

Merry Christmas

Television Tonight

Reagan to Speak on Poland

LENCE HUNT
Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, preparing to address the nation tonight on the situation in Poland, is expected to announce "an array of political, diplomatic, security and economic measures" the United States might take against the Warsaw government and the Soviet Union.

win Meese III indicated that options being considered included steps against the Soviet Union.

"I would say we are looking at every possible step that needs to be taken either in relation to the Polish regime or in relation to the Soviet Union to prevent the situation from getting worse, and hopefully to work for improvements as far as the Polish people are concerned," Meese said Tuesday.

Meese and other administration officials would not discuss the options or say whether Reagan actually

would announce any U.S. action. "It may just be a toughening of the rhetoric," one official said privately.

Meese said the administration was "looking at an array of political, diplomatic, security and economic measures that might be taken" in connection with the events in Poland. "We will consider anything at any time that may be necessary."

Asked whether the United States is considering suspending talks with the Soviet Union on limiting medium-range missiles in Europe, Meese said the administration was proceeding with this

negotiations because they are in the best interest of world peace.

"If at any time we find that the conduct of the Soviets is such that it is not in our interests to go forward with those talks... then we would make that decision," Meese said.

Officials noted that provisions of the farm bill signed by Reagan on Tuesday make it virtually impossible to impose a grain embargo against the Soviet Union unless all trade is blocked.

White House spokesman David Gergen said Reagan's address, lasting from 10 to 20

minutes, would include a Christmas message.

In his only public appearance Tuesday, Reagan welcomed to the White House the former Polish ambassador, Romuald Spasowski, who announced Sunday that he was seeking asylum in the United States.

"I am very proud that he's here in this office," Reagan said of Spasowski, who was accompanied by his wife.

"I think we're in the presence of a very courageous man and woman who have acted on the highest of principles," Reagan declared. "And I think the

people of Poland probably very proud also."

Reagan's eyes were wet with tears as he welcomed Spasowski, White House deputy press secretary Spokes said. He described as a very emotional moment and said Spasowski and wife both wept.

Reagan and the former envoy talked about developments in Poland, Spokes said, adding Spasowski "had some recommendations for president." Spokes declined to say what they were.

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Woman Detained in Ft. Worth As Key Government Witness

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Federal authorities investigating two former CIA agents accused of smuggling arms to Libyan leader Moammar Khadafi have detained a woman they identify as a key witness in the grand jury inquiry.

Roberta J. Barnes, 33, 48 being held in the Tarrant County jail on \$500,000 bond on a sealed arrest warrant naming her as a material witness in a federal grand jury investigation and a \$20,000 bond on a currency declaration charge.

Unidentified sources close

to the federal investigation told the Dallas Times Herald Tuesday that federal grand jurors looking into the activities of former CIA agents Edwin Wilson and Frank Terpil sought to question Ms. Barnes.

Wilson and Terpil were indicted last year on charges of illegally supplying Khadafi with restricted military equipment and training terrorists. Federal investigators have said the items were sold to Libya for \$3.2 million.

Ms. Barnes began working for Wilson in Washington in 1977 and has been running his

London office for two years, sources familiar with the investigation told the Washington Post.

The Post reported she was identified as a key witness and had been on a "lookout list" of Wilson's associates since her refusal to comply with a grand jury subpoena.

"I think the whole thing is a sham," said Bill Neal, a Vernon, Texas, lawyer representing Ms. Barnes.

"Ms. Barnes was arrested under a technical customs charge and is being held

under a \$500,000 bond in an obvious attempt by the government to extort information — insurance or otherwise — on an acquaintance who the government wants to identify as a witness," Neal told The Associated Press.

Ms. Barnes said during a court appearance Tuesday before U.S. Magistrate Alex H. McGlinchey that she was en route from London to Austin, Texas, to visit relatives when she was arrested at the Dallas-Fort



That feller on Tierra Blanca Creek says he always likes the gifts he gets on Christmas but, as the years go by he enjoys more the gifts he gives.

Save a little cheerfulness to scatter through the year. Save a few kind 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 E. Thayer

As this column is typed, we're in the home stretch for the Christmas holidays. Many stores will close about 4 p.m. Saturday, and some employees will get a long holiday weekend with their firms closing both Friday and Saturday.

This is the Christmas edition of The Brand. We're taking off Thursday afternoon and Friday, but most of the staff will return Saturday in order to prepare Sunday's issue of the newspaper.

From the staff of The Brand, we extend Merry Christmas greetings to our readers, advertisers and new contacts. Our wish is that your holiday season will be filled with warmth and love!

We've bragged about our volunteer firemen before, but we want to add a big "Thank You" to those who spent much of the night working on the tumbledown invasion. These guys have to believe in the teaching: "Thou blessed to give than to receive!"

Another big thanks goes to the anonymous group of men who have worked in the Christmas Stocking Fund project. It started on a small scale last year, and has more than doubled in terms of donations available to help needy families.

The spirit of giving and sharing is an important part of Christmas. Folks who gave to CSF, to Project Christmas and in other areas are sure to have a happier

Stocking Fund Surpasses \$7,000

Thanks to the generosity of Hereford citizens, Christmas will be a little brighter for a number of less-fortunate families in the community.

The Christmas Stocking Fund, a labor of love for a group of Christian men in the city, is the organization which is using those contributions and seeing that truly needy families are not forgotten at Christmastime.

The fund exceeded the \$7,000 total Wednesday—a testimony to the spirit of sharing among folks in the community. The CSF project was launched last year and drew a total of slightly more than \$4,800. Many more will be helped at this time.

Ben Childers, who is serving as treasurer of the CSF committee this year, reported Wednesday that many families have already been helped. Volunteer teams check on the families and determine needs. Some families may receive help after Christmas, if the need arises.

The Brand has served as the fund-raising office for the project. Anyone desiring to contribute may still do so by sending a check or money to CSF, Box 673, or bringing the gift to the newspaper office.

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Santa Claus made a stop at the Brand office Tuesday, and receptionist Delight Williams took advantage of the visit to put in a few last-minute orders. The jolly old gent (HSB employee C.W. Allen) wished everyone a Merry Christmas as he continued on his rounds. (Brand Photo by Kelly Cherry).

ERA Advocates Suffer Setback

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — U.S. District Judge Marion Callister ruled today that Congress violated its authority by extending the deadline to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.

In a second major blow to ERA advocates, Callister wrote that Idaho, Tennessee, Kentucky, South Dakota and Nebraska effectively nullified their prior ratification of the proposed constitutional amendment and may not be counted as ratifying states.

He said the same would be true for any other states which properly certified their actions of rescission to the General Services Administration.

The ruling came on a suit that had been filed by Idaho

and Arizona two years ago. Eleanor Smeal, president of the National Organization for Women, had said in advance of the ruling that it was a "political case on the life or death of the amendment."

The proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which would ban discrimination based on sex, requires approval by 38 states. No state has ratified it since Indiana became the 36th to do so in 1977.

Callister said Congress exceeded its authority in voting in 1978 to move back the deadline for ratification from March 29, 1979, to June 30, 1982.

Opponents say the amendment has the potential of upsetting traditions

Update Wednesday

Chocolate Keeps Man Alive While Buried Under Embassy

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Thirty-five bodies have been recovered from rubble of the bombed Iraqi Embassy, and an embassy kitchen attendant who survived on chocolate bars was dug out alive after 174 hours, police said today.

A police spokesman, who declined to be named in compliance with Lebanese government rules, said 20 more victims were believed still buried in the ruins of the five-story building that was blown up Dec. 15.

Among those are ambassador Abdulrazzak Lafta and his senior aides, the spokesman said.

The survivor was identified as Mohammad Abbas Flayeh, 30, who was in the embassy's ground floor when the blast demolished the building. He was pulled out by civil defense rescuers Tuesday.

"I spent eight days, eight hours and 46 minutes beneath the rubble and I was very depressed," Flayeh said in an interview screened by Lebanon's state television as he was taken by ambulances to a Beirut hospital.

He laughed and wept as he told his TV interviewer how he survived, eating chocolate bars from a box he found next to him in the rubble and quenching his thirst by water that leaked from the embassy's storage tank.

Sources Say Reagan Saving Head Start

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, keeping a promise to protect Project Head Start under his so-called social "safety net", is rejecting a proposal that supporters of the popular pre-school program said was aimed at killing it, administration sources say.

Budget director David Stockman, according to reports leaked several weeks ago, had proposed putting the widely supported program into one of the "block grants" to the states over the next four years and cutting its fiscal 1983 funds to \$780 million.

Reagan spent the last two weeks hearing Cabinet secretaries appeal Stockman's proposals for another round of budget cuts. White House deputy press secretary Larry Speakes said the president would complete decisions on most cuts by today.

But a source familiar with the decision said Tuesday that Reagan already has decided to keep Head Start intact and that it will get "about" the same next year as in fiscal 1982 — about \$912 million.

Men Reported To Have Toxic Shock Syndrome

ATLANTA (AP) — Toxic shock syndrome, a disease generally associated with menstruating women, also infects some men, four doctors with the national Centers for Disease Control report.

Between 3.5 percent and 5 percent of toxic shock victims reported to the

CDC are men, the doctors said in an article scheduled for publication in the weekly British medical journal *Lancet*.

Based on data collected since January 1980, the article was written by CDC researchers Arthur Reingold, Bruce Dan, Claire Broome and Kathryn Sands.

Between 30 and 50 cases of toxic shock are reported to the Atlanta-based CDC each month, and 85 percent to 90 percent of them involve menstruating women, Ms. Broome said.

About one-third of the remaining victims are men, she said.

Toxic shock syndrome gained attention in the summer of 1980. Then, doctors found that it occurred most frequently in women using super-absorbent tampons during their menstrual periods.

Weather

West Texas — Clear but cold today. Increasing cloudiness southwest tonight and over much of area Thursday. Widely scattered snow and snow mixed with rain southwest tonight and Thursday. Highs 36 panhandle to 61 Big Bend. Lows 15 Panhandle to 32 Big Bend. Highs Thursday near 40 Panhandle to 46 Big Bend.



Overall Business Winner

The Obstetrics ward at Deaf Smith General Hospital took first place in the overall business category in the Women's Division

lighting contest. The ward won \$100 for its efforts at boosting the spirit of the season.

Man's Namesake Is Santa

By SUSAN STEWART
Dallas Times Herald

DALLAS (AP) — If Santa Michael Claus had any other name, it might be a different man. It has something to do with honor.

"People have said you've got to be able to make some money off of it, but I never felt that way," Claus said, sitting in an empty conference room in the AT&T building where he works as a communications technician. "I guess I've always felt that if Santa Claus was a drunk it'd be terrible. Or a dope addict. Or a crook."

"This gives me the incentive to walk the straight line, to not slander the name or destroy the image."

If Claus had a son, he would name him Santa. "It's not an ego trip or the Junior thing, but to carry on. I'm proud of it, and I've had a good life with it."

Claus, 34, and his wife

Joyce (who signs her checks "Mrs. Santa Claus") live in Mesquite. They have four daughters, none with funny names.

"My oldest daughter, Danielle, was about four when she realized Santa Claus and I have the same name. Her mother explained it to her by reminding her she had a friend named Danielle too. So my kids know we're two different identities, that I've just got the same name as the guy in the red suit."

"Like the guy in the red suit, Claus is plump. His friends tell him he's jolly. He takes Christmas seriously."

"My favorite Christmas carol? Right off the top of my head, I said 'Joy to the World.' But all of them make me cry, let's put it that way."

Claus doesn't seem to mind any aspect of having a funny name. This may be because his parents called him "Mike" when he was a child, thereby shielding him from the cruelty of second-graders in Victoria, Texas.

He doesn't mind the jokes, the fact that at Christmas most department store clerks refuse to honor his credit card until he has convinced them he's real (or that he isn't, depending on your viewpoint). He doesn't mind the interviews, and there have been scores of them.

"Sometimes you feel like, 'Aw, man, I've said this so many times before.' But I really don't have that many unusual things happen to me."

The most frequently asked question is, of course, how he got his name. Claus recited the answer as if in deep sleep.

"OK. My sister, when my mother found out she was pregnant, said she wanted to name the next one. She was 15, old enough to know better."

"Her name is Wanda."

Claus went by "Mike" until he entered the regimentation of Victoria Junior College and the further regimentation of the Navy, where seamen must go by their first name and middle initial.

Letter To Santa

Dear Santa:
I want a Dukes of Hazzard race set and a punching bag and an electric football game and Tonka red pick-up.

I have been good Santa, so will you bring me these things?

Thanks
George Kearns

Obituaries

MILDRED GRAY LEVELLAND — Services for Mrs. R.B. (Mildred) Gray, 71, will be at 3 p.m. today at First Baptist Church of Levelland with Dr. Charles A. Thrasher, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Don Moreland.

Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under direction of Smith Funeral Home of Levelland.

Mrs. Gray was the sister of Mrs. C.L. Hudson of Herford. She died at 3:15 a.m. Monday in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock after a brief illness.

She was a native of Oklahoma and a member of

the First Baptist Church. Other survivors include her husband; four daughters, Mrs. Ruth Holland and Mrs. Marilyn McIntire, both of Levelland, Mrs. Patricia Wilson of Big Spring, and Mrs. Debbie LeVick of Blair, Okla.; three sons, Leroy of Levelland, B. Gray of Bloomfield, Mo., and Gary of Pinedale, Okla.; three sisters, Mrs. Hazel Struys of California, Mrs. Leroy May of Oklahoma, and Mrs. Billy Field of Missouri; two brothers, Claude Carpenter of Elk City, Okla., and Fred of California; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Tip On General's Death Hoax

ROME (AP) — Italian police said a telephone call claiming kidnapped U.S. Brig. Gen. James I. Dozier's body was probably a hoax, possibly an attempt by the Red Brigades to heighten tension over his disappearance.

On Tuesday, the Beirut office of the Italian news agency ANSA received an anonymous phone call from someone who said Dozier's body would be found in an Italian village Tuesday night.

Christmas Eve Program Set At St. Thomas Episcopal

St. Thomas Episcopal Church will mark the beginning of the Christmas season on Christmas Eve with a program of special music at 10:30 p.m. followed by the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at approximately 1 p.m. The nursery will be attended, although parents are urged to keep children in the church with them.

The evening's festivities will begin with the church in darkness, symbolizing the condition of the world before Christ came to live among us as a man.

During a brief "Order of Worship for Evening" the Altar candles and other candles, including those held by the congregation, will be lighted to symbolize the arrival of the Light of the World.

This arrival is further symbolized by placing, at this time, the figure of the Christ Child in the creche.

The music program will include carol singing by the congregation. "A Child Is

reported no clues in Dozier's disappearance, said they took the call seriously at first, but as the night passed, they began to suspect it was a hoax.

"We don't believe the call," said an Italian police official who asked not to be identified. "It's probable that they're doing this to distract the police."

Dozier, 50, the highest-ranking American at NATO headquarters in the northern Italian city of Verona, was

knapped from his home on Thursday by armed men posing as plumbers. His wife, Judith, was bound and gagged.

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relationships and the role of women by, for example, making women eligible for military draft.

Lawyers for the government and NOW have said Congress has absolute authority over amendment processes.

NOW lost an appeal before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco to have Callister disqualified.

Woman

Worth Regional Airport Monday night.

The complaint alleges Ms. Barnes gave a false currency declaration when she said she was not carrying more than \$5,000. Customs agents said they found \$5,000 when they examined her briefcase.

David Greenleaf, the district Customs director, said his office had been tipped by another federal agen-

NOW said Callister's former position as a high-ranking official in the Mormon Church is a conflict of interest.

The Mormon Church strongly opposes the ERA, and has campaigned against it in Idaho and elsewhere.

Callister, who took the case under advisement May 14, said he could separate legal issues from his personal and religious views.

cy of Ms. Barnes' probable arrival.

However, he told the Dallas Times Herald that agents did not realize who she was until after she was detained for allegedly making a false currency declaration.

Luke Thompson, a former Green Beret who said he was hired by Wilson to set up a Libyan commando school, told the Times Herald Ms. Barnes

Daily, my desk receives mail from individuals who are convinced they have seen visions, ghosts, flying saucers, abominable snowmen. I can't run down all these reports.

For years, for example, I have heard sensitive persons try to describe a phenomenon they concede is "in-describable." Some artists tried to capture the sight on canvas. I saw her canvases, yet remained unimpressed.

Then I heard a minister from somewhere in Texas broadcasting that he had seen it, and I listened. His name is Dr. John W. Drakeford. I have since learned that he is a respected man and a responsible witness.

His account of the event exceeds the limits of my own imagination, but I am now determined to journey to wherever necessary to witness this sight for myself the next time the astronomers anticipate it and the weather is right for observation. It has been seen from

the forests in East Texas, from the highlands of Montana, best from several points in Kansas.

First, so that you will not be unduly frightened, I should mention that this is what scientists call "a natural phenomenon." They cannot explain it, but they are confident it is not "supernatural."

You will then see, according to witnesses, an apparent rim of radiance separating the two shades of dark.

Some say that at this instant you also "feel" something. Others say you "hear" something.

At any event, there is this electric glow which begins gradually to backdrop the

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stars as if some mystic incandescence were seeking to extinguish them, one by one. The luminescence glows brighter; purples become wisps red — then there leaps from the epicenter of all this daggery of fire, daggery of yellow fire, squirting fourth a symmetrical arc of blazing gases — like half of a huge fiery pinwheel.

This is not a volcanic eruption, so far as is known. But the color which begins to spew forth from the inverted vortex appears both electrical and geometrical-like an illumined magnetic field.

Then, for all your anticipation and preparation; when "it" appears from the edge of the earth you quake — as you might shake from a sudden crack of thunder.

The sky is stabbed deeper and deeper by more and more tongues of yellow flame...

And here adjectives lose their descriptive adequacy.

You are seeing a peacock's tail of fire as wide as the sky. A color-blend no mortal's brush can duplicate.

If you are in a rural area, roosters begin to crow, the breeze begins to blow, leaves whisper excitedly among themselves...

Your own eyes widen until the colors fade. Then... a yellow explosion on the horizon, and you must turn away, unable to watch the a-borating day.

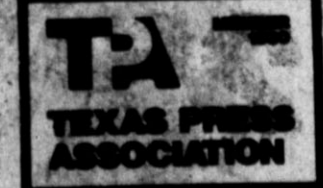
No human can any longer fix his naked eyes on the brilliance of the sun's rise.

The sight which you and I would travel so far to see, indeed, it really were a rarity — is called — "Daybreak."

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WE WILL CELEBRATE!
Christmas: Snow, a warm fire in an open hearth, a lovely tinsel tree with a star on top, carols being sung by the children, mistletoe for kidding under, presents, nuts, fruit, the family gathering, church bells, Santa Claus and reindeer, nativity scenes and decorated houses—what is it all about?

Saviour is born which is Christ the Lord!" If it's the wrong date—will, God quit smiling at our rejoicing?
We don't worship trees or sun or elves or anything else except the Christ—god with us—our saviour and our Lord.

So don't let the Grinch, or the grouch, or those well-meaning folks who are afraid we might offend the almighty with our celebration deter you.
Rejoice in the Lord! Have a very Merry Christmas and

the most prosperous and Happy New Year ever!
And if you want to eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day, eat them in good health!
Waylon Bruton, Pastor
Christian Assembly Church

Why it's a Celebration, of course! It is a day we have chosen to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the son of God, these customs we engage in have, over the centuries, become a part of the celebration.

"But they have their origin in Paganistic Rituals," some will say. Surely the reference books bear this out. Some even feel we should throw out the yule logs, the tree, the fantasy of the old elf dressed in red, and even the date; after all December 25 is the winter solstice when the sun begins to shine longer each day. Sun-worshipping pagans celebrated this day; tree-worshipping pagans burned yule logs and evergreen trees; should we be a party in that?

Well, Customs are like that. Have you ever wondered why men wear ties, or wedding rings, or raise their right hands when taking an oath? So we rejoice in the celebration because truly, "A

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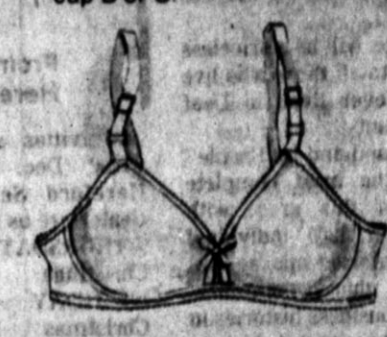
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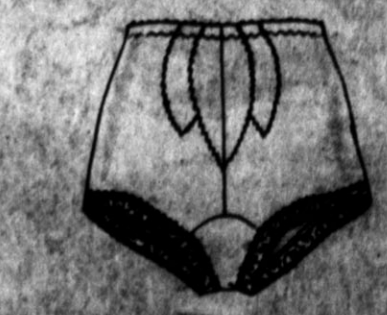
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The Gene Streun home at 223 Northwest Drive placed first in the Residential category of the Women's Division lighting contest. A complete Nativity scene adorns the front porch, while trumpeting angels proclaim the message on the roof...Peace On Earth.

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Santa's Helper Is Kids' Friend

By LEIGH SHIRLEY
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Jolly old St. Nicholas bends an ear to many requests for toys. But Santa's helper says children write Father Christmas mostly because they believe he's a special friend who can help with problems and make dreams come true.

"I've noticed this year kids aren't asking for a lot of toys," said Carol Keeley, a U.S. Postal Service secretary who has been answering Santa's mail for seven years. "Basically, they're writing to a friend. They talk about parents, brothers and sisters, the needy. They really feel that Santa can help."

"He's like a secret friend," she said. "They tell him about bad family situations, divorce or whatever. It's like they think he knows about it."

The 46-year-old grandmother, whose special job keeps her working double-

time during the Christmas season, says answering Santa's mail lifts her spirits and restores her faith in people.

"It's really my Christmas. It gives you such a good feeling," she said. "The thing that has impressed me is their caring for other people. Their courtesy. Their love for mom and dad. Their sincerity."

"These kids are very aware that there are people who are less advantaged than they are. I give parents the credit for teaching them that. They are so compassionate and caring. I see such fine qualities and I think, here's our legacy evolving—it gives you hope," she said.

"Dear Santa Claus: Hi. How are you? Before I ask for my Christmas present I would like to ask if you could manage to give my present to the Cambodia children. I love Christmas and I believe in you. I saw you fly over our roof. I don't want anything for Christmas but for the poor and disabled people to have a nice Christmas. Love, Adrian."

Mrs. Keeley says she usually sets aside special letters, like the one from Adrian, to keep and reread year after year.

A letter from a fifth grader included a request for a toy and a thoughtful postscript: "I love you Santa. Send me a

picture of the reindeer. Please bless the children on the other side of the world with toys and food. Give my love to the missus and Rudolph. Love, Carolyn."

Another letter promised Santa, "I have been a pretty good girl and obeyed my parents. If you have time to come to the house I want a 10-speed. Please bring something for my family. P.S. If you can, please help the poor. Love, Jennifer."

The letters come in all shapes and sizes. Some have stamps, many have drawings and others include the child's picture, she said. Most of the letters are from children in the Dallas area. But some arrive here from as far away as New York and Ohio.

Every letter is answered on illustrated stationery with a message from Santa and a hand-written postscript, penned by Mrs. Keeley and a volunteer who works with her.

Requests from needy children are passed on to charitable organizations or individuals, she said.

"Basically, it's individuals who call in offering their help. We had a call this year from a man who is unemployed," Mrs. Keeley said. "He said, 'Even though I'm not working, I'm making it. I feel like I have enough to help those who don't.'"

"Dear Santa," writes Yolanda in Dallas. "Please give me and my brothers and sisters some clothes this year. My mother was fired from her job."

"Dear Santa: I know you

are late-off but I only want a couple things for Christmas," writes Jennifer in Baltimore. "In my stocking I would like a big Rubic's Cube. And I would like a Digital Watch for Christmas and a soccer ball. And a pair of Jordache pants."

In post offices across the nation, the people who read children's letters to Santa Claus are noticing that some kids are asking for less this year.

"I think parents are telling them they're not going to have as much this year," said Elaine Lamb, a postal worker at Michigan's Royal Oak post office, which gets the Santa letters from the Detroit area, where the economy has been crippled by auto industry layoffs.

Mrs. Lamb, who coordinates the distribution of the letters to local post offices, said the request lists in the letters were very long in past years, but they "aren't long like that this year."

"These kids aren't really writing to ask for lots of things," Mrs. Keeley said. "They are really just writing letters to a friend."



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Residential Runner-Up

The Darrell Floods, of 231 Centre, took second place in the Residential category of the lighting contest this year. Brilliant lighting set off a Nativity scene as part of the decorations.

Ann Landers

Doesn't Lack Compassion, Just Energy



DEAR ANN LANDERS: Like "Wife of a Physician," I, too, am the mother of a child with Down's syndrome. I agree wholeheartedly that a special child can enrich one's life.

My husband and I have devoted a major part of our waking hours these past 12 years to making sure our son has a full and productive life. Our older children have also made this commitment to their brother.

Given the chance, we would choose to have this beloved child again—just as he is. We would also choose not to bring another one like him into the world. Why?

It is not that we lack compassion, it is simply a matter of ENERGY.

Thank you, Ann Landers, for standing up for parents like us. We, too, are pro-choice and grateful to you for having the courage to speak in our behalf.—No Name Or

City Please
DEAR N.N.: The mail on that subject is still coming in — and the pro-choicers are still outnumbering the pro-lifers 2-to-1. Will wonders never cease?

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I am writing in response to "Only His Mother," who lamented that her son Jerome at 37 had married a "very plain girl" who happened to be a Ph.D. in economics. It seems the girl can't cook, clean or sew, but she holds down a "big job."

I wonder if Jerome's mother would feel the same way if her daughter married a man who couldn't cook, clean or sew.

And what about Jerome? Did she bother to teach him how to take care of himself when he was growing up? If not, why not? Where is it writ-

ten that women are supposed to do these things? The Ph.D. with the big job sounds like she is entitled to a little help from her husband when she comes home at night. She shouldn't have to check Jerome's shirts to see if any buttons are missing.

Why didn't you tell Mom to butt out?—No More Mrs. Slave

DEAR NO MORE: I did, but you put it more bluntly. Thanks—Mom needed an extra clobbering, and you gave it to her.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: In reply to "Pittsburgh Woe," who didn't get anything out of her therapy: May I tell her of my experience?

I went to three therapists before I found someone I was comfortable with. It doesn't have to be an expensive psychiatrist. Some of the

local colleges have mental health clinics that charge modest fees—or are free. (Make sure it's a "medical teaching" school.)

My last shrink was GREAT. He made me face facts I had kept hidden in the back of my mind. At first I resented his unmasking me and denied my real feelings about many things. I yelled at him, swore and cried. I experienced every emotion imaginable during those 13 months. It wasn't easy. Now I know who I am and what I am, and I like myself for the first time in my life.

Please don't ever stop recommending therapy. It saved my life.—Need Sunshine To Grow In Chicago

DEAR SUNSHINE: Many readers tell me I'm copping out when I say "get counseling," but you and I know the truth. Thanks for the support.

Nominations Open For Woman Of Year

Nominations are being taken at the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce for 1981 Woman of the Year for the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce. Deadline for nominations is 5 p.m., Monday, Jan. 4.

Guidelines for nominating the woman of your choice should include being a member of the Women's Division, the volunteer work she had done for Women's Division, other community work, charitable work, church activities, youth work and things of this nature.

The secret committee will not consider things done for which the individual was paid to do in her regular job.

Club Members Exchange Secret Gifts

The members of Alpha Iota Mu met recently in the home of Susan Shaw for the exchanging of Secret Sister Christmas presents. The program was given by Ginger Wallace, with members sharing their family traditions at Christmas.

During the business meeting, members discussed the disco dance to be held Jan. 8 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Refreshments brought by members were served with hot apple cider and punch, followed by opening of Secret Sister gifts.

Other members present were Roberta McNeese, Connie Matthews, Mary Brinkman, Susie White, Shera Hammett, Sharon Bodner, Michelle Brisdine, Debbie Donaldson, Patsy Douglas, Tonya Gilliam, Donna Grady, Cindy Walker, Kay Williams, Debe Graves, Angela Ricigliano, Ruby Sanders, Amy Schumacher, and Theresa Vines.

