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YES, VIRGINIA

"Yes, indeed!

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they see—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 Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.



It was only September, and 1897's Christmas was three months in the future. But Virginia O'Hanlon's concern was with an important problem that, to her, knew no season. That was why she wrote her letter to the New York Sun.

The answer to Virginia's question, written in a moment of deep spiritual insight by Francis B. Church, stands even today as a testament expressing two thousand years of faith. It has been reprinted here because it always will deserve to be read again.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to



catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus—the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there—nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.



"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men, that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.



"Is it all real?—ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God!—he lives, and he lives forever—a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."



LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am writing you to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a Toni doll, and a nurse set, a high chair, and a set of dishes. Also some nuts, apples, oranges, and candy Love.
Nancy Meacham

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a cowgirl suit and

some pajamas. My little brother wants a roller coaster, a cowboy suit, and a steamshovel. How is Rudolph? Good luck to you and Mrs. Santa. Love,
Marsha Nell Andrews
McLean, Texas

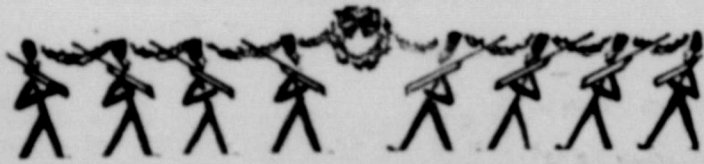
Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle, a football, a Bible, a punching bag, and boxing gloves, and a gun. Love,
Lavon Ditzler



Greetings

To extend best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year

Lewis M. Goodrich
District Judge



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McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby doll, doctor's kit, doll dress, and stove; a tie and some clothes for my father. I want some clothes for my mother, necklace and earrings for my sister. Love,
Mary Frances McCallan

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a cowgirl suit and a pair of boots. I want a doll and a pair of house shoes. I have a little brother. He wants a ball and a pool table. I want candy and nuts, too. Love,
Charlotte



McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun, an electric steam engine, an electric train, and a new bicycle, and bow and arrows. I love you, Santa.
Ronay Howard

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a B-B gun. I want a basketball. I want a football. I want a watch. I want to get my mother some hose. I want to get my daddy a watch. I want to get my two little brothers some cars. I want to get my sister a buggy. Love,
Jimmie Lee Wilson

CHRISTMAS LECTURE . . . "Now this is a Christmas tree . . . big brother appears to be telling the toddler, 'It grows in the living room only once a year, and it always has a lot of nice presents under it.'"

SANTA LETTERS

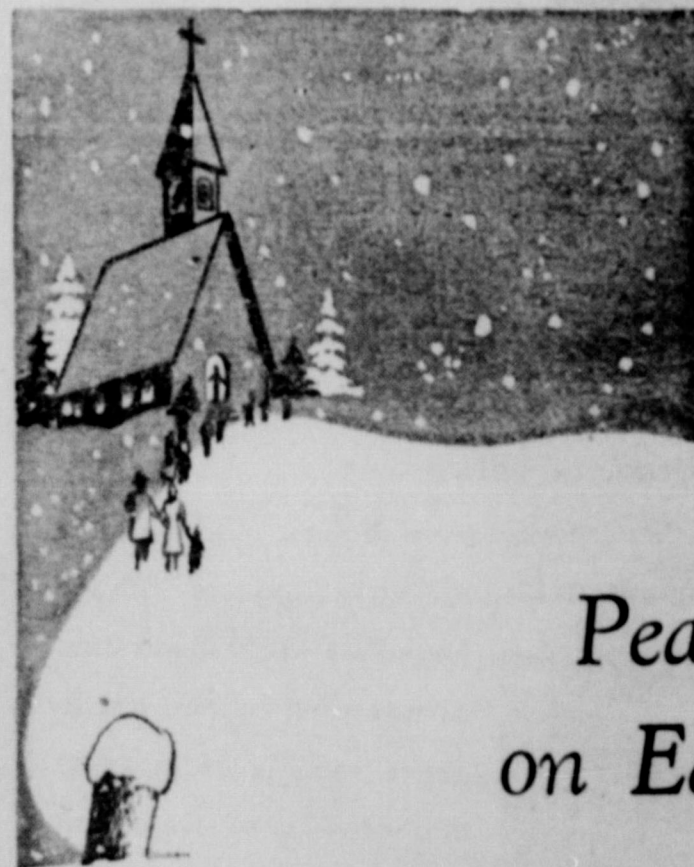
McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll bed and a dolly. My brother wants a cattle truck. For my mama I want a pair of hose and a pretty pin. For daddy I want a gun and a pair of boots. My teacher needs a new dress. Santa Claus, I have been a good girl. I hope. I drew Michael Massay's name and I am going to get her a doll. I love you.
Judy Wyatt

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a baseball bat, a bow and arrow, and a ball gun. Love,
Roy Preston

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Toni doll, a nurse's set, a doll house, a bicycle, some roller skates; also some nuts and candy. My mother wants four pair of nylon hose and an electric mixer. My daddy wants a gun, some shells, a silver ash tray and a watch. Love,
Shirley Ann Gudgel

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a B-B gun, a bicycle, a bow and arrow. We want an electric train. I want a basketball. My mother wants a pair of earrings. My daddy wants a gun. Don wants a new suit. David wants a jacket. Dickie wants a B-B gun. Love,
Douglas Crockett

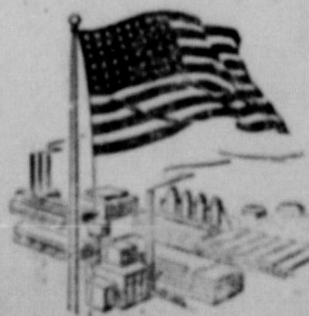
McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a bike, a big boy doll, a Bible, a doll house, a pair of pajamas, house shoes, boots, and electric mixer. For daddy I want a silver ash tray. For mother I want a pair of new shoes. But for Helen I want a pair of earrings. For Ronny I want a bow and arrow set. For Bobby I want a color book. And I want a new dress. Much love,
Julia Anne Day
P. S. Merry Christmas.



Peace on Earth

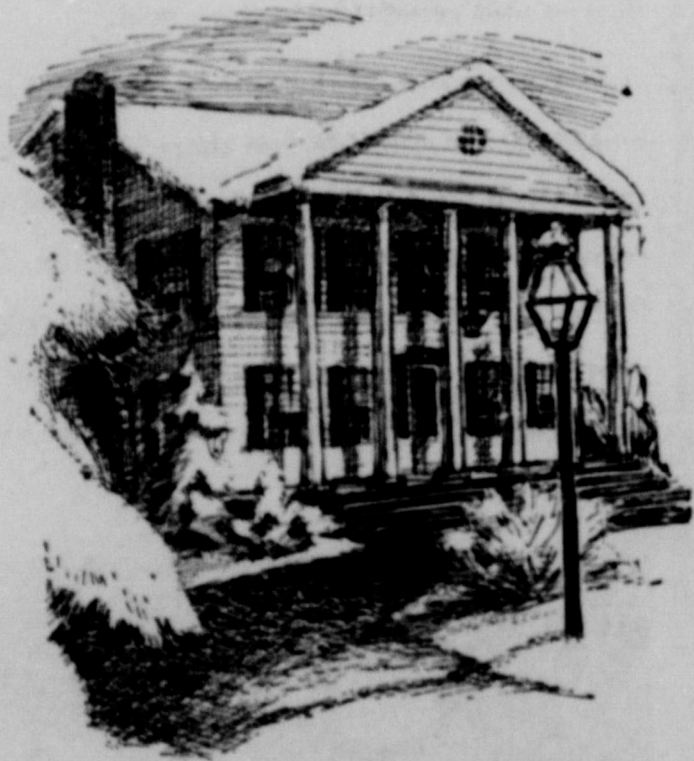
There's so much more than expensive gifts and festive parties to make a Christmas merry! More than anything, it is the warmth and cheer of neighbors and friends who join in wishing you the hearty, sincere greetings of the Season.

It is the spirit of brotherhood expressed by the Day itself . . . the hopes and aspirations of mankind for peace on earth, unto all men good will—to which we would like to add our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas.



Floyd-Corbin-Florey Post American Legion

Christmas



Greetings May the joyous Christmas season fill your home with a spirit of hearty good cheer that promises to endure throughout the year.

Claborn Funeral Home

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Claborn

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
Please send me a saddle and a bridle for my horse. I want a big picture of my cousin. I want a big hat and spurs. Your friend,
Adela Vineyard

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me an evening dress and a monkey, and a new school house. Please bring my daddy, Buck Henley, a pair of new boots and another blue hat that is a cowboy hat. And then bring my family a white Christmas, and my mother a new wool coat. Then my brother a hunting jacket with the pocket that holds shotgun bullets. Oh, please bring Buck, Velma, Carl and myself a milk cow for us to drink milk during the winter. Then make the red nose reindeer find my way through the dark. I wish you good luck.
Anita Nell Henley

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring us these things. Mary Ann wants a Toni doll, Kenneth wants a radio, my mother wants a card table, my daddy wants some shotgun shells, Barbara Ruth wants a comb and brush. My grandmother wants a housecoat, and I want an electric football game. Much love,
James Carter

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a B-B gun, a football, a basketball, a bow and arrow, an electric train, a pair of boots, and a bicycle for Christmas. Love,
Johnny Pettit

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Bonnie Braids doll and a little pink lamb. I've been pretty good. Love,
Teresa Mertel

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle, a baby doll, a doll house, a pair of house shoes, and a table and chairs. Love,
Carol Alice Golyghtly

Dear Santa,
I am just eight and a half months old, but I want some toys, too. It doesn't matter what you bring me as long as it tastes good, as I put everything in my mouth. Love,
Sharon Kay Smith

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am making a list of things to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want two twin dolls and a watch for Christmas. Be sure to bring my brother Joe Dean a football. Please bring me and my brother some candy and nuts, too. Good-bye, and hope you good luck. Your friend,
Nona Mae Rainwater

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me two guns and holsters and a transport truck. I am five years old and I won't tell a story—I'm just as mean as other little boys, but I hope you will forgive me this year and I'll promise to do better next year. I want a cowboy suit please. Bye now, Love,
Freddie Lee Smith

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl just 3 years old. I've tried to be a good girl and hope you bring me a big doll with hair and sleepy eyes. Also a rocking chair and some dishes like mommie's. Don't forget my grannies and aunts and uncles, and my mama and daddy. I love you, Santa.
Judy Gail Smith

Dear Santa,
There are some things I want for Christmas. I want a typewriter that uses ink. Would you bring me some roller skates, and some bells to go on my shoes? My brother wants a red wagon. We all want some candy and fruit. I have a sweet tooth for candy. I also want some library books. I guess I had better close. Good luck till you get to my chimney. Your friend,
Bobbie Jean Turner

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and a B-B gun. I have been a good boy, and Merry Christmas to all. Love,
Jack Back

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old and in the first grade in school. I have tried to be nice, so for Christmas I want a boy doll, a piano and Rudolph school bag and some candy and nuts. I will be at my grandmother's this year. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Your friend,
Marilyn McIlroy

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 30—Delma Butrum, Mrs. Betty Putman.
Dec. 31—Mrs. C. J. Cash, Mrs. J. H. Bodine, Lee Wilson, Roy Lee Benner.

Jan. 1—Glenda Smith, Mrs. Joe Hindman, Mrs. W. H. Floyd, Mrs. W. R. Clark.

Jan. 2—Clyde Allen Windom, Velma Pearl Baker, Cula Jo McClellan, Louise Dwight, Norman Grigsby.

Jan. 3—Pat Miller, Bobby Gilbreath, Mrs. Kenneth L. Goodman, Allen Wilson.

Jan. 4—Gordon Wilson, Joe Cooper.

Jan. 5—Mrs. John B. Rice, D. C. Carpenter, Mrs. T. A. Langham, Teresa Don Humphreys.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy nine years old. Please bring me a gun and tennis shoes. I have a little sister three years old. Her name is Sue. She wants an ironing board. Good-bye, Santa, and good luck to you.
Jerry Ray Kunkel

Dear Santa,
If it won't be too much trouble, I would like a piano and a stove, also a doll for Rheta. Good-bye and good luck. Barbara and Rheta Craxton

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WINTER

WITH OLD TIRES?

Don't Do It—Let Us Install a Complete New Set . . . for Safety's Sake

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Our Christmas book is open to this glorious day of meditation and joy. We wish you holiday happiness . . . and a Merry Christmas!

