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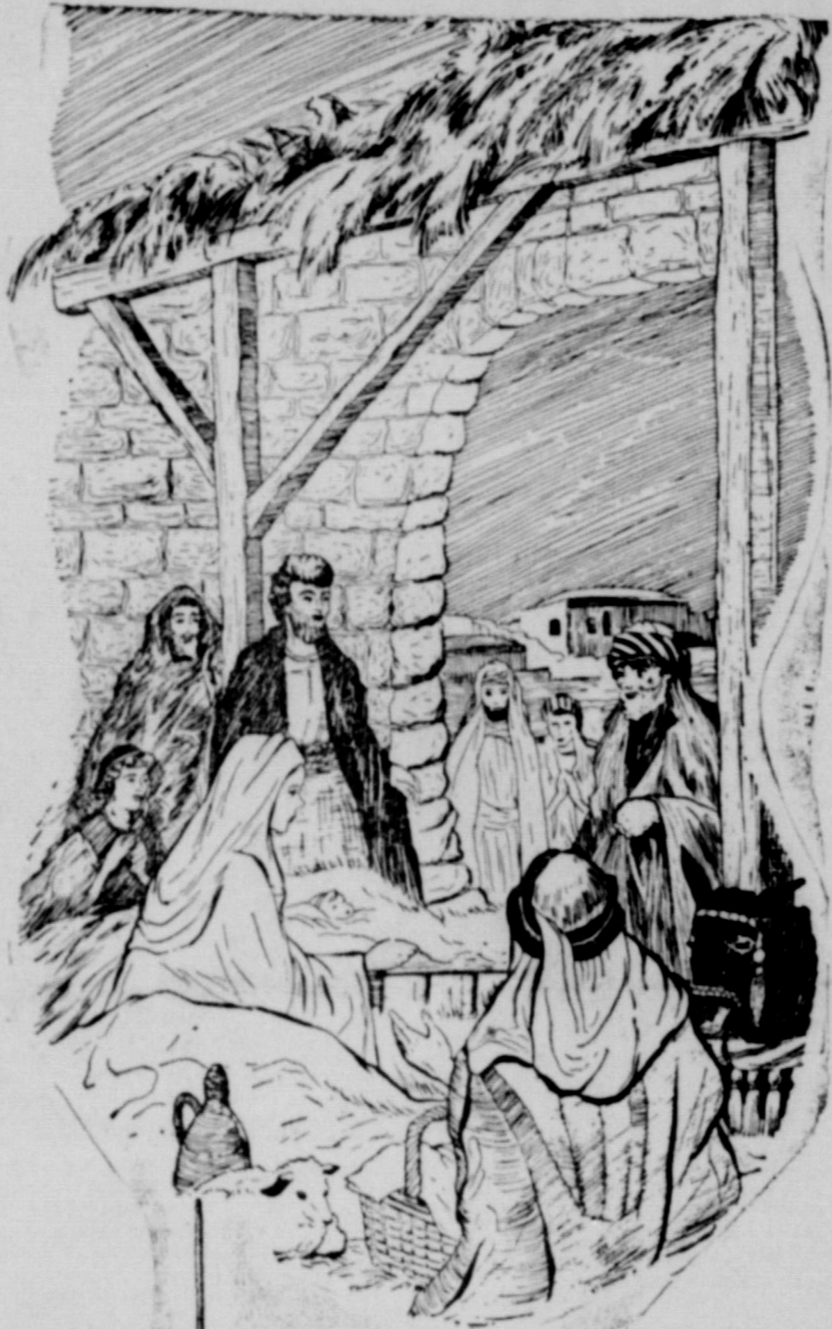
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THE CHRISTMAS STORY

the visit of the shepherds....

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.



the visit of the wise men...

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

the birth of Jesus.....