Anyone may submit a nomination for consideration. Submitter does not have to be a member of the Women's Division. The nomination does not have to be signed but must be in a sealed envelope which will be opened by the secret committee. Nominations can be mailed to Box 192; Hereford.

Woman of the year will be named at the first general meeting of the Women's Division which has been set for Jan. 12. New officers will also be installed at the meeting.

Past women who have received the coveted award are: Irene McKinster, 1971; Kathryn Kester, 1972; Peaches Reinauer, 1973; Wynelle Robinson, 1974; Lavon Nieman, 1975; Inez Albright, 1976; Sherry Hoover, 1977; Susie McGee, 1978; Virginia Adams, 1979; and Georgia Sparks, 1980.

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The office is open from 1-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, or orders may be called in by phoning 364-4338 or 364-8371.

The book will be a priceless treasure to all those who live or have ever lived in Deaf Smith County.

"The Land and Its People" will be the most complete history of this area, with more than 1200 individual family histories and special pages of church, organization, and business histories in addition to general history sections, histories of separate communities within the county, and tributes and memorial pages commemorating special people and pioneers who have lived in Deaf Smith County.

A wide variety of photographs make this book even more priceless.

Books must be ordered before publication and gift certificates must be purchased now in order to reserve your book(s). "The Land and

Its People" will be out sometime in 1982, and will be a limited edition. Only those books ordered now will be published.

The Project County History

office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24 and 25. Regular office hours will resume at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29.

Hospital Notes

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Ellen Anders, Inf. Girl
Anders, Sharla Braisher, Inf.
Boy Brasher, Beverly
Brockett, Demita Gagle Inf.
Boy Cagle, Juanita Castillo.
Ola Green, Mary Hale,
Francis Hill, Sylvia Hernandez,
Blanche Maddox.
Jesse Morin, Ethel Newsom,
Nora Paetzold, Juanita Palacios,
Inf. Girl Palacios, Alice Ramirez,
Delfino Rangel, Harold Wheeler.

IF YOU ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 55-65 and are not in a Bible study class, we invite you to join us for Bible study at First Baptist Church each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. ground floor ADULT IV DEPARTMENT

Senior Citizens Opportunities

Promoting programs sponsored by Hereford Senior Citizens Association.

Activities scheduled this week (Dec. 24-30) at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center are as follows:

THURSDAY — Closed for Christmas

FRIDAY — Closed for Christmas

MONDAY — Physical Fitness 10 a.m., noon meal 11:30 a.m., games 1-5 p.m., nutrition ed. 1 p.m., hand bell choir 1:30 p.m., square dance 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY — Mall walk 9 a.m., craft class 10:30-11:30 a.m., noon meal 11:30 a.m., pioneer bowl 1 p.m., games 1-5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY — Physical fitness 10 a.m., noon meal 11:30 a.m., Westgate 1 p.m. The menu for Monday

through Wednesday will be:
MONDAY — Italian spaghetti, herbed green beans, orange-carrot, salad, garlic bread, oleo, pie, milk.

TUESDAY — Liver and onions, fish, scalloped potatoes, buttered broccoli, roll-oleo, sliced peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Fried chicken-gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll-oleo, apricot cobbler, milk.

Christmas Blessings

May you know His peace at Christmas.
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Warricks Give Holiday Dinner

Earl and Naomi Warrick gave a Christmas dinner for friends Friday night in their home, which was decorated in a warm, festive Christmas style. Good friends, fellowship and food were enjoyed by all.

Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Rankin, Troy and Margie Waddell, Bill and Joyce Burford, Johnny and Judy Cloud, the Rev. Jarrell and Bertha Sharp, Bert and Heather Bostic, the Rev. Herschel Thurston, Lee and Doris Umstead and Courtney, and Beverly Brooke.

The Warricks would like to thank those who attended for sharing Christmas in their home.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Garcia are the parents of a daughter, Regina Renee, born Dec. 16. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 1/4 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wayne Higgins are the parents of a daughter, Catherine Renee, born Dec. 16. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 1/2 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted J. Eicke are the parents of a daughter, Toni, born Dec. 17. She weighed 6 pounds, 2 1/2 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Mitchell Brasher are the parents of a son, Stanton Jay, born Dec. 18. He weighed 8 pounds, 11 1/4 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Merriin Cozby are the parents of a son, Nicholas Ray, born Dec. 19. He weighed 6 pounds, 15 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah James Anders are the parents of a daughter, Shannon Marie, born Dec. 20. She weighed 9 pounds, 2 1/4 ozs.



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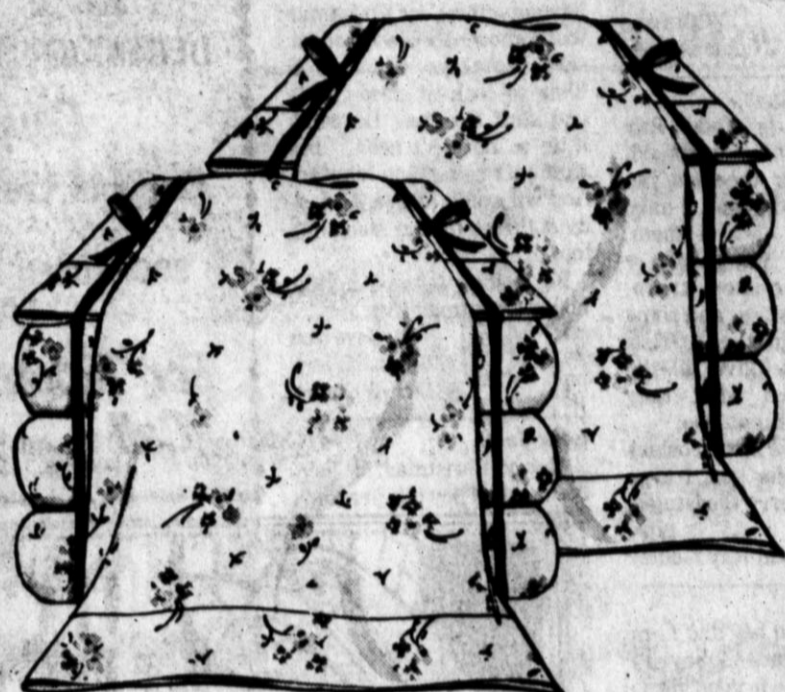
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White Sale

Starts Saturday December 26th

Sale 2.99 ^{twin} Save on pastel posy sheets.

Reg. 4.99. Pick pretty pastel posies lightly sprinkled on our lowest priced twin sheets. Delicate mini-flowers bloom on no-iron poly/cotton muslin; flat or fitted. Ours alone. Standard pillowcases, by the pair. Reg. 4.99 Sale 3.99



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Reg. \$7. The JCPenney Towel; over 20 million sold in 5 years. Specially designed for fluffiness, durability and super-absorbency, it's a big 25x50" of thick cotton/poly. In vibrant colors to coordinate with lots of our bathroom accessories.

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Hand towel	5.00	4.50
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Sale 2.99 ^{bath} Jacquard-border towels.

Reg. 3.99. Fringed towels feature a decorative floral jacquard border. One velvety soft sheared side, one absorbent terry side. Cotton/poly, in many colors.

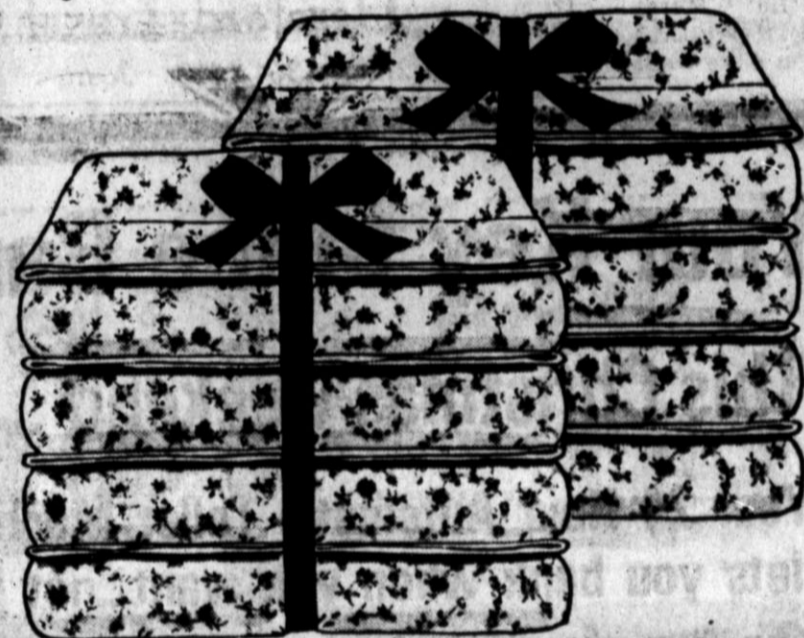
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Hand towel	2.99	2.49
Washcloth	1.59	1.29



Sale 3.99 ^{twin} Fresh flower print percales.

Reg. 5.99. Spring comes early on our romantic country floral sheets. Of no-iron poly/cotton percale. Flat or fitted:

	Reg.	Sale
Full	7.99	5.99
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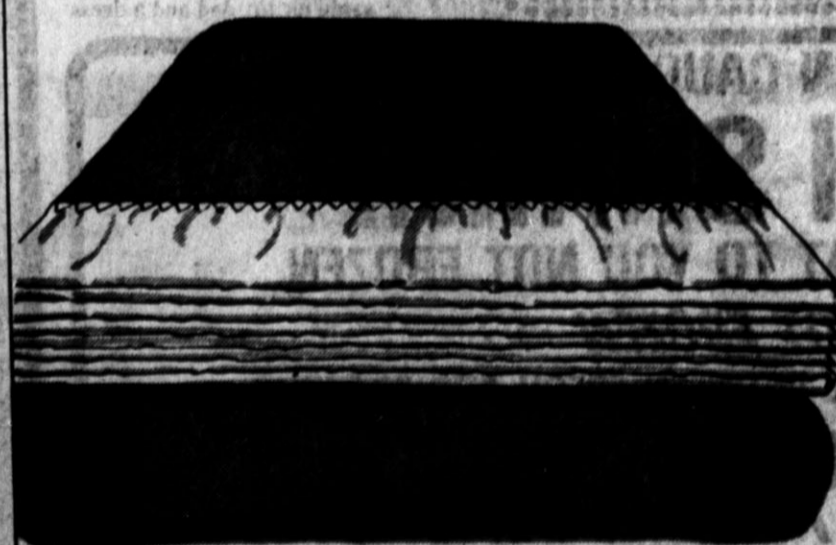
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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY
 Hereford Toastmasters Club, Thompson House Restaurant, 6:30 a.m.
 Kiwanis Club, Community Center, noon.
 Hereford TOPS Club No. 941, Community Center, 9 a.m.
 Amateur Radio Operators, north biology building of high school, 7:30 p.m.
 Preschoolers story hour at the library, 10 a.m.
 La Madre Mia Study Club, 8 p.m.
 Calliopean Study Club, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY
 Sweet 'n' Fancy Cake Decorating Club, Community Center, 9 a.m.
 Sugar Works Cake Decorating Club, American Legion Hall, 9 a.m.
 Christmas Day!!!

MONDAY
 Band-orchestra booster club, HHS Band Hall, 7 p.m.
 Easter Lions at Easter Clubhouse, 8 p.m.
 Deaf Smith County Extension Homemakers Council, Library Heritage Room, 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
 Odd Fellows Lodge, IOOF Hall, 7:30 p.m.
 TOPS Chapter No. 1011, Community Center, 5:30 p.m.
 Rotary Club, K-Bob's, 12 noon.
 Weight Watchers, First Baptist Church, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
 Noon Lions, Community Center, noon.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
 My name is Anjanette Cantu, I'm 4 years old.
 I want a Simon Says, a Hi Chair for my dolls, dishes, and a doll. Bring my baby brother some toys.
 Love
 Anjanette
 606 Blevins

for my mom.
 Love
 Michelle Hamby

We love you
 Bobby Kainer
 Eddie Kainer

Love
 T.J.

doll named Tippi Toes and two dolls named the moon-cheeches and a shirt for my kitten, named Biscuit. Thank you for the presents last year.
 Love
 Cynamin Brownlow

Dear Santa,
 I would like some pom-poms a tippy toes doll a sew easy sewing machine and baby and bath. Laurie wants a ball.
 Love Tracie

Dear Santa,
 Hi Saint Nick! How are you doing? I hope you're doing fine. Have a happy Merry Christmas! My name Nicholas Alexander Reed, I am in the third grade at Tierra Blanca. Can I have a Spiderman sleeping bag, a Tyco Daredevil Jump set, a Darthvader Collecta case, all the Star Wars Action Figures, another ranch set, a bath set for my mom and dad, a bath robe for my sister and a bathrobe for me.
 With Love
 Nicholous Reed

Dear Santa,
 I am 5 years old girl and go to kindergarten at Northwest School. My mama is writing for me cause I don't know how. I like dolls and Barbie dolls a whole lot. I love to draw and color, so maybe you can bring an art kit, I saw one in a T.G.Y. paper. I like to cook stuff and would like something so I can bake things. Anything else if I've been good enough this year. Also I have a baby brother, he's 13 mo's old and would like something for Christmas too! I know he's been good for sure. He plays with cars & likes to look at choo-choo's and stuff like that. Darrell's little so he don't need big stuff just something his size. And we would like some candy & things for our stockings too.
 Be looking for you at my house Christmas Eve.
 We love you
 Theresa Kainer
 Darrell Kainer

Dear Santa,
 Merry Christmas! My name is Cynamin. I am in the third grade at Tierra Blanca. Will you please bring me a

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a doll, Mr. Microphone & a radio & Sewing machine.
 My Brother would like a horse and a pickup and a trailer & cows.
 Machele & Clay

Dear Santa
 My name is Cory. I will be 3 yrs. old this Christmas. I would like you to bring me a choo-choo train and some new colors and some candy. Also please bring my little sister Christy something to play with.
 Thank you and "Merry Christmas."
 Love Cory

Dear Santa,
 I sure would like to have a 50-wheeler truck so I can play alot with Scott. We have fun with our tractors. I've been good most of the time except when it comes time for me to take my medicine.
 Be careful when you make your trip Christmas Eve, and say hello to my grandpa and grandma. You'll probably see them on the highway since they're coming to see me and Kristin.

Thanks,
 Jeremy Nigh
 P.S. Please bring Kristin something also. She's a pretty good sister most of the time.

Dear Santa,
 Since I'm only almost two years old, my daddy is writing this for me. Jeremy and I have been good this year, except when we want the same toy. Anyway, I could use a new doll, and a toy truck of my own so I don't have to use Jeremy's all the time.

Also, since Jeremy poured all the bubble bath out we need a new bottle of that, too!
 Be careful Christmas Eve.
 I love you.

Thanks,
 Kristin Nigh

Dear Santa,
 I've been a real good girl this year and when you come to see me Christmas please bring me a baby doll, play stove, play refrigerator & play food. So I can help mommie cook. I won't be at my house Christmas so if you and Rudolph don't mind, bring my toys to mama Carolyn & Papa Dale's house. I'll leave you some cookies I made by the fireplace.

I love you
 Brittiny Darnell
 Age 2 1/2

Dear Santa,
 How have you been? My name is Michelle. I have tried to do well in school. Are you sick? Well guess you're wondering how old I am. Well I'm eight and going to be nine three days after Christmas and in 3rd grade. Well guess I'll tell you what I want. Please give me a rabbit and a doll for all my sisters and me. Send my brother a suit and same for my dad and a dress

Dear Santa,
 I'm a 6 yr old boy and I am in the first grade. I haven't learned to write to good yet so my mama is writing this for me.

For Christmas I would like any "Dukes of Hazards racing things. I like cars and football and playing games. So if I have been good enough would you please bring me some toys, and goodies for my stocking. And I have a little brother who is 2 yrs old, he has been good and would like some trucks and loves air planes and goes crazy with tractors, so maybe you have some for Eddie. He talks about you all the time and say's Ho!Ho! Merry Christmas too! Hope you can come to see us at my house 216 Ave. B.

Love
 Todd Ray Dudley

Dear Santa,
 Merry Christmas! I have been a good boy this year. My

Love
 Theresa Kainer
 Darrell Kainer

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Reagan Giving Cheese Surplus To Poor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stuck with a growing mountain of government-owned cheese that violates his free enterprise ideals, President Reagan is slicing off some of the surplus for free distribution to the poor.

But in keeping with his principles of New Federalism, Reagan said cheese will be given to the needy only in states where officials ask for it.

And he wants the states to turn it over to non-profit

organizations in observance of yet another principle — letting charity do what the government used to do.

In a written statement Tuesday, Reagan said 30 million pounds of the 500 million pounds in storage will be distributed through the states. The total now in warehouses around the nation amounts to more than two pounds for every man, woman and child in America.

The unwanted cheese has been accumulating as a result of farm laws that assure dairy farmers a minimum price for their products.

Cheese is acquired and put in storage when producers can get more by selling it to the government than selling it in the market place.

White House communications director David Gergen said the government paid \$43 million for the 30 million pounds it plans to distribute.

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France's Top Woman Cop Fighting Subway Crime

PARIS (AP) — Nadine Joly's life story is the stuff of which television police series are made. At age 28, she is bright, witty, attractive, an expert marksman and the top woman cop in France.

She wears no uniform and has never had to use the gun she carries. It is in conservative business clothes and armed with a law degree that she executes her duties as the No. 1 opponent to the criminals who lurk beneath the streets of Paris.

Since November, police commander Joly has headed security operations for the Paris Metro, the city's extensive subway system that carries 4 million passengers a day along with an untold number of pickpockets and petty criminals.

From her office wedged in between the Seine River and a Metro line, Miss Joly directs a staff of 430 administrators and patrolmen who are out to stop the rising metro crime rate. All but two of her subordinates are men.

"The first reaction by most of the men was just to observe me to see if I was competent," she said during a recent interview. "I really can't say we've had any problems because of my being a woman."

The rarity of the situation, however, has not escaped

Miss Joly's sense of humor. A recruiting poster she placed on her office door shows two virile cops and a German shepherd in a woodsy outdoor scene with the caption: The National Police — A Man's Job.

"That's not true anymore," the police commander laughed. "It's an old poster." But not that old.

Until 1975, women were not admitted to the Ecole Nationale Superior de Police — France's prestigious two-year police academy that graduates only about 100 police commanders a year. It is from their ranks that the police leaders of France generally emerge.

On the other side of the French police hierarchy are the "gardiens de la paix" — the uniformed patrolmen who were without female colleagues in their training programs until only four years ago.

There are less than 150 women among France's 80,000 uniformed policemen. Among the nation's 1,800 police commanders, 43 are women.

Miss Joly says it was only by chance that she applied for admission to the police academy's class of 1977.

"I had just finished my master's in law and I saw a notice at school that applica-

tions were being accepted for the Ecole Nationale Superior de Police," the 5-foot-3 policewoman recalled. "The timing just seemed right. It was the first time I ever thought about entering the police profession."

The daughter of a wine grower from the Champagne region, Miss Joly and about 200 other women applied to the academy that year.

Eight women and 102 men were admitted.

"I've never belonged to any women's liberation movement. I find them rather extremist," she said. "But feminists have made positive contributions. I might have found it impossible to enter the Ecole Nationale when I did if the woman's movement hadn't been around."

After her graduation from the academy, Miss Joly went to work in the administrative sections of various police districts in Paris.

She was the deputy to a district chief when she was appointed head of security for the 353-station subway system.

"Crime on the metro has been on the rise in the past few years," Miss Joly said. "The worst problem is with robberies."

The policewoman stood up and pointed to charts behind her desk. For the month of September alone, the charts showed there were 259 robberies — a 72 percent increase from the year before and a whopping 123 percent higher than the September rate two years ago.

"To fight the increase, we've beefed up police patrols in the metro during the hours when the highest proportion of crimes are committed," she said. "We're also trying to get the public to

National Urban Fellows, Inc. Seeking Applicants

NEW YORK, N.Y. — National Urban Fellows, Inc. is seeking applicants—especially minority group members from demonstrated leadership potential—for mid-career fellowships in urban administration, according to an announcement today for National Urban Fellows president Luis Alvarez.

A total of 80 fellowships will be awarded during 1982-83. Each will carry a grant of from \$12,000-\$15,000.

The 14-month Urban Fellows program for '82-83 will begin in July 1982 with an intensive five-week residential semester at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa. Participants will then spend 9-month mentorship assignments as special assistants to mayors, city managers, and other urban administrators.

The Fellows who have not completed an advanced degree have the option of returning to Bucknell in June of 1983 to complete requirements for a Masters Degree in Urban Administration.

Eligible men and women should be United States citizens between the ages of 25-40, with more than 3 years

of full-time administrative experience. In addition to proven leadership skills, they should have a commitment to solving urban problems.

Deadline for receipt of applications is February 19, 1982. Applications and additional information concerning the program may be obtained by contacting the National Urban Fellows, Inc. 1776 Broadway, 22nd floor, New York, N.Y. 10019. Telephone: (212) 541-5711.

The National Urban Fellows program is supported by grants from foundations, corporations, private contributions, and by payments from agencies to which Fellows are assigned.

During the first 11 years of the program, fellowships have been awarded to 263 men and women, primarily blacks, Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans, Native Americans and Asian Americans. Presently, over 50 percent of the Fellowships are awarded to women.

Fellowship assignments are made at all levels of government—federal, state, county and municipal.

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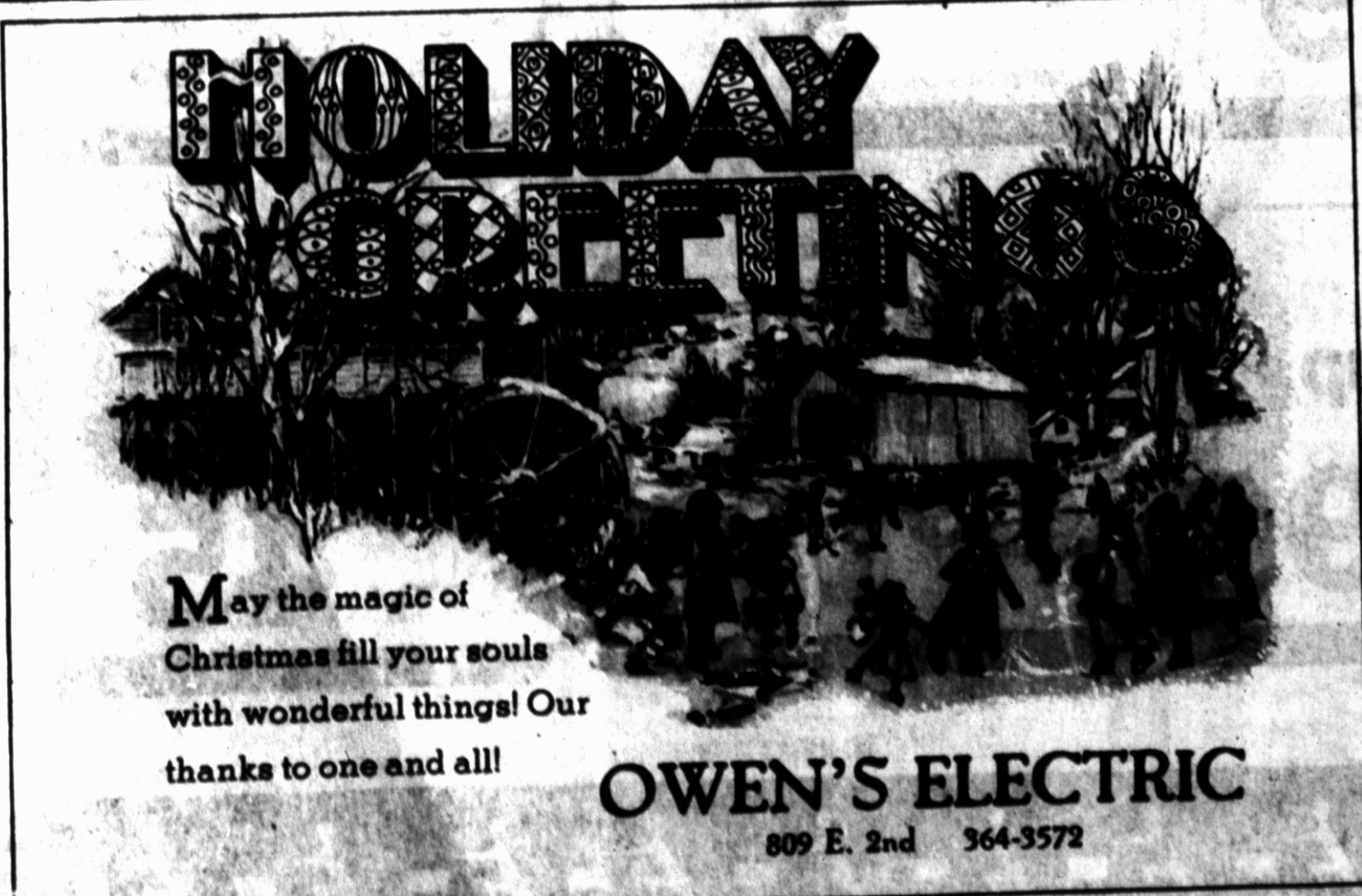
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Quarter Horse Herd

Thirteen quarter horses have been donated to the West Texas State University Horse Center. Looking over a portion of the herd are, from left, WTSU President Max Sherman; Warren Doing of Searchlight, Nev., who donated the

herd; and Gary Marble, WTSU instructor in animal science. The donation will allow the expansion of the horsemanship program. (WTSU Photo by Andy Hester)

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Block May Have Defended His Turf Against Stockman's Cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — All the details won't be known for five weeks or so, but it appears Agriculture Secretary John R. Block has successfully defended some of his turf from budget director David A. Stockman's spending ax. One victory was the scrapping of a Stockman plan to impose user fees on slaughter plants and processors to pay for the costs of federal meat inspection, a source said Monday. The source, who asked not to be identified, supplied a copy of a memo which outlined Block's "head-to-head con-

frontation" with Stockman last week at the White House. No details were available, however, on what major cuts will be in store for the Agriculture Department in fiscal 1983. President Reagan is to announce his budget recommendations next month. Reports have circulated that government food programs may be targets for cuts. Also among the possibilities are block grants to states which would replace the current system of allocating money for food stamps, school lunches and supplemental family food donations. The memo said Block "was able to get more than \$50 million reinstated in agricultural research funds, which will allow the Department of Agriculture to increase its 1983 funding for research." Stepped-up research has been one of Block's personal goals for some time. "A Stockman proposal that would have made a drastic cut in Soil Conservation Service funds and staffing out in the country struck at the heart of another one of Block's personal high-

priority goals," the memo said. No dollar figure was included, but it said Block "fought for a plan that allows minimum cuts" in agency funds "but keeps the soil conservation program intact" and able to continue with a strong program. The memo also said Block was able to counter Stockman's arguments for holding the lid on farm operating loans offered by the Farmers Home Administration. "Stockman stood against any increase," it said. "Block came away with some increase in funds for farm operating loans."

federal meat inspection on an across-the-board user fee basis," the memo said. "Block argued that this would introduce a fundamental question of the integrity of our food safety system if meat processors were required to pay for the meat inspection in their own plants." According to the information, Block "also argued that the meat packers would simply take the user fee costs out of the prices paid for livestock at the farm end."

Quarter Horse Herd Donated To WTSU

CANYON — A former West Texas State University student and her husband have donated 13 quarter horses to the WTSU Department of Animal Science horsemanship program. Warren Doing of Searchlight, Nev., whose wife, Verlie Mae, attended WTSU, brought the horses to the WTSU Horse Center from one of his farms in Phillipsburg, Mo.

The herd, which includes nine registered geldings, two unregistered geldings, a registered mare and her filly colt, has been appraised by two National Cutting Horse Association judges at \$88,500. Value was assessed based on the horses' bloodlines. The gift of the horses will enable an expansion of the WTSU horsemanship program which is based at the Horse Center north of campus on the Canyon Expressway. Because the horses have yet to be broken, the program will be expanded to allow students to break them.

