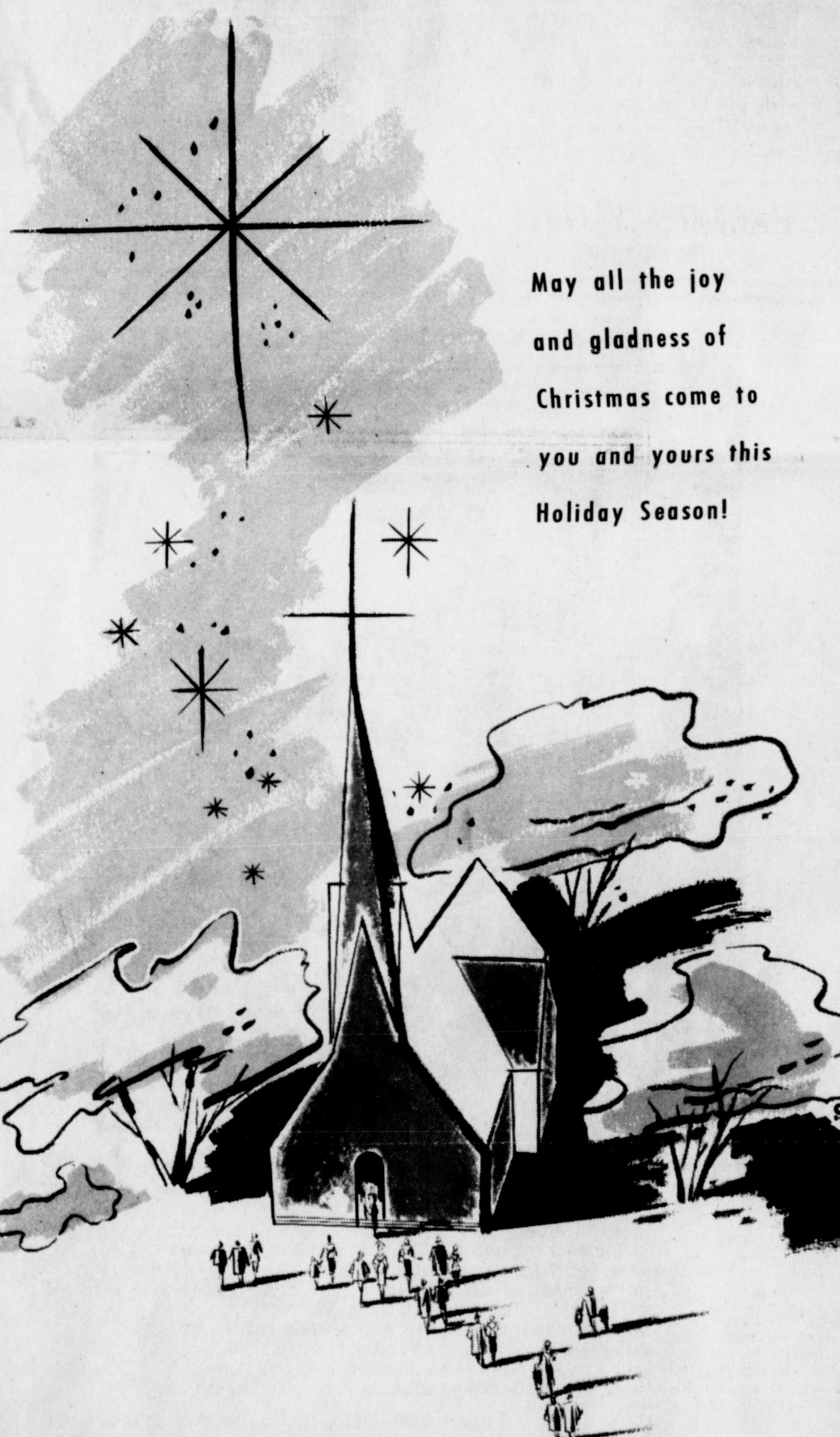


## The Joys of Christmas

The halls are decked with holly and the tree is trimmed... time to say we hope your holidays are merry and filled with many good things!

### DON'S EXXON

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wooten



### ALDERSON CHEVROLET

A Friendly Place To Trade



cause us some repercussions.

The four-line poem we asked about recently was mailed in by our several time mentioned authority on English and Literature. It goes:

He drew a circle and shut me out—

Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout; But love and I had the wit to win;

We drew a circle that took him in . . . Edwin Markham

Thanks to this Reader, and how we pray that we could always follow this thought in all our dealing with our fellowman.

