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Pot Bomber Apparently Bought At Paris, Tex.

Authorities On Trail Of Arizona Pilot

By JIM STEIERT
Brand Farm Editor

Two Tucson, Arizona men are being sought by Texas Panhandle lawmen following the crash of a B-25 medium range bomber loaded with nearly two tons of marijuana at the Vega Airport late Tuesday night or early Wednesday.

THE BOMBER, a World War II vintage B-25, was carrying 3,860 pounds of marijuana at the time of the crash. Street value of the illegal weed was set



By Speedy Nieman

That feller on Tierra Blanca Creek says Christmas is the time of the year when mother has to separate the men from the toys.

Save a little cheerfulness to scatter through the year. Save a few kinds words to say, such as dry the tear. Save a few kind deeds to do when chance comes by and by. You can use a little Christmas--if you have it next July.--Louis Thayer

IT JUST DOESN'T seem possible that yet another year has rolled by and here we are at Christmas time again. We take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas from the staff at The Brand.

As we enter the final countdown to Christmas, we hope that you can yours have a good holiday and, if you travel, your trip will be filled with good things for everyone and you return home safely. The Brand office will be closed through Monday, getting back in full swing next Tuesday to work on the last editions of 1976.

IF ONLY, the Christmas spirit would last all year! That, perhaps, is the universal wish around the Christmas season, for it is a time when man seems compelled to let the best that is in him shine forth. And one cannot help but think what a finer world this would be if all men at all times would be as kind and generous and thoughtful as they are during this holy season. It is not too much to hope for, nor too difficult to achieve.

We have to avoid confusing the Christmas spirit with the giving and getting of gifts, with the exchange of Christmas cards and greetings, with the party-going, the family gatherings and the hearty feasting. These all have their part in the celebration of Christmas, but they are not the essence of it.

To find the true meaning of Christmas we always have to go back to that little stable in Bethlehem on the first Christmas Eve so many centuries ago. Into a world of cruel and wicked rulers, a world of barbaric laws and ugly deeds, a world of opulence for the few and oppression for the many, came the light of hope.

It came in the person of a Holy Babe whose mission would be to plant the seed for a world in which love, kindness, charity and decency would gain their rightful place. He came to teach the true goal of life and the value of spiritual things. Certainly Christ would not have come to inaugurate a worldly holiday for party-going, feasting and the exchange of gifts. The rich and the favored did these things for centuries before the star of Bethlehem guided the shepherds and the Wise Men across the fields to the hallowed manger of Christ.

Today, Christmas would be known only to history students, if it had been nothing more than another day for pagan feast and fun. What inspired men to remember and keep this day for nearly 2,000 years was not a Christmas of material things, but a fulfillment of the prophecies of Holy Scripture--a birthday of spiritual values.

It was the message of **Peace on earth to all men of goodwill** which carried Christmas into all the corners of the earth and across all social and racial barriers. It is the holiness of Christmas which has resisted all efforts to suppress it by force or ridicule. This is the spirit of Christmas which we can have all through the year for all men everywhere, whenever we really want it.

We need only to remember that mankind has a destiny beyond the pleasures and sorrows of this hectic world. When we do remember that, we will be more inclined to be as fair, generous, kind and helpful to one another all the time as we are around the holy Christmas season. The birth of Christ pointed the way. (The Scrapbook)

at over half a million dollars. A 26 year old Tucson man was charged with felony marijuana possession and Department of Public Safety narcotics unit chief Bill Sneed indicated that an arrest warrant for the man was forwarded to Arizona authorities.

A former Texan who is now living in Tucson is also being sought by authorities in connection with the crash.

BOTH MEN WERE reportedly seen in Vega following the crash of their aircraft at the Vega Airport. Authorities believe the men made their way to a service station in Vega, where they caught a ride to Amarillo.

Both left Amarillo on a Braniff flight to Dallas Wednesday morning.

Sneed indicated that the man who has been charged in the case flew to Tucson and that the other man had flown to an undisclosed destination in Texas.

Authorities speculate that the B-25 developed engine trouble and the pilot set the craft down at the Clovis Airport prior to the crash at Vega. Reports of a sputtering engine in the Clovis area sent U.S. Customs agents and New Mexico lawmen into the skies to search for the plane Tuesday evening.

THE PILOT OF the craft apparently missed his approach to the runway at the Vega airport and the port landing gear struck a culvert and sheared away.

The plane skidded about 100 yards from the runway and spun around.

Oldham County officials were notified of the plane's presence about 8 a.m. Wednesday and found the plane's bomb bay packed with a huge payload of marijuana.

The illegal weed was packed in bricks and wrapped in burlap sacks, and authorities feel the plane was probably flown into Mexico to pick up the huge pot payload.

A PARIS, Tex. man who deals in

surplus World War II aircraft was contacted by federal drug enforcement agents Thursday and said that he had also been contacted by the Federal Aviation Agency.

I.N. Burchinal of Paris reported that he sold the plane, bearing registration N3680G, to a man approximately 26-27 years of age "with bleached blond hair" two weeks ago for \$10,000 in cash.

The Paris man reported that the plane, which cruises at 230 miles per hour, was purchased after a company responded to a "for sale" ad in a flying publication.

The purchaser reportedly told Burchinal that he was taking the plane to Arizona.

Observance Of Alcohol, Speed Laws Asked By DPS

Captain Bob Russell, Texas Highway Patrol District Commander, said this week, "In line with Col. Wilson E. Speir's prediction that 94 persons will lose their lives on Texas streets and highways this Christmas and New Year

holidays, it is my wish to request the motoring public's help and support in reducing this needless waste of human life by observing all traffic laws especially those regarding speed and alcohol."

All available DPS troopers will be on patrol throughout the holiday period in an effort to reduce, by both their presence and actions, violations that could lead to accidents. But it is only through the help and cooperation of the motoring public through their self-compliance that the needed reduction can be realized.

Captain Russell stated, "Possibly the most prevalent accidents occurring this period will be the one car run-off-the-roadway type accident which is directly attributable to driver inattention."

The Captain suggested that adequate travel time be budgeted in holiday plans, stop frequently and rest, reduce speed for road conditions and above all, don't mix alcohol and driving.

"Feel free to request needed assistance from any DPS trooper during your holiday travels. Let's do all our part to reduce to zero all holiday traffic deaths." Captain Russell added.

Cease-Fire Ordered

MANILA, The Philippines (AP) - President Ferdinand E. Marcos ordered an immediate cease-fire today in the fighting against Moslem guerrillas in the southern Philippines.

"It has been decided that the cease-fire as well as the cessation of all military operations in the southern Philippines, take place effective Friday, Dec. 24," Marcos said in a nationally-televised meeting with military commanders.

Christmas Means Holiday For Banks, Governments

Christmas holidays mean that the postal service banks here, and governmental agencies shut down at different times during the weekend.

Both the Hereford State Bank and the First National Bank of Hereford will close today and open back up the following Monday. Bank officials asked that any parties needing to complete end-of-the-year business transactions do so no later than Thursday, Dec. 30 since both banks will close for business on Friday, Dec. 31 for the New Year's holiday.

The city officials will close down at noon Thursday and remain closed today and the weekend. They will open again Monday.

The county offices shut down at noon today and remain closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday. They will reopen on Tuesday.

For New Years, the city will be closed Friday, Dec. 31 as will both banks. The county will close Monday, Jan. 3.

The U.S. Postal Service will provide normal mail service today, the designated Federal Christmas Day holiday.

However, the Postal Service will operate on a normal Holiday schedule on Saturday, December 25, in observance of Christmas Day.

Today, normal delivery service to residential areas and businesses will be provided. There may be some adjustments in collection and multi-trip service to meet local conditions or requirements. Normal window service and lockbox service schedules will be observed. Full services will be provided during normal hours of service, but manpower will be reduced commensurate with customer requirements during the afternoon.

On Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day, normal holiday schedules will be followed. No residential, business or rural delivery will be provided. No window service will be provided. Lockbox service is dependent on local customs and conditions, but generally is limited to distribution to mail office boxes. Special delivery service and holiday collection service will be provided as usual.



Chamber Tickets On Sale

Donald Hicks, president of the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce, presents the first tickets to the Chamber Banquet scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Bull Barn. Receiving the tickets given this week at Chamber offices are

[left] Mona Marquez and Pam Mazurek. Tickets will be on sale through the week of the banquet and early purchases are encouraged for Chamber members and their guests.



Pictured in the foreground is the portside landing gear of the marijuana-laden B-25 medium-range bomber which crash-landed at the Vega Airport sometime late Tuesday or early Wednesday. The pilot of the craft apparently missed his approach to the runway, and the landing gear was ripped from the craft when it struck a culvert running alongside the runway. The World War II vintage plane flopped on its belly, skidding for about 100 yards and spinning around before coming to rest in a grassed area near the runway. In the background, curious spectators give the plane a going-over. The vintage warbird was apparently purchased from a Paris, Texas man who sells surplus World War II aircraft. (Photo By Jim Steiert)

★★★ No Sunday Issue ★★★

The Brand's Friday and Sunday editions are combined today in order to allow the staff to take a holiday Christmas day.

This issue contains special Christmas greetings from local merchants as well as news features normally found in both

Friday and Sunday issues. The colored comic section and tv schedules are included for the weekend. The Brand office will be closed Saturday through Monday, reopening Tuesday at 8 a.m. With the delivery of this paper, the staff of The Hereford Brand wish all of their subscribers a very Merry Christmas.

Land Bank Reduces Interest Rate On Loans

Woodrow B. Wilson, manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of Hereford, has announced that the Federal Land Bank of Houston will reduce the interest billing rate on variable rate loans to eight per cent. This reduction will be effective on January 1, 1977, and will affect \$980 million in variable rate loans to 17,100 Texas farmers and ranchers. This billing rate change will be effective on both farm loans and rural residence loans.

The variable rate loan was introduced by the Houston Bank in July, 1969 and allows the rate to fluctuate with variations in the money market. Improvements in the money market have made this billing

reduction possible. Mr. Wilson stated, "This action is in keeping with the Land Bank's policy to provide farmers and ranchers credit at the lowest possible cost consistent with sound business practices."

The Federal Land Bank of Houston makes long-term real estate loans on farm and ranch land and rural residences throughout Texas and now has \$1.2 billion in loans outstanding. The local Association makes loans in Deaf Smith county. Officer and directors of the Association are Ira Scott-President, Frank J. Bezner - Vice President, George Turrentine, Robert Hickman and Clint Homfeld.

Midnight Mass Reading Slated At St. Anthony's

Midnight Mass will again be read at St. Anthony's Catholic Church this evening in celebration of Christmas.

Services will commence at 11 p.m. with the singing of carols through the efforts of Mrs. Ernest Flood Jr., choir director. Included during the musical portion of tonight's service will be a violin rendition of "Silent Night," children singing "Away In A Manger," male vocalists singing "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," and a women's choir singing "Canticle of Praise."

"The Lute Carol" will be vocalized by Mrs. Flood while Barbara Schlabbs accompanies at the flute. Other solos will be performed by Jean Reinauer, Rita Burges, Claudia Smith, Judy Cloud, Delfine Ulibarri, Susan Schlabbs, Larry Kuper, Peaches Reinauer and Pat

Brinkman. A number of traditional Christmas hymns will be heard.

At midnight, the Rev. Robert Norton, S.A. Brother Charles Kenney, S.A., the Knights of the Altar and the Knights of Columbus will appear in a candlelight procession. The Rev. Bernard McGorry, pastor, will place the Bambino Babe into His crib. Rev. McGorry will be homilist and celebrant during the service.

Afterwards, refreshments will be served to parishioners in the school cafeteria.

A Mass is also scheduled today at 6 p.m. and on Christmas Day, the Mass will be heard at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. On New Year's Eve, Mass is scheduled at 6 p.m. The Mass will be read on New Year's Day at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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FRED LUEB

Police, Protesters Clash

MADRID, Spain (AP) - Thousands of youths protesting the arrest of Communist leader Santiago Carrillo have clashed with police in Madrid's central square for a second night.

An estimated 3,000 to 4,000 young people threw rocks, raised clenched fists and hoisted red flags in front of police headquarters Thursday night. Police chased the demonstrators through side streets and threw smoke bombs to disperse them. No arrests or injuries were reported.

Fukuda Elected Japan PM

TOKYO (AP) - 71-year-old Takeo Fukuda, a conservative economic expert and new leader of the Liberal-Democratic party, was easily elected prime minister of Japan today.

The parliament vote came one day after Fukuda was named party president by acclamation. He succeeds Takeo Miki, who resigned to take responsibility for the poor showing of the Liberal-Democratic party LDP in lower house elections Dec. 5.

Project Called 'Un-Texan'

AUSTIN (AP) - A proposed Zavala County economic development project is "un-Texan and un-American" and should be denied federal dollars, Gov. Dolph Briscoe formally told President Ford on Thursday.

He said the federal government should deny further funds to the Crystal City-based project he once branded as a "Little Cuba."

weather

West Texas: Increasing cloudiness and colder north tonight and most sections Saturday. Low tonight 18. Panhandle to 34 south. Highs Saturday 40 north to 65 extreme southwest.



Rock Music Makes Comeback In Soviet Union

MOSCOW (AP)—Rock music is coming out from underground after decades of suppression in the Soviet Union during which it was condemned as "bourgeois poison."

At restaurants, weddings and even at gatherings of the Young Communist League, long-haired musicians are permitted to play more and more hard rock music.

A Moscow radio station has started broadcasting occasional Sunday afternoon selections of top pop hits from the West, and a newspaper has begun publishing stories about Western rock 'n' roll.

Government-run record stores soon will put on sale a two-record album by the Beatles, believed to be the first Western rock music ever sold here legally.

The album, imported from EMI records of Britain under the Soviet Melodia label, will sell at the fixed government price for light music of \$2.86 a disc.

Beatles records on the black market here have sold in the past for anywhere from \$50 to \$100, despite the flat statement in 1968 in the newspaper Soviet-skaya Kultura that "Beatlemania has no influence here."

At that time, Pravda, the organ of the Communist party,

described Beatles music as "a flood of cocophony, yells, giggles and God knows what which plays a major role in turning men into beasts."

But last month, Sovetskaya Kultura itself passed on a rumor from the British press that former Beatle Paul McCartney's new group, Wings, might tour the Soviet Union.

In contrast to its earlier criticism of the Beatles, the newspaper quoted McCartney approvingly, saying, "We'd like to come and see you. It would be great. Music plays an important role in the contemporary world. The fact that it unites people with each other is extremely important."

Anderson Graduates This Week

Daniel Kendon Anderson of Hereford achieved a 3.25 grade point average to graduate cum Laude among 166 seniors this week, from Southwestern State University in Weatherford, Okla.

Graduation ceremonies will be held for the institution's mid-term graduates in the spring since fall exercises are not sponsored.

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Obituaries

FRED LUEB

Fred Lueb of Dennison, the father and brother of several Hereford residents, was buried at Dennison Wednesday morning following services in St. Patrick's Catholic Church at that city. He was 91.

Born at Seneca, Kans., in 1885, Mr. Lueb died Monday.

He is survived by five sons, Al and W.J., both of Hereford, Werner of Odessa, Raymond of Dallas and James of Fritch; two daughters, Gertrude Flusche of Dallas and Anna Mae Dorman of Electra; a brother, Henry of Gainesville; three sisters, Mrs. Clara Loerwald, Mrs. J.H. Reinart and Mrs. Ursula Tittner, all of Hereford; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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H78-14	10.00	52.00	42.00	2.83
G78-15	9.00	52.00	43.00	2.65
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Hereford Cowboy's New Job Profitable

By BOB NIGH
Brand Sports Editor

Kim Gripp, 22-year-old Hereford native, has resigned himself to a job he loves. But, despite an earned income of \$27,313 over the past 12 months, he is looking for a raise.

Gripp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spicer Gripp of Hereford, travels the rodeo circuit performing in calf roping events. And, the skill and talent of the amiable cowboy aren't in question, since he was good enough at his job to place third in his event at the recent National Finals Rodeo in Oklahoma City.

Gripp finished 7th among calf ropers after the regular season this year, his first on the circuit, to earn the trip to the finals.

His \$4,034.60 earned during the week of the finals placed him just behind rodeo superstar Tom Ferguson of Miami, Oklahoma, the runner-up, and Roy Cooper of Durant, Oklahoma, who claimed the world title.

Gripp placed in five of the 10 go-rounds at the finals, claiming one first place finish. He won third place by a mere two cents over Bobby Goodspeed, of High Ridge, Missouri, who had finished one spot ahead of him in the regular season.

Gripp has been in the rodeo business since he was nine years old, when he "rode an exhibition calf in an amateur rodeo" in Hereford.

He plans to continue in the sport as long as he can. "Physical condition has a lot to do with how long you last," he said.

His legs couldn't be in much better shape after a year of driving 65-70,000 miles to rodeos throughout the United States and Canada.

He should get a little more rest next year, however, having recently traded his pick-up in on a Winnebago, a move which he conceded should make it much easier.

Gripp says the road of the rodeo cowboy isn't lonely, though. "You're either driving to another rodeo or taking care of your horse, so you don't have time to think about it," he said.

Still, the travel can be laborious. "This winter I rode on a Monday night in Baton Rouge, drove to Phoenix for a Wednesday morning show, and then went on to San Angelo for a Thursday morning ride," Gripp revealed.

While the lure of the big money is an obvious draw to the life in rodeos, Gripp cites an "ambition to win...the ambition to be the best" as one of the main things that keep him going.

"But, the thing that really keeps you going is the friends you make along the way," he added as a serious afterthought.

Gripp plans to "keep going" even a bit further next year. He will team with Rob Lauer of Buffalo, Oklahoma to compete in team roping events as well as his calf roping specialty.

The move to two events will make him eligible for the highly coveted World Champion All-Around Cowboy title...as well as making the season more profitable.

Riding in two events will also slow down the pace for Gripp next season. "I'll have to slow down because I'll be working two events," he said. "There will be some rodeos I'll miss because I'll be tied up longer at each one."

1976 was Gripp's first year in full-time rodeoing. He part-timed it up til this year while he helped his dad on the farm.

"I guess you could say I owe it all to daddy," Gripp confessed. "He provided me with the opportunities, and got me started."

His father was also a rodeo performer, having competed in calf roping, team roping, and steer jerking.

"He still jerks a few steers now and then. He does it just because he likes it," Gripp said with a laugh.

Although he gets to keep all the money, Gripp gives most of the credit to his horses for his success. "It's about 75 per cent horse and 25 per cent man out there," he said.

"A good roping horse has to be born with the right qualities; speed, the ability to stop, and to be able to work a good rope.

But, he still needs the right training."

Floyd Cole of Hereford trained the horse Gripp rode in the finals. "I began riding her just about a month ago, and Floyd deserves a lot of credit," Gripp said.

Gripp is down to earth in his description of his event. "You just nod your head, get out of the barrier better, and get your hands up quicker than anybody else," he said matter of factly.

Injuries are always in the back of the mind of the rodeo rider, and Gripp has had his share though none has been real serious.

"I've had horses fall over in the box and break my foot, and I've had the rope hang up in the saddle horn and crack my hand, too," he revealed.

"But, you never know, you

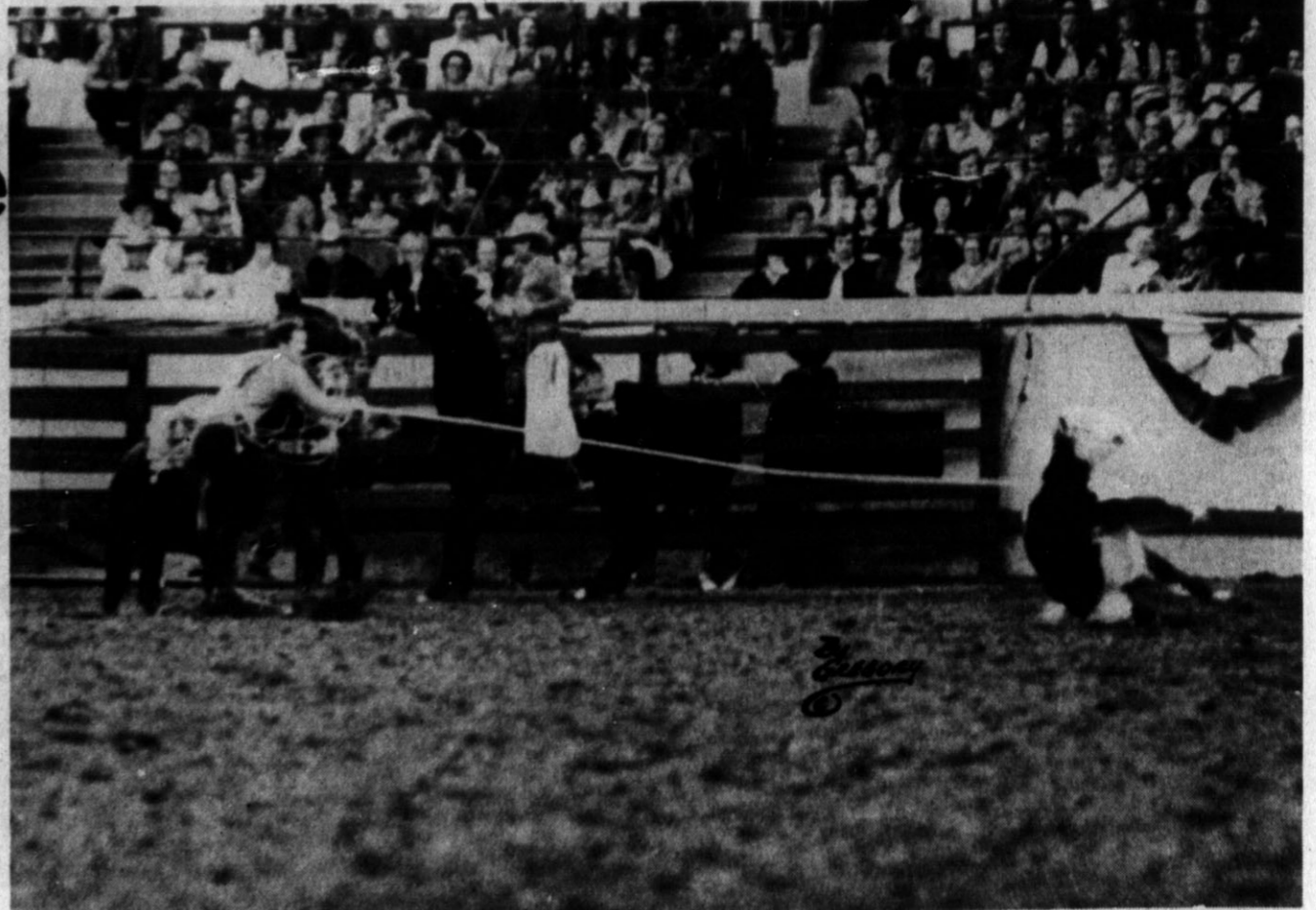
could be in a car wreck or something and wind up a cripple," he added. "I'll keep at rodeoing as long as I can...it kinda gets into your blood, and it's hard to get out."

Gripp has set some new goals for the upcoming year, namely to make it to the finals in both the calf and team roping events so he can get that chance at the all-around title.

"I've already ridden in some events which will count toward next year," he said.

And, while most people will be sitting in front of a television enjoying football games on New Year's Day, Gripp will be hard at work in a saddle in a rodeo in Odessa.

"I'm looking forward to even a better year next year," he concluded with a grin.



A Gripping Experience

Kim Gripp, 22-year-old Hereford native ropes his calf as the crowd at the National Finals Rodeo in Oklahoma City looks on. Gripp finished third at

the finals earlier this month as he completed a successful first year on the rodeo circuit, earning over \$27,000.

Burroughs Trade Said To Be Final

ARLINGTON, Tex. (AP) - Eddie Robinson, Texas Ranger executive vice president, said Thursday the Jeff Burroughs trade with the Atlanta Braves is final.

"Burroughs is mistaken if he claims he had a no-trade contract," said Robinson.

The slugging Ranger outfielder was traded to the Atlanta Braves for five players and \$250,000 at the winter meeting.

Robinson said of the no-trade clause "I checked that part of his contract thoroughly before we ever traded him."

Burroughs signed a three year contract this year with Rangers owner Brad Corbett.

Ted Turner, the Atlanta owner, says he has been advised by Burroughs' attorney, Marvin Demoff, that Burroughs doesn't want to leave Texas.

Turner said "A deal is a deal, I don't know what to think about all this hassle."

Robinson said he feels Turner and Burroughs "will eventually come to terms and Jeff will be just as happy playing for the Braves as he would in Texas."

The 25-year-old Burroughs was the Most Valuable Player in the American League in 1974. The righthanded slugger was expected to be at home with the 330-foot leftfield foul line in Atlanta Stadium.

Vikes, Steelers Favored

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - On the day after Christmas there, under the tree, pro football presents a treat for you and me.

For starters, the Vikings and Rams go to war, knowing it won't be another tie score.

And over in Oakland, for an instant replay, the Raiders and Steelers will complete the day.

So who do you like, in the title games? Throw them all in the hat and pick out the names.

The picker was perfect on the opening round. Let's see if this week he can be as sound.

The picks:
Minnesota 17, Los Angeles 13

Two years ago, the same teams battled for the NFC championship and Minnesota won 14-10. Both have improved since then, so add a field goal to each side.

Pittsburgh 27, Oakland 20

Tarkenton will be pitching for the Vikings again Sunday despite a slightly bruised knee.

Minnesota is more concerned about the condition of regular linebackers Matt Blair and Jeff Siemon, both of whom came out of the 35-20 first round victory over Washington with bumps. Blair suffered a concussion and Siemon a pulled calf muscle. Both were listed as questionable at midweek.

For the Rams, who reached the title game by winning a 14-12 thriller against Dallas, Pat Haden will be at quarterback, but one of his targets, wide receiver Ron Jessie is nursing a sprained ankle. Jessie, defensive tackle Larry Brooks, who has a sore toe, and safety-kick holder Steve Preece, who sprained a thumb, all are probable starters.

Look for another war. These teams engaged in some name-calling after their last meeting, a 31-28 opening-game victory for the Raiders.

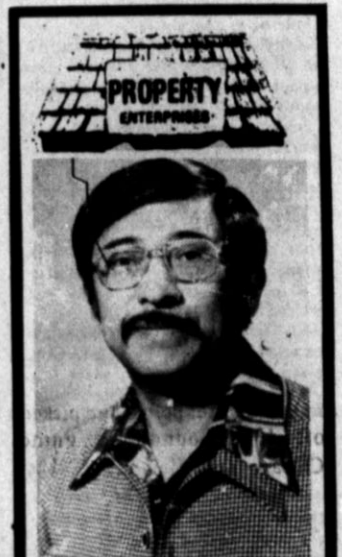
This is the fifth straight year they've tangled in the playoffs in a series that started in 1972 with Franco Harris' remarkable last-minute catch that produced a 60-yard winning touchdown.

Their loss to Oakland in the 1976 opener started the Steelers on a 1-4 spin that staggered their playoff chances. But they bounced back with nine straight victories and got a boost into the playoffs from, of all people, the Raiders.

The Steelers are wounded, with Harris and running mate Rocky Bleier both banged up from the 40-14 first-round blitz of Baltimore. Harris has bruised ribs and Bleier a sprained toe. Also injured are placekicker Roy

Gerela, who has a groin injury, and Jon Fuqua, another running back, who pulled a calf muscle against the Colts.

The Raiders are healthy except for middle guard Dave Rowe, listed as probably with an aching shoulder, and wide receiver Mike Siani, questionable with a bad knee.



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Akers To Add Helmet Decals

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) - The Texas Longhorns' better football players will have helmets plastered with miniature Longhorns next year.

In contrast to Darrell Royal, who disliked any frills on uniforms, new coach Fred Akers uses helmet decals to motivate players.

In an interview with sports-writer Kirk Bohls of The Austin American-Statesman in Scottsdale, Ariz., Akers said:

"We want the players to take pride in being an achiever. When people look out and see someone with a helmet full of 'em stickers, they know he's pretty good. We know it, but we want to recognize them in a way other people can see, too. So, we'll be getting some miniature Longhorn stickers."

Akers' Wyoming squad is working out for the Fiesta Bowl against Oklahoma on Christmas.

He was hired Dec. 15 to succeed Royal and plans to

come to Austin after the bowl game.

FAR-OFF PUPILS
MILLER, Mo. (AP) - Mickey Owen apparently gained worldwide fame after his 1941 error that led to a Yankee World Series victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers. This summer his baseball school in Miller, Mo., included pupils from the Philippines, the Canal Zone and Saudi Arabia.

Mitch Hopton, 14, of Rizal, the Philippines, Gary Knurbein, 17, of Najman, Saudi Arabia, and Robert O'Connor, 11, from Balboa Heights, Panama were at the school for boys 8 to 19. Owen is no longer active in the school but pays frequent visits. His regular job is sheriff of Green County in Springfield, Mo.

In 1941, Mickey Owen was charged with an error when Yankee Tommy Henrich struck out but made first base. Four ninth-inning runs scored and the Dodgers lost a game they had won. Next day the Yankees won the World Series.

'Bald' Bulldogs Final Obstacle For Panthers

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP)-Led by Tony Dorsett, college football's all-time rushing king, top-ranked Pittsburgh shoots for its first national championship in 39 years and winds up a sensational four-year renaissance when it meets fifth-ranked Georgia in the Sugar Bowl.

Dorsett, winner of the Heisman Trophy, 13 other regulars and coach Johnny Majors, who is returning to the University of Tennessee, will wrap up their Pitt careers after inheriting a 1-10 record from the 1972 club and now standing within one game of the national title.

Only Georgia's Southeastern Conference champs stand in the way with their snarling "Junkyard Dogs" defense, a bunch of shaved heads, including that of Coach Vince Dooley, and an irascible bulldog mascot which sank its teeth into a sports writer following a 21-0 rout of Alabama.

As the Bulldogs marched to the SEC title, several coaches and players shaved their heads

after each victory to promote togetherness. Dooley's locks went at a recent banquet honoring the squad.

Dooley told the team early in the season he would submit to the razor if the Bulldogs won the SEC crown.

But all the mean looks and bristly scalps on the 10-1 Georgia team aren't likely to scare Pitt, 11-0, which began its regular season with a 31-10 rout of Notre Dame and ended it by trouncing arch-rival Penn State 24-7.

"Pitt is every bit as good as its No. 1 ranking," says Dooley. "Everybody knows about Tony Dorsett, but the real underrated part of the Pitt team is their defense, which has only given up 11.8 points a game."

Besides Dorsett, Pitt has a defensive All-American in middle guard Al Romano. Georgia also boasts a first-tymer in offensive tackle Mike "Moonpie" Wilson.

Dorsett led the nation with 177.1 yards a game and set an NCAA single-season record of 1,948 yards. He also was No. 1 in scoring, with 22 touchdowns

and a two-point conversion for 134 points, and in all-purpose rushing, with 183.7 yards a game.

The flashy 192-pound senior from Aliquippa, Pa., has more career rushes, yards and points than any major collegian ever-1,074, 6,082 and 356, respectively.

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Nets Blow Lead; Pacers Win, 96-94

By the Associated Press
Bobby Leonard spoke in superlatives. That's what happens when your basketball team comes back from a 10-point deficit in the last two minutes. Kevin Loughery wouldn't speak at all. That's what happens when your team loses a 10-point lead in the last two minutes.

"That was a great comeback, one of the finest comebacks I've ever seen," said Leonard after his Indiana Pacers defeated the New York Nets 96-94 in the National Basketball Association Thursday night.

It was certainly one of the better ones. The Pacers reeled off 12 points in the final 1:47 of the game to wipe out a 94-84 New York lead.

Elsewhere in the NBA, Phoenix turned back Buffalo 107-92; Chicago downed Atlanta 101-95; San Antonio nipped Washington 118-116; Milwaukee outscored Golden State 112-103 and Denver hammered Seattle 123-95.

While Leonard was exulting in the eruption of last-minute points, Loughery was shutting out reporters.

"I didn't see the game so I can't comment on it," said a dour Loughery, who was ejected on his second technical of the night at 9:02 of the fourth period.

Billy Knight scored 32 points for Indiana, including seven in that late 12-point run. An underhand scoop shot of Knight's tied the score at 94 with 28 seconds left. Moments before, Don Buse hit two free throws, then stole the ball from Nate Archibald to set up a dunk shot by Dan Roundfield and bring the Pacers within striking distance.

Suns 107, Braves 92
Ricky Sobers scored a career-high 30 points to pace Phoenix over Buffalo.

Bulls 101, Hawks 95
Mickey Johnson and Artis Gilmore combined for 17 fourth-quarter points and picked off 13 rebounds to guide Chicago past Atlanta. The Bulls, winning for the eighth time in their last 10 games, could not put the game away until the final two minutes, when Norm Van Lier made four straight free throws.

Spurs 118, Bullets 116
San Antonio got 26 points from Larry Kenon and survived a scare when Washington's

Elvin Hayes narrowly missed tip-in with one second left, preserving the Spurs' victory over the Bullets.

Hayes ignited a late Bullets' surge by scoring 12 straight points in a 3:36 span of the final period. Before Hayes got hot, the Spurs owned a 109-100 advantage.

Bucks 112, Warriors 103
Milwaukee's Bob Dandridge scored 16 of his 22 points in the second half, leading the Bucks over Golden State. Gus Williams and Rick Barry rallied the Warriors from an eight-

Judge Recuses Finley Trial

CHICAGO (AP) - Charles O. Finley testified Thursday that six of his players were told by agent Jerry Kapstein in June not to sign contracts with the Oakland A's.

Finley also said Don Baylor rejected his one-time offer of \$635,000 over three years.

He said he believes baseball's Major League Agreement doesn't give the commissioner power to void legal trades in the game, but allows him only to "make sure there is no gambling and nothing immoral going on."

Finley, wrapping up his case against Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, also testified that he offered outfielder Joe Rudi a contract that would have paid Rudi \$160,000 in 1978.

But Finley said Rudi later rejected the offer and Finley later tried to sell him to the Boston Red Sox for \$1 million.

Kuhn voided the June 15 sales of Rudi and relief pitcher Rollie Fingers to the Boston Red Sox for \$1 million each, and pitcher Vida Blue to the New

York Yankees for \$1.5 million. Judge Frank J. McGarr recessed the U.S. District Court trial until Jan. 3, when Kuhn's attorneys will cross-examine Finley and then begin their defense. Finley's lawyer, Neil Papiano, is not expected to call any more witnesses.

Finley, attempting to show his efforts to sign or trade six free agents before he resorted to the cash-only trade, testified that he met for 9½ hours with Baylor in a futile effort to reach a contract agreement for the 1976 season.

Finley testified that he met the next day with Baylor's lawyer and accountant in Austin, but the pair rejected a contract offer of \$635,000 over three years after about 30 minutes in conference.

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) - Assistant track coach Bill Miller of the Texas Longhorns has resigned to take a job as a textbook salesman in Tyler, Tex. Miller, 35, had been at Texas six years.

who steered the Cowboys to their first post-season game in eight years, admits that his Western Athletic Conference co-champion team doesn't have Oklahoma's depth. And he says the team owes its 8-3 record largely to the fact that there were no serious injuries at vulnerable positions.

"We've been very fortunate in avoiding injuries in certain areas, like our offensive line," Akers said. "The depth there is very suspect, as it has been all year."

"We also have a depth problem at fullback, and it's amazing the way Robbie Wright, as small as he is, and as

many times as he's called on to run the football, has been able to stay healthy."

Wright, a 5-10, 183-pound senior, led the Cowboys in rushing for the second time in his career. He averaged 5.3 yards every time he carried the ball, and wound up with 718 total yards.

The Oklahoma Sooners have not been as lucky in avoiding injuries.

Tackle Mike Vaughn, the 6-5, 275-pounder whom the Sooners turn to when the chips are down, has been plagued with a knee injury which he twisted again in practice Thursday. He is expected to play.

Whitefaces In Tourney

The Hereford Whitefaces will take a 9-5 record into the Clovis Tournament Monday night as they begin a scramble with six teams from New Mexico and the Pampa Harvesters for the tourney crown.

The Herd will meet host Clovis at 8:30 p.m. (MST) Monday evening in the tourney's first round, and coach Barry Arnwine says his team is ready.

"We're in good shape and ready to go," Arnwine said Friday morning. That WE also includes senior forward James Mays, who has been hampered by a sprained ankle recently.

"He'll be real close to 100 per cent against Clovis," Arnwine said of Mays. "He's had a chance to work out a little more this week, and has looked good."

Injuries Could Ruin Wyoming's Upset Try

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) - Injuries may be the key to victory in the Fiesta Bowl football game here Christmas Day between Wyoming and Oklahoma.

The eighth-ranked Sooners, who tied with Colorado and Oklahoma State for the Big Eight championship with an 8-2-1 mark, are picked as two- to three-touchdown favorites for the Fiesta Bowl, which will draw a crowd of around 49,000 to Sun Devil Stadium for the 1 p.m. MST kickoff Saturday.

Wyoming must avoid injuries on the offensive line and at the fullback position if it hopes to knock off highly favored Oklahoma in the fifth annual bowl game.

Wyoming Coach Fred Akers,

Mays, a 6-1 two-year letterman, had been a scoring machine for the Herd this season prior to his injury in a game in the Amarillo Tournament.

His scoring average was 18.5 points per game until the injury occurred, but he managed just four points in the Faces' last game (Dumas) after seeing very limited action.

Following a win Monday the Whitefaces would play at 8:30 p.m. (MST) Tuesday evening against the winner of the Lovington-Bernillo winner. A loss Monday night would send the Herd into the loser's bracket against the loser of that same contest in a 1:30 game Tuesday.

Other schools to be present from New Mexico include Portales, Alamogordo, and Albuquerque Monzano.

Foreman Has Own Score To Settle

With all the talk of a revenge rematch between the Pittsburgh Steelers and George Atkinson of the Oakland Raiders, it's gone kind of unnoticed that Minnesota's Chuck Foreman has a score to settle, too.

Foreman will get his chance Sunday when the Vikings entertain the Los Angeles Rams for the National Football Conference championship a few hours before the Steelers and Raiders square off in Oakland for American Football Conference honors.

In the season opener, a forearm by Atkinson to the back of Pittsburgh wide receiver Lynn Swann's head resulted in a concussion for Swann, fines and warnings for Atkinson and bitter feelings on the part of the Steelers.

"If Atkinson pulls that kind of

garbage, I'll come off the bench and get him myself," threatened defensive tackle "Mean" Joe Greene.

Meanwhile, Foreman remembers an early-season 10-10 standoff with the Rams, although he'd like to forget it.

"I had only 31 yards rushing, or something horrible like that," Foreman points out. "I think they did the best job defending me of anybody we played against. I don't want that to happen again."

Since Foreman was a consensus all-pro selection a year ago, owns most club rushing marks and has averaged 1,000 yards over the last three years, you can see that few people other than the Rams have stopped him.

The conference winners meet in Super Bowl XI, scheduled for Jan. 9 in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif.

The Raiders, with 11 victories in a row, and the Steelers, with 10, boast the NFL's longest winning streaks. Obviously, only one of them can continue.

Pittsburgh, which has won the last two Super Bowls, and Oakland are old hands at this sort of thing. This will be their third consecutive AFC title showdown and their fifth post-season confrontation in as many years.

Swann predicts he'll "have the last laugh" on Atkinson "when we come home AFC champs - again."

For that to happen, though, some of the Steelers' running backs had better get well in a hurry. Franco Harris and Rocky Bleier both rushed for more than 1,000 yards this season, but are trying to come back from injuries, as is Frenchy Fuqua.

"Football always hurts," says Fuqua. "This is for the money, darlin'. You can't be half-steppin' with all those Christmas bills coming in."

Pittsburgh is favored because of its defense, which allowed only two touchdowns in the final nine regular-season games and recorded five shutouts, most in the NFL since 1944.

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Nittany Lions To Test Irish In Gator Bowl

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
AP Sports Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) - Notre Dame and Penn State, two of college football's biggest names who find themselves lower in the rankings than they would like, try to end winning but disappointing

seasons on a high note Monday night in the 32nd annual Gator Bowl.

Notre Dame, 8-3, is ranked No. 15 while Penn State, 7-4, is tied for No. 20 in the final Associated Press regular-season ratings, and Notre Dame began the season the way Penn State ended it - with a loss to Pittsburgh.

Pitt trounced the Fighting Irish 31-10 and whipped Penn State 24-7. The only other common opponent was Miami of Florida, which bowed to Penn State 21-7 and lost to Notre Dame 40-27 a week later.

The Gator Bowl will be nationally televised by ABC-TV at 9 p.m. EST. Penn State has been here three times. The Nittany Lions beat Georgia Tech 30-15 in 1961, lost to Florida 17-7 the following year and tied Florida State 17-17 in 1967.

It is Notre Dame's first trip to Jacksonville, but Coach Dan Devine is no stranger. His Missouri team thrashed Alabama 35-10 here in 1969. And Penn State's Joe Paterno and Devine locked horns in the 1970 Orange Bowl, Penn State beating Missouri 10-3.

However, Notre Dame and Penn State have not met since

1928, when Notre Dame won 9-0. In three previous encounters, Notre Dame won 14-7 in 1913 and 28-0 in 1926. The two teams played to a scoreless tie in 1925.

The Irish are led by All-American defensive end Ross Browner, winner of the Outland Trophy as the nation's top lineman, and halfback Al Hunter, first 1,000-yard runner in Notre Dame history with 1,058 in 233 attempts.

"Notre Dame is the most physical team we will have played this year," says Paterno. "They are very much as we are in that they are a young football team, but they are awfully big and very, very aggressive."

Penn State's offensive backfield was plagued by injuries with the result that four backs rushed for more than 300 yards, topped by Steve Geise's 560, and two quarterbacks passed for more than 300 yards, led by sophomore Chuck Fusina's 1,260.

Notre Dame also had to improvise because of injuries to fullback Jerome Heavens and quarterback Rick Slager, but freshman Vagas Ferguson and sophomore Rusty Lisch came through impressively.

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Volga Car Provides Ride For Santa And His Russian Partner

MOSCOW (AP)—Santa's sleigh is a chunky black Volga automobile in Moscow, and he and his helper, Snow Maid, will visit more than 20,000 homes this season.

A special department of the Moscow city government has a corps of Santas and Snow Maids available to visit children of Muscovites who pay for the service. Hiring a Santa privately is not permitted, since in the

Socialist society citizens cannot hire each other to do work.

"We select many people who have had training in theatrical schools," said Valentina Lebedeva, an official of the program.

"We give them training so they make the children happy instead of frightening them."

Santa and Snow Maid, a folk tradition in Russia, work from Dec. 26 to Jan. 5 New Year's

Day is the day for gift-giving in the Soviet Union, since the Communist government does not recognize the Russian Orthodox Christmas on Jan. 7.

Parents pay the equivalent of about \$4 for a visit before New Year's day and a bargain \$2.10 after Jan. 1. Santa and Snow Maid, a young girl in a white fur-trimmed costume, keep 60 per cent of the fee.

The key to the success of the 10-year-old program seems to be preparation for each visit.

Parents drop off toys in advance for Santa to deliver or have the service buy toys the children want. Using information provided by the parents, Santa and Snow Maid brief themselves on every child they visit.

Keeping Track Of Toys

Your children will doubtlessly receive many toys and games for Christmas gifts. A week later, you are likely to find these games and toys littered around your house, waiting for the children to pick them up. Why not create a place for these gifts and make picking them up a little easier for the children and for you!

Use vinyl tape in different colors to code toys and shelves. For instance, a doll could have a very small piece of red tape on the bottom of her foot. A larger piece of the same red tape can be placed on the appropriate shelf where the doll should stay when she is not being used.

This same idea has been used successfully for many years by kindergarten and nursery school teachers. Little children learn to identify colors along with a sense of responsibility for their possessions.

British Taste
There are presently 15,000 fish and chips shops in Britain. As one of the original convenience foods, fish and chips are supposed to be eaten out on the street or walking somewhere. Britons eat 5,000 tons of fish and 12,000 tons of potatoes weekly and there is a mystique about eating fish and chips. Some feel they taste best only when served in their favorite London newspaper.

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Peanut butter originated in South America where the natives mixed peanuts with honey and cocoa. Peanut butter was perfected in 1890 in the United States by a physician looking for an easily digested high-protein food for his patients.

Dutch Christmas Experiences Bring Back Memory of St. Nick

By BOBBY TEMPLETON
Brand News Editor

Remember the excited anticipation of Santa and what his sleigh and eight tiny reindeer would bring you on those Christmas eves spent while you were still the age of believing in fairy tales and such?

You would wait up most of the night wondering if you would get what you wished from that jolly bearded old man. And in your dreams during the night, you might picture the scene of Santa dumping his bag full of goodies on the living room floor and then piling up the presents under that colorfully decorated tree.

Such are some of the passing thoughts that occur in our minds from time to time as the Christmas Season gets merrier and the spirit that accompanies it gets thicker in the air.

ONE PARTICULAR sleepless Christmas eve spent in a far off and comes to the mind of this writer. It was one when I was still at the age of fearing the scary tales told by my older brother and enjoying the thoughts of a jolly fellow slithering his way down the chimney.

It was a blistering cold and snowy night in the residential part of Amsterdam, Holland, where Christmas is just about the same as young people here experience it. The only difference is that of traditions that surround the festive holiday.

I remember the same anticipation, the grand expectation of what was to happen the next morning and the wonderment of what Santa was doing downstairs after he parked his sleigh on roof.