Gary Marble, WTSU instructor in animal science, said a course on "greenbreaking" will be introduced for the spring 1982 semester which begins on Jan. 13. Greenbreaking, Marble explained, is a term referring to the period of 30 to 90 days in which a horse is gentled and becomes accustomed to a saddle. "These horses are bred to be cutting horses and maybe our advanced students will be able to take a course and learn to cut (cattle from a herd) when we expand the program," said Marble. Of the 13 horses, two have been broken to ride. They are six and seven years old. The unbroken horses are five and six years old which is an advanced age for unbroken horses. "So it will be a challenge," Marble said.

He also said that because of the outstanding bloodlines of the horses, they may be offered to trainers, but none of the horses will be used to train beginning riders. "I tried to get the right type of cutting horses and breed them into each other," he said. During the fall semester, Marble said he gave 155 horsemanship lessons each week. The Horse Center herd also includes an average of 30 horses housed at the center by students, 17 belonging to the WTSU program, 11 head brought to the center from Boys Ranch for beginning riders and about 20 other head donated by various individuals. Marble said the mare also may be bred to Apache Thunder, a 12-year-old paint stallion donated by the father of a WTSU student. Apache Thunder is a champion recognized by the American Paint Horse Association. The horses donated by Doing also will participate in a cutting horse clinic to be hosted at the WTSU Horse Center Monday through Friday, Jan. 4-8, 1982. Ray Hunt, a trainer from Dillon, Mont., will conduct the clinic.

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requirement for about 60 percent of the state's crop. The rest of the oranges and grapefruit, grown outside the control program, must be fumigated before being shipped to other states with commercial citrus production. The Mexican fruit fly is a less destructive cousin of the more famous Mediterranean fruit fly, which has infested areas of California. Rep. Kika De la Garza, D-Texas and chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, said release of sterile flies, trapping and monitoring of fruit should keep Texas free of the fumigation re-

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Citrus Shippers Pleased With Fumigation Ruling

MCALEN, Texas (AP) — Citrus shippers are breathing easier after learning they will not be required to fumigate fruit shipments to California — a practice that could have cut business by one-fifth. "Everybody is extremely pleased with the decision," Les Whitlock of Texas Citrus Mutual said Tuesday. Whitlock and others learned that the U.S. Agriculture Department has decided to allow most Texas fruit to bypass fumigation as long as the Mexican fruit fly does not appear in the Rio Grande Valley growing area. The USDA had lifted the fumigation requirements in November for about 60 percent of the Texas crop after local shippers ran into problems with tough, new California safety standards on the type chemical used to fumigate fruit. If the USDA had reimposed the fumigation rules, Texas citrus industry spokesmen said they would lose about 20 percent of their wholesale market. California brokers have refused to handle fruit treated with ethylene dibromide, the chemical used in fumigation. The Mexican fruit fly is a less destructive cousin of the more famous Mediterranean fruit fly, which has infested areas of California. Rep. Kika De la Garza, D-Texas and chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, said release of sterile flies, trapping and monitoring of fruit should keep Texas free of the fumigation re-

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MIDWEST — Steer beef was steady to 2.00 lower at \$3.00-35.00 for 600-800 lbs. Heifer beef was steady to 2.00 lower at \$1.00-32.00 for 550-700 lbs.

PORK — Compared to Monday's 4:00 report the fresh pork cut trade was slow with demand light in the Central U.S. Carol area. All prices untrimmed unless otherwise stated. Loin was 1.75-2.00 lower for 17-22 lbs at 77.75-78.00. Hams were 16.50-18.00 lower for 17-20 lbs at 61.00-75.50. Bellies were not established at 42.00 for 19-20 lbs. No sales on picnic.

GRAIN FUTURES

CHICAGO (AP) — Futures trading on the Chicago Board of Trade Tuesday.

Grain	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
WHEAT					
Mar	3.82	3.87	3.78	3.82 1/2	+0.04
May	3.85	3.90	3.75	3.79 1/2	+0.01
Jul	3.90	3.95	3.80	3.84 1/2	+0.01
Sep	4.03	4.07	3.92	3.96 1/2	+0.01
Dec	4.19	4.23	4.08	4.12 1/2	+0.01
Prev. sales 13,279 Prev. day's open int \$2,200, up 74.					
CORN					
Mar	2.65	2.68	2.60	2.64 1/2	+0.01
May	2.75	2.78	2.70	2.74 1/2	+0.01
Jul	2.85	2.88	2.80	2.84 1/2	+0.01
Sep	2.95	2.98	2.90	2.94 1/2	+0.01
Dec	3.05	3.08	3.00	3.04 1/2	+0.01
Prev. sales 26,100 Prev. day's open int 121,284, up 63.					
SOYBEANS					
Mar	1.87	1.91	1.82	1.86 1/2	+0.01
May	1.92	1.95	1.85	1.90 1/2	+0.01
Jul	2.02	2.05	1.95	1.99 1/2	+0.01
Sep	2.12	2.15	2.05	2.09 1/2	+0.01
Dec	2.22	2.25	2.15	2.19 1/2	+0.01
Prev. sales 1,661 Prev. day's open int 6,927, off 301.					
SOYBEAN OIL					
Mar	4.55	4.62	4.45	4.52 1/2	+0.01
May	4.65	4.72	4.55	4.62 1/2	+0.01
Jul	4.75	4.82	4.65	4.72 1/2	+0.01
Sep	4.85	4.92	4.75	4.82 1/2	+0.01
Dec	4.95	5.02	4.85	4.92 1/2	+0.01
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Getting Pheasant Requires Instructions

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

PLAINVIEW, Texas (AP) — Joe Don Scott tried to tell me not to be fooled by the tailfeathers.

In his pre-hunt instructions, Scott warned the two-foot long feathers caused many a hunter to miss.

But I was too nervous on my first hunt for a Christmas pheasant to comprehend the words of the 70-year-old vice president at the City National

Bank of Plainview.

And I was also too glaze-eyed to notice that Joe Don ordered biscuits, sausage and eggs but only ate the eggs. He tucked the biscuits and sausage safely away in his jacket. Yet another lesson I was to learn from the president of Pheasants Unlimited, Inc.

Kenneth Gregg guided us over a maze of dusty back roads. Besides myself, Scott, and his hunting buddy H.W. Garrett, we were joined by

outdoor writers Mark McDonald of the Dallas Times-Herald, Steve Knight of the Tyler Morning Telegraph, and Ted Simons of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and Terry Cooper, vice president of a sporting goods store in Tyler.

The morning was cold and cloudy and the birds spooky. Lesson No. 1 was imminent.

A cunning cock pheasant waited until the exact moment I slipped a glove over my right hand to make his cackling exit.

Exploding into the air like a feathered vertical rise aircraft, the brightly plumaged bird leveled off with amazing speed. My snap shot aimed at his tail whizzed harmlessly behind the big bird.

If I didn't shape up, my Christmas pheasant was going to be a pen-raised turkey.

The next effort was much better, bringing a grin and a nod from Joe Don. This time I had my glove off and swung my shotgun ahead of the pheasant's beak.

The regal bird crumpled. Another symbol of Joe Don's unique, four-year-old program had been harvested.

He got the idea of Pheasants Unlimited from being a chapter chairman for Ducks Unlimited, a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of wild ducks.

"There weren't many wild pheasants in the Panhandle," said Scott. "I was proud of the money I had raised for Ducks Unlimited. But a bunch of us got together and

decided we could do the same thing for pheasants that was being done for ducks."

In four years, Scott's 410 member organization has raised some \$80,000 through dues, a wild game dinner, selling hats, raffling shotguns, etc. The majority of the proceeds have been paid to farmers and ranchers to preserve and enhance the pheasant habitat.

Scott took us to an area where a farmer had been paid to plant millet and hay grazer and let it stand for the birds.

In another area, a rancher was given cash to let cover grow around his playa lake.

Head high hay grazer covered another acre. It was so thick you could hear pheasants flush and never see them.

"Boy, am I proud of a stand like this," Scott said. "Birds can winter in there. We paid the farmer to plant the hay grazer."

The original pheasants in the Panhandle are believed to be descendants of Kansas birds.

Until recently they've had a hard time making it in Texas. Farmers routinely plowed under grain fields after harvest.

Pheasants, who loved the grain sorghum, maize and corn, had no place to hide. What the predators didn't kill the hard Texas winter did.

With encouragement and dollars from Pheasants Unlimited, farmers are leaving harvested stalks alone and even growing more cover.

Joe Don set a merry all-day pace despite his years. We walked and hunted right on through lunch.

Lesson No. 2. Don't eat your biscuits and sausage for breakfast if you want lunch around Joe Don.

Scott and Garrett directed the troops like Tom Landry. Two hunters would block at one end of a field while the others fanned out and swept toward them.

The hen pheasants, still illegal to shoot in Texas, routinely flushed at the hunters' feet. The gun shy roosters would try to sneak out the ends of the field.

Enough cocks made mistakes to give us our limits.

We all eagerly bought hats from Joe Don at \$15 each to help the Pheasants Unlimited cause along.

Even though our hunt was

near the end of the 17-day season, we had our Christmas pheasants — four of them each on a limit of two per day.

The first weekend of the season had, by some accounts, become a merchants delight in Plainview, bringing money-spending visitors from all over.

Paul Butler of the Plainview Daily Herald wrote: "If Santa Anna had commanded half the army which invaded Plainview last Saturday and only 10 per cent of the armament, he could have conquered everything between the Alamo and the North Pole

"In the pre-dawn hours, convoys of pickups, four-by-fours, motorhomes and every other conceivable form of private transportation lit up the countryside and what transpired with first legal light would have made the

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By any measure, it was one of Caldwell Jones' finest

games in the National Basketball Association. The substitute center led

the Philadelphia 76ers with his season-high 20 points. When the chips were down in

the crucial fourth quarter and the New York Knicks led by one, 84-83, Jones scored 11 straight points in 2:50.

His 12 rebounds were the most for any player. He played a grueling 37 minutes, only one less than durable Julius Erving's 38. From the foul line, he was perfect: 10 for 10. Jones also made two steals and only the Knicks' fleet Michael Ray Richardson had more.

And when it was over, the 76ers had a 112-105 victory Tuesday night.

Jones, whose average was

only eight points a game and whose previous high this season was 13, characterized his effort as "only fair." Philadelphia Coach Billy Cunningham thought otherwise, though.

In other NBA action, it was Denver 121, Houston 109; Los Angeles 124, Portland 110; Kansas City 106, Milwaukee 101; Boston 112, Cleveland 116; Indiana 92, Atlanta 88; Detroit 106, Dallas 98 and Chicago 92, Washington 90.

Nuggets 121, Rockets 100
Alex English scored 30 points as Denver defeated

Houston. Denver led by only three points, 83-80, going into the final quarter.

But English scored 12 points and Glen Gendresick and Ken Higgs each added three baskets as Denver outscored Houston 38-29 in the final quarter.

Lakers 124, Trail Blazers 110
Norm Nixon and three other Los Angeles players totaled 97 points as the Lakers beat Portland. The Lakers took a 33-26 first-period lead, and the Blazers got no closer than four points after that. Los Angeles led by as many as 24 points in the fourth quarter.

Nixon led all scorers with 27 points followed by teammates Mike Cooper with 26, Marnall Wilkes with 24 and Earvin "Magic" Johnson with 20.

Kings 106, Bucks 101

Reggie King scored 23 points and Mike Woodson 21 to lead Kansas City past Milwaukee. Behind their two high scorers, the Kings opened a 16-point lead in the second quarter and held off a late surge by the Bucks behind Sidney Moncrief.

Moncrief wound up with 19 points, but fouled out with 5:34 to play, and baskets by Eddie Johnson and Ernie Grunfeld gave the Kings an insurmountable 100-86 lead with 3:53 left.

Celtics 120, Cavaliers 118

Larry Bird scored a season-high 36 points, including a long jumper with 1:20 left that gave Boston the lead for good, to lift the Celtics over Cleveland. It was the seventh straight defeat for the Cavaliers, who have now lost 19 of their last 21 games.

Mike Mitchell, who led

Cleveland with 31 points, hit two free throws with 1:32 left to tie the score 116-116. Bird, who also had seven rebounds and seven assists, then sank his jumper from the top of the circle and the Celtics later led the victory when Robert Parish scored on a rebound of his own blocked shot with eight seconds to go.

Pacers 92, Hawks 88

Herb Williams scored a season-high 20 points and Johnny Davis added 20 as Indiana came from behind to defeat Atlanta. The Pacers trailed 71-69 with 1:38 left in the third quarter and were down by eight, 86-78, after Atlanta's Steve Hawes made a layup with 4:52 to play.

But Williams scored 12 of his points in the final period when the Pacers outscored Atlanta, 34-15. The Hawks went scoreless for more than 4½ minutes in the last quarter.

Pistons 106, Mavericks 98

Kelly Tripucka scored 18 second-half points to rally Detroit past Dallas. The Pistons, who trailed by as many as 13 points in the first half, took the lead for the first time three minutes into the

third quarter on a 15-3 scoring binge.

Detroit's second-half apart was aided by Terry Tyler's 15 points. Tripucka, the first-round draft choice from Notre Dame, was the game's high scorer with 27 points, while Tyler finished with 20 and Phil Hubbard, 18.

Bulls 92, Bullets 90

Ricky Sobers hit a 30-foot jump shot with two seconds left to lift Chicago over Washington. The Bulls tied the score at 90 with 33 seconds left when Reggie Theus scored on a layup.

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DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Coach Tom Landry said Tuesday Tampa Bay had the hardest hitting defense in the National Football League, but he wouldn't trade for them to replace his Cowboys.

"On performance, I would stack our defense up against anybody," said Landry. "The bottom line is giving up points and that's where we have played well."

In the last seven weeks, the Cowboys have yielded only an average of 13 points per game.

Tampa Bay visits the Cowboys at noon Jan. 2 in a National Conference divisional playoff clash. The Buccaneers won the NFC Central while Dallas was champion of the NFC East.

"Tampa Bay is a lot better than the team we played last year," said Landry. "Their quarterback (Doug Williams) and their receivers are excellent."

"Right now they are in the same mold as San Francisco and the (New York) Giants. Tampa Bay probably has the hardest hitting defensive team in the league."

He added, "We've got to match their defense."

Landry said he will give the team Christmas Day off plus the next two days.

"Then we'll get back to our regular schedule the next week," he said.

Landry said Williams had "looked very impressive in films. Tampa Bay has been

scoring some points."

On another point, he said he didn't feel the homefield advantage was as distinct in the playoffs as it is during the regular season.

"Good teams tend to play good on the road during playoff games because they are concentrating," said Landry. "The homefield advantage is just not as important in the playoffs. Of course, you feel a little better if you are home but it's just not that important."

Landry said it was unusual to have two weeks to prepare for a playoff game.

"This is sort of like preparing for the Super Bowl because you have two weeks to do it," Landry said.

The Cowboys will go into the Tampa Bay game in top shape. Linebacker D.D. Lewis has a sprained ankle but it is expected to be healed in two weeks.

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'Horns Breeze; Frogs, Hogs, Ponies Struggle

By The Associated Press
It wasn't easy, but the Southwest Conference went 4-0 against non-conference basketball competition Tuesday night.

Only the unbeaten Texas Longhorns had a comfortable final margin as Arkansas, Texas Christian and Southern Methodist had to struggle a bit for their victories.

The Longhorns took an 82-66 decision over Drake of the Missouri Valley Conference, unbeaten Arkansas had to come from behind to beat Southern Mississippi.

62-64, Texas Christian edged Texas-San Antonio, 66-61, and SMU needed overtime to beat Texas Wesleyan, 87-78.

Lemelle Thompson scored 21 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as the Longhorns remained undefeated with an 82-66 romp over Drake. Mike Wacker added 16 points and 13 rebounds for Texas.

Texas, now 7-0, grabbed a 20-25 halftime lead and increased the margin to 15 points in the second half. Drake came back in the second half and pulled to within six points with 12:23 remain-

ing when Tony Watson hit a short jumper.

But the Longhorns outscored Drake, 20-10, the rest of the way to remain unbeaten.

"We've been a good second-half club and I guess that saved us tonight," said Texas coach Abe Lemons.

Scott Hastings scored 21 points to lead the sixth-ranked Arkansas Razorbacks to a 63-54 victory over Southern Mississippi. Arkansas remained unbeaten after seven games.

Darrell Walker was the only other Razorback in double figures with 19 points.

Joe Dawson led the Golden Eagles with 18, Curtis Green had 12 and Edger Eason added 10.

Southern Mississippi, 5-4, grabbed an 18-4 lead early in the first half, but the Razorbacks stormed back from their biggest deficit of the season to tie the game at 24 at halftime. Brad Friess scored early in the second half to give Arkansas a 26-24 lead and the Razorbacks never trailed again.

Southern Mississippi drew high praise from Arkansas coach Eddie Sutton.

"Southern Mississippi has a good team and I have more respect for them now than I did before we played. I'm proud of our team too," Sutton said.

"After we got behind by 10, we faced an uphill battle, but we held our poise during the last 10 minutes of the first

half," Sutton said. "In the second half, we shot the ball better and while our press didn't force many turnovers, it did speed up the tempo of the game."

Joe Stephen and Doug Arnold scored 16 points each to lead Texas Christian to a

55-51 victory over Texas-San Antonio in a game that left TCU coach Jim Killingsworth sounding like a coach who had just lost a game.

"I don't know what's wrong with us. We do a great job early to get a big lead and

then we just self-destruct," Killingsworth said. "I think we have suicidal tendencies."

TCU is now 5-3 while Texas-San Antonio dropped to 3-7.

It took a 10-foot baseline jumper by Dave Piehler to send the game into overtime as Southern Methodist edged Texas Wesleyan, 87-78.

Piehler's shot tied the game at 73 and the Mustangs outscored Texas Wesleyan, 14-5, in overtime.

Jon Koncak and John Addison scored 22 points each for SMU. Five of Addison's points came in the overtime period.

SMU is now 4-5 while Texas Wesleyan is 3-11.

UH Unfamiliar With Wishbone

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer says Houston's unfamiliarity with the wishbone offense may help his team in Saturday's Sun Bowl game, but he's not counting on it.

"It always an advantage when their personnel aren't familiar with your alignment," Switzer said Tuesday. "But good players handle any kind of situation offensively or defensively. It's not the alignment, it's the alignments that have to play."

Congar Coach Bill Yeoman said his defense worked hard last week to become familiar with the wishbone, which Houston hasn't faced since playing Texas A&M in 1978.

Yeoman's squad practiced six times last week and was in its second El Paso workout when the Sooners arrived in town Tuesday. Oklahoma, meanwhile, had not practiced since Dec. 15 because of final exams.

"You can't practice during finals," Switzer said. "Half the team would have to practice one time and the other half at another time."

Switzer complained Tuesday that he would have only three practices before the game while at the Orange Bowl, where his teams have played five times, there is a week between exams and the game.

Saturday's nationally televised game is the first Sun Bowl appearance for both teams and the first time they have ever played each other. But it was clear that both teams had their sights set on other bowl games.

Oklahoma recently returned unsold tickets to the Sun Bowl because they weren't snatched up by fans. After a disappointing 6-4-1 season, the Sun Bowl bid was virtual-

ly the only bowl offer for the Sooners. But Switzer downplayed the disappointment.

"Part of it is that the Sun Bowl comes during the Christmas holidays which is a difficult period for people to go away," he said. "For that matter, Oklahoma fans haven't been going to the Orange Bowl in the last couple of years. Maybe they're poor."

Meanwhile, some of the Cougars ran onto the windy playing field Tuesday in practice jerseys that said "Think Cotton" on the back. Coaches had the players turn the jerseys inside out for the rest of the practice.

Pats Clean House

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Ron Erhardt and his assistant coaches were the first to go. But they probably won't be the last as the New England Patriots try to regroup after a disastrous National Football League season.

Erhardt and his eight-man staff were fired Tuesday in the wake of the team's 2-14 record, the worst in its history. New England shared the poorest record in the NFL with Baltimore, to whom the Pats lost twice.

Patriots' owner Billy Sullivan cited the team's poor record and the loss of fans and fan enthusiasm as key factors in his decision to oust

And Sullivan, who hired Erhardt after Chuck Fairbanks went to the University of Colorado, said there will be more departures.

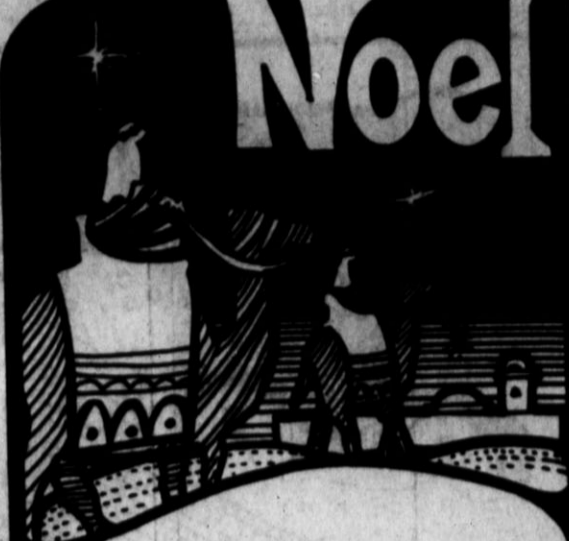
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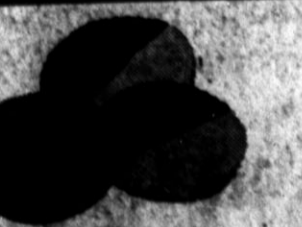


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Love from
Jenee Baros

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 10 years old. I go to West Central.
I haven't been that good this year but I'm really trying to be good right now.
I want a crisscross racing track and a pocket simon.
How's Rudolph doing? My sister Shelly and I will leave you some cookies and milk.
See you Christmas
Matthew McIntosh
437 Long

Dear Santa Claus,
You don't have to bring me anything this year. I haven't

been good because I forget to close drawers, cabinets and I dropped my ice-cream cone in mamas purs. So I guess you better not bring me anything. But bring Laura & Lana something good. By
Bad girl
Libby Kosub
P.S. I'm really sorry!!...

Dear Santa;
How are you doing? I'm gonna be a good boy on Christmas. I want some toys...I wanta Christmas truck, they put up Christmas trees & candles. I want a See & Say. I want a TG&Y truck. Bring Mama a notebook with a Christmas tree on it. I'll leave you some milk & cookies. Merry Christmas. Santa & I love you.
Kyle B. Moody
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P.S. I'm 4 years old.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Shelly McIntosh. I am 5 years old and go to Alkman.
I want a baby carriage and baby doll and a moppet secret doll house.
How's Mrs. Santa Claus doing and the reindeers too.
My brother Matt would like something for Christmas too.
That's all
Love
Shelly McIntosh
437 Long

Dear Santa
I am 3 years old and this is my first letter to you. I have tried to be good and would like a fire truck, firemans helmet, and a police car. Please bring something for Rustee. I love you.
Love
Matthew Baird

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Jeff Deyke and I am 5 years old. I would like to have a Race Car set, Walkie-talki, House shoes, brush & comb set, Rubics cube, Pinball Machine Con-

nect four game, Dallas Cowboy cup, and some clothes, guitar.
Thank you
Jeff

Dear Santa Claus
I'm six years old. My name is Kami. I've tried to be good this year. I love you. Here is what I want
Dolly and layette
Mad game
Rubik's cube
Barbie Beauty Set
Kami Rogers
438 Ranger
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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. So has my sister Sarah.
I would like some western clothes, housecoat, and a baby feel so real. Please bring my sister a baby doll too. Also bring us anything else you think we will like.
Love
Rebecca & Sarah
Carlisle

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy, sometimes. I would like a train, cars, a monster, a reindeer, and a horse. I will have some turkey for you.
Thank you.
Merry Christmas
Juan Barrientez

Dear Santa,
I would like a truck. I will give you my Christmas tree. I have been a good boy at my house and sometimes at school.
Merry Christmas and thank you
Joe Cervantes

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like a toy gun, a football, and a new school box. Also a real horse. I will have some apples, oranges, and peanuts for you. Thank you.
Merry Christmas
John David Nara

Dear Santa,
I would like a Dukes of Hazzard car with the man. I also want a toy Santa Claus, some tennis shoes, a drum, guitar, a dog with a bone, and a cat. I will have some cookies and coffee for you. Thank you.
Merry Christmas,
Jose Longoria

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy at home and sometimes at school. I would like the Dukes of Hazzard Car and police cars. Also a real horse. Thank you
Merry Christmas
Leonardo Arellano

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie and her swimming pool. I also would like some dishes, a bike, a Barbie car, and some Barbie clothes. I have been a good girl. I will have some cookies and bread for you.
Thank you.
Merry Christmas
Maria Patino

Dear Santa,
I would like some of your clothes so I can be Santa. I would also like a key car. I have been a good boy all the time. Please come to our house and eat Santa Claus cookies. Thank you.
Merry Christmas
Love Enrique Balderaz

Dear Santa
Quiero un muñeca que llora y habla. Tambien unos trastes para las muñecas Tambien quiero una vela de dios para mi mama. Y para mi papa quiero un sombrero voya darle el pastel ouando lluegas. Y para mi hermanita quiero una manequita
Gracias
Wendy Camarillo

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like a watch, a doll, a bracelet, a necklace, a Barbie and her clothes, and a toy

makeup kit. I will have some cookies, a cake, and cokes.
Thank you
Merry Christmas
Monica Villareal

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll that drinks from the bottle. Also a doll house, a real pony, and teddy bear. Come eat turkey with us. Thank you
Love and kisses
Rachel Rodrigues

Dear Santa Claus,
First Pummy wants Tipp! Toys. Apricot with her bunny Hopalot. Apple Dummies and her pet tee time turtle. Easy check out cash register. Fisher price Marching Band. Fisher price Cassette Player. Slot game bank machine.
Love Pamela

Dear Santa,
My mother is writing the letter and I'm gonna sign it, because I can't write all those toys down.
First of all I would like to wish you a safe Christmas & A Happy New Year.
Secondly I'll tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like a Barbie doll, dream house & Corvete car, a make-up kit to make yeelf gorgeous, a Strawberry Shortcake Doll & House, a Crayola Coloring Kit, a clock radio, and a pair of western boots from the Range. That will be all for this Christmas.
Thank you
(in advance that is!)

Jennifer Dawn Palacios-age 5
418 Paloma Lane

Dear Santa Claus
I am eight years old All I want for Christmas is a Barbie swimming pool and a doll. I have a little brother named Corey he wants some trucks.
Love you
Crystal and Corey Jones

Dear Santa,
I want a hit and missle, battleship, Snow White game,

dukes of hazzard game, AT-AT and Imperial Cruiser for Christmas. I would also like a space ballistic missile wars. Shooting gallery, hungry hippos game, dracula game, racing CJ Jeep. I'm six years old. I have a brother named Derek that's 2 years old.
from Brock Brinkman

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old and I have been a good boy this year. Would you please bring me a horse, man, & trailer? Please remember all the other boys and girls.
Love
D.J. Warrick

Dear Santa Claus,
May I please have a girl Monchichi, Merlin, and a Speak and Spell. I think I have been good enough. Some of this year I have been bad, but most of this year I have been good.
I am moving to California on Dec. 10, 1981. My address in California is 3468 Cowell Blvd.
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HAVE A MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS; SANTA!
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Christine Brock

Dear Santa Claus,
May I please have a boy Monchichi, Speak and Math, Crayola Caddy and I think I've been good enough. Our family is moving to California. Our new address is 3468 Cowell Blvd.
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MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS SANTA CLAUS
Love
Victoria Brock

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I am fine. These are the things I would like to have for Christmas: Pretty Baby Cut'n grow, roller skates with stoppers, a bean bag chair, and a tape recorder with some tapes. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Love
Susan Reinart
Age 6

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm nine year old. my name is Kelly. I've tried to be good this year. I hope you give me what I ask for. I love you. Here are the things I want this year.
Carol and her nursery. Musical kitten on pillow Rubik's cube
Cassette tapes any tape
this is all I want
Kelly Rogers
438 Rogers
Hereford, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Leasha Deyke, I am 8 years old. I would like to have a skateboard, Baton, Dallas Cowboy Cup, Makeup, Hereford Whiteface Pom Poms, Violin, Guitar, Crayola Caddy, Skirt with a shirt with my name on it, Dress, Lip Lickers, and a bake oven.
Thank you
Leasha

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I am fine. These are the things I would like to have for Christmas: Pretty Baby Cut'n grow, roller skates with stoppers, a bean bag chair, and a tape recorder with some tapes. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Love
Susan Reinart
Age 6

Dear Santa,
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Love
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Christmas Eve, the day before Christmas,
Some go caroling while children are playing...
Everyone's exchanging gifts,
Bringing out Christmas cheer with their giving.