It is said that a fellow who brags that he is the boss around his house will lie about other things also . . . One of my good readers puts it this way: "If a man says, he's the boss, just follow him home."

We always enjoy our issue of the Christmas Boys Ranch paper. Just think pictures of nearly 400 young men, and not even one that needed a haircut. Thanks boys and Merry Christmas.

Heard of a pastor who came into his pulpit with a cut face. He proceeded to explain that while he was shaving he was studying about his sermon and cut his face. One lady replied: "You should have been studying about your shaving and cutting your sermon. This may

have come down to us through the ages. Mortals from many different ethnic origins have expressed their love, awe, joy and praise, the music varying according to their particular culture and the customs of the day.

Certainly inspired, the beloved favorites still retain all their charm and appeal, probably because of their simplicity and sincerity which generations identify with through the ages.

Carols are primarily folksongs, even if motivated by religious impulse. As such, they are often in the popular vein, and some are even comically unrestrained.

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Every century has contributed to the treasury of Christmas carols. From the earliest recorded hymns and carols of the 4th century to the late 19th century and the present time, the world is richer because of the many heart-felt, sincere expressions of devotion, joy and praise.

MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU ALL THIS CHRISTMAS.

MAY THE NEW YEAR BE JUST WONDERFUL TO YOU AND YOURS.

May all the joy  
and gladness of  
Christmas come to  
you and yours this  
Holiday Season!

## The First Christmas Music Over Fields Of Bethlehem

Hymns and carols to celebrate the Child's birth have come down to us through the ages. Mortals from many different ethnic origins have expressed their love, awe, joy and praise, the music varying according to their particular culture and the customs of the day.

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## A Prayer For All At Christmas

Give us the faith of innocent children, that we may look forward with hope in our hearts, to the dawn of happy tomorrows.

Reawaken the thought that our most cherished desires will be realized, the things closest to our hearts — that we may come to an appreciation of the limitless joys and bountiful rewards of Patience, Charity and Sacrifice.

Above all, endow us with the spirit of courage, that we may face the perplexities of a troubled world without flinching, imbued with the child-like faith which envisions the beautiful and inspiring things of life . . . and restore the happy hours and experiences so many of us foolishly believe are lost forever.

Give us faith in ourselves and faith in our fellow man . . . then, the treasures and beauties of life that make man happy will spring from an inexhaustible source.

And at Christmas, when the hearts of the world swell in joyous celebration, let us cast aside the pretense of sturdy men and live, if only for a day, in the hope and joy we knew as children.

Our sincere thanks to the unknown author.

## When Families Gather It's Christmas!

Through the years, the ways of celebrating Christmas have taken on many different forms.

Today's Christmas tree is apt to be plastic or aluminum, rather than nature's own fir, spruce or pine. The glow of tiny beeswax candles on a tree is only a memory, replaced now by strings of twinkling electric lights.

Jolly Santa, once transported only by reindeer - down sleigh, may now arrive by helicopter or jet plane.

But in spite of changes, the essence of the season, the basic spirit of Christmas, stays the same.

Christmastide is, above all, a time for togetherness and rejoicing. And a modern Christmas, just like an old-fashioned Christmas, calls for gatherings of family and friends, with much merriment, fun and feasting.

Right now in this community, families are celebrating the holiday with just such gatherings, such merriment, fun and feasting.

Like families of yesteryear, they celebrate with gifts and greens, with the warmth of a glowing hearth and the gleam of a lighted tree, with stockings hung by the chimney with care and even with candles, though these beckon brightly from candleholders rather than from the tree.

All these ways of celebrating are part of the legend and lore of Christmas.

## Joyous Bells!

One of the most joyous symbols of Christmas is the ringing of bells. The mellow, sweet-toned one in church steeples and bellfries have heralded the coming of Christmas since the Middle Ages.

In addition to the bells that ring with solemn grandeur from cathedral and churches there are the secular types that hail the pure joy of the occasion.

Christmas had become well established before bells became an important part of the celebration. The first large bell for a Christian church is said to have originated with a bishop in Italy, in the fifth century, A.D.

Church bells have called people to worship, they have told the time of day, they peal for weddings and toll for deaths, they have been rung as a reminder.