However, as anyone who spends time in another country knows, your dreams are slightly changed by custom. The Dutch have a Santa but there he is known as Saint Nicolas, who

travels about with a rather fiendish black fellow known in English simply as "Black Peter." Instead of stockings on the fireplace mantle, my brothers and I left out our wooden shoes.

We did, however, if my memory serves me correctly, have a tree and decorated it as in past American Christmas.

HOLLAND WAS a grand place to celebrate Christmas as the atmosphere came as true to life as anyone of my age then could have ever imagined. The schools were all treated to a brightly dressed St. Nick, who along with his black companion came to our one-room kindergarten school, reached in his bag and then threw all of us a hand of candied goodies. It was then a mad dash to see who got the most candy.

However, it was Christmas eve when the real excitement came. Early in the evening, communities participated in a common spirit to even make a believer out of non-believers.

A red-costumed man, again with a rather hard-to-see fellow, came around the neighborhood knocking on each door, greeting the occupant with a big "Ho! Ho!" and then tossing another handful of candy onto the floor.

To this day I feel in the back of mind that this was the real thing.

During the night, my dreams faded into what would happen if I came face to face with St. Nick and his buddy. You see, over there Black Pete could cause someone a very unpleasant Christmas.

If one had been bad during the previous 12 months, it was Pete's duty to kidnap the misbehavior, stuff him or her in his bag and haul that person off to some horrible destiny. That was the part of the Dutch holiday that supposedly made me a better person than I might otherwise have been.

Other possibilities for the mischievous boy or girl was a piece of coal in the wooden shoe, which meant no presents or even worse a switch. This was partly for the parent who by tradition was to use it on the receiver.

FOR ME, THE NIGHT passed without any experience with Black Pete. I was up before any of the family and raced downstairs to see the things left behind by the man from the North.

I didn't dare touch anything at first, I just stood there in a child's amazement looking at all those presents under the tree and the goodies in our shoes. It was simply breathtaking thinking that we were left all that.

It wasn't long and the rest of the family came stumbling down. My brothers and I immediately ran for the candy and waited impatiently for dad to open the gifts.

We all locked out (probably not deservingly) by not getting that piece of coal in our shoes.

However, a twist in the Dutch tradition was pulled when one of the packages was opened. It was a gift for Mom.

When she opened it, there was a jagged black nugget. She gasped at its first sight, but that turned to immediate laughter as we all knew she hadn't misbehaved that bad.

AFTER THE PRESENT opening and a hearty breakfast, the rest of Christmas that year (1955) was spent enjoying the fruits of our Christmas.

On the floor in the living room laid the wrapping paper of our presents, while we went out to play with our Dutch friends in the deep snow that fell the night before.

While some parts of that Christmas are bit fussy in my mind, the things that stick in my mind about it are forever reoccurring at this time each year.

We all have those holidays that we remember more than others and this one stays with me as one of the most exciting of my childhood Christmases.

It did show me that no matter where one is, Christmas is a good time for all, and that it is a time for giving and a little getting in the spirit for which the holiday was intended.

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Holiday Without Children Painful

HOUSTON (AP)—There will be Christmas dinner of turkey and all the trimmings at the home of Cleveland and Thelma Whitaker.

There will be a Christmas tree in the living room with brightly wrapped presents underneath.

Lined along the top of an old television set are the photographs of four children—Deborah, 14, Mark, 11, Thirl, 7, and Leavel, 6.

Last Christmas they shared the family meal and opened presents.

Now they are dead—their lives snuffed out in seconds in a car-train collision last summer.

Paralyzed from the waist down and confined to a wheelchair is another Whitaker child, Tremain, 3, who was hurt in the accident.

Whitaker, 51, a brick mason, also suffered a leg injury and walks with the aid of a cane.

Last August Whitaker and the five children left home for church in the family car. Five

minutes from home the tragedy occurred.

"I don't even remember getting to the tracks, now," Whitaker said.

At home that morning were Mrs. Whitaker and another child, Tanya, 4.

"It's just mostly an empty house," said Mrs. Whitaker. "It's a ghost house. I know I'll never have another Christmas like last year. We had so much fun together."

Tanya used to sleep with Deborah. Now she is afraid to stay in their room alone.

The presents under the tree were not selected by the Whitakers.

"We came home from a trip and found all the presents in an old car we had parked outside our house," said Mrs. Whitaker. "We still aren't sure who left them."

Tanya and Tremain will open them Christmas.

"We'll just try to make them as happy a Christmas as we can because they miss the other children so much," Mrs. Whitaker said.

Whitaker said he still doesn't understand about the train.

"I crossed that track so many times," he said. "We still have to cross those tracks, but she drives. Every time I cross them, if I see a train even way off in the distance, it looks close. I wish I didn't ever have to see one."

An avalanche, hurtling down a mountainside at speeds that can exceed 250 miles an hour, pushes a wall of pressurized air before it. The air pressure has blown railroad cars off their tracks, while the vacuum in an avalanche's wake has pulled people out of their houses.

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Schnabel Hired For High Paying Job

AUSTIN (AP) - Senate Secretary Charles Schnabel will be off the state payroll less than a month.

Schnabel, who pleaded guilty this year to a misdemeanor charge of official misconduct, will be replaced when the Senate holds its caucus Jan. 11. On Feb. 1, he goes to work for the Texas Rehabilitation Commission at \$25,608 a year to administer a program for severely handicapped persons.

Commissioner Jess Irwin confirmed Monday he has hired Schnabel to create "sheltered workshops" for persons who never can be fully rehabilitated.

But all may be partially rehabilitated and work productively for private industry in the workshops. For those who do not have someone to live with, living centers - similar to halfway houses - will be established in each of the commission's seven regions of

the state.

Irwin said he has \$3 million in "earned federal money" for the program. This is "over-match money" - a term applied to programs calling for 2-1 federal-state support, for example, but in which the federal government has granted more than two-thirds and the state has granted more than one-third.

Last year, Irwin said, the over-match money was needed for vocational rehabilitation.

He thinks he has sufficient money to see the program through the next biennium.

Schnabel now earns \$37,500. He was fined \$2,000 and was placed on one year probation after he pleaded guilty to official misconduct.

"I wouldn't have hired him if I didn't think he could do a good job," Irwin said. "I've known Charles Schnabel a long time. I believe he will do a good job."



Heaping Helpings

This quartet of hungry gents were the only males present at the recent CowBelle Tasting Spree in the Reece Lawson home. They obviously took advantage of their "predicament" and enjoyed

sampling the variety of recipes prepared for the luncheon. From left are Charles Springer, Reece Lawson, David Hutchins and Bill Albright. (Photo by Phyl Smith).

Flying Santa Grounded

HOUSTON (AP) - Houston's flying Santa Claus, who has brought his special kind of gift to underprivileged children for the past 14 years, is going to be grounded this Christmas.

Harry E. Bradley has gone to various cities in Europe and the United States where he rented fleets of jet airplanes to fly orphans and children of poor families on sight-seeing tours of their native lands.

is that the youngsters have never been aboard an airplane," Bradley said.

A chubby man, with red hair and a ruddy complexion, a description that could fit old Santa himself, Bradley said he would continue his project as long as the money holds out. He said the costs for the Christmas flights have ranged from about \$12,000 to \$22,000.

The flights were always long enough so the youngsters could have a big meal aboard the plane, then Bradley would hand out gifts, generally school supplies "something that each child needed and could put to a good use, but didn't have the money to buy," he said.

The flying Santa Claus was to go to Denver this year, but there were not enough jetliners available for leasing. Not one to give up easily, Bradley said he rescheduled the Denver event for April when the equipment can be reserved. "A kind of Christmas in the spring" he explained.

Since 1962, Bradley, president of an aviation products company, has taken his flying Christmas presents to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, several cities in West Germany, Minneapolis, and next Denver.

"It is just my hobby to help children who have had no opportunity to experience the finer things of life. We select children 10 years or older so there will be educational benefit for them. Another requirement,



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New Mexican Head Won't Reverse Land Endowment

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Whatever President Jose Lopez Portillo's land policies might be, they do not include the wiping out of land expropriations by his predecessor, one of the President's cabinet ministers says.

The Interior Ministry, which is Mexico's most powerful ministry responsible for a wide range of matters from immigration to public security, will do nothing to "reform" land reform in the state of Sonora, Interior Minister Jesus Reyes Heróles said Wednesday in a speech to congressmen.

President Luis Echeverria, two weeks before ending his six-year term on Dec. 1, expropriated 250,000 acres of rich farm land in the northern state of Sonora next to the U.S. border. He awarded the land in presidential decrees to 8,000 peasants.

A federal judge ruled after Echeverria was out of office that the land seizure was illegal. Since federal judges in Mexico rarely make decisions in cases of national importance that are contrary to the wishes of the current president, there was speculation that President Lopez Portillo's new administration might back reversal of the expropriation.

"The intervention of the Secretary of the Interior at no time would be for the purpose of deforming or mutilating agrarian reform in Sonora," Reyes said. "On the contrary, he will try to carry it out completely."

Lopez Portillo's position on land reform in general has not been clear from what has happened since he took office more than three weeks ago.

While his cabinet officers make it known publicly that the land expropriation in Sonora will not be reversed, his administration has presided over the removal of thousands of other peasants from occupied land.

In the Pacific Coast state of Sinaloa, just to the south of Sonora, officials ordered the removal of an estimated 6,000

peasants from rich farm land occupied by poor people a few days before Lopez Portillo took office.

Peasant leaders expected Echeverria would expropriate farm land there, too, before leaving office and give it to the peasants.

Landowners warned of the threat of armed confrontations, and the government asked the peasants to do nothing hasty until after the inauguration of Lopez Portillo.

After consulting with Lopez Portillo, Gov. Alfonso Calderon of Sinaloa ordered police to start clearing the peasants off the occupied land.

THE WORLD ALMANAC'S Q&A

1. Only two actresses have ever won Best Actress Academy Awards twice in a row. They were:

2. The Statue of Liberty was designed by (a) Gustave Eiffel (b) Frederic Auguste Bartholdi (c) Ferdinand de Lesseps.

3. Tasmania is named for the discoverer of New Zealand. T-F.

ANSWERS:

1. Lillian Gish and Katharine Hepburn. 1967 "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" and 1968 "The Lion in Winter". 2. b. 3. True: Abel Janszoon Tasman. Dutch navigator.

Operation 'Christmas Outreach' To Aid Poverty Stricken Kids

EDINBURG, Tex. (AP) - Poverty-stricken children in the poorest section of the United States will have a richer Christmas this year thanks to Santa Claus and Rudolph the red-nosed fire truck.

Operation Christmas Out-

reach was scheduled to be launched this morning with 13 St. Nicks heading into the barrios of Hidalgo County armed with sacks filled with oranges, candy and toys.

At least two of the jolly old elves will arrive on a sleigh

strongly resembling a fire truck, compliments of the local fire department.

"We try to reach the kids that can't get to town to see Santa," explains Noe Diaz, who heads the program aimed at supplying 20,000 children with a little Christmas cheer. "If we don't get to them, they won't have much of Christmas at all."

Federal government figures released earlier this year lists the McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg areas as having the lowest per capita income-\$2,857-of any section in the country.

"The peso devaluation and the bad weather has really hurt these people," says Diaz. "No work means no pay and no pay

means no Christmas."

Diaz, employed by the Associated City-County Economic Development Corp. of Hidalgo County, began the program last year with donations from area merchants and farmers.

"We reached about 11,000 kids last Christmas," he says. "When the kids in the colonias-small communities of 50 to 150 families-see Santa and get a gift, it's a heck of a thrill for them."

"Most of the children don't get to come to town. Their families depend on work in the citrus groves and they haven't been able to work because of the wet weather."

Businessman 'Gives Dinners To Needy'

AUSTIN, (AP) - Max Gochman doesn't wear a red suit or have a beard but he's a holiday hero to hundreds of Austin families.

The Austin Christmas Bureau said Monday that the Austin businessman has contributed enough to the bureau to provide Christmas dinners for 6,700 needy families.

"It was my pleasure to do it," said Gochman, who owns the local Academy Surplus stores. He said his donation was on behalf of his employees.

The contribution has become a Christmas tradition with Gochman dating back several years, the bureau said.

"People can enjoy their Christmas dinners more if they know there's not too many hungry people around," Gochman said.

Gochman also will brighten Christmas for 22 cerebral palsy victims by giving them a Christmas Eve party at the Max Gochman Cerebral Palsy Center here.

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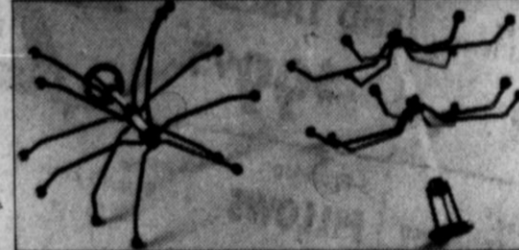
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Adding Holiday Accents

Patsy Hampton, left, and JoAnne Blackwell put finishing touches on the beautiful Christmas tree at Southwestern Public Service Company. They both are employees. (Photo by Phyl Smith)

Hicks Among Graduate Candidates

David Hicks of Hereford was among the 859 students who applied for degrees awarded in winter commencement ceremonies at Southwest Texas State University Saturday, Dec. 18, in Strahan Gym.

106 from the Graduate School, 207 from the School of Applied Arts, 183 from the School of Education, 152 from the School of Business, 102 from the School of Liberal Arts, 51 from the School of Creative Arts, 41 from the School of Science and 17 from the School of Health Professions.

Degrees were conferred by Southwest Texas' President Dr. Lee H. Smith. Hicks is the son of Mrs. C.E. Hicks of 107 Douglas, Hereford. He received a bachelor of science degree with a major in chemistry.

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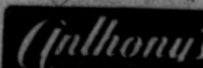
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At Wit's End

By Erma Bombeck

THE LOST CHRISTMAS
[Reprinted by Request]

There is nothing sadder in this world than to awake Christmas morning and not be a child.

Not to feel the cold on your bare feet as you rush to the Christmas tree in the living room. Not to have your eyes sparkle at the wonderment of discovery. Not to rip the ribbons off the shiny boxes with such abandon.

What happened? When did the cold, bare feet give way to reason and a pair of sensible bedroom slippers? When did the sparkle and the wonderment give way to depression of a long day? When did a box with a shiny ribbon mean an item on the "charge"?

A child of Christmas doesn't have to be a toddler or a teen. A child of Christmas is anyone who believes that Kings have birthdays.

The Christmases you loved so well are gone. What happened?

Maybe they diminished the year you decided to have your Christmas cards printed to send to 1,500 of your "closest friends and dearest obligations." You got too busy to sign your own name.

Maybe it was the year you discovered the traditional Christmas tree was a fire hazard and the needles had to be vacuumed every three hours and you traded its holiday aroma for a silver one that revolved, changed colors, played "Silent Night" and snowed on itself.

Or the year it got to be too much trouble to sit around the table and put popcorn and cranberries on a string. Possibly you lost your childhood the year you solved your gift problems neatly and coldly with a checkbook.

Think about it. It might have been the year you were too rushed to bake and resorted to slice-and-bake with no nonsense. Who needs a bowl to clean -- or lick?

Most likely it was the year you were so efficient in paying back all your party obligations. A wonderful little caterer did it for you for \$3 per person.

Children of Christmas are givers. That's what the day is for. They give thanks, love, gratitude, joy and themselves to one another.

It doesn't necessarily mean you have to have children around a tree. It's rather like lighting a candle you've been saving, caroling when your feet are cold, building a fire in a clean grate, grinding tinsel deep into the rug, lighting frosting off a beater, giving something you made yourself.

It's laughter, being with people you like, and at some time falling to your knees and saying, "Thank you for coming to my birthday party."

How sad indeed to awake on Christmas and not be a child. Time, self-pity, apathy, bitterness and exhaustion can take the Christmas out of the child, but you cannot take the child out of Christmas.



Be A Friend, Have A Friend

By JoAn Dwyer, Exec. Dir. Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Hereford

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I want everybody to be happy. I want to meet a warm smile and a friendly "hello" when I walk down the street.

Santa, I know the world is full of sorrow, sickness, and poverty, but with your spirit of love thru giving, maybe you can brighten this place up a bit.

Help Mothers and Daddys (and kids, too) to be kinder to each other...not only on Christmas Day, but long after.

Thank you, Santa, for being

so kind to me and helping me to know what the spirit of giving means. Thank you for all the Big Brothers and Big Sisters, who give of themselves to their young friends all year thru. JoAn

El Salvador, the smallest country in Central America, spends 32 per cent of its national budget on education.

The Dominican Republic had the lowest accidental death rate, 18.9 per 100,000 population, in 1973, according to the World Health Organization. Austria had the highest rate, 78.6, and the United States ranked in the upper third with 55.2.

Ann Landers

Christmas Message 1976



In 1955, the year Ann Landers began writing this column, she wrote a special essay for Christmas Day. Reader response was extremely rewarding and she has reprinted the column annually, with topical modifications. This is Ann's Christmas message for 1976.

Today is Christmas. All about us we hear talk of peace on

Earth, good will toward men. Yet we know full well in many parts of the world there is no peace and in the hearts of many men there is not enough good will.

Our youth insist that civilization is out of joint. They resent having to live in a world they never made. But what generation ever made the world it had to live in?

We congratulate ourselves that we are the richest, most productive, most powerful nation in the world, but what progress have we made? Is it progress when man can walk on the craters of the moon but cannot walk safely after dark two blocks from his home?

This is the age of the big rip-off, the uncommitted and the undressed. The blurring of the sexes. Some fear we are heading toward social decay, going the way of the Romans and the Babylonians. Others applaud the "new morality" and stare the "squares" down with eyes like hypodermic needles. They say the sex revolution is symptomatic of a maturing society, that it promises creativity and better mental health. But will that promise be kept -- or are we overloading the circuits and promoting additional guilt and anxiety in those who cannot tolerate so much exposure?

One of the most encouraging signs of our times is that our campuses are once again places of higher learning. Much of the hostility and anger of the late '60s is gone. Our students have settled down to serious business. That is the good news. The bad news is that drug abuse has shifted from the campuses to the high schools; and the junior highs. Now it's the 14, 15 and 16-year-olds who are turning to drugs to "expand their minds," or just to turn on. In reality they have merely opted to anesthetize themselves against the pain of growing up and accepting responsibility.

More bad news is that VD is epidemic in many areas. Gonorrhea is the second most prevalent infectious disease in the United States. (The common cold is first.) Yet, some parents are still fighting sex education in public schools because they "don't want kids to get ideas."

Every day each of us makes decisions that determine the direction in which our lives will move. No one, no matter how wise or how highly principled, can make the right decision every time. To err is no disgrace. The disgrace lies in not learning from our mistakes, not recovering from our defeats, not picking ourselves up, brushing ourselves off and trying again.

Since this is a problem column, I spend the greater part of every day with grief and trouble. Does it depress me? No, it does not. After 21 years I still find this work challenging and immensely rewarding. I realize that many people who write don't want advice. They merely need someone to listen.

I have been entrusted with the largest reading audience in the world. What a unique opportunity to educate, to shine a spotlight on ignorance and fear, to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. There is no greater satisfaction than to serve, and I will continue to do my best.

Mental Illness Has Common Patterns

Listed here are three common patterns of mental illness:

1. "Neurosis" —the name for unreasonable fear and excessive tensions and anxieties by people in poor mental health. A neurotic person goes through the day in touch with reality but under the clouds of lack of confidence, mistrust, tension. Some signs of neuroses are:

1. Anxieties that have no visible cause—about his job, family, marriage, a depressed, nagging feeling of being hopeless and helpless.

2. Phobias—exaggerated fears about people, places or situations—closed spaces, high spaces, open spaces, etc.

3. Compulsions to do acts a certain way. If routine is upset, so is person.

4. Physical complaints — persistent fatigue, loss of memory, temporary paralysis, headaches, nausea, diarrhea, etc.

A neurotic person tries to fence himself off from the outside world, exhibiting such symptoms as . . . escape from reality by extreme shyness, secretiveness, day-dreaming, refusing to make decisions; competitiveness—a relentless drive to prove his superiority; attack—believing no one likes him, so takes everything as an insult, tries to "get back by anti-social behavior, picking fights making trouble for himself and others; selfishness—unable to share time, money or attention, but demands these from others.

Often a hoarder of material things. Often, short-term treatment can help neurotics break the pattern and achieve a more rewarding life.

II. "Character or Personality Problems" —evidenced by defects of conscience, judgment, relationships. No particular psychosis or suffering and usually normal behavior, but can result in anti-social acts without sense of guilt.

III. "Psychosis" —the name for mental disorders more serious than neurosis. Person usually can't function well in most aspects of the real world (i.e., hold a job or have family

responsibilities), usually not dangerous to others, but strange behavior drives other people away, making the problems worse. However, may function quite well in community.

1. Childhood Autism—A severe withdrawal from the world. Thinking is preoccupied with fantasies.

2. Schizophrenia—A severe separation from reality. Most type of psychosis, usually affects young people. Results in delusions and hallucinations—"a nightmare made real"; things change shape and meaning without explanation.

3. Manic-Depressive — Extreme shifts in mood from high (agitated) to low (depressed, even suicidal thoughts) often ambitious people with too high goals. May disappear and return.

4. Cerebral arteriosclerosis —hardening of the arteries of the brain. Act childish. Temper tantrums. Can't remember or concentrate.

5. Involuntal—Turning back —people depressed over past lives, worry over imaginary illness unable to control emotion. Cry alot.

6. Senile Psychosis — Same symptoms as arteriosclerosis.

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For Pictures

Identities of persons appearing on the cover page are:

Young girls hanging their stockings are Debbie and Carla Fry, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Dywane Fry, 317 Cherokee.

Couple holding package is Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wear, 249 Centre, minister of Central Church of Christ.

Kissing beneath the mistletoe are Rhonda Fuston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fuston, 505 Willow Lane and Mark Christopher Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Smith, 401 Sycamore Lane.

The infant pictured is Moni Inman, six-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burke Inman, Jr.

The couple eating Christmas sweets is Mr. and Mrs. Randy Cook, 403 Sycamore Lane.

The woman beside the Christmas tree is Roberta Campbell, southeast of the City.

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By KERRIE STEIERT
Women's Editor

SALUTATIONS, little stranger. This is your first Christmas, but, being only four days old, I suspect that you are too young to know what it's all about. I intend to be a close friend during the life that stretches before you, as I was with your mother, so let me introduce you to the splendor and meaning of this magical day we call Christmas.

At first, this holiday will be known to you as a time of brightly-wrapped toys, too much candy, and sleepless nights in anticipation of Santa Claus. Your large, round eyes will shine as only a child's can at the prospect of Christmas.

But winter will pass, taking with it the yuletide, and you will leap into the summertime of youth and some stalwart prince (who is only a toddler now, like yourself) will steal your heart away. Mother and Daddy will wonder what happened to their fair-haired angel, who used to reach with great ambitions for the Star atop their Christmas tree.

WHEN YOU BECOME a woman, the meaning of Christmas will change. It will be a romantic time when the stars will cascade from the heavens and dance in your eyes. You'll

know the wonder of inheriting another set of parents, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Then, perhaps, if God is kind, you'll bring to this world a miraculous gift—the Gift of Life. And the cycle will begin again.

I cannot say when the true meaning of Christmas will lighten your heart, or when you will realize the import of that birth on that day—the world's first Christmas.

He was like you, a tiny, crying baby with a great mission in life. But He was not like you in that he was born to die. For the child Jesus came into this life to make the supreme gift to humankind—Himself. He gave of His wisdom each day that He lived, He served as an example for Christianity and he died so that others could live. We're supposed to remember those divine gifts at Christmastime.

LITTLE JANESEA, there is much ahead of you, so many Christmases in such wonderful places. We hope that, when you are grown, Christmas will not be buried beneath fairy tales, commercials and hollow entertainment. I would like to believe that you, and your generation will be wiser than we and will not confuse financial wealth

with Christ, for they have never been related.

We have faith that your now small shoulders will someday support the ideas that spawned this nation and that your tender heart will enshrine a belief in God and His wonders. We ask that you would not forget how Christmas came to be nor how it must survive with its pure meaning intact.

You are the embodiment of love, and that is the basic ingredient of this season. You are the daughter of a woman, who as a child, sacrificed countless hours to help a handicapped friend. Your father, who is tall in stature as well as physique, has always worked tirelessly for you, his wife and your young brother. They know the poignance and truth of Christmas.

So, you see, by knowing your parents, I know a part of you and cannot wait to know the rest of your secret personality as it blossoms. Because of your birth, we've been so beautifully reminded of the world's first Christmas Babe and His sacred story.

On this, your first Christmas, I give you a heartfelt wish that you keep Christmas always in your home and in your heart.



Cubs Celebrate

Santa Claus was a welcome visitor of members of Pack 50 of local Cub Scouts recently. Santa distributed gifts and candy to the group, who are under the direction of Wyatt Watkins, cub master. (Photo by Phyl Smith).

Blackeyed Peas On Menu

COLLEGE STATION -- Texans traditionally eat blackeyed peas on New Year's Day to insure prosperity and good luck for the coming year. This tradition will be observed once again in 1977 when individuals get out the kettle or new crock pot to cook the blackeyed peas. Marilyn Haggard, a foods and nutrition specialist, says,

She is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"The peas should be soaked before cooking to reduce required cooking time. This can be accomplished quickly by boiling them in water for two minutes, removing from the heat and soaking for one hour. They are then ready to cook. If you prefer to soak the peas overnight, it is still a good idea to start with the two minute boil, because you will have fewer hard skins and the brief boil will keep them from souring," she explained.

Season with one teaspoon salt for each cup of dry peas. Salt pork and bacon are old standbys for seasoning, but chopped ham

or smoked turkey left over from the Christmas celebration are great also. Pepper, garlic and oregano can be added in small amounts, one-fourth teaspoon per pound of dry peas, to enhance the flavor.

In the slow cooker, soak the peas overnight, then cook them in water on high for two to two

and one-half hours. Reduce control setting to low, add seasonings and meat and cook on low for eight to ten hours. If you prefer less watery peas, use less water.

Serve your peas with hot cornbread, butter and lots of fresh, crisp onions, the specialist suggested.

By CECILY BROWNSTONE
Associated Press Food Editor

COMPANY DINNER
Spitted Beef
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Salad
Garlic Bread
Green Apple Pie

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Paul Harvey News

Three 'Other' Wise Men

This is the story of three wise men.

Three "other" wise men.

James Otis, born 1725, was a Protestant. His first tutor was the local minister in West Barnstable, Massachusetts. He graduated Harvard a plump, pleasant, promising lawyer; practiced in Boston until he was notified by the King and was made a bureaucrat for the Crown.

As Advocate General, he soon learned what was really expected of him was to authorize snooping for, and railroading of, violators of the Sugar Act. Then something happened inside this hybrid American, and he resigned his lucrative office.

He gave all of his time, talents, and energy to opposing royal invasion of personal privacy. He raised his voice in behalf of the rights of the Colonists wherever and whenever anyone would listen. When they stopped listening he raised his voice higher.

The once good-humored, sociable fellow had been transformed by a blazing inner fire. The rash, turbulent vehemence of his language distressed even his friends.

But he would not stop. He became the fiery political leader of Massachusetts Bay. His pamphlets got him threatened by the King with a treason trial in England.

For he was convinced there must be some better way.

Then one day... Otis made a shouting speech in the British coffee house at what is now 60 State Street and officers of the Crown set upon him and administered to him such a beating that he barely survived.

From the blows on his head Otis was left a ship without a helm. The drive was still there but the balance wheel was broken.

This man who once, with his brilliant oratory, had swayed the Massachusetts Legislature to oppose the various revenue acts, was stark, raving mad! Still the fire burned.

In 1775 Otis broke away from confinement, borrowed a gun and rushed out amid the flying bullets of Bunker Hill.

Even this he survived.

Until finally this gentle man who had devoted a passion for freedom so potent it consumed him—in May of 1783, he died.

He was struck by lightning while watching a summer thunderstorm.

But James Otis had lived while he had lived.

And freedom was conceived. Charles Carroll of Carrollton was a Catholic.

Born in Annapolis, 1737, his early schooling was with The Society of Jesus. Eventually he

went abroad to study. But most of what he learned in Paris and London was how much he loved Maryland.

There began a determined dream of liberating the New World from the Old. So he returned home and aimed all his efforts at that end.

Barred from politics because of his religion, he became known as "the fighting farmer." He fought for the freedom of those who denied his. By 1773 he was the First Citizen of Maryland.

At the Maryland Convention of 1776 it was Charles Carroll whose inspired oratory brought Maryland into line with the other Colonies which resolved to break all ties with Britain.

Charles Carroll wanted independence—a truly free country—even before Washington did.

So this man whose religion had denied him the right to vote went on to be elected to Congress from his state and subsequently to the Senate where he served until he resigned in 1792.

In the lower right-hand corner of the Declaration of Independence you will see the signature of Charles Carroll of Carrollton.

The third wise man, named Haym Salomon, was a Jew.

Born in Poland, 1740—something (he was never sure), he emigrated to New York, 1772, and became a merchant and did well. Then when the British hired Hessian soldiers to fight the Colonists but could not make their commands understood, Salomon could. They hired him as an interpreter.

But he had fought for Polish independence. His heart was with the Colonists.

He switched signals and

quietly aided the Hessian mercenaries to desert.

In 1776, the British caught on and imprisoned Haym Salomon as a spy. They said he had plotted to burn the King's fleet and destroy British warehouses.

He escaped.

They caught him again, tried him for treason, sentenced him to death. He escaped; went to Philadelphia—went about raising money to rescue the Colonists.

Sick from his confinement in the dread Provost prison, still he labored night and day handling war subsidies advanced by the French and Dutch.

Again and again, at the brink of financial collapse, the cause of the Colonists was rescued by Haym Salomon. Often alone he contributed the money which maintained government credit. Out of his own pocket he paid the salaries of government employees and army officers.

Then, one Yom Kippur, George Washington told Robert Morris that the Colonies needed cash from somewhere—quickly. Morris sent for Salomon.

Haym Salomon, his personal resources exhausted, interrupted a synagogue service on this holiest of Jewish holy days to urge—finally to demand—that the congregation raise the necessary thousands of dollars to loan to the American treasury to meet the emergency.

They met the emergency. Prematurely, and from the effects of his imprisonment, Haym Salomon died.

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But freedom was born. So goes my story of the three wise men: James Otis, Charles Carroll and Haym Salomon.

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Joyce's Journal

BY JOYCE SHIPP
Deaf Smith County
Extension Agent

"Black-eye Peas Rate High as Good Luck Potion"

Good luck potions have been brewed in every age to assure bright prospects for the New Year.

However, none has endured or possessed the gastronomic appeal of that Southern potion brewed with black-eye peas and hog jaw.

Ever since the Civil War, this folklore about eating black-eye Peas on New Year's Day to insure good luck has continued to spread until it has infected nearly all regions of the country.

Why there are even many Yankees who would not dare risk their luck for the coming year without this Southern dish on New Year's Day. When this tradition first began, families had no other way to preserve peas for winter meals except by drying. They allowed the last crop of green peas to dry on the vines. Then they picked and shelled the peas, drying them in the sun before storing them.

Today, you can enjoy dried, canned and frozen black-eye peas in a variety of styles, but folklore purists claim that your best assurance of good luck comes from the old-fashioned dried black-eye peas.

This has been a good year for black-eye peas, so supplies are adequate, larger than last year.

Black-eye peas are grown in all southern states, but surprisingly enough California is the largest commercial producer of dried black-eye peas.

When you shop for black-eye

peas, look for peas in cellophane bags or other "see-through" packages so you can determine if the peas have a bright color, are uniform in size and have no visible defects such as cracked seed coats, foreign material and pinholes caused by insect damages.

How many pounds of dried black-eye peas should you buy? A pound will provide about seven servings of three-fourths of a cup each.

The standard black-eye dish served in many southern homes is "Hopping John", which became popular during the hard times following the Civil War.

Hopping John

To prepare four servings, you will need:

- 1/2 cup dry black-eye peas
- 2 1/2 cups ham broth
- 1/2 cup chopped cooked ham
- 1/2 cup rice
- Salt and pepper

Soak peas in ham broth for an hour after bringing them to boil for two minutes. Do not soak overnight in the broth.

Boil peas gently for about an hour until tender. Rapid boiling and frequent stirring cause pea skins to break, so avoid both.

Add ham and rice and cook covered until rice is done -- about 20 to 30 minutes, depending on kind of rice. The liquid should be almost cooked away by the time the rice is tender.

If there is too much liquid as the mixture cooks, take off the cover the last 10 minutes and turn up the heat. If the mixture seems too dry, add more broth.

Serve with hot cornbread. What a tasty treat as well as a good luck potion. In fact, "Hopping John" is so tasty, it deserves to be featured more often than New Year's Day.

Try these recipes for your left-over turkey:

TURKEY AND RICE CASSEROLE

- 2 c. cooked turkey
- 2 c. cooked white rice, or 1 c. white rice and 1 c. wild rice
- 1 can undiluted celery soup
- 1 can sliced water chestnuts
- 1 can drained green beans
- 1/2 c. salad dressing
- 2 Tbsp. pimento
- 2 Tbsp. onion

Mix all ingredients, put in buttered casserole and in a pre-heated oven, bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes. This may be made a day ahead of serving time.

TURKEY AND CORN CASSEROLE

- 4 1/2 Tbsp. butter or margarine
- 6 Tbsp. flour
- 1 1/2 c. chicken broth
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- Pepper to taste
- 3 1/2 c. cream style corn
- 3 c. cooked, diced turkey
- 1 1/2 c. soft bread crumbs
- 6 Tbsp. melted butter or margarine

Melt the 4 1/2 tablespoons butter or margarine; add flour, blend well, and stir over low heat until bubbly. Add broth all at once and cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Season with salt and pepper. Combine corn, turkey and sauce in a two quart casserole. Top with bread crumbs, blended with six tablespoons melted butter. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes, or until crumbs are brown and sauce is bubbly at edge.

TURKEY - BROCCOLI CASSEROLE

- 1 - 10 oz. pkg. frozen broccoli
- 2 c. cooked turkey
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1/4 c. grated cheese
- 1 can mushrooms, drained

Cook broccoli according to directions and drain. Arrange a layer of broccoli spears in a greased baking dish. Cover with a layer of turkey and mushrooms. Spread undiluted soup over all. Sprinkle with cheese and paprika. Bake 15 minutes or until bubbly at 325 degrees.

TURKEY SALAD

- 2 c. diced cooked turkey
- 2 c. diced celery
- 1 c. mayonnaise or salad dressing

Salt and pepper
Lemon juice
Lettuce or other greens

Combine turkey, celery and salad dressing. Season to taste with salt, pepper and lemon juice. Chill and serve on lettuce or other greens. Yield: 4 to 6 servings. Variations: Almond: Add 1/4 to 1/2 cup slivered toasted almonds just before serving. Avocado: Add 1/2 cup diced avocado. If desired, serve in halved avocados. Grape: Add 1 cup fresh seedless white grapes. Pineapple: Add 1 cup diced fresh or canned pineapple.

HOT TURKEY SALAD

- 2 c. diced, leftover turkey
- 2 c. diced celery
- 1/2 c. slivered toasted almonds
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. grated onion
- 2 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 c. mayonnaise

Combine turkey, celery, almonds, salt, onion, lemon juice and mayonnaise. Toss until well mixed. Pile lightly into greased two quart baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese and potato chips. Bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes. Serve hot.

TURKEY TETRAZZINI

- 4 oz. spaghetti
- 1/2 c. milk
- 1/4 c. chopped pimento
- 2 Tbsp. Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 c. diced, chopped turkey
- 1 c. shredded American cheese

Cook and drain spaghetti well, place in a buttered one quart baking dish. Blend soup and milk, add turkey and pimentos. Pour soup mix over spaghetti and mix slightly. Add shredded American cheese and stir gently. Sprinkle grated Parmesan cheese on top and bake in moderate oven until mixture bubbles and cheese is lightly browned.

Time To Plant Trees, Shrubs

COLLEGE STATION -- Although most people shun the outdoors when cold weather arrives, that's the best time to add winter hardy trees and shrubs to the home landscape, says a Texas Agricultural Extension Service landscape horticulturist.

The horticulturist also suggests that newly planted trees and shrubs be staked firmly to prevent damage from high winds.

"New plants should not be fertilized until after the first growing season. A good mulch of hay, dried grass clippings or leaves will help protect the root system from extreme temperature changes and will help retain moisture, explains the horticulturist.

Nurseries are beginning to get in good supplies of trees and shrubs, so Welch advises homeowners to start considering additions to the landscape in the weeks ahead.

lightly browned (about 30 minutes).

Graffiti Is Thesis Topic

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Janice Dee Gilbert, who goes around peering at the hand-writing on the wall, thinks today's graffiti may be tomorrow's history.

"Topics too sensitive, too bigoted and too outrageous for the traditional historian are the natural province of graffiti," said the University of New Orleans graduate student.

She speaks with some expertise. She wrote her English master's thesis on "Graffiti in New Orleans: A Study of Folk Epigraphy."

Besides scanning wall scrawls available to all passerby, Miss Gilbert took her search for a degree of enlightenment to powder rooms and restrooms in bars, chaperoned by friends who scouted and guarded while she peeped in and jotted in the male facilities.

Graffiti may be traced back to 15,000 B.C. in French caves. "The first known graffiti using a written language was found in 1856 in the subterranean chambers of the Palatine and is dated from A.D. 3," Miss Gilbert said.

"The anonymous nature of graffiti lends courage to the most timid soul," said Miss Gilbert, who noted she could never catch anyone in the act of writing graffiti.

Women's lounges abound with quotes from T.S. Eliot, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Bob Dylan, Camus, Thoreau — and Lenny Bruce.

"Women tend to allow themselves to be more vulnerable and evince a greater sensitivity to the concerns of others," Miss

Comings And Goings At Kings Manor

By FAY GAUGGEL CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY AT KING'S MANOR SCHOOL WRITTEN BY KIDD BRATT GRADE 4

As usual Miss Don worked up a Christmas party again. She had that same old Ding Dong bell and she used it to shush us all down.

She said it was the 15th such party for this school, and the only ones who had been present then and now were Lil Ole Ola Davis and Mary Helen Fisher. At that first party there were only 20 pupils.

Course we was all so excited Miss Don had to get us down to where we could hear.

Miss Don had put up a picture of a balloon field-day and had us to look good and guess or count as many balloons as were in the whole deal. She figured that Carolina Pina and Frank Morgan, our new boy, were the nearest right. Frank kinda acted up; so she dressed him down. A Christmas wreath was tied up on a big clothes rack an' Miss Don chose some kids from each side to throw balls through the wreath. That other side won.

Then we had a nursery rhyme contest, and, same ole tale. That other side won.

Miss Don kept on fussin' on DeWitt and Roberta. Why does she do it? Why doesn't she hush about em? Everybody knows their sweethearts an always will be.

"The next one was on thinkin' up nursery rhymes. They beat us an' who cares? Nursery rhymes are for babies anyway.

Professor of Music, Clyde Hudson came and sang a solo called "Song of the Yeast" that's Bethlehem. Then he and DeWitt sang "Theres' a song in the Air an' a star in the sky."

Then for the presents, DeWitt fished out a package at a time. He read the names then some of the younger fry delivered 'em.

Then little Rubey McLaughlin brought out about 100 hand-painted book-marks and let us pick the ones we wanted. She's been sneakin' an workin' on 'em, on the sly all year. She does something like this every year.

The oranges was passed round and everybody took one (or two, I bet). Punch and finger

foods were then served, at the pretty table.

Then we all went home. Ma wasn't too happy at home. She thought we'd stay longer at the party and she'd get a little peace. Then she said maybe Miss Don needed a little of the same.

So long till next year. (Written by Kidd Bratt Fourth Grade.) If you see I've spelled wrong, don't tell Miss Don. She's always needin' us about pore spellin'!

STANTON SCHOOL CHOIRS PERFORM

Doug Morris directed about 35 seventh grade girls in seasonal music at the Lamar Memorial Garden Room Dec. 19th at 7 p.m.

Dr. Seago, in introducing them, stated their robes of bright blue with white stoles were very attractive. Mr. Morris' piano accompanist was Sue Ellen Page.

The program was as follows: 1. "Little Child on the Straw". (The Magi visited Him) 2. "Jesus Sleeping so Peaceful (Happy Day, Happy Day) Rhythm calypso motif (West Indies) 3. "Silent Night" accompanied also on violin by Kay Suttles. (Piano accompaniment used unusually wierd and interesting diversions from traditional air. Descant was added) 4. "Shepherds Play your Melody" (again accompanied by Miss Suttles' violin) 5. "Rejoice, People of ye Nations" (All shall be redeemed).

Another question song asked "Were you There on that Night and did you see; did you hear certain things?" (Very impressive).

These young ladies gave splendid attention, kept their eyes on Mr. Morris, whose guiding hands, and facial expressions left no doubt in singers' minds as to what he desired. It's the secret of effective performance.

Thanks to Mr. Morris and group. Do come and perform for us again.

Bill Devers brought three choir groups out to sing for Manorites Friday, December 17 at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Joberta Helms directed these groups. They sang acapella.

The first group were seventh graders, having been under Mr. Dever's tutelage only one month. Program was as follows. 1. Drum and fife song was symbolic of the closeness of God and Man as the drum and fife compliment each other. 2. Song of Sicily. "What Child is this?" Written in minor key and known by most as "Greensleeves." Done in two parts. 3. "Cambria" - (Poetic name for Wales) 4. "Deck the Halls" 5. "I Hear Bells" (High versus low voices. Sometimes in three parts)

The eighth and ninth groups sang together.

Mrs. Helmes still leading. 1. "Angels we have Heard on High" 2. "Gloria. In Excelsis Deo" 3. "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" (Bing, please

observe we don't scoop up our notes here) 4. "O Holy Night" 5. Story of ancient King being asked questions. "Do you see what I see?" "Do you hear what I hear?" He answers the last one with "Listen to what I say. He that has come will give you goodness and Light".

A medley of familiar carols ended the program. Mr. Devers' sincerity, deportment, and other traits of character, shine through his pupils' singing and through their conduct.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Sunshine Singers from the Temple Baptist Church portrayed the real Christmas story of Christ's birth in narrative and song for the King's Manor residents, Thursday evening December 17th with Paula Eubanks as choir director and Kay Inmon as piano accompanist.

Larry Howie, music director of the church led the group singing of two familiar hymns, "Come All Ye Faithful" and "Silent Night".

Jeff O'Rand as narrator and Richard and Jana Grimsley as puppets, told the story of Christ's birth while the choir by the singing of a number of children's songs, the appearance of Mary and Joseph before the innkeeper, the coming of the shepherds and the wisemen added greater beauty and made more meaningful the real Christmas to the puppets who had had Christmas all wrong in their minds.

The audience singing of "Joy to the World" concluded the program. The tables were arranged for refreshments and Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Naylor served cookies and punch.

We thank all of you, Brother Bozeman, the directors and children for such an inspirational and beautiful program, and for the joy you have given to our Christmas. God bless you!

Louise Vaughan was in Wellington recently to attend the Annual Christmas dinner and Bazaar of United Methodist Church. On Sunday night she heard the organ prelude followed by the Cantata, a yearly event of the Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Martin and Miss Jill Ellison of Crosbyton and Mrs. Jean McClure of Plainview were guests of Mrs. Vaughan last Sunday. These two young women had worked for Mrs. Vaughan in the Compress offices when she lived in Crosbyton and they have maintained the friendship through the years.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Dodson had the following as guests recently: Mrs. Ann Weaver, W.M. Weaver and daughter Allesen, all of Canyon. Mr. and Mrs. George Wilmoth of Claude Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Allen of Amarillo, who were fortunate enough to meet Rev. and Mrs. Mac McCarter and children, the new pastor at the First Christian Church here. The Murrell Whitakers of Rosenberg, the John Hunters and little grandniece Brandee.

We at the Manor are enjoying the lovely Yule log designed, made and decorated for us by Mrs. S.S. Williams. Many thanks to Mrs. Williams.

King's Manor Artist of the Month is Mrs. Lucile Naylor.

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Hist. of U.S. since 1877	7-9:45 p.m.	Mon.	HHS
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Law Enforcement Terminology	6-6:50 p.m.	Wed.	HPD
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Parish Re-Elected To Ag Council Post

Springlake, Texas — K.B. Parish of Springlake was re-elected to the Executive Committee of the Agriculture Council of America during its Annual Membership Meeting in Lake Buena Vista, Florida on Dec. 12-14. Parish represents the Texas Grain Sorghum Producers on the ACA Board of Directors.

"The Search for Specific Solutions" was the theme of the meeting where more than 150 people participated in the programs and discussions geared to define how farmers and consumers can work together.

Bobby Smith, chairman of President-Elect Carter's Food and Agriculture Committee,

outlined the need for better relations between farmers and consumers in his keynote address.

"National unity will be a central concern in the Carter administration," he said. "The unity between farmers and consumers will be part of that concern."

One of the highlights of the annual meeting was a panel discussion on the topic "The Future for Farmer-Consumer Cooperation." Bernard Brenner, Washington Farm Correspondent for United Press International moderated the discussion between spokesmen for farm, consumer, labor and business points of view.

The meeting also provided a forum where members could contribute to plans for expansion of programs already begun and for the organization of new programs.

The Agriculture Council of America is a non-profit, non-partisan organization supported by individual farmers, farm and commodity groups and companies that supply farmers. Its purpose is to foster better communication between farmers and consumers.

Among its programs is the Farm Line, which gives individuals on the local level a chance to talk directly with national leaders on specific issues on a toll-free line each month.