OLA GREGORY
County Treasurer

Master Cleaners

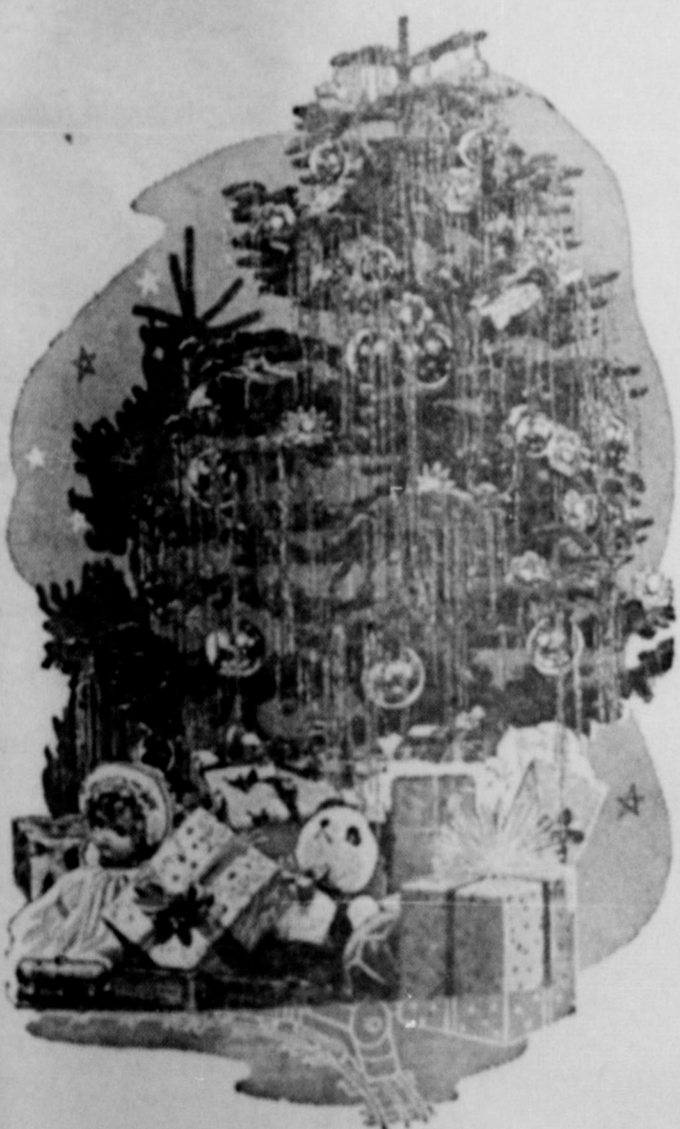
Mont B. Wolford

Merry CHRISTMAS

MAY YOU FIND THIS CHRISTMAS
FULL OF JOY AND GOOD CHEER
WITH A MYRIAD OF PLEASURES
TO LAST THRU-OUT THE NEW YEAR . . .

EARNEST BECK

Commissioner
Precinct 4

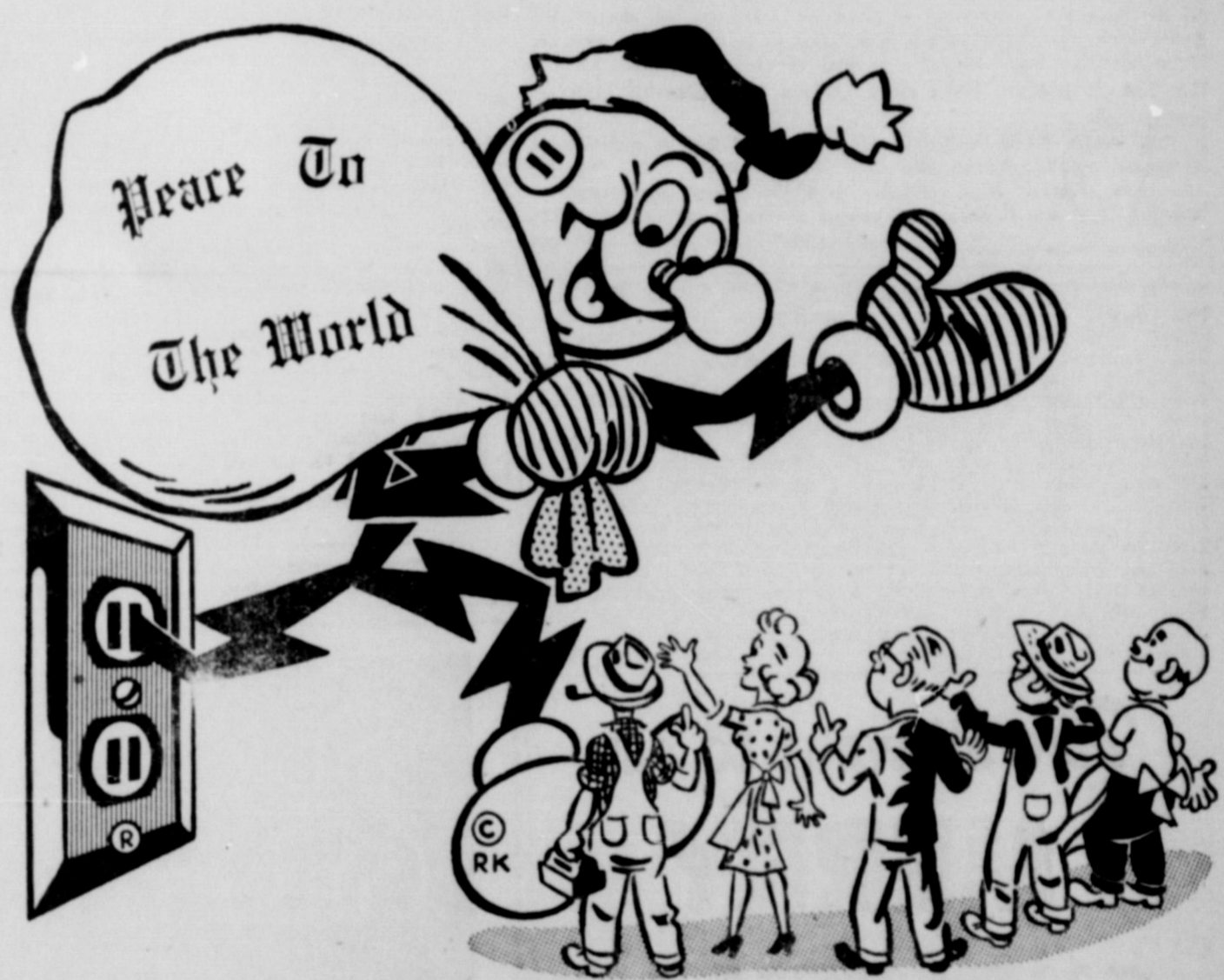


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Your friendship and patronage have been enjoyed—
may our pleasant associations always continue.

Harrell's 5c & 10c Store

McLean, Texas



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THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

To God the Father It Meant Giving His Son . . .

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

To God the Son It Meant Leaving Heaven's Glory to Become a Servant Obedient Unto Death . . .

"Christ Jesus, who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient unto death, yea, the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:5-8, R. V.).

To the World It Means That God Has Provided a Saviour . . .

"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 2:10, 11) . . . Christmas hails the birth of Him who was born to die—to die in the sinner's stead, to purchase the redemption of his soul. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way, and the Lord hath laid upon Him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6).

To You It Means That God Offers You Eternal Life as a Gift . . .

"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23) . . . "To as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." (John 1:12).

—Compiled by Willard M. Aldrich.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl; my name is Dora Faye. I have tried to be a good girl and mind mama and daddy, but that seems impossible. But Santa, I do my best and have promised my mama that I would try my best to do better. So Santa, would you please bring me a doll, a real pretty one that says mama and papa. I also want a stove, a blackboard, and also some doll clothes for my old doll. Santa, please don't forget my little brother Norris Jr., and also my big sister Alice—they have tried to be good, too.

So Santa, I'll say good-by now and hope to see you Saturday, December 22. Hope you and Mrs. Santa a merry Christmas. All my love,
Dora Faye Cunningham

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 5 years old and I would like to have two guns and holster set, a blackboard and truck and nuts and candy. And Santa, please don't forget to bring Cheryl Lynn a tricycle and doll and nuts and candy. Your friend,
Ricky Dean Smith

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TALK

By LESTER

Dear Santa,

Without going into the details to tell you just how good a boy I have been, I will simply say that I have been a good boy—after all, I can lie just as big and just as often as the next fellow.

So . . . since I have been such a good boy, I have a few things I would like for you to bring me come Christmas Day. Now some of these things will require no cash outlay so don't worry about the length of this letter.

Bring me—I'll get to the point right away—bring me the faith and confidence in our Savior of Rev. C. W. Parmenter, for truly he is a man of most sincere faith.

Bring me the civic energy and never-give-up attitude manifested so forcefully by Howard Home.

Bring me the merchandising ability and progressiveness shown by Hickman Brown, the druggist.

Bring me the same type of ever-present smile which graces the countenance of Rev. Jeff Moore of Borger, who only recently conducted the revival at the First Baptist Church.

Bring me a combination of the politicking ability of Logan Cummings and Luke Henley—I could be elected president with that combination.

Bring me the keen mind for good things for the City of McLean possessed by our mayor, Ed Lander.

Bring me the cheerfulness which you have given that wonderful lady, Mrs. Kid McCoy, and also bring me the ability to make people happy which Mrs. McCoy has.

Bring me the apparent ability to enjoy life that surrounds Bryan McPherson.

Bring me the youth which shines so clearly on the face of that fine pioneer lady, Mrs. R. N. Ashby.

Bring me the sparkle of mischievousness which gleams in the eyes of Walter Kelly, and blend with that mischievousness the wisdom and regard for others of Evan Sitter.

There are other things I could ask for, but these should give you an idea.

Bring me all these things to make me a better person, so that I may become a good boy in your eyes, and the eyes of all, so that I may be useful to myself, my family, my friends, my country, so that I won't be a deadhead all my life and unworthy of the many blessings we all have in this great land of ours.

And Santa, let me wish you and Mrs. Santa and all your children—for all the children of the world are yours—all the happiness at Christmas and throughout the coming year which every human being is entitled to, and should have.

Your ever-believing friend,
The Editor.
Mrs. George Humphreys was a Shamrock visitor Wednesday.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 8 years old. I am in the second grade. I have done my best to be a good boy and study hard, but that sure is hard on me. I forget sometimes and get mean, but Santa, I am am trying real hard to be good because I want you to bring me a big truck, a road grader, and also I want a Roy Rogers holster set and Santa, I would like a football, too. Santa, please be good to my Paw and Grannie Cunningham that live in Haskell, because they have been very good. Bring them lots of pretty things. Santa, don't forget my two little sisters, Dora and Alice, because they are good when they are asleep if they are not dreaming bad dreams. Santa, don't forget to fill our stockings with lots of candy, nuts, and fruits. I hope you and Mrs. Santa have a happy Christmas. Bye, bye.

P. S. Santa, don't forget my daddy and mama. Think of them, too, on December 24.
Norris Cunningham Jr.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be a good girl this year. Please bring me a pretty doll and a teddy bear and plenty of nuts, fruit, and candy. Remember my sister and brothers. Love,
Mary Belle Gibson

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be a good boy. I hope you will bring me an automatic Red Ryder BB gun with telescope. I want a pair of boots, too. I want a lot of peppermint candy. I want some nuts and fruit, too. Yours truly,
Darrell Gibson

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 9 years old and in the 6th grade. There are some things I would like for you to bring me. I want a small and big doll, a typewriter, and some doll clothes for my other dolls, and a suitcase to keep my doll clothes in. Santa, we will be at Haskell. Bring us lots of nuts and candy and don't forget my class, and don't forget my teacher, Miss Bledsoe. And don't forget my little sister, 4 years old, and my little brother, 8 years old. They want lots of candy and nuts. They have tried to be good. Sometimes they fight and forget to be good. Don't forget mama and daddy. They want lots of candy and nuts. I hope you and Mrs. Santa a merry Christmas. All my love,
Alice Cunningham

Amarillo, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a pretty good boy this year. I'd like for you to bring me a steam shovel, and a bow and arrow set. Please bring my little sister Deborah Ann a baby doll and a rocking chair. Thank you.
Dennis Lee Goodman

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl four years old. I would like very much to have a doll, doll strollers, doll high chair, and a set of dishes. Please remember all of the other boys and girls.
Donna Joyce Boyd

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a steam shovel

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House for sale—5 rooms and bath. On South Main Street. See Ruel Smith or phone 87. 45-tfc

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For Sale—1950 Coronet Dodge. White side wall tires, radio, heater; in first class condition, low mileage. Reasonably priced. Call 27W. Mrs. H. E. Franks. 51-tfc

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FOR RENT

For Rent—Two-room house, with bath. See John Mertel. 50-tfc

For Rent—4-room house, with bath and garage. \$45.00 per month. Phone 109W. Mr. Massey. 1c

WANTED

Wanted—Cotton to sled, hundred. Call 248J or 49-tfc

Wanted—100,000 rats and to kill with Ray's Warfarin Squill, harmless to human pets. At Brown's Drug, Feed Store. 47-12p

Grogan wants to buy surplus goods—furniture, pipe, men's clothing, and junk, iron, brass, copper. Grogan's Trading Post, 911 Main, Phone 495, Shreveport, Texas. 47-tfc

I will pay \$2.00 per head dead horses and cows. Phone collect, McLean, Texas.

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Expert local and long distance moving. For more information call Bruce and Sons, Pampa. 1-tfc

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A Christmas Scene

Nothing reminds us more of the holidays than a Christmas scene, whether it be one of a winter landscape, a roaring fireplace, or children playing with bright new toys. Christmas reminds us of well wishing, particularly to the people whom we enjoy serving . . . our customers. So we say to you with real appreciation,

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS SEASON.

From All of
Us at

PUCKETT'S
★ GROCERY & MARKET

We all want to say
MERRY CHRISTMAS

ON HOLIDAY CALLS to friends and family far away, it's almost a case of better early than never! Because on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, holiday calls flood long distance wires. So many calls are made that some are certain to run into long delays. Some may not even be completed . . . in spite of extra operators, special circuits and super-human efforts of the whole telephone team. That's why it's wise to do your Christmas calling as early as possible. And always be sure to give the operator the out-of-town number . . . it will speed your call.



SEASON'S GREETINGS
with
ALL GOOD WISHES
FOR THE HOLIDAYS

To Allow Our Employees
More Time to Observe
the Yuletide Season,
We Will Be Closed
Tuesday and Wednesday,
December 25, 26

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DRUG

**Firemen Eat—
ELECT OFFICERS**

Members of the McLean Fire Department held their annual meeting Thursday night, at a banquet which an ordinary plate would not hold conveniently, and they re-elected all their officers.