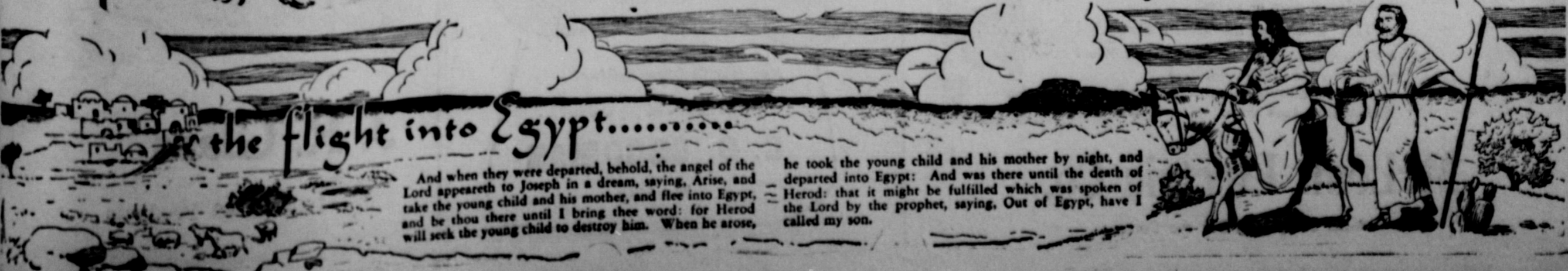
And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David; which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.



the flight into Egypt.....

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose,

he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt, have I called my son.



Stinnett Boys and Claude Girls Win Cage Tourney

The Stinnett boys and the Claude girls took top honors in the annual Jaycee basketball tournament, held last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in the Municipal Building.

The Stinnett team out-scored the Pampa B group in the finals Saturday night 67-60, to win the crown. The Claude girls, state champs in Class B last season, downed McLean's highly-rated girls 41-33 to win the girls' division.

Third-place honors for the boys went to the Miami team, which downed White Deer 53-45; and third-place in the girls' bracket went to Gruver, who downed Lefors 42-12 in the consolation finals for the girls.

Following the final game, Sammy Haynes, president of the McLean Junior Chamber of Commerce, presented trophies to the first, second, and third place teams. Haynes also presented smaller trophies to the high point boy, the best sportsman, and the best defensive player, and a similar number of girls chosen for these honors. Miniature basketballs were presented to the all-tournament teams, both boys and girls.

High point boy was E. J. McIlvain of Pampa, with his 82 points; high point girl was Bonita Bailey of McLean, with 100 points. Presented the best sportsmanship award for the boys was Billy Watson of Lefors, and for the girls, Beth Brooks of White Deer, a former McLean resident. Chosen as best defensive boy was Luther Brown of Claude, and best defensive girl, Joyce Bruner of McLean.

Named to the boys' all-tournament team were Brown of Claude, McIlvain of Pampa, Bill Williams of Stinnett, Ronald Mills of



ZEBRA GIRL
Stylish in the rain or shine manner is a coat by Lawrence of London which is completely reversible. Wear it on the striped side, or turn it around completely to the plain side. Both plain and stripe are Cone twin denims, color-coordinated to go together. The fabric is Zelan water repellent, the National Cotton Council reports.

White Deer, and Carl Williamson of Miami.

All-tournament girls' team included Latrice Moore of Claude, Kay Williams of Panhandle, Bailey and Mary Graham of McLean, Mary Gillham of Claude, and Jackie Thorenson of Gruver.

The McLean girls, in reaching the finals Saturday night, downed Miami 51-13, Canadian 61-33, and Groom 49-41. The local girls led at the half in the game with Claude in the finals by a score of 16-11, and by 23 to 21 at the end of three quarters. In the closing minutes, the Claude girls broke into the lead and then pulled away in the last two minutes. Claude, in gaining the finals, downed White Deer, Clarendon, and Panhandle.