It's time for little children to go to bed,
To dream of Santa and lots of toys,
When they awake a surprise they'll get,
To see what Santa has left for the girls and boys.

The older people all have fun at parties,
While children are quietly sleeping.
Some are dancing while others sing,
And under the mistletoe some are kissing.

Early Christmas morning,
The children will see their toys when they rise.
Then it's time to get the meal started,
'Cause some guests may arrive early by surprise.

Something that I must add,
Christmas isn't just having fun,
As most of us forget,
Christmas is celebrated for this one reason,
The birth of Jesus Christ.

Shelli Bigham
Grade 8
Stanton Junior High

The Rodriguez Family
The Rodriguez family loves Christmas time
From hurried, excited moments to those quite sublime.
We plan very carefully and decorate the tree,
The events at our house really tickle me!

Becky, Gilbert, Pat, and Tony
Snack on sandwiches made with baloney.
And sometimes, then, on Christmas Day,
When everyone is all happy and gay,
We sit down and play some games
And call each other some crazy names.
And afterwards we all go
To play outside, glad there's some snow.
Our mom and dad breathe a sigh
As we leave, they tell us "Bye."

Pat Rodriguez
Grade 8
Stanton Junior High

The Drake Family Christmas
Old Santa Claus will soon appear
In his sleigh with eight reindeer.
Loaded down with all those toys,
We must be quiet and make no noise.
He'll sneak in and spy our tree
And leave those toys for you and me.

On Christmas morning we don't have to hide
All the precious gifts we bought with pride.
Our aunts, uncles, and cousins are here
To celebrate the day with joy and good cheer.
Together we can enjoy the holiday season,
And let's hope we don't forget for what reason.

Whitney Drake
8th grade
Stanton Junior High

Christmas Eve
Santa Claus comes on Christmas Eve,
In this fact most children believe.
Santa goes down the chimney with a plop,
While his reindeer worry about each stop.
Toys in some children's homes you'll find,
Happiness is their state of mind.
Children play with their toys at home,
Even some dogs have a Christmas bone.

Keith Smith
Grade 8
Stanton Junior High

Christmas Eve
There was a jolly fat man in red and white and black
Who rides a sleigh with reindeer and toys stuffed in a sack.
He climbs right through the chimney and brings toys to you
So that on Christmas morning you'll have something to do.
He goes back up the chimney and climbs upon his sleigh,
Then calls upon his reindeer and they are on their way.

Gilbert Ramirez
Grade 8
Stanton Junior High

Christmas
Christmas specials on T.V.
Make me happy as can be.
Stocking Fund donations to the needy
Help me stop from being greedy,
Attending church and remembering Christ's day,
Keep me counting blessings in every way.
Seeing smiles from those on the streets
As they shop for those Christmas treats.
Merry Christmas!

Robert Fuentes
Grade 8
Stanton Junior High

Things to Be Done
Happy Christmas times are ahead,
There's no time to lie in bed.
Cookies to bake, candy to try,
If I don't get them done, I'll cry.

Gifts must be planned, picked out, and bought,
The Christmas spirit must be sought and caught,
Tree to decorate, cakes to ice,
After it's over I'll say, "That was nice!"

Elvira Soto
Grade 8
Stanton Junior High

Christmas Shopping
I went to the store, my gifts to buy,
When I saw the prices, I wanted to cry!
The coffee pot for Mother was way too high,
I just had enough for a poor old tie.

Mother doesn't need a second-hand bike,
Item by item, I know what she'd like.
All I can afford is a Pyrex dish
Or from my aquarium, an old gold fish.

Candy for my brothers and bones for my dog,
I'm gonna get my sisters a hickory cheese log,
And with no money left, I'm broke as can be,
Don't have enough for a cup of weak tea!

Albert Gonzales
Grade 8
Stanton Junior High

Christmas Time
The trees are decorated with red and gold
With glitter the dime store sold.
The star on top is lighted to shine
Found at a garage sale, bought for a dime.

Ours by the window is seen from the street,
Little kids think it looks pretty neat.
Packages underneath, piled up high,
If Christmas doesn't get here, I think I'll die!

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: For thereby some have entertained angels unawares.
—Hebrews 13:2

Mother's in the kitchen cooking turkey and ham,
The dog sits there watching and his name is Sam.
Snow covers the ground, so deep and white,
Sparkling like stars in the middle of the night.

Allen Dudding
Grade 8
Stanton Junior High

Peanuts
December 24, 1981
Dear Diary,
It's Christmas Eve.
Nothing could be heard not

even a mouse. My stockings were hung over the fireplace.
I was in bed when I heard a noise. It was like a thump. I opened the door and saw

something that looked like a ball. It had a big smile. To my surprise, he wasn't Santa Claus. He was the great pumpkin! Love, Linus.

Mehul Patel
Grade 8
Stanton Junior High

Christmas Traditions
At Christmas at our house, we are very busy and there are many things to be done.

Every year my uncles come to our house and we sit in the living room and talk about things that have happened in the past. My parents buy fruit, peanuts, candy, and a lot of other things. We always make tamales and pies of all kinds. We go to church at 11 and come back at 12 to open our gifts. Then, the whole family takes a picture. My relatives stay a day or two and then go back home. We're always looking forward to next year.

Gracie Flores
8th grade
Stanton Junior High

Beginning of Christmas Tree Tradition Outlined

The following is a story about the beginning of the Christmas tree tradition as told by Ed Brown, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, 100 Ave. B.

"Trees have had important meanings to people ever since the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden. The Bible calls the cross Jesus hung on the 'curse tree.'

"One evening in the 1500's as Martin Luther walked from the church building to his home in Wittenberg, he noticed how brightly the stars shone thru the branches of the spruce trees.

"He had been studying the 300 Bible prophecies in the Old Testament, and thought how beautiful an object lesson to put a tree in the church building, to illustrate the many shining prophecies.

"He would have a candle put on each branch, and have each candle represent a different Bible prophecy. Later on, someone suggested that apples could be added as another object lesson, to remind all who attended worship that it was the forbidden fruit that Adam and Eve ate, which was their and our downfall.

"Then a tinsel rope was coiled around the tree, to remind of the serpent who made the false statement, that they would be wise as God, if they ate the forbidden fruit.

"An angel was put on top of the tree, to remind the worshippers that God's messenger told of the birth of the baby Jesus, who 'would crush the head of the serpent,' thus defeating him, and freeing all who believed in what Jesus did.

"In the 1890s the first tree was put in a Lutheran Church building in Cleveland, Ohio. In those years it was considered a pagan thing to do, and the Lutherans were condemned as carrying on a pagan, unchristian practice.

"Little by little, people came to hear the explanation, and now even many of those churches which once condemned the practice, make 'living Christmas trees' of people singing as a choir."

Members of Immanuel Lutheran congregation, youth and adults, are meeting at 1 p.m. Christmas Eve, to assemble a living Nativity Scene on the south church lawn. There are to be shepherds, Joseph and Mary, sheep, and other animals. Members are to take turns until time for the Christmas Eve Songs of Praise at 7:30 p.m.

The community is welcome to watch, and to worship with the congregation. A Christmas program is to be presented by children and youth of the congregation this Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. Guests are very welcome, says Pastor Brown.

What Christmas Means to Me
Christmas means giving each other presents to remember forever. It's also the day of Jesus' birth. Christmas is always much fun because it's the day families and friends come together and celebrate. They have a real big dinner so they can remember when they got fat. That's what Christmas means to me.

Joanne Garcia
Grade 8
Stanton Junior High

My Dad and Christmas
My dad loves the thought of Christmas but hates buying the gifts. He gripes about how much money mom spends on our Christmas gifts and because there are so many toy commercials on television. He gets furious when we tell him what we want for Christmas. But when Christmas finally rolls around, he is the biggest kid about opening all his gifts. In a way, I think he just gripes about Christmas because if he didn't, we would think something was wrong with him.

Karen Maloney
Grade 8
Stanton Junior High

Christmas Customs Of Other Countries

Most of our Christmas customs are a gift brought from other countries, so there is much to be learned about the Christmas spirit by visiting them.

In Europe

It was in Germany that trees and toys first became a part of the holiday. All the family waits until six o'clock on Christmas Eve for Mother to unveil the hidden tree, decorated not only with lights and ornaments, but tasty treats.

On December 6th, Austria's opening of the season is greeted with a visit from "knecht Ruprecht," leaving small gifts and sweets for the good or a switch for the others. Highlighting an Austrian Christmas is the procession to midnight mass, with lighted candles, singing Austria's own carol, "Silent Night."

In Africa

Christmas has long been an important occasion in Ethiopia. Following the old calendar, it occurs January 6th. On Christmas Eve, people pray and chant outside the church until dawn. At 4 a.m., priests lead the people into church services. Christmas day is celebrated with gifts

for children, dancing and feasting.

In Ghana, the advent season begins four Sundays before Christmas, and refers to Christ's coming. One can only admire the homes adorned with flowers and palm branches, and candle-filled palm trees!

In Asia

Although in recent years it has gained significance, Christmas is not a grand scale holiday in Asia, except for Japan. Commercial stores have fostered many U.S. customs such as gift exchanging and turkey dinner. Similar to Santa is "Hoteiosho," believed to have eyes in the back of his head.

In Bethlehem where it all began, Christmas is purely a religious ceremony, not encompassing the festive spirit found in other countries. Not much change can be seen in this Judean town, which helps our imagination to visualize life in Christ's time.

Joy To The World

It's Christmas! A triumphant time to celebrate all life's blessings and all our special joys. And to you, dear friends, many thanks and good wishes!

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Merry Christmas

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...A truly enchanted time for us to say,
"Hope yours is a very wonderful holiday."
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GOOD TIDINGS

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A Visit from St. Nicholas

by Dr. Clement C. Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads; And Mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below, When, what to my wondering eyes did appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky, So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot; A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath; He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself; A wink of his eye and a twist of his head Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all... and to all a goodnight!"

Christmas Customs from Other Lands, Near and Far

Christmas is celebrated in many parts of the world, and in many different ways.

In Austria, for instance, a charming candle ceremony reminds us that Christ is the light of the world. According to this custom, families gather together on Christmas Eve, before three large, wax candles. The first candle is lit, as the words, "Christ is born," are chanted. On Christmas Day, the second candle is lit, and the third one is lit on New Year's Day.

A colorful parade marks Christmas in the Philippine Islands. There, the youngsters wear wreaths and chains made of flowers as they parade, singing holiday songs. A religious service precedes this Christmas parade, which is followed by family dinners.

A charming Irish custom is observed on the day after Christmas, St. Stephen's Day. Young children find a wren, which is then placed in a cage atop a bush. The children then go from door to door, collecting money for charity.

Greenlanders can always look forward to a white Christmas, but because of Greenland's climate, their Christmas trees have to be imported! Those who do not attend church services burn candles in their windows to light the way for church-goers. Candles are also used on the Christmas tree, which may be hung with small baskets, filled with sweets.

Christmas in Brazil is very similar to Christmas in the United States, except for the noise! There, the custom is to sound factory sirens at midnight on Christmas Eve. Families usually attend midnight mass, after which they enjoy a feast of turkey or lamb and either visit at home or go out. Gifts are exchanged and champagne toasts of "Feliz Natal" are

made to family and friends.

In Greece, Christmas is also observed with family get-togethers, along with a rather quaint custom. Old, leather shoes are burned during the holiday season, to drive away the *karkantari*, mysterious creatures who like to do mischief at this time. A priest may even be called upon to perform special rites with a cross entwined with basil sprigs and dipped into holy water to chase away the *karkantari*.

Portuguese children place their shoes around the fireplace for Santa to fill on Christmas Eve. At midnight, family members gather for a big turkey dinner and other holiday foods that have been baked beforehand. Christmas trees are decorated for the holidays and greeting cards are also exchanged.

In Italy, children eagerly await gifts from the Italian version of Santa Claus, known as Father Christmas. Attending church services at Christmas time is the custom among Italian families, as is the exchanging of

pastorale, a special holiday cake.

Wherever Christmas is celebrated, it is observed in

a spirit of joy like the great "birthday party" that it is.



JOYEUX NOEL

Christmas is a joyful season... we hope that your hours reflect its rejoicing.

Walton's

Downtown Sugarland Mall



JOY TO ALL

Sleigh bells ringing in the night,
Yule logs burning warm and bright,
Children laughing with delight.

Holly Sugar Corp.

West of City



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

Sugarland Mall Association

North 25 Mile Avenue



THE CUSTOM OF SENDING CHRISTMAS CARDS originated in England in 1843, where the first known Christmas card was designed by John Calcott Horsley. Today, Americans exchange more than three billion cards during the holiday season. Pictured here is "Best Christmas Wishes," a European print (circa 1890). Courtesy of the Oakland, California Museum.

The historic origins of the modern Christmas card

Christmas cards originated with an English nobleman who yearly wrote Christmas letters to friends and family.

One year—1843—he didn't have the time, and so commissioned an artist to design a card to which he could just add a note. By the 1860's Christmas cards had caught on in England, and shortly afterward crossed the ocean to America.

Today Americans exchange some 3 billion Christmas cards each year. What with the rising prices of cards and postage, it's a custom that can be costly. No wonder so many people are now making their own.

Here are a few ideas, which are easy and fun to make:

First, find envelopes, then cut colored paper or card stock to fit. For a design, cookie cutters are one quick and sure trick, especially for the novice designer.

Trace a single tree or star, or

make a pattern of several. Fill in the outline with scraps of fabric, glitter, bits of pretty giftwrap, whatever. You could accent the outline by gluing on contrasting glitter or yarn.

Hint: to keep fabric from ravelling, glue tissue paper to the back and let dry before cutting.

Here is another idea: You can make shiny paint by mixing Elmer's Glue-All and food coloring. Mix in small applicator bottles of Elmer's—red in one, green in another, and so on. Then apply direct from the bottle in dots or lines. Or, mix in small paper cups and apply with toothpicks or paint brushes.

Once you've started card-making, you'll find yourself thinking of all sorts of ideas. You don't have to be an artist to make cut-and-glue Christmas cards—all you need is a sense of fun!



We Three Kings of Orient Are

*We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and
Mountain, following yonder star.
O Star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.
Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Sound thru the earth and skies.
O Star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Families Can Celebrate True Spirit of Christmas

With increased emphasis today on gift-giving for the holidays, parents may despair of trying to keep Christmas from becoming more and more commercialized for their children each year.

There are many ways, however, of keeping the merchandising aspects of the holidays at a minimum and emphasizing the spirit of Christmas within family celebrations. It takes effort on the part of both parents and youngsters, but it can result in the most meaningful Christmas your family has ever enjoyed.

You might begin with the traditional tree: instead of setting for the usual, expensive baubles that have no particular significance, try creating a tree that truly is a Christmas tree. Together with the youngsters, you might design "Chrismons," meaning monograms of

Christ. These are such symbols as crosses, doves and fishes. In addition, you can create decorations that take their inspiration from the Bible: a boat representing Noah's Ark, a tablet representing the Ten commandments or lilies to represent the Resurrection, for instance. Any symbol from the Old or New Testament is appropriate, as they all are part of salvation history, culminating in the birth and life of Christ.

Most churches offer special music programs or community sings before Christmas; make an effort to attend one of these enjoyable events together as a family to help everyone get into the true spirit of the season. You can also decide on a charitable venture as a family project, whether it's making up a Christmas basket for a family in need, or going to visit elderly

neighbors who are without family.

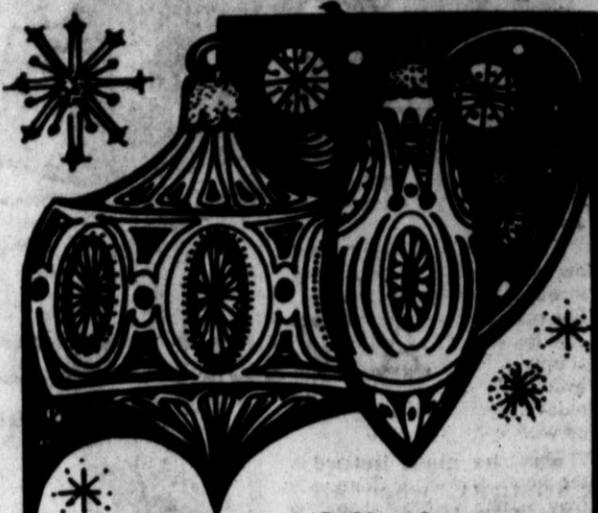
Probably gift-giving is the most difficult aspect of the holidays when it comes to keeping the true Christmas spirit. Remind your children (and yourself) that the reason we exchange gifts at this time of year is to commemorate the gifts brought to the Infant Jesus by the Wise Men.

Another "busy" activity of the holiday season that often is rendered meaningless is the exchanging of cards. With the wide selection of name imprinted cards available, sending cards is becoming more and more impersonal. One way to get back to the original intent of greeting cards—a personal message of good wishes for the holidays—is to make your own! This can be a fun project for the whole family. Of course, no Christmas

Holiday Music

Each country has its own carols, naturally, but some have been adopted in other

lands, as well. "Silent Night" is a classic example, having been translated into many languages from the original German.



Warm Wishes

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Christmas Blessings

First Printing

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Like the Wise Men of old, let us worship the newborn Prince of Peace—may He bless you and yours.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



We're sending old-fashioned greetings to all our good friends... may you have the merriest holidays!

West Texas Rural Telephone Co-op

Dimmitt Hwy

ROEL



Joy to the world, the Lord has come! May peace on earth become a reality at this holy time.

Garrison Seed

East Hwy 60

Ghosts of Christmases past live forever in gifts of jewelry

Back in the days when teenagers were "bewildering off-spring" and Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney were teenagers on the silver screen, one of the most popular Christmas gifts a young fellow could give his girl was a gold heart pendant, says the Jewelry Industry Council.

Today's girls aren't wearing bobby sox and feather flowers in their hair, nor are the fellows sporting bell bottom corduroys and short haircuts, but the heart pendant is still a favorite to give and receive.

Of course, the Council points out, the heart pendant has gone through some subtle changes. For one thing, the heart shape can be free form, cutout, or simply a heart silhouette. But instead of the classic plain gold, today's pendants are highlighted with small diamonds.

There may be one diamond in the heart center, or diamonds may outline the heart shape, or form a rich pave over the whole pendant. What does remain the same is the sentiment.

Through the years, gift selections from the jewelry store have always been special gifts.

The Yuletide season has traditionally been the time of year when young couples announce their engagements, and the bride-to-be has received her engagement ring.

It's also the time of year many husbands choose to add a diamond to their wives' anniversary rings—it's so much easier to remember Christmas

than a specific wedding date! It only goes to prove that fond memories, like fine jewelry, are meant to last forever!



FOUR DECADES AGO, one of the most popular gifts a teenage boy gave his favorite girl was a heart pendant. And, as they say, the more things change, the more they remain the same. The heart pendant, with a few modern innovations, is still a popular gift to that pretty girl next door, says the Jewelry Industry Council.

Famed Editorial Reaffirmed the Reality of Santa

She was only eight years old, but she was troubled. Cynical young playmates had informed her that Santa Claus really didn't exist. After asking her father's advice, the little girl sat down and wrote a letter that was to immortalize her and the resulting editorial reply.

She wrote, "Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in *The Sun* it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

One can imagine the busy, tough-minded editor reading that letter one day in 1897. Perhaps his features softened somewhat as he thought back to the time when he had eagerly awaited a visit from St. Nick. That the girlish inquiry struck a responsive chord

The ancient Romans honored the plant as a sign of hope and peace. When a Roman met an enemy under a tree with mistletoe, he felt bound to drop his weapons and salute the other with a kiss on the cheek, according to the custom of the time. Today, the mistletoe serves a more romantic purpose.

was evident in the answering editorial that appeared on September 21, 1897 in the *New York Sun*:

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They think that nothing can be



which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no

Old-fashioned Christmas still celebrated in parts of Norway

On the seven seas and in the harbours of every continent, Christmas trees are set up on the mastsheads of Norwegian ships during the holiday season. And on shipboard, as in Norwegian homes all over the world, Christmas is celebrated Norwegian style—which means that it is celebrated a little differently than it might be in other countries.

Subtle differences Perhaps the difference is not as great as it used to be. Today's ease of communication and the intermingling of nationalities have encouraged a general trend towards uniformity. To the casual observer, the similarities between Christmas in Oslo, London or New York may be more apparent than the differences.

There is the same frantic

Christmas-gift rush in the stores, the gaily lit Christmas trees in the squares, the fanciful window displays with starry-eyed youngsters craning their necks to get a better view.

Nostalgic dreams And there is also, as in any city, the same nostalgic dream in the hearts of adults about the way grandmother used to celebrate Christmas. But, in parts of Norway, this is a dream that can still almost come true, especially in the countryside.

In big country kitchens in farms and villages off the beaten track, the preparations begin weeks before the festive season. The special Christmas beer, *juleøl*, is brewed; many traditional pork dishes are prepared; numerous varieties of small cakes, biscuits and cookies—the minimum being seven dif-

ferent kinds—are baked along with the *julekake*, the sweet Christmas bread filled with raisins and citron.

There is a traditional and thorough housecleaning as the holidays approach, and enough wood is chopped to keep the fires burning for at least the first three days of Christmas.

Finally, when Christmas Eve arrives, the tree is decorated by the parents behind the closed doors of the living room—the children are not allowed to enter until the following day, after the family meal has been eaten.

Opening presents It is not until carols have been sung around the tree that the children are allowed to open their presents. How's that for suspense?

The Legends Of Christmas

There are many beautiful legends associated with Christmas. Perhaps one of the loveliest is that of the Christmas rose, also known as the Helleborus.

According to tradition, the rose first bloomed on Christmas night. It seems that a little girl was outside the stable on that very first Christmas, weeping because she had no gift for the Holy Infant.

An angel noticed the child and took pity upon her. Brushing the earth with a wing, the angel called the little girl's attention to where her tears had fallen.

Much to the child's wonder, a plant at her feet began to bud and then unfold into lovely, white flowers. The little girl quickly plucked the flowers—here was a gift worthy of the Babe!

She placed them at the feet of Jesus. As His tiny feet touched the blossoms, suddenly the petals turned pink!

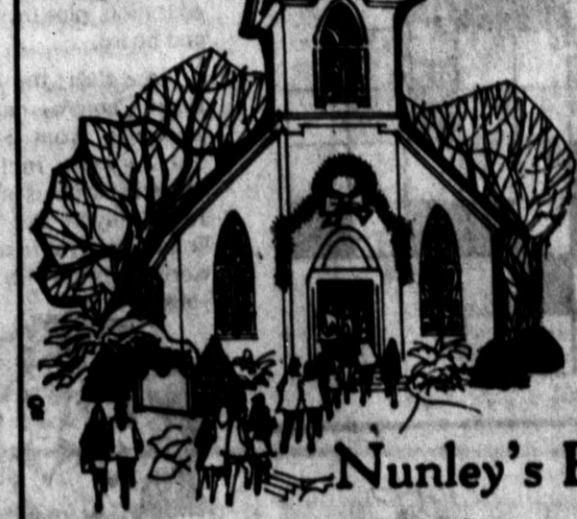
Thus was born the Christmas rose, so the legend says.

Yet another legend centers around plants: a delicate bedstraw plant, strewn with tiny white flowers, is said to have been mixed with the hay in the manger

where the Infant Jesus lay. The white flowers were miraculously turned to gold that night, and ever since then the plant has been known as Our Lady's Bedstraw.



Merry Christmas



As the Christmas spirit radiates around us, we especially hope you feel the festive warmth and promise that this holiday brings. Enjoy it... with our sincere thanks.

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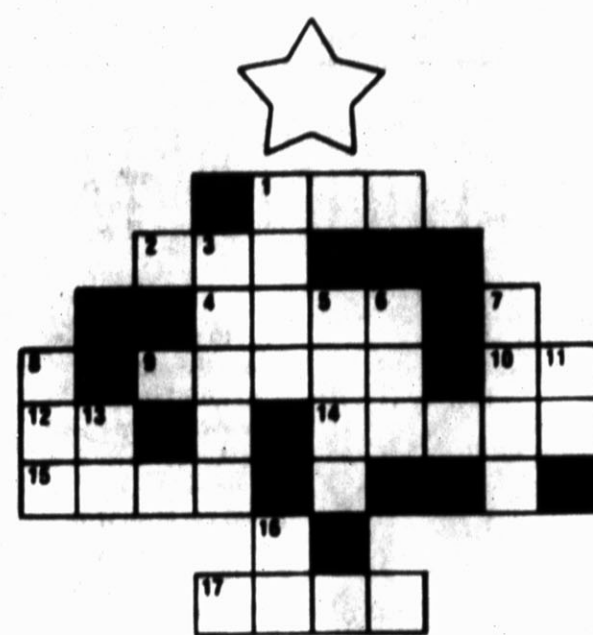


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See If You Can Solve This Christmas Tree Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Now I old me down to sleep
 - It's fun to skate on ice
 - Little Bo Peep has her sheep
 - North Pole
 - Everything is K
 - Roman numeral for 2
 - A big tree can grow from a little
 - Merry to
 - It's fun to get at Christmas
- DOWN**
- Noel spelled backwards is elno
 - Santa Claus is coming to town
 - The Wise Men followed a star
 - Let's play a game of tic toe
 - The postman brought a Christmas card
 - After five, comes six
 - Comet!
 - Cupid!
 - dreaming of a white Christmas
 - Santa says ho when he laughs



A Child's Christmas In Italy

Italian children have to wait until the Feast of the Epiphany, on January 6th, to receive their gifts.

Instead of a visit from Santa Claus, children in Italy are visited by La Befana at that time.

Something of a witch, La Befana had the misfortune of not being able to find the Christ Child on the first Christmas, even though she had been told all about the star of Bethlehem by the shepherds. It seems that she waited too long and missed the star, and ever after she has wandered in search of the Baby Jesus at Christmas time.

She leaves gifts at each house in Italy, in hopes that the Christ Child may be sheltered there.

In Antarctica
Only one thing can be said if you go to this frozen continent for the holidays; you're sure to have a white Christmas!



Solution to Christmas Tree Crossword Puzzle

Vienna Boys' Choir Sings Of Christmas

Each Christmas, music lovers everywhere are enthralled by the angelic sound of the Vienna Boys' Choir, lifted in songs of the season.

Whether performing on television or in one of their world-wide concerts, this talented group of young boys never ceases to delight listeners. And, why not? The group's history includes the "Golden Age" of music in Vienna. Comprised of approximately 100 boys, the Vienna Boys' Choir is actually four separate groups, rotating concerts abroad and at home, so that they are always available to perform at the Court Chapel in Vienna. It was for this purpose that the choir was originally created by the Emperor Maximilian I in 1498. He decreed that singers be chosen for service at the court, with the state assuming responsibility for their education, plus their room and board.

Since then, the Vienna Boys' Choir has attracted youngsters from throughout Austria, including some illustrious names: Josef Haydn and Franz Schubert, for instance, were members in their youth.



Today, the choir travels throughout the world and reaches millions through the medium of television, besides. In fact, it would probably amaze the Emperor to see just how far his court singers have traveled from the chapel where they originally performed!

One thing has not changed since those days, however... the standard of excellence maintained by these young musicians.

Their fresh, young voices are especially welcome as they sing beloved hymns and carols for the whole world to enjoy at Christmas.



The Yule Log
The ceremony of the Yule log is a festive tradition in many homes. The burning of the mammoth log began as a Scandinavian practice during the winter solstice. As the log burns, a prayer for light, warmth, and comfort is recited by members of the family.

Indoor Christmas gardens bring year-round enjoyment

Small-scale rooms in today's houses and apartments often rule out those splendid ceiling-high Christmas trees of years gone by.

Happily, there is an alternative—a tabletop Christmas "garden" that will continue to bring joy throughout the year.

Seasonal houseplants
Christmas gardens can be fashioned from any number of ornamental houseplants available at florist shops this time of year. One of the most popular combinations is a small Norfolk Island pine tree, bright red miniature poinsettia and variegated spider plant, arranged together in a wicker basket or similar large container.