At sunset on December 24th and every hour thereafter until sunset on December 25th bells pealed joyously. On Christmas Day bells would be rung spontaneously, at any hour.

In the melodious tones of their church bells people believed they heard "the songs of the angels" on that first Christmas.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1973

## DECORATING THE TREE

Many ancient legends associate trees with Christmas. One is that on the first Holy Night, all the trees of the forest blossomed and bore fruit.

The idea of adorning the Christmas tree with ornaments may have started with an attempt to create the effect of snow on the branches. Strings of popcorn and tufts of cotton were used.

## LIGHTING THE TREE

Martin Luther started the custom of lighting the tree, legend says.

To symbolize stars glowing forth on a snow-filled winter's night, he placed lighted candles on his family's traditional Christmas tree.

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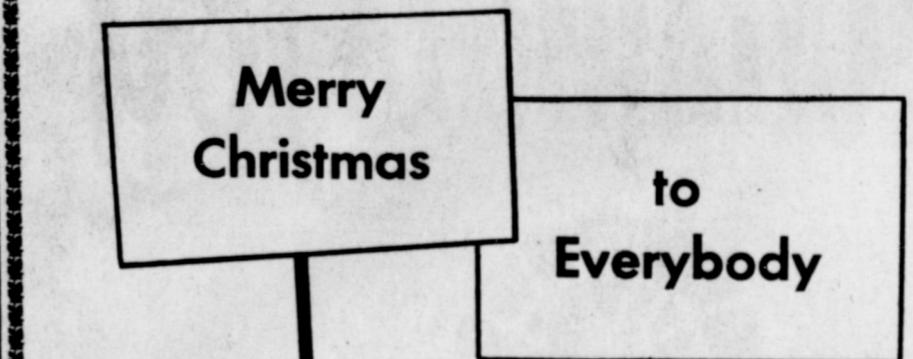


It's time to  
greet all our  
friends...and wish  
them the very best  
—good health, good  
friends and good  
times! Thank you for  
your patronage.

## RAY'S APPLIANCE SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Ray

Clarendon, Texas



We've enjoyed serving each and every one of you this past year. Your friendly patronage has made our friendly service a real pleasure.

So...have a nice Christmas, won't you? And in the days to come...we'll look forward eagerly to serving you again.

H. T. WARNER



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.

### LOCKHART PHARMACY

BILLY LOCKHART  
Memphis, Texas



Love is the heart of Christmas; its spirit is peace, and hope the gladness. May you and yours be blessed with these joys and every other happiness for which you are wishing.

### CLARENDON MFG. & DIST. COMPANY

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Leffew and Employees

## O TANNENBAUM!

### This Year Choose A Living Christmas Tree

This Christmas most of us are concerned with the environment, the ecology on which all living matter depends.

If you want to extend the joys of Christmas for years ahead, environmentalists recommend that you choose a living tree, set in a pot of earth, as a Christmas tree, and later put it in the ground outside your home.

Among the best varieties are the Douglas fir, balsam, spruce, cedar, hemlock and a host of pines. Probably the most popular Xmas tree is the Douglas fir, with its dense green and blue-green needles.

A fresh tree is usually darker, and one way to test its freshness is to tug gently at the needles. If they come out readily the tree is not at its best for several weeks' "imprisonment" inside a heated house. In a young tree, needles are about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch long.

Another popular tree called the Silvertip is really the Red Fir. Silver-gray and green needles grow straight from its symmetrical branches making it a formal, stately tree. The bark is gray-white.

#### Letters to Santa:

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a boy. I am seven years old. My name is Kyle Allen. I want a 5 speed Bicycle if you have one but a 3 speed would be alright, and a Maroon or White Watch with numbers and holes in the band, and some surprises. Put something in my stocking please.

Love,  
Kyle

Dear Santa,  
I want new born Baby Tender Love, Barbie's Friend Ship, Twister Glamour Fashions, and Custard Making Kit.

Love,  
Kim Martin

Dear Santa,  
I have tried very hard to be a good girl this year. Please bring me a Barbie Set, a Purse, and some Clothes, also lots of nuts and Candy, and some Shoes.

Love,  
Connie

Dear Santa,  
I want a Denim Scout Set, Frontier Town, Lone Ranger and Tonto, with Clothes, Lone Rangers Holster and Riffle Set.

Love,  
Douglas Walker

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie Friend Ship, a Doll that you think I would like, and some new gloves.