ACA also recently sponsored a National Tour, at which time 16 farm couples meet with consumers and leaders in 15

major U.S. cities. They also distributed thousands of questionnaires to consumers. The results of the tour and the ideas of members at the annual meeting will be considered at a major Farmer-Consumer Conference in Washington, D.C., in January, at which time leaders from various groups will seek specific ways they can cooperate.

Beef, Pork Will Be Plentiful

WASHINGTON (AP) — By Agriculture Department definition, consumer supplies of beef, pork, broiler chickens, milk and other dairy products will be "plentiful" in January.

Officials said in another USDA "food-marketing alert" distributed to big-volume food buyers such as hospitals, schools and other institutions that fresh citrus fruits, juices, some canned vegetables, potatoes, peanuts and grain also will be plentiful.

As used by USDA, plentiful

means "more than enough for requirements" while adequate means "enough to meet needs" of consumers.

On the lighter, adequate side were eggs, turkeys and dried prunes, the report said.

Beef production next month, although still plentiful, will be down five per cent below last January's record output, officials said.

Pork production in January will be up 22 to 24 per cent from "the unusually low level" of last January.

Incentives Required To Maintain Farming

DENVER (AP) — The nation's farmers are in "dire straits" and need government incentives to stay in business, agriculture leaders from 12 Western and Midwestern states concluded earlier this week.

J. Evan Goulding, Colorado commissioner of agriculture, hosted the meeting, which was held to discuss moves President-elect Jimmy Carter might take to alleviate problems of farmers.

Attending the meeting were Nebraska Gov. J.J. Exon and representatives from Wyoming, Montana, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas, Wisconsin and California.

The agriculture experts said there were three major areas in which the government can help farmers — import quotas, loan levels and agricultural reserves management. They urged Carter to stress the importance of agriculture to the nation's economy.

"In view of expanding world populations, agricultural production can only keep pace if incentives are offered," Goulding said. "This is done one of two ways: a cutback on production or an expanded market."

"We urge the new administration to expand the market, particularly the export market, to get U.S. surplus into

the hands of the needy throughout the rest of the world."

In the area of imports, the group urged the Carter administration to stand behind newly-negotiated import levels.

Goulding said the group feels the management of reserves is critical to farmers, but urges those reserves be maintained in private ownership and out of the hands of the government.

The Hereford Brand Farm News



Compiled By JIM STEIERT Brand Farm Editor

County Farm Product Sales In Excess Of \$273 Million In '74, Says Census Bureau

The market value of all agricultural products sold by the 663 farms in Deaf Smith County in 1974 amounted to \$273,786,000, according to a preliminary report of the 1974 Census of Agriculture released today by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census. Production expenses on these farms totaled \$240,510,000 in 1974.

The figures are for farms qualifying under the definition first used for the 1959 Census of Agriculture: A farm includes all agricultural operations conducted at any time during the census year under the control of an individual management, provided that sales of agricultural products amounted to, or normally would amount to, at least \$250 for places of less than 10 acres or \$50 for places of 10 acres or more.

These farms accounted for \$273,727,000 of all agricultural products sold in 1974 and \$167,453,000 in 1969.

There were 600 of these farms in 1974 compared with 675 in 1969. The average size

increased from 1,306 to 1,435 acres during the five years. The value per acre increased from \$233 to \$289 raising the average value per farm from \$304,939 to \$414,699.

The market value of livestock and their products on farms of \$2,500 or more of sales was \$222,719,000 in 1974; poultry

and their products, \$7,000; and crop sales, including nursery products, hay and forest products, \$51,001,000.

Farms reporting less than \$1,000 in sales numbered 24 in 1974. The value of agricultural products sold on these farms totaled \$5,000.

Year-End Farm Prices Offer Gloomy Prospects

AUSTIN—Year-end farm prices in Texas do not offer much hope for a prosperous 1976.

Agriculture Commissioner John C. White made this gloomy summary following the monthly report by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service on agricultural prices. Averages for November 1976 marked the seventh consecutive month of decreases in prices for livestock and products.

All slaughter livestock except sheep declined in prices from those in October

with hogs down 70 cents at \$31 a hundredweight (cwt.), beef cattle 60 cents lower to \$29.50 per cwt., lambs dropping 50 cents to \$46.10.

Sheep prices were up 40 cents from October to \$13.30.

Baled hay prices have remained steady with the demand high due to the effects of severe weather on pastures.

Grains have continued a downward trend. Current prices for major grains are averaged at \$3.31 per cwt. for sorghum and \$2.27 for a bushel of corn,

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1 c. sugar
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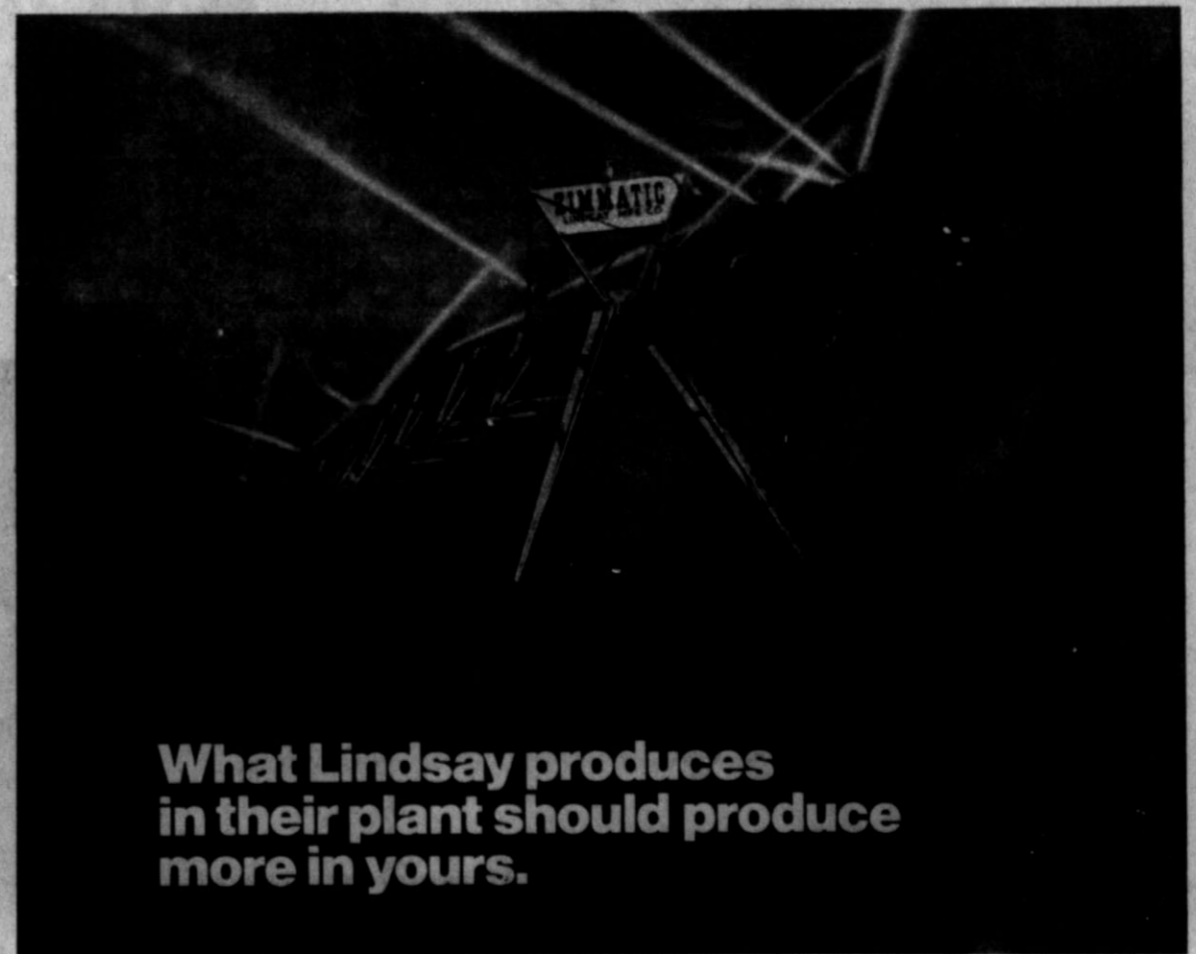
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Commodity Topics

BY E. ROBERT FLOREZ

Registered Commodity Specialist

The closer we get to the end of 1976 the greater the attention focused on the economic outlook for 1977 and beyond. Many economists and would-be forecasters usually wind up their motors about this time, during the seasons of good fellowship and new years resolutions, and willingly or otherwise dare to express their faceted opinions, hunches and projections about the prices for various commodities consumed and produced in this country for next year. At the International Commodities Conference held in Chicago, featured speakers made strong reference to higher prices next year for soybeans and beef but looked for soft wheat values.

A new U.S. record for total and per capita meat consumption will be set this year and a new record could be established in 1977. Beef supplies should continue to expand through at least the first two quarters of 1977. Poultry production, ac-

ording to some of the experts featured at the conference, which is responsive to feed margin changes could hold the price levels attained in 1976.

Most economists who specialize in the livestock industry feel that the U.S. is slowly heading towards diminished beef supplies as a result of the steady culling of cattle herds and price increases are expected as the marketplace rations the decreasing supplies. Again, many of those who spoke of cattle at the conference felt that a strong upside move in cattle prices is in the making, especially if the U.S. economy is favorable and demand keeps following it expansionary trend. However, other factors such as expected consumer pressure on the newly elected president to control beef prices if supplies should become rather dear and the nature of the farm bill to be passed next year were elements of negative consideration expressed at the

meeting. A possible inflationary price decision by the members of the OPEC nation's meeting in Qatar could also have a detrimental affect on spending habits of consumers at the retail meat counters.

The most depressing element at the commodities conference was the outlook for wheat prices in 1977. Just recently the USDA reported that 145,251,000 bushels of the 1976 wheat crop are currently under the newly established price support loan rate of \$2.25 per bushel. This figure, as of November 30th, was up sharply from the 80,380,000 bushels of a month earlier and from 19,896,000 a year ago.

This wheat in government stockpile tends to act as a ceiling on any price rise that may occur in the near future, because as soon as prices rise to a level that the government can profitably sell their supplies in the open market they do. Thereby causing prices to halt or even decline. It is doubtful if there are many wheat bulls around these days, although we may see a few develop towards the end of next year if a shortfall of sown wheat acreage because of depressed prices, does indeed occur.

Pecan-Apple Cake

- 1 c. salad oil
- 2 c. sugar
- 3 eggs
- 3 c. flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 1/2 tsp. soda
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. cloves
- 3 c. diced, peeled apples
- 1 c. chopped Texas pecans

Combine all ingredients except the last two. When these are well-blended, mix in the apples and pecans. Bake in a greased and floured tube pan for approximately 1 hour at 350 degrees. Place cake still in pan in a brown paper bag until cool.

High school graduates represented two per cent of the 17-year-old population of 16,000 persons in 1870. The Bureau of the Census reports that in 1970, some 2.9 million or 78 per cent of the teenaged population graduated.

Pork In Good Supply With Lower Prices

CHICAGO--There's more ham, bacon and pork chops in retail meat counters these days. Pork is back in good supply and at lower prices, according to the Pork Industry Group of the National Live Stock Meat Board.

"In recent months, pork production has soared, and

prices have declined. It's a favorable situation for consumers," said Verlo Butz, P.I.G. Secretary. "Popular and nutritious pork products are now excellent values for the nation's food shoppers."

He said the good supply-high value situation is expected to

continue for several months and possible through all of 1977.

According to Butz, pork production in October of this year was up almost 30% compared to the same period last year. This followed an increase of more than 20% in September.

The market price for hogs is

currently 37% below a year ago.

Wholesale prices have also fallen, and retail prices are starting to reflect those declines, Butz said. He said the meat counter in the food store is the final link between the producer and the consumer, and therefore the retailer is the last one to be affected by changes in on-the-hoof hog prices.

"During the latter part of 1974 and through all of 1975, pork production was down. Because of the reduced supplies, hog prices, wholesale prices and retail pork prices all increased," said Butz. "The situation is now reversed with more pork available and prices lower."

U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics show that due to the decreased supply, per capita consumption of pork was only 54.8 lbs. (carcass weight

basis) last year, a 40 year low. For 1976, the government is predicting that pork consumption, reflecting the increased supplies, will increase at least four per cent over last year to approximately 56.6 lbs. Pork supplies through 1977 could be up 15-20 percent over 1976.

Butz noted that overall prices of farm products, food and meat have been turning downward while the total wholesale price index moved up last month at an annual rate of 7.2 percent.

"Prices for automobiles, fuel, home construction and consumer goods in general are going up. Today's real values are in the food sector, especially at the meat counter where pork once again has become a top competitor when it comes to providing consumers more for their money," the pork industry official stated.

Conference Scheduled At Experiment Station

COLLEGE STATION--Approximately 500 agricultural scientists from across the state are expected to participate in the annual conference of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station--the state's agricultural research agency--at Texas A&M University, Jan. 5-7.

Registration will begin Jan. 4 in the Main Lobby of the Rudder Conference Tower, and continue there the next morning.

Addressing scientists the opening morning will be Dr. R.J. Aldrich, administrator of the Cooperative State Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., and Dr. Daniel C. Pfannstiel, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Dr. Vernon E. Schneider, conference general chairman and Davis Distinguished Professor in A&M's Department of Agricultural Economics, will

welcome the researchers.

Dr. Jarvis E. Miller, director of the Experiment Station, will preside at the luncheon on Jan. 5 at the Memorial Student Center. Dr. Alice Stubbs, Consumer Research Center head and professor, is luncheon coordinator.

Departmental conferences and programs are scheduled the afternoon of Jan. 5, with Dr. George L. Teetes, research entomologist, serving as coordinator. That evening, an informal social activity is planned from 8 to 10 p.m. with Dr. Stubbs serving as coordinator.

A wide array of separate "special skills sessions" are planned the morning of Jan. 6. They include such topics as getting a handle on library information, analytical instrumentation and techniques, visuals for publications and presentations, cost-return analysis in production system research, publications policies and procedures, direction and role of the Experiment Station, experimental design and data analyses, electron microscopy, and preparing and handling data and accessing the computer.

Special interest group meetings are slated the afternoon of Jan. 6, along with individual conferences. The evening program will include discussions by Dr. Dudley T. Smith, Experiment Station assistant director, who observed research programs in Australia and New Zealand earlier this year. Dr. P.L. Adkisson, entomologist, who was in China as part of a scientific exchange program; and Dr. Lloyd W. Rooney,

cereal chemistry researcher, who observed research in Eastern Europe.

"Evaluations of Agricultural Research" will be the theme of the morning program on Jan. 7, which will conclude the professional conference.

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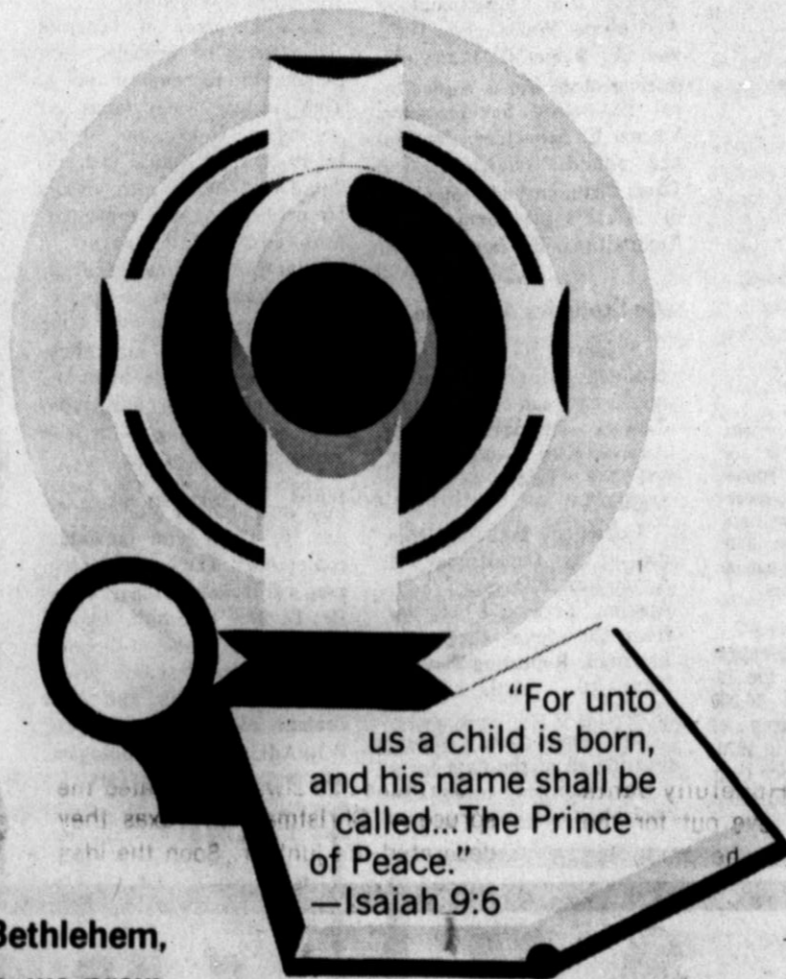
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HOORAY FOR SANTA CLAUS!!

I hear the hollering about Christmas: --"Too commercial" (and I guess it is). --"Santa Claus is of the Devil." (He sure doesn't look like a Devil.) --"The whole event should be more serious." (It ain't religious unless it is somber?) --"Let's keep Christ in Christmas." (Which means, don't spell it with an "X").

Christmas may be the only sane thing we do. It is a time of too much commercialism, but it is also a time of great love. The first Christmas happened in the midst of chaos and commercialism.

While all the world gathered to haggle over their tax, some shepherds found a baby. The wise men worried over what gift to bring, then forgot the worry and worshipped. They brought gifts to give. Granted they gave them to Him, but He was here then.

If I understand the One born that day, the only way I can give anything to Him now is to give it to folks. He said something about doing it to the least of these was doing it to Him. Fuss about the noise and the turmoil if you want to. I choose to ignore that and look for the babe in the lives of folks.

I even like Santa Claus. He exists because we have such a somber view of God. Here we are in a joyous occasion with a God that we cannot imagine ever saying Ho, Ho, Ho! So we have to have another figure to be happy for us.

Now do you think that the One who came to bring good tidings of great joy is pouting because we enjoy: Santa Claus . . . gift giving . . . joyous songs . . . and family?

Wouldn't it be something if God's favorite Christmas songs were "White Christmas" and "Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer"?

Some folks look at the noise and bother and ask, "What does all this have to do with Christ?" I look at the love and joy in the midst of the noise and answer, "Everything, man, everything!"

Editorial Forum

Talk of Texas

By Jack Maguire

HOW IT BEGAN---Because a customer wanted to buy a live Texas steer with gold-plated hooves, Neiman-Marcus of Dallas started the practice of offering bizarre (and outlandishly expensive) gifts in its annual Christmas catalog.

In 1955, a customer in Sacramento, Calif., asked the famous specialty store if it could gift wrap a live Texas steer with golden hooves. The store could, and did. The buyer swore Neiman's staff to secrecy--a practice which the store scrupulously follows in filling any customer's order.

The California lady couldn't keep the secret, however. She leaked it to a Hollywood writer whose gossip column appeared in newspapers across the country. This inspired Neiman-Marcus to make a big thing of the gift, too, although it lost \$1,000 on the sale.

However, a great merchandising idea was born. Since then Neiman-Marcus has continued to offer at least one unique gift idea in every Christmas catalog. These have ranged from a Noah's Ark (complete with animals and priced at \$588,247; to "His" and "her" matching buffalo calves this year.

EARLY HOLIDAY---Christmas always comes well before December 25 in Castroville, Medina County.

There St. Nicholas Eve (December 5; is the day Santa Claus chooses to make his rounds. That was the custom brought from the old country by the 700 Alsatians who settled Castroville in 1844. It's still followed.

WATCH OUT---Hopefully Santa Claus kept a sharp eye out for the Highway Patrol when he made his Texas rounds.

The problem is his lead reindeer, Rudolph, and the latter's bright red nose. Strictly speaking, Rudolph's scarlet proboscis is a violation of the Texas Penal Code. The law says that the display of such red lights is reserved only for emergency vehicles.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS---A seven course Christmas dinner cost only \$1.75 at Waco's old Metrople Hotel on Demeber 25, 1905. And the drinks were included free.

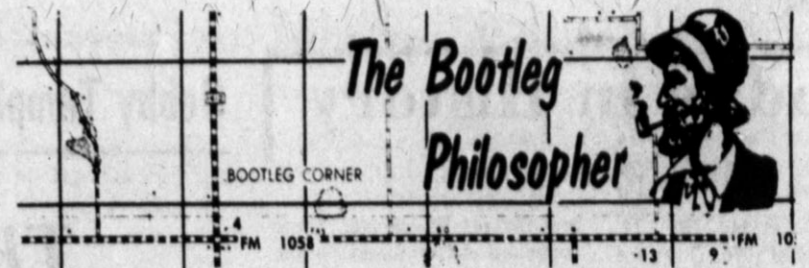
An oyster cocktail and salted nuts, followed by a choice of soups and a relish tray, got the diner ready for a choice of seven entrees. He was offered black bass, roast prime rib, roast sucking pig, sweetbreads, filet of rabbit, braised saddle of venison or roast turkey with all the trimmings.

There was a salad, of course, plus a choice of nine desserts and coffee, tea or milk. Frozen egg nog was on the house.

IT STARTED HERE---The Christmas tree as Americans know it may have appeared first in Texas.

When Prince Solms Braunfels and 300 German immigrants arrived in 1846, they were shocked that Americans didn't celebrate the Yule with lighted trees. A German legend teaches that trees as well as shepherds and wise men went to worship the Babe in Bethlehem. The gray spruce was so ugly that the heavens took pity and dropped stars to light its branches. The tree was transformed into such beauty that the Christ Child looked up and smiled.

Germans had always decorated the spruce at Christmas. In Texas they decorated the juniper. Soon the idea spread across the country.



Dear editor:

I started to write a Christmas letter this week but I figure everybody with a television set has been hearing about Christmas every other commercial since way before Thanksgiving, so I don't think I'll get around to it, except to say that I guess you notice it comes on Saturday this year. Not even Congress has the nerve to make Christmas come on Monday every year.

I was watching the news on TV the other evening and I noticed that the heads of the oil producing countries over there in the desert, arriving at a meeting to tell us how much oil is going to cost us in 1977, all rode up in American-built automobiles. Don't know what we charged them for their cars, not to mention their airplanes, tanks, grain, etc., but whatever it was it wasn't enough.

Speaking of oil, I understand that even when we get the Alaskan pipe

line completed, we're still going to have to pick up the oil in tankers at ports somewhere up there in the frozen north to finally get it to refineries down here.

It seems to me we weren't thinking far enough ahead. Instead of spending billions of dollars to build the pipe line, then spending more to haul it out by tanker from the end of the line in a hurry before the water freezes over, all so people in the rest of the U.S. can ride around in cars -- instead of all that, wouldn't it have been simpler and cheaper to build a refinery up there in Alaska, install a string of filling stations, and send people up there to ride around in their cars?

Oh well, it's just a yuletide thought. As the ancient saying goes, some people can't see the filling station for the smog. Anyway, Merry Christmas.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

The Brand Files

50 YEARS AGO

It turned out to be a "White Christmas" after all, the unexpected happened and another good snow fell during the night Thursday and Friday the ground was covered...The Hereford High School eleven had a most successful year in football in the season just closed. The locals won five out of the ten that were scheduled and one of the others was gained out...Feeding oranges to laying hens and growing stock is an innovation in the poultry industry, but that is the feed we are recommending this year in the new Superior feeds, said Mr. Wilson, of the West Texas Seed and Feed Co. Dehydrated orange peel and pulp is one of the new ingredients of the Superior feeds.

35 YEARS AGO

Reporting that damage to farm wheat is fairly heavy throughout the county, Joe Ellis, AAA administrator, this week requested all farmers having wheat in storage in bins on the farm, to examine the grain thoroughly to find the extent of damage by weevils and to take immediate steps to treat the wheat...Riding to their first regional championship by a 14-0 defeat of the Wellington Skyrocks Friday afternoon the Whitefaces of Hereford High School showed just about everything in the bag of tricks which has piled up the highest scoring record reported for Class A football in Texas this year.

20 YEARS AGO

Boosters of Hereford--and particularly of its proposed new airport--will be working to get out the vote during the next few days. The proposal for a \$100,000 city bond issue to be used in obtaining land and constructing a runway for the airport will be presented to voters on Jan. 8...Deaf Smith County 4-H girls and boys of Hereford High School are busy training calves to lead, calming their pigs' temperaments, blocking lambs and grooming their fowls in preparation for the annual Junior Livestock Show, sponsored each year by the Hereford Rotary Club.

5 YEARS AGO

Recurring vandalism in the local post office may result in the weekend and after-hours closing of the building, according to Postmaster Nolan Grady...Holly Sugar, going through one of its most spasmodic harvests to date, will begin on Monday, according to officials of the plant...Wilson Beef and Lamb's local plant manager refused to comment Thursday as to whether the plant would re-open again Monday as was announced two weeks ago when the firm closed its doors.

1 YEAR AGO

The near-deaths of six Hereford residents within a 24 hour period has prompted a firm reminder from City Fire Marshal Jay Spain for area residents to make a careful check of their furnace systems...Travis McPherson announced Friday that he will seek re-election as sheriff of Deaf Smith County next year...Turnout was excellent for the Hereford Blood Bank Wednesday when it was at the Community Center. The goal was 58 pints of blood for the month of December.

CB's aren't obsolete

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has warned consumers to be wary of Citizens Band radios offered at big discounts this month.

Most CB sets on the market today will be obsolete next January, it says, when the number of channels allotted to Citizens Band use will be raised from 23 to 40.

Potential CBers should be aware of this, of course. But if anyone is scared off from making a good buy on a discounted set because he thinks it will be "obsolete" in a few weeks, the FTC will have done him a disservice.

The 23-channel CB radio will be no more obsolete when 40-channel sets come on the market than AM radios became obsolete when FM arrived or VHF television sets became obsolete when UHF was added.

Channel nine will continue to be reserved for emergency CB communications and truckers and other highway travelers will continue to make their initial contacts on channel 19.

Not only that, but 23-channel sets may even be more useful in the future as some of the heavy radio traffic is gradually siphoned off by the new channels.

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Today In History

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Dec. 24, the 359th day of 1976. There are seven days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On this date in 1814, the United States and England signed the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium, ending the War of 1812.

On this date:

In 1524, the Portuguese navigator who discovered the sea route to India, Vasco da Gama, died.

In 1650, Edinburgh Castle in Scotland surrendered to the forces of Oliver Cromwell.

In 1865, a secret order called the Ku Klux Klan was organized in Pulaski, Tenn.

In 1942, the French administrator in North Africa, Admiral Jean Darlan, was assassinated in Algiers during World War II.

In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt announced that Gen.

eral Dwight Eisenhower would command Allied forces in the coming invasion of Europe.

In 1968, the U.S. Apollo 8 astronauts sent back to earth a Christmas Eve prayer for peace as they orbited the moon.

Ten years ago: Just before a Christmas truce went into effect in Vietnam, North Vietnamese shore gunners scored their first direct hits on an American warship.

Five years ago: Christian Democrat Giovanni Leone was elected President of Italy.

One year ago: Pope Paul VI opened the 1975 Roman Catholic Holy Year by sealing the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Today's birthday: Choreographer and ballet company director Robert Joffrey is 46.

Thought for today: Christmas is the season when people run out of money before they run out of friends. - Anonymous.

Bicentennial footnote: Two hundred years ago today, General George Washington's Army in Bucks County, Pa., was issued a three-day supply of ammunition and supplies to march to the Delaware River, across from British forces in New Jersey.



The Lonely Heart

Bobby Templeton

Thoughts For December 25

Christmas is a time of reflection of the past, realization of the present and contemplation of the future.

It's a time when feelings from deep inside the heart are emotionally revealed as relatives rejoin each other and believing individuals attend the church of their choice. No other time of the year has more meaning to more people.

As these meaningful people gather together to celebrate the birth of Christ, the happy memories of holidays gone by seem to come to the surface all at once. This writer remembers vividly a Christmas spent in foreign lands, the ones enjoyed at home with my parents and the ones of more recent history that were spent with my wife and our family.

But the past is only for pleasant thoughts as the present Christmas becomes the more important consideration. No doubt, Hereford citizens are right now merrily experiencing their Christmas with loved ones and with the Man and Lord for whom we observe this holiday.

If one pauses a moment from the hustle and bustle of holiday activities, only one thought should become clearer than others—that of Jesus' birth in the dingy stable in Bethlehem some 2,000 years ago.

Through that event, and Jesus' life to follow, we have the gift of salvation today. It's a deep thought indeed, but then that is what Christmas means to me and what it should be for everyone else.

Area residents and their guests have ample opportunities to celebrate in a religious manner through a locally scheduled Midnight service (See related story for details) and by means of individually sponsored services in local churches.

I hope that everyone possible takes advantage of them. Sometimes, it takes a little more effort to push aside the commercialism of gift buying and decorations, but a reevaluation of our priorities is often needed.

Of course, no one more than me likes the gift giving and merry parties around

this holiday. They are supposed to prevail as a part of our joyous inner feelings. I suppose it was intended that we enjoy ourselves since Christmas recognizes the most glorious event ever in the history of man.

This is where the future comes in. I am always anxious shortly after the first of the year for the next holiday season. A sinking feeling overcomes me when I think I have to wait for the next one.

Old Mr. Scrooge was a figment of someone's imagination and only showed what a unhappy spirit can do to someone. This is a time of give and let give.

Some may say "Bah, Hum Bug" but then they only bring the Christmas Blues on themselves. One can be happy within himself.

The beautiful moments with children enjoying their belief in Santa Claus, the decorating of the tree, mailing packages and receiving them, the trips, the snug warm nights near a fireplace while the

cold winds swirl outside and much more draws a picture of Christmas in my mind.

But all these experiences can be a part of us all year long. Wouldn't it be wonderful for the kind spirit of this season to live in us 12 months a year? Maybe it can with a bit effort.

It's hard to put in words all that I feel about Dec. 25, and I don't know that I could even if I tried. There's too much about Christmas to discuss because every one that does by increases the knowledge I have about it.

I pray that many of us will have the opportunity to enjoy this and many more Christmases to come. The good feeling received from doing something for someone else especially someone in need can never "runeth over my cup."

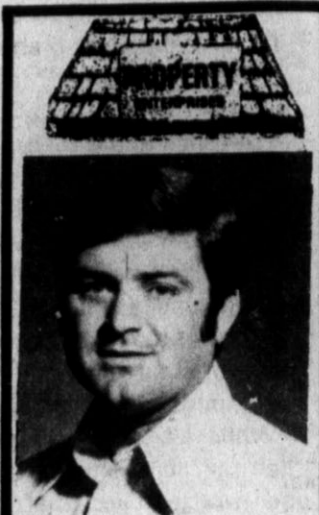
It's comforting to know that we can look forward to many days like the one we wake up to Saturday. I just don't think too much about the future because pessimism might set in.

Happy days are ahead and I plan to just let them happen and reap the benefits they offer.



The largest flood disaster on record in the United States was the Galveston tidal wave of Sept. 8, 1900, in which 6,000 people were killed, reports the National Safety Council.

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NEW YORK (AP) - Gold, frankincense and myrrh, the precious gifts of the Magi to the infant Jesus, would draw mixed reviews as presents this Christmas.

Gold has retained some of its glitter through the ages. A volatile commodity reacting to market forces, gold now is selling for about \$133 an ounce, down from \$200 an ounce two years ago.

But frankincense and myrrh, among the oldest known aromatic substances, have fallen greatly in value since biblical days and now cost less

per pound than supermarket coffee.

Used by ancient civilizations in costly perfumes and medicines, frankincense today costs only \$1.30 a pound, while myrrh sells for .75 a pound, according to a New York dealer. Prices have been stable for some years because there isn't much call for them, the dealer said.

Frankincense and myrrh are gum resins from trees in Arabian and African regions, but "the Middle East has very little if anything" of value in the way of essential oils.

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ON THE HOUSE

By ANDY LANG
AP Newsfeatures

There may be as many as 50,000 nails in your house. While you may never use that many in a lifetime, you can do a better job of selecting them and hammering them into place if you know something about them.

The common nail is actually a special type of fastener. It has a diamond-shaped point and a flat head. So when you go into a store and buy a pound of common nails, you're actually asking for a specific kind, not merely an "average" or "ordinary" sort. Pick up and look at one of the common nails and see if that's what you want, especially if you are doing a job other than nailing one piece of wood to another. There are finishing and casing nails; cut and square-shank nails; roofing and upholstery nails; brads and tacks; and literally dozens of other types. Don't be hesitant about telling the dealer what you have in mind and asking him to help you make the proper selection.

Nails come in standard lengths usually designated by penny size. The term penny is

an inheritance from antiquity, which is why its abbreviation is the letter d from the Latin word "denarius," meaning penny. Legend has it that the term was used in medieval England to designate the number of nails of a given size sold for a penny — thus, a pennyweight. A 2 penny or 2d nail is one inch long; a 4 penny 1½ inches; a 6 penny 2 inches; an 8 penny 2½ inches; a 10 penny 3 inches; a 16 penny 3½ inches; a 20 penny 4 inches. As a rule, the longer nails are thicker than the short ones.

When a nail is to be driven "blind" or "set," the finishing or casing type is used because it has a very small head. Blind nailing is usually used to put down tongue-and-groove flooring, siding and paneling. Set nailing is used when the nail is to be driven below the surface, the last few hammer strokes being taken on a nail set placed in the head of the nail. The tiny hole then is filled with wood putty or some similar substance.

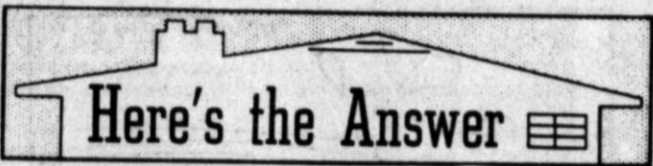
While it isn't always practical, a nail should be long enough to penetrate at least two-thirds of its length into the

piece of wood holding the point.

When appearance isn't important, clinching a nail adds to its withdrawal resistance. Clinching means bending the point of the protruding nail over the wood so that it is flush with the surface. Clinching of any sort adds strength, the maximum strength being obtained when the nail is hammered down across the grain.

In all nailing, the idea is not to split the wood. This is especially important with hardwood, such as maple or oak. Splitting can be avoided by pre-drilling pilot or lead holes for the nails. When such drilling can not be done, be sure to blunt the nail points somewhat before driving them. Actually, while the recommendation is to drill pilot holes in hardwood, it's a good idea to get into the habit of drilling such holes in all kinds of wood, particularly near ends and edges.

(Do-it-yourselfers will find valuable information in Andy Lang's handbook, "Practical Home Repairs," available by sending \$1 to this newspaper at Box 5, Teaneck, N.J. 07666.)



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Q — I intend to have some extensive work done on my house within a few months. I keep reading all the time about the necessity of getting a reliable contractor to do the work, but I simply can not come up with any simple formula for finding one who is reliable. Do you have one?

A. — No. There is no such formula. But you can take some steps that will give you a reasonable assurance of getting a contractor whose price will be fair and who will do a quality job. You are fortunate in having plenty of time to make the necessary checks. I do not know of any better way to find a reliable contractor than to talk to people who have had similar work done. Any person who has had a bad experience with a contractor will not hesitate to tell you so. If he was satisfied that he was treated fairly, you are likely to derive the same satisfaction from your association with the contractor. Aside from such a personal recommendation, you can get information from a local bank which issues home improvement loans, the Better Business Bureau, the community Chamber of Commerce and sometimes from such places as a lumber yard or a building supply dealer. If the contractor has been in business in the same area for a period of time, that in itself is a plus. It is wise, too, to check whether your potential choice has all the necessary insurance to protect you from liability if anything goes wrong on your property. Except in a case where you are convinced that a particular contractor does good work at a reasonable price, get three different bids on the job, with written statements on what will be done and exactly which materials will be used. Be suspicious of a bid that is either much lower or much higher than the two others.

Q. — We have galvanized gutters around the outside of our house. They appear to be in good condition and we have had no trouble with them, but two of the downspouts are in bad shape and need to be replaced. Can I use aluminum downspouts?

A. — Assuming that the downspouts and gutters were installed at the same time and that both are made of galvanized steel, it is somewhat unusual to find the downspouts deteriorating so much sooner than the gutters. However, since those are the conditions that prevail (a la Jimmy Durante), it would be better to get galvanized downspouts. Contact between steel and aluminum

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can cause an electrolytic action producing corrosion.

Q. — I soon will be putting up a ceiling, using 1 by 3 furring strips. How are the tiles attached to the furring strips?

A. — It depends somewhat on the type of tiles purchased. Be sure those you buy come with detailed instructions, as they usually do. In many cases, the manufacturer gives you a choice of staples, nails or special clips. When you make the purchase, be sure you tell the dealer that the tiles are to be attached to furring strips rather than cemented to a flat, solid ceiling. The type of tiles you will get usually come with flanges along their sides. When a flange is attached, the next tile covers the fastener.

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By PEGGY SIMPSON
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court ruling on pregnancy benefits points up the conflict between society's estimate of the value of the family and its willingness to absorb the family's costs, Rep. Pat Schroeder says.

She said the decision two weeks ago that companies are not guilty of sex discrimination

if they deny pregnancy benefits to workers is a blow to the preservation of the family as a key element in society.

Rep. Schroeder also told the Washington Press Club Wednesday that the justices' argument that pregnancy was a voluntary action and therefore should not be covered by company plans was something out of "Alice in Wonderland."

"If you go skiing and get

hurt, you're covered. If you race cars on weekends and get hurt, you're covered. If you jump horses and get hurt, you're covered. Even if you decide you've had it and attempt suicide - you're covered," she said.

"Now those things are all entered into voluntarily. But the court says pregnancy is the one voluntary act for which you must pay 100 per cent - and they say that's not gender-based discrimination," she said.

She said that the ruling points up the conflict in contemporary society about the role of women and the role of the family.

There is much rhetoric glorifying women as mothers, the United States as a family-oriented society and children as the nation's most valuable resource, she said.

On the other hand, she said, there is the harsh reality represented by the court ruling that women workers are entirely on their own financially when they decide to follow society's advice and have children, taking a brief exit from work to do so. Schroeder, a three-term Colorado Democrat and Harvard-educated lawyer, is a mother of two.

She said the ruling will hurt lower-income women workers the hardest, and could force them to choose abortions

because they can't afford to take non-paid leave and pay all costs of pregnancy and child birth.

"Are we going to say that women who must work and can never save that much money to cover pregnancy and unpaid work leaves are going to be denied the privilege of having a family... Are we going to deny people who are not upper middle class the right to have children because they have to work?" she asked.

She also said that the ruling has another negative impact on female workers because a woman who takes unpaid pregnancy benefits loses her pension rights and seniority toehold in the company.

"There are a lot of hidden costs to society if you don't allow company pregnancy benefits. It is probably a lot cheaper, really, to cover it this way than it is to force people onto welfare and food stamps," she said.

Ruling On Natal Benefits Blow To Family

Monty Hall Retires From 'Let's Make A Deal' Show

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) - After nearly 3,800 shows, \$35 million in prizes and 20,000 on-stage kisses from female contestants, television's Monty Hall has tired of the grind and taped his last "Let's Make A Deal."

The final syndicated program starring the Canadian-born emcee and actor was videotaped at the Hilton Hotel here Wednesday night. Connie Busse of Las Vegas won two cars worth \$12,000 in the "Big Deal," and there were no "zonks" - the booby prizes like live pigs or old socks for which the 14-year-old show is famous.

At a quiet backstage party for cast and crew afterwards, Hall

said he never got a hostile reaction from his contestants, who had to dress in outlandish outfits to be picked for the show.

"That's the love of it," Hall declared. "The beautiful part about the show is that the people have always been so darned decent and so warm."

"And underneath those crazy costumes, there is a real slice of America," he said. "They've been very decent with me, and have shown me an awful lot of love."

"In 3,800 shows, never once have we had to edit a show because of a reaction from a contestant - physically or orally. The person has never hurled an expletive when they've lost a

car, and got a pig, or anything like that."

When viewers nationwide see the show, they will not be able to tell it was the last one because no farewells were said while the tape was rolling. Hall, now 50, explained that some markets don't run the shows consecutively, and other markets are still playing last year's.

Hall said he was aware the show had been "the whipping boy for all the critics" who complained it glorified greed and commercialism. He said he had "never minded" people who made fun of the show. "It was the real harsh criticism that did get to me."



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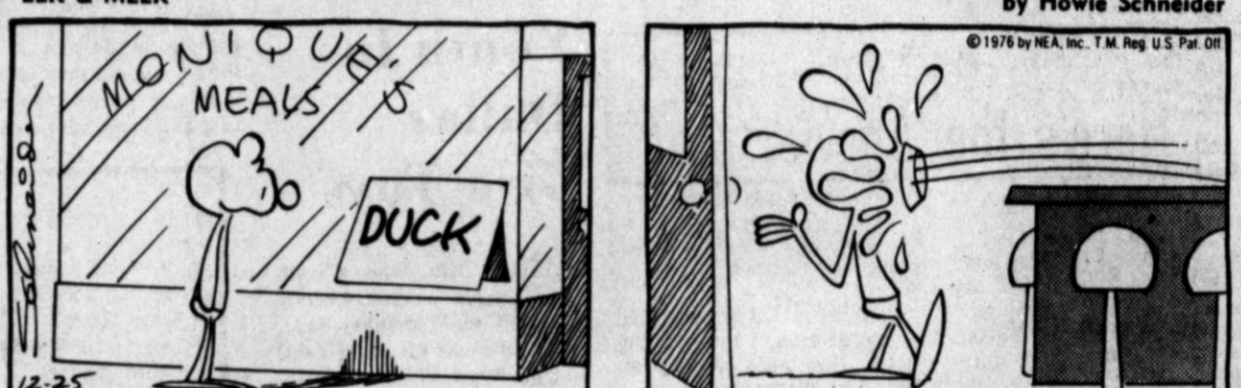
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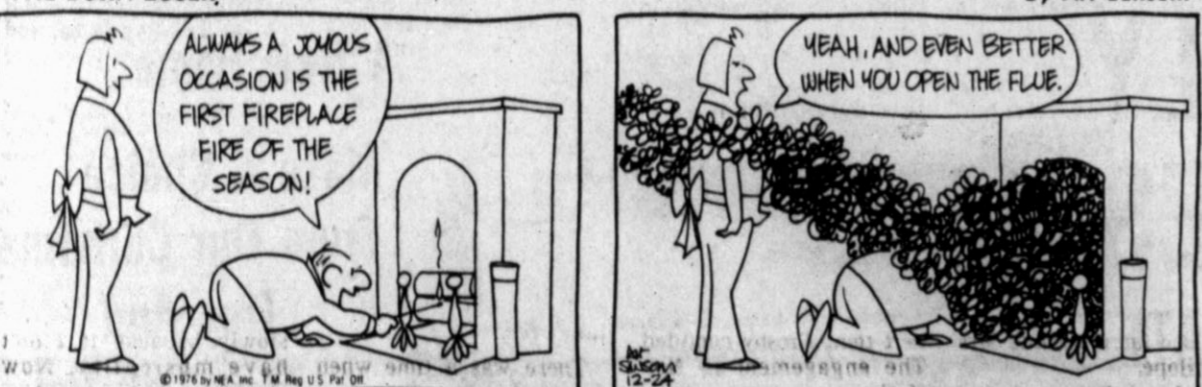
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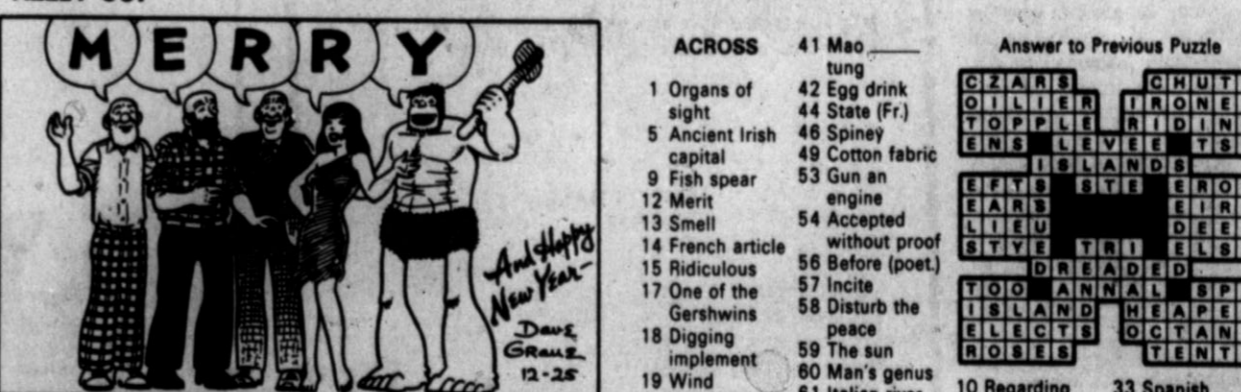
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 - Trough
 - Greasier
 - Pressed
 - Fall over
 - Going by horse
 - Graduate of Annapolis (abbr.)
 - Sea wall
 - Mao tung
 - Cays
 - News
 - Female saint (abbr.)
 - Greek god of love
 - Organs of hearing
 - Republic of Ireland
 - Place
 - Forest animal
 - Eye infection
 - Three (prefix)
 - Lioness in "Born Free"
 - Feared
 - As well
 - Record of events
 - Resort
 - Dot of land
 - Stacked
 - Votes in
 - Gasoline rating
 - are red
 - Campers' homes
 - Doves' home
 - Heavenly city
 - Mountain system in Europe
 - Unseam
 - Vends
 - Mortar tray
 - Entity
 - Half-scores
 - Brink
 - Movie sections
 - Greek goddess of peace
 - Caldron
 - Poured forth
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 - Skinnny fish
 - Three-spot
 - Canadian rebel
 - Raw materials
 - Evening in Italy
 - Leans toward
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 - Gem of the mountains
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



MERRY CHRISTMAS

- ACROSS
- Organs of sight
 - Ancient Irish capital
 - Fish spear
 - Merit
 - Smell
 - French article
 - Ridiculous
 - One of the Gershwins
 - Digging implement
 - Wind instrument
 - Court
 - Comedian
 - Personality Alan
 - Fencing sword
 - Inventor Thomas
 - Donates
 - Instant
 - Goes by
 - Portent
 - Heave to
 - Mao tung
 - Egg drink
 - State (Fr.)
 - Spiney
 - Cotton fabric
 - Gun an engine
 - Accepted without proof
 - Before (poet)
 - Incite
 - Disturb the peace
 - The sun
 - Man's genus
 - Italian river
 - Regarding
 - Equipment
 - Asian country
 - Bamboolike
 - Electric fish
 - Yelp
 - Energy agency (abbr.)
 - Derogatory
 - Mountain peak
 - Worshipped
 - Bounder
 - Firebug's crime
 - Path marker (comp. wd.)
 - Spanish gentleman
 - Incidental material
 - Monotony
 - Grind with the teeth
 - Coronet
 - Very (Fr.)
 - Brave man
 - Montreal world's fair
 - Agitate
 - King of beasts
 - Outer (prefix)
 - Gold (Sp.)