Those re-elected were Boyd Wilson, fire chief; Wilson W. Miller, assistant fire chief; M. G. Williams, secretary-treasurer; Fred Fulbright, nose guard; and John Anders, drillmaster.

Following the meal, C. E. Cooke showed movies which he made on his recent hunting trip to Kodiak Island, Alaska, the movie showing the huge Kodiak bear which he killed during the hunt.

Guests included Mayor Ed Under, Councilmen J. C. Claborn, Guy Hibler, and C. P. Callahan; Former Chief J. A. Sparks, Lester Campbell, Ernest Beck, and Dwight Upham.

The menu was simple, but ample. It consisted of one huge steak per man, French fries, pie, and coffee—and no one asked for a second helping.

LIBRARY NEWS

Christmas Greetings to You. As we enter a New Year, may I wish you, my friends and readers, the very best of success in every undertaking. May our business associations continue in friendship and pleasure as we have enjoyed in the years past.

Lady at the Library.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am seven years old. I have a good girl and I would like a pretty doll and some doll clothes, and I want a View Master and some films. I would like to have a doll house and furniture, if you have it. I would like to have a pair of house shoes. Thank you very much.

Cinda Kay Pugh
P. S. Please bring Ann Terry something nice. I love you very much.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a little boy five years old. Would you please bring me a electric train and freight loading station and a water tower? I have a little brother one year old. Will you bring him a rocking horse? We have been good boys. My brother's name is Joel. Bring us some nuts and candy. We will be in New Mexico at Mike and Sandy's house. Love,

Jimmy McCarty
Joel McCarty

**Watson Sells
Gulf Station**

Ernest Watson announced this week that he has sold the Gulf Service Station, across the street east of the First Baptist Church, to Sherman Crockett. The new owner took over management of the station Thursday morning.

Crockett has been employed with the City of McLean for several years. His successor in that position has not yet been named.

Watson has owned the station since October, 1946, when he bought it from Barney Fulbright, now of Abilene.

"I invite you to come in at any time for a visit," Crockett said, "and I earnestly solicit your patronage of the business. I have had a number of years of experience in the service station business and feel that I can care for your motoring needs very satisfactorily."

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, Please bring me a doctor set and a tractor that I can ride, or a bicycle. I have tried to be a good boy. Please don't forget all of the other little boys and girls. Love,

Jakey Hess

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a little boy seven years old and in the second grade. I hope you will come to see me as I have been a pretty good boy. I would like a double holster and gun set, spurs, bow and arrow set, and anything you would like to bring. Be sure to come to see my sister and brother. Love,

Buddy Edwards

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a little boy five years old. I have been a pretty good boy. I would like for you to bring me a new train with a signal light, a bridge, and a water tower. Please do not forget all the other children. Love,

Jimmie Wayne Edwards

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a little boy in the first grade. I would like a rod and reel and a punching bag for Christmas. I have been a good little boy most of the time. Yours,

Gary Joe Graham

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, Please bring me a big rocking horse, a pair of house shoes and a doctor set and lots of candy, fruits and nuts. I have been a very good boy. Love,

Joe Magee

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, Please bring me a big walking doll with real hair, a pair of house shoes and a nurse set, and lots of candy, fruits and nuts. I have been a very good girl. Love,

Marilyn Magee

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a little girl almost four years old. Please bring me a doll, blackboard, and a wagon, and a pair of red house shoes. I'll see you at Christmas time. Love,

Linda Kay Lisman

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a little girl 6 years old. Please bring me a big doll, some fruit, nuts, and candy. Your little friend,

Patsy McIlroy

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I'm writing for a little boy five years old. His name is E. B. Durham. He has been a pretty good boy most of the time since you were here last year. And he is wondering if you might have an extra pair of cowboy boots, with tan and white tops, size 12. If you do, and they are not for some other little boy, he would like very much to have them. Also, he would enjoy an army rifle, even tho he has lots of guns. One that has a strap to wear over your shoulders. If you can't bring these things to E. B., then he will be happy with whatever you can spare.

E. B. Durham

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a boy 10 years old and in the 4th grade. I have tried to be a good boy, and would like you to bring me a Red Ryder BB gun, an airplane, a puzzle, an autograph book, and anything else you want to bring me. Please don't forget my mother and daddy and little sister, and also my grandparents who are visiting us, and all my classmates. Also my teacher, Miss Bledsoe. Please bring me lots of candy, fruits and nuts. All my love,

Bill Kingston Jr.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I want a two-gun scabbard and a BB gun. And plenty of candy and nuts for mother and daddy. Good luck, dear Santa. Love, your friend,

Malcolm Connell

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, My wants are very small this year. I want a doll with hair I can comb and curlers to curl it with and blankets to wrap my doll in. Please bring some fruit, candy and nuts, too. Love,

Martina Giesler

McLean, Texas

P. S. Please bring me material to make my doll some clothes.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Toni doll, a basketball, play monkey, a pair of slippers, socks that have bells on them, and an ironing board. Also bring my little brother a tractor, and sister a teddy bear and other toys. Good-bye, Santa, and thank you.

Carolyn Sue Parker

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, Please bring me a big doll and don't forget Ricky. Love,

Linda Joyce Guill

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am going to write you to let you know what I want for Christmas. As you brought me so many nice things and I still have them, all I want this Christmas is a telephone and piano. Please, Santa, don't work too hard, and remember all the other little boys and girls. Bye-bye,

Ruby Lee Phillips

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa, We are two little boys who used to live in McLean, but we have moved and want you to know where we are. We have been good little boys and want you to bring us lots of things. I, Kenneth Wayne, will be five years old December 28, and would like you to bring me a gun, a holster set, a rocking chair, and a cash register, lots of candy, nuts, and fruit. My little brother Ricky will be one year old in February and wants a spinning top, a rubber doll, also a rocking chair, and anything else you want him to have. Don't forget our mother, daddy, and grandparents. Don't forget where we live now. All our love,

Kenneth Wayne and Ricky Messenger

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, Please bring me a bike and a bow and arrow.

James Edward

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I want a baby doll for Christmas, a record player, and a buggy. I have been a good girl. Love,

Linda Nicholas

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, Remember me? I'm six years old this year, and I'm still a good boy. Please bring me a carpenter set. Don't forget Charles. I don't know what he wants but maybe you can find out. I will be at Lela Christmas Eve night, so look for me at Grandmother's house. Bye, Merry Christmas.

Larry Williams

**New Ownership of
Gulf Service Station**

I have bought the Gulf Service Station, across the street east of the First Baptist Church, from Ernest Watson, and took over management of the station this week.

I cordially invite your patronage of the station, and feel that my experience in this business will enable me to serve you well.

Come to see me.

**Sherman Crockett
Gulf Service Station**

**To Each of You,
I Say Thanks!**

Words are inadequate to truly express my thanks to each of you for your patronage during the five years I have operated the Gulf Station. But I sincerely mean thanks to all of you.

You will find Sherman Crockett qualified in every way to care for your motoring needs, and I hope my customers will continue patronage of the station.

Thanks again and again.

Ernest Watson



A man had barely paid off the mortgage on his house when he mortgaged it again to buy a new car. Then he sought out a loan broker to borrow money on the car so he could build a garage.

"If I do make you the loan," asked the broker, "how will you buy gasoline for the car?"

"It seems to me," the man replied with dignity, "that a fellow who owns his own house, car, and garage, should be able to get credit for gasoline."

"Looke here! Who said you could kiss me?" the girl indignantly asked her escort.

"Well," the guy answered, "if you must know—just about everybody!"

That's all for this week, except—MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYBODY!

Chevron Gas Station
Odell Mantooth

**Good
Old Time
Christmas Greetings
To You**

The management and staff of our firm express the wish that you will enjoy a most happy, holiday season.

We hope that the holiday will bring the realization of your fondest ambitions for happiness and friendships!

**PAYMASTER
GIN**

L. H. Earthman, Mgr.

**Our Very Best
Wishes
To You**



At this joyous season, let us extend to you our most sincere appreciation for your past patronage . . . and we join others in wishing you a Most Merry and Joyous Christmas.

For Your Holiday Entertainment

Sun., Mon.,
Dec. 23, 24

**BEST OF THE
BADMEN**
Color by **TECHNICOLOR**
STARRING
ROBERT RYAN - CLARE TREVOR
JACK BUETEL - ROBERT PRESTON
with **WALTER BRENNAN**
JOHN ARCHER - LAWRENCE TIERNEY

Sat., Dec. 29

**REX
ALLEN**
THE ARIZONA COWBOY
**REDWOOD
FOREST
TRAIL**

Tues., Wed.,
Dec. 25, 26

PARAMOUNT presents
**Appointment
with
DANGER**
starring
ALAN LADD and **PHYLLIS CALVERT**

Sun., Mon.,
Dec. 30, 31

Heart-Warming!
Happy! Heavenly!
M-G-M
happily presents
**Angels
in the
Outfield**
PAUL DOUGLAS - JANET LEIGH

Thurs., Fri.,
Dec. 27, 28

MONTGOMERY CLIFT · TAYLOR
SHELLEY WINTERS.
George Stevens' Production of
**A PLACE
IN THE SUN**
A Paramount Picture

Tues., Wed.,
Jan. 1, 2

Frederick
March
in
"ONE FOOT
IN HEAVEN"

Avalon Theater

McLean, Texas

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa,
 I want a billfold, a dog collar,
 a 27 inch boy doll, a doll
 chair, a doll bed, a box,
 a doll house, a baggy,
 a doll nurse's kit. My
 mother wants a pair of palamas
 and a new dress and a new hat.
 My sister wants a Toni doll, a
 doll house. My father
 wants a pair of trousers, a pair
 of black shoes, and Mrs. Santa
 wants a pair of shoes. How are
 you? How is Rudolph the
 reindeer? I love you.
 Sylvia Irene Smith
 S. Merry Christmas.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa,
 Will you please bring me a
 name is Blossom
 and a cleaning set, and
 a pair of shoes. My little
 sister wants a little barn and
 a pair of shoes. My big brother
 wants a Scout suit. My mother
 wants a big pitcher and glasses

NOEL

Because it is the Holiday Season and
 we want to wish you every joy in
 the year ahead—we send you
 our wishes for a Merry
 Christmas to each one
 of many friends!

LUKE HENLEY
 Constable, Prec. 5



May Santa's well-filled pack hold
 wondrous things in store. All the
 things you've ever wanted, and many,
 many more!

Andrews Equipment Co.

International-Harvester Pontiac

Christmas AROUND THE WORLD



NASHVILLE, TENN.—On Christmas Day read the Christmas story as it is found in Matthew's Gospel. This is the invitation of millions of individuals and families around the world who use The Upper Room as their daily devotional guide.

Shown above are portions of the page for Christmas Day from 10 of the 16 editions that make this publication the world's most widely used devotional guide and give its readers the daily inspiration of sharing the same Bible reading, prayer and meditation with people in all parts of the world.

People of many lands, many languages and many races—people in humble cottages and in mansions—men in the armed services, on foreign fields, on the sea, and in camps at home all have the feeling of unity that sharing the same daily meditation brings.

All those who share The Upper Room urge you to join with them, especially on Christmas day, for a time of Bible reading, meditation, and prayer—either as an individual or in a family group.

Christmas Carols Herald Yuletide Immorially

For centuries Christmas Carols have heralded the Yuletide season around the Christian world. Many of them, slightly altered by changing times and customs, have been handed down from one generation to another.

A great number probably were lost because they were popular in generations not adequately covered by a written history.

Christmas Carols are of two main types—religious and convivial. The religious offer praise to the newborn and celebrate the birth of Christ. The convivial exalt mirth and the traditional feasting.

The latter is almost an invention of our modern civilization, and few "popular" Yuletide songs manage to return year after year. "Jingle Bells" is one notable exception.

"Silent Night," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," and "O Come All Ye Faithful" seem destined to last forever.

St. Francis Made First Crib in Cave

St. Francis of Assisi is believed to have originated the custom of displaying the Christ Child in a crib at Christmas time.

He is reported once to have said to one of his followers: "I wish to celebrate holy Christmas night with you. In the woods near the cloister you will find a cave where we shall arrange a manger filled with hay. We shall have an ox and a ass just as at Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable the Infant Saviour became for us."

So at midnight, in the small Italian village of Greccio, in the year 1200, St. Francis and his follower celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want some jewelry for Christmas or some doll clothes. My teacher, Mrs. Dickinson, wants a bottle of perfume for Christmas. I think I have been a good girl. I wish everybody a Merry, Merry Christmas. Love,
 Jeanene Shelton

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
 I am a little girl eight. Please bring me a nurse set and a doll, some candy, nuts and an apple. Your friend,
 Joy May Richardson

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
 I want a doll with hair I can curl. Please bring my little sister Barbara a doll like mine. Also bring us some fruit, nuts and candy. Thank you.
 Linda Sue McCurley

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
 I want a pump, B-B gun, bow and arrow, rod and reel, pair of spurs, hat and ball, skates, basket for my bike, knife and hatchet. Love to Santa.
 Worth Miller

STURDY FELLOW!



Jack Frost and his wintry companions can't chase this sturdy fellow indoors. He is dressed to beat cold weather in a warm-as-toast cotton poplin snowsuit. The cotton poplin suit is Zelan treated for water repellency.