The symmetrical branches and needle-like leaves of the pine can be dusted with artificial snow. They are also sturdy enough to support small Christmas ornaments, tinsel, tiny ribbon bows and other festive decorations.

With normal care, the Norfolk Island pine will flourish for many Christmases to come, as will the spider plant.

Post-holiday care

To keep the poinsettia blooming brightly after the holidays, remove it from the arrangement and place it in a watertight container. Position it where it will get full but indirect sunlight, but away from drafts and excess heat from radiators or ventilation ducts.

Check the soil daily and,

when it is dry to the touch, water the plant thoroughly and discard excess water. Feed the plant liquid plant food, once a month in the amount indicated in the directions.

Florists also stock other sea-

sonal plants that work well in a Christmas garden. They include the Christmas cherry, also known as Jerusalem cherry; Christmas kalanchoe; Christmas pepper; and Christmas cactus.



CHRISTMAS GARDENS SAVE VALUABLE SPACE and bring long-lasting holiday cheer. A popular combination is a small Norfolk Island pine, bright red miniature poinsettia and variegated spider plant, arranged in an attractive container.

We All Love The Music of Christmas!

What would Christmas be like without music! Can you imagine Christmas Eve without the strains of "Silent Night" to evoke thoughts of the tender mother and the Holy Child?

Indeed, music has been a part of the holiday tradition ever since the angels performed the first Christmas "concert" for a group of awestruck shepherds.

Since then, simple carols and great oratorios alike have expressed humanity's joy and wonder over the events of Christmas.

Interestingly enough, many early carols were actually folk songs without Christian content... so today's newer, secular compositions have a tradition of sorts behind them. But, the most meaningful Christmas music is, of course, religious in context. Handel's *Messiah* has inspired generation after gen-

eration since it was first performed before George II in 1743.



Not all Christmas music is as awesome, however. The simplicity of Franz Gruber's "Silent Night" has made it one of the most loved Christmas carols. Joyful hymns such as "Adeste Fideles" and "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" are other Christmas favorites.

We're here to style the best ever look for shaping up the best of holidays for you!
Merry Christmas!

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'Tis the Season To be Truly Charitable

No other season brings out the best in us so well as Christmas. There is something about the Nativity story that inspires us to love our neighbors in special ways.

Good deeds at Christmas can take various forms. The United States Marine Corps, for instance, each year sponsors "Toys for Tots" so that underprivileged youngsters can enjoy the holiday season with that special, new toy.

Many churches and organizations put together food baskets for needy families in their area. Members bring staples such as canned goods to their church and donate money as well. The money is used to purchase perishable items such as meat or fowl, which together with the staples will

make up holiday meals for less fortunate families.

One church annually sponsors a Kristkindl, or Christ-Child, program wherein needy youngster's names are selected during the holidays, for gifting with a new toy. A Christmas tree is set up in the church hall and paper ornaments are hung on the tree. Each ornament has the name and age of a child, and may also specify the gift that is especially wanted by the youngster. Church members choose one or more ornaments, depending on how many gifts they wish to give.

At Christmas time each year, the joyful strains of carols can be heard through the halls of many hospitals and convalescent homes. The carolers may be mem-

bers of a church or just a group of friends, brought together in the spirit of the season, spreading cheer to those who will not be home for Christmas.

Whether it's a thoughtful gesture toward a neighbor in need, or through a charitable group activity, the holiday season seems to bring out the desire in people to do that "good deed" that shines forth each year as brightly as the Christmas star.



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The Herald Angels Sing...

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Joseph and Mary: A Story of Devotion

With all the wonder of Christmas, one of history's most beautiful love stories is often overlooked: the devotion shown by Joseph toward Mary, the mother of Jesus.

The Gospel accounts don't tell us very much about Joseph, other than that he was a "just man," who did not wish to expose Mary to reproach when she was found to be with child. In keeping with Jewish tradition of the time, he planned to divorce her quietly, before the required two witnesses, and avoid a public scandal.

But, before he had time to act, his bitter disappointment with Mary was turned to joy. An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, Matthew tells us, and said to the troubled man, "Do not be afraid, Joseph, Son of David, to take to thee Mary thy wife, for that which is begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins."

All his life, Joseph had heard about the Messiah, who was to come and redeem Israel.

Now, a messenger from God was telling him that Mary, his betrothed, was to be the mother of the Messiah! And, Joseph was to be her husband!

Joseph instantly set aside any past doubts and misgivings, the Gospel tells us, and "did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him." From that moment, the portrait of Joseph in scripture is that of a faithful companion to Mary.

It is Joseph who searches

for lodgings in Bethlehem when it becomes apparent that Mary's time has come.

It is Joseph who is at her side when she brings forth the infant Jesus, under the gaze of the creatures of the stable.

And, it is Joseph who names the infant Jesus, as he had been commanded.

And, when the scheming Herod threatens the infant's life, Joseph is the one who is warned to take the mother and Child into Egypt. Matthew tells us that "He arose, and took the child and his mother by night, and withdrew into Egypt." Mary and Joseph remained there with Jesus until Herod's death, when the angel again appeared to Joseph. Again, he obeyed without question and took his wife and the child Jesus back to Israel, to resume the life that had been interrupted.

In Nazareth, where Mary and Joseph settled down with the young Jesus, the carpenter continued in his devotion to his family. When Jesus was twelve and became separated from them while on a visit to Jerusalem, Joseph and Mary searched for Him for three days. How their hearts must have ached as they combed the city. Mary even remonstrated with the young Jesus: "Behold, in sorrow thy father and I have been seeking thee."

St. Luke tells us that the boy Jesus returned to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph and was subject to them. He even followed Joseph's trade as a carpenter before beginning His ministry.



Age-old customs blend into a modern Christmas story

by RUTH KLING

Christmas is the loveliest time of the year. Even the most sophisticated seem to get caught in the spirit of the season. They pause to listen to carols, smile at children whose faces show wide-eyed wonderment when pressed against festive store windows, and even drop contributions for sidewalk Santas.

All of this often conjures up pleasant thoughts of Christmases past. This is a wonderful season to ponder the many customs that make the holiday season so special.

There are so many customs, brought from all over the world and from all periods of history, that have become a part of our Christmas customs.

Music is an important part of this holiday. One of the most popular of all the carols is "Silent Night." It was written quite by accident because an organ broke down.

Joseph Mohr, a poor parish priest in the Austrian Tyrol region more than 150 years ago, was upset when the old organ refused to peal when played. He felt his faithful parishioners would be keenly disappointed without music at the traditional Christmas Eve services.

He sat down and hastily wrote the words for "Silent Night." Then he asked his friend, Franz Gruber, to write the melody. In just a few hours, these two dedicated and humble men wrote a carol that became world famous. Back in 1818 in the little church, they sang the carol accompanied by a guitar.

One of the most popular symbols of Christmas is the Christmas tree. This is said to date back to the eighth century. Martin Luther is credited with adding lighted candles years later in his native Germany.

The holly wreath, according to legend, goes back in time to

the crucifixion. Christ's crown of thorns is said to have been made of holly leaves. The early Romans ornamented their temples and homes with green boughs, considered a symbol of peace.

Almost everybody has a special place where mementoes of past Christmases are kept. Sometimes it's an ornament from childhood, a card, a tiny toy or a piece of jewelry that had a significance of love.

While the practical side of one's nature may say this is the year to give something useful, the romantic side will say this is the year to give something different.

Anyone can give a gift certificate, clothing or a book. With just a little more thought, there are several really unique gifts from which to choose.

They are from the wonderful world of beauty, and are especially appropriate for Christmas gift giving. Called "Limited Editions," these gifts have been specially packaged and designed by cosmetic companies.

As the name implies, there is just a limited number, so it is a wise idea to shop early. You avoid the crowds and come away with stunning, unusual gifts that will be most welcome under any tree.

There is a wide price range, as well as a selection that is tailored for any budget. Revlon has had success with Limited Editions before. Due to popular demand, they have designed some of their most popular fragrances in items that are marvelous for Christmas gift giving.

What is more traditional than the characters from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite? This perennial favorite is the theme for the world-famous Charlie products. The Charlie Christmas look embodies the fragrance as well as matching dust powder and other items. They

are attractive looking gifts that will please, and are all moderately priced.

The romantic fragrance of Jontue combines old world enchantment in a formulation for today's woman. Fashions this season place the emphasis on the soft, romantic look, making this an ideal choice.

This Christmas season, Jontue is offering a special imported crystal decanter in a limited edition of 1500 pieces. Each piece is individually etched with its number and the date.

For the romantic, sentimental woman, such a bottle would become a favorite among her souvenirs. In addition to the fragrance, Jontue sachet and body silk talc make unusual gifts.

For those who throw caution to the wind, there is a magnificent Limited Edition from Borgehe. It is a beautiful compact designed by the famous jeweler, Bulgari. The original was cast in 18 carat gold. This one is in sterling silver with a precious stone set in the middle. For \$1,800, you also get a life time guarantee.

Women on your Christmas list are not the only ones privileged to receive Limited Editions. Chaz, a favorite of many men, is presented in Limited Editions this year.

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Starting early makes Christmas a season to enjoy and remember. Getting shopping done early leaves one with time to enjoy and remember the spirit, sounds and scents of this most traditional and inspirational holiday of the year.

Christmas Spirit Is One of Love

The spirit of Christmas—it is so many little things. Despite the commercialization of the season, we can still experience the true meaning of Christmas all around us.

It is receiving a greeting from someone thousands of miles away... just a card, but a warm reminder that friendship is one of the most precious gifts of all.

It is young voices raised in song at a convalescent home for the aged... with those wrinkled smiles and moist eyes conveying more than words ever could how appreciative the listeners are.

It is baskets of food and toys for the less fortunate of the community, lovingly put together by those eager to share of their abundance.

It is the newspaper boy's shy delight when an appreciative patron includes a holiday tip for faithful service throughout the past year.

It is being surprised by a neighbor with a batch of her homemade cookies.

It is the hours spent looking for that special gift for someone on your list—not an expensive gift, but just what he or she has always wanted.

It is receiving a handmade sweater or scarf, reflecting the hours of love

and time spent in its creation.

It is the face of a child, listening wide-eyed to Mom or Dad reading a favorite Christmas story.

It is the gratitude in a shut-in's eyes, when visitors come to call during the holiday season.

It is the cheery "Merry Christmas!" called out by

the busy service station attendant or grocery clerk.

It is the spectacular display of lights on homes on the block, placed for neighbors and passers-by to enjoy.

Christmas is sharing... caring... giving. It is, simply, the spirit of love.



NEW YEAR'S EVE SUPERSTITIONS

Superstitious? If so, as midnight approaches on December 31, open the windows in your home and sweep from back to front, allowing the old year's bad luck and evil spirits to be swept away, while letting in the New Year's good luck. On New Year's Day, break a pomegranate on your doorstep in the Greek tradition. This is said to bring wealth during the new year.



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An old English tradition: toasting from Wassail Bowl

Wassail is derived from the Anglo-Saxon expression "Was Haile"—your health. For centuries, the Wassail Bowl was drunk in England with much ceremony and exchanging of holiday greetings. The custom was so common throughout the country that "wassailing" came to mean any kind of Christmas toast.

Old-time ingredients
The old-time recipe for the Wassail bowl was a heated

combination of ale, cinnamon, ginger, sherry wine, lemon and sugar which was poured into a heated bowl. Toasted bread and roasted crab apples were added.

Today, even in England, the contents of the Wassail Bowl can be any kind of punch which stands ready to serve and toast friends when they drop in on Christmas.

Today's holiday punches
Popular holiday punches

today include egg nog, and zesty cranberry punches such as one combining six cups each of cranberry juice cocktail and grapefruit juice with a 16 ounce can of jellied cranberry sauce. This should simmer for five minutes with four cinnamon sticks, some whole cloves, and the peel of two oranges. It is good served hot or cold.

Just be sure not to pour the hot punch into a glass punch bowl unless it is heatproof.

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Literature of Christmas Enhances Enjoyment of the Holiday Season

Just as music and decorations add to the merriment of the holiday season, so the literature of Christmas enriches its meaning for all of us.

Fortunately for readers, Christmas has inspired many a wonderful poem or story.

Perhaps the most famous story of all is *A Christmas Carol* written by England's Charles Dickens in 1843. Is there anyone among us who has not been fascinated by Old Scrooge and his miserly ways... or been touched by the pathetic figure of Tiny Tim? This beloved tale has inspired plays, musicals and motion pictures, not to mention generations of readers!

English poets, too, have been inspired by the nativity or its celebration. Tennyson, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, and John Milton are among those whose poetry sings of the season.

Here in America, the most famous Christmas poem of all was written for the entertainment of some youngsters, the children of Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, a professor of divinity.

In this poem, entitled the *Visit of St. Nicholas*, Dr. Moore described the activities of Santa Claus on Christmas Eve and old Santa himself. Today, our conception of Santa is derived to a great extent from his description: "His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry! He had a broad face and a little round belly,

that shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly." With such a delightful portrait, no wonder youngsters and adults alike took Dr. Moore's poem to heart.

Marmee's Girls

In her popular novel, *Little Women*, Louisa May Alcott gave us a charming glimpse of Christmas among impoverished but genteel society. The March girls—Jo, Amy, Beth and Meg—have pitiful funds, yet they conspire to shower their beloved "Marmee" with thoughtful little gifts: slippers, a hankie, cologne and gloves. She in turn, is only able to give each of her girls a small book. Yet, the reader basks in the warmth that these beloved characters evoke.

Denmark's Hans Christian Andersen has written several tales with Christmas themes and they are justifiably cherished in world literature. Who can forget the story of *The Little Match Girl*... or *The Little Fir Tree*? Each story has that ability to touch our heartstrings, no matter how often read.

In more modern times, another American, William Sidney Porter, was to pen a classic story that has come to epitomize the spirit of Christmas itself: *The Gift of the Magi*. Writing under the name of O. Henry, Porter told the bitter-sweet tale of a young couple, Della and Jim. Although lacking in material goods, they have an abundance of that most preci-

ous gift of all, the gift of love.

Famed Editorial

Not all the literature of Christmas is to be found in stories or poems. An editorial, written to a young inquirer is probably one of the best-known "works" that is quoted each holiday season. When an editor of the *New York Sun* published his answer to Virginia O'Hanlon on September 21, 1897, he laid to rest once and for all the question, "Is there a Santa Claus?" That editorial has been reprinted countless times since then, and it never fails to inspire.

St. Matthew wrote the first account of the Wise Men bringing their gifts to the infant; St. Luke first described the astonished shepherds in the field near Bethlehem. Of all those who have written about Christmas, these two authors must surely be the most widely read of all!

Medieval Carol

Make me merry, both more and less,
For now is the time of Christmas.

—From a Sixteenth Century Song

The Twelve Days Of Christmas

The first day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
A partridge in a pear-tree.

The second day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Two turtle-doves...

The third day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Three French hens...

The fourth day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Four colly birds...

The fifth day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Five gold rings...

The sixth day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Six geese a-laying...

The seventh day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Seven swans a-swimming,

The eighth day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Eight maids a-milking...

The ninth day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Nine drummers drumming,

The tenth day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Ten pipers piping...

The eleventh day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Eleven ladies dancing...

The twelfth day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Twelve lords a-leaping,
Eleven ladies dancing,
Ten pipers piping,
Nine drummers drumming,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five gold rings,
Four colly birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle-doves
And a partridge in a pear-tree.

Portents of The Season

If the sun shines through fruit trees on Christmas Day, it is a sign that the trees will bear much fruit.

A white Christmas presages a prosperous year.

The number of mince pies you taste at Christmas indicates the number of happy months you'll have during the coming year, according to an old English belief.

The Star of Bethlehem

In some countries, at one time, Christmas Eve

celebrations did not begin until the first star had appeared in the heavens, in memory of the Star of Bethlehem.

There are many customs associated with the star: Tyrolean "star-singers" follow a star-shaped lantern as they go about caroling, and Swedish boys and girls follow a child carrying a large star.

Plants of the Season Add To Festivities

One of the loveliest Christmas traditions is that of adorning homes and churches with flowers and greenery that we associate with the season. Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas without the festive holly, for instance.

Actually, the use of holly as a decoration goes all the way back to the Druids. They believed that the plant sheltered spirits of the woods who were threatened by harsh, winter weather. The Romans also considered the holly to be festive; branches were sent to friends as Saturnalia gifts. In time, the pagan use of the plant became Christianized so that now holly and the holiday season are synonymous.

Another traditional Christmas plant is the poinsettia, known as the *flor de noche buena* (Christmas Eve flower) in its native Mexico, where it was noticed by Joel Roberts Poinsett. The American minister to Mexico was so taken with the colorful flower that he brought the plant back to America, where it became associated with the holidays around the turn of the century. Today, the spectacular poinsettia is a familiar de-

coration in the home and around church altars at Christmas time. Gifts of the plant, which are now cultivated in pink and white, in addition to the spectacular red, are also popular at Yuletide.

Still another plant that is synonymous with Christmas is the mistletoe. Like the holly, mistletoe traces its popularity back to the Druids.

CELEBRATING THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Wondering what to do on the day after Christmas? Why not invite some guests over, mull over the events of the previous day's celebration, and throw nuts at each other just prior to dinner. This is an old practice which commemorates the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, who was stoned to death on December 26.



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Christmas in America is As Varied as Its People

Christmas in America — the words evoke different remembrances to each of us, as varied as America itself. To the New Englander, Christmas can mean Santa coming to town on a hay wagon . . . to the New Mexican, it can mean decorating one's home with *luminarias*, those festive candle lights of Spanish and Mexican tradition.

Whether city-bred or raised in rural America, children in this country find a richness of holiday traditions to draw upon.

For those living in New York City, for instance, Christmas means the lighting of the great tree at Rockefeller Center, and dazzling productions of the classic ballet "The Nutcracker." Ice skating at Rockefeller Center is another well-loved holiday pastime.

On the other coast, Los Angeles has its own traditions of the season. The annual "Hollywood Christmas Parade of stars" featuring Santa and celebrities, and the spectacular parade of illuminated boats along Los Angeles Harbor are among the many holiday attractions.

In one Wisconsin town, the usual holiday celebration consists of the lighting of the community tree, followed by a parade with Santa as its main attraction. But, another town, in Louisiana, celebrates the season with fireworks!

As you might expect, the town of Bethlehem, Penn-

sylvania, puts on a spectacular display of colored lights during the Christmas season. The Pennsylvania Dutch, on the other hand, are noted for their beautiful Nativity scenes, featuring carved figures and greatly detailed landscaping.

Santa Fe residents pay tribute to the city's Spanish and Mexican heritage by enacting "Las Posadas," the story of Mary and Joseph's search for *posada*, or lodging. Also part of many New Mexican Christmas observances are special Indian rituals, such as the animal dances.

Children living in rural areas of midwestern and northern states may still enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas complete with sleigh-rides and snowmen, but youngsters in such warm-climate states as Hawaii and Florida have an altogether different Yule experience. In Hawaii, greetings of the season are more than likely to consist of floral leis bestowed with a kiss on the cheek and an "Aloha," and in Florida, palm trees are decorated for the holidays.

Wherever you go in the United States this Christmas, you will find customs that have been brought to the New World from the Old . . . plus, customs that the New World has contributed in turn. Each tradition tells us something about the history of that particular area and together, the history of the country itself, as told through our varied celebrations of Christmas.

Trimming Tree's Tradition

Of all the preparations for Christmas, probably one of the most delightful is the trimming of the tree.

How did this charming custom begin? Some suggest that the tradition dates back to pre-Christian beliefs in the magical powers of evergreens. The ancient Romans, for instance, decorated their homes with greenery for the festival of Saturn, or Saturnalia. This important feast was celebrated during December.

The association of trees with Christmas became defined during the Middle Ages, when miracle plays were performed, often in church, to teach stories

from the Bible.

In the miracle plays, an evergreen tree was used to depict the Garden of Eden, with apples hung from the boughs to symbolize the forbidden fruit eaten by Adam and Eve.

Although the miracle plays gradually fell into disuse, the evergreen tree remained as part of the holiday tradition in Europe. Cookies were added to the apples, and yet another form of decoration was borrowed from "pyramid trees" that were also popular during the sixteenth century: candles.

In the 18th century, sugartrees, trees trimmed



Behold, there came wise men from the east...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...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.

The Gospel According To St. Matthew

with sweet meats, were popular. These gilded nuts and fruits gradually evolved into Victorian glass shapes, precursors of today's ornaments.



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Christmas in Denmark is Festive

Christmas in Denmark is a festive occasion, as any Dane will tell you.

Typical of the spirit of the season is the Danish *jule-nisse*, a jolly, little elf with a white beard, dressed in bright red garb. Danish children set out a bowl of rice porridge for him on Christmas Eve, to make sure the *jule-nisse*, or Christmas elf, doesn't do any mischief about the house.

Another tradition in every Danish home is the Christmas tree. It is usually decorated with tiny, heart-shaped baskets, woven from colorful paper. Inside the baskets are candy treats. Hand-carved, wooden figures, Danish cookies and marzipan are other festive decorations, as well as candles. When the candles are lit, Danish families dance around the lighted tree, singing a traditional

song, "Hojt Fra Traers Gromme Top." Says the song, "First we'll look at the tree, then we'll eat it!"

One can hardly think of Christmas and Denmark without remembering the classic stories, *The Fir Tree* and *The Little Match Girl* by Hans Christian Andersen. No doubt Danish children are beguiled anew by these bittersweet tales at Christmas time, as are children everywhere.

No Danish Christmas would be complete without those festive dishes that are so special to the season. Christmas goose, stuffed with apples and prunes, is the highlight of holiday feasts on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day, a splendid *smorgasbord*, a splendid buffet in the Danish tradition is set forth. It is also customary to serve the traditional drink, *akvavit*, at this time. In

keeping with an old legend, each drinker sets his or her emptied glass atop the head, to add to the merriment.

Danish children, like children in many parts of the world, also look forward to receiving gifts from Santa Claus. But, in Denmark, gifts are opened on Christmas Eve, after the family feast, amid glad shouts and laughter.

After the gifts have been opened, many Danish families attend midnight services.

Although this Scandinavian country has its own special traditions, Christmas in Denmark is marked by the same spirit of goodwill and joy found throughout the rest of the Christian world. This spirit is expressed in the traditional Danish greeting "Glaedelig Jul!"



It was Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, who popularized the custom of the Christmas tree in England. However, America was introduced to the "Tannenbaum" by Hessian soldiers during the Revolution and by German settlers in the mid-eighteenth century.

The Gipfel

The topmost ornament on a Christmas tree is called a gipfel.

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they all at once found it useless to resist any longer, and submitted to be kissed with a good grace . . . Wardle stood with his back to the fire, surveying the whole scene, with the utmost satisfaction; and the fat boy took the opportunity of appropriating to his own use, and summarily devouring, a particularly fine mince-pie, that had been carefully put by for somebody else.

Now, the screaming had subsided, and faces were in a glow, and curls in a tangle, and Mr. Pickwick, after kissing the old lady as before mentioned, was standing under the mistletoe, looking with a very pleased countenance on all that was passing around him, when the young lady with the black eyes, after a little whispering with the other young ladies, made a sudden dart forward, and, putting her arm round Mr. Pickwick's neck, saluted him affectionately on the left cheek; and before Mr. Pickwick distinctly knew what was the matter, he was surrounded by the whole body, and kissed by everyone of them.

It was a pleasant thing to

see Mr. Pickwick in the centre of the group, now pulled this way, and then that, and first kissed on the chin, and then on the nose, and then on the spectacles; and to hear the peals of laughter which were raised on every side; but it was a still more pleasant thing to see Mr. Pickwick, blinded shortly afterwards with a silk handkerchief, falling up against the wall, and scrambling into corners, and going through all the mysteries of blind-man's buff, with the utmost relish for the game, until at last he caught one of the poor relations, and then had to evade the blindman himself, which he did with a nimbleness and agility that elicited the admiration and applause of all beholders. The poor relations caught the people who they thought would like it, and, when the game flagged, got caught themselves. When they were all tired of blind-man's buff, there was a great game at snapdragon, and when fingers enough were burned with that, and all the raisins were gone, they sat down by the huge fire of blazing logs to a substantial supper, and a mighty bowl of wassail, something smaller than an



ordinary wash-house copper, in which the hot apples were hissing and bubbling with a rich look, and a jolly sound, that were perfectly irresistible.

"This," said Mr. Pickwick, looking around him, "this is, indeed, comfort."

"Our invariable custom," replied Mr. Wardle. "Everybody sits down with us on Christmas eve, as you see them now—servants

and all; and here we wait, until the clock strikes twelve, to usher Christmas in, and beguile the time with forfeits and old stories. Trundle, my boy, rake up the fire."

Up flew the bright sparks in myriads as the logs were stirred. The deep red blaze sent forth a rich glow, that penetrated into the furthest corner of the room, and cast its cheerful tint on every face.

Joyous strains of Christmas carols fill the December air

What could sound sweeter than a chorus of voices singing hymns in perfect harmony? That same chorus of voices singing

The Advent Wreath Is Harbinger of Christmas

In many churches and homes, during the four weeks before Christmas, wreaths with candles are displayed to remind the faithful of the approaching holiday.

These decorations are known as Advent wreaths, symbolizing the eager awaiting of mankind for its redeemer.

Originally, the Advent wreath may have been part of pagan observances. Tribes in northern Europe would display cartwheels decorated with greens and lights in their homes during the winter season.

The custom became Christianized in time, with the wreath's circular shape symbolizing God's unending nature, and the evergreens symbolizing His unchanging nature.

There are four candles on the wreath, one for each week of Advent. Three of the candles are violet in color, as a reminder of our repentance and our longing for the Savior. One candle is rose colored, symbolizing our joy and hope in the coming of the Messiah. All the candles are tied with purple ribbon, again as a symbol of longing and repentance.

In some homes, the family will gather around the wreath on the Saturday evening before the first Sunday in Advent, four weeks before Christmas. Prayers are said and one violet candle is lit.

Christmas carols from a church choir or a snow-covered street corner.

The heavenly strains of carols awaken ears to the simple beauty of the Christmas celebration and, in no time at all, invite all within earshot to join in and sing.

The word, carol, derives from the Greek and Latin words for "chorus." It was used in the middle ages to describe a ring dance or song, which was generally sung among a group of persons, either seated or standing in a circle. At some later time in history, the word became synonymous with Christmas and songs of wonder.

Different from hymns

The Christmas carol—quite different from the traditional church hymn, which was always sung in Latin—originated as the song of the Nativity, sung in the vernacular and understood by all.

While many of the present-day Christmas customs originated with ancient cultures' forms of worship, it was not until the second half of the 19th

century that Christmas carols met with general acceptance in both Europe and North America.

When, in 1688, Bishop Philip Brooks was rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Philadelphia, he was asked by his Sunday school pupils to compose a Christmas hymn. It has since become the earliest popular carol composed by an American.

*O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark sky shineth
The everlasting light:
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.
For Christ is born of Mary:
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondrous love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God, the King,
And peace to men on earth.*

Good Deeds

At USO centers, servicemen away from home will find many holiday activities to lessen their loneliness. Special dances are held during the holidays, with young women volunteering as hostesses, and Christmas Day dinners are prepared for the servicemen by volunteers from various organizations. Many families will, through the USO, invite a serviceman to enjoy Christmas dinner with them in their homes.

Senior citizens also

receive special attention at this time, with many inviting those without families into their homes for holiday celebrations. Special Christmas programs are presented at senior citizen centers everywhere for the enjoyment of our older men and women.

And, countless unfortunate individuals and families are made happier during the holidays, thanks to contributions made by the more fortunate to community organizations.

Merry Christmas!

Christmas Legend

There is a beautiful legend about the Helleborus, or Christmas rose. The legend tells of a little girl who wept outside the stable at Bethlehem, because she had no gift to offer the newborn Babe. An angel brushed the earth where her tears fell with a wing and lo! a plant at the child's feet began to bloom, blossoming into lovely, white flowers. The little girl eagerly plucked the flowers and took them to the manger. As they brushed

the infant's tiny foot, the petals flushed a soft pink.

Christmas in Mexico

Mexican youngsters celebrate Christmas the same way they celebrate birthdays—with a pinata. The pinata is a clay vessel, decorated with paper to resemble an animal, and filled with all kinds of goodies. Each youngster is blindfolded and given a stick with which to swing at the pinata. When it is broken, the children scramble for its contents.