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FRIDAY

DAYTIME MOVIE
1:00 11 "A Christmas Carol"
EVENING
8:00 4 7 10 NEWS
11 BEWITCHED
13 BOOK BEAT
15 MARCUS WELBY, M.D.
8:30 4 11 ADAM-12
7 TO TELL THE TRUTH
10 BEWITCHED
13 MacNEIL/LEHRER REPORT
7:00 4 SANFORD AND SON

of the Depression. (R)
11 GUNSMOKE
13 WASHINGTON: WEEK IN REVIEW
30 700 CLUB
7:30 4 CHICO AND THE MAN
"Ready When You Are CB"
While fiddling with a CB radio, Ed makes a date with someone called "Klasy Face" and the next thing he knows they're headed for Las Vegas in her camper.
7:57 4 NBC NEWS UPDATE
A one-minute summary of the latest news.
8:00 4 ROCKFORD FILES
"The Trouble With Warren"
Rockford's attorney pressures him into helping her brilliant cousin who is suspected of slaying his boss.
7 TO BE ANNOUNCED
11 REX HUMBARD CHRISTMAS SPECIAL
13 CHAMPIONSHIP SKATING

8:30 10 BIBLE
9:00 4 SERPICO
"The Serbian Connection"
Serpico poses as a dockworker in an effort to smash a gang that preys on illegal aliens, including some Serbian friends of his.
10 CBS NEWS SPECIAL
"On The Road To '76"
11 MOVIE
"Spartacus" (1967) Kirk Douglas, Tony Curtis.
13 NEWS
15 JIMMY SWAGGART
9:30 13 VISIONS
"The Phantom Of The Open Heart"
10:00 4 7 10 11 NEWS
13 STAR TREK
15 MOVIE (CONT'D)
10:30 4 TONIGHT SHOW
11 MARY HARTMAN, MARY HARTMAN
10:45 7 GUNSMOKE

11:00 10 CHRISTMAS EVE SPECIAL
Highlights of the Christmas season at Graymoor Christian Unity Center, located near Peekskill, New York.
13 PBS MOVIE THEATRE
"The Red Shoes" (1949) Leonide Massine, Robert Helpmann.
15 WYATT EARP
11:30 10 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
From the Grace Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, N.Y.
13 SUPER BOWL SPECIAL
11:45 7 SPORTS SCOREBOARD
12:00 4 MIDNIGHT SPECIAL
7 MUSIC HALL AMERICA
13 NEWS
1:00 7 CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK
John Lindsay is the host of this show from Rockefeller Center with Diahann Carroll, the King Sisters, the King Cousins, the voices of East Harlem and the Ice Capades. (R)

On the road again

In concert with the Crosby clan

By DAN LEWIS
New York -- "Where the blue of the night, meets the gold of the day, someone... waits for... meee..."
His "ba-ba-boo" and groaning style of singing has entertained music lovers for nearly half a century. One recorded song alone, "White Christmas," has sold an estimated 40 million copies around the world, more than any other song ever recorded.
And now, approaching the end of his fourth decade in show business, nearing his 72nd birthday, Bing Crosby finds himself more occupied with his profession than he has been in more than 10 years, including a host of charity concerts across this country and in England, where he will help raise several million dollars.



FAMILY THAT PLAYS TOGETHER... the Crosbys know all about togetherness, as their recent concert tour illustrates. Nathaniel (rear left), Harry, wife Kathryn and daughter Mary Frances were all put through their paces by The Ole Groaner, Bing.

The Ole Groaner has put together a family revue, featuring his wife Kathy, and three children, Harry, Mary Frances and Nathaniel, including a just-concluded two-week run in New York (also featuring singer Rosemary Clooney). Like all other concerts they've given, the Crosbys worked for nothing. The entire proceeds, including their salaries, went to local charities.
Crosby found New York exhilarating, and nostalgic. He first appeared on stage in New York back in 1929, on the same bill with a young comic named Bob Hope.
"Hope did impressions in that act," Crosby recalled. George Burns and Gracie Allen, he recalled, were also on the bill. A fat, young girl with a beautifully rounded, rich voice was making her stage debut on Broadway. Her name: Kate Smith. In the chorus line of the same show was a tall, beautiful girl whom Crosby dated. Her name was Dolores -- and she later became Mrs. Bob Hope.
"I dated Dolores before Hope even knew her," Crosby said with a broad smile.
Crosby is enthusiastic about working with the family -- his second. His first wife, Dixie Lee, died

after bearing four sons. In his second marriage, he has three teenagers, including his only daughter, Mary Frances.
Two of them, Mary Frances and Harry (the oldest), have been interested in show business for some time. Nathaniel is just beginning to show real interest, although, according to Bing, his real love is golf.
"He's a one-handicap golfer," says the proud father. "That's pretty good for a 15-year-old boy. He shot a 65 on a London course earlier this year, and had a 68 playing with me last week."
"His golf is a side... and beats me. Very humiliating," declared Crosby, who is a low handicap golfer himself.
The family is the real reason for this year's concert tour, Crosby confided. The engagement in New York was the 40th concert of the tour.
"It's a great way to raise money for charities," Crosby observed, "and it also gives the family great experience. The kids are getting real poised, and my

wife loves to do it, too. Up to this year, the kids only worked from one Christmas television special to the next. They wanted to do more."
"Harry is very serious about music," Crosby said. "He's in college, studying music. He wants to follow the Burt Bacharach way and is solidifying his music education."
"Mary Frances is a student at the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco. She's learning how to walk, sing and dance. Nathaniel is beginning to show an interest in acting. He's already expanded his part in the show to eight minutes. And he came to me in London this past summer with some more shticks he worked out with Rosie Clooney. Pretty soon, I suspect, he'll try to take over."
There was a time when Crosby also had his four sons from his first marriage in his concert act but they have long since gone their separate ways. They formed their own vocal act for a while, but now their lives have taken different paths.

Phillip still has a nightclub act.
"He could be a helluva singer," Bing notes, "but he's lazy about it."
Dennis is in business specializing in quadraphonic sound. Lindsay breeds horses which he then trains for Western movies, and Gary is doing well as an actor.
"Gary once had a drinking problem," Bing acknowledged, "but he hasn't had a drink in 14 years."
Bing will also continue his television specials, several originals -- including a tribute to his 50 years in the business on CBS next spring.
And, after 72 motion pictures, there's at least one more in the works -- another, perhaps the last, "Road" picture, reuniting him with Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour. At the moment, the script is being rewritten, and has the three of them in Europe, stumbling into international spying intrigue. "We couldn't do it the old way, fighting over girls, and checks," Crosby said wryly.
A staunch family man, television's main thrust today upsets Crosby.
"Here's a spiritual breakdown on TV," Crosby declared. "We're countenancing depravity. There has to be some respect for decency. I'm no prude, but they (TV producers) have become sophomoric and smart-alecks. They're not depicting life as it is -- but life as its going to be, and there seems to be no way of controlling it."
On the other hand, the man whose records have sold somewhere between 300-400 million copies through the years, believes contemporary music is growing into maturity.
"It's becoming great," Crosby asserted. "It started slowly because it didn't have musicality. Now they're getting the musicality, especially the groups. They're still a little loud. They could cut out half of the decibels, and make it more listenable. You don't hear the lyrics, and I think the lyrics are good."

SATURDAY

MORNING
6:30 7 THE ANSWER
10 UNDERDOG
7:00 4 TO BE ANNOUNCED
7 TOM AND JERRY
10 SYLVESTER AND TWEETY
8:30 10 LOST IN SPACE
7:30 7 JABBERJAW
10 CLUE CLUB
8:00 7 SCOOBY DOO/ DYNAMUTT SHOW
10 BUGS BUNNY/ROAD RUNNER SHOW
13 ELECTRIC COMPANY
15 POPEYE
8:30 11 SEA SPECIAL
13 MISTER ROGERS
15 BUGS BUNNY
9:00 10 TARZAN: LORD OF THE JUNGLE
13 SESAME STREET
15 MIGHTY MOUSE
9:30 7 KROFFT SUPERSHOW
10 SHAZAM/ISIS HOUR
13 HOT FUDGE
15 HECKLE AND JECKLE
10:00 4 CHRISTMAS AT THE WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL
Protestant Episcopal services from the Washington Cathedral in Washington, D.C.
11 SPECIAL
13 ELECTRIC COMPANY
15 THE JETSONS
10:30 7 SUPER FRIENDS
10 ARK II
13 MISTER ROGERS
15 SATURDAY MORNING MOVIE
11:00 4 TO BE ANNOUNCED
7 JR. ALMOST ANYTHING GOES
10 FAT ALBERT
13 SPECIAL
"The Joy Of Christmas"
15 ZOOM
11:15 11 TIME OUT WITH SCOTT
11:30 7 AMERICAN BANDSTAND

10 NBA GAME
Chicago Bulls vs. Kansas City Kings.
11 SPECIAL
A mass celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul in Providence, Rhode Island.
13 VILLA ALEGRE
AFTERNOON
12:00 4 NFL GAME OF WEEK
11 COLLEGE SHOW
13 REPOB
12:30 4 MOVIE
7 CINEMA SEVEN
11 SPECIAL
"Caroling, Caroling"
13 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING
15 SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON
1:00 30 WHISTLESTOP THEATRE
1:30 11 WHAT ABOUT PEOPLE
13 NFL GAME OF WEEK
2:00 10 FIESTA BOWL
University of Wyoming vs. University of Oklahoma.
11 SPECIAL
"Celebration Of Praise"
13 WAGON TRAIN
2:30 7 PERRY MASON
2:45 4 TRAVEL ADVENTURE
3:00 4 IT TAKES A THIEF
11 FIESTA MEXICANA
13 BRONCO
3:30 7 BEVERLY HILLBILLIES
11 SOUNDS OF GOSPEL
4:00 4 NASHVILLE ON THE ROAD
7 WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS
11 WESTERN HOUR
13 LARAMIE
4:30 4 POPI GOES THE COUNTRY
13 MIXED TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
5:00 4 WILD KINGDOM

10 WRESTLING
11 LAWRENCE WELK
13 CHEYENNE
5:30 4 LAWRENCE WELK
7 ABC NEWS
EVENING
6:00 7 10 NEWS
11 MOVIE
"Maya" (1966) Clint Walker Jay North.
13 CHAPLIN THEATER
"The Pawnshop" (1916)
6:30 4 CANDID CAMERA
7 HEE HAW
10 BEWITCHED
13 ONCE UPON A CLASSIC
" Heidi" (Part 6) In the spring, Heidi and grandfather move back to the mountains and Clara comes for a visit. With help from Peter and Heidi, she begins to learn to walk.
7:00 4 EMERGENCY
"Welcome To Santa Rosa County"
Tage and DeSoto try to take a well-earned vacation in the mountains.
10 MARY TYLER MOORE
Mary Richards and Lou Grant go on strike after trying to negotiate a raise.
13 IN PERFORMANCE AT WOLF TRAP
15 POPI GOES THE COUNTRY
7:27 10 BICENTENNIAL MINUTES
7:30 7 WHAT'S HAPPENING
10 BOB NEUHAUS
Psychologist Bob Hartley appears in the role of Christmas peacemaker when he attempts to reconcile his parents' separation.
8:00 4 DOLLY
7:57 4 ABC NEWS UPDATE
A one-minute summary of the latest news.
8:00 4 NBC MOVIE
"Camelot" (1973) (Part I) Richard Harris, Vanessa Red-

grave. A musical about knighthood, chivalry, love and intrigue in Arthurian England.
7 STARKY AND HUTCH
"Murder At Sea" Starky and Hutch pose as Hack and Zack, entertainment directors on a cruise ship, to investigate a murder. (R)
10 ALL IN THE FAMILY
11 NASHVILLE MUSIC
13 REX HUMBARD
8:30 10 ALICE
11 PORTER WAGONER
13 IN PERFORMANCE AT WOLF TRAP
15 WARREN ROBERTS
9:00 7 MOST WANTED
10 CAROL BURNETT
"The Family Show"
11 LANCER
8:30 13 SOUNDSTAGE
" Yes We Can: The Pointer Sisters" Selections include: "Shaky Flat Blues" and "Steam Heat."
10:00 4 7 10 NEWS
11 WRESTLING
13 700 CLUB
10:30 4 SATURDAY NIGHT MOVIE
"Operation Petticoat" (1960) Casey Grant, Tony Curtis.
13 VISIONS
"The Phantom Of The Open Heart"
Jean Shepherd's nostalgic portrait about the dreams of members of a steel town family. Ralph dreams about taking a beautiful girl to the prom, father about a fortune to be made and Mom wishes for dishes from the local Orpheum.
10:45 7 CINEMA SEVEN
11:00 10 PUBLIC POLICY FORUM
11:30 11 IRONSIDES
12:00 4 MUSIC HALL AMERICA
1:30 11 NEWS

DAYTIME

MORNING
6:15 7 ENGLISH KINDERGARTEN
6:30 4 LUCY SHOW
7 30 NEWS
6:40 11 MORNING REPORT
6:45 7 FARM AND RANCH
7:00 4 TODAY SHOW
7 AMERICA
10 CBS MORNING NEWS
11 SLAM BANG THEATRE
13 DEPUTY DAWG
7:25 4 WEATHER
7 NEWS, WEATHER
7:30 4 TODAY SHOW
7 GOOD MORNING, AMERICA
10 CAPTAIN KANGAROO
11 COMEDY CAPERS
13 LITTLE RASCALS
8:25 4 NEWS
7 NEWS, WEATHER
8:30 4 TODAY SHOW
7 GOOD MORNING, AMERICA
11 DUSTY'S TREEHOUSE
13 MISTER ROGERS
15 RIN TIN TIN
9:00 4 SANFORD AND SON
7 SESAME STREET
10 PRICE IS RIGHT
11 FAMILY AFFAIR

13 SESAME STREET
15 LONE RANGER
9:30 4 HOLLYWOOD SQUARES
11 BEVERLY HILLBILLIES
13 HAZEL
10:00 4 WHEEL OF FORTUNE
7 DICK VAN DYKE
10 DOUBLE DARE
11 THE FUGITIVE
13 ELECTRIC COMPANY
15 ROOM 222
10:30 4 STUMPERS
7 HAPPY DAYS
10 LOVE OF LIFE
13 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING
15 LIFE IN THE SPIRIT (Monday).
11 PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN LIVING (Tu.)
13 THE ROCK (W.)
15 MANNA (Th.)
10 THE BIBLE (F.)
10:55 10 CBS NEWS
11:00 4 50 GRAND SLAM
7 DON HO
10 THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS
11 IRONSIDES
13 THIS IS THE LIFE (M.)
15 HI DOUG (Tues.)
10 CHAUNGA (W.)
13 ACTS 20 PLUS (Thurs.)
15 GOD OF OUR FATHERS

(Fri.)
11:30 4 GONG SHOW
7 ALL MY CHILDREN
10 SEARCH FOR TOMORROW
13 700 CLUB
11:55 4 NBC NEWS
AFTERNOON
12:00 4 7 10 11 NEWS
13 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING
12:30 4 DAYS OF OUR LIVES
7 FAMILY FEUD
10 AS THE WORLD TURNS
13 CARTOON CARNIVAL
1:00 7 \$20,000 PYRAMID
11 AFTERNOON MOVIE
13 BIG VALLEY
1:30 4 THE DOCTORS
7 ONE LIFE TO LIVE
10 GUIDING LIGHT
13 PEACH BOWL CLASSIC (Friday)
2:00 4 ANOTHER WORLD
10 ALL IN THE FAMILY
13 MAGILLA GORILLA
2:15 7 GENERAL HOSPITAL
2:30 10 MATCH GAME
13 MICKEY MOUSE CLUB
3:00 4 SOMERSET
7 EDGE OF NIGHT
10 TATTALETALES
11 FELIX THE CAT

13 ONCE UPON A CLASSIC (Mon.)
15 VILLA ALEGRE (Tues., Thurs.)
13 CARRASCOLENDAS (Wed.)
15 POPEYE
3:30 4 LUCY SHOW
7 30 GOMER PYLE
10 THE RIFLEMAN
13 BANANA SPLITS
15 MISTER ROGERS
4:00 4 FAMILY AFFAIR
7 GILLIGAN'S ISLAND
10 GET SMART
13 FLINTSTONES
15 SESAME STREET
10 ANDY GRIFFITH
4:30 4 STAR TREK
7 PARTRIDGE FAMILY
10 THE REAL MCCOYS
13 GILLIGAN'S ISLAND
15 BRADY BUNCH
5:00 7 ANDY GRIFFITH
10 LUCY LUCY
13 ZOOM
15 PARTRIDGE FAMILY
7 ABC NEWS
10 CBS NEWS
13 DICK VAN DYKE
15 ELECTRIC COMPANY
18 HOGAN'S HEROES

SUNDAY

MORNING
8:30 7 THE CHRISTOPHERS
10 PUBLIC POLICY FORUM
7:00 7 GOSPEL JUBILEE
10 FAITH FOR TODAY
7:30 4 DUSTY'S TREEHOUSE
10 AMERICAN RELIGIOUS TOWN HALL
13 WORLD CONCERN
9:00 4 DAY OF DISCOVERY
7 REVIVAL FIRES
10 JAMES ROBISON PRESENTS
11 RELIGIOUS TOWN HALL
13 MR. GOSPEL GUITAR
8:30 4 LARRY JONES MINISTRY
7 ALL THE KING'S CHILDREN
10 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
11 DAY OF DISCOVERY
13 CHAPLAIN OF BOURBON STREET
9:00 4 REX HUMBARD
7 BIG BLUE MARBLE
11 DIVINE PLAN
13 JERRY FALWELL
9:30 7 NEW ADVENTURES OF GILLIGAN
10 ORAL ROBERTS AND YOU
11 RIVER OF LIFE
10:00 4 JERRY FALWELL
7 ODDBALL COUPLE
10 GOOD NEWS
11 W.A. CRISWELL HOUR
13 HOUR OF POWER
10:30 7 ANIMALS, ANIMALS, ANIMALS
10 FACE THE NATION
11 JOHNNY GOMEZ
7 HERE COME THE BRIDES
10 TO BE ANNOUNCED
11 FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
13 REX HUMBARD
11:30 4 AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS
AFTERNOON
12:00 4 AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME (Time Tentative)

7 NEWS
11 POINT OF VIEW
13 THE ANSWER
12:30 7 ISSUES AND ANSWERS
11 AMERICAN LIFESTYLE
"John Phillip Sousa"
13 NEWSWORTHY
15 REVIVAL FIRES
1:00 7 HOTLINE TO POLITICS
7 TO BE ANNOUNCED
11 WALLACE WILDLIFE
13 JUNIOR DAVIS CUP TENNIS
15 ERNEST ANGLY HOUR
1:30 7 DICK VAN DYKE
11 MY FAVORITE MARTIAN
2:00 7 MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE
10 NFL TODAY
13 DAVID WADE COOKING
15 GOSPEL LIGHTHOUSE
2:30 10 NFL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME (Time Tentative)
11 FAMILY THEATRE
"Mexican Hayride" (1948) Abbott and Costello.
3:00 4 TO BE ANNOUNCED
7 NASHVILLE MUSIC
10 JUST PASSING THRU
13 BUCK OWENS
3:30 7 HAPPY HUNTERS
4:00 7 PORTER WAGONER
11 VOYAGE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA
13 AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS
4:30 7 THE MUPPETS
10 RIVER OF LIFE
5:00 7 HOLMES AND YOYO
13 DAKTARI
15 BLACK PERSPECTIVE
10 SPRING STREET
5:30 4 TO BE ANNOUNCED
7 NEWS
10 WORLD PRESS
13 W.A. CRISWELL HOUR
5:45 10 NFL TODAY (Time Tentative)
EVENING
6:00 4 WONDERFUL WORLD OF DISNEY
"Babes In Toyland" (Part II) (1961) Ray Bolger, Ed Wynn.

The evil Barnaby reduces Tom Piper and the toymaker to miniatures in the hope that Mary Contrary will decide to marry him, but Tom leads a toy army against the villain and saves the day. (R)
7 ABC NEWS SPECIAL
"The American Condition"
Harry Reasoner and Barbara Walters host this year-end survey of three important areas of America's life--the national economy, the status of blacks and government bureaucracy.
10 60 MINUTES
11 MOVIE
"Secret of Dr. Kildare" (1939) Lew Ayres, Lionel Barrymore.
13 A FAMILY AT WAR
"Clash By Night"
15 YOUTH ON THE MOVE
8:30 30 REFLECT
7:00 4 NBC MYSTERY MOVIE
"McCloud: It Was The Fight Before Christmas"
Marshal McCloud's plans for a quiet Christmas Eve with his girlfriend are interrupted by a woman's suicide attempt and by a trio of narcotics addicts.
8:00 4 MOVIE
"Nightmare In The Sky"
A glamorous test pilot, flying a 15 million dollar jet, is found injured after radioing that she has been shot down by a World War II Japanese Zero.
10 SONNY AND CHER
Guests: Don Knotts and Joey Heatherton.
13 EVENING AT SYMPHONY
Eric Leinsdorf leads the Boston Symphony Orchestra in a special performance of Bach's "Wedding Cantata" and "A German Requiem" by Brahms.
15 700 CLUB
7:57 10 BICENTENNIAL MINUTES
8:00 7 TO BE ANNOUNCED
10 KOJAK
On Christmas Eve, Kojak and his staff find their hands full after a distraught husband tries to shoot a woman who looks like his wife, and a

spoiled young woman fears her missing boyfriend is about to commit a crime. (R)
11 FAMILY AFFAIR
13 MASTERPIECE THEATRE
"Five Red Herrings" (Part 2)
8:27 4 NBC NEWS UPDATE
A one-minute summary of the latest news.
8:30 4 THE BIG EVENT
" That Was The Year That Was "
A not-too-serious look backward at the event-filled Bicentennial year, 1976.
11 BEVERLY HILLBILLIES
13 HUMAN DIMENSIONS
9:00 10 DELVECCHIO
Delvecchio's plan for spending a romantic Christmas Eve with a girlfriend leeters precariously after he gets word that an old friend is about to commit suicide in order to repay posthumously a cash debt he feels he owes the detective.
11 MOVIE
"Crosscurrents" (1971) Robert Wagner, Carol Lynley.
13 RIGHT ON
9:30 13 PBS MOVIE THEATRE
"The Red Shoes" (1948) Moira Shearer, Anton Walbrook.
10:00 4 11 NEWS
10 CBS NEWS
13 DEAF HEAR
10:15 7 ABC NEWS
10 NEWS
11 MOVIE (Con'L)
10:30 4 DOLLY
7 NEWS
13 JIMMY SWAGGART
10:45 10 LATE MOVIE
"Texas Lady" (1955) Claudette Colbert, Barry Sullivan.
11:00 4 AMERICAN LIFESTYLE
7 CINEMA SEVEN
"Shakiest Gun In The West" (1968) Don Knotts, Barbara Rhoades.
11 REX HUMBARD
13 REFLECT
11:30 4 IRONSIDES
11:45 11 CAPITAL EYE
12:00 11 NEWS

MONDAY

DAYTIME MOVIE
1:00 11 "The Chippy And The Princess"
EVENING
6:00 4 7 10 NEWS
11 BEWITCHED
13 THREE AMERICAN GOLDSMITHS
15 MARCUS WELBY, M.D.
6:30 4 11 ADAM-12
7 TO TELL THE TRUTH
10 BEWITCHED
13 MacNEIL/LEHRER REPORT
7:00 4 LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE
"At The End Of The Rainbow"
Laura Ingalls thinks she has discovered gold, and, in her dreams, gives her family a new life. (R)
7:27 10 BICENTENNIAL MINUTES
7:30 10 PHYLLIS
Phyllis Lindstrom stretches friendship to the breaking point when Mary Richards files to her side in a time of hilarious need. (R)
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"Camelot" (1967) (Part II) Richard Harris, Vanessa Redgrave. A musical about knighthood, chivalry, love and intrigue in Arthurian England.
7 RHODA

Rhoda experiences the trauma of a "blind date" when Brenda's boyfriend fixes her up with a loud, arrogant show biz type. (R)
11 GUNSMOKE
13 PICCADILLY CIRCUS
"Ballot Shoes" (Part 1)
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7 GATOR BOWL

10 MAUDE
Maude forces Vivian to attend the funeral of a "dear friend" they both hated, and the ordeal is worsened by a revelation in the "unending slumber room." (R)
8:30 10 G.E. THEATRE
"The Secret Life Of John Chapman"
Ralph Waite, Susan Anspach. A college president discovers that temporarily changing his job status leads to a more compassionate understanding of people and the work they do.
11 LOVE, AMERICAN STYLE
13 A THRIST IN THE GARDEN
15 LIFE IN THE SPIRIT
9:00 11 MOVIE
"The Last Voyage" (1960) Robert Stack, Dorothy Malone.

13 NEWS
15 WARREN ROBERTS
9:30 13 MASTERPIECE THEATRE
"Five Red Herrings" (Part 2)
10:00 4 10 11 NEWS
13 STAR TREK
10:15 11 MOVIE (Continued)
10:30 4 TONIGHT SHOW
Guest: Mel Tillis.
11 MARY HARTMAN, MARY HARTMAN
13 WOMAN
"A Conversation With Jeanne Moreau" (Part 2)
10:45 7 NEWS
11:00 10 CBS LATE MOVIE
11 MOVIE ELEVEN
"The Invasion Quater" (1961) Bill Travers, Spike Milligan.
11:30 7 GUNSMOKE
13 LUCY SHOW
12:00 4 TOMORROW
12:30 11 NEWS

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2-1-tfc

3. VEHICLES FOR SALE

For sale: '76 Cadillac Sedan Deville, 8,000 miles. Call 364-3886.
3-125-3c

1975 Mark IV. Excellent condition. All extras. Phone 364-6565 or 364-1783 evenings.
3-123-tfc

1976 Ford Custom F 150 Pickup. V8 LWB, power steering, brakes and air conditioning. Call 364-2166.
3-123-5c

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3-124-5c

NEW & USED CARS now for sale at JOHN OSBORN BUICK PONTIAC, GMC'S new location 221 North 25 Mile Ave.
3-8-tfc

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3-103-tfc

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3-103-tfc

'73 Thunderbird. Am-Fm tape deck, fully loaded. White with brown vinyl top. Phone 364-2702 days; 364-2592 nights.
3-111-tfc

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3-33-tfc

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3-110-tfc

3-A FOR SALE RV'S & CAMPERS

Travel Trailer Package. 1966 Airstream 26' with 73 Ford XLT camper shell and complete accessories ready to travel. 364-3519.
3A-101-tfc

4. REAL ESTATE For Sale Or Trade

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4-107-tfc

FUNNY BUSINESS

By Roger Bollen



Texas Panhandle, 640 A, good water area 4-8" wells and return system. 2 miles U.G. pipe, on payment. 320A, West of Hereford, 3 irrig. wells, return system, U.G. pipe. Terms negotiable. PRICED TO SELL. For rent: 1600 A, good irrigated land, Spearman, Texas area. For details call agent: Ben G. Scott, 806-647-4375.
4-127-6c

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Why Pay Rent

3 bedroom, 2 baths, utility room, isolated master bedroom, double car garage, with 6 ft. fenced back yard. Buy equity and assume payments of \$149.00 at 7 per cent. Immediate possession.

Need Lots of Room

4 bedroom with brick, 2 baths, single car garage. Buy equity and assume loan at \$210.00 per month.

Good Neighborhood

3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, single car garage, corner lot. You need to look at this home today.

North West Location

3 bedroom brick, 2 baths, den with fireplace, kitchen and dining area, front room with fireplace, utility room, corner lot and double car garage. Priced \$35,000.00

North 385

On pavement, 47 acres with 2 bedroom home, horse barns and corrals. Owner is leaving town. Call for details.

Need a Ranch

Approximately 6,000 acres of land. Approximately 3,000 under cultivation, with 12-8 inch pumps, also 9 sprinklers systems. This place will run about 5,000 head of cattle. You can own this for one million nine hundred fifty thousand dollars if you get here in time. Also it is some of the best water around.

2,600 Acres

This farm is all under cultivation with some of the best wells in the country. Owner past a way and his wife is wanting to sell. Call for details.

160 Acres

North of Hereford with 2 good 8-inch wells.

Approximately 2,680 Acres With 3 bedroom home, 2 tenant houses on place, with big machinery barn. Good corrals, 23 wells all tied together, 3 tail pits, 1,937 acres in cultivation, 743 acres in grass. You will have to look at this place. Priced at \$625.00 Per Acre.

HAMBY REAL ESTATE So. 385

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4-Th-5-93-tfc

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4-S-T-113-tfc

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4-124-tfc

3 bedroom brick home. 2 baths, 2400 sq. ft. and extras. West Hereford. Phone 364-2166.
4-123-5c

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4-1-tfc

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New 3 bedroom, 2 bath with isolated master bedroom, only \$20,000.

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4 section ranch near Glen Rio with real good improvement for sale or trade for larger ranch.

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15 acre tracts with irrigation wells. Close to town. Will go Texas VA.

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Acreage on 60 Hiway E. 2a. up. Ideal for home or business.

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4A-113-tfc

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4A-126-3c

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5-97-tfc

FOR RENT

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5-122-tfc

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5-69-T-Le-S-tfc

One bedroom trailer house for rent. Bills paid. Call 364-4694 after 5 p.m.
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Have 4 new offices, carpeted, refrigerated air and central heat. Will rent 1 or 2 or 3 offices. Have lots of parking space for cars or trucks. Call office 364-5191, res. 364-2553.
5-98-tfc

Card of Thanks

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We wish to say "Thanks" to our many friends and neighbors in the sharing of their love and kindness in the sickness and death of our beloved wife and mother, Mrs. Frank Byrd. There isn't words to say how much we appreciate all the nurses, Drs.: Mims, Rush, Bethune and Perales. Thanks also to Frank Byrd Reverends Perez, John's, Powe, II and Smith for visiting and reading God's word and praying with our loved one while she was ill.

Countryside Mobile Home Park now leasing. One mile North on 385. Phone 364-0011 or 364-0064.
5-43-5c-5-tfc

Furnished trailer house for rent. Phone 357-2344.
5-124-tfc

For rent: 2 bedroom unfurnished at 414 Avenue D. Call 364-4049 or 364-1736.
5-126-2c

One bedroom furnished house. Call 364-0780.
5-114-tfc

For lease- 1/2 section irrigated land northwest of Hereford. Call 364-2166.
5-123-5c

Commercial building for lease at 212 North 25 Mile Avenue. Phone 364-6212.
5-123-tfc

6. WANTED

WANTED: Roto tilling yards and gardens. Also complete lawn seeding. Call Jay Manion at 357-2382.
6-S-118-tfc

WANTED: CUSTOM FARMING. Call Dwight Shirley 364-6087.
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Laughing

During the Koobraey awards ceremonies at Hereford High School this week a few of the husky males provided a laugh at themselves as they dressed up like petite angels as part of the

Christmas program. It was a real time of fun and joy for the students who honored each other with special stocking presentations for their accomplishments.

Girl's Letter To Santa Inspires Charitable Community Action

MIDWEST CITY, Okla. (AP) - Some Christmas stories are to remember. This is one. It comes from the Future Homemakers of America at Midwest City High School. For four years it has warmed them, inspired them. It has, for them, buried the cold din of commercialism beneath the spirit the season seeks.

It happened because of a letter from a 9-year-old girl named Debbie. She addressed it to Santa Claus and to that other, often-forgotten figure for whom the holiday was named. So unselfish was Debbie's letter, so elemental in its faith and hope and love, that it propelled a schoolgirls' project into a community endeavor.

In Midwest City, no big newspaper or well-heeled civic group organizes yuletide almsgiving. But a group of 62 young ladies operate out of a high school classroom filled each afternoon with clothes, canned goods and laughter.

And it doesn't end when the tree comes down. The girls follow up their "families" through the year.

"It sounds trite," said their moderator, Marilyn Butler, a bubbly blonde woman with more energy than all her charges combined. "but I believe the girls see the truth of what Christmas is supposed to mean, not just a one-shot deal to make you feel good."

"They've learned how to help their fellow man without damaging his sense of dignity. We know the families we help. By name."

The Future Homemakers, with the agreement of the Post Office, four years ago took on the job of answering the mail addressed to Santa Claus.

It was fun-still is; they haven't given up the project, and still thrill at opening letters addressed like this:
"To Santa Claus, North Pole or South Pole. I can't remember which."

Or opening a letter from 8-year-old Melissa, who sent Santa a picture and wanted him to do the same, figuring the ones she sees all look alike and couldn't be the "real" Santa.

Or from Barbara Stevenson, who wanted to get better acquainted: "Wake me at midnight."

Among the letters, each year, are voices like Debbie's, small cries for help - "A blanket" - "a tree with lights" - "a job for my mother."

These are the ones the Future Homemakers search out. The first year they found 16 families. The second, 20. The third, 35. That's about all their resources can manage, 35. They raise money themselves, buy necessities, see to the families' welfare throughout the year.

They ask other groups to help - civic clubs, social clubs - and if anybody is too busy to listen, they can show them Debbie's letter, the letter that started it all.

Here it is. Clip it out. Pin it to the Christmas tree.

"Dear Jesus and Santa Claus, My name is Debbie and I am 9 years old and I have a little sister Tina she is three years old a new baby brother James he is three months old. Jesus tell my little brother hi for me the one you took with you last year. Tell him we still love him and will see him soon and you too Jesus.

"Tell Santa Claus we need food and clothes and bedclothes to keep us warm this winter and our baby brother needs some milk and food and bedclothes too.

"Santa if you have any toys left after all the other kids can we have some. Do you think your sled is big enough to bring us a Christmas tree so it will be a real Christmas for us.

"Jesus tell my little brother merry Christmas for us. Merry Christmas to you too. And Santa, thank you.
"Debbie.

"P.S. And thank you for taking time to listen to me. With all my love. And please Jesus let my uncle get out of prison he is only 19 years old. I will pray tonight and every night that you will answer my letter."

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

Hope you like the surprise I will leave for you by the fireplace. We can always be friends.

Here are the things I would like the most: a big racing car set, a flying aces attack carrier, a big easel to paint on, a new walkie-talkie, and the Big Jim P.A.C.K. toys.

Thank you and I love you.
Chris Johnson
Age almost 8

Dear Santa,

Hi again! This year I am leaving a surprise for you by the fireplace. Hope you like it!

I had a hard time keeping my list down, this year. Here are

the things I would like the most: a highchair for my dolls, a typewriter, somethings to make, a baby that can eat, and a big easel to paint on with paints.

Thank you very much, and I love you.
Jennifer Johnson
Age 6

Women's Work
Women heading families are at the bottom of the economic ladder. The Conference Board reports. In 1975, they had a median income of \$6,844, less than half of that of a husband-wife household. Also, women are at the head of 13 per cent of all U.S. families, but 45 per cent of those below the poverty level.

Santa Disguise Nets Prostitutes

DALLAS (AP) - "Ho, ho, ho, you are under arrest," the jolly Santa laughed flashing his badge. And another girl had her faith shattered.

The girl was one of nine women charged with prostitution late Tuesday night as Santa Claus - actually vice squad officers dressed to look like the whiskered jolly man - went on a rampage on a Dallas street known as a hangout for prostitutes.

"We have done everything else," said vice control officer Less Martz, "so why not Santa Claus."

Well, for one thing, as one of the girls said, "that's not fair. You shouldn't be using a Santa Claus suit."

The other Santa, agent Ross Salverino, said the raid was effective and the two Santas failed to pick up only two girls.

"They thought it was sacrilegious to have sex with Santa," Martz said.

"The girls waved and laughed and asked what kind of presents I had," Salverino said.

"A couple of them even asked if I had any candy for them."

But, otherwise, business was business, the agents said.

"They were asking from \$25 to \$40," Salverino said. "And that's after I even asked for a Santa Claus discount."

Some of the girls said they were fooled because a couple of other Santas had been in the area recently and they weren't checking on whether the girls had been good this year.

Salverino said the two Santas even stopped to talk to "straights" and little children occasionally.

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When friends and relatives congregate in the holiday season, lots of food and drink are invariably the signs of togetherness and yuletide cheer. Traditional drinks range from eggnog (laced with yummy brandy or rum), through various hot punches, mulled ciders, and other winter warmers, to even more traditional cocktails.

When you're hosting the festivities this season, keep a few delicate subjects in mind. Be considerate of those who don't

drink. Don't make it hard for them by pressuring them or "kidding" them — and see that your other guests don't either.

For you, alcohol may be an enjoyable addition to a friendly social occasion — but for many others, (either from conviction or addiction) it's serious business.

Also, it's an unfortunate fact that highway accidents are very prevalent during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. And people are much more likely to crash if they have

been drinking. (Icy roads are hard enough to drive on cold sober.)

So, drink up over the holidays — but please don't overdo it if you're not walking home. If nothing else, know yourself; know how much liquor you can handle.

Remember that an alcoholic punch takes longer to "hit" you than a straight drink — which means, by the time you

begin to "feel" it, you may already have drunk too much of it. If you're drunk, be grown-up enough to admit it — and stay put until you've recovered.

If you're the host, it's your responsibility to make sure your guests are sober enough to drive home safely after the party. If they're not, then drive them home yourself, or be prepared to put them up for the night!

The key to true giving: personal thoughts of love

It was 200 years ago that George Washington, commander-in-chief of the Continental Army of the United States, crossed the Delaware River and defeated 1,400 Hessian soldiers at Trenton, N.J.

It was about 150 years ago that the Santa Claus legend as we know it now swept across the fledgling country and caught hold.

But it has been since time immemorial that the spirit of Christmas has been awake in the world.

Spirit of good will

Peace on earth, good will toward man — sometimes the spirit is bent a little, but it has always triumphed in the end.

The spirit of Christmas takes many forms, usually overlapping each other.

Many are disposed to think of this season of the year as a truly religious experience. Others regard it as a time to gather the family together. Still others turn their backs on reunions and religions and use the holiday as a period of solitary soul-searching.

But to a man, they all regard Christmas as a time for giving — of themselves, of appreciation, of thanks.

Means of thanks

In our society, Christmas traditionally means gift-giving. The children expect, demand and usually deserve gifts. And the children repay in kind by giving presents to their elders as a means of saying, "Thank you for all you've done for me during the year."



Children's Delight, Once

These antique dolls and toys probably enthused children many Christmases ago when received from their pioneer parents. The collection of old

playthings was displayed this month at Deaf Smith County Historical Museum. (Photo by Phyl Smith.)

Greetings, American Style:

The "Father" of the American Christmas Card is Louis Prang. He created exquisitely beautiful cards in his lithography shop in Boston in 1874. Soon he was selling his cards all over the United States for several dollars each.

Prang's card appeared in as many as 20 colors. Very few of them used Christmas scenes, but instead were illustrated with designs of spring flowers, harvest scenes and pictures of children playing.

The Virginia Company held a lottery on June 26, 1614, to help raise money to be used by the colonies. It was the first important lottery in America and the grand prize was 4,500 crowns.



Trimming The Tree

Wilma Clark, left, and Juanita Higgins took time out one day this month from their jobs at the county courthouse to add a festive appearance to the tree at that location. The courthouse tree was given a prestigious position atop the Deaf Smith County emblem. (Photo by Phyl Smith.)

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8,000 Toys For Needy Kids Built By Doc And His Band of Helpers

DALLAS (AP) - The sign in front of Doc's Hobby Shop says "Watch Out for Dogs and Kids."

Inside, while a wood-burning stove crackles and machines grind, Dr. Arch McNeill and his band of helpers put the final touches on this year's supply of 8,000 toys for the area's needy kids.

Soon the hammering, sanding, and painting in the group of ramshackle buildings will stop. But only until the middle of January.

Then Dr. McNeill and his elves will return to the buildings with the cold cement floors to begin another year of Thursday night work on stiffs, cradles, wooden jeeps with wooden wheels and ducks with rubber web feet that flop.

Dr. McNeill, 61 and grandfather of nine, has been making toys since that Christmas after World War II when he created 100 wagons in his garage. The next year he made 250 and then 500.

In the early 1950s he moved to East Dallas where he had grown up. He constructed building "No. 1" that quickly spawned "No. 2." Now three buildings house Dr. McNeill's workers, some of whom have been helping him for decades.

"One night I had 106 people here," Dr. McNeill said. "But I don't have as many as I used to."

The average turnout is between 15 and 20, he said.

"Not as many people are interested in charity work today," the internist said. "And a large percentage of my workers are older people and when they die off, they are hard to replace."

Most of the workers are or have been patients of Dr. McNeill.

"I always asked new patients about their hobbies, marital status and social life," he said, his eyes sparkling as he lit his pipe for the 20th time.

"If they like woodworking, or are widowed, or are lonely, then I try to get them out here," he said. "We've had several marriages because of this place."

A.H. Frybarger, who first helped 30 years ago, said Dr.

McNeill discovered he had retired in November.

"He knew I didn't have a reason for not coming out," Frybarger said.

"All of us love that sense of participation," he said. "There's more satisfaction in putting a hand in charitable work than signing a check."

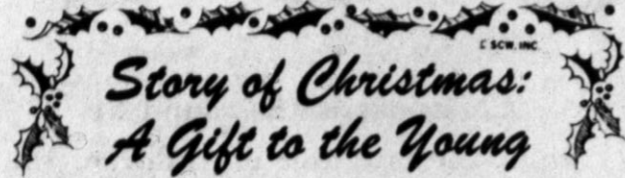
Money does help, said Dr. McNeill, whose long underwear showed above his brown work clothes. About half of the cost of the toys is covered by donated money and materials. His

Hobbycrafters Foundation was set up as tax deductible organization to attract financial help.

The toys go to state welfare agencies and charitable organizations.

Dr. McNeill is happy when the vans from the various organizations come for the toys. But he is happiest for another reason.

"When they get all this year's toys out of the way, that means we can get started on next year's work," he said.



Story of Christmas: A Gift to the Young

One of the most beautiful of stories to be related to little ones at their mothers' knees, has been the legend of the babe in the manger, born of Mary . . . and of the angels, the star, the shepherds, and what it has meant to mankind.

A simple story, of how the weary travelers, Joseph and Mary, found shelter in a stable because there was no room for them at the inn. And in that humble place where domestic animals were kept, Mary brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger. Best loved of all the many accounts of that beautiful, star-lit night is

St. Luke's recalling of the "Shepherds abiding in the



field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

To every child comes the vision of that sky full of angels singing a promise of peace on earth; the wonder and reverence of those shepherds filled with joy;

and the blazing Christmas star, beacon to guide all and a symbol of hope and gladness which is forever to be seen atop every child's Christmas tree.

So natural, so lovable, this story of a baby laid on the doorstep of the world, who was God and King and Savior, must be told again this Christmas season to the children of the world.



Santa Has Many Parallels in Other Parts of the World

Christmas to American children conjures up visions of Santa in his red suit, with his sack full of gifts, stuffing stockings merrily on Christmas Eve, while reindeer prance upon the roof.

But in Italy, youngsters eagerly await the arrival of an old woman, called *la Befana*. Because she was told by the shepherds about the birth of Jesus, legend says, but delayed in following the Christmas star, she is doomed to search ever after for the Holy Child. She leaves gifts at each home, as that might be where the Christ Child is staying.

In Holland, the gift-giver is Sante Klaas, who fills shoes either with sweets and presents or with birch-rod.

The Christ-Child brings gifts to children in Germany, as a messenger for the new-born Infant Jesus. This

role is usually enacted by a female member of the family, or a window is left open and youngsters are told that the Christ Child has just left.

The Christ Child is also awaited in Switzerland, but there the representative of the Infant Jesus is drawn through the streets in a sleigh, by small deer.

Swedish youngsters look forward to the gifts brought by *Jultomten*, a somewhat gnomish figure. However, little elves called *Julnissar* must be placated with porridge by the young Swedes.