McLean, Texas

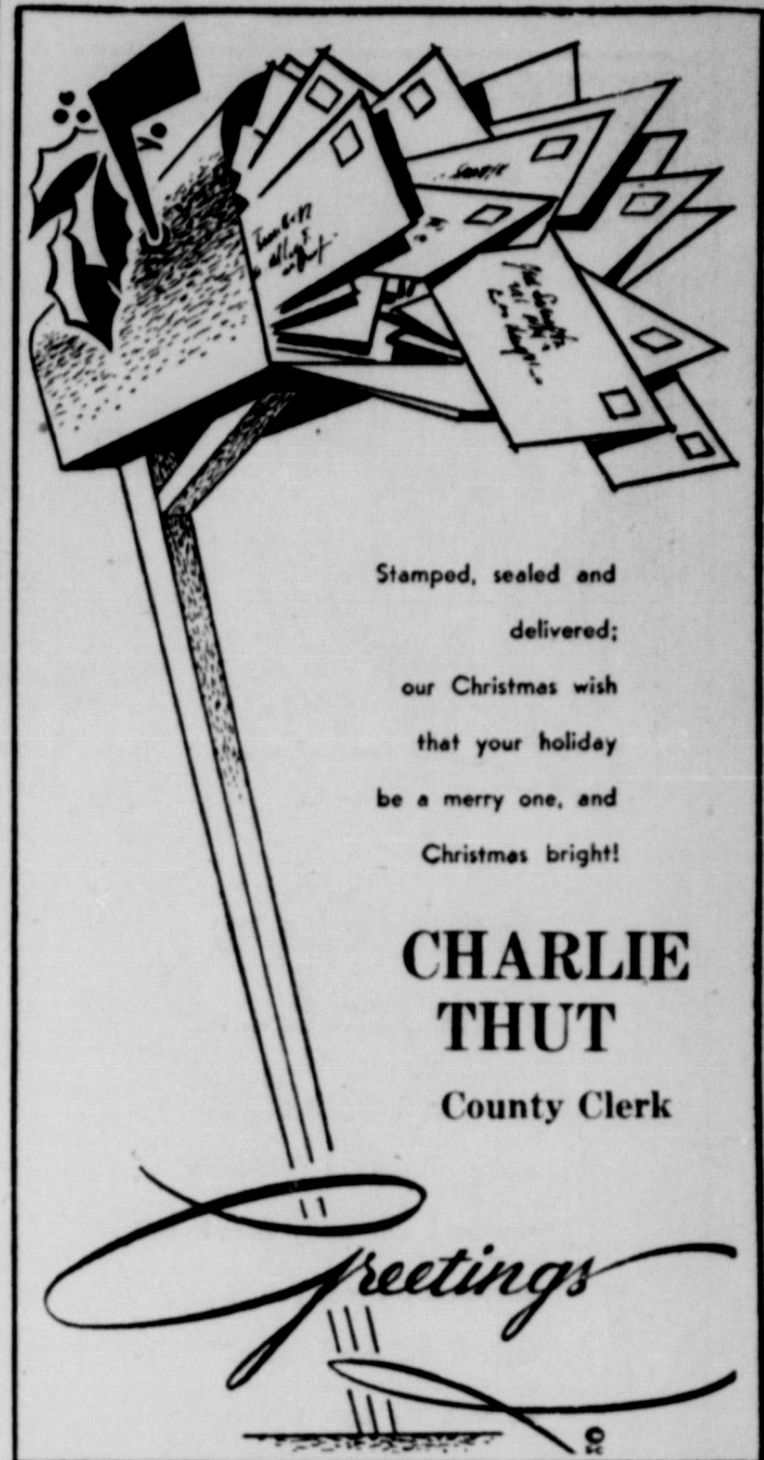
Dear Santa,
 I want a bicycle, a B-B gun, a train, a Holy Bible, a football, a pair of guns, a rod and reel. Love,
 Billy Herron

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
 I want a football and a cash register and also I want some candy and nuts. Love,
 Frankie Yearwood

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a pair of boots I want a bow and arrow, and I want a rod and reel. Love,
 Clarence



Stamped, sealed and delivered;
 our Christmas wish that your holiday be a merry one, and Christmas bright!

CHARLIE THUT
 County Clerk



MERRY CHRISTMAS

In the Spirit of Christmas... with the warmth of the holiday season, we extend to you this note of appreciation...
 It contains our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas, and our sincerest hope that the New Year brings you a bounty of blessings!

City of McLean

E. J. Lander, Mayor; J. C. Claborn, Guy Hibler, C. P. Callahan, Ruel Smith, Jess Kemp, Councilmen

D. A. Davis, Sec'y Pete Fulbright, Supt. Utilities Nadine Lee, Clerk

S. A. Cousins, Sherman Crockett, Charlie Morgan, Harlan Pool



To Our Customers and Friends...

In the spirit of friendship and good will of Christmastime, we thank our many friends and customers for your patronage... to each and every one of you... we wish the best of everything!

J. R. Glass

Phillips 66 Products

Ferritic Trio



Sure-fire fashion favorites are these versatile separates by Fashion Frocks of Cincinnati. The deep cuffed shrimp colored corduroy poncho jacket, worn over a black turtle necked blouse, tops a slim skirt in grey menswear rayon flannel.



ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS... This striking sculptural work was done by Andrea del Verrocchio (1435-1488) of Florence, Italy, and is in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C.

U. S. Needs Civil Defense

TRAINING CAN SAVE MANY LIVES IF ENEMY BOMBS FALL

(This is the sixth of a series of articles on civil defense, based on the booklet "This Is Civil Defense" prepared by the Federal Civil Defense Administration. It may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for ten cents.)

By MILLARD CALDWELL, Federal Civil Defense Administrator

Civil Defense does many things before an attack. The most important is preparedness. It gives you information on how to safeguard your home, how to fight fires, and what steps to take against atomic, biological, and chemical warfare. It arranges for shelters and operates the warning system which notifies you when to use them. It gets medical supplies and special equipment ready, trains technical services needed to restore a stricken area, and organizes mutual aid and mobile support.

There are two steps which every one can take to get into civil defense. The first and most basic is to inform yourself what you and your family as individuals can do to protect yourselves against enemy attack. You can learn how to protect your home from fire, how to handle injuries among your family until trained first aid help can be obtained, how to minimize the dangers of attacks by poison gas and biological warfare. You can do this by reading a series of booklets available from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C. They are: "Survival Under Atomic Attack" "What You Should Know About Biological Warfare" "This Is Civil Defense" "Emergency Action to Save Lives" "Firefighting For Householders"

But this is just the beginning. The second step, and it can be taken at the same time you are studying the booklets, is to join your local civil defense organization. There you will get professional training in meeting the dangers of an enemy attack and become part of the team defending your community.

Organize Mutual Aid
One of the most important functions of civil defense before an attack is the organizing of mutual aid and mobile support. The first is help from the neighbors. No matter how well prepared a city might be, after an attack it could not take care of itself. It would have to look to neighboring suburbs, cities and states for help. And that help must be just as well organized and trained as the civil defense organization in the city which has been knocked out. That is the meaning of mutual aid.

Help From Neighbors
Some States do not call their mutual aid or mobile support systems by the same names and not all of them are organized exactly alike. But the important thing is all States have a "help from and for the neighbors" operations plan. It is your duty, no matter where you are, to serve in some civil defense organization. You may be called upon to take your part in any one of these civil defense operations. Be ready. Know what to do when that time comes.

(The next article will discuss your part in civil defense.)



It's No Secret

Yes, we're telling everybody — with warm and friendly wishes, have a Very, Merry Christmas!

HAZEL SMITH

Representing Farmers Union Insurances

Merry Christmas



C. O. GOODMAN

Plumbing

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa, I am a little girl 8 years old. I want a little doll without hair and that sucks a bottle, and I'd like a little nurse set, a toy telephone, a small iron and ironing board. Also an apple and a few English walnuts and candy. Your little friend, Joy Mae Richardson

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Toni doll and a trunk, a basketball. I want a pair of house shoes and some nuts, apples and oranges. I want some candy. Love, Bonnie Jean Edwards

Dear Santa, I want a billfold and a bracelet for Christmas, and a doll. My little brothers want a gun and a truck. My mother wants a slip and some hose. I couldn't name

all what I want. I want a lot of things. I hope everybody has a Merry Christmas. Love, Michal Massay

Merry Christmas

This is the happy occasion on which we extend our good wishes to all our friends — for a season of prosperity, good health and lasting happiness.



T. & G. Electric Co.
Geo. W. Terry



NOEL

To our customers we wish to express our appreciation... and best wishes for A Merry Christmas.

Dawson's Magnolia Service Station



Merry Christmas

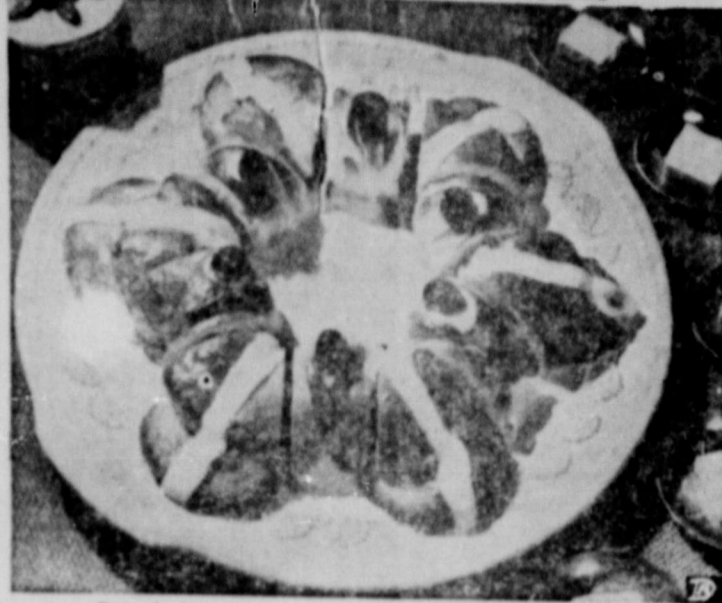
Once again on this happiest of days, we extend sincere good wishes to our host of friends... To all of them... wherever they may be, we send these simple greetings for a Happy Holiday!

Dr. J. H. Kritzler and Staff

Come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
Come ye... come ye to Bethlehem



Christmas Star Coffee Cake



Star design your next coffee cake. Fill it with candied cherries and candied pineapple. Give it holiday airs.

The Christmas Star Coffee Cake will add a festive note to a menu for breakfast or brunch during the holidays. It's easy—whether you make it yourself or serve a gaily decorated coffee cake fresh from your baker.

To complete the menu, you'll want chilled grapefruit halves, grilled Canadian-style bacon or scrambled eggs, and lots of hot coffee. The yeast coffee cake can be made a day ahead and re-heated in the morning.

This man-pleasing coffee cake has a double appeal—with both economy and good nutrition. The generous quota of B-vitamins and food iron from enriched flour makes breads of all kinds important from the standpoint of good flavor as well as good health. Let the coffee cake double for simple dessert as well as breakfast bread.

Note that the six-pointed Christmas Star Coffee Cake is baked at a moderate temperature (375°F.) to give it a nicely browned, but not too dark, crust. When cool, points of the star may be highlighted with confectioners' sugar icing. Use candied cherries to decorate.

CHRISTMAS STAR COFFEE CAKE

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| 1 package yeast, compressed or dry | 2 1/2 cups sifted enriched flour (about 1 1/2 cups, heaped) |
| 1/2 cup water (lukewarm for compressed, warm for dry) | 1 egg, beaten |
| 1/2 cup milk | 1/2 cup melted butter or margarine |
| 1/2 cup sugar | 1 cup sugar |
| 1 teaspoon salt | 1/2 cup chopped candied cherries |
| 2 tablespoons melted shortening | 1/2 cup chopped apricot and yellow candied pineapple |
| | Sugar icing |

Soften yeast in water. Scald milk. Add sugar, salt and shortening. Cool to lukewarm. Add flour to make a thick batter. Mix well. Add softened yeast and egg. Beat well. Add enough more flour to make a soft dough. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead until smooth and satiny. Place in greased bowl. Cover and let rise in warm place until doubled (about 1 1/2 hours). When light punch down and let rest 10 minutes. Roll out to circle 12 inches in diameter. Place rolled out dough on greased baking sheet. Brush with butter or margarine.

Mix sugar and chopped fruit. Spread evenly over dough. With scissors cut six pie-shaped sections by cutting from center toward edge, cutting only to within an inch of outer edge. Roll up each section like butterhorn roll, starting at center. Curve center of each roll toward middle of coffee cake. Pull ends outward to form a star shape. Cover and let rise until doubled (about 45 minutes). Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 15 to 20 minutes. Brush with confectioners' Sugar Icing. Makes one Christmas Star.