Christmas Plants

The most prized Christmas decoration, until the middle of the 19th century, was the rosemary plant. Symbolizing remembrance, the rosemary was used to decorate and flavor the boar's head of old English custom. Ivy, laurel, yew and bay were also popular greens in years gone by. They have long been replaced by such modern favorites as holly, fir trees and poinsettias.

Let's Put Christ Into Christmas!

Let Youngsters Make Holiday Greetings Cards

One way to keep youngsters occupied while they're counting the days until Christmas is to let them make their own greeting cards for special people such as grandparents or a favorite teacher.

All you need is construction paper, glue, scissors

and some old greeting cards.

Have the children cut out holiday motifs from the cards: a Santa face or a Christmas tree, for example. Then, have them fold 9x12 paper in half and once again in half, to form the basis for their cards.

Next, have them draw a circle on the front of the card, using a round object such as a coaster or cup to define the circle. (Make sure their circle will accommodate the motif that has been selected.) Have children cut out the circle and then place their motif within the circle, gluing motif to the second sheet of the folded paper.

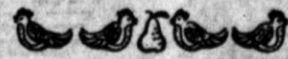
The inside sheets can be used for a personal message from the youngster, to be crayoned or penciled in.

To make an envelope for the greeting card, take another 9x12 sheet of construction paper and fold it 4½ inches from the bottom, lengthwise. Then, fold along the lengthwise edges, approximately 1¼ inches in. Glue edges along 4½ inches, leaving top edges open for card to slip in.



After the youngster's greeting card has been placed in the "envelope," fold over the top of it and seal it with a decorative sticker.

Have your youngsters hand-deliver their greeting cards to admiring family and friends.



Happy Holidays

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Chanukkah Is The Feast Of Lights

Of all the festivals on the Jewish calendar, the most popular one with Jewish children would have to be Chanukkah. Also known as the "Feast of Lights" because the menorah is lit on each night of the feast, Chanukkah (or Hanukkah) commemorates the victories of Judas Maccabeus over the Syrians, and the rededication of the Temple at that time. For this reason it is also known as the Feast of Dedication. Its appeal to youngsters is due, among other things, to the fact that presents are bestowed upon them by their parents, and games of chance are played.

The feast lasts 8 days and is celebrated from the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev to the 2nd day of the month of Adar. Each night, a special candelabra with 8 candles is lit, beginning with one candle on the first night and continuing with an additional candle each night until all the candles are lit. Special prayers are said during this traditional rite, which is celebrated in the home as well as the synagogue.

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The tale of a Christmas plant: the lovely poinsettia

Ready or not, there's no denying the arrival of the holiday season once the poinsettia plant begins to make its appearance.

Whether it appears on the cover of a greeting card, in the windows of a local department store, or in a sea of red, pink and white flowers at a roadside nursery, the poinsettia is a sure sign that Christmas is just around the corner.

Although the poinsettia plant is not indigenous to the United States, Americans have come to associate its brilliant red, delicate pink and snowy white bracts with the Christmas season.

This exotic flowering plant, used to decorate homes and churches in Mexico during the Christmas season, was introduced to the United States in 1828 by Dr. Joel Robert Poinsett, at that time the U.S. ambassador to Mexico. Upon returning from his term of service in Mexico, he brought the plants home to his native South Carolina.

Poinsett propagated these plants, which he called "Painted Leaves," in his own greenhouses, and sent cuttings to botanists throughout the country. The plant was later named "Poinsettia" in his honor.

Poinsettias grow wild in Mexico and other areas of Central America, where they are shrubs that can reach 30 feet in height. Their brilliant flowers are most profuse in mid-December.

The Spanish name for poinsettias, *Flor de la Noche-buena* (flower of the holy night), derives from a Mexican legend which holds that the plant originated in a miracle.

As the legend has it, a poor peasant child, ashamed at having nothing to take to a service honoring the nativity of the Christ child, sadly picked a few weeds along the road to give as an offering at the church.

As he knelt at the altar with his humble gift, the child's earnest prayer and tears of reverence transformed the weeds into the flowering plant that has become as much a part of Christmas in this country as the ever-green tree.

Today, poinsettias are still imported from Mexico, though commercial growers in Hawaii and other warm-weather states add to the supply. A careful plant-lover, however, can keep the plant from one season to the next and enjoy its brilliant flowering year after year.

The poinsettia will flourish outdoors during the summer months in most parts of the country, becoming denser with foliage as the weeks of sunshine pass. Prior to putting the plant outdoors, it should be pruned to avoid its becoming too "leggy."

In order to have the plant bloom at Christmastime, poinsettias require equal amounts of daylight and darkness from the first week of October to the second week in November.



And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

LUKE 2:8-11

Christmas Is The Time for Greetings!

It's Christmas! Time to shop for gifts, decorate the house... and send out greeting cards.

Christmas cards are so much a part of the holiday tradition that it's hard to imagine a time when they didn't exist. Yet, it wasn't until 1843 that the first Christmas greeting card was designed by John Calcott Horsley, the

English artist.

Since then, cards of all kinds have found their way into the postman's sack. They reflect the sender's taste and interests in many ways, as well as current trends. Today's comical Santa, for instance, is more apt to be riding a moped instead of a sleigh.

There are always many religious themes to be found in yearly card selections: the madonna and child, the wise men, manger scenes and the star of Bethlehem, are among the more pious subjects.

Then, there are the "cute" cards: amusing Santas, kittens and puppies, reindeer, and youngsters hanging up their stockings by the chimney with care, for instance.

Victoriana seems to represent the spirit of Christmas to many. Hence, there will be the usual complement of Dickensian carolers, horsedrawn carriages and ice skaters adorning cards this season.

Christmas decorations are also favorite greeting card subjects: wreaths, Christmas trees, holly and poinsettias, among others.

"...While visions of sugarplums danced..."



THE PEACEFUL REPOSE OF THIS SLUMBERING CHILD will be broken with the arrival of morning and the anticipation of gifts to be opened. Illustrated by Thomas Nast in 1890, "Another Stocking to Fill" was the frontispiece to his *Christmas Drawings for the Human Race*. Courtesy of the New York Historical Society.

The Story of Timmy, The Trumpeter:

Timmy loved to play the trumpet. Every day, after school, he would rush home to practice.

Timmy's dream was to play in a band, someday. The trouble was, between practicing and daydreaming about the future, Timmy never paid attention to his schoolwork.

"No more trumpet-playing," said his parents, "until your schoolwork improves." Timmy was broken-hearted. He could not understand what arithmetic and spelling had to do with playing the trumpet, and everyone knew he was going to be a famous trumpet player when he grew up!

But, Timmy's parents were firm, and he was a very unhappy little boy as the weeks passed.

Suddenly, the holidays were near, and all the boys and girls in Timmy's class were excited about the Christmas play they were going to perform.

Timmy was asked to play an angel. "I don't wanna play no angel," he said. "You mean an angel," his teacher corrected him. It was just like her, Timmy thought, always finding fault!

On the day of the play, Timmy reluctantly went to

school. As he and his classmates were putting on their costumes, Timmy's teacher called him aside. "I have a surprise for you," she said, handing him a box. Inside was his trumpet!

"I think it would be nice if one of the angels played a trumpet, don't you?" she

smiled.

Timmy could hardly wait for the play to begin now! How proud his parents were as Timmy and the other angels told the shepherds about the Infant Jesus. And, all eyes were on Timmy as he loudly blew his trumpet!

Christmas
May it be decked out with love,
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with joy and laughter. Many
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The Holy Night

by ELIZABETH BARRET BROWNING

We sat among the stalls
at Bethlehem;
The dumb kine from
Their fodder turning them,
Softened their horned faces
To almost human gazes
Toward the newly Born:
The simple shepherds
from the star-lit brooks
Brought visionary looks,
As yet in their
astoried hearing rung
The strange sweet angel-tongue:
The magi of the East,
in sandals worn,
Knelt reverent, sweeping round,
With long pale beards,
their gifts upon the ground,
The incense, myrrh, and gold
These baby hands
were impotent to hold:
So let all earthlies
and celestials wait
Upon thy royal state.
Sleep, sleep, my kingly One!

Christmas Memories Are Made of This...

Perhaps it is the recollection of a robin amid the snow-brushed branches on a cold December day... or the excitement felt by all when Dad brought in the tree... Christmas is made up of as many memories as there are stars in the sky, no doubt.

For some, it is the memory of a store window, imaginatively decorated with mechanical figures... for others, the weeks spent rehearsing carols in the choir loft... or, spotting that wished-for bicycle under the tree on Christmas morning.

We may remember those special aromas that emanated from the kitchen just before the holidays... we may think back on shopping in the dime store for a long list of friends and relatives, all the while clutching a few precious dollars in our hand... or, the surprise appearance of a friend or relative we had not expected to see one holiday.

Some will think back to a Christmas when they secretly knit that special muffler or sweater... others, to the time when a son or daughter performed in the church pageant. Softly falling snow may bring back memories of that wonderful sleigh ride to a lucky few... or the snowman built together with brothers and sisters

... while others may remember the warmth of the family fireplace. Was there a Christmas when a kitten was found under the tree? Or, one when you were alone in another town, and neighbors invited you in?

Perhaps the Christmas that stands out in your memory is the Christmas you became engaged... or, the time you received your favorite doll. Christmas may bring back the joy of a special reunion, long ago... or the still-fresh memory of a walk in the woods after a snowstorm.

The sights and sounds of Christmas may recall an heirloom that decorated the family tree for so many years... the memory of carolers who sang outside your door last year... or, the first time you ever read Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

You may remember a Christmas spent in the city, all aglow with lights... or a holiday in the country, with stars brilliant in the wintry night.

Is it the memory of your youngster's first visit to Santa? Or, the time you helped Dad find firewood for the stove?

Every Christmas renews our memories of times gone by... and just as important, creates new memories to be savored in days to come.

For Christmas is yesterday, today and tomorrow... it is a spirit that transcends time itself, it is a spirit that lives forever in our hearts.

The Three Kings
Three Kings came riding from far away,
Melchior and Gaspar and Baltasar;
Three Wise Men out of the East were they,
And they travelled by night and they slept by day,
For their guide was a beautiful, wonderful star.
— Longfellow

Star of Bethlehem Has Made Wise Men Wonder For All These Years

"Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright..."

Ever since the first Christmas, the star that led the Wise Men to where the Infant Jesus lay has been the object of conjecture and wonder.

Unfortunately, the only reference to the star in Matthew's Gospel offers no explanation for the phenomenon: "And behold, the star that they had seen in the East went before them, until it came and stood over the place where the child was."

Thus it is that scientists and biblical scholars alike have been free to speculate about various theories, ranging from the supernatural to logical explanations.

One theory is that the star was actually a comet; yet another asserts that the star was probably a supernova, a star that suddenly takes on spectacular brilliance.

There is still another theory that the star was

actually a conjunction of planets. According to astronomical studies, there were three conjunctions of Jupiter and Saturn in the year 7 B.C. There were also major conjunctions of planets between 3 and 2 B.C., claim other studies. The 17th-century astronomer Kepler calculated that Mars, Saturn and Jupiter had been in conjunction around the time of Christ's birth.

One supernatural theory holds that the star was not physically manifested, but rather visible to only those who were privileged to the events of the Nativity. Others believe that God placed the star in the heavens expressly as a sign for a brief period of time. Interestingly enough, this ties in with one scientific possibility: a new star, or a temporary star. Such stars have been observed from time to time; in fact, Hipparchus is believed to have discovered a brilliant star where none had been seen before in the year 134 B.C.

Fairy tales for grownups: Once-upon-a-time a Christmas went by without getting a yule card sans return address or readable postmark, and signed "John and Mary."

An optimist is a person who expects to plug-in last season's yule strings and have them work without first having to replace some bulbs.

Merry Christmas

May all things that warm the home and heart be yours this holiday... along with our sincere "hearth"-felt gratitude to you and yours.

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Nutcracker Story A Simple One

The story is a simple, yet fanciful one; a little girl is presented with a nutcracker at Christmas time. She dreams that the nutcracker comes to life in the person of a handsome prince who leads the toys to battle against an army of mice.

He then takes the girl off to Arabia, where she is entertained with dances by the Sugarplum Fairy and a delightful assortment of characters.

There are exotic Arabian dancers, quaint Chinese performers, and exciting Russian dancers

among others, all in colorful attire.



Finally, there is a spectacular dance by lovely flowers, known as the "Waltz of the Flowers." As the flowers dance to the familiar, lilting music for the entranced young heroine and her handsome

prince, it is easy to see that this ballet has truly captured the wonder and fancy of childhood for all to enjoy, regardless of age.

The Nutcracker Suite was first performed in 1892, and it has been delighting generations of ballet-lovers, young and old, ever since.

Christmas Greetings:

From our friends in Norway it is, "Gledelig Jul!"

We would be welcomed to a French home with a "Joyeux Noel!" and while on a visit in Italy we would be greeted with a hearty "Buon Natale!"

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Kee Ruland
Jerry Justice
Agapito Andrade
Michelle Clarke

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'Tis the season for decking the halls, trimming the tree

O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, How lovely are thy branches! — Louis L'Amour

There's hardly a Christmas tradition that's more universally popular than trimming the tree. Be it live, fresh-cut or artificial, a brightly decorated tree sets the stage for a spirited holiday celebration.

Tree-trimming is a custom that was exported from Germany to England in the late 18th century. But it was not popularized until the 1840s when Prince Albert introduced it into the royal family, thereby setting a precedent which has since been followed by royalty and the common man alike. It is said that Martin Luther

was so moved by the sight of stars twinkling in the sky above a grove of evergreen trees, that he sought to simulate their effect by setting candles on a small evergreen which he brought into his home.

In Victorian England, the Christmas tree was laden with sweets, fruits and nuts—as well as dancing candles. These edibles were not eaten until the dismantling of the tree on the Twelfth Night, adding an element of gaiety to the otherwise sobering activity of putting decorations away until the next year.

Eventually, ornaments made by glassblowers and wood carvers came to replace the edible decorations on Christmas trees. Today, tree-trimming has been elevated to a considerable

art form, a medium for the trimmer's expression.

For some, a simple garland made by stringing popcorn and cranberries is an eye-pleasing decoration, while for others, elaborate links of red and green balsam wood appear more festive.

Red ribbons and candy canes may suit one trimmer's taste, while velvet-covered turtle doves and hand-painted wooden figures may suit another's.

The key to tree-trimming is to have fun at it, whether one opts for real candles or twinkling, multi-colored lights; for a strongly-scented Douglas fir or an artificial tree.

After all, the evergreen is but a symbol of the presence of life in the darkness of winter, the true meaning of the Christmas celebration.



"GATHERING EVERGREENS," an 1858 engraving by Winslow Homer, shows the old-time method of gathering Christmas greens for the home. While the men at left cut down trees—a practice still followed by economically minded Americans—the man and woman to the right weave wreaths of evergreen, possibly laurel, holly or mistletoe. From the New York Public Library Picture Collection.



Nutcracker Ballet Now A Tradition

For many, the holiday season would not be complete without enjoying a performance of the *Nutcracker Suite*.

This popular ballet has come to be synonymous with Christmas, due to its holiday setting and beautiful music. Based on a story by E. T. A. Hoffmann, the ballet is probably Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's most beloved work. Each holiday season finds ballet groups, both amateur and professional, presenting it anew for the delight of youngsters and adults alike.

Tchaikovsky wrote many symphonies, concertos and overtures, but probably no single work of his is as popular as this Christmas classic.

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"OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL..." The joyous strains of Christmas carols can be heard in churches or on street corners during the holiday season. While it is said that St. Francis of Assisi was the first to sing Christmas carols in the 13th century, carolling did not become popular until the mid-19th century in England. Here, choir boys at Winchester Cathedral. Courtesy of the British Tourist Authority.

Making A "Cookie House" Can Be Fun

Christmas is the ideal time for family projects like baking a cookie house but if you don't have either the time or inclination to bake, you can still make a charming cookie house by simply using graham crackers and cake decorations.

To make this cookie house, you'll need around 17 graham cracker units (each made up of 2 squares) a small tube of decorating gel, a small bottle of cinnamon hots, about 1/2 box of powdered sugar, a can of coconut flakes and a small box of caramel popcorn.

Have the youngsters decorate the crackers to be used for the sides and front and back of the house with doors and windows, using the gel and cinnamon hots. (You'll need two units for the front and back, three for the sides.)

Make a paste of the powdered sugar by adding water and then carefully join the squares together

to create a standing structure of front, back, and sides. Join three undecorated units together to form each side of what will eventually be the roof. Next, join the two roofing sides together at right angles before setting

them on top of the standing structure. Make sure "roofing" is secure before setting it in place.

To fill the space left between the roof and front of the house, cut a small rectangular piece of cracker and join it to the roof.

Christmas Blessings

Christ the Savior is born! Let us sing His praises!



Brass Spike

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Greetings to all!

We're shouting out our jolly holiday wishes loud and clear ... in hopes that the entire world will hear! And to those special friends who've been so kind, may we offer a very special "Thank You"!

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Sherry Davis
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We who participated in "Project Christmas Card" take this means of extending our greetings to each and everyone in the area. The amount usually spent in this way has been contributed toward a more lasting tribute in our community and we feel it is in keeping with the real meaning of Christmas.

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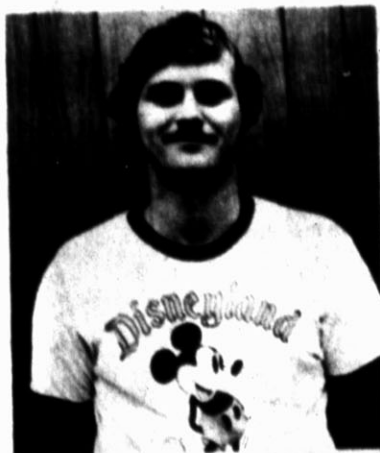
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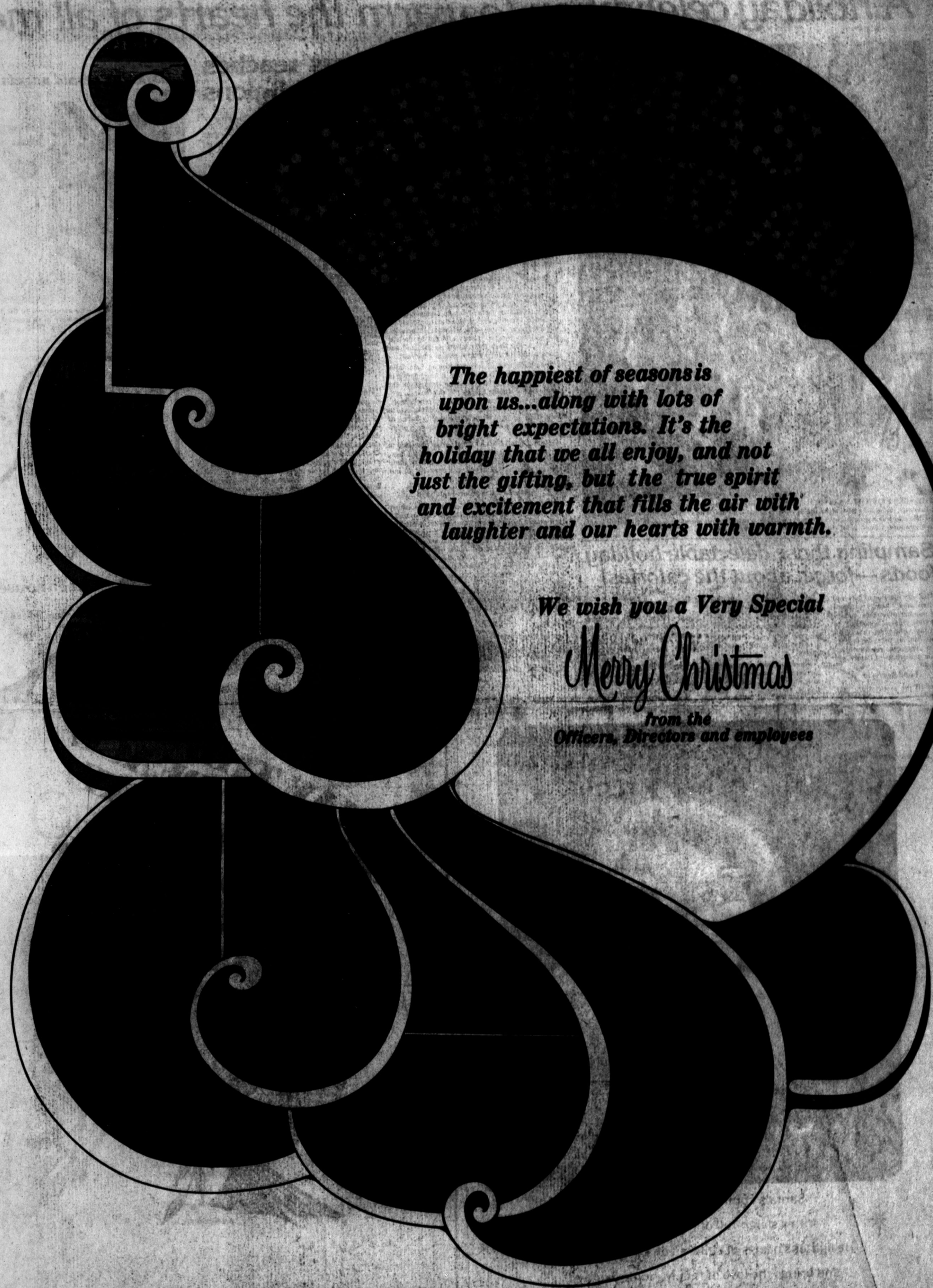
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Another Christmas. For the millions of Christians throughout the world, this is a season of joyous celebration as they mark the birth of their redeemer, Jesus Christ. Yet it is a season which holds special significance for non-Christians, as well. For there is in the air at Christmastime an infectious sense of peace and brotherhood, a feeling which goes beyond the recognized boundaries of religion, culture and geography.

The Christmas celebration offers a glimmer of light in the bleakness of December, when the days are shortest and the worst of winter's onslaught lies ahead. The brightness of a blazing hearth fire, the twinkle of a Christmas tree's lights, the brilliance of the sun against a whitewashed landscape—these are some of the elements of Christmastime that bring light into the hearts of all men.

Other December festivals

It is no coincidence that the celebration of Christ's birth in Bethlehem some two thousand years ago falls at the same time of year as the many festivals of light which preceded Christianity. Late December, the moment of the sun's annual rebirth, has since primitive days been a time of great feasting and prayer. It was a time when ancient peoples, whose lives were so greatly affected by the elements, rested from their labors on the land and gave thanks for the previous season's harvest.

One such festival was the Roman Saturnalia. Beginning at the winter solstice, it was a period of great feasting and thanksgiving throughout the whole of the Roman Empire. With elaborate processions, decorations, gift-giving and other rituals, this highly civilized ancient people paid homage to their deity of agriculture, Saturnus, in hopes of gaining his favor during the following year's planting season.

Similar non-Christian rituals were practiced at the time of the winter solstice by the early Vikings, Goths, Saxons and Druids, and vestiges of these ancient solstitial festivals are apparent in our modern-day celebration of Christmas.

Christian celebration established

It was not until the middle of the fourth century that the Church of Rome established December 25 as the date commemorating the birth of Christ. And while the exact birthdate of the Christchild has never been known, the Church did not select this date arbitrarily. Since the winter solstice had always signified a time of celebration and prayer to pagan gods, it was an opportune season of celebration for Christians seeking to convert pagan peoples to their faith.

The Christian celebration gradually incorporated a number of traditions which had formerly been part of the early non-Christian festivals of

light. The decorating of churches with greenery, for example, did not take place until the year 601, when Pope Gregory instructed Augustine of Canterbury to follow the non-Christian custom of decorating temples with holly, laurel and other evergreens.

Romans introduced gift-giving

The tradition of gift-giving can be traced to the Roman Saturnalia, at which time the Romans made presentations of various foodstuffs and finery to their emperors. But, it is no less significant to the Christian celebration that the Three Wise Men, or Magi, brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christchild as he lay in a manger in Bethlehem.

Today's most popular gift-giver is, of course, Santa Claus. Known as St. Nicholas and Father Christmas until Thomas Nast popularized the name Santa Claus (possibly, from the Dutch *Sante Klaas*, or Saint Nicholas), Saint Nicholas was a bishop of Myra in Asia Minor in the fourth century.

Legend holds that Saint Nick saved three young daughters of an impoverished father from a questionable, "dowryless" fate by quietly leaving each girl a quantity of gold to use as a dowry. This he is said to have deposited through windows during the night, a harbinger of the present-day practice of Santa's clandestine nocturnal visit.

Christmas spirit survives

In these days of convincing marketing campaigns and gross commercialism, however, it becomes easy to lose sight of the special meaning of Christmas. Many of us become reluctantly swept up by the holiday rush: trying to wend our way through bustling crowds in an elaborately decorated department store; managing to schedule two Christmas parties and a stop at Aunt Alice's in one evening; addressing those last few season's greetings to friends before the post office closes for the day. "Never again!" is uttered by many a weary holiday shopper, party-goer or letter writer, "next year will be different."

But, beyond that hectic holiday rush is a genuine feeling of goodwill which differs little from year to year. For Christmas is a time to take stock of the good things in life; the simple pleasures such as watching a child's face light up with delight at the sight of gaily-wrapped packages spilling from beneath a tree. Or, the warmth of sharing holiday cheer with family and friends, and the comfort of their company.

Let's hope that next year won't be different, and that Christmas for many years to come will blanket the earth in a tranquil moment of peace and brotherhood.

Hark! the herald angels sing



THE ANGEL GABRIEL, who announced to the Virgin Mary that she was with child, is seen here in an unusual interpretation: that of a weathervane. Circa 1840, courtesy of the American Museum of Folk Art.



THE SCENE OF THE NATIVITY, as with many of the events in the life of Christ, has long been a favorite image of artists working in various artistic media. The *erzche* pictured here dates to 1738, and was executed by woodcarvers in the world-famous woodcarving district of Bavaria in Germany. Courtesy of the German National Tourist Office.

Sampling those delectable holiday foods — forget about the calories!

The very mention of the word "Christmas" brings to mind any number of images, and sidewalk Santas appealing to holiday shoppers, twinkling lights dancing upon the boughs of an evergreen, pleasant hearthside gatherings of family and friends.

Food figures in Of all the associations that

come to mind when thinking of Christmas, one of the most vivid is that of holiday foods. For Christmas, like no other time of the year, seduces even the most disdainful of cooks into the kitchen.

Fruitcakes laden with raisins, currants and citron and laced with a good dose of sherry or brandy, are an old holiday tradi-

tion. Buttery cookies, cut in the shape of candy canes, reindeer, stars and Santas are a favorite with children.

Diet next year

Don't be afraid to indulge in the seasonal goodies. After all, those New Year's resolutions to diet are just around the corner!



Leonardo da Vinci worked with his left hand.

Blessings

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All of us want to give something for Christmas that will be remembered and cherished for years to come. To do this meaningfully, start someone on the hobby of collecting.

The first item towards a collection makes a unique gift and is the beginning of a rewarding pastime that will bring enjoyment for years and cause you to be remembered.

You can find collectible items that will appeal to any age group. Young children can be started on a collection of piggy banks or dolls. Teens will spend hours with stamp or coin collections.

For lovers of beauty

For those on your list who appreciate beauty, try paperweights, bells, butter dishes or ceramic plates. Collector's plates come in a variety of Christmas themes, the Norman Rockwell series being a particular favorite among those who collect Americana.

While all of these collectibles will be enjoyed for their present beauty and uniqueness, they do have the potential of becoming valuable treasures in the future.

Bottle collecting is one of the most popular hobbies in the country today. Included in this category are ceramic decanters which are issued by many liquor companies throughout the year, as well as at Christmas time. Austin, Nichols & Co., Inc., makers of Wild Turkey Bourbon, issues limited editions of their Wild Turkey ceramic decanters every Fall.

Increasing value

Limited edition means that a specific number are produced and the mold is then broken. Thus, there's a good possibility that the decanter will increase in value and become a highly prized collector's item.

The first Wild Turkey decanter, introduced in 1971, originally retailed for \$20. It now commands a price of about \$500. The complete unopened set of eight from the first series now has an estimated value of

\$2,000! Many ceramics are issued as a part of a series, making it that much easier to select next year's gift. However, if the recipient has caught the collecting bug, they'll probably beat you to it.