In Spain, little children must wait until the feast of the Epiphany, in January, for their gifts. These are brought by the Three Kings during the night, before the feast. The youngsters put out shoes on balconies or window-sills, and fill them with straw or barley for the camels of the Three Kings.

The Kings show their appreciation by leaving gifts in return.

In Syria, the camel that carried one of the Wise Men, brings gifts to children on New Year's Day. The reason for this, so the legend goes, is that the camel, being the youngest of the three that bore the Wise Men, was exhausted by the journey to find the Christ Child. The Holy Infant then blessed it, making it immortal. Thus it is that in Syria little children set out bowls of water and wheat, before going to bed. The good youngsters find gifts in the morning but the naughty find only a black mark on their wrists.

Finnish children eagerly await gifts from Father Christmas, who is a man dressed as a yule goat.

A Bulgarian tradition has the Christmas tree and gifts for youngsters brought by Grandpa Koleda, who is the equivalent of our Santa Claus. The youngsters do not see the tree or the gifts until Christmas Eve, when real candles are placed upon the tree and gifts are joyously opened.

Our own Santa Claus is probably descended from St. Nicholas, who was a bishop of Myra in Asia Minor during the 4th century. He was known as the patron saint of maidens, because of a legend crediting him with having provided dowries for the three daughters of a poor father. Through the centuries, St. Nicholas has become associated with gift-giving and helping little children.

In Holland, we have already noted that he became known as Sante Klaas, and it was under that guise that he was introduced to America, by the Dutch settlers in New Amsterdam. But it was not until 1822 that the figure of

Santa Claus as we know him today, really took form.

A professor of divinity, Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, decided to write a poem for his children as a Christmas treat. The resulting *The Visit of St. Nicholas* presented us with an engaging picture of "a little old driver, so lively and quick," with twinkling eyes and merry dimples. "His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry," wrote Moore, "and the beard on his chin was as white as the snow." Moore described St. Nicholas as being "chubby and plump - a right jolly old elf," who busied himself filling the children's stockings. No wonder this description captured the imagination of America's youngsters!

Today, thanks to Moore's classic poem and Thomas Nast's illustrations during the 1800s, we see Santa as a jolly, generous old gent.



Decorative Idea:

Clear plastic drinking straws and yarn left over from a needlepoint project can be combined to make pretty Christmas tree decorations.

Cut the straws into different lengths and thread brightly colored yarn through them, using your yarn needle. Arrange the straws to form abstract designs or snowflakes and hang them from your tree. Children will enjoy making this type of ornament, too.



A Christmas gambol oft could cheer
A poor man's heart through half the year.

- Sir Walter Scott

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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

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AND MAY ALL THE BLESSINGS OF LIFE
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THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



On the first day of Christmas
My true love gave to me
A partridge in a pear tree
On the second day of Christmas
My true love gave to me
Two turtle doves and a
partridge in a pear tree
Third day: three French hens
Fourth day: four mockingbirds
Fifth day: five golden rings
Sixth day: six geese a-laying
Seventh day: seven swans
a-swimming
Eighth day: eight maids
a-milking
Ninth day: nine ladies waiting
Tenth day: ten lords a-leaping
Eleventh day: eleven pipers
piping
On the twelfth day
of Christmas
My true love gave to me
Twelve drummers drumming,
Eleven pipers piping, Ten lords
a-leaping, Nine ladies waiting,
Eight maids a-milking, Seven
swans a-swimming, Six geese
a-laying, Five golden rings, -
Four mockingbirds, Three
French hens, Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree!



BOXING DAY

The day after Christmas is still celebrated as Boxing Day in both England, where it originated, and Australia.

The holiday goes back to early England, when landlords and employers would set aside gifts that they didn't want, to give to the needy and to tradespeople.

Today in England and Australia, Boxing Day is observed as a holiday from work, giving weary parents a chance to rest from the rigors of shopping and preparing Christmas feasts, and giving youngsters a chance to play with their new toys.



Christmas Moon

According to an old Scottish belief, a waxing moon is more favorable than a waning moon.



This is our favorite season of the year when we can extend wishes for a wonderful Christmas to the many fine friends we have made over the years.

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Children's Holiday Project

Children can make an attractive wreath from tissue paper for a holiday project that is fun and easy. Tissue paper is available at most variety stores in many colors during the holiday season.

Cut strips of tissue paper that measure one inch wide by 7 1/2 inches long. Fold each strip in half. Wrap the center of each strip around a wire coat hanger that has been shaped into a circle, giving the center part of the paper strip an easy twist. The major part of each strip is left open. Keep

Victorians Sent First Holiday Greeting Cards

Sending and receiving greetings of the season is one of the most enjoyable of Christmas chores, and we can all thank Victorian England for this charming custom.

To be more specific, we can thank a Victorian gentleman who was too busy during the holiday season of 1843 to send his customary notes to friends, wishing them the best of the season. So it was that Henry Cole asked a friend to design a printed card that he could send to friends in place of the usual handwritten note.

The friend, artist John C. Horsley, illustrated a group of celebrants raising their glasses in a toast, flanked by illustrations of others feeding the poor and clothing the needy. The message read, "A merry Christmas and a happy new year to you."



It wasn't long before the printed greeting card appeared in America, designed by one R. J. Pease, a dry goods merchant from New York state, who sent out cards advertising his goods.

However Louis Prang, a lithographer living in Boston during the 1800's is known as the father of the American Christmas card. Charles Dickens is said to have sent Prang a Christmas card received from a friend. Prang printed the card for his family and friends and later began creating his own cards in 1874.

Greeting cards have changed greatly since that first card sent out by Henry Cole, and no doubt that good gentleman would be amazed at the diversity of designs sent through the mails at Christmastime.

strips close to each other on the wire frame for a full, pom-pom effect.

The wreath can be decorated with gold or silver spray paint, glitter, ornaments, pine cones or anything else that strikes your fancy. The wreath can be made in any color of tissue paper - or try using two or more colors such as purple, lavender and white for an interesting effect. The hanger part of the wreath can be wrapped in ribbon, colorful tape or left plain.

Making the wreath is a fun project for children and adults and a great way to decorate your home during the holiday season.

"The gift without the giver is bare. Who gives of himself with his alms feeds three; himself, his hungering neighbor, and me."

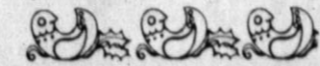
James Russell Lowell

Bethlehem Goodwill Brings Thousands To Tiny Post Office

BETHLEHEM, Conn. (AP) - Jean Majauskas and three parttime clerks are working overtime in the tiny post office. They will mail 150,000 cards and letters - 200,000 if the weather

Holiday Tip:

Are some of your old Christmas-tree balls starting to show their age? Don't throw them away. Simply apply a little glue and brighten them up with a coat of glitter or a sprinkling of sequins and beads. Satin balls take on a new look when you decorate them with strips of lacy ribbon held in place with pearl-headed pins.



stays good during this busy time of the year in the little town of Bethlehem.

"We do as much in three weeks as the rest of the year," said Mrs. Majauskas, Bethlehem's postmistress.

Thousands of persons visit this small town in western Connecticut during the three weeks before Christmas to mail their holiday greetings with the Bethlehem postmark and something extra - seasonal sketches stamped on each envelope. Others send boxes of cards for mailing from Bethlehem. "We also get quite a few requests for the Dec. 25 postmark for collectors. They send self-addressed envelopes," said Mrs. Majauskas.

Bethlehem, Conn., is a Christmas-card scene this time of the year - with its oak and maple trees, three churches and

snow covered landscape. The Christmas scenes stamped on its cards is the town's special treat, but the post-office jam is repeated in Bethlehem, Pa., Bethlehem, Ind., and other Bethlehem's, U.S.A.

Earl Johnson was postmaster in 1938 when extra service, the rubber-stamped Christmas scenes, was begun. Johnson, now 72, said he wanted something extra for his own Christmas cards. Word got out and requests began pouring in.

Today, the postmark and 32 two-inch-by-two-inch rubber stamps are laid out on a table in the lobby of the post office for people to imprint their own cards. Artists and others have donated designs that include the town's three churches, Santa Claus, the Virgin Mary with the Christ child and Christmas bells.

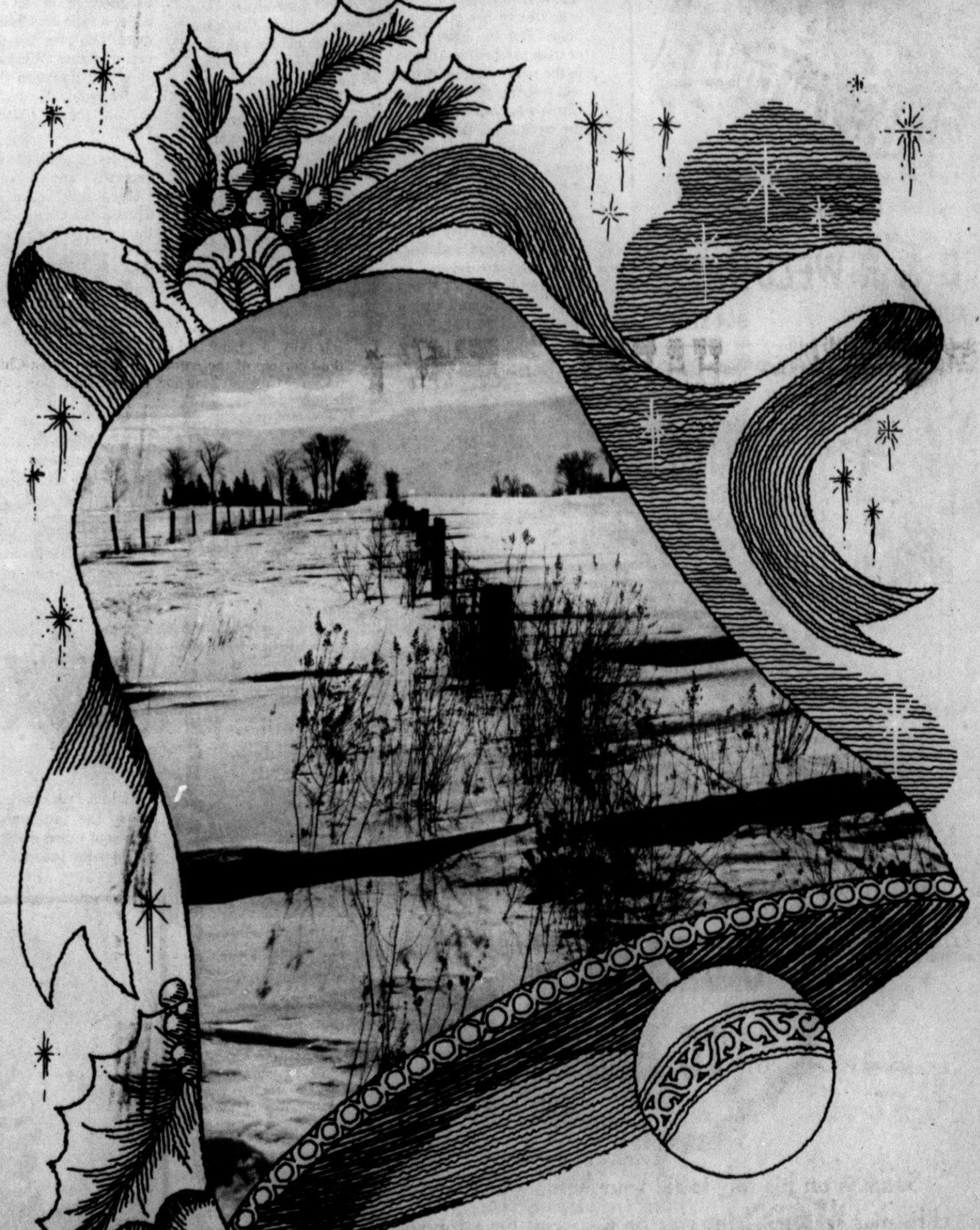
For years, Johnson paid \$150 for the stamps, but two years ago the Postal Service began picking up the bill to promote goodwill.

"I live here in town," said Jean Smith, as she stamped designs of her church, the First Church of Bethlehem, on letters she was mailing abroad. "This is our church," she said, pointing to the imprint she had just made on a card she was sending to Greece.

Stuart Wilson Jr. and his wife, Carolyn, drove 25 miles from their home in Southbury to stamp and mail a packet of cards.

"We've been making the trip since 1965," said Mrs. Wilson. "People usually write us a letter commenting on how pleased they are with the stamped envelope with Bethlehem on it."

Best Wishes



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

From the Directors - Officers and employees of

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Madonna and Child, bathed in light,
The symbols of a promise bright
To mankind given thru prophets old,
A hope to generations yet untold.
This Holy Babe with loving Mary,
In His small Self a gift does carry
From God the Father: God the Son,
To men that they may be as one.
Now Mary smiles upon the Child
Who comes in such a manner mild
To take His place as King of Kings,
Who with His birth salvation brings.
For this sweet Babe and mother young
Let homage joyously be sung;
Let painters praise them with great art;
Let there be praise in every heart!



Gifts from the Past

A Christmas made richer by the legends and customs, both religious and secular, of all the peoples of the world, has become a beautiful heritage from the past.

The tree as a symbol of Christmas comes to us from Germany where it is said that Martin Luther first cut a fir tree to bring into his home. But the association of trees at Christmas began in the tenth century. A legend recounts the night that Christ was born wherein all the trees in all the forests, even those in frozen countries, blossomed and bore fruit.

From lands separated by water from the Holy Land, such as Holland and England, ships are revered in song and legend for it was on Christmas morn that a ship arrived bearing Jesus, Mary and Joseph and a car-

go of gifts.

In Northern and Middle Europe, cattle are given special attention on Christmas Eve, because it is thought that the cow in the stable breathed on the Baby Jesus to keep him warm.

Music in honor of the birth of Jesus has been part of church festivals from the beginning of the Christmas era. Some of our most beloved carols were written so long ago that their origins are lost in history. Caroling has been enjoyed by so many people in so many lands that it has become a universally loved tradition.

There is no other celebration on earth like Christmas and the meaning and joy and beauty of it survives today through these treasured rituals and customs and legends.

Season's Greetings

Christmas Blues Bring Sadness

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) - Watch out for the Christmas blues.

A psychiatrist says that while Christmas brings joy to many, it stirs feelings of sadness in others - especially single people living alone.

"There is an increase in what we call neurotic depression as distinct from another kind of depression which called psychotic depression," said Dr. John P. Callan, 37, director of the psychiatric crisis clinic at Hartford's St. Francis Hospital. Callan said neurotic depression, unlike the psychotic kind, tends to last a short time. "Very often it will resolve shortly after the holiday season without any particular treatment," he said.

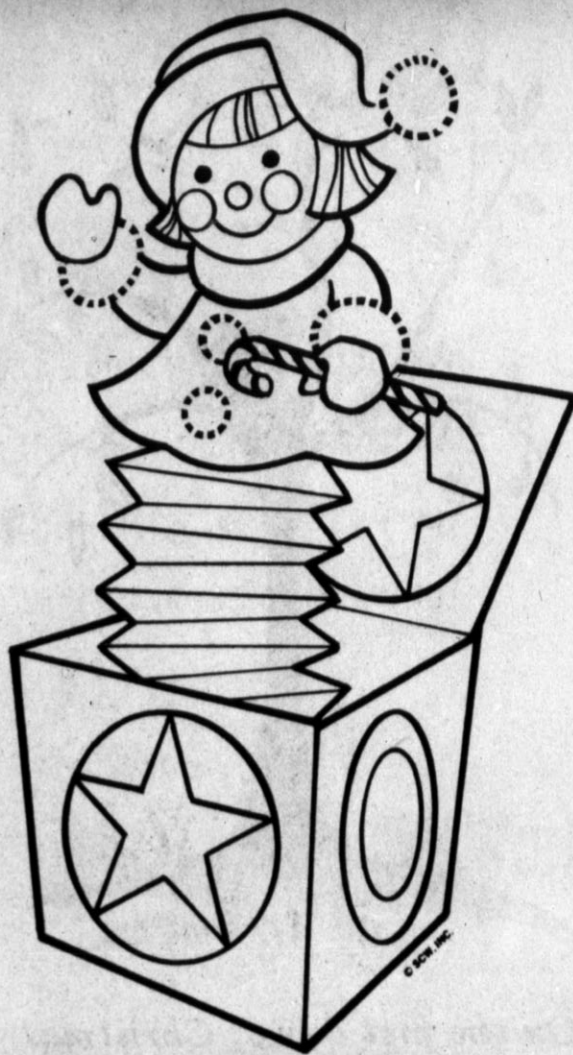
Why do some people feel blue at Christmas?

"Christmas tends to be a family time and if people are not with their family, they can very

often feel unloved, neglected and depressed," Callan said. "My impression is that around the holiday season the persons at the highest risk are the single people who live alone, people who really don't have that much contact with others, perhaps away from their families, away from loved ones."

He said another factor which may contribute to depression is the economic pressure on people "to buy gifts, expensive gifts...as a result of that, they may not be able to pay for it. Other people may have to work harder, work longer hours and do overtime, which of course leads to depression."

Callan suggested that single people can avoid the Christmas blues by getting involved with other families and participating in community activities that offer contact with other individuals.



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40-Channel CB Effective Jan. 1

WASHINGTON (AP)-The government is giving us 17 new Citizens Band channels on New Year's Day, but the CB industry doubts it can provide enough new radios immediately for all who want them.

Last July, the Federal Communications Commission approved expansion of the current 23-channel CB band to 40 channels, effective Jan. 1.

Since then, the industry has been struggling to meet what it figures will be a heavy demand for the new 40 channel sets. Most expect to come up short for some months.

"I think there will be an initial shortage based on several things," says John Sodolski, vice president of the Electronic Industries Association, a trade group.

"One, the FCC will not allow shipping the new 40-channel sets until Jan. 1, and then it will take some days to get them from warehouses to retail outlets.

"Also, the FCC has required new and tighter anti-interference standards on these sets and not every manufacturer is qualifying every set in his line. The result is a somewhat narrower selection," compared

with the number of 23 channel sets still on the market.

The FCC is committed to complete by Jan. 1 its tests of the more than 400 models submitted by its Nov. 1 deadline. It expects to have approved more than 200 models by year's end.

Manufacturers with FCC approvals of their 40-channel models have geared up their production lines and, in the words of a spokesman for one manufacturer, "We're going like crazy...We're producing them as fast as we can."

Others, still waiting for FCC approval, have taken a chance and begun production on the assumption they will get the okay in time.

Although Sodolski and other industry spokesmen say no one can forecast with certainty the demand for the new sets, they predict a shortage for at least three months while industry increases its supply.

The 40-channel sets will be priced 15 to 20 per cent over comparable 23-channel sets meeting the tighter anti-interference specifications with the promise to remanufacture them for a fee after Jan. 1 to permit use of all 40 channels.

With the exception of the additional 17 channels and the tighter specifications, little else is expected to change on the CB band after the first of the year.

Channel 9 will continue to be used only for emergency and motorist-aid uses, and no serious effort has been made to move the truckers-travelers channel from 19.

But the FCC and the CB industry expect the additional channels to relieve some of the congestion now experienced by CBers. A spokesman for one manufacturer said the new 40-channel models "are expected to go over well, particularly in metropolitan areas where the current 23 channels are especially crowded."

Christmas is here:
Winds whistle shrill,
Icy and chill.
Little care we;
Little we fear
Weather without,
Sheltered about
The Mahogany Tree.

- Thackeray



All the world is young at Christmas time

Let the blessings of peace be with all men of Earth in a true brotherhood of all nations.

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Santa is on his way to fill your home with the joys of the Christmas season. May this be a special time for you to remember and enjoy.

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The sentiments of the Golden Rule are echoed by other faiths as well... the Jewish faith teaches, "What is hurtful to yourself do not to your fellow men. That is the whole of the Torah."



Light Ye Candles
Then be ye glad, good people,
This night of all the year,
And light up your candles,
For His star it shineth clear.
- Old English carol



Buddhist teaching repeats the admonition: "Hurt not others with that which pains yourself."

Holiday Repairs
There is an old superstition that says doing household repairs on Sunday or Christmas Day will not cure the trouble. It may even make the trouble worse!

.....
HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ONE AND ALL!
.....

We hope this holiday season will be a truly prosperous one for all our friends—but most of all, we wish you good health and good cheer!

From **Little's** & its employees
237 N. Main 364-0414

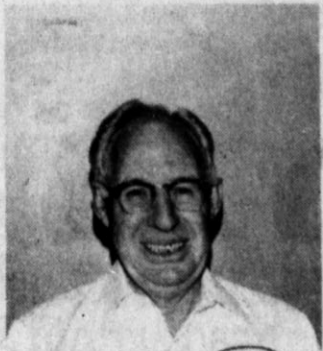


All the world is young at Christmas time

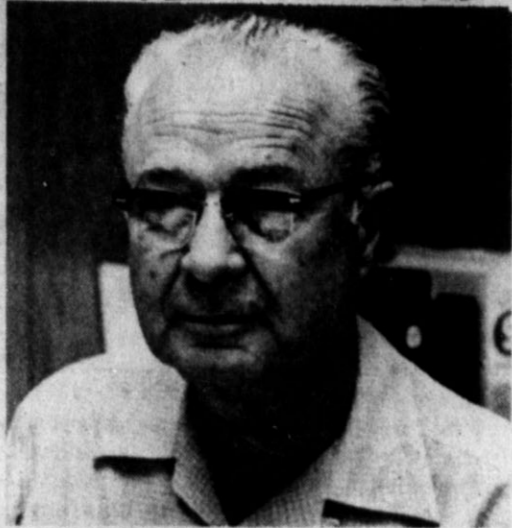
Merry Christmas

We hope the holidays ring in the best of everything for you!
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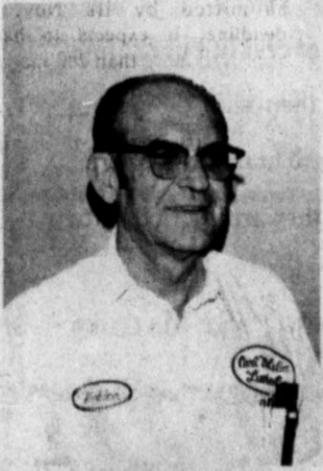
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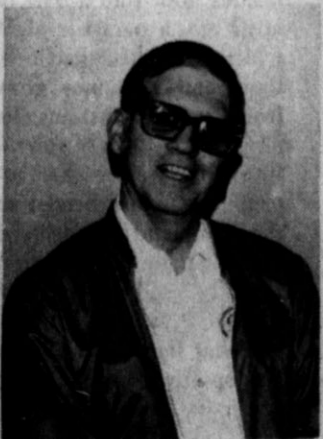
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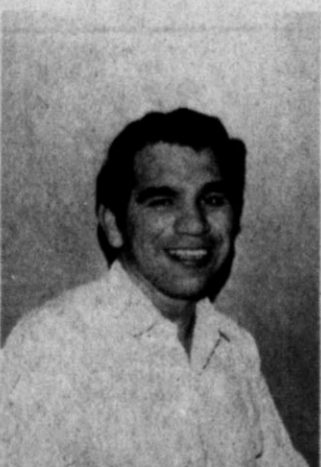
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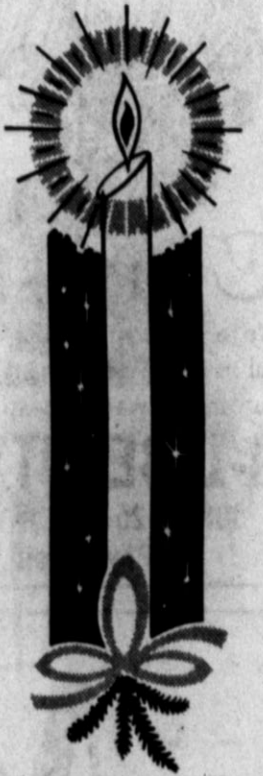
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Christmas Trees Polupar Despite Higher Prices

By LOUISE COOK
Associated Press Writer

It wouldn't be Christmas without a tree. And Americans are expected to buy a record number of live and artificial trees this year, despite higher 1976 prices.

Wholesale prices for live trees are about 5 per cent higher than last year, according to John Koch, a Birdsboro, Pa., grower and president of the National Christmas Tree Association.

And American Tree & Wreath, the nation's largest

maker of artificial trees, says retail prices for its products are about 6 or 7 per cent above 1975 levels.

Deciding whether to buy a live tree or an artificial one is a matter of personal preference. The artificial trees cost more, but they can be used year after year and may work out to be cheaper in the long run. They are easier to handle, presents less danger of fire and don't shed.

Live trees, on the other hand, are likely to appeal to people

who want the real thing. The pine smell, the fun of picking out the perfect tree, unlike anyone else's.

Koch said growers will sell about 27 million live trees this year-about the same as they have for the past four or five years. The most popular species are the Scotch pine and the Douglas fir, followed by the balsam fir.

The price, he said, depends on the quality of the tree and the place you buy it. A six-foot Scotch pine sells for about \$4 to \$5 at the wholesale level. Add freight charges and the retailers' costs-and you can figure on paying at least double and probably more for the tree you carry home.

What Koch calls the "Cadillac trees"-the Douglas firs-sell for \$8 to \$9 at the wholesale level. Retail prices will be \$18 to \$20 and up, he said.

What should you look for when buying a tree?

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder," said Koch. The expert looks for a full, symmetrical shape, tapering at the top. To check for freshness, try bending the needles. If they are rubbery and don't break, the tree is fresh.

Note: Koch said there are two "musts" for the consumer who wants to keep his or her tree fresh. First, make a new cut at the bottom of the tree or have the retailer do it for you. That enables the tree to absorb water. Second, make sure you give the tree plenty of water and never let the stand get dry. A tree that has been standing in a retailer's lot may absorb up the three quarts of water the first day.

Scotch pines generally shed needles well if you keep them watered.

You don't have to worry about shedding at all with an artificial tree. But there are other things to take into consideration: ease of assembly, resemblance to a real tree and storage.

Don Warning, marketing head of American Tree & Wreath, said that sales of artificial trees this year would near the 26 million mark-a record. Another spokesman for the company said the firm's sales this year were estimated at \$35 million, up from \$25 million last year. He said the increased dollar value was due to price hikes, a growth in the number of units sold and the fact that people are buying more expensive trees.

A spokesman for Dudwick-Shindler Associates, sales representatives for a variety of Christmas products, including artificial trees, estimated that Americans will spend \$80 to 100 million on fake trees this year.

He said the cost can run anywhere from \$9.99 for a small tree to \$99.99 for the eight-foot-and-up variety. The most popular varieties cost between \$30 and \$50 for a six-foot size. The so-called convenience trees-which you do not have to assemble branch-by-branch-are even more expensive: \$40 to \$70. Most of the artificial trees come in their own storage cartons; you should be able to store a six-to-eight foot tree in a box about the size of a small coffee table.

The Dudwick-Shindler spokesman said realism is the most

important factor in selecting an artificial tree. "The better the tree, the faster it sells, the more like a live tree it looks," he said. "Silver trees are passe," he added, explaining that the aluminum trees fell victim to changing style preferences and concerns over safety.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission notes that the metal trees present no hazard in themselves, but can be the source of serious shocks if electric lights are attached. Sharp metal edges can cut the cord insulation or metal needles may touch an electrically charged component. Never put lights on a metal tree.

The green artificial trees generally are made of a flame-retardant plastic and will not support flames. If you apply a match directly to a needle it will burn and melt, but the fire will not spread.

Let's All Sing "Jingle Bells!"

Dashing thru the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way.
Bells on bob-tail ring,
Making spirits bright.
What fun it is to ride
and sing
A sleighing song tonight!
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh!
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh!



A day or two ago
I thought I'd take a ride
And soon Miss Fannie
Bright
Was seated by my side
The horse was lean and
lank,
Misfortune seem'd his lot,
He got into a drifted bank,
And we, we got up-sot.

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh!
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh!



Now the ground is white
Go it while you're young
Take the girls tonight
And sing this sleighing
song.



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" . . .

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, and frankincense, and myrrh.

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Just get a bob-tailed bay
Two-forty for his speed
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sleigh,
And crack, you'll take
the lead!

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh!
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh!



THRU A CHILD'S EYES . . .
" . . . For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas . . ."
from A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Joy & Tears In Mistletoe Myth

From Scandinavian mythology comes a sad tale of a god's envy of the beloved son of the goddess of love. Although seeking the promises of earth, air, fire and water to protect her son, he was slain by the jealous god from a dart of mistletoe, a parasitic plant which attaches itself to trees and does not grow from any of the four elements. The tears of sorrow from the god's mother became the white berries of the plant and she decreed that mistletoe would never again be used as a weapon, but as a symbol of love, and that she would place a kiss on anyone who passed under it!

The legend of kissing under the mistletoe during the Christmas season came from an ancient custom which deemed that the girl who received no kisses under the mistletoe by the end of the year would not marry in the new year!



A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance.
- Proverbs 12:13



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The Angels' New Song

A Story for the Holiday Season

Wink, Dink, and Blink were having a difference of opinion. As the three youngest and newest angels, they were expected to perform a special musical selection for all the other angels on Christmas Eve and they just couldn't agree on what to play.

They were all ready for their debut: Blink had tuned and re-tuned her little violin, Dink had polished his flute till it sparkled and Wink had practiced her scales backwards and forwards. But they couldn't agree on the music.

Wink, with what Blink considered very poor judgment, proposed that they do "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer."

"Really!" sniffed Blink. She thought nothing short of an excerpt from Handel's *Messiah* would do for such an important occasion but the others didn't like what they called "long-halo" music.

Dink, of course, wanted to play something rousing like the "Stars and Stripes Forever" but even Wink saw the folly of that.

So, when the great day arrived, they were still in a quandary about the whole thing. "We've simply got to make up our minds," said Blink in exasperation. The others agreed. "Let's sit and think and think and

think until we come up with an idea," suggested Dink. So they did. They sat and thought and thought and thought but no one could come up with the right song! . . . Suddenly, Wink jumped up. "I'll be right back!" she called as she flew away. "Now isn't that just like Wink to fly off when we have work to do," said Blink crossly.

But soon Wink was back and with a surprise . . . she had learned a new song. They listened to her in amazement. "Why, that's lovely," said Blink. Dink liked it too, even if it wasn't a march.

They quickly learned the music, and without a minute to spare, for the other angels were already beginning to assemble for the Christmas program.

Blink wanted to ask Wink where she had learned the lovely new song but there wasn't time. Finally, after they had performed for all the cherubim and seraphim and had been congratulated on their beautiful rendition, Blink took Wink aside.

"Where did you learn that song?" she asked. Wink smiled mysteriously and said, "I just happened to remember that nice soprano angel who had mentioned singing at a very special Christmas Eve performance. So I had her teach me

Keeping Track of Toys:

Your children will doubtlessly receive many toys and games for Christmas gifts. A week later, you are likely to find these games and toys littered around your house, waiting for the children to pick them up. Why not create a place for these gifts and make picking them up a little easier for the children and for you!

Use vinyl tape in different colors to code toys and shelves. For instance, a doll could have a very small piece of red tape on the bottom of her foot. A larger piece of the same red tape can be placed on the appropriate shelf where the doll should stay when she is not being used.

This same idea has been used successfully for many years by kindergarten and nursery school teachers. Little children learn to identify colors along with a sense of responsibility for their possessions.



the new song!" And off she flew.

Blink had to admit that had been very clever of Wink, as she curled up on her little cloud that night. And as she drifted off to sleep, the beautiful new song kept echoing in her ears . . . "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

THE LEGEND OF THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY

The poor little drummer boy was very sad that first Christmas, for he had no gift to offer the Infant Jesus.

But then he thought, "Perhaps I can play my drum for the Baby Jesus." He played his very best and was rewarded with a smile from the Infant, for the gift he gave was the gift of love, and that is the most precious gift of all.

ALMS-GIVING CUSTOM

Giving alms to the poor at Christmas originated in the belief that the Christ child, disguised as a beggar during the holiday season, went from door to door in search of those who were kind and deserving. His test was to plead for aid and, as it was feared that He might be turned away unrecognized, none were refused who so asked.

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.
— Proverbs 17:22

Christmas Customs From Other Lands

The celebration of Christmas throughout the world takes many forms, but one thing is constant: the joy that pervades this holiday season.

In Italy, the Christmas tree gives way to the *Presepio*. This is a nativity scene, created with love and devotion by Italians in their homes and in their churches. It is usually constructed from wood, cork, plaster, and papier mache, among other materials. A colorful tableaux depicting the Infant Jesus with His mother, Mary, surrounded by Joseph, the Wise Men, shepherds, angels and even animals, is set in a place of honor during the holidays.

To the north, in Norway, a very charming custom remembers some of God's little creatures. The birds' Christmas tree is a specially gleaned sheaf of grain from

the fall harvest, bound to the top of a pole in Norwegian front yards. The cattle are also remembered at this time, with extra fodder, in honor of their presence at the birth of Jesus.

In Sweden, another charming custom opens the Christmas season on December 13th. This is the feast day of St. Lucy, who ushers in the holiday spirit. A young girl, dressed in white, with a bright red sash about her waist and a crown of candles upon her head, appears at this time. "St. Lucy," as she is called, carries a tray with coffee and a small cake (baked in honor of the occasion) for the occupants of the house. This festive breakfast signals the start of the Christmas season for Norwegians.

Another repast plays an important part in Christmas

celebrations for the Polish. They observe December 24th as a fast day until the first star appears in the evening sky. It is then that the *Wilia*, or Christmas Supper, begins. Straw is scattered under the table, the dishes, and tablecloth, probably as a reminder of the birth in a manger. A vacant chair is reserved for the Infant Jesus.

The head of the family takes a thin wafer that has been blessed, and that features Christmas characters upon it. He prays for the welfare of his family and then distributes pieces of the wafer to each person at the table. A traditional supper is then enjoyed by the family, after which yet another custom is observed: boys and girls go about the streets singing carols and others go about dressed as strange beasts and other characters.

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Christmas in Times Gone By

Time was when Christmas meant sitting before a crackling fire, as the beautiful story of the Nativity was read from the family bible. Perhaps corn would be popped by the youngsters, to be strung with cranberries and wound around the Christmas tree.

Most likely the tree itself would have been chopped down by Dad and the youngsters, then brought home, in a wheelbarrow or sled with much excitement and anticipation.

And of course, the children's stockings would be hung by the chimney with care.

The sound of sleigh bells might have been heard outside, as carolers arrived in a horse-drawn sleigh, with shouts of "Merry Christmas" and peals of laughter. Then, as the family clustered about the living room window, the merry group would offer favorite carols like "Deck the Halls" and "Silent Night." All would be invited in for a cup of hot chocolate and some of Mother's home-baked cookies. Then the carolers would once again pile into their sleigh and off they would go, sleigh bells jingling.

Christmas morning was a magical time for youngsters, even as it is now. After gifts had been opened and exclaimed over, the family would attend services at a nearby church, greeting friends and neighbors in the spirit of the season.

Christmas dinner was a highlight of the day, with

the table piled high with festive fare, such as roast turkey and mincemeat pie.

Perhaps after dinner, the youngsters would run down to the frozen-over creek or pond with their brand-new ice skates, or go sledging down a nearby hill. They had no entertainment then, as we know it, except their own high spirits and resourcefulness. But the new train, the new doll, whatever Santa left under the tree, was cherished and enjoyed as though it were a priceless jewel.

Christmas has changed in many ways for most Americans — but basically speaking, it still is celebrated in much the same fashion today — with family get-togethers, festive meals.



THE TRUE VISION

"The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see . . . Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that (curtain and view) and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond . . ."

—Charles Dana to a little girl named Virginia

U.S. Christmas Reflects Culture, Old World

By HORACE BECK
MIDDLEBURY, Vt. (AP)—Christmas in many ways is symbolic of the entire pattern of American culture. Like Americans, its origins are in the length and breadth of the Old World.

Traditional Christmas was a combination of two elements—placating the dead, honoring the new born. It combined the old with the young, rich with the poor, the sage and the shepherd.

For Americans it has become a time for goodwill—spending money, a buying forgiveness for past sins. It implies a belief in the supernatural and expresses a hope for a better tomorrow. It's a time to pray, to eat and drink.

Christmas is celebrated Dec. 25 the day after the end of early Christianity's rival Saturnalia celebration. Christmas Day, too, is close to the winter solstice, in Pagan days a time to pray to Gods to lengthen daylight and restore life back to earth. Its direct purpose, of course, is to honor the birth of Christ child.

The chief ingredient in a successful Christmas today is Santa Claus, venerable Old St. Nicholas who lived in Patara in the 4th Century and died Dec. 6, 343 A.D. Among the many miracles attributed to St. Nicholas are two of great importance.

Hearing that three young girls were to be sold into slavery, he supposedly fashioned three golden balls which he disguised in napkins and tossed over the wall inside which the girls were held—providing each with a secret dowry.

On another occasion he is

supposed to have discovered that two boys had been chopped into bits by an innkeeper and salted down in a barrel of pork. The good man fished out the bits, fitted them back together and brought the boys back to life.

He became the patron saint of children, travelers and young women in distress, largely on the foundation of the two acts. The three golden balls he devised hang in front of pawn shops the world over, enabling those who overspend to borrow a few dollars.

St. Francis, the animals' friend, also was an early contributor to the holiday. Through him the friendly creatures so important to Yule time were brought into the Christmas picture.

The English drew from these traditions and celebrated their own brand of Christmas, based on ancient pagan rites. Americans adapted some of the English Christmas to their own holiday—the yule log of oak, mistletoe and food-plum pudding, goose and pork.

The Irish contributed holly, and from Germany came the Christmas tree—preferably fir—as the abode of the God Wodin. Attached to the tree are ornaments, originally fertility symbols.

The sleigh and reindeer are from the Dutch, though that picture wasn't complete until America's Rudolph appeared on the scene.

The English sang carols, ate food and lighted fires and even gave gifts of food—but that was on St. Stephens Day Dec. 26. To them Christmas didn't achieve major proportions until the days of Queen Victoria. Her husband, Albert, a German, introduced many of his native country's customs to England.

Strange as it may seem to America, Christmas was outlawed altogether by the founding fathers. It was recognized, of course, but festivities were kept dormant. As late as 1845, Dec. 25 was a normal work day. Christmas did not win prominence until after the Civil war.

At least three people are

responsible for Christmas as Americans celebrate it now—Washington Irving, whose Knickerbocker's History of New York mentions the curious Dutch celebration; Clement Moore of New York, who published "The Night Before Christmas" in 1837, and Charles Dickens, who wrote "A Christmas Carol."

Little by little, the holiday caught hold. In 1891, President Grover Cleveland celebrated Christmas in the White House and the festive avalanche began to rumble.

Around these basic ideas, behind the blatant commercialism, there lurks a mass of tradition handed down from parent to child by word of mouth—babies born on Christmas Day will be lucky; a green Christmas Day will tell your fortune; Christmas Day foreca-

sts the weather for the coming year.

Despite the best attempts of church and state to curtail or eradicate Christmas, the holiday continues bigger, louder and more expensive each year.

St. Nicholas has been removed from the canon of saints and the prelates of the church have shouted against it. But it continues. Attempts to outlaw Christmas trees, colored lights, ornaments, cranberries and even to regulate the kinds of presents one can give have been dismal failures, and those who rail against it are thought of as Scrooges.

And the merchants depend on it, the children accept it as proof of fairyland and even the old and cynical have been known to smile Christmas morning.

A Christmas Blessing

This poem, by the famed James Whitcomb Riley (1849-1916), of Indiana, starts with the conclusion of "The Christmas Dinner of the Cratchits."

"God bless us every one!" prayed Tiny Tim, Crippled and dwarfed of body, yet so tall Of soul, we tiptoe earth to look on him, High towering over all.

He loved the loveless world, nor dreamed, indeed, That it at best could give him, the while, But pitying glances, when his only need Was but a cheery smile.

And thus he prayed, "God bless us every one!" Enfolding all the creeds within the span Of his child-heart; and so, despising none, Was nearer saint than man.

I like to fancy God, in Paradise, Lifting a finger o'er the rhythmic swing Of chiming harp and song, with eager eyes Turned earthward, listening —

The Anthem stilled — the angels leaning there Above the golden walls — the morning sun Of Christmas bursting flower-like with the prayer, "God bless us every one!"

"The Nutcracker" Now A Holiday Tradition

One of the most charming traditions during the holiday season is the presentation of the famous ballet, *The Nutcracker*. Written by the Russian composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, this ballet about a little girl and her nutcracker has won the hearts of millions of children and adults since it was first performed during the Christmas season of 1892 in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Based on a story by E.T.A. Hoffman, the ballet opens with a party at the home of a little girl, Clara. Among the gifts under the tree is a nutcracker, shaped like a soldier. Clara is delighted with the unusual gift but unfortunately, her brother breaks it and that night Clara dreams about the nutcracker.

In her dream, the nutcracker comes to life and leads the toy soldiers against the Mouse King and his army. Clara kills the Mouse King with her slipper to prevent his vic-

tory and lo, and behold, the nutcracker becomes a handsome prince!

Together they journey to his kingdom, where the Sugar Plum Fairy and her court of toys and sweetmeats entertain the young prince and Clara.

The two young people watch snowflakes dance, flutes dance, and the beautiful "Waltz of the Flowers," among other delightful dances.

The fantasy of the story and the beautiful music of Tchaikovsky combine to make *The Nutcracker* a visual and musical delight for both young and old.

In cities across the nation, Christmas performances of the now-classic ballet are becoming a tradition. Its fairy-tale quality, its gorgeous spectacle and beloved score make *The Nutcracker* ideal holiday entertainment for the young and the young at heart.



For centuries, man has sought peace. In Old Testament times, the prophet Isaiah declared, "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." As we celebrate the birth of Christ, once again hearts are raised in prayer for universal peace.



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'Quality of Work' Plans Boost Output

EDITOR'S NOTE — It has always been assumed that automation increases productivity. But now many American businessmen are finding that productivity also rises when jobs are designed so that labor has a greater sense of satisfaction and respect.

By **TERRY KIRKPATRICK**
AP Business Writer

Some old notions about work are changing.

Like the idea that labor and management must always be at odds. Or that a person will produce more if he is placed before a bigger, faster machine. Or that many jobs will always be dull and routine, their holders consigned to lives of quiet desperation.

In their stead, a new philosophy of work is developing at hundreds of factories, mines and assembly lines across the country.

For thousands of people, this new thinking about the purpose and design of their jobs has ended the Sunday afternoon knot in the stomach at the prospect of Monday morning.

For many, the 4 p.m. race to the parking lot at the first sound of the whistle has disappeared because the whistle, and the time clock, have disappeared. For others, the end of the day now means the beginning of class in the company school or lingering to discuss tomorrow's work.

To many employers, it has brought the pleasant discovery that fewer workers are calling in sick or showing up late or filing grievances and that output is rising and the accident rate is declining.

It was that way for Warren Hinks, president of the Rushton Mining Co. Three years ago, in the hot, gritty tunnels of the Rushton mine thousands of feet beneath Ocoola Mills, Pa. ...

"When a machine broke down or a shuttle car got busted, or supplies were late, or the boss wasn't around, the guys would just sit around and wait, until told what to do next," miner Mark Naylor recalled.

"We did what the boss told us to do and only what he told us to do. If we goofed, it was his fault."

As in other mines, accidents and absenteeism were rising while the output of coal was falling, and traditional management methods weren't working. Hinks heard about something being tried in British mines, the "autonomous team" concept, and jumped at the idea.

In stages, on an experimental basis, the three seven-man crews that clawed at one of the mine's coal faces around the clock were expanded to nine members, each of whom was boosted to top scale pay.

On Mondays and Fridays, work in the experimental section stopped and the miners were brought to the surface for classroom instruction in each of the jobs on the crew and in safety rules.

The three foremen, once strapped with the contradictory duties of pushing both production and safety, were told to help with planning but concentrate on safety. The responsibility for how much coal was dug fell to the miners. They now had the freedom to make more decisions about their jobs and the knowledge to make them intelligently.

More important, perhaps, was that the mine's management was learning a new attitude toward the miners.

"Generally the worker will reflect what management feels about him, and taking that same idea, we can say that the worker will also reflect the feeling that we have confidence in him and we have trust in him; that he can in fact make a significant and competent and intelligent and creative contribution in the work effort," Hinks told a U.S. Senate subcommittee last spring.

"The best management motivation in any organization is that we emphatically recognize the value of the worker as a person and that we feel the miner needs to be seen as bringing to the job intelligence, his attitude and feelings and beliefs, and not just his hands and feet and muscles."

Something clicked.
The number of federal safety law



violations in the mine declined. There were once 50 to 55 lost-time accidents for each one million man hours worked, but the number fell to 12 last year.

Output from the mine has remained about the same. Productivity improved about 10 per cent in the two original mine sections in the experiment, but that may have been due to other factors.

The amount spent on supplies and parts fell. And Mark Naylor changed his mind.

"We began to feel somebody up there trusted us," he told a labor management conference. "And in a week or two we were busting our hump in a way I've never seen guys work underground before."

"The funny thing is, in the new system, the crew, we don't get really tired anymore. We probably work about twice as hard as we ever did before, but we don't get tired."

Hinks uses the term "quality of work" when he describes the project, since expanded to the rest of the Rushton mine.

But the new philosophy of work on which it is based goes by a dozen other names and looks different everywhere it is put into practice. It has been called human resource development, job enrichment, co-determination, worker participation, industrial democracy.

Each is a variation of the same theme: redesign the job — who does what and how, who makes the decisions. Or adopt a new attitude of mutual trust, respect and goodwill between employer and employee and let job design changes follow. Or both, as was the case with Rushton.