Amarillo, Texas

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am five years old and have tried to be good since last Christmas. Would you please bring me a table and chair set, a xylophone and a doll that takes a bottle? Leave me lots of candy and nuts. Love you,
Jeanine Dorsey

Dear Santa,
This year I know what I want. Most of all I want a nigger baby, and a red fire truck, and a high chair for my baby and a bed for my baby. And lots of candy. And don't forget anyone else in the whole wide world. I love you,
Chris Campbell

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
Last year all I wanted was formula. This year I would like a blwicker (bicycle), a bale of hay for my horse, Beauty; a big bone for my dog, Duke; and two mechanical toys, one for my daddy and one for my grandpa. Then I could play with my train. Please bring me a step-ladder, the torn-tanny (corn-candy) is kept on a high shelf in our house. Please bring my grandmother some spot remover for her rug and my mommy a lot more soap; she sure wastes lots of it on me. Santa, if you are hungry when you get to my house there is homo milk in the ice box and graham crackers in the cabinet. Maybe you can reach the jelly-beans. Take a couple to some other little boy. With love,
Billy Felton Webb

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy three years old. I try to be a good boy most of the time. For Christmas I want a car to ride in and anything else you might have for a little boy like me. Don't forget my little cousins, Randy and Ricky, and all the other boys and girls. Your little friend,
Ronnie McIlroy

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
How have you been this year? Fine, I hope. Please bring me a new bike for Christmas and a new cap gun. I have been a pretty good boy. Bring my sister a tricycle and also I want you to think of my big brother. Don't forget the rest of the little boys and girls, because I am sure they have been good. Hoping to see you soon,
Jimmie Don Anders

McLean, Texas

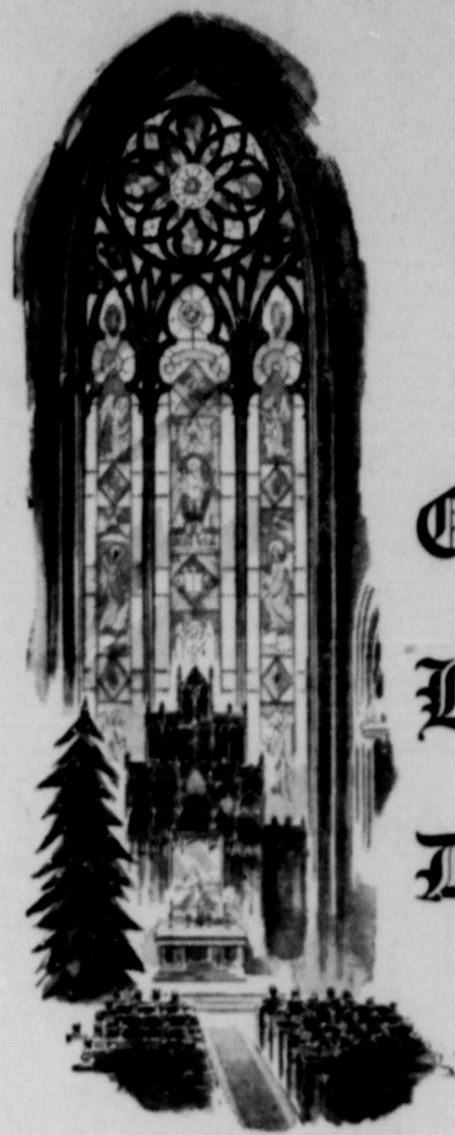
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a BB gun and some cowboy chaps and candy and nuts and fruit. I've been a good boy.

Keith Riemer

P. S.—I want a coonskin cap, too.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a typewriter and a rifle,
Ronnie Brown



On this
Blessed
Day...

We recall the warm and friendly loyalty of our customers and friends. In this spirit of good fellowship, we extend our sincerest wishes to you. May the peace and joy of Christmas be with you forever and ever!

Chevron Gas Station

Odell Mantooth

Greetings

We extend our good wishes to you this bright Holiday Season, and include our sincerest thanks for your friendship and patronage. Our compliments of the season to you —

Cliett Cleaners

Victor... Jewel... Jimmy



Merry CHRISTMAS

As gay young carolers' voices ring out to exult this day... we extend our hearty greetings to you for a happy, Yuletide season!

Sheriff Rufe Jordan

and
Deputies



Look who's here, again...

Good old St. Nick... he's got a pack-full of our sincerest good wishes for friends and customers... for a bright and merry Christmas filled with many good things!

The Texas Co.

D. C. Lowary, Consignee



Christmas Blessings

Christmas gives us an opportunity to express our appreciation of your kind friendship and loyal patronage; we extend our thanks to our many friends and patrons and hope that the Christmas Season will be memorable.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Brooks Dry Goods



**Santa Claus, Indiana,
Received Famous Name
Christmas Eve, 1882**

Although many towns have names directly or indirectly associated with Christmas, there is but one town named Santa Claus, in Indiana.

Except for a lucky break, the town would have had another name and hence would not have enjoyed the annual fame that it gathers around the Yuletide season.

The original intention to name the town Santa Fe fell through when the officials at Washington suggested that the town be named something else, since there was already a Santa Fe in New Mexico.

On Christmas Eve, in 1882, the citizens held a mass meeting to select another name, but every one proposed was discarded for one reason or another. The meeting was about to break up when Santa Claus, making his yearly visits in the neighborhood, strode in to get warm. He was in costume and his arrival put one name in every mind.

And so the town was named Santa Claus.

**Christmas Greens
Brighten Home**

A few well placed Christmas greens can do much to brighten a house at Christmas time. Properly clipped, the branches will never be missed, and might improve the looks of the tree from which they are cut.

Hemlock, red cedar, juniper, yew, pitch pine, white pine, will make



suitable material for a spray to decorate a mantle, door, or a spray for a newel post.

In pruning, however, keep in mind the natural appearance of the tree from which you clip branches.

The McLean News

McLEAN, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1951

CONTRIBUTION

**Joel Poinsett,
U.S. Statesman,
Noted for Flower**

Although he was a brilliant statesman, and the friend of four American presidents, Joel Roberts Poinsett is famous chiefly because he introduced the Mexican plant known as the "Painted Leaf," of "Mexican Fire Plant" into the United States.

Poinsett, then U.S. ambassador to Mexico, called the plant to the attention of American botanists and grew the plant himself as a hobby at his South Carolina home, after he left Mexico.

The plant grew heavily in American favor—especially popular at Christmas time—and was renamed poinsettia, in honor of the man who brought it to this country.

Contrary to popular impression, the flaming red bracts of the poinsettia are not flowers, but leaves, and it is for these bracts that the plants are grown.

It is possible to have variations of either pink or white varieties, as well as of the more usual red, popular because it carries out the holiday color scheme of rich bright red with a contrast of the dark green of the leaves.

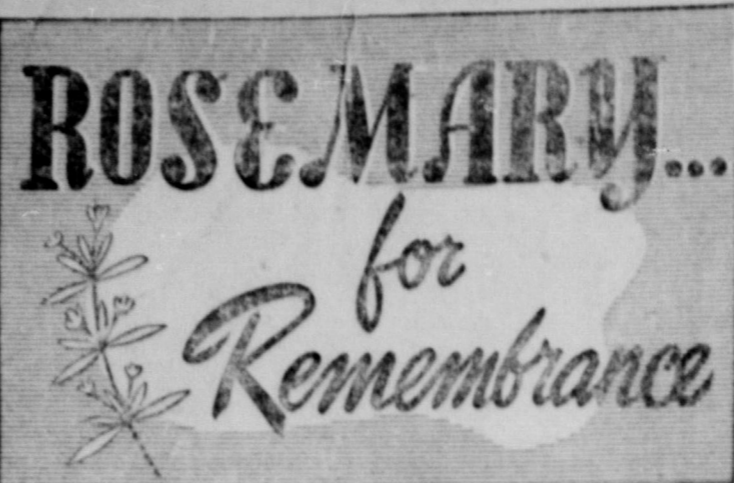
The beautiful poinsettia, almost a "must" as far as Christmas decorating is concerned, is one of the most temperamental of plants.

The poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled carefully—perhaps pampered slightly. However, the brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time is reward enough for any efforts needed to make the plant thrive.

Constant warmth is needed by poinsettias. Temperatures should be kept between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 degrees at night. Any sudden change in temperature and drafts will cause the plant to drop its leaves.

Abundant water is also a necessity, but it should be applied but once a day so that the plant may become moderately dry between waterings. This permits needed oxygen to reach the roots.

Try to give the poinsettia the sunniest spot available. It is wise to fertilize it occasionally with a good commercial food tablet.



The rosemary shrub, symbol of fidelity and constancy, was once supposed to possess many occult virtues. Hamlet's Ophelia said, "There's rosemary, that's for remembrance." The fact that Rosemary blooms at Christmas has introduced it into celebration of this feast.

Rosemary, according to one legend, opened to hide the Virgin Mary and her child from the soldiers of Herod, a legend shared with the tansy and other trees.

Another legend says that, during the flight to Egypt, Mary threw her blue cloak over a bush of rosemary when she lay down to rest. Ever since, in her honor, the flowers have been the heavenly blue of the mantle.

William Henry Harrison died at the end of his first month as president, serving the shortest term on record.

The London Gazette, founded in 1665, was the first English news publication issued regularly in newspaper format.



**Merry Christmas,
Folks!**

The words "Merry Christmas" we extend to express . . .
Our sincerest good wishes for your happiness!

F. E. Leech
Tax Assessor-Collector



**HOLIDAY
GREETINGS**

I am genuinely pleased to extend to my many friends sincere Holiday greetings for A Joyous Christmas Season!

Dee Patterson
District Clerk

**Records Show Yule
Customs Were Old
In Fourth Century**

The exact age of the Christmas festival is not known. Records show, however, that the holiday was spoken of in the fourth century as a custom of long standing.

Christmas began as Christ's Mass, or the Mass of Christ, sometime during the fourth century. It took that long after the blessed night for the great importance of Christ's birth to be realized by the people. Until this time it had been the custom of the church to celebrate the anniversaries of deaths, rather than births. Christ's birthday was the first to be made an occasion for feasting.

The date for the celebration of the Christ Mass was selected by the church. So many years had elapsed that the actual date of His birth could only be a matter of conjecture.

The festival and spirit of Christmas spread through the Christian world. Pagan customs, even as they do today, attempted to adapt themselves to the Christmas season.

For many years after the origin of Christ's Mass the church frowned upon the practice of exchanging gifts during the festival season. Later, however, the practice was condoned, in remembrance of the spirit of the Three Kings of the Orient who had followed a shining star to the crib of the new-born Christ, bringing presents with a sense of humility.

**'Silent Night' Is
Most Beloved Carol**

Of all the songs that return to bring warmth to the Yuletide season, no carol is so universally known as "Silent Night." Certainly no other is as loved and sung as this simple German song.

For years its origin was unknown, except that it supposedly dated back for many centuries. Recent investigations, however, disclosed that it was produced in 1818. The poem was originally written by Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany. The melody was composed by a schoolmaster, Franz Gruber.

Both the poet and the composer were part of the choir that sang the now famous carol that Christmas Eve in the Oberndorf church. The beloved song was sung first to the accompaniment of a guitar, for the church organ was out of order that Eve in 1818.

It has since been sung to the tune of almost every musical instrument in the world, in the languages of many men.

Greetings

To our many friends --
our deep felt appreciation
for your loyalty and friendship
during the past year . . .
we wish you a Very Happy Holiday!

O. K. Lee & Son



*** Wishing you a
Merry Christmas**

To wish You, at Christmas,
And all through the year,
A wealth of good fortune,
And joy, and good cheer!

Lee's Grocery
C. B. (Casey) Lee



NOEL

A WARM and friendly wish from each member of our firm to each and every one of our many friends: we join in together to extend our sincere, good wishes that your Holiday will be filled WITH MANY CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS!

Cicero Smith Lbr. Co.
Carl Jones, Mgr.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 Please bring us each a doll,
 busy and doll bed. And if you
 have one left over, we would like
 a doll house. We have been good
 girls, at least part of the time.
 Please don't forget the rest of
 the boys and girls all over the
 world. Will see you Christmas.
 Jean and Virginia
 3 years old and 19 months



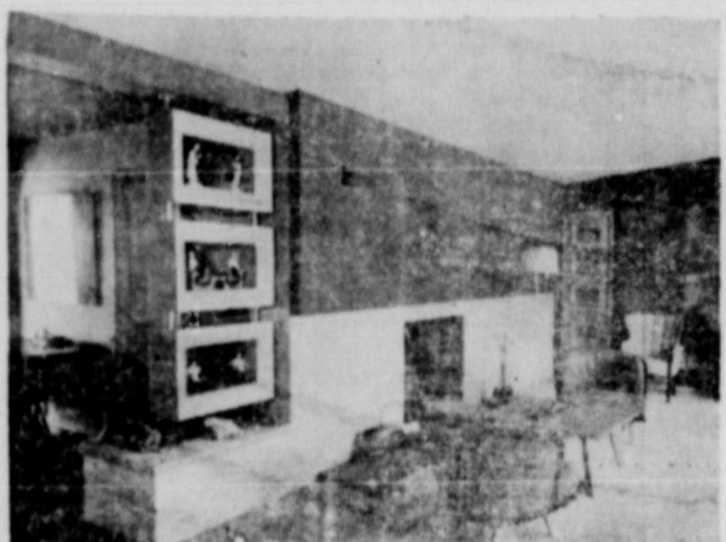
A MERRY YULETIDE

There's no time like Christmas to wish you all the very best

ARTHUR ERWIN
 Insurance



Mid-western home goes Colonial, taking on new beauty and dignity through improvements such as the entrance canopy supported by stately columns and a new roof of asphalt shingles which provides color harmony as well as lasting, economical protection.



This attractive living room in the home of Don Gasner, Milwaukee home builder, demonstrates possibilities for unusual effects which can be achieved with hardwood plywood wall paneling. In contrast to the white Roman brick of the fireplace wall, the darker paneling lends warmth and charm to the interior which is tastefully decorated in Chinese-modern motif. Easy to apply and maintain, plywood paneling derives its strength and permanence from crossbanding of the plies which makes it resistant to warping, cracking or splitting.

United States Top Buyer and Supplier In Tree Industry

The United States is the world's leading source of supply as well as the top buyer in the Christmas tree industry—a better than \$50,000,000 business.

The majority of our Christmas trees come from New England, New York and Pennsylvania, the north Midwest, and the Northwest Pacific regions. In recent years, New Jersey has annually marketed around 100,000 trees for local use.

Most of the trees for Christmas sales are cut early in the fall and the trees are kept green with plenty of water until shipped to distribution centers.

Some mass producers, however, cut trees early in the new year, and treat them with preservatives and coloring solutions for storage in chilled warehouses.