The McLean boys' team, playing without the services of three earlier-season regulars who dropped off the roster Wednesday, surprised nearly everyone by reaching the semi-finals. In the opening game, the Tigers went by Clarendon 48-39, and in the quarter-finals, they downed Groom 41-39. They were ousted 68-38 by three speedy Stinnett team, eventual tournament champions, in the semi-finals Saturday afternoon. Coach Don Leach's starting line-up featured one senior and four sophomores. The boys were termed by practically all spectators as the "hustling-est" team in the tourney.

Stinnett, in getting to the finals, downed Panhandle in addition to McLean. The Pampa B team whipped White Deer, Alanreed, and Claude to reach the last game with Stinnett.

The weather, turning damp and making highways dangerous, almost hurt the tournament. However, attendance was good at all three night sessions, especially during the finals Saturday night, and fairly good during the day sessions.

Couple Hurt As Cars Collide Near Alanreed

Two people were critically injured, and two others less seriously hurt, in a head-on collision about three miles west of Alanreed on Highway 66 Saturday morning.

Critically injured were Roscoe Walter, 69 years of age, and Mrs. Dorothy Walter, about 60, both of Robinson, Ark. The two, a separated couple, were in a car which collided with Mr. and Mrs. Emil F. Anderson of Tucson, Ariz.

All four were taken to the Groom hospital for treatment.

Walter and Mrs. Walter were en route to Scottsdale, Ariz., to visit with a son, George Walter. Both were termed as being critically injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson suffered cuts and bruises and possible internal injuries. Their conditions were not believed to be critical. He is 56 years of age, and she is 54.

Four Unhurt In Car Collision

Four young men escaped serious injury early Saturday morning when the car in which they were riding side-swiped a trailer and turned over three times on Highway 66 about seven miles west of McLean.

The four men, students at Princeton, were en route to their homes in Amarillo and in California for the Christmas holidays. They were driving a 1953 Plymouth from Detroit, Mich., to San Diego, for a car dealer. The car was demolished in the accident.

The car in which the four men were riding came over a hill and apparently the driver did not see the trailer, hitched onto the rear of another car, in time to avoid the collision. The driver, Dick Herkert of San Diego, swerved the new car, which sideswiped the trailer and went into a ditch. There it overturned three times.

Others with Herkert were Frank Crews Jr. of Amarillo, and Dick Walker and Dennis Burns, of Los Angeles. Occupants of the other car were not learned.

Betty Dickinson Honored at Party On 14th Birthday

Betty Ruth Dickinson was honored recently with a birthday party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dickinson. She was 14 years old.

Decorative appointments featured the Christmas theme. After games were played, Betty opened many nice and useful gifts. Refreshments were served to Patricia Wiggins, Rolena Chase, Arteele Patterson, Glenda Smith, Helen Pearson, Ann Sligar, Monta Jean Kennedy, Frankie Smith, Pat Miller, Gayle Mullanax, Allan Lambert, Bob Stubblefield, Max Billingslea, Johnnie Pagan, and Maxie Lisman. Sending gifts were Marilyn Patterson, E. W. Riley, and Nancy Jean Dickinson.

Chevrolet Launches 1953 Drive



Maryanne Carney gamely faces the herculean task of filling out 8,000 newspaper advertising orders which will be used in the announcement of Chevrolet's widely discussed 1953 passenger cars. Actually, Maryanne will get plenty of help on the assignment, but her position among the stacks of insertion orders emphasizes the promotional tower behind the event.

Holiday King With Corn Bread Stuffing



There's something about a turkey that makes him a welcome guest in the house when the family gathers for Christmas. He is a regal bird alive, of course, and he's one that loses little grandeur when he has been cooked a golden brown and served astride the biggest platter in the house. And when he is cornbread stuffed, he's fit for even Santa Claus.

Try it ahead of time in a Sunday chicken if you want to be sure before preparing the holiday dinner. You will find corn bread stuffing good with any kind of bird, fish or meat.