Love,  
Shay Selvidge

Dear Santa,  
I am Ronald Burleson, for Christmas I want a Tonka Pick Up Camper, a Rifle, and Toy Chest.

Love,  
Ronald Burleson  
Thank You.

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a BB Gun.

Love,  
Glenn Weatherton

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Geronimo and a Johnny West Horse. Also I would like to have a Smash-Up Car Derby.

Your Friends,  
Doug Hawkins

Dear Santa,  
I want Mickey Mouse, Bicycle, Guitar, Doll, a pair of House Shoes, Baton, Baby Tender-love. Dear Santa I love you so much I could kiss you like a sweetheart.

I Love You,  
Missy Johnston

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kari Allen and I am four years old. I live in Hart, Texas. I have been good this year. I would like a Talking Baby Tender Love, and a Football Tee and some surprises—don't forget to put some things in my stocking please. I love you.

Love,  
Kari

Dear Santa,  
I want a Vanity Case and a Baby Baby A Live. Will you please bring me a New Born Baby A Live. Will you  
Love, From  
Mary Katherine Hayes



MAY THE JOY AND PEACE  
OF CHRISTMAS BE WITH  
YOU TODAY AND ALWAYS

### SHIELDS CONOCO SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Shields



It's that time of year when homes are aglow with festive decorations and sounds of Noel fill the air... a time to pause and think of our many wonderful friends. Merry Christmas to everyone!

### J & W LUMBER and SUPPLY COMPANY

BUDDY FORD, Owner

JIMMIE McELROY, Mgr.

**Letters to Santa:**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a New Born Tender Love Doll, a Colonial Doll House, Plastic Tea Set and a Circuit Rocker.

Love,  
Delisa Martin

Dear Santa,  
I want a Wendy Doll and her pretty Pink Crib. And if it's not too much, please, send her some Clothes.

Thank you for all you gave me last year. I really did like the fruit, nuts, and candy.

I Love You,  
Rebecca Sowers

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ray Brown. I live in Clarendon, Texas.

I love you. Here is my Christmas list:  
Big Wheel  
Dingo Boots  
Big Jim  
Cowboy Suit & Guns  
Bow & Arrow  
Indian Headband  
Evel Kneivel Jump Set  
Your Friend,  
Ray Brown

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old and in the first grade. I have been a good girl all year. I would like you to bring me a Doctor's Set, a Baby Doll and a Barbie Doll. I will leave you an apple and a glass of milk.

Love,  
Kay Diahn Bell

Dear Santa,  
I am three years old. I have been a very good little girl. I want a Fiddle, Baby Doll and a Barbie with a Swimming Pool.

I love you Santa Claus!  
Love,  
Tanya Nicole Bell

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Record Player Stand and a Typewriter. I have tried to be good and I help my mother.

My sister Amy would like to have a baby Doll and Doll Bed.

Thank You,  
Mitch Johnson

Dear Santa  
I'm a little boy three years old. Please bring me a Toy Horn and a Toy Driver Set with a Radio like Daddy's. Dad says he's been a good boy this year, so please put something in his stocking, too. Thank you.

Love,  
Roger

Dear Santa Claus,  
We have been pretty good boys this year and would like to ask you for a few things for Christmas.

For me, David, I would like a cattle truck, a new pair of Boots, and some Clothes.

My brother Bobby wants a Race Car, some Boots and Clothes, too.

We would also like to have a Toy Chest.

Thank You,  
Love,  
David & Bobby Brooks

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Coat, and two pair of Fringed Indian Boots.

Love,  
Nelda Burrow

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a BB Gun.

Love,  
Neal Johnston

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Tammy White. I am seven years old, and this is what I want for Christmas. I would like very much to have a Baby Crissy, and a Buffy Time Teacher Watch. I would like to have a Doll Blanket, Shoes and Socks, Brush and Comb for Crissy, and bring Sister something to.

Love,  
Tammy White

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Becky, and I'm 2½ years old. My brother Robin is four months old. We will be hanging our stockings at Granddaddy Antrobus' this year, so please leave our presents there.

Robin wants a Cradle Gym and I want a Doll and Doll Bed. We will leave you some cookies on the mantle.

Love,  
Becky & Robin Kendall



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

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May the spirit of Christmas abide with you and yours...may it bring you happiness, peace, and all the good things that life has to offer. And while we're wishing you the very best, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your loyal patronage in the past. We look forward to serving you again in the future.

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