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 Please bring me a doll, dishes, table, house shoes, and a teddy bear. I've been a good girl—sometimes. I would like a play watch, too. Love,
 Toni Mertel

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 How are you? I am just fine. I want a boy doll and a billfold for Christmas. I have been a good girl. My mother would like an electric mixer, and my daddy would like to have a new shirt and a tie. My sister would like a basketball. My brother would like a racer. My little niece would like a kiddy-car. Goodbye and good luck. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas. Love,
 Winniford Ann

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa,
 Santa, I want a doll like Jeanne's, billfold, and a basketball, roller skates or pumps. My mother wants four pair of nylon hose. I want a whole lot of doll clothes that will fit a Toni doll. My teacher wants a new dress and a bottle of perfume. Love,
 P. S. Much love.
 Carol Cummings

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
 My Dear Santa Claus,
 I heard that the McLean News was going to send you a bunch of letters, so I want to get mine among others. This is my second year to go to school on the bus from the home of my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty, so please bring me a bicycle there; also leave gifts for my little cousin, David Petty, and remember Kenneth Webb, too, for he expects to be with us this year. My teacher's name is Mrs. Rosemary Melton. I love you,
 Vernon Luther Kennedy

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa,
 We are two little boys. We have been pretty good this year, so will you come to see us Christmas? Please bring us a toy station and a basketball and goal, and a fire truck. Bring our baby brother Michael a rocking chair and rubber doll. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Love,
 James and Dwayne Potec

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a bicycle, a joll, and a billfold. My little sister wants a table and chair set, ball. My big sister wants a little doll and a bicycle. My mother wants a new dress. My brother wants some train pieces and a .22. My daddy wants a gun, too. Love,
 Helen Ruth Pakan

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa,
 I am a little girl almost three and I sure would like a dolly and teddy bear for Christmas. Also plenty of candy, fruit and nuts. I've been a pretty good girl so don't disappoint me and my big sister Jacqueline and all the other children everywhere. Jacqueline wants a baton and basketball, please. You see she is almost 11, and far too big for dolls and such. Sending all our love, we are
 Jana Gay and Jacqueline Davis

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I am going to be a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a Toni doll and a little country doctor set. From,
 Mary Ann Carter

Joyous Noel

To our many friends — we wish you the pleasures of happiness and contentment ... not only at Christmastime but always!

McLean Implement Co.
 Your John Deere Dealer

MERRY CHRISTMAS

BENTLEY CLEANERS

Merry CHRISTMAS

In the very heart of Santa's pack is our great, big bundle of bright, CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to our friends and patrons!

C. J. & Bill Cash
 Your Magnolia Dealer

DEC. 24

Ah! Christmas

At no other season of the year are warm feelings and friendly words more fitting and sincere than at this time — We say to you — Merry Christmas and a Happy, Happy New Year!

BLUE & WHITE LAUNDRY
 Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bragg

Merry Christmas

May your continued cooperation with our activities bring greater progress to our city and our area.

Our Best Wishes to Each of You

McLean Lions Club

Meets Tuesday 12:05 p. m.
 Visitors Always Welcome



Now the harassed homemaker has a kitchen that not only saves work, but is good to look at, too. The cabinet sink has two bowls, two drainboards, a lot of handy undersink storage room and spacious drawers. Right next to it are cabinets with abundant storage space and counter work surface. Everything she needs is only a few steps—not many steps—away. It was easy on the pocketbook, too, because no expensive structural changes were needed to do the job.

Once upon a time man looked forward to tomorrow, instead of fearing it. Germany issued red and white porcelain coins during the first World War.

Denmark Pays Homage To Hans Anderson—Santa's Best Helper

LAST YEAR a festival in Denmark paid tribute to one of the greatest helpers Santa Claus ever had. He was Hans Christian Andersen, fairy tale writer, and composer of many Christmas stories.

His works have sold more copies than any other book, except the Bible, and have been translated into 25 languages, including Arabic, Hebrew, Chinese, Japanese, and Greenlandish.

Since 1875, the year that he passed away, visitors from all parts of the world have come yearly to the town



of Odense to see the home of the writer of such tales as "The Little Match Girl," and "The Ugly Duckling."

Anderson's fairy tales, released just before Christmas each year, brought him money, fame and the attention of princes, as well as the adoration of children.

Once he received a United States dollar bill, enclosed in a letter written by a young American girl. It read: "Papa says that the dollar is my own, that he does not suppose you are in particular need of money, but I owe you this and a great deal more, he thinks it proper that I should send it to you."

Games for All Make Christmas Family Party

Christmas is the time for family get-togethers. One of the best ways to make these gatherings memorable for all concerned is to engage in games which the whole group can play.

A nice one to start off with would be a Sugar Plum Hunt. Have one member of the family hide Christmas candies ahead of time in various nooks and corners around the house. At a given signal everyone starts hunting and gathering the pieces. The one who gathers the greatest number would be given a prize.

The Christmas Puzzle is another good one to get things going. Look through some magazines, which are filled with pictures of Santa Claus at this time of year. Cut out enough of these to go around, paste them on stiff cardboard, and cut them into pieces. Tien put each group of pieces in a separate paper bag. At the signal, everyone opens a bag and starts putting the puzzle together.

The Xmas Scramble Contest is good for a group with older children in it. This is simply a contest to see who can unscramble a group of words the fastest. Just for fun, see if you can work out the following—astna, erireden, ehsgil, dynca, gosiknet, erie, trepsen, hupac, aisorc, and niborb.

Aaron Burr was vice president of the U. S. when he killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel.



To the casual observer, it is just another typical night in Bethlehem, sleepy town of many generations. Excepting, of course, that the population is more than double, for all the descendants of David have come to register as ordered by Herod. For many, there is no room.

And yet, there is more about this night! And there are some whose faith and wisdom give them eyes to see. Near the hour of midnight, a darkened sky suddenly shimmers with a light of ethereal beauty, and angels appear to sing a great psalm:

"Glory in the highest,
And on earth, peace to men of good will."

A new star fires itself to brilliance near the edge of town, bathing in its light the stable where a Galilean carpenter named Joseph has taken refuge with his bride, a queenly young girl named Mary. For them, there had been no room.

The star rests above the humble shelter, sending down golden rays that illuminate the area in a strange, unearthly manner.

In the distance appear a group of Magi, wise men of Persia. They have followed the now resting star and are heavily laden with gifts of gold—presents for a new-born king. Along the roads hear the shouts of the citizens, led by angels, who come to adore.

There in the stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, the Christ-child awaits.

Balsam Recommended As Best Yule Tree

In choosing a Christmas tree, many look for trees that will not shed needles quickly indoors. Highly recommended are balsam and Douglas firs, which usually will hold their needles as long as two or three weeks in a warm house.

Balsam is fragrant beyond all other Christmas trees, has long



lower branches and thick spire-like top. Its needles do not stab the hand. Like the needles of all firs, they are usually flattened, not squarish.

For longer life, place the tree outdoors in a bucket of water for 24 hours before putting it up, or place in a waterproof container of wet sand and keep the sand moist.

Christmas: 'Good Time; A Kind, Forgiving Time'

Charles Dickens once referred to Christmas as "a good time; a kind forgiving, charitable, pleasant time." This is an adequate description of the Christmas spirit. Why not make this an old-fashioned Christmas?

Elaborately planned parties, those great time-takers, should not be a part of the Christmas scene. A homey, hospitable get-together will create an atmosphere in which everyone can relax.

Since Christmas is really "the children's hour", why not give them a greater part in preparing for the day? Children will get more delight from helping prepare and decorate the tree than in seeing only the finished product.



The practice of holding "open house" has been a Christmas tradition through the years.

The Saxon lords threw open the doors of their great halls to peasant and noble alike during the festive season and all enjoyed great feasting, songs and the exchange of gifts. A tremendous Yule log was dragged upon an open fire pit and festivities lasted until the embers alone remained.

The same custom was followed in the pre-Civil War South. The slaves often soaked a log in the cypress swamps long before Christmas so that it would burn slowly, and extend their Christmas freedom.

"Open House" during the Yuletide season is a true mark of democracy and a realization that he who was born on Christmas day came to save all men.

The fox trot was named after a New York dancing instructor.



To our many friends:
best wishes for a
very Merry Christmas!
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Shu
and Neal



At this time we cordially express our appreciation of your good will, and say, Merry Christmas!

McLean Laundry
Cleo Edwards



Light up Christmas candles

Bright glow of Christmas candles reflected in all our hearts and in the warm, hearty wishes we extend to you to express our deep thanks and appreciation of your friendship.

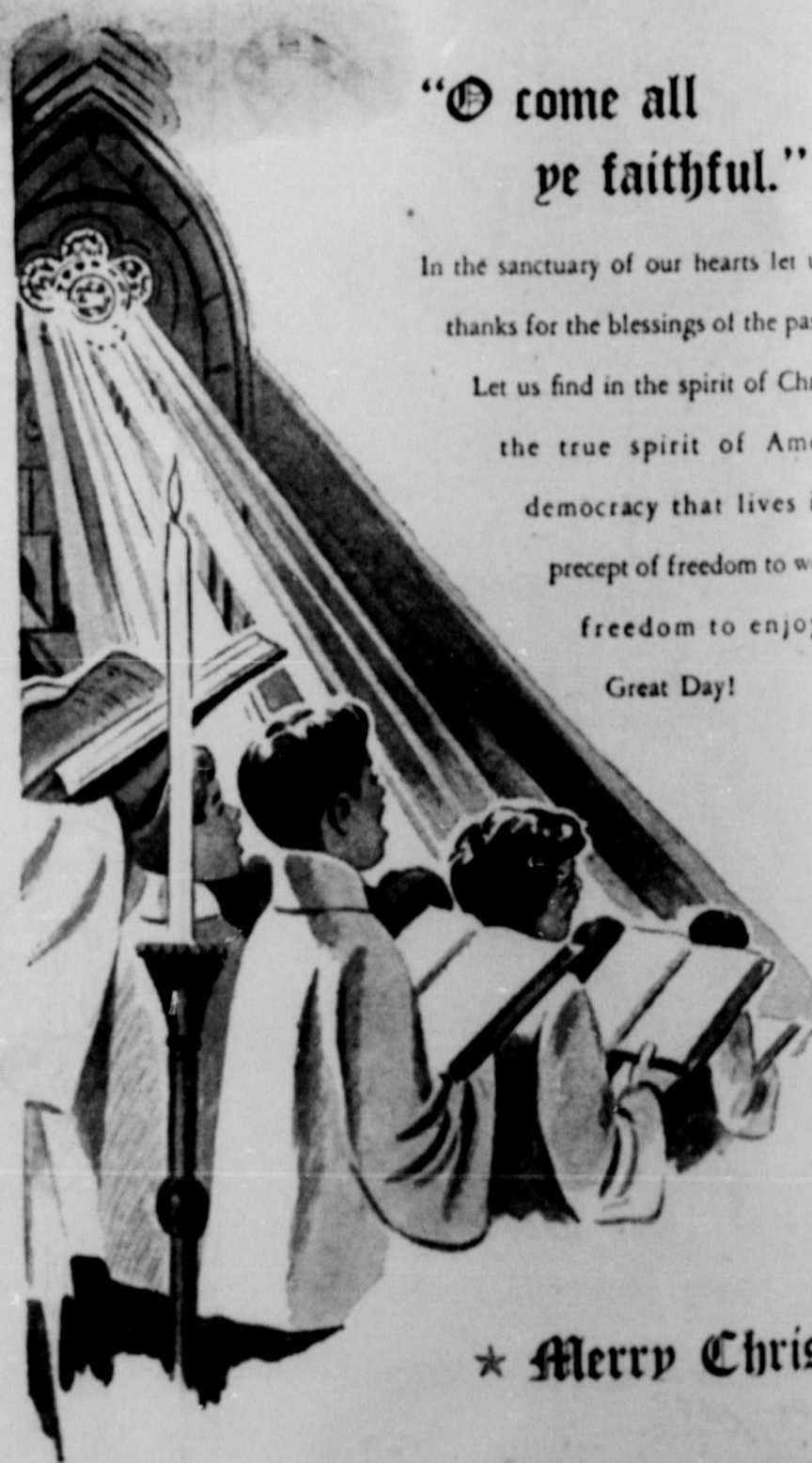
Vera Back
Agency
General Insurance



All Aboard! for a Merry Christmas!

Our train is loaded with good wishes for A Glorious Holiday—for you and yours!

66 Service Station
C. D. Giddens



"Come all ye faithful."

In the sanctuary of our hearts let us give thanks for the blessings of the past year. Let us find in the spirit of Christmas the true spirit of American democracy that lives in the precept of freedom to worship, freedom to enjoy the Great Day!

* Merry Christmas

American National Bank
In McLean
Member F. D. I. C.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a baton and cash register. I am 7 years old and in the second grade. I love you very much.
Margie Ruth Railsback

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I'm a pretty big little boy. Bring me everything Eddie wants and a rockie horse and some building blocks. Love,
"Pat" Windom

**TINTING DOLL HAIR
NEWEST PLAY THRILL**



Here's a wonderful new thrill for junior hair stylists. The Tintair doll with a specially treated Dynel wig makes it possible for the first time to change the personality of a doll by coloring the hair over and over again. A unique formula using harmless food coloring in carrot top and chestnut shades is featured in the hair coloring kit accompanying each doll; two brush applicators, a plastic dish and plastic curlers also are included. This miracle doll's hair can be shampooed, brushed and set as well as tinted, providing an all time high in play value.

Photo by Egan's Dolly



**CANDLES
FOR
Christmas**

Candles have lighted Christmas eve around the world for generations.

It has long been a custom in Ireland to place a lighted candle in the window to guide the Christ-child on his way, and the use of candles appears in other lands in many ways.

In Czechoslovakia, for example, tiny candles are set upright in nutshells and floated in pans of water. Armenians use myriads of candles in preparing their Christmas decorations.