"This is a new kind of culture, in which everybody — worker and manager — comes to have a completely changed view of himself," says Ted Mills, director of the National Quality of Work Center in Washington.

That group, funded by government and private grants, helps develop quality of work experiments such as the Rushton project.

Because of the diversity of names for the concept, locating the companies adopting it is something like asking a haystack what it calls needles before starting to search for them, Mills says.

Confounding the effort is the fact that many companies have experienced such a sharp increase in productivity after instituting quality of work programs that they don't want their competitors to hear about it, he says. Others see them as a way to keep a union out or weaken an existing union, and don't want their motives publicized.

Nevertheless, Mills estimates that

between 2,000 and 3,000 companies, large and small, have undertaken serious efforts to change the structure of work — to make it more satisfying, meaningful and productive.

Most have gotten into the field in the past two or three years. A few ventured in a decade ago.

"We get more and more calls every day from companies who are feeling that they've got to get into this field in a hurry," Mills says. "And I think organized labor is going to get more involved."

The enthusiasm in industry is not altruistic. Executives have found that it makes good business sense. That realization may have been induced by the recent recession, Mills believes.

It has always been assumed in economic theory that an increase in the amount of machinery in a plant will make each worker more productive — he will turn out more units of the product in the same amount of time.

In the recent economic slump, when money for new machines was tight, many managers turned to improving the other key input of production — human labor — in an effort to increase productivity. It cost very little to try.

"We want to increase human productivity by designing work for humans," said Louis O'Leary, an assistant vice president in the human resource development department at American Telephone & Telegraph Co. "We do know that there are productivity payoffs when work is designed properly."

In the more than 10 years it has been studying job design, AT&T's efforts have reached tens of thousands of operators, telephone installers and engineers in every part of the country.

The company's in-depth analysis of its jobs has led to three basic concepts, loosely tagged modular, feedback and power to act.

The modular approach is to make each job naturally complete. Employees who assemble phone books, for example, are sometimes assigned the entire book, A to Z, instead of just a part.

Installers may be assigned to a regular "turf" or territory, where they become personally acquainted with their customers and get feedback from them.

Granting employees the power to act, to make decisions, giving enough responsibility "to really do your job," is also a key component of the program, O'Leary says. Engineers in many cases no longer need as much approval by superiors of their work as before. Operators are given the freedom to handle some calls, such as emergency calls, that once were passed

to their supervisors.

"It generally amounts to shoving responsibility down in the organization, giving the power to act to the person doing the job," O'Leary said.

Another early entrant to the field was the Eaton Corp., a big international manufacturer of auto and truck parts and other items. In 1968, a plant manager who was to build a new facility asked the company's personnel executives how to avoid in the new plant the deterioration in employee-employer relations that had occurred in the old.

Their answer, that a person at work should be accorded the same dignity and trust he experiences in his family and society, has been implemented in more than a dozen Eaton plants built since then involving more than 5,000 workers.

Management sought to foster a new mood and attitude in the plants, and left any changes in job design to follow spontaneously.

The new attitude is manifested in the replacement of rules and penalties with counseling, the elimination of time clocks and buzzers, regular meetings at which employee opinions are sought, and equalized benefits and disciplinary measures for factory and office workers.

Writing in the Harvard Business Review, an Eaton executive reported that absenteeism at the new plants where the concept was tried ranged from 0.5 to 3 per cent, compared with 6 to 12 per cent at old locations.

An average 4 per cent of the workforce at the new plants quit their jobs annually, compared with up to 60 per cent at old locations. Hourly output at some places rose as much as 35 per cent.

Numerical comparisons are difficult, those involved in quality of work programs say, because many variables can't be measured. And in most cases, the projects are too young to have produced measurable results.

There is a second, and more subtle, force motivating businessmen to consider the quality of their work. It is the perception that America's work force has changed, that its members are more sophisticated, better educated and have higher expectations than ever

before.

"Managers in the United States are realizing that their work force is not what their jobs were designed for," Mills says. "Something is changing and they don't quite know how to cope with it. They are aware that it isn't working the way it used to."

"American industry and business have treated their workers as children ever since the start of the Industrial Revolution," Al Warren, a General Motors Corp. executive, says. "What we're talking about is, whatever you do, you ought to have the opportunity to do it as an adult and not as a child."

Four years ago, a GM auto assembly complex at Lordstown, Ohio, became the center of the new attention being given to what was labeled "the blue-collar blues." The complex contained

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The workers at the complex struck. A number of issues were on the table, but the real dispute was attributed to the increasing mechanization and dehumanization of work.

"We pay the highest wages but we've never gotten our money's worth," Warren said. "We've excluded the people and tried to lean toward technology."

In 1973, GM and the United Auto Workers formally agreed to work together to improve the quality of work. Since then, projects have been instituted at nearly every GM plant and have involved in some way nearly 40 per cent of the work force.

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Dear Santa,
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Dear Santa,
If you could bring me these toys. I would sure love a twister game, Thumbelina doll, snow cone maker and honey hill bunch soap. The end.
Love,
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Dear Santa,
I can't wait till Christmas. I am glad Christmas comes each year. We have fun on Christmas because we get gifts. I like Christmas a lot.
I would like to have a gun, a race track, a watch and a new motor cycle, also. I would like to have a soccer game and I would like to have a hockey game.
Your friend,
Chris Cortez

Dear Santa,
I hope you come on Christmas Eve. You are very special to me. Christmas is the best time of the year.
I would like a Hub-Bubs Happy Hollows Set; Digger the Dog; Marching Mickey Mouse; MacDonald's Land;
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Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy. Will you please bring me a record player, and stationary, and a watch. I love you Santa Claus.
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greg Gentry.
P.S. Milk and cookies will be waiting for you.

Dear Santa,
I want a stretch armstrong, a tin can alley, a sizzler two race car set, some coloring books, a raw power for my bicycle, a toy rifle, and some tinker toys.
Please bring my little sister, Lauri, a baby doll, and a wind up radio.
We have been pretty good this year. We will leave you some milk and cookies when you come.
Jerry and Lauri Mc Donald
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Dear Santa,
My birthday is in two days. I hope I get to have a party. I will invite all my friends.
For Christmas I want a pellet gun, a hunting knife, a c.b. radio, a sled and a shotgun.
This winter we will stay home. I am glad because I like to stay home. I wish my friends could stay with me.
Your friend,
Jason Andrews

Dear Santa,
I am looking forward to moving into our new house. I got in the youth choir also. I hope we have a big dinner for Christmas.
This year I want a pellet gun, and a table tennis for my brother and I. If you cant afford it then I would like a cosmic pinball machine. That is all I want for Christmas this year.
This Christmas we're going to have a Christmas party and invite our relatives out. We will go to church too. Since we get out of school a week and a half I think I will have a lot of fun.
Yours truly,
Kris Gallagher

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. We wish for a Eveil Knivel cycle and we will leave a peice of cake and milk for you.
Love,
ricky and Rudy Cantu

Dear Santa,
I want so many things for this Christmas I am going to let you decide what to get. If I told you all the things I want it would take a whole day. So that is why I am going to let you decide.
Next Monday Youth Choir will get out of school to go sing for a lot of people at the Rotary Club. Then Tuesday we will go to King's Manor and after that, Thursday we will go to the Bull Barn and sing for the Lion's Club.
On Christmas morning when I wake up I run to see what I go. Then I will play with it or if it is clothes I will put them on. I love Christmas.
Love,
Carla Frye

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you & Mrs Claus? Are the reindeer & elves all right? I hope so.
When you come to my house there will be something for you. From you I want a Triple Level Night Racer Set. Do you have any new reindeer? I will try to be good. Christmas is my favorite holiday.
I love you and Mrs. Claus, elves, reindeer.
Well I guess I'll go now.
Love,
Debbie Gallagher
P.S. Write Soon

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Will you bring me a chalkboard. May I have one that has a seat. Please Santa will you it is at the stamp store
I Love you Santa
Love
Judy Lynn Hamby

Dear Santa,
I am going to a twirling contest in January. My mothe put up our Christmas tree yesterday. We have lots of presents for our relatives and for our family.
This year I want a typewriter most of all. I also want a hush little baby. I want a Wakup thumbling and a race track for my sister.
We are going to Oklahoma City. My grandmother lives there. She has a dog named Pug and a bird named Sam.
Your friend,
Teresa Deann Edwards

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy almost all year.
My sister Kim is 2 years old. She's trid to be good too.
I want a Green Machine, an airplace, and an American Samsu Derby. My sister needs a doll, some dishes and some little doll clothes.
Please remember all my friends and family.
I'll see you in school at my party.
Your friend,
Karl Schumacher

Dear Santa,
This month my neighbors have been sick. Liz Rogrelas is in the hospital.
I want so many things for Christmas. I want a kitten, a camera, a little puppy, and most of all I want a little car for my sister for my sister.
For the Christmas holiday we are going to stay home. My relative might come and visit us.
Your friend,
Phyllis Duncan

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me a bike. Will you bring me a t.v. tennis. I have been good.
I Love you,
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Christmas Briefs

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—From now until Christmas a 1930 Model-A Ford will be a taxicab in downtown Birmingham, but money won't get you a ride.
The only way to use the cab is to give the driver a toy. It's part of a cab company's effort to obtain toys for underprivileged children. The taxi will be driven by various city officials, beginning with Mayor David Vann on its first run today.

CHICAGO (AP)—Those "unemployed gentlemen in red outfits" who work as department store Santa Clauses ought to be shoveling snow instead, says a psychologist.
Dr. Maria Piers, dean of the Erikson Institute for Early Education, is concerned about the effect of too many Santas on children. She said the idea of St. Nicholas has been corrupted by modern commercialization.
"The primary purpose of the multiplicity of Santa Clauses is to lure parents of young kids to buy a lot of stuff—spend a lot of money," she said in an interview.
"It is difficult to teach children the difference between truth and nontruth if one perpetuates such frauds as this," Dr. Piers said.
The idea of Santa Claus should be relegated to the "fairytale land" of the stage and television where his role as fantasy figure is obvious, she suggested.

HANCOCK, Mass. (AP)—Frank Patterson, 59, gave up the big city life 20 years ago, bought a 5000-acre farm and raised a daughter and thousands of Christmas trees.
He sells them to people driving through this town of 600 in northwestern Massachusetts, and charges about \$1 a foot, with the average tree costing about \$7.
"I bought the farm in 1957 for \$13,500," he said. "Land was cheap then, I've been offered over a quarter of a million dollars for it. But I love it."
Patterson, who used to work as a purchasing agent for an electronics firm, lives in a nine-room home with his wife, Eleanor, a school teacher, and his 22-year-old daughter, Meredith, a senior at nearby Williams College.
He says he sells up to 2,000 trees a year and grosses up to \$10,000.
"Here you're your own boss...And you don't have to know much to grow Christmas trees," he added.

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—For some of the kids sitting on St.

Nick's knee at a shopping mall, it was the first time they could "talk" to a Santa who could understand.
The children are deaf, and the weekend Santa Claus was Ron Goluba, 31 who teaches sign language and lip reading at an elementary school in Orlando.
Many of his pupils had never before gone to visit Santa, and it seemed to make no difference to them that they recognized their teacher under the beard.



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Atheist To Observe Winter Solstice This Christmas

AUSTIN (AP)—Atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair says she will steal Christmas back from the Christians Tuesday with the First International Celebration of the Winter Solstice.

"Unable to destroy this original pagan festival, the Christian community stole it for the birth of their mythical Christ and separate the date from the 'New Year' cycle of the earth around the sun in order to suppress all references to it," she says.

Originally, she planned to "call on most ancient rituals and begin a fresh new appreciation of this most festive of all

occasions for all mankind."

But her research showed the ancient rituals amounted to the taking over of the streets by the entire population for merry-making.

"When Atheists are in a majority, we will take over the streets," she said.

Since they can't do that now, she said, the ceremony will be held indoors at her Society of Separationists headquarters, where the youngest child present will light a candle at 11:36 a.m.—the moment the earth begins tipping its northern hemisphere toward the sun again.

The lighting of the candle will be followed by two minutes of silence, then with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and other songs that are 'celebrations of life.'

These will include some songs by the Beatles, she said. John Lennon of the Beatles shocked and angered Christians several years ago with the statement that the Beatles were "more popular than Jesus."

She said other songs will include Christmas tunes with new lyrics, such as, "We wish you a happy solstice. We wish you a happy solstice."

The summer solstice and the

equinoxes also will be celebrated, she said. She rejected the suggestion this sounded like

Gift from the heart

Are your Christmas spirits high and your bank account low? Don't sit and fret over how you are going to manage to purchase all of the gifts you want to give; just look inside yourself and you'll come up with one of the nicest Christmas present ideas ever!

To those close friends and relatives who mean so much to you, why not offer . . . yourself! You could give a friend a

worship of the sun.

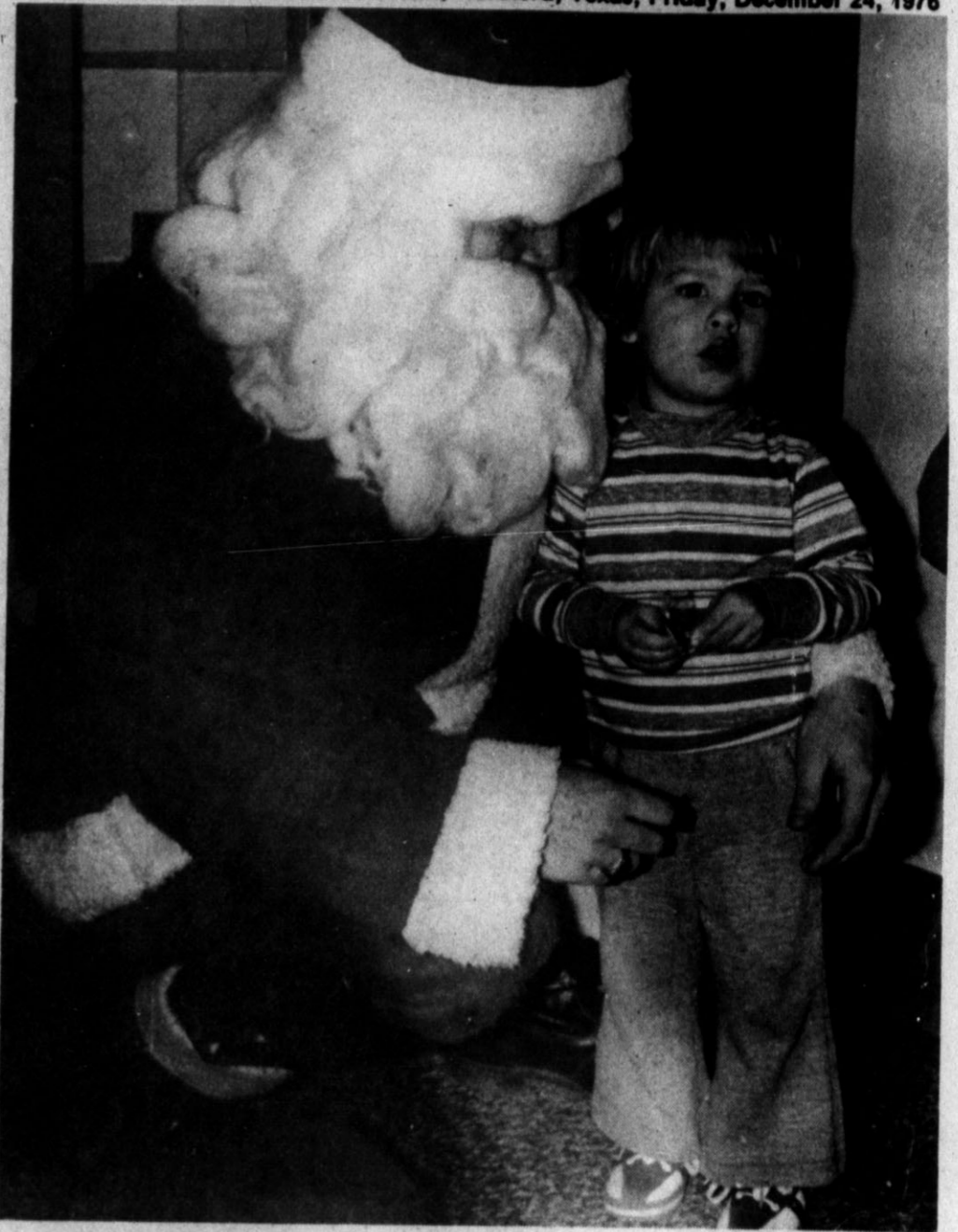
"No. No way," she said.

month's worth of cleaning, laundry, sewing, or fix-ups.

Just think of how much mom and dad would appreciate a promise of weekends free from cooking, cleaning, mowing, snow-shovelling, cleaning the car, ironing, etc.

It's a lovely way of saying "Merry Christmas" to someone special.

But, be sure you're willing to do the work you promised — with cheer!



'And Bring Me A....'

This scene at Hereford Day Care Center has been repeated countless times this month as children revealed their secret desires to that worker of miracles—Santa Claus. This unidentified child and his thousands of peers woke up this morning to see that St. Nick listened. [Photo by Phyl Smith.]

Early California Christmas

Christmas 1847 was a happy time for Captain John Sutter.

Sutter, known throughout California as a gracious host, decided to have a Christmas party, and invited over two hundred guests, including former Commandante General of Alta California, General Mariano Vallejo.

Christmas Day, people arrived from all parts of the

valley — some from as far away as San Francisco.

After dinner, the party danced to the strains of a violin, guitar and piano 'til the sun lengthened the shadows to the peaks of the mighty Sierra. As the Christmas party ended, General Vallejo, impressed by the energetic and industrious Americans, predicted that because of them the future of California would indeed be bright.

Only a month later, his

prediction came true . . . for gold was discovered.

A 1776 Christmas

The colonists served Christmas dinner in mid-afternoon, and they went to great lengths in preparation for the feast. For example, the Washingtons' Christmas dinner one year included roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, mutton chops, roast suckling pig, roast turkey with chestnut stuffing, cold boiled beef with horseradish sauce and cold baked Virginia ham.

In the South, gentlemen drank hot toddies, brandishing toasts to the coming year. In the rest of the colonies, wine, punch and brandy were served with Christmas meals. Two drinks were particularly in favor at the time: syllabub (available in many flavors and served with lemon juice and a bit of rind) and flip (a mixture of beer, sugar and Jamaica rum, warmed by a loggerhead that had been heated in the fire until red hot).

The poinsettia first became part of the Christmas celebration in 1906. It is the Western world's contribution to the holiday traditions. Discovered by Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett in 1825 in Mexico, the plant has a star-like formation with scarlet bracts surrounding tiny yellow-green clusters of flowers.

Christmas is here:
Winds whistle shrill,
Icy and chill,
Little care we;
Little we fear
Weather without,
Sheltered about
The Mahogany Tree.

— Thackeray

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat,
Please to put a penny in the old man's hat;
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do,
If you haven't got a ha'penny, God bless you!

— Anonymous

Heap on more wood! — the wind is chill.
But let it whistle as it will,
We'll keep our Christmas merry still.

— Sir Walter Scott



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CHRISTMAS IN MEXICO IS MADE FESTIVE WITH PINATA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



The spirit of Christmas is for all: remember those less fortunate

It's Christmas Eve, and no matter how blasé or sophisticated one tries to be, the heart beats a trifle faster and the cheeks flush with excitement.

These are the anxious moments of "whom did I forget?" and "did I remember to put that special card inside his/her package?" and "I hope everything will be right."

This should also be the time to remember those less fortunate — friends in the hospital, friends who have recently lost a loved one, friends who are going through a trying period.

The Christmas spirit should spread out and encompass the whole community.

Phone someone who may be lonely. Pay a short visit to someone who is confined to bed or is un-

able to leave the house. And give a cheery smile and a happy "Merry Christmas" to those who work so that others may enjoy this day.

That's the spirit of Christmas.



VOLCANIC POWER
SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — This Central American country recently inaugurated a new geothermal plant named "Ahuachapan 1," which uses volcanic steam deep in the earth to produce electricity.

The venture gives the small country the distinction of being the second country in Latin America and the eighth in the world to use geothermal sources for electric power.



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Ups and Downs, But Religious Experience Highest

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Gary S. Paxton had six-digit salaries, fancy cars, huge homes. He also tried to kill himself, wore Salvation Army clothes and spent time in a mental institution.

It's all part of the bittersweet ballad of one of Nashville's top producers of country and gospel music.

As a rock 'n' roll star 15 years ago, his palace of success had trapdoors: mescaline and alcohol. "I was a mess," he said. "I was as low as you could go."

Then, he said, he discovered

Jesus Christ. His symbol used to be a drink in hand. Now it's a cross hanging from his neck.

"I've had a lot of highs and lows, 90 per cent of them lows," said Paxton, 37, friendly and talkative.

In 1960, he recorded the million-selling rock hit "Alley Oop" as leader of the Hollywood Argyles. During the next six years, he produced rock hits like "Cherish," "Hurray for Hazel," "Sweet Pea," "Honest I do," "Monster Mash" and "Along Comes Mary."

"Monster Mash" alone earned him \$265,000. Most of it went for alcohol.

"By 1962 I'd been rich and broke twice," he recalled.

During hard times he ate at Hollywood parties and church socials. "We'd see a sign at a church and go get in line," he said.

In the late 1960s, he directed a West Coast empire that included two recording studios, a marina, a mountain hotel and house rental business.

"I was making \$20,000 a month," he said.

In 1970, he lost everything because of drugs and alcohol. He moved to Nashville, found religion and began polishing his genius for music.

"I was as near dead as you could get," he said during a break in a recording session.

"I've been hospitalized in half the towns in the country. I wouldn't eat for a week at a time—I just took dope and drank. I would drink a fifth by noon and drank 24 hours a day for 10 years." He still has a paunch to prove it.

In 1970 he was hospitalized

five times—twice for drug overdoses and three times for alcoholism, the last time in a mental institution. He tried suicide "seven or eight times" by slashing his wrists or his chest.

"I bought my clothes at the Salvation Army," he said. "People would be embarrassed when I came around trying to sell a song."

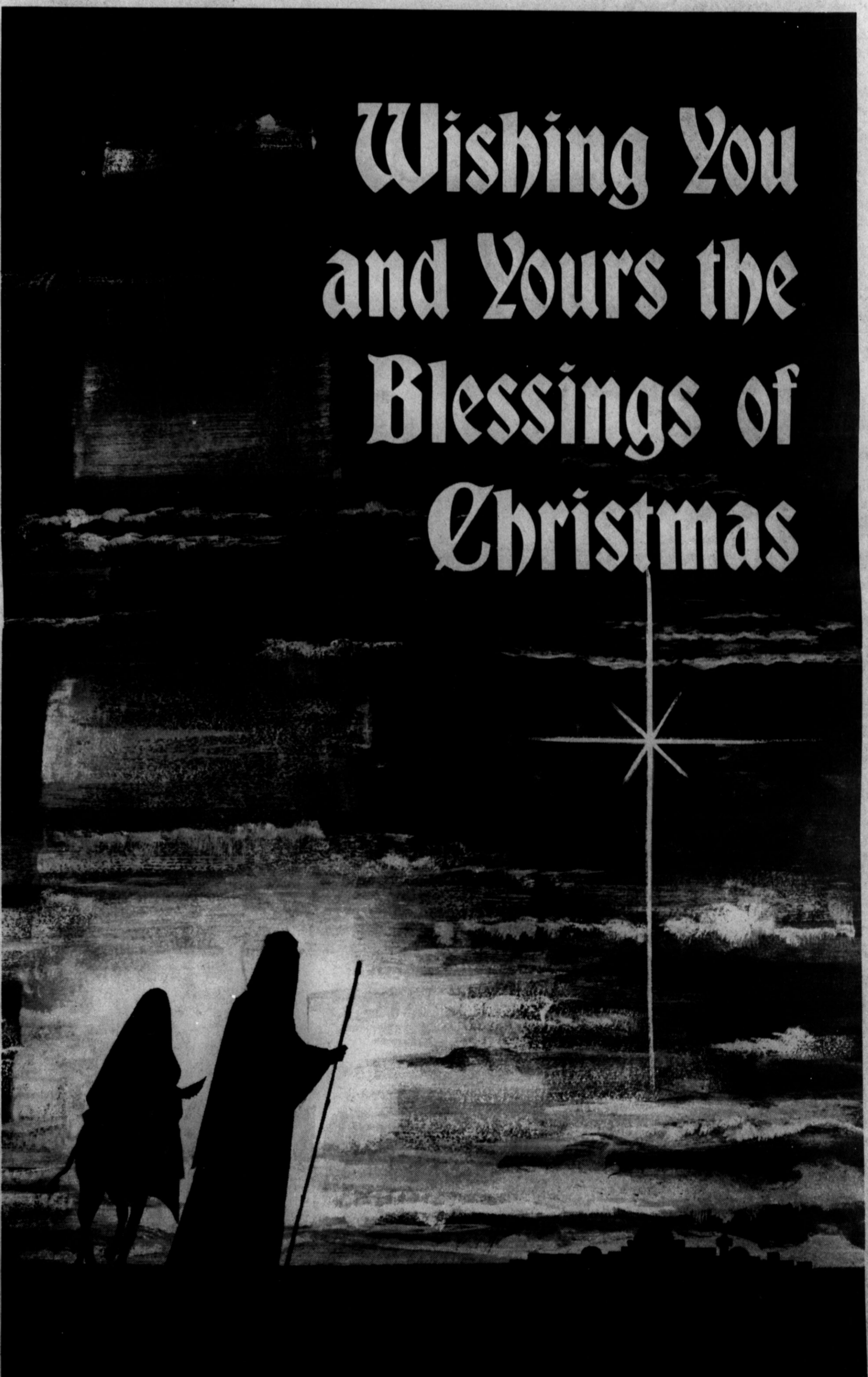
Things changed in September 1971.

"My wife his sixth and I started driving around one Sunday night. We drove by the

Belmont Church of Christ and saw millionaires, blacks and hippies all going in. We decided to go in.

"We started going on Sunday nights, and one night I got saved. I wrote out a confession, and I've never touched anything since. I stopped cold turkey. This shows you how powerful a religious experience can be."

"God bless us everyone!"
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**Annual Queen
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A highlight of the Koobraey event Wednesday at the high school auditorium was the crowning of the Annual Queen, who is Denise Cotton with her escort Jay Montgomery at far right. Other

nominees for the queen are Lori Steinkruger with her escort Randy Morris at right and Gayle Yosten with her escort Mark Fowler in the center.

(Brand Photo)

**Amarillo's Live Messiah
Performance To Be Telecast**

"I feel that those who were unable to attend the live performance of Messiah can gain a sense of the real production by watching the broadcast program on Channel 2," said Thomas Conlin, conductor of the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra.

Amarillo College's radio and TV department will present a simulcast of Messiah at 4 p.m. Dec. 26. The stereo sound will be on KACV-FV 90 and the video on Channel 2 Total Television of Amarillo. The performance was recorded live Dec. 11 and 12.

"This is a very big project for the college. We have been working on it for seven weeks," said Joyce Herring, instructor in mass communications and faculty producer for the project.

"There is a class tie between the symphony and the AC television department. AC students went to rehearsals, discussed the score with the conductor and planned camera shots ahead of time," she continued.

AC faculty instrumental in the presentation were Miss Herring, Don Ford, AC engineer in radio-TV production, and Weldon Irion, associate

professor of radio and television. Ford was in charge of audio engineering and Irion served as video engineer.

Students who worked on the presentation were Marlene McKinney of 2213 Tyler, director; working the cameras were Jana Bidwell of 3618 Torre and Mike Laur of 1607 S. Fannin, and Dean Taylor of 3508 Patterson did the audio mixing.

"Handel's Messiah is unquestionably one of the most popular pieces of music ever composed. Most churches in this area have presented parts of Messiah from time to time, but to the best of my knowledge, this was the first virtually complete performance in the Panhandle," said Conlin.

The performance of Messiah included the largest number of performers on stage at one time in Amarillo.

There were 270 people in the chorus. The AC choir under the direction of Dr. Dale Roller, professor of music at AC, the mixed choirs from West Texas State University under the

direction of Dr. Hugh Sanders, and the Amarillo Symphony Choral Society under the direction of Conlin all participated in the chorus.

The symphony included 75 players plus four soloists. The soloists were J.D. Goddard, AC music instructor, bass-baritone; David Britton from New York, tenor; Carol Mayo from Baylor University in Waco, mezzo-soprano; and Renay Conlin of Amarillo, soprano.

"The production of the simulcast was a real learning experience for the TV students, in addition to providing the community with a fine program," said Miss Herring.

The first school of higher education for women in the United States was the Middlebury Female Seminary, established by Emma Hart Willard in Middlebury, Vt., in 1814. The first women's college chartered to confer all honors, degrees and licenses normally conferred by universities was the Georgia Female College (now Wesleyan College)

**Crossfire Over Benefits For Jobless
Awaiting 1977 Legislative Session**

AUSTIN (AP)—A \$600 million crossfire over benefits for the jobless awaits the 1977 legislature.

The legislature has until Jan. 1, 1978, to bring Texas into conformity with numerous changes made this year in the federal unemployment act.

If the Texas House and Senate don't act, the federal unemployment tax paid by employers will increase by as much as 600 per cent, or about \$600 million a year.

On top of that, the U.S. Department of Labor would send an administrator to run the state unemployment program in place of the Texas Employment Commission. It also would cut off the \$60 million a year in federal funds that finances the administration of the Texas agency.

And the charges spelled out in the federal law would take effect anyway.

With that kind of sword dangling overhead, passing a new Texas unemployment law would seem simple. But guess again.

Labor wants to use the occasion to get higher unemployment benefits and eliminate waiting periods. Texas' benefits are the lowest in the nation, averaging \$53.90 per week, with a maximum of \$63. Jobless workers now wait four to six weeks for their first check, says Joe Gunn, labor's representative on the three-man commis-

sion. "I agree we have got to conform to the federal law... But when we protect employers for \$600 million, we ought to pay a few dollars for the workers," Gunn said.

What are the key changes that Texas must adopt?

Starting Jan. 1, 1978, unemployment compensation must be extended to employees of cities, counties, school districts and other political subdivisions.

"There is no alternative to going along," says Dick Brown, executive director of the Texas Municipal League.

Employees of about 5,000 large farms and ranches will be brought under unemployment compensation, as will domestics working for employers who pay as much as \$1,000 per quarter in wages to maids and similar help.

The wage base against which an employer's state and federal unemployment taxes are computed will rise from \$4,200 to \$6,000 per worker.

Pregnant women cannot be disqualified from jobless benefits. The TEC's policy is to allow benefits if a woman is available for employment and able to work, but Gunn said it still disqualifies pregnant women occasionally.

Professional athletes must be disqualified from collecting unemployment benefits during their off-season.

Teachers cannot receive benefits during their summers

off. The legislature has the option of providing unemployment compensation, however, to nonprofessional employees such as bus drivers who are not guaranteed jobs when school resumes.

"If we pay these non-professionals, unquestionably it will cost a good deal," observed Jack Burcham, the TEC's unemployment insurance director.

Aliens without the right to permanent residence in the United States must be denied benefits. This could cut out so-called "white card" workers who have permission to cross the Rio Grande each day to work in Texas but who cannot remain overnight.

Hundreds, perhaps thou-

sands, of Mexican nationals who built up U.S. credits toward unemployment compensation and regularly seek work in border towns would be denied benefits.

"I tell you this, with the devaluation of the peso, they (TEC offices) are doing a land office business on the border," said Burcham.

Gunn would like to make another change in the state law.

When a jobless worker registers with a TEC office for benefits, he must tell why he lost his most recent job and then list all other jobs he has held for the past three years. Each of those employers is asked why the person left. Failure to respond in 10 days results in an increase in an employer's tax,

based on the presumption the worker left through no fault of his own.

Unemployment taxes vary according to an employer's record of laying off workers.

IMMIGRATION WAVE
NEW HYDE PARK, N.Y. (AP)—An educational film, "People," tells how America's greatest wave of immigration carried 16 million persons through the gates of Ellis Island between 1890 and 1930.

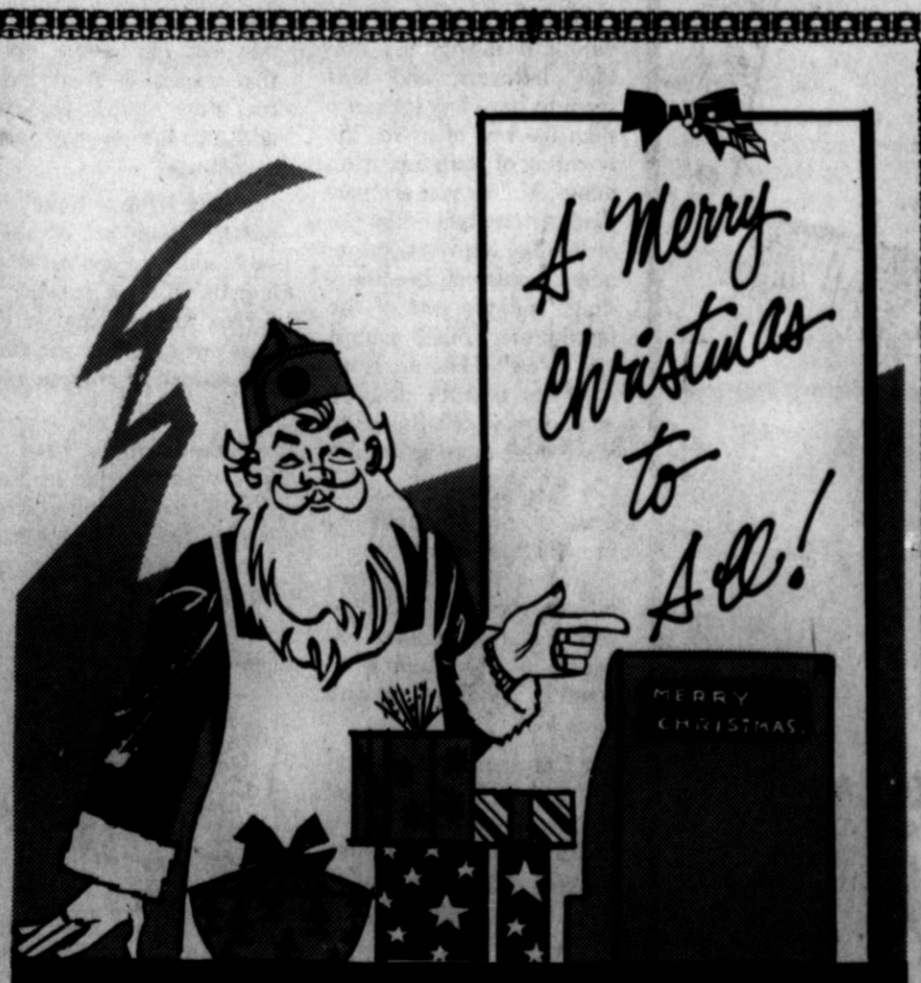
A record total of 3,000 persons daily was admitted during 1907. The film is one of five in the American Enterprise series.

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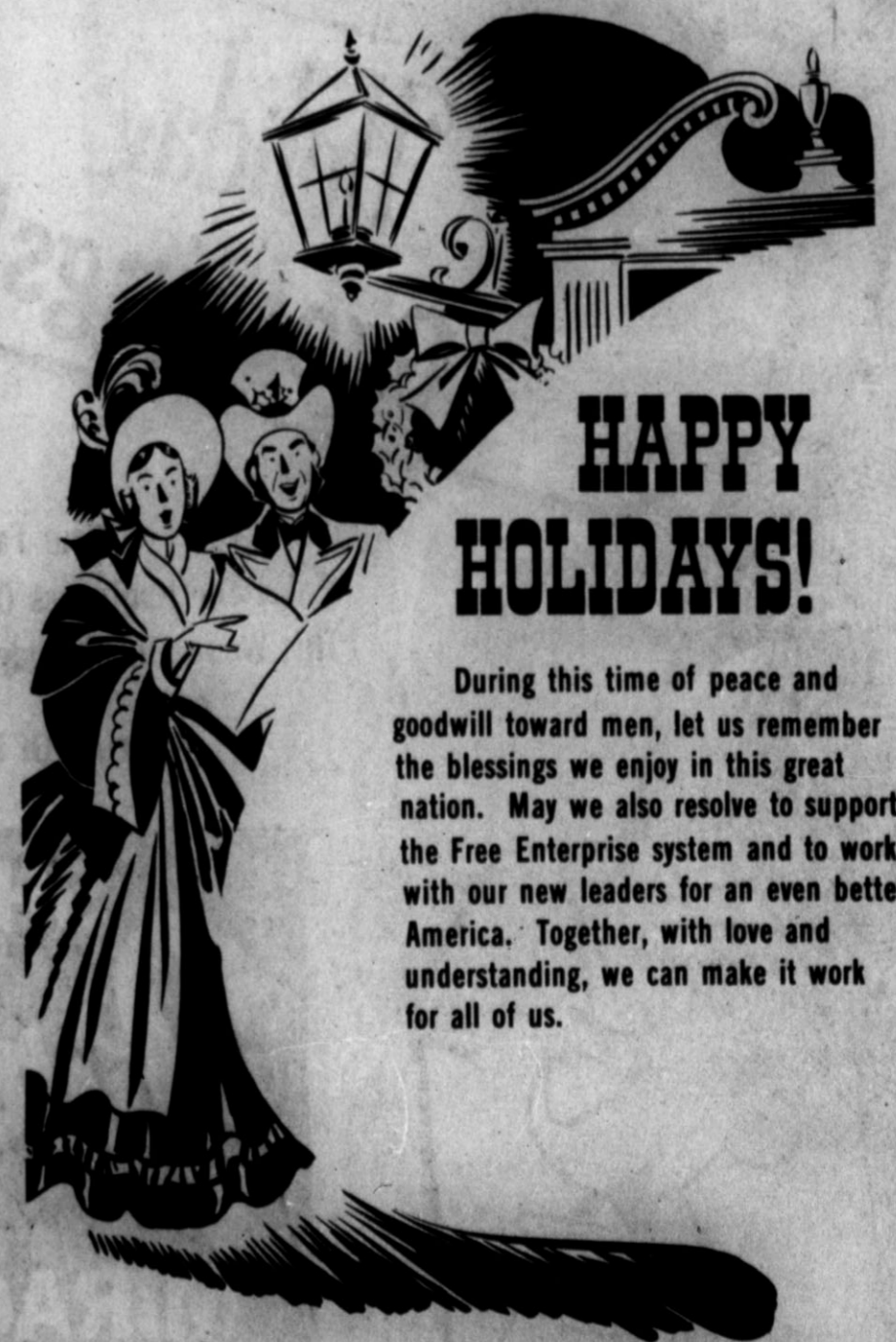
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THE YEAR ENDS on a good note with much anticipation for a better tomorrow in 1977. The Chamber has experienced some real accomplishments under the able leadership of Donald Hicks and the board of directors and I believe the community is really indebted to the officers and board for a year of dedicated service.

It's good to stop and think hard on what we have—especially those things that are so easy to take for granted. It would be mighty nice if folks would just take a minute to express appreciation to one another a little more often. It sure can make a difference.

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There are so many hours of work that are not known and so many tasks that are completed through the efforts of a whole lot of good people. And I guess that's the way it will be next year and probably that's the way it's supposed to be. But I do want to say Thanks and whole lot of appreciation to those who seldom get mentioned or noticed yet who do so much for the community. Best wishes for 1977 and please—"Keep on Hustlin."

JUST WANT TO remind everyone of the Chamber Banquet—only a couple of weeks away. We have the tickets at the office and you'll want to be sure to have yours ahead of time. Mr. George McKinney—a well known Texan with a humorous approach to "people pleasin"—will be our speaker. The world famous Hereford Chamber Singers will provide the entertainment and The Citizens of the Year will be announced. Earnest Langley will be emcee again this year and the meal will be provided by K-Bob's Steak House.

I ALSO LIKE to take a moment at this time of year to reflect on our good fortune; like living in America—and being blessed to live in West Texas. There are unimaginable advantages to living in this area. And the only way a person can see those advantages is to look at West Texas from a distant point of view.

IT'S REALLY the event of the New Year and deserves a high priority on your list of activities. But remember—we can accommodate only 800 people, so you need to get your tickets NOW—better HUSTLE, HUSTLE, HUSTLE!



HHS Class Favorites

Pictured above the Hereford High school class favorites for the 1976-77 school year. They are from left to right: sophomore—Lisa Duggan and Chuck Smucker; juniors—Ricky Matchett and Renee Russell; and seniors—Jerry Koenig and Shelly Scott.

Military Spending Concerns Brown

WASHINGTON (AP)—Harold Brown, who will be defense secretary in the Carter administration, shares the present Pentagon leadership's concern about trends in relative Soviet and U.S. military spending.

"I am concerned about the trend, upward past trend, of Soviet expenditures... and the downward trend of U.S. defense expenditures," Brown told a Tuesday news conference in Plains, Ga., after President-elect Carter named him to the defense post.

"If that continues indefinitely, or even for a substantial period, then I would begin to be concerned about our capabilities," he said.

Brown, who served as Pentagon research chief and Air Force secretary in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations,

virtually echoed Donald H. Rumsfeld, the outgoing Ford administration's defense secretary.

In an ABC television interview later, Brown said the defense budget probably will rise, but that the Carter administration hopes to hold down the rate of increase through at least partially offsetting economies.

"There is no intent to cut U.S. military capabilities," Brown said. "I think it is going to be necessary to increase them."

At his news conference, Carter restated his campaign pledge to save between \$5 billion and \$7 billion in defense spending through a number of measures to eliminate waste and improve efficiency.

The President-elect was not clear on when savings of that

magnitude will occur. The assumption has been that the new administration will attempt to trim the Ford administration defense budget proposal, expected to be a record \$123 billion. Ford's budget will go to Congress shortly before Carter is inaugurated next month.

Carter also restated his promise to withdraw about 32,000 U.S. ground troops from South Korea, saying it would be a "very slow, very methodical, very careful" process in consultation with the South Korean and Japanese governments.

Such a U.S. ground troop pullback, which Carter previously said would occur over a four to five year period, still would leave about 8,000 U.S. airmen and U.S. fighter-bombers to back up South Korea.

Announcing Brown as defense secretary and Charles Duncan Jr., a Houston businessman, as deputy defense

secretary, Carter stressed their management abilities and his hope of making the huge defense establishment operate on a more businesslike and frugal basis.

Buying American:

You know what you're shopping for these days — holiday gifts — but do you ever wonder what kind of American products are being purchased overseas?

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Australians are snapping up our toasters and steam irons, while kitchenware and sportswear is big with the Japanese.

Swiss shoppers like our bathroom furnishings and in Hong Kong, the big American sellers are apparel and linens.

Deserters Not Impressed With Pardon Plan

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP)—Mike Powers is another face in the Stockholm subway, another pair of galoshes and a wet overcoat shuffling into the Vallingby train and riding home in the 4 p.m. blackness.

Nothing distinguishes him from the other suburban trudgers. Nothing stamps him as an exile, one of the guys who went over the hill in 1968 because he thought the Vietnam War was wrong.

Powers is going bald now and has a bit of a gut. When he speaks English, the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn and a kind of Scandinavian intonation battle for his accent.

In eight years Mike Powers has blended into the gray, white and black tones of Swedish life. He is neither the immigrant who barely remembers the old country nor the home sick expatriate who follows U.S. football on short-wave radio in the middle of the night.

His friends, John Toler of Chico, Calif., and Steve Kinnamon of Indianapolis, are like Powers, deserters or draft resisters who have landed on their feet in Sweden. They feel secure about their situation here, dead right about the Vietnam War, and contempt for the partial pardon President-elect Carter has promised for those who rebelled against it.

About 250 to 300 American deserters and draft resisters are thought to be living in Sweden. The Swedes say they don't now know the exact number because they never differentiate among Americans given residence permits. Thomas Birath of the immigration office says only two have become Swedish citizens.

but Col. William Froot, the U.S. military attache and chief deserter-watcher here for the last three years, said there have been about a dozen.

Most of the exiles are deserters, and for them the planned Carter pardon would mean a review of each case by military authorities. Only the draft evaders would be assured of having the slate wiped clean.

Powers, now 26, is under indictment in New York. He married a science teacher here, took a degree in history at Stockholm University and is now working in the municipal archives.

"The Carter proposal doesn't impress me at all," he said, holding his infant son Hakan on his knee. "It openly discriminates against the poor and the blacks, who are the people who didn't get any draft counseling and had to come to terms with the war after they were incorporated into service. It's too Christ-like. It's Jimmy saying, 'I love you all.' No."

"I'm very proud that I resisted a dirty war. Carter underestimates the solidarity between the draft resisters and deserters. It still seems that the leadership of the country doesn't want to admit it lost the war. We're their bad conscience that won't go away."

Powers' attitude is the official line of the exiles' committee here, but it seems to be an accurate reflection of a group opinion. The U.S. Embassy says it has not had any queries about the Carter proposal and Prout, who processed the return of dozens of deserters, does not foresee many takers.

Catholics To Attend Saint's Canonization

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Roman Catholic educators from Pennsylvania are expected to flock to Rome after their schools close in June for the canonization of America's first male saint, Bishop John Neumann of Philadelphia.

Pope Paul VI announced Monday that Bishop Neumann, a pioneer in the development of Catholic parochial schools in the United States, would be canonized on June 19.

"The final day of all graduation exams is June 17th," John Cardinals Krol, the present archbishop of Philadelphia, explained today. "This will allow time to travel over on the 18th and be there the 19th."