Therefore, as an added pleasure to the collecting hobby, enroll the collector in a ceramic collector's society. That way, they'll be sure to be informed of the latest ceramic issued, as some are immensely popular

and hard to come by.

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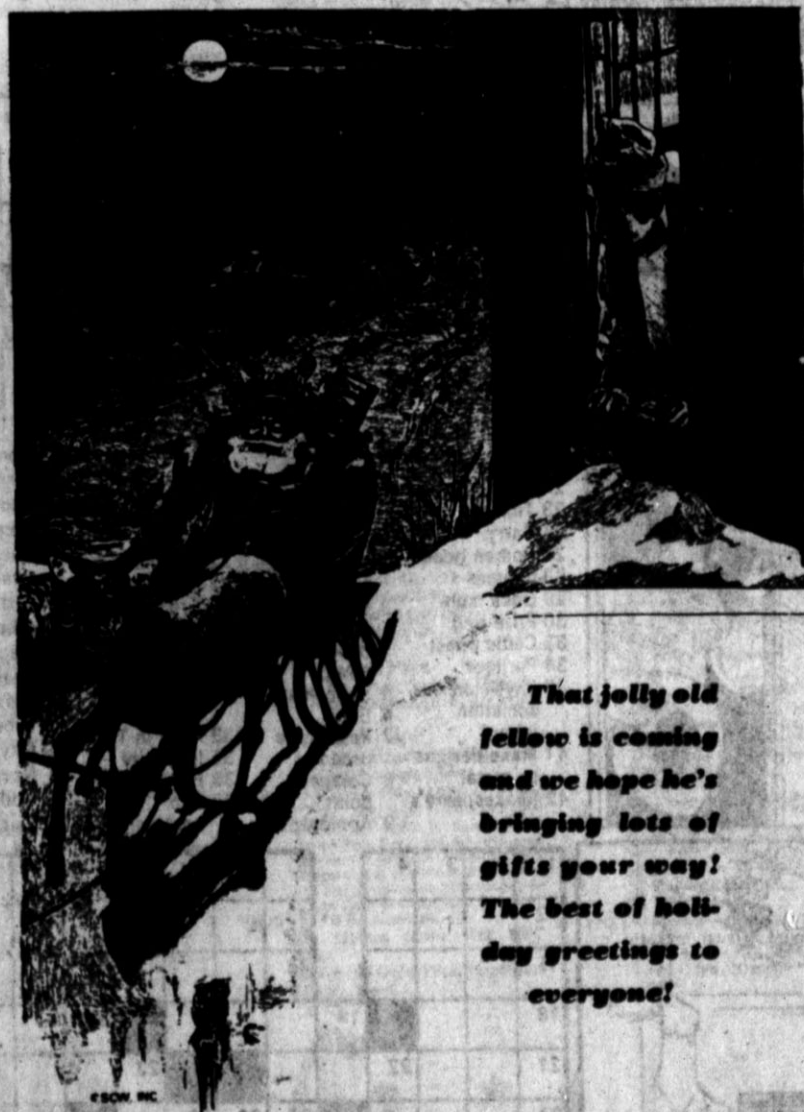
So, if you're looking for a Christmas gift of distinction, a gift that may someday be a treasured object of value along with the memory of you, remember collectibles.



COLLECTIBLES MAKE DISTINCTIVE Christmas gifts, and can start someone on the hobby of collecting. Piggy banks or dolls, paperweights or ceramic decanters—such as the one pictured here—are the ideal gifts for those on your shopping list who appreciate beauty.



GREETINGS



That jolly old fellow is coming and we hope he's bringing lots of gifts your way! The best of holiday greetings to everyone!

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BRING ON THE FEAST! Modern-day Christmas festivities differ little from those of the past when it comes to feasting and merry-making, although few American tables are likely to feature a meal of boar's head, as in this 1855 illustration for the London News. Courtesy of the New York Public Library Picture Collection.

Feasting on boar's head: traditional holiday fare

The hustle-bustle of the holiday season is not to be found in department stores alone. Another center of much activity at Christmastime is the kitchen, where, for days before the holiday, the smell of cakes baking and meats roasting announce the arrival of the season to discerning noses.

The tradition of feasting at Christmas is as old as the holiday itself, and each culture has its peculiarities when it comes to holiday menus.

A popular custom

Perhaps one of the most peculiar of holiday foods is the boar's head, a long-standing culinary tradition among the British. While a feast featuring boar's head has become less common in England in the past decades, this centuries-old custom is still practiced with great ritual among traditionalists.

Some say the custom goes back to pre-Christian days when the Druids killed a boar and of-

fered its head as a sacrifice to the goddess Freya at the Winter solstice. Others trace the boar's head ceremony to Viking days, when at the season of Yule the Vikings sacrificed a boar and feasted on its head to accelerate the sun's return.

Flourish of pageantry

Ancient societies and clubs in such cities as London, Oxford and Cambridge still observe the 2000-year old feast, where the boar's head is carried into the dining hall in a flourish of pageantry. The chef bears the head on a tray, followed by the knife bearer, choristers and minstrels.

This great delicacy is splendidly decorated with a garland of rosemary and laurel and, as a final touch, a lemon—the symbol of plenty—is placed in its mouth.

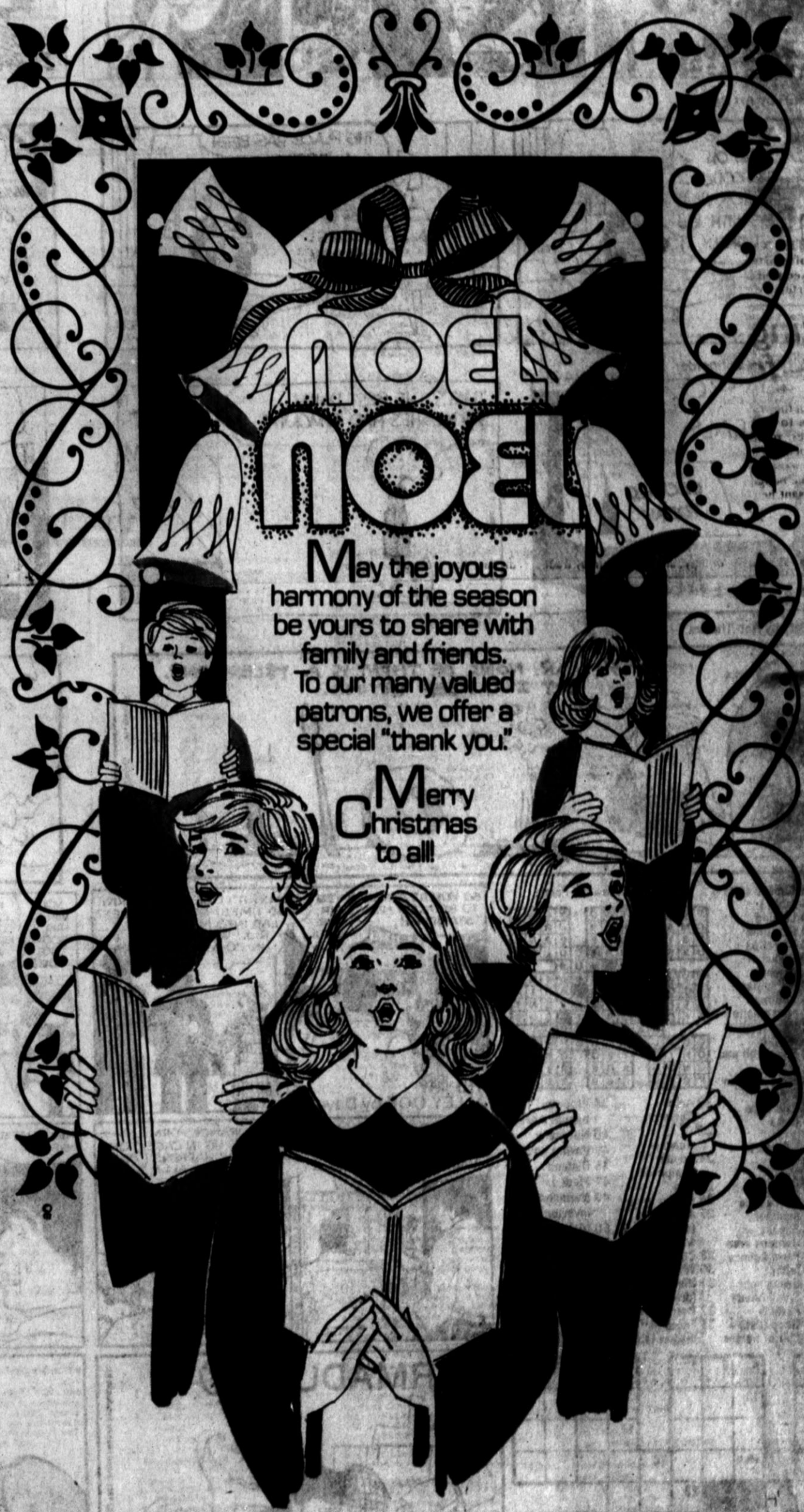
A modern variation of the boar's head feast is the feasting on a suckling pig, a more common practice in England today.

Little fairy snowflakes
Dancing in the flue;
Old Mr. Santa Claus,
What is keeping you?
Twilight and firelight
Shadows come and go
Merry chime of sleighbells
Thinking through the snow
Mother's knitting stockings

Pussy's got the ball.
Don't you think that
Christmas
Is pleasantest of all?
—Unknown

Christmas Confusion!

For three centuries following His birth, Christ's nativity was celebrated at various times in January, March, April, May, September, and October by Christian groups.



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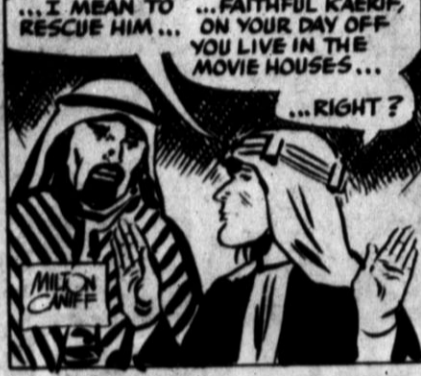


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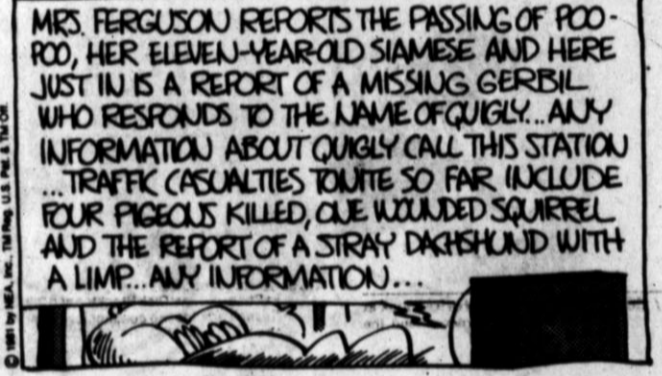
By Milton Caniff



THE BORN LOSER by Art Sanson



ECK & MECK by Howie Schneider



FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves



- ACROSS**
- 1 Spreads out
 - 5 Status
 - 8 Experiment rooms
 - 12 Semiprecious gem
 - 13 Patriotic monogram
 - 14 Upon
 - 15 Food stuff
 - 16 Commercial flow
 - 17 Portuguese lady
 - 18 Parade
 - 19 Milk farmer
 - 21 Midwest city (abbr.)
 - 23 Sigh
 - 24 Rains
 - 29 Dirty
 - 33 Tributary
 - 34 British prep school
 - 36 Joy
 - 37 Spoke untruthfully
 - 39 Slip
 - 41 Southern state (abbr.)
 - 42 Start
 - 44 Vow
 - 46 Tank

- DOWN**
- 1 Vain
 - 2 Limited
 - 3 Ivy League member
 - 4 Sneaks
 - 5 Campus area
 - 6 Farm agency
 - 7 Green spot
 - 8 Small beetle
 - 9 Particle
 - 10 Good (Lat.)
 - 11 Pair of horses

ALLEY OOP by Dave Graue

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OH, OKAY!

ACROSS

- 1 Alphabet
- 5 Vest period of time
- 9 Electrical unit
- 12 Rhythmic movement
- 13 Made thread
- 14 Sesame plant
- 15 Radar screen image
- 16 Annoying
- 18 Tree
- 19 Circle part (pl.)
- 20 By and by
- 21 Broadway
- 23 Tiniest
- 24 Carry
- 25 Roman tyrant
- 28 Express
- 29 Once more
- 30 Price ring
- 32 Celtic priest
- 34 Perjurer
- 38 Physician's association (abbr.)
- 41 Make designs on metal
- 42 Shakespeare's wife

DOWN

- 1 Province in Canada
- 2 Thousand millions
- 3 Climate
- 4 Ideal gas condition (abbr.)
- 5 Speciman
- 6 Sage
- 7 Possessive pronoun
- 8 Compass point
- 9 Apologizes

Answer to Previous Puzzle

11 Enough lands

17 Automotive society (abbr.)

19 There

22 Salsicuous

23 Conquered

28 Greenland's colonizer

27 In the act (comp. wd.)

31 Comedian King

33 River in Texas

35 Inactivity

36 Precursor

37 Slip backwards

38 Portuguese lands

39 Esprit de corps

40 Lack of vitality

44 Sixth sense (abbr.)

46 Negative answer

48 Gelatinous substance

49 City in Nevada

52 Adder

53 Juice drink

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Grid with numbers 1-53.

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CHRISTMAS STORY
(DELAYED TRANSMISSION)

WHEN I WAS A YOUNG KID IN HILLSBORO, OHIO, LIVING VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR WERE STILL AROUND. MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER WAS ONE OF THEM. HE LIVED IN THE COUNTRY, SO THE FAMILY SAW HIM SELDOM, BUT ALWAYS AT CHRISTMAS.

THE OLD MAN WOULD TELL HOW HE HAD ARRIVED IN AMERICA ONE BITE AHEAD OF THE POTATO FAMINE—JUST ABOUT THE TIME OF FORT SUMNER. HE WOULD RIDE AND CARE FOR A HORSE, SO HE WAS WELCOMED BY THE FIRST OHIO CAVALRY, SIGNING HIS NAME WITH AN 'X' ON THE ENLISTMENT PAPERS.

AFTER FOUR YEARS AND TWO WOUNDS HE WAS DISCHARGED, RECEIVING A SMALL CASH PENSION. AUGMENTED BY AN ISSUE OF WHISKEY AND TOBACCO... HE DRANK THE WHISKEY AND STUFFED THE LEAF INTO A CLAY PIPE, LIGHTING UP WITH A SMALL MAGNIFYING GLASS. WHEN IT WAS CLOUDY HE CHEWED THE TOBACCO... (MATCHES COST MONEY.)

ON THOSE CHRISTMAS DAY AFTERNOONS, THE OLD SOLDIER WOULD SIT IN FRONT OF THE FIRE, FAVORING HIS CROOKED LEG, CRUSHED BY A HORSE SHOT FROM UNDER HIM. HE OFTEN SPOKE OF THE PRIVILEGE IT HAD BEEN TO FIGHT FOR THIS NEW COUNTRY—WHICH WOULD ALLOW AN ILLITERATE IMMIGRANT LAD TO OWN HIS OWN HOUSE, LAND AND HORSE—AND BE ABLE TO TELL ANY MAN TO GO TO HELL!



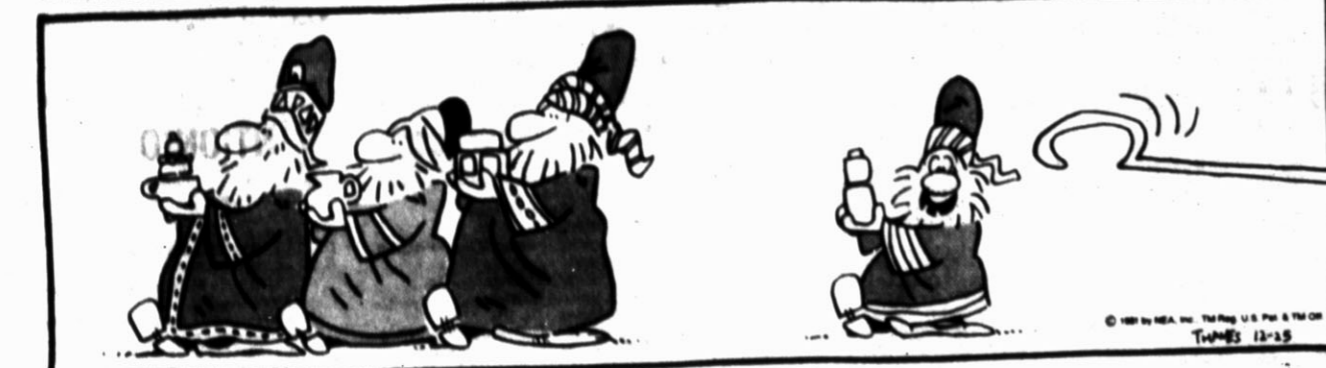
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Kiss In A New Light

By YARDENA ARAR
Associated Press Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Funny how a few years can put things in a different perspective. Take the rock band Kiss, for example—remember when four grown men in black leather jumpsuits, chains and face-obscuring black-and-white makeup seemed incredibly decadent and outrageous?

Not that such exotic wear, and such stage antics as guitarist Gene Simmons' snake-like, tongue-flicking and fake blood-spitting, have become the norm, but it does seem like there's a bit more competition in the shock-rock field these days.

The Plasmatics' scantily-clad lead singer, Wendy O.

Williams, has already survived two obscenity trials stemming from her suggestive-destructive performances; former Black Sabbath member Ozzy Osbourne set a new standard by biting off the head of a dove at a record company marketing meeting.

A slew of young British rock stars has entered the costume-makeup sweepstakes: Musically, Adam and the Ants may be light-years removed from Kiss, but they are soulmates in their pirate garb, Indian warpaint and fantasy-showmen approach.

In fact, with all the new groups and new music abroad in the land since Kiss last toured more than two years

ago, there was something almost comforting about watching the band in action during a recent taping of television's "Solid Gold."

At least, with Kiss, you know what to expect. Simmons still flicks his tongue, bassist Paul Stanley still paints a huge black star around his right eye. Simmons, Stanley and lead guitarist Ace Frehley still charge maniacally around the stage, and though the man at drums is new—Eric Carr took over from Peter Dinklage almost two years ago—the entire picture is reassuring in its familiarity, as is the heavy metal sound of the music.

Band members, well aware of their lofty position in the

mainstream rock firmament, don't find comparisons between Kiss and newer bands who haven't come close to tapping this mass audience particularly appropriate.

"When they get to a certain level, then we can talk about similarities," says Simmons, whose business acumen is highly regarded in music industry circles.

But, Simmons adds, "Anybody that tries to do anything different usually has got my vote as somebody that's trying to give people something else for their money. I mean, on one hand you've got the records and the music, and then you've got to figure out what else to do to be entertaining."

Eileen Brennan In 'Incident At Crestridge'

By JERRY BUCK AP Television Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Eileen Brennan says the sheriff she plays in the CBS movie "Incident at Crestridge" is a woman who saw a job to be done—and tried to do it.

Miss Brennan plays Sara Davis, who takes on a corrupt and entrenched political machine in a small Wyoming town. She succeeds in getting elected, but finds the battle has only just begun.

"She's a very simple woman who's raised her family," the actress says. "She and her husband move to this small town where they see a great deal of corruption. From the mayor on down.

"She goes ahead and tries to do something about it. It's a question of seeing something and wanting to do something about it. I imagine there are a lot of women like Sara Davis. That's what I liked about it."

"Incident at Crestridge," which also stars Pernell Roberts, Bruce Davison and Sandy McPeak, will be broadcast by CBS Tuesday night. Jud Taylor directed the film on location in Park City, Utah, from a screenplay by Jim Byrnes.

Miss Brennan, who is better known as Capt. Doreen Lewis of CBS' "Private Benjamin," says the movie was not meant to be a pilot. And if it does become a series, she says, it will be without her because she is committed to

"Private Benjamin."

"She begins to make a difference," Miss Brennan says of her character in "Incident at Crestridge." "but then is voted out of office by a recall election. Her last line is, 'I just may be back.' That sounds like a series to me. Like Darth Vader. But she does make an impact, she does raise people's consciousness."

Miss Brennan worked on the movie after completing "Comics," a theatrical feature filmed in Canada. In that, she plays the owner of a club like the Comedy Store (in this case called the Funny Farm) where young comics get a start.

Most of her time is absorbed by her role as Capt. Lewis

in "Private Benjamin." The movie, which starred Goldie Hawn as Pvt. Judy Benjamin, brought Miss Brennan an Oscar nomination. In September, she won an Emmy for the TV version, which stars Lorna Patterson in the title role.

"I've been living with Capt. Lewis for the past two years, between the movie and the series," says Miss Brennan.

"It's a great comic character. The challenge of doing Capt. Lewis week after week, as opposed to the movie, is keeping up the vitality while maintaining an overlay of comedy. The thing about Capt. Lewis is that she has no sense of humor. She's like Archie Bunker. That's what makes her funny."

They Owe Their Career To A Pizza

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — If four singer-songwriters hadn't gone to a pizza restaurant together last summer, country music probably wouldn't have its first female quartet signed to a major record label.

The four friends were enjoying a pizza when a customer asked them to sing. They did, CBS Records art director Virginia Team heard them between bites of her own pizza, and was impressed. She recommended the four to CBS executives and they soon signed a recording contract.

Mary Fielder, Mary Ann Kennedy, Linda Moore and Pam Rose made their first professional appearance

Sept. 16, and now have their first record out, "Send Me Somebody to Love." Their initial album should be released early in 1982.

One of the first orders of business was picking a name. The Pizza Queens? The Sausage and Pepperoni? The Double Crust Quartet? They decided on Calamity Jane because, as Ms. Rose says, "She didn't fit the mold... she was cool... she was no Miss Polyester."

There will be no hot and spicy image with sexy outfits or heartburn from suggestive lyrics.

"I don't want to rely on that for an image," Ms. Fielder says.

"I want to be respected for what I do," Ms. Moore says. "We have enough pride in our music to get attention this way," says Ms. Kennedy.

"We are musicians first," Ms. Rose says.

They sing rock-oriented country music, much of it written by one of the four. Various members sing lead. No one sings bass.

"We can take the assets of one singer and be four times as good," Ms. Rose says. "And the fact there are four of us gives the assumption that we speak four times as strongly about a subject—like love."

"We try to be fresh and different," says Ms. Moore.

The four, all unmarried and

all under 30, say there are several reasons why there has never been a female country music quartet with a national following. It's hard to arrange music for four women. Women are just now becoming career-oriented.

"The craft was not encouraged," Ms. Fielder says simply. They say there will be no problems agreeing on career matters.

"The fact that we are musicians and writers is a bond between us," says Ms. Rose. "We like each other," Ms. Kennedy says.

"We're not hell-bent on being superstars," Ms. Moore says. "This is fun for us."

He Lovingly Tends Antique Organ

DUNKIRK, N.Y. (NEA) — Old-fashioned band organs, their magical sounds created from folding cardboard and punched music rolls, are usually kept under lock and key these days. After all, they are priceless antiques.

However, there is one exception. On the carnival midway of Reithoffer's Shows is a band organ complete with a band organ produced in Paris around the turn of the century.

The keeper of the band organ is none other than a former craftsman of those fabulous music machines. He is Clarence "Frenchie" St. Germaine of Framingham, Mass.

Frenchie, as he prefers to be called, has been "band master" with the carnival for seven years. His job: operating, maintaining and overseeing the moving of the priceless antique.

Recently his employers named him "organ master extraordinaire" in honor of his devotion to the antique organ.

The organ, more than 15 feet long and 6 feet high, was produced by Gaviolo and Co. of Paris in 1904. According to Frenchie, there is only one other like it left in the world.

The organ was brought to the United States in 1958 by a tobacco company and purchased by Reithoffer Shows in 1974.

The hand-crafted organ has 800 wood pipes, 22 bells, a snare and a bass drum. "We're proud to say that all 800 pipes operate as do the 450 lights and dancing dolls," says Frenchie. As the organ operates, hand-carved dolls dance at each end, two other dolls play harp, and another acts as conductor.

Frenchie is no novice when it comes to band organs. He used to work in

the Wurlitzer band organ factory in North Tonawanda, N.Y. Wurlitzer, the last American manufacturer of band organs, ceased production in 1939.

From Wurlitzer, Frenchie took to the carnival business, first as an owner-operator of amusement rides in New Bedford, Mass. He sold his show in 1974 and went to work for the Reithoffers, a family-owned carnival from Abbeville, S.C.

"During my years with Wurlitzer, I worked in all phases of production of band organs," he says. "I only know of two other men in the United States today who can work on these old organs."

The Reithoffer band organ was originally hand driven. The drive shaft moves a mammoth 200-pound bellows, which is made of four cowhides. The main chest of the organ is lined with goat skin.

"I've had this organ apart and together several times and know every moving piece of it," Frenchie points out.

The drive shaft of the organ has been motorized. The operation of the organ beyond that is all authentic as the bellows still do the real work. The entire organ is glued together; no nails or screws were used in its production.

Parts for the electrical system, such as sockets, have to be ordered from Germany or France, while any musical parts must come from Belgium.

Designed to play only cardboard folding music, the organ has been converted to also play on the American roll system.

One European company still makes the cardboard music for the organ. This past season, the carnival purchased nine songs on

cardboard at a cost of more than \$3,600.

"This music is not mass-produced like American roll music," says Frenchie. "It is all hand punched. It took a year and a half for the company to fill the latest order of music for us."

The bandwagon is a very delicate item to move over the road. Its trailer has special suspension and is mildew-proof and waterproof.

"Insurance or not, it could never be replaced," says Frenchie of the organ. Either he or a hand-picked carnival employee drives the organ from town to town.

As the weather is the worst enemy to the carnival

owner, it is also a villain to this priceless band organ. On rainy, damp days, the bandwagon remains closed so that the organ is not exposed to the weather.

When the organ is operating, Frenchie greets carnival guests and explains the operation of the magical musical machine. He also has tapes and records of its music that fair-goers can take home.

The bandwagon is seen by thousands of people during the 28 to 30 weeks each year that it is on the road.

This spring the organ was displayed at the Smithsonian Institution's Old Carnival Days in Washington. It will return to that museum next year.

ALLEY OOP by Dave Graue



ACROSS

- Three (prefix)
- Sprite-like
- Essay
- Brazilian port
- Caribou
- Poverty-war agency (abbr.)
- At the back
- Yolk
- Viscid liquid
- Intended
- Wed secretly
- Over (postfix)
- Cook bacon
- Asks for payment
- Year (Sp.)
- Agas
- Hauling wagon
- Cowboy's nicknames
- Social event
- Commerces
- You (Fr.)
- Former South Vietnam leader
- Chinese currency
- Compass point
- Farm measure
- Makes free

DOWN

- 48 English composer
- 51 Fabulist
- 55 Pipe fitting unit
- 56 Large sea duck
- 60 Duo
- 61 Mao
- 62 Tung
- 63 Unrefined tung
- 64 Highway curve
- 65 Terminated
- 66 Tree
- 1 British streetcar
- 2 Rampant
- 3 Jet
- 4 Act
- 5 Rocket fuel
- 6 Watch chain
- 7 Same (prefix)
- 8 More up-to-date
- 9 In, all in
- 10 Do farm work
- 11 Long ago
- 19 Inquisitive (sl.)
- 21 Soap
- 23 Told on (sl.)
- 24 More crafty
- 25 Normandy
- 26 Hindi dialect
- 27 Spec agency (abbr.)
- 29 Kind of sign
- 31 Of the ear
- 32 Newer (contr.)
- 33 Nothing less than
- 39 Pianist
- 41 Depression initials
- 45 Actress Dunne
- 47 Having
- 48 Feminine (suffix)
- 49 Fewer
- 50 Horse
- 51 Spec agency directives
- 52 Greek colonnade
- 53 Possesses
- 54 Lavish
- 57 Author
- 58 Brought about
- 59 Adams mate

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"For unto us a child is born, and his name shall be called...The Prince of Peace."
—Isaiah 9:6

O holy Child of Bethlehem,

Descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin and enter in;

Be born in us today.