At unique church services in Labrador each child receives a little lighted candle standing in a turnip, and keeps it until after the services, at which time the turnip is eaten.

In Norway, families arrive at church on Christmas eve, each carrying a flaming torch. These are stuck in the snow while the good folk attend the services.

**Ancient Church Bells
Still Summon Village**

A pair of ancient church bells brought to Frankensmuth, Mich. from Bavaria shortly after Frankensmuth was founded as an Indian mission, has been calling the congregation of St. Lorenz to Christmas eve services for more than a 100 years.

Ninety-five per cent of the residents of the small community are members of the church, earning the village the title of "the most Christian community in the United States."

Frankensmuth has never had a crime of violence, and, as far as residents can remember, no one has been jailed over a period of 25 years. The only visitors to the lockup were transients given a night's lodging.

**40 Years Ago—
IT HAPPENED HERE**

**SANTA
LETTERS**

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am ten years old and am in the fifth grade. I try to be a good girl and help mother. So for Christmas I want a doll house, a boy doll and some skates and some candy and nuts. Your friend,
Loretta E. McElroy

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a 4.10 gun for Xmas. Also a chemistry set. And Santa, don't forget my brother who's in Japan and all the other boys overseas. Thank you. Yours truly,
Charles Ed Jones

Farmington, N. M.
Please bring me a doll for Christmas. My little brother, David, would like a doll, too. I have been a good little girl. Of course you know how little brothers are, they make a fight sometimes. Best of all, Santa, I would rather see my little friends in McLean for Christmas. Love,
Marie Gallegly

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a BB gun and a wood burning set and some candy and nuts.
Eddie Riemer

Farmington, N. M.
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a table and chairs and a stove, dishes, and a baby bed for my doll Sue. Also bring my little sister a doll, cause she always wants to play with mine. Be sure and leave this at my grandmother's and I'll be there to get them. Love,
Donna Rae Smith

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am four years old, and have been a pretty good boy. Please bring me a thriller coaster, a barn yard set, a cowhide holster and gun, a frontier suit, and a new pair of boots. Don't forget Ruba and Patt. Love,
Eddie Jay Windom

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a doll house and a doll and some clothes. Your friend,
Sherry Biggers

**Holly Superstition:
It Will Determine
Ruler in Household**

HUSBANDS and wives! Attention! There is an old superstition about holly that will interest you. It was a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, either husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year.

But don't put too much stock in the belief. Like other Christmas legends, the truth might be lost in history.

The Druids were great admirers of the holly plant. They believed that its evergreen leaves attested to the fact that it was never deserted by the sun, and was therefore sacred.

Legends have related how the crown of thorns was plaited from holly. The leaves of the plant were white until the Crucifixion, after which they turned a deep, blood red.

A holly wreath placed on the door is believed enough to frighten away even the boldest of witches.

Per se, a Latin expression, means "by itself."

Christmas Dinner

There were many brilliant and pleasing social entertainments given during the Christmas holidays and one of the most enjoyable was the dinner tendered by Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Cooke to a party of friends on Christmas Day. Mrs. Cooke has an enviable record for her prowess in matters culinary but it was the opinion of those who enjoyed the dinner that it was her crowning effort. Everything that the heart could wish graced her table for more than an hour. The guests toiled away in their grim determination to stow it all away, but it was no use. After all were fed and given enough to take home for supper—even after Uncle Jim Harbert had been given his supper—there was enough left for two or three more like occasions. The following friends enjoyed it:

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Callahan, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Biggers, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Vannoy, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Richardson, Joe Hindman, Barney Barnes, Dot Cooke, and Grandmother Cooke.

Rippy-Roach
On Sunday evening before Christmas, at the Heald school house, occurred the marriage of Hubert Roach and Miss Estelle Rippy, both residents of that neighborhood. Rev. J. C. Carpenter, pastor of the Methodist church, performed the ceremony.

Both Mr. Roach and Miss Rippy have been residents of this section for years and their families are among the best in our country. They enjoy the friendship and esteem of a wide circle of acquaintances to whom they have endeared themselves by their many happy qualities.

They were the recipients of many beautiful and valuable presents at the hands of admiring friends and expressed themselves as being grateful for the many tokens of regard.

Foregoing the formality of a wedding journey, they are now at home to their friends where they are receiving congratulations and many good wishes for a long and happy life.

It is the pleasure of the News to join in extending congratulations. May their path be strewn with the flowers of happiness and contentment.

Millions of tiny plants give the Red Sea its color.

Paul Bunyan is the legendary hero of lumberjacks.

A plebesette is a public expression of a community's opinion.



A Christmas Wish

Our wish for you this Christmas and through the new year, too—is that the Season's many joys will bring happiness to you, and bestow the many blessings to make your dreams come true . . .

McLean Electric Co.

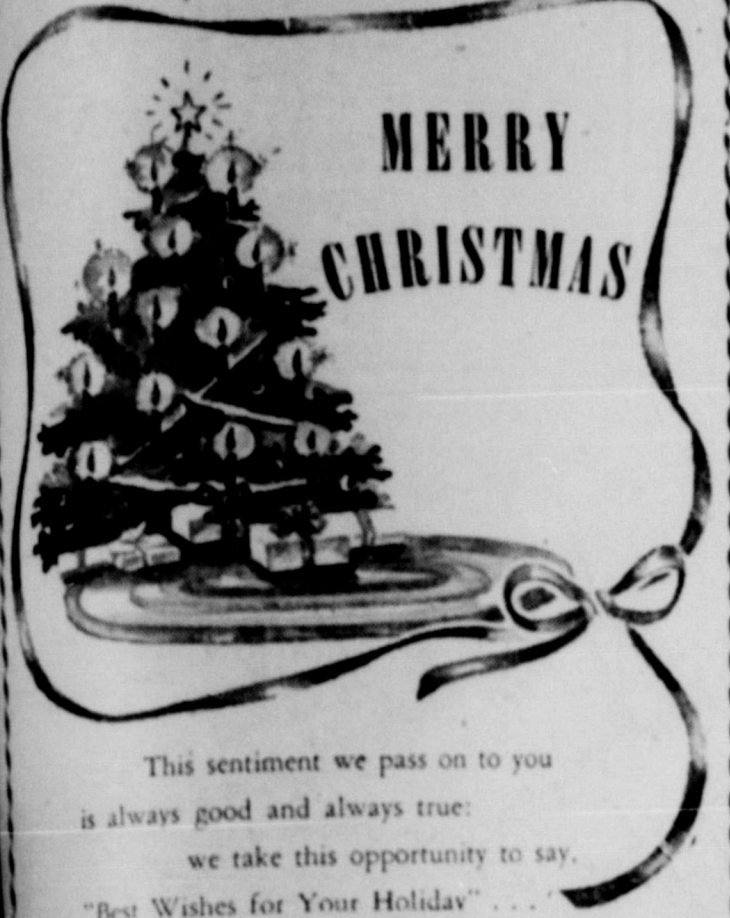
Howard Williams, Mgr.



There's a magic to Christmas that casts a star-studded spell into the hearts of young and old alike! Its enchantment is expressed in every hearty handshake . . . in every smiling face . . . and in every Christmas wish -- like ours -- that says be gay . . . be glad . . . have fun! Yes, that's our friendly greeting to you, each and every one!

Hibler Truck and Implement Co.

Dodge-Plymouth



The Children's Wear

Mabel Bizzell

For the Christmas Spirit

May this holiday season renew our faith in the future . . . our hopes for life and a serenity of spirit that is the true essence of the Yuletide . . .

Callahan's

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Callahan



May Christmas cheer and gladness bring its peace and joy to you For this Yuletide Season and in 1952!

WHITE

Auto Store



... may you find your Christmas stocking chock full of your fondest dreams come true . . .

Margaret's Gift Shop

Margaret Glass

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I want a toy telephone. I want a big doll. I want a phonograph. I want some dishes. I love you, Santa.

Mary Ann

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy seven years old. Please bring me a football, a machine gun, some fruits, nuts

Michael Nicholson

and candy. Thank you very much. I am, your friend,

Don Hauck

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 7 years old. I would like a set of guns and a football. Please bring my little brother a tricycle. Please don't forget all the other girls and boys. Love,

Michael Nicholson



To all of you
whom we have
so pleasantly
served --
Merry Christmas

Bailey Welding Shop
Bill Bailey

Merry Christmas

We express our appreciation for your friendly patronage and wish you all the joys of Christmastime... at this the friendliest of seasons!

McLean Cafe
Al Fuqua



In this chaotic world, Christmas is forever the friendly spirit of brotherhood that gives our hopes for peace its truest utterance...

And in keeping with the Christmas spirit we extend our wishes to one and all — for the best of everything!



McLean Gin
S. R. Jones, Mgr.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice girl. I hope I have been nice enough that you will be good to me. I would like a Toni doll for Christmas. Please bring along some candy and nuts. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Love,

Doris Van Huss

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and an airplane and five boxes of b-b's. Your friend,

Butch Dorsey

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old and in the second grade. Please bring me a 24-inch bike, a western suit, and boots, also gun, and holster. Don't forget Eddie and Pat. Love,

Clyde Allen Windon

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 5 years old. I am at my uncle Pete Henley's. Please bring me a double barrel shotgun and a pair of boots. Bring me a two gun holster. I want to be a cowboy; also a horn, some tinkler toys and Lincoln logs. Don't forget some candy and nuts and a shotgun for my Uncle Pete.

Ronald Edward Smart

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl eight years old. Will you bring me a doctor set and some nuts and candy?

Helen

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a boy eight years old. I would like very much for you to bring me an electric train. Please bring all other children some toys, too.

Nathan Lee Hale

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a red wagon and an electric train and a truck with two cars and some candy, nuts and an apple. Your friend,

Roy Richardson

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl soon be two years old. Will you please bring me a doll buggy, a doll, a tinkle pull toy, also a whirling toy? Don't forget my two brothers, Bill and Jimmy Ray, also my mother, daddy, and grandparents. I love you lots. Your little friend,

Judy Margaret Kingston

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a boy 7 years old. I want a seven years old. I want a bow and arrow set and a pair of Jeeper shoes. I am a good boy.

Eddie Kunkel

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old. Please bring me a manicure set and a view master. Please remember my little brother and all the other boys and girls. Love,

Janice Page

If Santa Misses, Reindeer Supply Will Be at Fault

If Santa Claus misses some youngsters this year, it could be offered plausibly that he was not able to round up enough reindeer for his yearly trip around the globe. The reindeer shortage has become, in recent years, much too acute. It has been estimated that wolves have destroyed 500,000 of Santa's helpers within the last decade or so, leaving an approximate 50,000.



The difficulty of keeping the animals alive in a temperate climate makes it unlikely that any of the few remaining will be transported

from their native regions to other lands for the holiday season, as has been done in the past.

American boys and girls will have to be satisfied with stand-ins. The few department stores featuring Santa's complete outfit this year will be using native deer as substitute for Dasher, Prancer, and company.



Santa's little helper came down to us from Scandinavia.

Many years before Leif Erikson touched American shores, the children of the North believed that a little elf with long white whiskers—Jul Tomten—saw that the earth was abundant with good food and that the animals and birds were taken care of.

After the pagan Vikings were Christianized, little Jul became the giver of presents—just as Santa today. It became a custom for children to leave a bowl of porridge on the kitchen table for the little elf, who would leave presents in exchange.

Travelers picked up the legend of Jul Tomten and carried it around the world. To us, he is the busy, jolly, good little elf who works happily in Santa's workshop.

England Once Forbade Christmas Observance

Did you know that the observance of Christmas was once forbidden in England—the home of the Yule Log, the Carol-singer and the wassailers?

During the Reformation many believed the undue jollity of Christmas day was sacrilegious. Parliament, on December 24, 1552, ordered that "an observance shall be held of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day; nor any solemnity used or exercised in churches upon that day in respect thereof."

This edict proved to be very unpopular with the masses of the people. It was not until many years later, however, that Christmas was once again recognized as a holiday.

CHRISTMAS QUESTION CORNER

- QUESTIONS
- 1—Who was Kris Kringle?
 - 2—What does the name Kris Kringle mean?
 - 3—Who wrote the first Christmas Carols? When?
 - 4—What superstition had the Scotch about the Christmas candle?
 - 5—By what other name is mistletoe known?
 - 6—Where did the custom of kissing under the mistletoe begin?
 - 7—When were Christmas candles first used?
 - 8—How long has the practice of gift giving at Christmas been observed?
 - 9—How did the custom of hanging Xmas stockings originate?
 - 10—Why are candles used during the Christmas season?

ANSWERS

1. Santa Claus' helper 2. "Little Christ Child" 3. St. Francis of Assisi and his friars—in Italy—during the 13th century. 4. It was the candle went out before midnight. 5. The Golden Bough, 6. England. 7. In the middle ages—at the Jewish Feast of Lights. 8. Since the fourth century. 9. St. Nick once dropped a purse of coins down the chimney of a poor family. It landed in a stocking that had been hung to dry. 10. As symbols of the star of Bethlehem.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a walking and talking doll. I would also like to have a nurse set, if that won't be too much. Please do not forget my little brother. I have tried to be a good girl. Love,

Nancy Hess

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I want a football and a football suit and a bicycle.

Ben Billingslea

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I would like a gun and holster for Christmas. Also I would like a basketball and goal, too. Your friend,

Paul Lee

Origin of Symbolic Tree Shrouded in Old Legends

The origin of the Christmas tree symbol is shrouded in legends that reach back to the period of Druid tree worship long before the advent of Christianity. Credit for tree decoration and gift-giving, however, is generally given to Germany, where the customs were started in the 16th or 17th centuries. Over a period of years the practice spread into northern Europe and from there to America.