ROAST TURKEY WITH CORN BREAD STUFFING

1 16-lb. turkey
2 teaspoons salt
1 cup chopped onion

2 cups bacon fat or margarine
4½ quarts broken corn bread (or part bread)
4 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons poultry seasoning
¼ teaspoon pepper
3 eggs, well beaten

Rub inside of oven-ready turkey with the 2 teaspoons salt. Cook onion in half of the bacon fat or margarine until soft, but not browned. Melt remaining fat and add with onion to corn bread. Mix well. Add seasoning and egg and stuff into turkey. Skewer, truss, rub skin with soft margarine or shortening, and place on a rack in an open roasting pan. Cover with melted margarine or shortening. Roast at a low temperature (300° F.) for 4 to 4½ hours, basting as needed.

Bobby Decker of Snyder came Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dysart and Gale Plummer are visiting this week in Pauls Valley, Okla., in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Birdwell and son Howard are spending the holidays in Hobbs, N. M., with the Birdwells' daughter, Mrs. Douglas Menefee and family.

Mrs. Lucy McCarty has returned from a visit in the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. John Bayless, in Borger.

Two out of three children are born at home rather than in a hospital.

Boyd Meador Home Wins First Place In Yule Judging

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Meador was judged as the best-decorated in McLean in selections of out-of-town judges Saturday night; and the window of the McLean Flower Shop was chosen as the best business window.

Placing second in the homes contest was the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lester Dysart; and third place went to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Campbell. Only one one place, that of first, was chosen in the business window contest.

No judging of the windows of the elementary school was done, following a decision last week-end. It had been originally planned to choose the best-decorated school window.

The contests were a part of the Christmas activities sponsored by the McLean Lions Club. Prizes of \$10, \$5, and \$2.50 are to go to the best-decorated homes, and a prize of \$10 for the best business window.

REVEILLE

... with the boys

New address: A/B Charles W. Bailey, AF 18437782; Flt. 1275, Sqd. 3703; Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Alfred Smith and daughter Patsy of Panama City, Fla., are here spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith.

TMSN Alvin Blacksher, recently returned to the states, is

Sophie Tucker, famous American entertainer, was born in Russia.

McLean Lions Club Tuesday, 12:15 Lions Hall - Visitors Welcome

WINTER WEATHER

... means that your home will be closed up more than during the summer months. And there's more danger of fire from gas fumes, fire from spontaneous combustion. So be sure your property can be replaced with your insurance coverage, in case disaster should come your way. We'll be glad to discuss an adjustment on your present insurance coverage.

BOYD MEADOR General Insurance

Season's Greetings

J. R. Glass
Phillips 66 Products

FREE AIR

This Christmas-time may come and go... Without a trace of ice and snow... Of sleigh bells, sleds, or reddened faces... For Christmas comes to many places... And while there's snow in some of them... There's likely none in Bethlehem... Just make "White Christmas" in your heart... For that is where the spirit starts... And make it happy, bright, and gay... With thoughts of Christ on His birthday.

To All of You
A Very Merry
Christmas

Chevron Gas Station
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Model 21T208

Model 21T208EN

RCA VICTOR Lambert

- The whole family will love this 21-inch RCA Victor set—and it's a wonderful buy!
- Exclusive "Magic Monitor" circuit system automatically adjusts the picture, filters out interference, steps up power!
- "Live" sound with the "Golden Throat."
- Cabinet finished in mahogany, walnut. Blond finish extra. Available with stand, also as complete console \$299⁹⁵ (21T208EN), both extra.

McLean Electric Co.
We Furnish Everything But the Current

Merry Christmas

May your Christmas holiday be filled with joy and fun...