—Phillips Brooks

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Letters To Santa Claus



Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! My name is Emily Thorton. I am in the third grade at Tierra Blanca. I would like for you to bring me a Barbi, Magic Sand and a foot ball. Have a Happy Christmas.
Love
Emily Thorton
P.S. Thanks for the things I got last year.

Dear Santa,
My name is Carrie Wilcox. I have been a good girl. I wish you a Merry Christmas! and a Happy New Year! I am in the third grade. I go to school at Tierra Blanca. I like it here!
I want a stereo, a Bathtime Baby, a real gold watch with real diamonds in it and a Pretty Cut and Grow.
Love
Carrie

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! My name is Leslie Billingsley, I am in the third grade at Tierra Blanca. I would like to have a Strawberry Shortcake Doll, a Polaroid Camera and

a Collectors Doll.
Love
Leslie
Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! My name is Audra McCleskey. I am in the third grade at Tierra Blanca. I would like a some new clothes. I would like a Miss Piggy Bag. I would like for my brother to come to my birthday.
Love
Your Pal Audra

Dear Santa,
I hope you will have a Merry Christmas. My name is Raina Kelly. I am in the third grade at Tierra Blanca. Please will you give me some skates and two wheels for my bike and a desk.
Love
Raina

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! My name is Toby Decker. I am in the third grade at Tierra Blanca. I am your pal, Santa. May I have an Atari, Night driver and Breakout and Space invaders to go with

Atari and thats all.
Love
Toby Decker
Dear Santa,
I love you so much! I would like a letter from you so much! O.K. Now I will tell you what I want.
Ten pairs of slick pants, \$10.00, a Kodak camera, film, Moncheechee, a sewing kit, and a lot of markers.
Love
Liz

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! My name is Oscar Pesqueda, and I am in the third grade at Tierra Blanca. Will you bring me a bike, and a foot ball, Thank you for the present last year.
Love
Oscar Pesqueda

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! My name is Regina Lewis. I am in the third grade at Tierra Blanca. I would like a Snopy Bag. And some clothes and an

Orange Blossom.
Love
Regina Lewis
Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas to you! I hope you have a nice Christmas!
My name is Israel. I am in the third grade at Tierra Blanca I am 9 years old. I would like to have a Teen America and a Crisscross Raceset and a Galaxy Two and a remotecontrol transam and two tensesps for my two big sisters and three bikes for me and my two brothers.
Love
Israel

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. My name is Michelle Kuykendall. Thank you for the gift you gave me last year. I love it. What I wish for Christmas is a Poem Booklet, and a certificate for Aunt Joe.
I love you
Love
Michelle Kuykendall

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas to you. My name is Bryan Steward. I am eight years old. I am in the third grade at Tierra Blanca. Would you please bring me a pocket arcade or a bird. Would you put a bunch of apples and candy in my stocking.
Love
Your little pal
Bryan

Dear Santa,
How are you and have a Merry Christmas! My name is Johnny Jimenez. I am in the third grade at Tierra Blanca. And I want a dirt bike, and a race track and a 1,000 dollars.
Love
Johnny

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a Merry Christmas! I am in the third

grade at Tierra Blanca. I want an Atari and two cartridges and they are Space Invaders and Asteroids.
Thanks, Santa!
Love
Nathan

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I have been a little good! My name is Gloria Perez. I am in third grade at Tierra Blanca. I would like a: kitty, Strawberry Shortcake doll, Pretty Cut and Grow, Pretty Curis, Moncheechee, Splashey, Bathtime Baby, Stereo, Color T.V. Bike, and a gold watch!!!
Love
Gloria Perez

Dear Santa,
I would like to have some new toys for Christmas. I would like a Hungry Hippo, a Monchhichee, and some new clothes. And bring some new clothes for my brother Travis. Thank you. Merry Christmas.
Love
Jenny Jones

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy. I have been sick lately, so I couldn't get in much trouble.
I sure would like a yellow

Yamaha V-zinger motorcycle.
Love
Brandon Michler
Age six

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Once again, it is time to ask: Are your ears been enough to hear the cry of a newborn infant over the clanger of the cash registers?

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Guests & Members Only



Christmas Is Music, Too

A number of groups have provided Christmas music at club meetings and other programs during the holiday season. Pictured is a group

from the Hereford Chamber Singers as they presented a special program for the Hereford Kiwanis Club.

2
Days 'til
Christmas

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Open 7:00 Show 7:30
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O holy NIGHT

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900 N. Lee - 364-0766
A Christmastime greeting to all our good friends!
from, Stan, Ruth, Nancy, Darlene & Kyle

HEREFORD CABLEVISION
126 E. Third
364-3912
We will close at 12 noon Thursday, December 24 and remain closed Friday & Saturday December 25 & 26.

Letters To Santa Claus



Country Church

Reminiscent of an old fashioned country church, this miniature replica of a house of worship adorns the front yard of a local family as they join in the traditional celebration of the Christmas season. (Brand Photo)

Keeping Christ In Christmas

Dear friends of Herford, It is my sincere desire that everyone in our community would understand as they celebrate this holiday; that Jesus Christ, who was born many years ago, really was alive, and is alive, and is to come again.

We read of the birth of Christ in Luke 2:1-20. But did you know that Luke's biography of Jesus stretches from the manger in Bethlehem to the Ascension at Olivet? See Luke 24:50-53. Luke then continues his story of the Ascension in Acts 1:7-11.

Now, the birth of Jesus Christ is a magnificent event. So was His life and death. I believe the account of His birth was true—I also believe the account of His life, death, resurrection, ascension, and return to earth is true. Therefore, many years ago I decided to ask Jesus to take charge of my life and forgive me of my sins. My life has

been much richer since that time.

What happened at Bethlehem? One of the greatest events of all time. There was the birth of a child to a mother. He was not just any child—but the Saviour of mankind. He was born in a stable, which was a public place with no comforts of home. Men said, "A child has been born." God's angels bowed and adored Him. The Bible said, "The Word has become flesh."

All of this happened so that Jesus Christ could make it possible for you and me to make peace with God. I trust you will respond to God this season by allowing Jesus to come into your heart. Through Him you will find forgiveness from your sins and a peace that passes understanding will be yours.

Sincerely,
Rev. Steven D. Bookout
Pastor, First Assembly of God

Dear Santa,
Quiero un carrito, una troca, unos monitos de monstros y un vestido para mi mama y un traje para mi papa. Tambien quiero un telefono para mi hermanita.
Gracias y Feliz Navidad
Jesus Camprillo

Dear Santa Clause
First I want a Blueberry Muffin necklace and ring. Light and sound record player and a rubix's cube Raspberry tart ragdoll Love Strawberry Shortcake watch. Dolly Pops dress show. Barbie Cosmetics Case. Tinkerbell Flavor Stick Pomade lipsticks. The Sweet Smell of Strawberry and book. Blueberry Muffin Doll. Barbie Perfume Maker and Beauty Set. Necklace and lipgloss together.

Oh! I forgot to tell you what kinds I want, strawberry mint ice cream and orange. Miss Piggy Doll Strawberry Color'N Clean Machine and electronic cash register

love Kerri

Dear Santa,
I met you at a Christmas party last week and was scared of you, so I'm not too sure that I want you to come to my house! But I would like a new baby doll and a motorcycle for Christmas.

Thank you, Santa and I love you!

Merry Christmas!
Robin Reinart
Age 2

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like a doll and some doll clothes and shoes. Also a

purse and some dishes.
Thank you.
Merry Christmas
Rachel Lucio

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a Dukes of Hazard wrist racer, and a big Trans-Am Car. I was a good boy and so was my daddy, mama. So please send them a surprise too.

I love you,
Sabin Bradley
431 Fir

Dear Santa,
I am Chad Bridges and I am 6 years old I would like to have a record player with speakers for Christmas. My little sister Deena would like to have a love and touch baby We have been good as we can for you

Love Chad & Deena

Dear Santa,
I want to wish you a Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year and I want to tell you what I want for Christmas.

I would like a Cowboy hat with a feathers band, a belt, a tonk a truck, an electric train, truck & cattle, a gun, and a race car. As you can see mom wrote my note, for I'm only 3 years old, so have a safe trip from your house to ours.

Thank you
Jose Sabian Palacios
418 Paloma Lane

Dear Santa Claus
I want a doll for Christmas and a dollbed. I want a pair of skates. I have been good and so has my dog Ginger and she wants a bear and a bone for

Christmas.
Signed
Chari Suttle
Age 8

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like an asteriods game. My dogs, Kris and Amanda want a toy for Christmas. And if I have been good enough I'd also like a basketball or soccer ball. I don't think I cried too much.

Thank you
Eric Suttle
Age 6

Dear Santa,
Please give me a watch for Christmas. That way I can tell what time it is. I will try to be a good boy. I will wait for you on Christmas 'cause I want to see Rudolph nose.

Martin Lucero

Dear Santa,
My name is Kendra King and I live at 218 Juniper. I will be 2 years old next month. Mommy says I am in the terrible twos but I think I have been good enough for you to come see me. Please bring me a Baby Tippee Toes, Baby Ann and her care set. I love baby dolls! Also if you have a Farmer See and Say and a talking telephone I would like one of each. I will leave you and Mrs. Claus some cookies. Please remember to go see my friends and all my cousins.

Love,
Kendra

Dear Santa,
My name is Shawn Lance and I live at 323 Star. I just turned 5 years old. I think I have been a good boy this year. I would like a new bike this year. Also, a Dukes of

Hazzard Barn Buster and a Major Morgan. I will leave you and your reindeer a snack. Please remember to leave my sister something and all my cousins.

Love
Shawn

Dear Santa,
My name is Michelle Lance and I am 6 years old. I am sure I have been as good as my brother Shawn, so please bring me a baby Tippee Toes. Also a new bike and a Speak and Spell. I will leave you a piece of pumpkin bread. Don't forget to stop at my cousins houses.

Love
Michelle Lance
323 Star

Dear Santa,
How are you this week. I am doing fine. Could you try to bring me a Moncheechee doll and stuff for my horse and U.S. 1 racing set.

Love
Brandy

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Misty Dawn Dudley and I am six years old. I live at 343 Stadium Drive. I have tried to be good this past year. Please bring

me Baby Winkie and a Strawberry Shortcake Desk and Chalkboard. And please bring everyone else what they want for Christmas too. We will leave the

Christmas lights on and some milk and cookies for you to eat. Have a Merry Christmas.

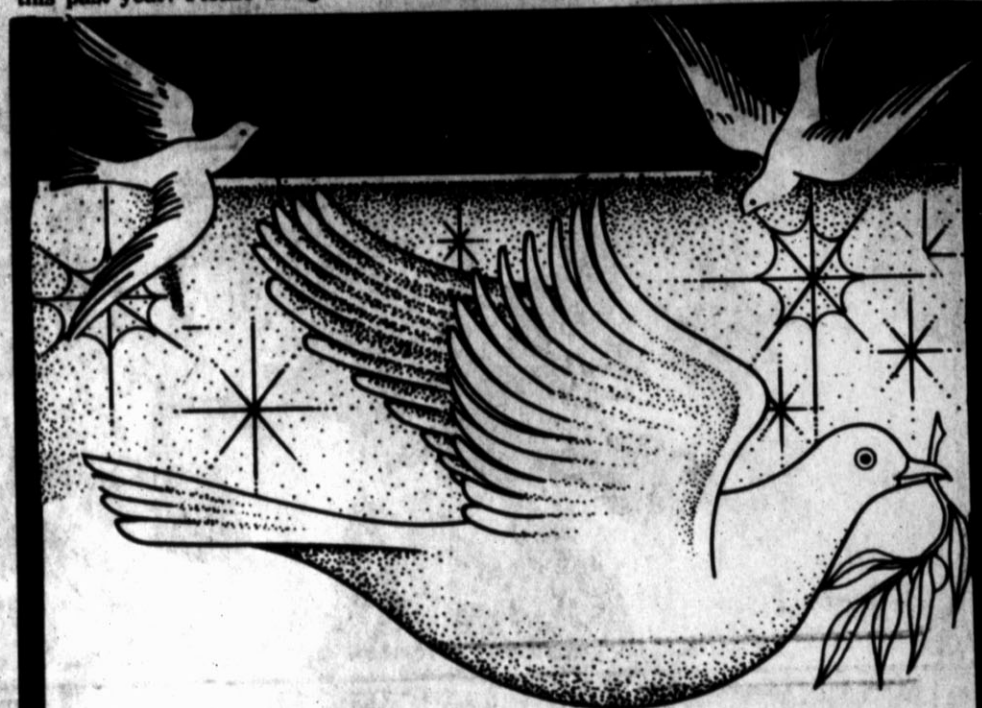
Love
Misty Dawn Dudley

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Adore your King anew this blessed Holy Season

Oswalt Division

E. Hwy 60 364-9250



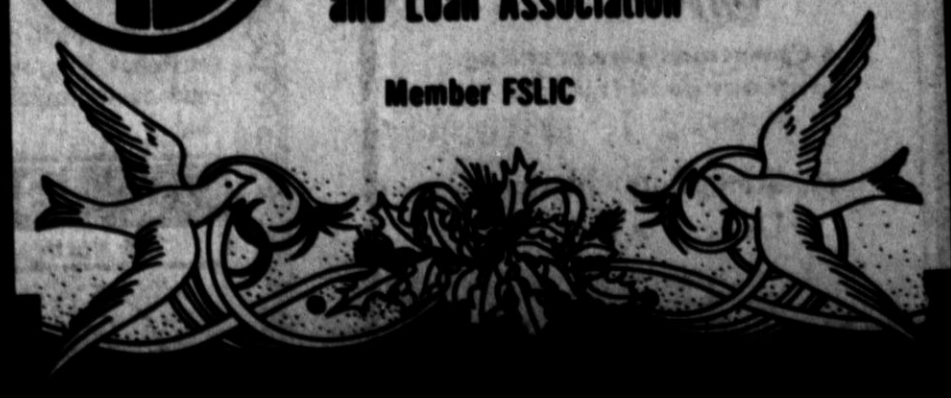
Blessings at Christmas

All of us at

Hi-Plains Savings

and Loan Association

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Hope the magic and mirth of Christmas shower you with happy surprises! We thank you especially dear friends and patrons for your support.

Merry Christmas

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and
Saturday, December 26
Open Monday, December 28

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FAITH, WE FLOCK
TO HIM AND HEAR
HIS MESSAGE OF
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Joy TO ALL THIS
CHRISTMAS!

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GOOD YEAR
Pancier Tire & Supply
301 East 1st St. — 364-0311

Today In History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of 1981. There are eight days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Dec. 23, 1948, Japan's former Premier Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese World War II leaders were executed in Tokyo.

On this date: In 1920, the Government of Ireland Act was passed in Britain, mandating separate parliaments for Northern and southern Ireland.

In 1972, Nicaraguan officials reported 10,000 people killed in an earthquake in Managua.

In 1973, six Persian Gulf nations doubled their oil prices.

And in 1975, the Central Intelligence Agency chief in Athens, Richard Welch, was killed by gunmen outside his residence.

Ten years ago: President Nixon commuted the prison term of former Teamsters'

president Jimmy Hoffa. Five years ago: President-elect Jimmy Carter named Joseph Califano secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

One year ago: Hundreds of Lebanese villagers stormed a United Nations building in Beirut, attacking its employees, in protest of the U.N. peacekeeping force's alleged failure to keep the peace.

Today's birthday: Dancer-choreographer Jose Greco is 63.

Thought for today: "The world is a comedy to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel." — Horace Walpole, English statesman, 1678-1757.



Suzuki Santa

When Santa Claus appeared at the annual Hereford Kiwanis Club Christmas party, he had a "Suzuki" label on his suit (patch on arm). However, he came riding in on a Western Auto bike,

so Kiwanians had no difficulty in guessing his true identity. Actually, Ed Coplen has served as the club's Santa Claus for several years.

Greetings of the Season

Koetzer
Photography

424 Ave. J 364-1106

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Midnight Mass Planned

The traditional midnight mass at St. Anthony's Catholic Church will be celebrated on Christmas eve beginning at 11:15 p.m. The music will be directed by Carmes Flood, and organists will be Cheryl Betzen, Sharon Cramer, and Carolyn Evers. Soloists and ensembles will

be featured, as well as the traditional Christmas carols are sung.

Christmas Eve Service Set

The First Christian Church, 401 West Park, will have a candlelight communion service at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve, according to Mack McCarter, pastor.

May the holiness of the season bring you



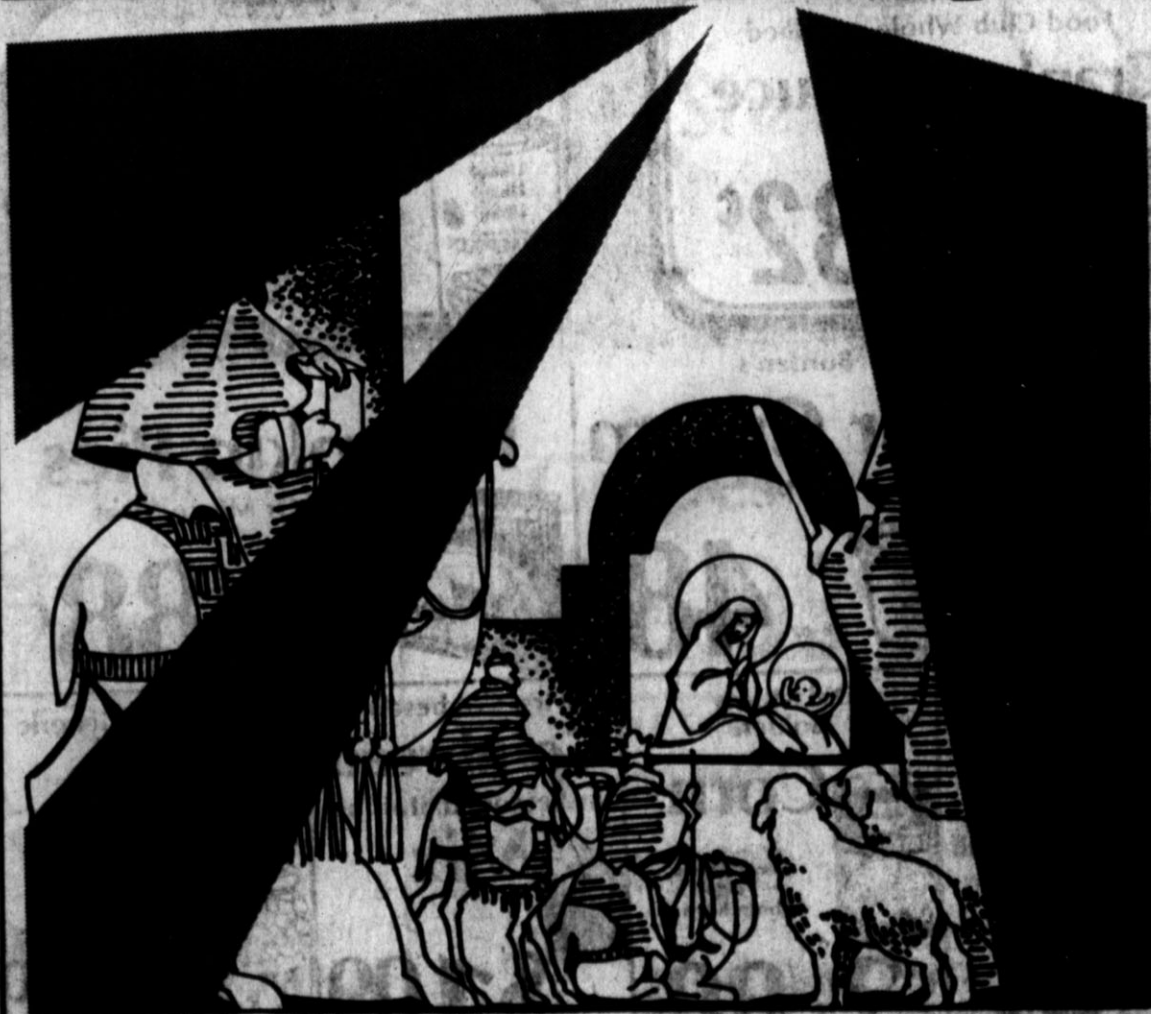
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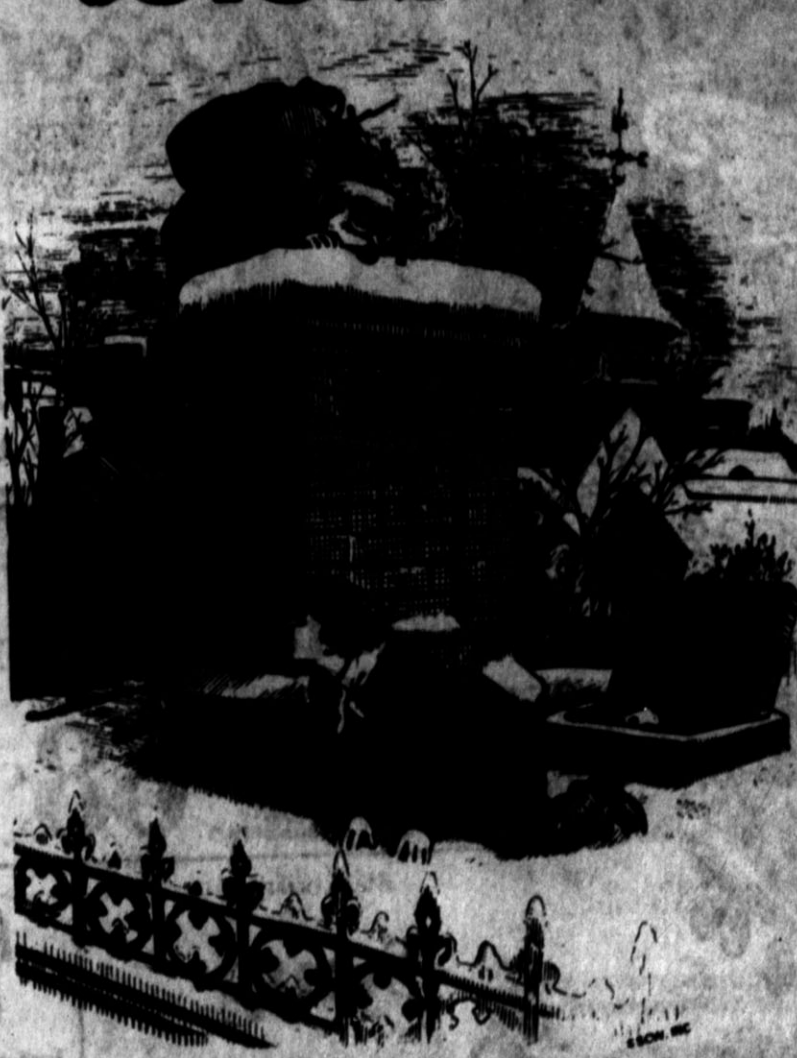
Behold the Lord Jesus as he lay surrounded by those who loved Him. Hear His message...and spread the divine goodness everywhere, always!

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205 E. Park Avenue

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JOYOUS NOEL



Merry Christmas to all our friends! We hope your holidays abound with happiness.

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of Hereford

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32c

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 18-Oz. Bonus Pack
68c

Gaylord
Mandarin Oranges
 11-oz. Can
48c

Borden's
Sour Cream or Dips
 8-oz. Ctn.
48c

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Pumpkin Pies
 Or Mince Meat
 24-oz. Pkg.
88c

Blackburn's
Syrup
 Crystal White
 32-oz.
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French Bread
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 1 Lb. Loaf
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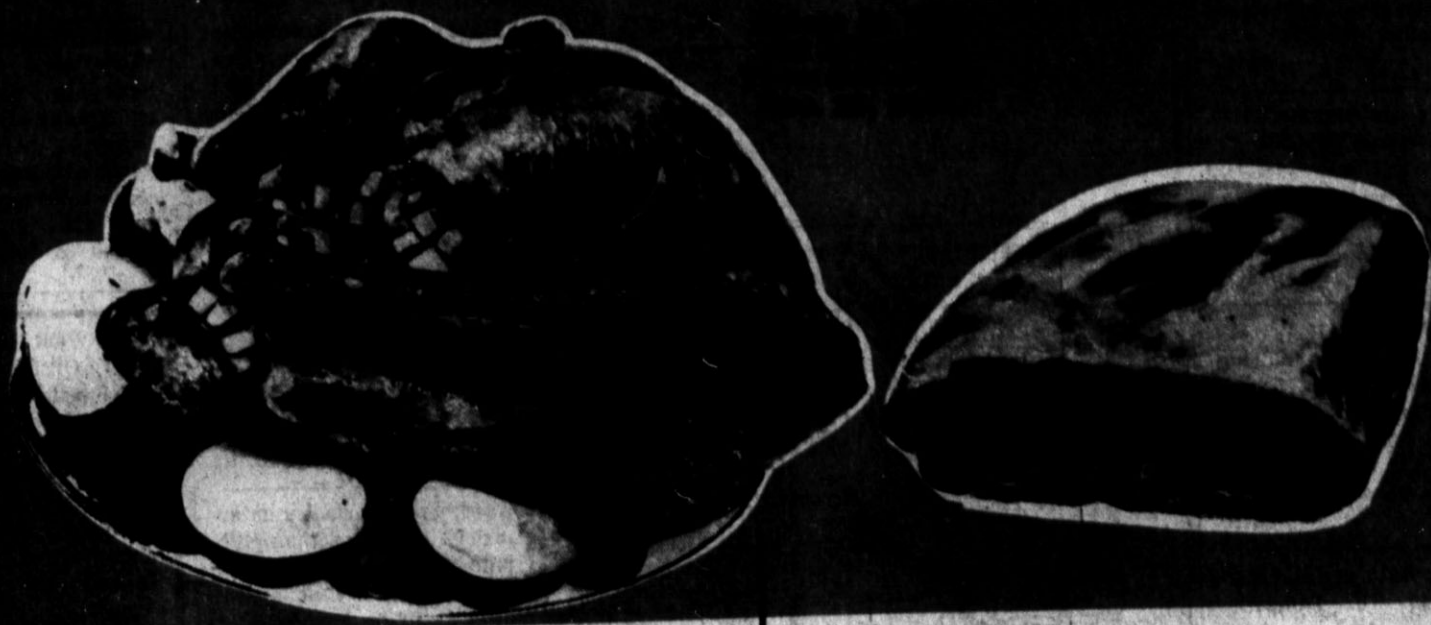
Food Club
Fruit Cocktail
 or Pears, Sliced or Half
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58c

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Corn
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 Texas Western and Roper men's first quality boots. \$34.95 to \$69.95. Boot over shoes. OSBORN BARGAIN CENTER. Highway 60 West. 1-213-tfc

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 Kitchen and housewares, School Supplies, Western-Belt Buckles-Blue Jeans-Shirts-Baby articles. Wed-Sat. 9-5; Sun. 1-5. E. Hwy. 60 by Coca Cola Bottling Co. 1-118-5c

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1/2 section of land 5 miles south of Summerfield. 4 wells, house and barn. Call 806-426-3460 after 6 p.m. or anytime weekends. 4-92-tfc

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Land for sale. Approx 1 1/2 acres. \$3,000. \$75 monthly. 364-8823. 4-120-tfc

The Hereford Brand has moved to new offices. The present building and property at 130 W. 4th St. is for sale. Choice downtown location ideally suited for offices or business firm. Approximately 6,496 sq. ft. office area plus double garage; total property area approximately 12,545 sq. ft. Paved parking area and paved alley. Call First Realty at 364-6565 for full information. 4-64-tfc

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. New carpet. Northwest Hereford. Fenced yard and heat pump. \$395.00 per month. Call 364-3209. 5-117-tfc

2 bedroom unfurnished house for rent. \$320 month and bills; \$150 deposit. 364-1165. 5-73-tfc

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Furnished mobile homes. Two and three bedrooms. Countryside Mobile Home Park. Also mobile home parking spaces. Deposit, no pets. 364-0064. 5-92-tfc

NEAR SCHOOLS. Nice duplex. Fully furnished. Appliances, very clean. Deposit required. \$225.00 month. 364-7057 after 6 p.m. 5-107-tfc

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 3 room office suite 20 ft. front facing Hwy. 385, 800 sq. ft. carpeted. Available December 1. Stan Knox, 364-0766. 5-111-tfc

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