Outdoor tree decorating is essentially an American trademark and a special feature of community spirit. The best known outside displays in America are on the White House lawn and at the Rockefeller Plaza in New York City.



SECRETS... This little waiss something for Christmas but she's not to say except Santa Claus, who let he understands the truth

Christmas...
we send you our good wishes for your good health and happiness

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Meador
Insurance

Greeting's

In sincere and friendly appreciation of your patronage and good will...

MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR

G. and G. Automotive Supply
Leo Gibson Kenneth Gibson

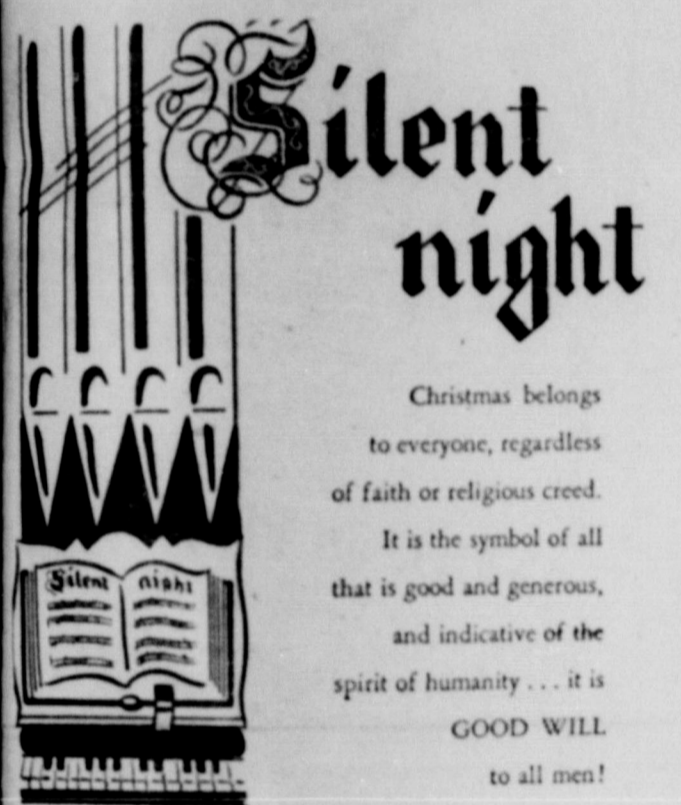
Nature knows no pause in progress and development, and she curses on all inaction. — Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.

The Catskill Mountains were so named because of the number of wildcats originally found in that region.



Starry bright --
our wish to you!
May your hopes
and dreams come true
at Christmastime!

**JOHN SCOTT
FEED STORE**

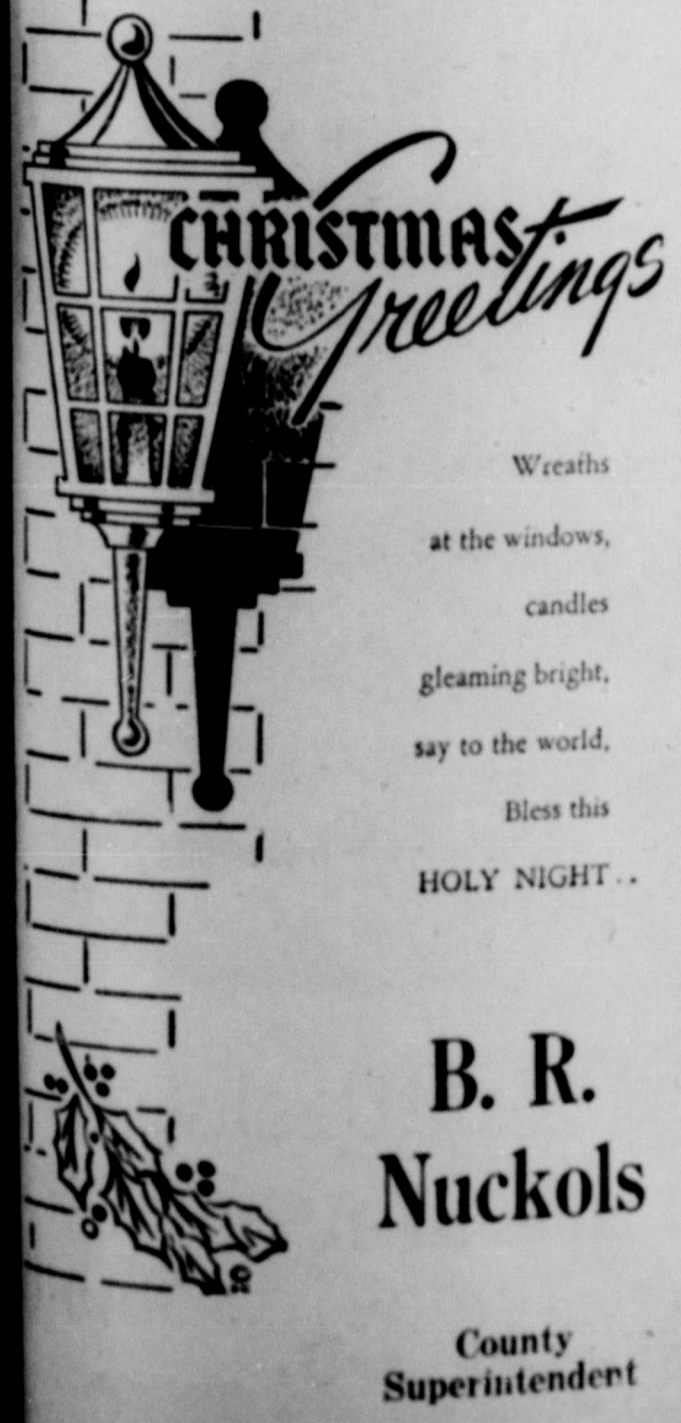


**Silent
night**

Christmas belongs to everyone, regardless of faith or religious creed. It is the symbol of all that is good and generous, and indicative of the spirit of humanity... it is

GOOD WILL
to all men!

C. S. Rice
Justice of
Peace, Precinct 5

**CHRISTMAS
Greetings**

Wreaths
at the windows,
candles
gleaming bright,
say to the world,
Bless this
HOLY NIGHT..

**B. R.
Nuckols**
County
Superintendent

Santa
through
the years

*Santa Claus is on his way
To greet us all on Christmas Day.
Dolls and drums (all sorts of toys)
For wishful little girls and boys.*



**Smaller towns
Began Lighting
Outdoor Trees**

*Cedars of Lebanon
Are Well Protected
By Religion, Law*

On a shelf-like plateau, 600 feet above the Mediterranean, the world's oldest Christmas trees stand where they have stood for centuries. The cedars of Lebanon, 400 of them, are protected by religion and law from harm at the hands of either the Moslems or the Maronite Christians.

The magnificent trees "that sing of the nativity" were venerated as monarchs among trees long before Judah had her first king. Some of them have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 300.

In the days of the conquerors thousands of conscripted Hebrew workers were sent into the Lebanon to take to Jerusalem "cedar trees without number"; the result of one of the first building contracts, between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon.

Today, however, the trees are protected by law and the department of agriculture of the government sponsors the planting of seedlings, so that the giant cedars will grow forever.

**Christmas
Quotes**

"Christmas is the time you decide to pay your doctor something on account. You know you will need him the day after."
—Walter Pulitzer.

"What do people mean by sending you a dozen Christmas cards during the festive season, and not deigning to send you three lines by way of a letter the rest of the year?"
—J. Ashby-Sterry.

"At every Christmas party, just as things are beginning to get good, someone shuts his eyes, puts his head back and moans softly: 'Ah, well, this isn't like the good old days. We don't seem to have any good old-fashioned Christmases any more.'"
—Robert Benchley.



Salem, Ore., decorated a large Sitka spruce. Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

The first National Christmas tree was in 1924 and was sponsored by the American Forestry association. For the past two years the lighting of the White House has been televised.

Parcel Post was established in the U. S. in 1913.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

Our wish for you
at Christmas time, and
through the new year, too,
is that the Season's many joys,
will bring much happiness
to you... and yours!

Bruce L. Parker
County Judge

TO ALL




**Merry
Christmas**

Ever appreciative of
your friendship and
patronage, we extend to you
our friendly greetings
that you all may enjoy

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

**McLean
Hardware Co.**
Jewel and Dixie Meacham

**Christmas
Cheer**



Youngsters dance and laugh with glee
as they behold the wonders of the Christmas tree,
And may you all, find equal treasure...
In the bounty of your Christmas pleasure!

Stubblefield's Dept. Store



Cowboy's Party Is Real American Fete

One of the most typical of our American holiday celebrations is the Cowboy's Christmas Ball, which has been held almost every year since 1884 in the small town of Anson, Texas.

The celebration started as a wedding party in the old Star Hotel when ranchers poured in from the widely scattered ranges to honor one Cross P. Charley and his bride. It was such a success that it was repeated year after year.

Christmas Eve brought the spirit of the old West to Anson. Cowboys donned their colorful dress, their gay shirts and decorated boots. Cowgirls outfitted themselves in gingham dresses "like mother wore". A cowboy band swung out and the dancers perform the heel and toe polka, the Varsouvienne, and other old folk dances.

I HOPE, I HOPE... There is an expression commonly used during the days just before Christmas—and this is it, on the face of the lad with the football. If things work out the way they usually do, he'll get his wish.

Nations' Customs Widely Varied On Christmas Day

In nearly all of the civilized world December 25 is a red letter day. Peoples of all nationalities and religions celebrate the birth of Christ. The customs of the many nations are as varied as the peoples and their faiths are different.

In the Scandinavian countries, a Christmas tree made of a sheaf of wheat bound to a pole, is raised for



the winter birds. In Norway, rice pudding is always an important item on the menu for the Christmas dinner. One almond is baked in the pudding and the person who finds the almond in his portion is always the first to get married.

Chinese children make odd stockings by sewing three pieces of muslin together, and hang them up on Christmas Eve to hold the gifts brought by Lan Khoong-Khoong, which means "Nice Old Father" to them, Santa Claus to us.

The "old-fashioned" American Christmas, while reflecting the traditions of many countries, most closely resembles the traditional English Christmas, complete with plum pudding, mistletoe, carolers.

Christmas Seal Idea Conceived In Denmark

A DANISH postal clerk thought of the idea of attaching stamps to Christmas packages and letters in 1903, and a few years later the scheme was tried in America.

This year millions of Americans will receive a letter from their local chapter of the National Tuberculosis association containing Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the never-ending fight to stamp out the disease.

Einar Holboell, at work in a Danish postoffice conceived the idea of attaching decorative stamps to Christmas packages, the sale of which could be conducted by some worthwhile organization.

He mentioned it to his fellow workers and they decided it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved, and the image of Queen Louise was placed on the first seals in 1904.

Jacob Riis, Danish-born American, heard about the idea and sold it to the American public in 1907 through a magazine article written for Outlook magazine. A Red Cross worker, Miss Emily Bissell, started the first American sales that year.

Redeemer's Birthplace In Ancient Bethlehem Still Scene of Worship

The scene of the Redeemer's birth at Bethlehem is the site of a full day's worship and prayer each Christmas Eve. The faithful come from all parts of the world to join their voices in adoration and to see the solemn reenactment of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

Discontinued for six years during World War II, the pontifical mass and ceremony was renewed in 1945. As the stars on the hillside and the pale moon wrapped the town of Bethlehem in an aura of holiness, the voices of the humble echoed in prayer from the little Church of St. Catherine, built on the hallowed rock of the most sacred spot of the Christian world.

The mass was celebrated at 10 p.m., the voices of the choir-boys ringing out over the surrounding hills. At the stroke of 12 the great bells of the tower of the nativity rang out, loud and clear.

The vicar, holding an image of the Christ Child, joined a procession of priests, acolytes and choir-boys. By flickering candlelight the procession filed over the stone steps leading to the grotto of the nativity. The vicar placed the tiny representation of Christ on the sacred spot where, many years before, the Redeemer came.

Nothing, says Goethe, is so terrible as activity without insight. Look before you leap is a maxim for the world.—Edwin Percy Whipple.

GOOD HEALTH



Answer to Question No. 1:

It is a disease of the nervous system that often strikes in the early twenties. Its cause is a medical mystery, and there is no known cure. A new organization, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, is however sponsoring a number of research programs in an effort to unlock the secrets of the disease.

Answer to Question No. 2:

About half the cases recover without any crippling after effects. One patient in four is left with paralysis that requires prolonged medical care. Others have slight after effects that can be helped by physical therapy,

surgery, or simple corrective devices. Extensive research is under way to try to discover the cause or causes of polio. Until more is known, the best hope of avoiding it lies in maintaining good general health.

Answer to Question No. 3:

Some 70 per cent of the body weight is salt water. We become thirsty when we lose enough water through sweat, excretions, or evaporation to upset the water-salt balance, according to one theory. Another view is that the thirst sensation results from drying of the mucous membrane of the throat.

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May the joy and peace of CHRISTMAS be with you — always!

Graves Jewelry



GREETINGS

Your good-will and friendship have been invaluable to us, and we take this time to extend our thanks and add to it...

OUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!
McLean Flower Shop
Verna Burris



There's a great big bow of good wishes on this bundle of happiness we hope you will find under your Christmas tree... it says, "Happy Holiday from all of us".

CONSUMERS SUPPLY

Ted Glass Arthur Dwyer



To greet you all, at CHRISTMAS and wish you many joys and blessings!

Johnnie F. Mertel

Shoe Shop



With warmth, good cheer about us, and folks -- gay and friendly, too -- may all the Season's pleasant notes... be our Christmas song to you!

Corinne's Style Shop

Greetings...



Best Wishes...

From All of Us at
Dysart Motor Co.
Your Friendly Ford Dealer