Vatican sources said they expect several thousand Americans to attend the canonization of Bishop Neumann, a 19th century immigrant from what is now Czechoslovakia. He was declared "blessed" one step below sainthood, 13 years ago. Bishop Neumann was born in 1811 and immigrated to the

United States in 1836. He became bishop of Philadelphia in 1852 and is credited with organizing the building of 40 parochial schools and 80 churches in his eight years as bishop.

The Pope accepted as a miracle the recovery of Michael Flanagan of Philadelphia from bone cancer in 1964 after prayers to Bishop Neumann. Normally, the church requires recognition of two miracles before a person can be declared a saint, but Pope Paul has waived the rule frequently and did so last year for Mother Elizabeth Seton, the first American-born Saint.



Hanging by his feet 40 feet above the ground, Harry Houdini was able to free himself from a straitjacket!

What to Do with Turkey Leftovers:

"Turkey AGAIN? Mom, can we go to McDonald's?"

Holiday cooking brings with it the inevitable — holiday leftovers, and kids seem to have less tolerance than the rest of us for the re-eating of birds and trimmings. Unless you are particularly creative in the use of holiday leftovers, subsequent meals can become a drag, and the rest of the family may rebel against you as well. Here are some ideas on how to disguise and adapt your leftovers to make them more palatable:

- Use stuffing to make main dish pie shells by pressing and compacting it against a pie plate. Then fill the shell with leftover turkey and vegetables. You can also use stuffing to stretch hamburger and meat loaf.
- Cranberry sauce makes a great base for meat glaze, fruit salad dressing or ice cream topping. Re-use mashed potatoes for potato yeast bread, muffins or rolls.
- When it comes to the turkey, you can soup it, sandwich it, grind it or salad it. Use white meat for pies, chopped light and dark bits for salads, light

and dark strips for turkey stew.

- Simmer the turkey carcass and you have a broth that makes a great base for other soups. Or just add noodles or rice and seasonings.
- Add leftover turkey to potato salad or Waldorf salad and you can eat it as a main dish, or substitute turkey for beef and serve it as stroganoff or use turkey instead of chicken and eat it a la king.

Make a turkey hash or turkey pizza, grind up turkey and make it into patties or paté, use it in scrapple or curry. The possibilities go on and on . . . !



John Adams lived longer than any other President, according to World Book Encyclopedia. He died just 5 months before his 91st birthday on July 4, 1826, the same date that Thomas Jefferson died.

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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I want a baby alive doll. I have been good.

Love,
Stacie

Dear Santa,
My name is Russell and I am six years old. I want Spiderman, Mr. Spock, The Fonz, Steve Austin, Missile Artillery, play calculator, car trucks, helicopters, and Charlie Brown.

Merry Christmas, Love,
Russell Evers

Dear Santa,
My name is Shannon and I am 10-years-old. I want Barbie Doll pool set, Ratan furniture set, doll feeding-care set, teddy bear, fuzzy-wuzzy bootie socks, match mates, baby-baby, and woodstock.

Merry Christmas Love,
Shannon Evers

Dear Santa,
My name is Richard and I'm 8-years-old. I want ping-pong, magnetic mosaic, scooby doo, swimming snopy, play gas pump, camping set, zowee racing set, 48-car case, and Tonka bulldozer.

Merry Christmas, Love,
Richard Evers

Dear Santa,
My name is Sandy and I am 11-years-old. I want Snoopy, 6 piece knit wardrobe sets, ball n' chain a.m. radio, jumpsuit pajamas, Barbie tent set, Mr. Mouse, pom-pom pets, barbie hair styler, fuzzy-bootie socks, 13-inch quick curl, and baby tender love.

Merry Christmas, Love,
Sandy Evers

Dear Santa,
Carter's sleeper size 8. Levi's, race cars, race trac. Sherts, Space 1999.

Dear Santa,
I'm 7 years old, and I've been a good little girl. If you think that I haven't, don't bring me anything. And if you think I've been good, then bring me a doll house a doll and hope you have a nice Christmas.

Yours truly,
Monica Flaus

Dear Santa,
Derrell and Cody have been good boys this year. We hope you had a good year at the North Pole. We hope you have a few toys for us. We would like two green machines, Evil Knievel Chopper, rifles. That's all we can think of have a Merry Christmas.

Your friends,
Derrell
Cody

Dear Santa,
I am almost 2 years old. For Christmas I want a pick-up and a grader and a dump truck so I can play in the sand.

Love, George Kearns

To Santa Merry Christmas
I want two kick and go's, two bikes, magic chemistry set two rattledn gattedlen shooting galleries two green macheins air hockey set racing Big cars set football super pong bat and baseball slip and slide.

Age 7 and 6 Love Reece and Ross Richardson.

We have tride to be good it's all right if you can't bring us all this stuff. There will be something for you.

Dear Santa,
Here I am, Nikki Lynn Hutson, writing to you for the fourth year in a row. I'm still at 304 Star and I'm now a big 4 1/2 year old.

Guess what? you will be getting a second letter from my address this year because I have a brother that I'm sharing my home and toys with. His name is Chad Guy and I love him.

This year I'd like to have a guitar, the Bionic Woman, a Barbie doll and some things to go with her. I've been a pretty good girl so I don't think I should get rocks in my sock. I help Mom and Dad and take care of Chad and I keep my room cleaned up.

Please remember to read my brother's letter and don't forget my cousins and every other person, big or little. Also, I want to wish Jesus a very Happy Birthday.

Love, Nikki

Dear Santa,
I'm Nikki's brother, Chad Guy Hutson. We share the same address, 304 Star. I'm 7 months old. Please bring me some rattlers to play with. Also, I need a see and say so I can learn about farm animals. I'll be perfectly happy just to get to play with the paper and empty boxes. Next year I'll have more to say when I write to you. Thanks for letting me sit on your lap and have my picture made with you.

Love, Chad

Dear Santa,
My name is Michelle Lance and I'm 1 1/2 years old. Please bring me a baby doll and a Farmers See and Say. I've been a real good girl. Also, I'd like for you to remember to bring my new baby brother a train. This is his first Christmas he was just born Dec. 17th. We named him Shawn Thomas Lance and I love him. We live in the country on Rt. 2. If you get lost just call for us on your CB and my Dad will give you the directions. I'll have my Mom help me fix you a snack.

Love, Michelle and Shawn Lance

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl, and I want a baby that away and a little dollhouse and most of all a piggy bank and I want to wish you a merry Christmas.

Gracie

Dear Santa Claus,
I might get to race at the motorcycle races December 19 and I hope I get to race. I hope I get 1st place in the race. It is going to be fun. I hope I don't get hurt.

Santa this is what I want for Christmas. I want some leather pants, Hawasaki shirt, Motorcross gloves, Motorcycle helmet, Motorcross boots, and a Kawasaki bicycle. Also I would like a watch, a t.v. set, a c.b. radio, a radio, a walkie talkie, a skateboard, and a camera.

Also I would like a typewriter, a pencil sharpener, a real good football, a real cut fuzzy kitten, roller derby skates, a Mr. Kool dispenser, a easy brake oven, a dessert Indian design, a snowcone maker, some shrinky-dinks, a sprigraph, a Jaws game, a recordplayer, and a love ring. Also I would like a baseball glove, a potterycraft kit, a candle making kit, and a glass animal kit.

Your friend,
Cherri Welty

Dear Santa,
I have been waiting for Christmas such a long time. I like Christma so much it is fun because. I get to give presents. For christmas I would like to have a toy poodle dog, Raggy Ann and Andy desk set, a radio, thumbelina, piano, wach and a t.v. set.

I hope we get to go somewhere for Christmas. If we go skiing I will be scared becuse I have never gone.

Love,
Charlene Springer

Dear Santa,
One time my little horse bucked me and I fell. Then my dad told me to get on again. Then I got on again and I fell one more time. For Christmas I want a watch, a t.v. set, c.b. rabio, a rifle, and a football. But most of all I like a camera, a watch, and a rifle.

We are going to stay home and kill a pig to eat. My grandmother and grandfather are going to come and visit us. The best part is when they give out the presents.

Your pal,
Daniel Lucero

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a t.v. set, a c.b. radio, a shot gun, an electric football game, a hockey game and a new professional football.

Monday, December 6 the Hereford youth choir is going to sing for the Rotary Club.

Tuesday December 7 the Hereford youth choir is going to sing fore Kings maner and the loins Christmas party at the bull barn on December 9.

One day when I was at school I hit my knee but I didn't hurt it. Mrs. Hale, the teacher, thought I did.

Your friend,
Mark Lomenick

Dear Santa,
I sure am having a good time in school. I am taking music leasens from Mrs. Cole.

This is what I won't for Christmas. I won't a sleeping bag and a camera. That is all I won't thank you.

We all ready have our Christmas tree up. We have lot's of presents under it. We are going to have my mother's family over for Chrimas. We are going to my grandmothers house and have a nother Chrimas.

Your Pal
Stephany A. Gearn

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good girl this year. I would like a Trampoline and a pig tail Janice doll. We will leave you some cookies and hot chocolate.

Crystal Vines

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a nerf airplane; a train; a McDonald's; and a Fisher - Price Wilderness Patrol. I am trying to be a good boy.

Love,
Phillip Betzen

Dear Santa,
This is for my Mother and husband. Mom wants: a new husband incase John Wayne, James Arnez or Paul Newman is available a ditigal watch, westren boots and clothes: A new Buick, but would settle for one that 1-2 yrs. old. husband wants: a new pick-up, another C-B (he's got 3!) a motorcycle. Raquel Welch (while I'll have to ex-change) new boots, a 903 gun.

Santa HELP! I won't ask for anything - since I'll be working on this list and we to busy to play with any toys I might get!

Dixey

Dear Santa Clause,
I have been a good girl. Will you please bring me a record player. And will you bring me a doll, and playdoh. And a game.

I Love you
Kathy Matthews

Dear Santa,
Something has really happened to me. Tierra Blanca Learning Center D is putting on a play for Christmas and I am Joseph. Our math group hasn't been working so very well even though we're in division.

He is some things I want for Christmas I want mostly a wallet, a Timex watch and a skateboard.

Yours truly,
Shawn Patrick Rickman

Dear Santa Clause,
I have been a good girl. I want a Hush little baby. Baby, coat, Barbie doll. How is Rudolph and the rest of the reindeer?

Love, Tammy Latham

Dear Santa Clause,
Will you bring a doll for me. I been very good. I been helping mother at home. Me and my sister are Good. I Love you Santa Clause.

Crissie Ramirez

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a monster kit. And a Swat Crew with a truck. And Please bring me a Big Jim Doll, and a Greenmachine, and a model airplane.

I Love you,
Heath Bell

Dear Santa Clause,
I have beenagood girl. to my Mom and Dad. Please bring a Baby Alive? for Christmas?

I Love you,
Laura Dawn Barthel

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Will you bring me a doll cradle?

I Love you Santa,
Becky J. Sherman.

Dear Santa Clause,
I have a present for you, under the chrtmastree. I want a doll and a bike and slide

I Love you
Julie Ramirez

Dear Santa,
My Mom's writing this for me since I don't write too good. Please bring me a new grandpaw, pair of boots, some toys for my snozer (Pepper), gloves, ruby ring, Rocky road ice creme, and a siamese kitten. Also lots of toys for other good children. P.S. don't forget to bring batteries for my toys this yr. also I's like a CB for the house P.S.S. Santa you're sexy & I'll leave you cookies & hot choc. by the fire place.

Miriam A. McLain
age 9

Dear Santa,
Please bring me: as I've been a good boy - a tonka toy, truck (dump) H-O-Train set, tools, a horse, a gun, my poodle Tiger and my other dog a new toy & bones. Also bring me a boat, & motorcycle.

Thank you
James Curtis Fritze
Age 8 1/2

Dear Santa,
My name is Jeremy Lomas. I'm two & a half years old. I would like a putt-putt train, and some candy for Christmas. I've been good this year, and helped my mommy and daddy lots. See you Christmas

Love
Jeremy Lomas

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty nice boy. This year I want a Trampoline. I want a camper pickup. Will leave you some cookies and hot chocolate.

Cory Vines

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Softina doll, baby bunkbeds, and a Holly Hobbie bag. I have been a good girl. Please bring snow, too. I love you. Santa. I'll leave cookies and milk out for you.

Sheri Stice
P.S. Merry Christmas, Santa.

Dear Santa,
My sister Sheri is writing this letter because I cannot write yet. Please bring me a baby doll and baby bunkbeds. Bring snow please. I have been a good girl. I love you, Santa.

Sharla Stice
P.S. What do you want for Christmas this year, Santa?

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Hush Lil Baby and a Weebles Tree House and a watch. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Suzy Lassiter

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a BB gun, some BB's and a Flat Head Dart Game. Please bring my cousins Karri, Kelly, Kandi & Robin something too.

Love, Coby Lassiter

Dear Santa,
I want two honey hill dolls and a big wheel and a Big sack of candy. Santa, please bring Tiffany some dog candy.

Love Christie

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Randall and I have a brother named Nathan. We want a pair of walkie-talkies and skateboards for Christmas. We have been pretty good this year.

Merry Christmas!
Randall and Nathan
P.S. You can bring us some surprises if you want to.

Dear Santa,
My mother is writing this letter because I'm only 5 years old.

How are you and Rudolph? Are you ready for Christmas? Did you like to cookies I left last year, or do you want another kind this year?

I've been good, I think, and I sure would like to have a bike and maybe an electric football game, black and white football cleats, and a shark game called "Jaws." O.K. Santa?

Thank you and have a safe trip Christmas eve.

Dear Santa Clause:
I am five years old and I have been good most of the time. My little brother, Shannon has been very good that's because he doesn't know better.

When you come to see me I hope you still have a green machine, tinker toys, a riddler, a tool set, tent and a cowboy suit. Please leave some baby

toys for Shannon.
I love you alot and I will be asleep so you can come.
Merry Christmas to You,
Damon Tanck
P.S. I will be at my Grandmothers house at Flagler, Colorado.

Dear Santa Clause,
My name is Michael Dale Johnson. I am 7 years old. I live at 615 Stanton, Hereford Tex. but I will be at my Grandma and Grandpa Johnson's this year in Dumas. I would like to have a train, a nerf rocket, and flying ace attack carrier. My sister Michelle would like to have a baby doll and a kitty cat. She's 2 years old.

I also have a baby brother, Steven, he's 2 1/2 months old. Please bring him a stuffed animal.

Love Michael

Dear Santa Clau,
Thank you for my Baby-Thaf-A-Way last year. We'll leave you some cookies and hot chocolate.

Please bring my little sister, Sheryl a Ernie and a but for me so they can talk together. Also, we'd like a new baby doll each, please. I'd like a suitcase with clothes and baby things in it.

Thank you,
Annette and Sheryl Thorell

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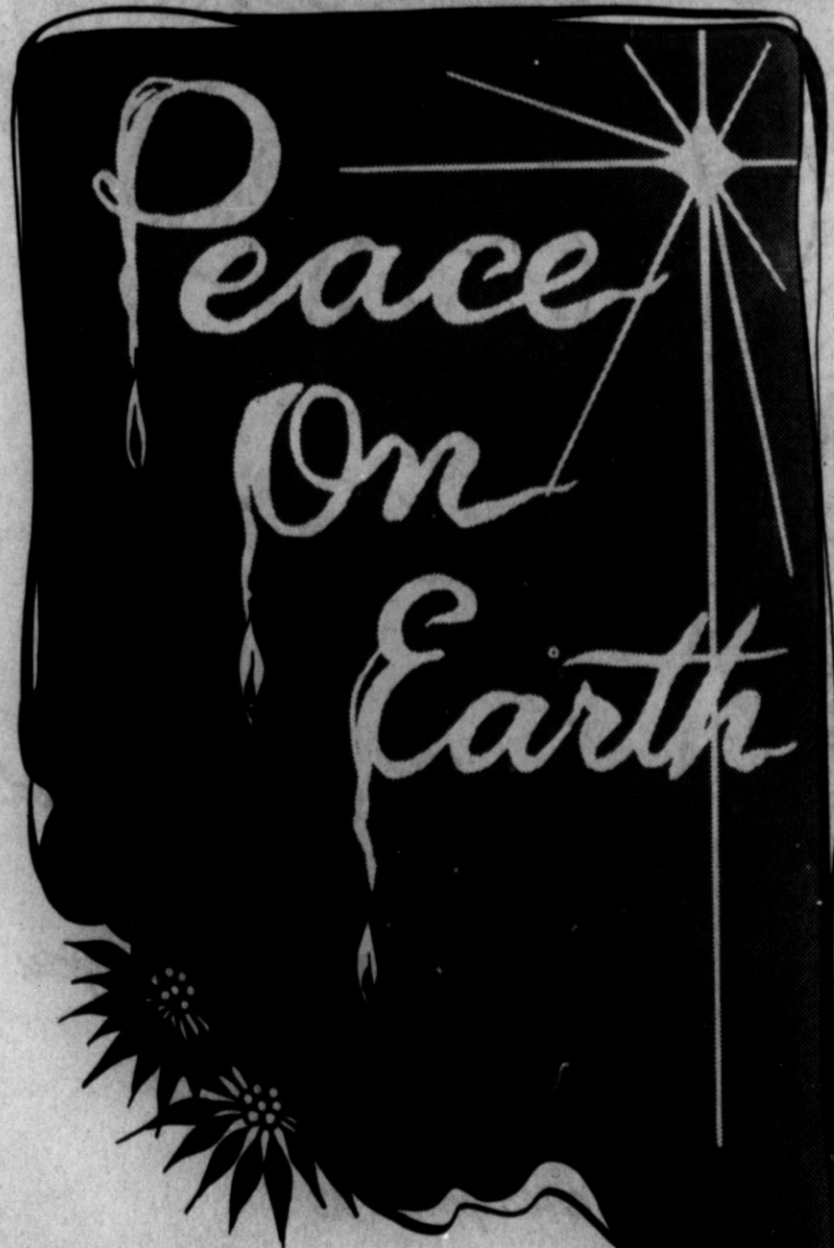
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College Courses Offered As Gifts By University

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. (AP) - Instead of giving Uncle Henry a new tie or a bottle of booze for Christmas, how about giving him a few college courses?

Adelphi University is offering just that, selling "gift certificates for education" in any amount over \$25.

The certificates can be applied toward tuition or other costs in any of 1,500 courses offered by this school in suburban Long Island.

The program was developed by business administration Prof. Gregor Gutman, who was asked by a friend of one of his students how he could make a \$100 gift to further the student's progress.

"We created a certificate just for this purpose," said Gutman. "The student was so pleased at this very practical gift . . . that we asked around informally about making it available to others."

While students may buy certificates for their friends and parents may buy them for their children, Adelphi believes most will go toward adult education.

"Children are encouraging their parents to get a degree," said university spokesman Ron Cannava. "There's a big trend toward this."

Sons and daughters "have been helped through college by

their parents and now want to turn the tables," said Gutman. And "housewifery is not always as in as it used to be," Gutman said. "Women are saying, 'I want to get out of the house.'"

"The gift certificate for a course or even part of a course will encourage a mother or father to begin study for an undergraduate or graduate degree they've always hoped for."

"It could be used, for example, to give adult students the opportunity to sample professional courses which might be valuable in making a career change - or for a husband to make it possible for his wife to take advantage of a great variety of new adult programs in higher education," Gutman said.

Undergraduate courses at the 10,500-student college cost \$98 a credit, with the average course counting for three credits. And "because we were kind of late for Christmas," Cannava said, sales at the university and at 33 Long Island bank branches so far have been slow.

But the school will try next year to offer the certificates "in time for Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day and June graduation," Gutman said.



Personality Plus

The announcement of the Hereford High School Personality King and Queen for the 1976-77 school year was a bit ironic at the Wednesday Koobraey event. It was a brother-sister team of Barry and Cindy Acton. Part of the Christmas theme of the activity which closed out classes for the holiday is shown with the tree in the background.

Pot Plants Are Lasting Yule Gifts

COLLEGE STATION -- Pot plants are popular gifts during the holiday season. And with a little care, these living gifts will retain their beauty for a longer time.

Dr. William C. Welch, landscape horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, advises a cool location for poinsettias, chrysanthemums or azaleas. It is important to keep the plants out of drafts and away from heating sources. "Since Christmas plants

usually come from a greenhouse where they get plenty of water, frequent watering is necessary in the home, usually every other day," advises Welch. "Since overwatering is possible, use a good planting media or a container with a hole in the bottom to allow proper drainage."

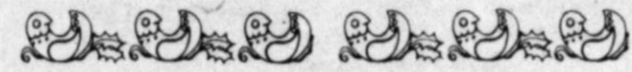
"All new plants need a good light source," says the horticulturist. "The best light is by a window, but artificial light will do. A plant can be damaged

by placing it in direct sunlight or too near a glass window.

Some gift plants can be transplanted for prolonged beauty in the spring, notes Welch. Chrysanthemums are among the best plants for surviving the greenhouse-to-garden shock.

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance.

— Proverbs 12:13



Candles in all sizes and shapes express the beauty of the holiday season. This Christmas, place candles in attractive holders and sconces that you can make yourself.

Bamboo stalks cut into various sizes make lovely candle holders. Cut above and below the joints in sticks of bamboo of different diameters. You may want to paint the holders

or leave them in their natural hues. Use modeling clay to hold candles upright in the bamboo holders. You may want to experiment with an arrangement of bamboo candle holders using candles of different heights and thicknesses.

Use pieces of wood doweling and decorative moldings available at lumber stores to create interesting holiday candle holders. Glue doweling and pieces of wood together until you have the size and shape desired. Drill a hole in the top piece of wood for the candle or use the little metal holders that screw into the wood.



Most Handsome, Beautiful

The Most Beautiful nominees at Hereford High School for the 1976-77 school year are [seated, left to right] Gayle Yosten, Melinda Gonzales and Paula Wiley. The Most Handsome nominees are [standing left to right] Jim Lawson and Baltimore Guerrero. Not pictured is Phil Livers, who was also a Most Handsome nominee. The Most Beautiful and Most Handsome selections will be made later by outside judges and announced then.

Organized Crime Gets Richer Off Decriminalized Offenses

WASHINGTON (AP) - Organized crime may be making larger profits from such "victimless crimes" as prostitution, gambling and pornography because of moves to decriminalize the offenses, a federally funded study says.

In a report released today, the National Advisory Committee on Criminal Justice Standards

and Goals, a government-supported advisory panel, urged states to go slowly in cutting criminal penalties for "victimless crimes."

It said cutting penalties for such offenses seems to increase those crimes and, in turn, channels more money to organized crime.

The report said decriminalization plans usually are based on the idea that removal of stiff penalties from victimless crimes would cut corruption and let police concentrate on more serious offenses.

"Actual experience with legalization in certain areas indicates that these arguments are not realistic," the panel said, contending that legal off-track betting and state lotteries "have not lured gamblers away from illegal bookies and the numbers racket."


"The partial legalization of gambling and pornography not only appears to have increased the levels of those activities, but also may have increased profits for organized crime," the committee said. "As to prostitution, its current connection with organized crime appears to be increasing through ownership of bars and massage parlors where the women work."

The commission concluded that "the issue of revising laws on victimless crimes is one that states should view with considerable caution."

The panel said investigations "indicate that pornography has become organized crime's latest business," producing profits which are pumped into loan-sharking, extortion, consumer fraud and bribery.

In a 288-page report on organized crime, the commission also recommended establishment of special prosecutors, statewide grand juries, witness immunity and protection laws, electronic surveillance and election campaign reform laws.

It urged that prosecutor's offices be removed from politics and that assistant prosecutors be full-time, career government employees. Other suggestions included a nonpartisan selection plan for judges. The report said organized mobsters have moved into a variety of legitimate businesses, including freight companies and airlines, which it said are used as fronts for smuggling of drugs, weapons, jewelry, cigarettes and alcohol.




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Marshall Won't Do Much About Right-To-Work

AUSTIN (AP) - Although he opposes "right-to-work" laws and supports common-situs picketing, Labor Secretary-designate Ray Marshall says, "I don't intend to do a whole lot about them."

"Unemployment and productivity are so much more important," he told a news conference Wednesday.

"The reason I'm opposed to it 'right-to-work' is very simple," he said.

The Taft-Hartley Act outlaws union shops but permits states to either allow or ban dues shops, and a dues shop can exist only if the majority of the workers in a shop elect a union bargaining agent and only if the employer agrees, he said.

"It seems to me that's a good compromise" between a union shop and a completely open market, he said.

"Once a union wins as bargaining agent, that union is required by law to represent all the workers of that unit, whether they belong to the union or not. Now that could be very expensive. Like many things in collective bargaining, the dues shop is a compromise," he said.

He qualified his response again: "But it's not a thing I'd like to spend a lot of time with."

Marshall said he still hopes unemployment can be reduced by 1 1/2 per cent in the first year. "I think we can do 1 1/2 with no problem, but once we get in there ... it's looking harder every day," he chuckled.

Asked if universities should put more emphasis on vocational-type training, he said, "If you mean teaching people to do things, yes," he said.

There is a prejudice at the university level against manual labor, he said. Manual labor is relegated "to second-class status whenever academics get control of it at the university. I think that's bad ... I can get you a Ph.D faster than you can get an International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers apprenticeship," he said.

There is a "false dichotomy" between the words educational and vocational, he said.

"What we do is busily train everybody for the next level of education," he said.

In answer to a question, Marshall said Democratic office holders in Texas did not know him but that when Jimmy Carter's people asked them about Marshall and they checked up on him, "they recommended me."

"I'm not a politician," he said.

Massive defense spending on such things as the B1 bomber is not required to reduce unemployment, he said. "I think that would be a libel on mankind," he said.

The problem of illegal aliens taking jobs away from United States citizens is "very serious" and must be dealt with at the same time the over-all problem of unemployment is handled, he said.



Koobraey Picks

Selected Most Intellectual at Hereford High School Koobraey event Wednesday are Jeannie Hair, sitting left, and Phillip Zinser, standing left. Most Versatile selections were Suzanne Duvall and Jerry Koenig on the right.

Good Buddies Won't Need \$4 For New CB Radio Licenses

WASHINGTON (AP) - Hang on to that \$4, good buddy. You can get your CB radio license without it.

The Federal Communications Commission doesn't want it, even if the instructions with your new Christmas CB radio say to send it in for your citizens' band radio license. Those instructions are out of date.

The commission announced Wednesday that it had voted 7 to 0 to suspend all of its fee collections, including those from CB radio operators.

The suspension will give the FCC time to consider the impact of a U.S. Court of Appeals decision last week that said the FCC collects too much money in fees. The court said the FCC has to demonstrate that each fee it collects is directly related to the cost of preparing the license.

FCC officials said the suspension does not affect the need for CB fans and other broadcasters to get licenses before they go on the air. They just won't have to pay for them.

And there is a chance they may never have to pay for them

since many congressmen had been urging the FCC to do away with CB license fees before the court ruling.

Thomas P. Campbell, Manager of the FCC's Finance Division, said no decision has been made on the question of refunds for those who have paid for their licenses. The court did not order refunds, but conceivably a license holder could sue to recover his money.

Campbell said the FCC will have to consider the legal and administrative problems involved in deciding if the FCC should continue collecting fees. He added that a large volume of

inquiries from people seeking small refunds would not help expedite the decision.

The major individual financial beneficiaries of the decision will be commercial broadcasters, who were the plaintiffs in the suit that overturned the commission's fee system.

The FCC estimates that of the \$34.4 million in fees it collected last year from all the communications licenses it monitors, \$6.2 million came from commercial broadcasters. The rest comes from other users, like CB enthusiasts and telephone companies.

Walnut Holiday Wreath

You'll need about 2 lbs. in-the-shell walnuts, candy, plastic wrap, #28 wire, ribbon, wire coat hanger.

Cut wrap squares 2" larger than walnuts and candies. Wrap, fasten with a twist of wire. Cut, leaving 6" wire stem. Dip in boiling water—keeping wire above water. Wrap stems of candies with florist tape.

To form wreath: Cut coat hanger to desired length. Fasten ends to make circle. Flatten with pliers. Fasten 20" length of wire around base of one of wrapped walnuts. Attach where coat hanger is joined and proceed around circle, wiring in walnuts and candies to form a solid wreath. Fasten walnuts in close and let candy clusters stand out.

Belfast Christmas Shows War Signs

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) - A smiling Santa Claus waves his mechanical arms at shoppers.

Standing before a holiday-decorated window, a British soldier wearing a bulletproof vest over his camouflage fatigues cradles a loaded rifle in his arms.

A woman soldier frisks a smartly dressed young lady. This is Northern Ireland's capital at Christmastime.

A ring of steel, like the bars on a prison compound, encompasses more than a square mile of Belfast's main shopping district, restricting automobiles. Shoppers carry their parcels in their arms. Should they set them down, they might be confiscated as suspected bombs.

Lined up by the hundreds at each of several steel gates, grim-faced last-minute shop-

pers wait to be searched by Irish police and British soldiers before entering the business area.

"Today I've been stopped and searched at least six times," says an old woman accompanied by her granddaughter.

Once inside the steel cordon, shoppers walk through electronic devices before they gain entrance to most of the department stores, novelty and clothing shops, and restaurants.

Attack dogs, restrained by soldiers, patrol the streets as Santa Claus comes by in his horse-drawn sleigh, shouting "Happy Christmas." Trailing close behind is an army jeep with four rifles pointing in all directions.

The steel barricade that surrounds the shopping area was completed last June to discourage bombing and shoot-

ing where crowds gather. Nearly 300 deaths have been reported this year in the Catholic-Protestant struggle, bringing the toll for more than seven years of civil war close to 1,700.

"About the only Christmas present you can expect around here is a bullet or a bomb. After all, this is Belfast, you know," says a boyish-faced, gun-toting soldier.

ATHLETIC BROTHERS LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) - Wyoming's star defensive end, Francis Chesley, comes from a highly competitive Washington, D.C., family. He is one of 10 children. His six brothers are regarded as fine athletes.

One (Walter Chesley) played basketball at Boston U. Another (Al) plays linebacker at Pittsburgh. "Watch out for my younger brothers," says Francis Chesley. "They have more trophies than all their older brothers combined."

For Those Inevitable Hard-to-Wrap Gifts

In every group of presents, there's always at least one item of such an irregular shape that it's impossible to wrap it neatly. For these problem gifts, try making a paper sack from bright red paper, using a plain grocery bag as your pattern. Apply a design cut out from left-over gift wrapping paper for colorful decoration.

Here's another tip for yet another holiday headache: trying to wrap that gift bottle.

A clever way to handle this problem is by turning your gift into a clown with bright, gummed-back paper. Draw the clown's face on the neck of the bottle and tie it with a big bow. Make paper into a cone shape for the clown's hat, finishing it off with ball fringe. The fringe can also serve as his nose and for the buttons on his "suit".

A bachelor tax of one dollar was levied on every unmarried, free, white male between 21 and 50 by Missouri Territory in 1820.



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Recreating Pioneer Christmas

Lois Gilliland at Deaf Smith County Historical Museum decorates a spindly tree that was probably much like those had by pioneers at Christmastime. The museum display was adorned with glass trinkets, candy canes, popcorn balls, and garlands of cranberries and strung popcorn. [Photo By Phyl Smith.]



Drug Traffic Problem For Yugoslavia

By IVAN STEFANOVIĆ
BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Yugoslav officials are concerned about a sharp increase in the flow of drug traffic this year.

In the first eight months of 1976, customs officials seized over 3,200 pounds of opium-based drugs valued at \$2.4 million. In the previous five years, the total was about 4,700 pounds.

The drug trail through Yugoslavia comes from the Orient through Bulgaria and leaves at one of the Austrian border checkpoints on the way to central and western Europe. Yugoslav officials say most of the smugglers are Turks, but also Lebanese, Pakistani, Jordanian, German and British passport holders.

Interpol and United Nations agencies are among the international bodies which help Yugoslav officials keep track of the drug traffic.

"Judging by the way the drug is transported and 'explanations' offered by the smugglers, our suspicions are confirmed that organized networks of smugglers are involved," says Vido Popadic, a counselor in the federal customs office in Belgrade.

"The fact that usually poor people are driving expensive limousines and carrying vast quantities of the costly drugs rules out the possibility that it is a one-man affair," he said.

Boris Borisov, the shirt-sleeved young mayor of Dimitrovgrad, says having the Gradiņa border checkpoint in his jurisdiction has created enormous problems for the community to house all those jailed.

The first British woman MP was Lady Astor, elected to Parliament in 1919. She remained an MP until 1945. She was American-born Nancy Witcher Langhorne from Virginia who moved to England after her marriage.

Christmas Maybe Last Hurrah For America's Bicentennial

WASHINGTON CROSSING, Pa. (AP) — America's Bicentennial is running out. Its last hurrah may come Christmas Day when a band of long-johned compatriots re-enact George Washington's crossing of the Delaware 200 years ago.

Some 15,000 persons are expected to watch.

George Washington will be played by St. John Terrell, a onetime theater producer from Lambertville, N.J.

For the first time, there will be two crossings in the four replica Durham boats to accommodate the overflow of history buffs in this Bicentennial year.

If the wind is right, the 1,000 loyal souls who will re-enact the crossing here will shiver a bit. But they'll leave no bloody footprints in the snow.

Those and other horrors of this country's first war unfolded in 1776 at the camp beneath Bowman's Hill, during a time when lice were a soldier's solace, for if he felt them move he knew he was still alive.

Here is how it was on that blustery night of Dec. 25, 1776:

George Washington's troops stare at the ice chunks bobbing in the Delaware River.

Watchword for the attempted crossing is "Victory or Death," a chancy battle cry for a man dogged by defeat. The battles of Long Island, Fort Mifflin, Fort Mifflin, Fort Mifflin are still fresh thoughts, 5,000 Americans lost in the past three months.

The pudgy general, who as a major in the French and Indian War once attempted to cross another ice-choked river, the Allegheny, and fell in, prays.

Pneumonia and dysentery are rampant. Desertions increase, sunshine patriots shucking ideals for a roof. Vermin scurry over the quivering bodies of the remaining 2,388 men, some little more than boys defying a king.

In England it is believed the war is over. The rest of Europe gives America little chance of victory.

It seems preposterous that this pitiful band of revolutionists can mount any sort of offensive against the mighty Redcoats

and Hessian mercenaries who chased them across New Jersey.

Washington, banking on the unexpectedness of his strategy, completes plans to attack Trenton.

Washington instructs his officers to display white pieces of paper in their tricorns to distinguish them in the darkness. Wild-eyed horses, spooked by the wind, are coaxed onto barges along with 18 field pieces. The soldiers board Durham boats, used to ferry ore from Easton to Bristol.

The snow turns to sleet. Fishermen from Marblehead, Mass., man the 18-foot oars, heaving and hefting the 50-foot black Durham hulls across the 1,000 feet of ice-clogged water.

In Trenton, Col. Johann Rall is asleep, numbed by Christmas cheer. Crumpled in his jacket pocket is a note from a Pennsylvania farmer telling of Washington's advancing army.

The colonel, intent on his luck at cards when the note was delivered, will read it after his surrender.

Legislators Knew Of False Testimony By ITT Official

WASHINGTON (AP) — The CIA knew that an executive of International Telephone & Telegraph Co. would give false testimony about his relationships with the spy agency when he was called before a Senate sub-committee investigating U.S. actions in Chile.

The ITT executive, Harold V. Hendrix, is cooperating with a federal grand jury that is probing a possible conspiracy involving CIA and ITT officials. The jury is investigating allegations of fraud and perjury arising from the officials' testimony about U.S. activities in Chile, it was learned.

Targets of the grand jury investigation are known to be former CIA Director Richard Helms and ITT chairman Harold Geneen.

Hendrix already has pleaded to a misdemeanor charge and received a suspended sentence for withholding information about his covert relationship with the CIA from the Senate subcommittee on multinational corporations.

A Justice Department lawyer told a federal court in Miami last month that Hendrix, former director of public relations for ITT in Latin America, informed the CIA in 1972 of "his intention to withhold from the committee the fact that he had been in contact with the CIA."

The attorney, Walter W. May, added that Hendrix "did indeed withhold the

fact" when questioned under oath by the Senate subcommittee, which investigated efforts by the CIA and ITT in 1970 to block election of Marxist Salvador Allende as Chile's president.

Lawrence Houston, who was general counsel of the CIA at the time, acknowledged in a telephone interview that the agency knew in advance of Hendrix's intention to testify falsely. "I thought we advised him from our point of view that there was no reason he couldn't say he had had a relationship with us," Houston said.

Asked why the CIA did not inform the subcommittee that Hendrix had in fact lied, Houston said the panel had been given documents that proved the inaccuracy of Hendrix's statements.

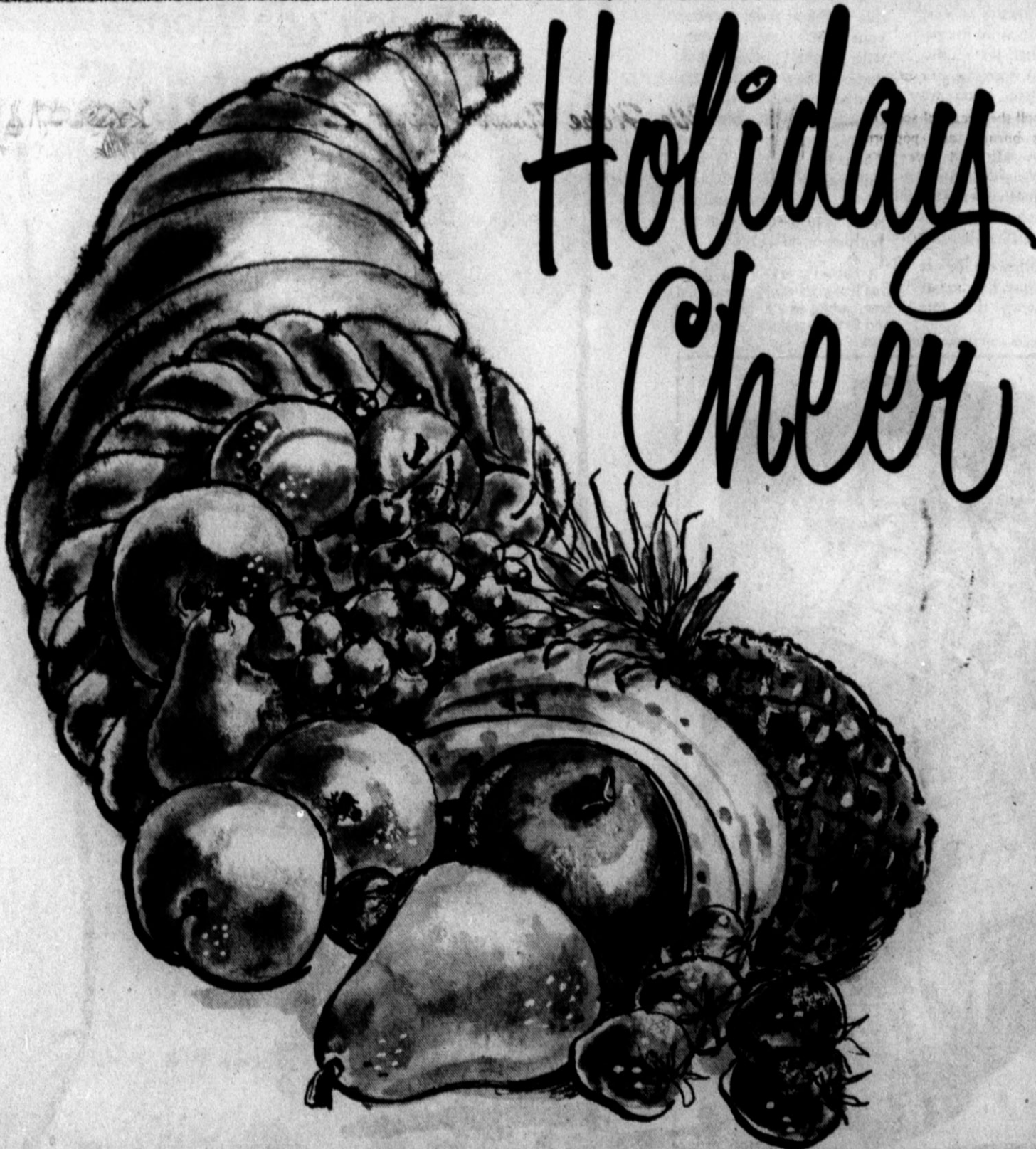
However, Jerome Levinson, chief counsel for the subcommittee, insisted that the CIA had not given any indication, either on or off the record, of its relationship with Hendrix.

May made his remarks Nov. 30 in the U.S. District Court for Southern Florida where Hendrix pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor charge of withholding information from Congress. The transcript of the proceedings makes clear that Hendrix was allowed to plead guilty to the misdemeanor charge and received a suspended sentence in return for his cooperation in the Justice Department's probe of possible perjury committed by CIA and ITT officials before the Senate panel.

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Christmas Meaning Varies Among Students

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The following stories were especially prepared for this Christmas issue of The Hereford Brand. Stanton Junior High School students were directed to write poems or stories in response to "What Christmas Means To Me?"]

out. When I got to the bathroom I sat down. Mis Petter helped me when I was sick. When they fished sing we went back to school. Santa, all I want this year is a baby that a way.

Love
Karen Dyeick

Dear Santa,

I would like to tell you about something that is coming up. The Hereford youth choir is going to sing December sixth seventh and ninth. We are going to sing "The Children of Bethlehem."

For Christmas I would like a watch, a t.v. set, a c.b. radio and a baby sister. Also I would like a football field, a kicking tee and some racing cars. If you can't get it all just forget it.

For Christmas I am going to stay home and invite my relatives. We are going to exchange presents. It will be very fun.

Your friend,
Clay Stribling

Dear Santa,

I like Christmas and you. I won't be there when you come to my house because I'm going to be at Nebraska. I'm going to have fun with my cousins. I want a Thumbalina doll for Christmas. I want from my parents a watch, a bike, and a ring. From my grandmother I want a doll, a cat and a dog.

My uncle cut his finger trying to safe a mans life. My school is going to sing for the children and the parents. My class is putting on a play for Christmas.

Your friend,
Kerri Dobbs

Dear Santa,

My friend is going to a party his name is Jason. Our Center LCD is putting a play the name of it is No Room at the Inn.

I want a motorcycle a horse, what I would like very much is a t.v. I need two race cars for my race car set.

For Christmas all of our relatives are coming down.

Your friend,
Chad Stephan

Dear Santa,

We are making a play for Christmas. We wish you could come. The Play sounds good and is good and I am in it some of my friends are in it too.

Santa, I want lots of things for Christmas I wish I could tell you what they all are. I am going to tell you just some. I want a bike, a ring, a typewriter, and a watch. That's all I want for Christmas.

Santa if you see me being bad you better give a bad whipon I don't care if I cry you don't either do you?

Your friend,
Nancy

Dear Santa,

I went to Pennys to go and see you but I new it was not you it was a man and he didn't look like you because he didn't have boots like you he had shoes. In P.E. we played Hockey. I want a music box, a watch, and a t.v. set, and a piano and a ring. Today we have a Christmas tree in our school building. I wish you come to the school building. I'm at Tierra Blanca.

Love,
Thelma Castillo

Dear Santa,

I have been waiting for Christmas such a long time. I like christmas so much it is fun because I get to give presents. For christmas I would like to have a toy poodle, Raggedy Ann desk set, a radio, thumbelina, piano, watch and a tv set.

I hope we get to go some were for Christmas if we go skiing I will be a little scard because I have never been skiing before.

Your pal,
Charleine Springer

Dear Santa,

I have had a fun time this week. Today I went to Arrowheadmils. Last Monday I sang at the Rotary Club but I didn't sing a loan. I got sick before we fished so slowly walked

Socorro- Stella will make us a good lunch. Then we sit down and watch the Dallas Cowboys game. After the game is over we go over to my aunts house and all my family will go eat over there. And then we will come back around 9:00 and we will go to bed and wait till another Christmas.

Alex Valdez
7th grade

Once there was a little girl named Jackie. She was ten years old. She was very pretty. She always wanted to join choir. It was twelve days before Christmas. All the kids were telling her to join choir. So she went up there the next day but the only reason they didn't let her join was because she didn't know how to sing. So she went home and cried. They heard what had happened so it was Christmas eve and they were going to people's doors singing. They went to her door and asked to be forgiven and asked her to sing with them and she did. They sang In The Manager.

Joyce Brown
7th grade

I say Christmas is the most beautiful day of the year. Christmas is a day when you peek at presents. It's day of fun and play. I can't wait till Christmas is here.

I like to say Santa Clause came last night. I wish Christmas would never pass away. I tell my little neighbor there goes Santa Clause on his sled. And when she looks, oh, he's gone.

I also like Christmas because on TV they show good Christmas stories like Frostie the Snow Man, and Charlie Brown, The Towns that Forgot Christmas, and lots more.

Armando Alaniz
7th grade

Christmas is a very happy holiday. All the little kids like the presents and toys they get. But Christmas is more than just getting presents. It was the day that Mary and Joseph had their new born baby. His name was Jesus. This is one reason why I think that Christmas is so important. Christmas is also very joyful. All your family gets together and celebrates the holiday. Christmas is very much fun for alot of reasons, but the most important reason is that was the day that Christ was

born. This short story expresses my feelings about Christmas and what it means to me.

Tammy Rhodes
7th grade

Christmas at my house is fun for everyone, it's fun to catch your father shaking his presents.

At Christmas my family does the same traditional things every year, but every year it is just as exciting and fun.

Every family does different things at Christmas but to every family it's something very special.