C. O. GOODMAN
Plumbing

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
I have been a good girl all year and have studied my lessons. Will you please bring me a walking doll. Thank you very much.
Ernestine Fuqua
McLean, Texas
Will you please bring me a B-B gun, a football, a bicycle, a cash register, a camera, a flash camera, and an army car. I have a nice teacher. I am glad there is a Santa Claus in this city. Please bring me a Santa Claus. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Carolyn Sue Parker
McLean, Texas
I would like for you to bring me two guns with cowboys on the sides, a cash register, a Roy Rogers flash camera, and an army car. Be good to all the little boys and girls everywhere. With love,
Michael Reed Grogan

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that can walk and talk and a set of dishes, a pair of moccasins, a table and four chairs. Will you please bring my mother a pair of house shoes? I hope that I have not told you too much. Your friend,
Mary
McLean, Texas
Hello, Santa, my name is James and I am seven years old. I wish you would bring me a B-B gun with a secret compartment in the stock, and a larger bike like Mikey's, and a truck. Also fruit and pretty candy. I have been a pretty good boy and help my mother and daddy. Santa, please bring toys for all the boys and girls. Oh, yeah, Santa, I want a dog catcher truck. Thank you very much.
Jamsey Farris

Dear Santa Claus,
I like you very much. Bring me a bike, boxing gloves, house shoes, robe, Hopalong Cassidy, electric football game, guns, holster, and an identification bracelet. Hoping to see you Christmas Eve night, love,
Cas Dale Barker

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like to have a bike and some B-B's. My sister wants a leather jacket, and also I would like to have a scabbard for my scabbard knife, too. Your friend,
Butch

I am thankful for the Christmas season. I have been a good little boy. I would like to have an electric football game and a cowboy hat.
David Massay

I wish for a saucy walking doll. If you don't have a saucy walking doll, bring me any doll. Dear Santa, I will see you next Christmas. This is Donna Hinton. And don't forget the other boys and girls. Love,
Donna

I am a little girl three years old. I have been a pretty good girl. Will you please bring me a doll, tricycle, candy, nuts, apples, and oranges. Thank you, Santa.
Kathleen Herndon

I am going to write you a letter to let you know what I want for Christmas. I would like very much to have a record player and some records, too, and some red rubber boots. My little brother wants a train, and a tool chest. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Good-bye, Santa.
Ruby Lee and Junior Phillips

Dear Old Sweet Santa,
I am a little girl five years old, and I'll be honest with you, I haven't been a good girl, but if you will come to see me this Christmas I will promise you I'll be good the whole year of '53. If you will forgive me and come to see me this time, I would like you to bring me a walking doll, a house coat, cooking set, and a three-wheel bicycle. Santa, I won't ask for much this year, and I will try to be a better little girl next time. Please be good and bring my sister and brother, Alice and Norris Jr., lots of pretty things. Santa, be good and go by and see old Leon and Maudie; they have been good. And don't forget my Paw and Granny at Haskell and my grandmother at Odessa. Be sure and come to see my Uncle Charles who is living with us, and be good to my cousins, and please don't forget my mother and daddy. Bring them something, and be sure and leave us lots of nuts and candy and fruit. Santa, I think I will be at home this Christmas. We will leave our house unlocked and leave the things under the tree. We'll leave the lights on so you can see your way in. Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Santa and all the little brownies, and also the reindeers. Tell old Rudolph hello and Merry Christmas to him. All my love to you, Santa.
Donna Faye Cunningham

Santa, bring my little brother a dump truck, a wagon, and a dragline. My little brother, Norris Jr., said he wishes you and everybody at the North Pole a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
McLean, Texas

I would like to have a doll and some doll clothes. I am seven years old.
Juanita Ellis