There is one thing we should never forget-Christmas is for Christ, not only for ourselves.

Jill Pickens
7th grade

Christmas is a very enjoyable time of a year. You get presents and other little goodies. You get to go to your grandparents' and cousins' house. But is that really what Christmas is all about? Not to me, it isn't, and I hope it isn't to you. Christmas is the day Mary and Joseph had their new born baby son. They named him Jesus. And when you celebrate don't just think of it as a presents, and goodies, think of it as the day Jesus was born.

Laurie O'Rand
7th grade

Christmas is having a fun time. It is happiness and joy. Christmas is for family get-togethers. But most of all, Christmas is to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We celebrate Christmas with presents because the three kings brought presents to the baby Jesus.

Tammy Northcutt
7th grade

Christmas only comes once a year, so my family spends it the happiest way we know how. That's what Mom and Dad want. My little brother waits for Santa Claus. We all sit down and smell the beautiful scent of candles burning and popcorn popping. My Dad says "It's 12:00 o'clock. Merry Christmas everybody." Then Dad says to Mom that he needs to go to the store for some cokes. He leaves, but comes right back in and says, "Look what I found outside!! Here's a bunch of toys and other things, with a Santa Claus letter saying he can't stay, but he wishes all a Merry

Christmas and a Happy New Year's."

David Gonzales
8th grade

Christmas is joy and happiness to all. It brings presents and colors to the world with a touch of green, blue, and red.

Christmas is more to little children. They know that Santa's on his way with toys so they can play.

Christmas is hustle and bustle of the city with its decoration and preparation for Santa.

Christmas is having fun with your family.

Garry Parman
8th grade

Christmas is the thought of giving something, not seeing how much you spend on a gift. Christmas is being with your family. Most of all, Christmas is Christ's birthday.

Janet Riley
7th grade

Christmas is a time for fun and pleasure with people coming to our house. At Christmas we go to bed early, so the time will seem to pass more quickly. Then on Christmas morning, after we wake up, we go downstairs and open our gifts. Then the fun begins!

Mike Burnam
7th grade

Christmas is a time in which we should be thankful that Jesus Christ was born. We should love, honor, and serve our Lord. He loves us. Christmas is not only a time to receive but to give. On Christmas we open our presents at midnight, because it is my father's birthday. We give to our friends, and to our Lord we give "Thanks". We give Jesus thanks for bringing us into the world and for the many things he gives to us.

Rebecca Martinez
8th grade

Christmas means putting up

trees, hanging stockings, wrapping presents, opening them, eating candy canes, going to church, taking pictures, singing songs, saying prayers, building snowmen, and most of all-thinking of Jesus.

Michael Fraser
8th grade

Every Christmas my family goes to my grandparents' house. There the ladies are busy on Christmas Eve fixing the big turkey dinner. While the men play dominoes, the children keep asking if they can open just one present, but, as usual, they have to wait until after dinner. After the dishes have been washed and put away, the five grandchildren hand out presents. Then we thank everyone for our gifts and go to bed to wait for Santa.

The children get up early the next morning to see what Santa has brought. Then my sister and I go to our aunt's house to see what our cousins received. After all of this, everyone goes back into the usual routine.

Deanna Pool
8th grade.

Christmas is making cookies, popcorn balls, cakes and pies. On Christmas Eve night we get to open one gift. I always choose my biggest one! The next day we open the rest of our gifts, eat a big dinner, and have lots of fun.

Joyce High
7th grade

On Christmas Eve we sit around the tree and sing Christmas carols. While my family is making tamales, we sing songs and record them. As we decorate the tree we sing and play the guitar. On Christmas day we open our gifts. This is my favorite time next to my birthday.

Susan Mendez
8th grade

Christmas— what does it mean? To many people it means many things. To me it means a time to share... your feelings and your gifts with those you love.

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Duane McNaney
7th grade

One night deep in the woods sat old Ben Franklin, eating his stew. When all of a sudden he looked out the window. In the air, he sees old Saint Nick, up on

the house-top. Awaiting him there is his eight tiny reindeer.

What a surprise-- it's really Old Saint Nick. He came down the chimney, all covered with snow. He said "Hello", then dashed to the children's room, filled their stockings, then said, "Good-by" and off he went.

The next morning was Christmas, and all through the house the children played with their toys and all.

"What a mystery," the people say. "Did Old Ben Franklin really see Old Saint Nick?"

Johnny Gonzales
7th grade

TWAS THE NIGHT....

Twass the night before Christmas
When all the world awaked,
They went into the kitchen
And started sipping shakes.

The stocking were hung
By the Chimney with care,
In hopes that Saint Nicholas
Would warm his feet there.

Then out on the lawn
There arose such a clatter,
We went to the window
To see what was the matter.

Away to the window
We flew like a flash
Tore open the shutters,
And I made a dash.

He said not a word
But went straight to his work,
And after warming his feet--
He turned with a jerk.

But I heard him exclaim
As he drove out of sight,
"Merry Christmas to all,
And my feet are all right."
Sherald Roddy
8th grade

THE BUSY DAY

The elves made toys
For good girls and boys.
As they hummed a happy tune
They knew Christmas was coming soon.

Mrs. Claus worked hard on candy canes.

While Santa was combing a stuffed lion's mane.
As were busy getting ready for the day
When Santa would pack and leave with his sleigh.

Busy as beavers they worked all night,
The reindeers were fed and ready for flight.
Bong, bong went the clock and they knew it was time
For Santa to leave and give all a time fine.
Debra Pool
7th grade

**Soldiers Manning
Radar Station Have
Remote Christmas**

Decorating Ideas:

Here are a few Christmas decorating ideas guaranteed to keep children and adults blissfully busy on a dull winter afternoon:

(1) Paint the inside of bottle caps and glue them on to a styrofoam Christmas tree. Use a different color for each row.

(2) Dip differently colored pieces of yarn in glue and wind them around foam balls for attractive tree ornaments.

(3) Decorate a foam candle holder with different types of hard candies and licorice. Finish the project with a coat of clear varnish to prevent the candies from falling off or from being removed by hungry candy addicts.



GALENA, Alaska (AP) - Christmas could feel like 100 degrees below zero for American soldiers assigned to "the most remote bloody post in the world."

"They only way out is by plane," said M. Sgt. Jesse "Boom Boom" Campbell, a 44-year-old demolitions specialist from Las Vegas, Nev., one of the soldiers staffing America's radar defense line.

"I wish that I didn't have to spend Christmas at Indian Mountain, but I've got a lot of good friends which will make it easier," said Airman I.C. Paul Klozinski, 20, of Santa Barbara, Calif.

"Most places you can go off the base when you get tired of the people you work with," said a staff sergeant at this site 100 miles south of the Arctic Circle. "Here, if you can't get along with people, you've had it."

About 350 military personnel work at Galena, a Yukon River site 400 miles northwest of Anchorage, and 85 more staff the radar stations - including

Indian Mountain - which alert Galena's F4 interceptors to unidentified aircraft.

One of the F4s suffered minor damage upon landing a couple of months ago after making an intercept of a Soviet jet over St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea.

Galena, the closest U.S. airbase to Russia, was used by the Soviet Union under the World War II lend-lease program as a regu'ing base in the transfer of American planes to Siberia.

Galena is next door to a village of about 250 residents. But Indian Mountain, 106 miles to the northeast, is all by itself. A bear wandered into the cafeteria last spring. There are no women and no neighboring communities, and winds regularly bring the chill factor to 100 degrees below zero.

New York has been the birthplace of more president's wives (7) than any other state, followed by Ohio (6) and Virginia (5).

Christmas Promotes Unity

COLEGE STATION -- Christmas means different things to different people, but to everyone, it presents a unique opportunity for families to be together--sharing and participating in the fun and excitement of the season. Christmas is also an excellent time to strengthen family unity. Ilene Miller, a family life education specialist, says.

"Family unity develops and grows through open, honest expression of affection between husband and wife, parent and child, and brothers and sisters. It includes a feeling of oneness which comes through understanding each other and being sensitive to the needs of family members. Holding similar values and goals, having emotional interdependence and being a cooperative, responsible family member help to form the 'ties that bind.'"

Mrs. Miller is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University

System.

Simple daily experiences promote feelings of family unity over the years. Parents do much to facilitate a feeling of warmth and closeness between family members in many little ways. The Christmas season offers special opportunities to promote family unity. This specialist suggested some ideas for building family unity.

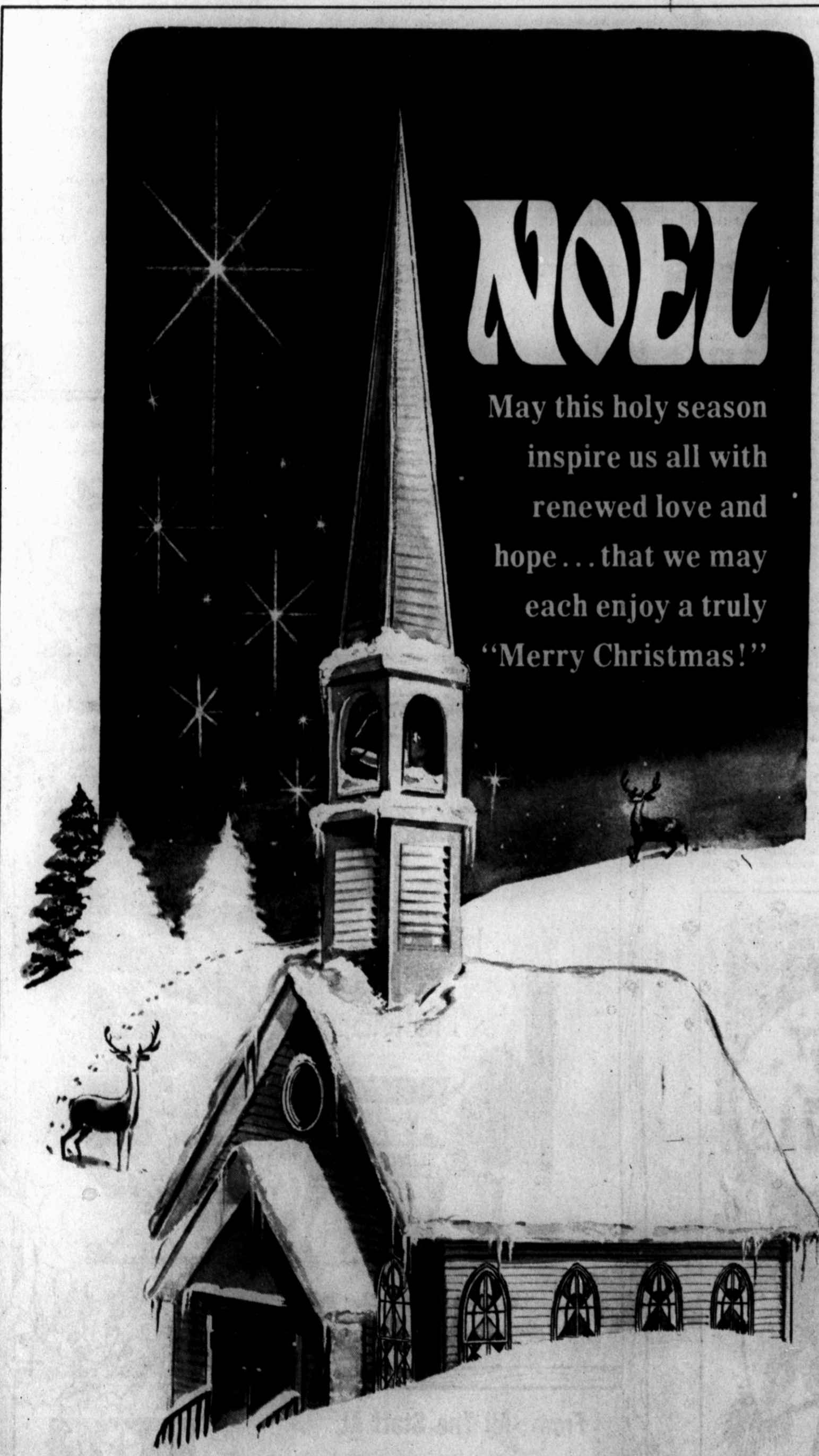
"Make family experiences out of as many holiday activities as you can, such as decorating the house and tree, attending and participating in community or religious programs, sending Christmas cards and preparing holiday foods. Youngsters especially enjoy and benefit from some responsibility for holiday activities.

"Making gifts or shopping with parents for gifts for friends and relatives teaches the meaning of sharing and giving. Making cookies, candy, cakes,

pies or helping decorate the house and christmas tree with parents teaches children the meaning of cooperation. There is pride of accomplishment when a child's helpful efforts are recognized and acknowledged."

She added that Christmas is truly a special time for families. You and your family probably enjoy certain customs which make the holiday season meaningful for you. Hanging stockings, exchanging and opening gifts, eating certain holiday foods, and many more activities provide opportunities to be together and share the happiness and excitement of the season.

"It does not matter how you celebrate the holiday or in which activities you and your family choose to participate. The important thing is that your family is drawn closer together as a result of the experiences you do share," she said.



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**THE NIGHT BEFORE
CHRISTMAS
LA NOCHE ANTES
DE NAVIDAD**

*It was the night before Christmas
And all through the Casa
Not a creature was stirring. Caramba! ¿ Que Pasa?
The ninos are snuggled all safe in their camas
Some in camisas and some in pillamas.
The stockings re a hanging con mucho cuidado
In hopes that Saint Nicolas will feel obligado
To leave a few things A qui and alli
Something for Chico and Chica and something
por mi.
Santa is down at the corner Saloon
Muy borracho since mid-afternoon
Mama lo espera by la Ventana
With a rolling pin para Manana
When Santa will come--alegre Cantando y
Mama lo manda to bed with a right*

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Poems Describe The Meaning Of Holidays

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following poems were written by Stanton Junior High School students as part of their observance of the Christmas Holiday. They are directed at the holiday's special meaning to the authors.

TWAS IT ME?

Twas it me
Peeping around the Christmas tree
To see what I could see?
And to my surprise,
I saw two eyes,
As green as they could be.
Santa Claus!
He took a pause
And looked right straight at me,
I said, "Oh, my, I think I'll cry",
But we sat down and ate some pie.
Donna McKay
7th grade

CHRISTMAS AT MY HOUSE

Loads and loads of Christmas cheer
Come to me this time of year,
I love to see the great new toys.
That are parcelled out to girls and boys.
It's a time at our house when we join to share,
And show how much we really care.
I thank the dear, sweet Lord above
That our Christmases are filled with love.
Robin Betzen
8th grade

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a time of year
You get Christmas cards from far and near
From uncles and aunts
Hoping that there will be a chance
For everyone to get excited.
When all the families are reunited,
When all the gifts are open
And we are always hopin'

And everyone is dressed up nice.
We go to church to worship Christ
All of this is exciting to me,
For putting up the Christmas tree
To ringing in the brand new year,
Having memories from the past year
And making all my resolutions.
Christina Valdez
8th grade

THE DAY JESUS WAS BORN

The day Jesus was born
He lay in a manger of hay.
The day that Jesus was born
The people began to pray.
The day that Jesus was born
To Bethlehem went three wise men.
The day that Jesus was born
They knelt to worship Him then.
The day that Jesus was born
Is the day of all His good.
The day that Jesus was born
Is the time to show love for all brotherhood.
Jerry Carr
8th grade

CHRISTMAS

Santa's at home packing his sleigh
Getting ready for the big day.
He says he's doing what he enjoys
Giving out toys to girls and boys.

Rudolph and all are ready to go
It's very important they not be slow.
They soon vanished into the night,
The feedyards of Hereford soon were in sight.

Soon he was finished, I saw him speed by,
The sleigh and the deer climbed high in the sky.
In a matter of seconds he was out of sight,
With "A Merry Christmas to All and To All A Good Night".
Carol Smalts
7th grade

"WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?"

"What is Christmas?"
asked a little boy.
"Is it music, is it a person,
or a toy?"

"No," said his mother,
"Christmas is a time when all is
right and full of joy."

"But most of all, Christmas is Jesus' Birthday."
"When Jesus was born, kings and shepherds
came to see him from far away."

"Well, did Jesus send Santa to send us gifts?"
asked the little boy who was almost asleep.

"Yes, son, Jesus sent Santa to send us gifts

and also to make everyone happy."

"Now do you understand what Christmas is?"
"Yes, Mommy, I understand," said the little boy.

And the little boy knelt down and prayed,
"Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep,
If Santa should come when I'm asleep,
I pray the Lord that he'll bring me a
G.I. JOE, a car, and a jeep."
Jessie Pesina
7th grade

WHAT CHRISTMAS IS AN WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

Christmas is Faith
Christmas is Love
Christmas-- a gift
Sent from Heaven above.
Mary shall bring forth a Son
and you shall call His name Jesus.
Mary gave birth to a son, her first born.
She wrapped him in swaddling clothes,
and laid Him in a manger because there was no room for
them at the inn.
When Jesus was born, three kings brought Him gifts.
The gifts were: gold, frankincense and myrrh.
Everyone adored Jesus very much.
Christmas is a time of the year
when people celebrate the birth of Jesus.
Christmas is not the joy of opening up presents
or exchanging them.
It is a time when we think of the birth of Jesus.
Lori Albract
7th grade

CHRISTMAS IN THE WOODS

In the woods
Not far from town,
Stands a little house
On the snowy ground.

The house is all lighted
With a big tree
And many small
Packages lay beneath

The fireplace is blazing
With all the stockings
Hanging in just the right place
Full of toys and goodies
For all the boys and girls
Who have been good this year.
David Fielder
7th Grade

CHRISTMAS

Christmas lights blinking,
Everyone thinking,

Streetscars rushing,
Wrapping paper crushing,

Songs being sung,
Stockings being hung,

That's the time of year,
When Christmas is here.
Jeff Conger
8th grade

CHRISTMAS

The snow is slowly falling,
The stars are softly, but brightly shining.
The children are excited and running all about,
For the Christmas holidays are here, no doubt!

Everything is decorated in bright greens and reds
Including the stockings above all the beds,
The tree lights are blinking, while Father is winking,
Pretending to be Santa Claus instead.

There are dolls and trains and toy planes,
And a pretty suit for Mother.
Father gets some ties and pipes
While every child is happy for the other.

The snow is slowly falling,
The stars are softly, but brightly shining,
The children are excited and running all about,
The Christmas holidays are here...no doubt!
Dorothy Lacombe
8th grade

CHRISTMAS JOY

Christmas is a time for joy,
Happiness in every girl and boy.
And in this happiness that we all share
We show each other how much we care.
The love we find on this glorious day
You know it's always here to stay.
After Christmas and every other day
I hope you find love and happiness along your way!
Dana Ulibarri
8th grade

HOLIDAY SEASON

People rushing and running,
Searching for something cunning.
Milling in and out of each store,
They look till their eyes can see no more.

As the weeks and the days slip away
The crispness of the air seems to say,
"As the wonderful day draws near,
The bells in the steeple tops you can hear."

The feelings of happiness and joy,
The toys for each girl and boy.
The Christmas toys and tree bring,
A smile for each and everything.

The crowds and the hustle, and yet
Some of the people don't forget
How the excitement and the joy, it's odd,
Brings us all a bit closer to Christ and to God.
Sandra Thomas
8th grade

IS THIS WHAT YOU WOULD DO?

Is this what you would do?
Make Christmas happy for girls and boys
By seeing that they get lots of toys.

Is this what you would do?
Being extra nice to all Dads and Mothers,
Showing you love them above all others.

Is this what you would do?
Being there when your friends need you
Showing them that you need them, too.
Carl Dandridge
7th grade

CHRISTMAS

Oh, Christmas, you hold so much meaning for me,
To me, you are more than just a tree.
You stand for all that is good and true,
When I think of Jesus Christ, I think of you.
Baby Jesus was born on your sacred day,
And when Christmas comes I will say,
"Merry Christmas to all, for Christ was born today."

My God be good to everyone on earth
For Mary gave life to His son by birth.
His only son he gave to us,
And when he came, we didn't even make a fuss.
God did this, all because he cared for us.
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Sunset Legislation Will Be Primary Lobbying Drive

AUSTIN (AP)—Common Cause wants the sun to get on any Texas agency not serving the public properly.

Bill Emory, new lobbyist for the Texas organization, told a news conference Tuesday that "sunset legislation" would be the main lobbying drive for Common Cause in the 1977 Legislature.

"People are concerned about bureaucracy," said Emory. "It will be our main impetus for reform in the 1977 Legislature."

Emory said Common Cause would support "sunset legislation" already prefilled by Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, and Rep. John Wilson, D-LaGrange. Under these bills 66 state regulatory agencies out of the 300 total would terminate at the end of a period of years, unless renewed by the legislature.

He said Common Cause also would give major support to property tax reform, supporting a measure proposed by the Legislative Council's Property Tax Committee. The bill calls for a central appraisal office in each county instead of the almost 3,000 tax appraising agencies now.

Other issues to be supported by Common Cause include:

- Transfer of regulation of

natural gas from the Railroad Commission to the Public Utility Commission.

-Legislation to provide public financing for Railroad Commission races to reduce the strong influence from oil and gas campaign contributions.

-Require the governor to solicit nominations from the general public before making appointments.

-Oppose any attempt to lengthen the list of exemptions to the Texas Open Meetings Law.



Decorative Idea:
Clear plastic drinking straws and yarn left over from a needlepoint project can be combined to make pretty Christmas tree decorations.

Cut the straws into different lengths and thread brightly colored yarn through them, using your yarn needle. Arrange the straws to form abstract designs or snowflakes and hang them from your tree. Children will enjoy making this type of ornament, too.



Pretty Remembrance

A massive, white-flocked tree at Deaf Smith General Hospital brightened the lobby for personnel and visitors during the yuletide season. At left is Ruth Alpperspach standing with Tora Dunn. Both are hospital employees. (Photo by Phyl Smith.)

HOLIDAY SAFETY

Christmas brings with it a lot of paraphernalia: trees, new toys, lights, candles, and gift wrapping. Bah, humbug! With all these seasonal additions, household hazards multiply, and homeowners have to be particularly careful.

When you buy your Christmas tree, check for freshness. The branches should spring back when you bend them and the needles should be bright green. Bump the tree base hard on the ground and be sure that the needles don't fall; check the bottom of the stump to see that it is sappy and moist.

Once you make your

purchase, store the tree outdoors in a place that is protected from sun and wind, to conserve moisture. When you bring the tree inside, saw off an inch or two of the butt end to facilitate water uptake, and place the tree in a holder sturdy enough to anchor it (a holder for a five to six-foot tree should have tripod legs with a spread of 20" to 30").

Water the tree daily and keep it away from heat sources: the fireplace, TV, radio, etc. Place breakable ornaments high up on the tree, out of reach of children and pets, and use only fireproof decorations made of metal, glass or asbestos.

Avoid using decorations that look like candy; a child may mistake them for food.

Before stringing lights, check for worn wires or loose sockets and don't overload circuits. Use spotlights on aluminum trees, rather than string lights. The aluminum branches can get caught in the light sockets and produce quite a shock.

Never keep the tree lights on when you leave the house or go to bed, and get rid of your tree when the needles start to fall.

When it comes to buying toys for under the tree, be sure to keep the safety of your child in mind.

unique holiday decorations

Outdoor Christmas decorations need not be limited to a string of lights. Interesting holiday decorations can be made from such diverse materials as plastic spoons and tin cans, for instance.

Interesting metal sculpture can begin with the humble tin or aluminum can. Using metal cutters, carefully cut and/or twist strips of tin from any-size empty can and fashion the pieces into stars and snowflakes. The bottom of the can may serve as the center of a snowflake or sun design with strips from the can radiating around it. (The strips should not be

detached from the base.) Spray paint the metal sculpture, mount it on a wall or hang it from an outside tree.

Colorful plastic spoons can be arranged in rosettes and hung on outdoor trees, too. Arrange five plastic spoons to form an alternating star pattern of a handle and a bowl. The spoons should all cross at about the same point about 2/3rds of the way down the handle. Drill a hole at the point where they meet and secure the handles with a nut and a bolt. Drill another very small hole in the handle of one of the spoons and insert a wire through it. Hang the spoon stars or rosettes on an outdoor tree, where they will reflect the light from your outdoor Christmas lights.

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The Presidents and God -- 2

Presidency Intensifies Religious Convictions

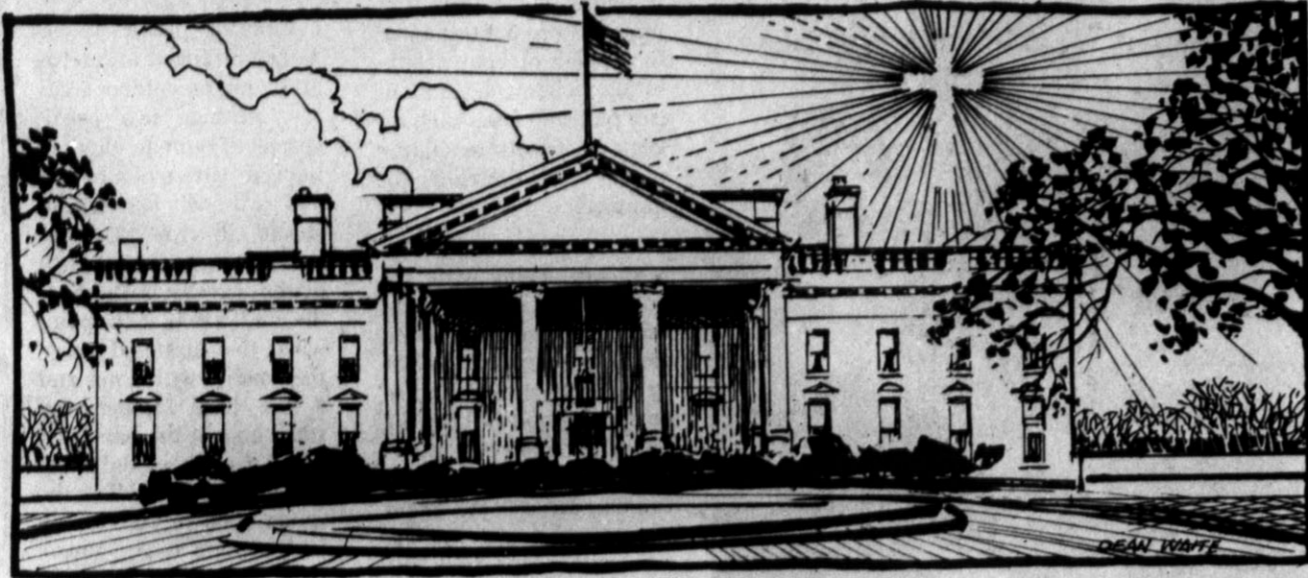
EDITOR'S NOTE: This second installment of a five-part Christmas series on the religion of U.S. presidents, "The Presidents and God," deals with the 19th-century occupants of the White House — the Middle Years.

By **GEORGE W. CORNELL**, AP Religion Writer

Somehow, the burden of the job brings out a religious urge in U.S. presidents. If they weren't devout at the outset, they've tended to become that way. Confronted with the immensity of responsibilities, most of them have sensed a need for higher help.

It's a curious phenomenon. As in the pious cliché about there being no atheists in foxholes, there have been none among presidents, as they attest it. Some have found that their beliefs, perhaps implanted in early years and lapsed into dormancy, take on new significance once they head the nation.

"When the awesome weight of that office comes down crushing upon a man's shoulders . . . he sees all things differently," write Edmund Fuller



and David E. Green in their book, "God in the White House," a study of faiths of American presidents.

The depth of their inclinations, however, varies widely, some of them dedicatedly and knowledgeably religious, others only casually so. Some have been strongly committed to their churches from the start, others only slightly or

not at all, perhaps some merely for political expediency.

Nevertheless, seven presidents (Jackson, Polk, Pierce, Buchanan, Grant, Coolidge and Eisenhower) on experiencing that office have been moved to join a church for the first time, some as their terms ended or afterward. Two never did, including Abraham Lincoln, probably the most profoundly religious of them all.

Others were lifelong, active churchmen. Four (Wilson, Cleveland, Arthur and Theodore Roosevelt) were sons of clergymen. Three (John Adams, Madison and Benjamin Harrison) had considered entering the ministry. Three (Theodore Roosevelt, Benjamin Harrison and McKinley) were one-time Sunday school teachers. One (Garfield) was a lay preacher.

Of the nation's 37 presidents to date, 11 have been Episcopalians, six Presbyterians, four Methodists, three Congregationalists (now the United Church of Christ), two Unitarians, two Dutch Reformed, two of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), two Baptists, two Quakers and one Roman Catholic.

Two never affiliated with any denomination — Lincoln and the successor after his assassination, Andrew Johnson.

The 19th-century presidents were a diverse group religiously, ranging from intensely devout men to those generally offhanded about it, a few of major impact in history, others of lesser stature, little remembered.

Sixth in line, John Quincy Adams, son of the third president, John Adams, often is mis-called a Unitarian, but he was an independent-minded Congregationalist — "the church to which I was bred and in which I will die," his diary notes.

He represented the Puritan heritage, not in narrowness but in its rigorously self-examining conscience and discipline. "Religious sentiments become from day to day more constantly habitual to my mind," he wrote a decade before becoming president in 1825.

He was a one-time Harvard professor of rhetoric, a scholar of the classics, including the Bible, and his letters on its teachings fill a published volume.

His practice was "to read the Bible through in the course of every year," he notes. That regimen continued in the White House. He would rise before dawn, take a four-mile walk, then make a fire and "read three chapters of the Bible,

with Scott's and Hewlett's Commentaries."

An early, vigorous opponent of slavery, he could be sharply critical of church equivocation on the issue. His diary cites a "cringing, subservient morality" among clergy, far removed from "the spirit of the gospel."

Andrew Jackson, the "Old Hickory" frontier and military hero, served two terms, from 1829 to 1837. He was a rough-hewn man of action, self-taught in law, who fought several duels, usually defending his wife, Rachel, against slanders.

She was a devout Presbyterian, as were his backwoods parents, and he regularly attended that church while president, finally joining it formally on retirement from the presidency. He wrote that for 35 years before becoming president, it was his practice to read three chapters of the Bible daily.

"Go read the Scriptures," he wrote to a relative. "The joyful promises it contains will be a balsam to all your troubles."

His will began: "First, I bequeath my body to the dust whence it comes, and my soul to God who gave it, hoping for a happy immortality through the atoning merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world."

Martin Van Buren, president from 1837 to 1841, was a lifelong, active member of the Dutch Reformed Church and a stentorian hymn singer. One account of his vocalizing says, "Crowded though the church might be, and every voice raised in song, Van Buren's rendering of the hymn could be heard above the rest."

Although faith was an habitual part of his heritage, he showed no special interest in theology. A "professional" politician, he early recognized that religion could be a political advantage in image-making, and in supporting the campaign of his predecessor, Jackson, advised an aide in a letter: "Does the old gentleman have prayers in his house? If so, mention it modestly."

William Henry Harrison, who died of pneumonia a month after he was inaugurated in 1841, was an Ohio farmer, reared an Episcopalian. His death elevated John Tyler to the presidency. A Virginian, of the Episcopal tradition, he left no specific statements of religious views. But his addresses and private letters show extensive knowledge of Scriptures.

James K. Polk, president 1845 to 1849, was born into a devoutly Presbyterian family, but as an infant was not baptized because of his father's conflict with a local minister.

However, as a student, he got a thoroughly Presbyterian indoctrination, with morning and evening prayers and Bible examinations part of his educational schedule. He worshipped in his wife's Presbyterian church throughout his career. After retirement from office, he lived only four months and less than a week before death, was baptized — as a Methodist.

While he was in the White House, his wife did not permit liquor or dancing there. Similarly, the Polks observed the Sabbath strictly. He declined to do any state business on Sunday unless crucial.

Zachary Taylor, who died in mid-1850 after about a year as president, was a career military officer, generally listed as an Episcopalian, but there is no record of formal affiliation. His wife was an earnest member, however, organizing religious services at military forts where he served, and continuing her religious activity as first lady.

He attended church regularly with her at St. John's in Washington. Described as a rough-cast, stubborn man, he neither smoked nor drank, but was a dead-shot tobacco spitter, with a sawdust box for it in his presidential office.

Millard Fillmore, a self-taught lawyer and New York State politician, became a Unitarian, apparently because it was considered intellectually progressive. His speeches are notably devoid of religious or Biblical allusions, probably because of lack of acquaintance with the subject, since such references were popular in that era.

He ran unsuccessfully for New York's governorship, blaming his defeat on "abolitionists and foreign Catholics." Succeeding to the presidency on Taylor's death, he failed to win renomination, and in 1856 ran in vain as the nominee of the American or "Know-Nothing" party, an anti-immigrant, anti-Catholic group.

Franklin Pierce, president from 1853 to 1857, was troubled by religious anxieties through much of his life, writing of his struggles to conform to divine revelation, "but with indifferent success," and no sense of his own salvation.

In the White House, he adhered to the strictest Sabbath observance, refusing even to read mail. With servants present, he read prayers each morning. But only after leaving office was he baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal Church.

James Buchanan, although reared in a log-cabin family of Presbyterians, also wrestled with doubts. "I desire to be a Christian . . . but I am often haunted by a spirit of skepticism," he wrote.

As president, from 1857 to 1861, he conferred privately with a Presbyterian clergyman, questioning him closely, and saying afterward, "I hope I am a Christian. I think I have much of the experience you describe."

But he delayed joining, lest people call him "hypocrite." After leaving office, however, at age 74, he finally became a member on his profession of faith.

The assassination of Lincoln, who will be dealt with later in this series, brought Andrew Johnson into office. A little-educated man, he once termed himself a Protestant, but he never joined a church. Impeachment charges were brought against him in a conflict with Congress, but they were not sustained.

Ulysses S. Grant, as a military man, showed little interest in religion, but he disdained swearing and rough talk. As president, he attended the Methodist church with his wife, but was not baptized into it until near his death.

"Man proposes and God disposes," he began his memoirs, quoting St. Thomas a Kempis. As president, he provided this message for the Sunday School Times:

"Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of your liberties; write its precepts in your hearts and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this book we are all indebted for all the progress made in true civilization."

Rutherford B. Hayes was a religious searcher, attending a variety of denominations and noting, "The half of the orthodox creeds, I don't understand and can't fuller believe."

Yet as president, he held daily White House sessions of prayer and Bible reading. He worshipped on Sundays in his wife's Methodist church and held Sunday night hymn-singing with cabinet members and congressmen.

After his term ended, he became a trustee of a Methodist church in his native Ohio.

James A. Garfield, a school teacher and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) lay preacher, had once argued that a person couldn't serve two masters by participating in government. But he changed his mind on entering politics, becoming president in 1881, only to be cut down by an assassin's bullet four months after his inauguration.

Chester A. Arthur, succeeding to the presidency, was the son of a Baptist minister, but there are scant indications of his own faith. He married an Episcopalian and attended that church, continuing the habit after she died, but with no record that he ever formally joined it.

Grover Cleveland, a Presbyterian and son of a Presbyterian minister, wrote that his upbringing in that faith was "more valuable to me as a strengthening influence" than any other factor in his life.

He was "a man of simple rocklike piety," says historian Allan Nevins. He served two nonconsecutive terms, 1885 to 1889 and 1893 to 1897. "God has never failed to make clearly known to me the path of duty," he wrote.

Between his two terms came Benjamin Harrison, who had committed himself to the Presbyterian Church as a university student at a revival. He considered entering the ministry, chose law instead, but continued church activity as a Sunday School teacher.

In a letter, he advised a son in a financial jam: "Prayer steadies one when he is in slippery places — even if the things asked for are not given."

William McKinley, a Methodist since his boyhood conversion, was a Sunday School superintendent and worker for the Young Men's Christian As-

Whites-Only Rule Dropped

INDIANOLA, Iowa (AP)—The 12-year-old girl whose case prompted the International Organization of Rainbow for Girls to drop its white-only rule says this Christmas will be an especially merry one for her.

"It makes everyone have a happier Christmas," Michelle Palmer said Wednesday of the policy change by the young women's service organization.

"I'm just glad it's all over." She blamed the controversy on adults, saying the problem would never have arisen if it had been up to the girls who voted to have her join their chapter here.

All 136 of Iowa's Rainbow chapters severed ties with the national group in the subsequent dispute over admitting Michelle, whose father is white and mother is black.

The controversy caused the international, headquartered in McAlester, Okla., to poll its board of directors. They voted overwhelmingly to drop the policy.

Now Iowa officials say the state chapters will rejoin the international group before year's end.

Michelle's mother, Marita Palmer, said she doesn't think

sociation. Becoming president in 1897, he said in his inaugural:

"Our faith teaches that there is no safer reliance than upon the God of our fathers, who has so singularly favored the American people in every national trial, and who will not forsake us so long as we obey His commandments and walk humbly in His footsteps."

McKinley called Christianity "the mightiest factor in the world's civilization." He was accused by the anti-Catholic "Know Nothing" party of being a secret Roman Catholic, but quietly ignored it.

In his White House years, he got groups together for Sunday evening hymn singing. Shot by an anarchist, he died eight days later, his last whispered words from the hymn: "Nearer, my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee."

(Next: The Faith of Lincoln)

the ordeal had a negative effect on her daughter.

"This is the first time something bad has happened to her because of her race," she said "None of us have any hard feelings. The good telegrams, phone calls and letters far out-weighed the bad."

The Iowa chapters at first thought the international suspended them when Michelle was installed, but after some delay, the international said that wasn't true.

The Iowa chapters then formally withdrew from the main organization to form their own independent, nondiscriminatory group. They said they would rejoin if the rule was dropped.

Rainbow groups perform charitable works, provide educational loans for their members and offer social activities.

"Michelle is glad Rainbow is one big family again. She finds her membership very rewarding," Mrs. Palmer said.

Gift Suggestion:

Potted house plants are available in many sizes. The smaller pots indicate younger plants that have a longer life ahead of them if they are cared for properly. If you are giving a potted plant to someone who is not used to growing plants, include a book on indoor plants as part of your gift.

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Advertised Prices effective Monday Dec. 27, through Saturday Jan. 1, 1977

DISCOUNT CENTER

All Decorative

GLASSWARE

30% OFF G.D.P.



ALL WALL

PICTURES

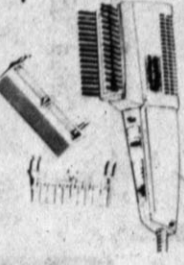
20% OFF G.D.P.

Northern

STYLER-DRYER

1000 Watts

\$1657



PLAYING CARDS

37¢

\$1197



ALARM CLOCK

No. 300 All Sankyo Digital



Men's Westclox QUARTZ WATCHES

\$2997

ALL JEWELRY

- * NECKLACES
- * PINS
- * EARRINGS

Reg. \$1⁰⁰



\$2897

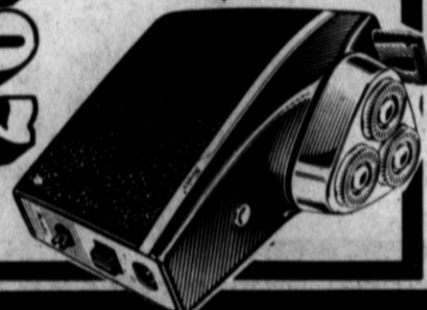
SUPER SHOOTER PLUS

Includes Carrying Case Film & Flash Cube



TRIPLE HEADER SHAVER

No. HP1121 Norelco



\$2797

Emeraude COLOGNE & SETS

Savings in every department!

30% OFF G.D.P.



A PENNY SAVED IS A PENNY EARNED

547

447

DISCOUNT CENTER

One Group Live HOUSE PLANTS

Reg. 89¢

250% OFF ALL OTHERS

SALAD MAKER & CAN OPENER

No. 703

Reg. \$20⁰⁰

\$1599

3 cones Grade-Shred & Slice

Bic Banana INK CRAYONS

Reg. \$1⁹⁹

99¢

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DISCOUNT CENTER

One Large Group of PAPER PLATES, CUPS & TABLE CLOTHS

4 / \$7 00

School SCISSORS

29¢

Whitman 1-lb. SAMPLER

\$199

300 Count PAPER

89¢

Elmer's GLUE

59¢

BIC PENS

2 / 29¢

DROP LIGHT 18/2

\$499

THERMOS with Bail Handle

\$199

Wilson MATCH POINT TENNIS RACKET

\$1897

PENCILS for smooth writing

6 / 79¢

BASKETBALL OR FOOTBALL YOUR CHOICE

\$299



DISCOUNT CENTER

MATERIAL
GROUP 1
89¢ YD.



MATERIAL
GROUP 2
\$1.69 YD.



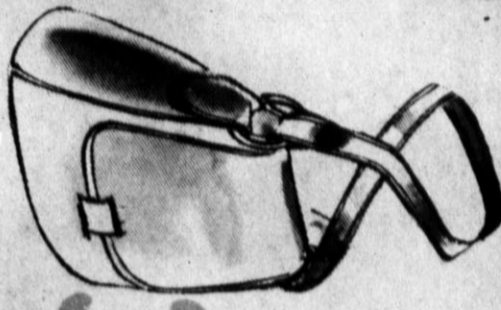
MATERIAL
GROUP 3
\$2.98 YD.



Year End Clearance

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Your Choice
PURSES
30% OFF



Ladies' Slipover
SWEATERS
YOUR CHOICE
25% OFF



Automatic Electric
BLANKET
\$1.649



PANTY
HOSE
One size fits all
29¢



Ladies' - Girls' Men's - Boy's
COATS
ALL REDUCED
30% OFF




FLARE JEANS
\$6.99

Dickies
LIL DUDE
JEANS
\$3.69





Dickies
COVER ALLS
\$1.987




TRACK SHOES
B150
\$3.99

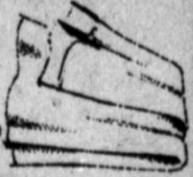

All Men's & Boy's
BOOTS
\$3.00




BATH
TOWELS
\$1.89

WASH
CLOTHS
69¢

Reg. 1.20
Reg. 89¢
Reg. 99¢



Kitchen Helper
HOT PAIDS
39¢



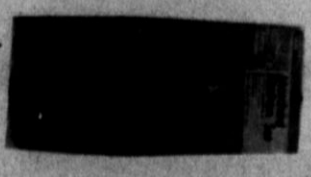

DISCOUNT CENTER

ALL
LEISURE
SUITS
All Styles
YOUR CHOICE
1/2 PRICE


Lee Trevino
GOLF
SHIRTS
by Wrangler
\$4.99

Matched
KITCHEN SET
Reg. 51⁰⁰
99¢



Kitchen Helper
MITTEN
69¢



Clearance

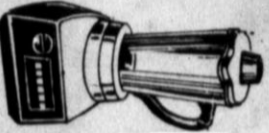
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SALE



A Large Assortment
of **PLANTERS**
All Colors & All Sizes
200% Off

Warning Push Button
BLENDER
No. 81-2 Or 81-3
Stainless Steel Blades
Two Pc. Lid Reg. '19'
\$1599



LUGGAGE
Soft Side Or Hard Side
FOOT LOCKERS
Asth. Sizes
200% Off

No. T500
Completely
Assembled
Unit With
Two Fully
Adjustable
Sliding Hoods!
WALL TRAK
LIGHT

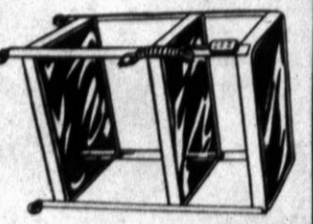
\$1897

Rival Shimline Electric
KNIFE
Reg. '14'
No. 1220
Comfort Grip 8 Ft. Cord
Push Button Safety Switch



\$1099

Multi Purpose
UTILITY TABLE
Gold
Orange Or
Green
Reg. '9'
\$599



Rival The Original - The Genuine
CROCK POT
Slow Pot. Electric Stoneware
Reg. '19'



1399

Presto Tilt &
Store Portable
RANGE
Double Burner
Electric
Reg. '27'
\$22499



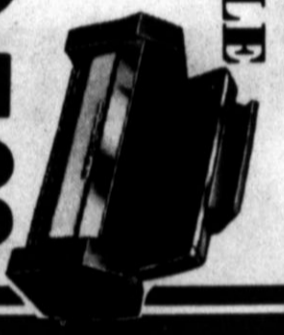
4 Qt. Stamped Aluminum
PRESSURE COOKER
By Presto
Harvest Only
Reg. '13'
\$999



SLOW POT
From Munsey
SP-5
4 1/2 Qt. Convenient
Remove & Wash Pot.
Reg. '17'
\$12499



ELECTRIC GRIDDLE
Reg. '31'
Teflon Finish
By Sunbeam
No. 21-10
\$2599



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Saver



Gibson
MILK
1-Gallon

\$137



DOWNY
FABRIC SOFTENER
96-Oz. Reg. '28'
\$249



Borden
ICE CREAM
1/2 gallon round carton
\$109

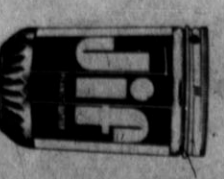


CRISCO OIL
38-Oz. Reg. '18'
\$139



ZEREX ANTI-FREEZE
\$387

Jif
PEANUT BUTTER
28-Oz.
Creamy or Crunchy
Reg. '19'
\$133



DISCOUNT CENTER
Armour
VIENNA SAUSAGE
5-Oz. 3/\$1.00



Palmolive
DISHWASHING LIQUID
22-Oz.
67c



COCA COLA
32-Oz.
\$133



HAVOLINE-PHILLIPS 66
AMALIE-GULF
MOTOR OIL
20 or 30 WT.
2/89c