First Community Tree At Christmas Was Held In City of Cleveland

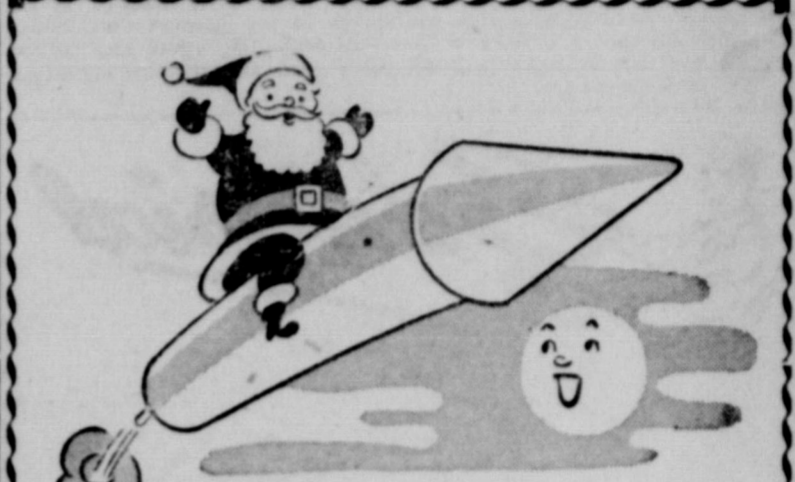
THE COMMUNITY Christmas tree idea was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1912. The community raised funds to defray the cost of the tree and celebrations through the sale of preferred stock in "Cleveland, the city of good will (unlimited), incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth of good cheer."
Holders of preferred stock were entitled to "dividends payable daily in the form of happy voices of robust children, the contented faces of friendly fellow citizens and the advancement of the city of good will."
Sale of stock was pushed everywhere, the most unique place being the Cleveland stock exchange where the stock was listed at the head of other securities. The sale brought \$12,000, which purchased Christmas cheer for 13,000 citizens, as well as the first community Christmas for the city.



SNOWMEN FOR YOU . . . Your local lumber dealer may have patterns for these plywood and hardboard "snowmen" which you can make yourself. If not, use this picture for a pattern and go to work.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
We are twin boys six years old. Will you please bring us a train, blackboard, two singing tops, two guns with holsters, transport truck, and a station. If you can, bring candy, nuts, and fruit. Thank you, Santa.
Durwood and Darel Herndon
McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old and I have tried to be good. Santa, bring me some dishes and a big surprise package. Don't forget my little brother Richard. He is three years old. He wants
Patty McIlroy
McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am a little girl. I want a big doll, doctor kit, and a cash register, and nuts. I love you,
Kathryn Ann Harlan
McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a big doll. Please bring me a big doctor set. Please bring me a big doll house. He is three years old. He wants
Linda Joyce Guill



Greetings Friends

There's no limit to all the cheer we wish for you at Christmas

Charlie Thut
County Clerk



Merry Christmas

BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS
O. K. Lee & Son
Seed . . . Feed . . . Produce

Christmas Game

Snapdragon was a favorite Christmas game in England more than 200 years ago; it is still played in modified form in England and America.
The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be deposited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other spirit was poured over the fruit and ignited. The bystanders then endeavored to grasp a raisin, by plunging their hands through the flames. A carol, called "The Song of Snapdragon," accompanied the game.

Serving of Boar's Head One of Old Christmas Customs

Of the customs that grew up around the Christmas festival in Merrie England, the serving of the boar's head was one of the most stirring. It endures to this day at Queen's college, Oxford, where the 50-pound tusked head—a lemon in



God Bless Christmas

"There are many things from which I might have derived good, by which I have not profited, I dare say," returned the nephew. "Christmas among the rest. But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come around, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; and, therefore, uncle, though it had never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I say, God bless it!"—Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol."

its grinning jaws—is borne in on a great silver dish, escorted by trumpeters and candle bearers.
In the olden days there was an appropriate chant, half carol and half ritual, that the gentlemen used to bellow at the moment the dish troubled the board:
Then set down the swineyard,
The foe to the vineyard,
Let Bacchus crown his fall,
Let this boar's head and mustard
Stand for pig, goose and custard,
And so ye are welcome all.

The Prophecy

Isaiah 9:6
For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

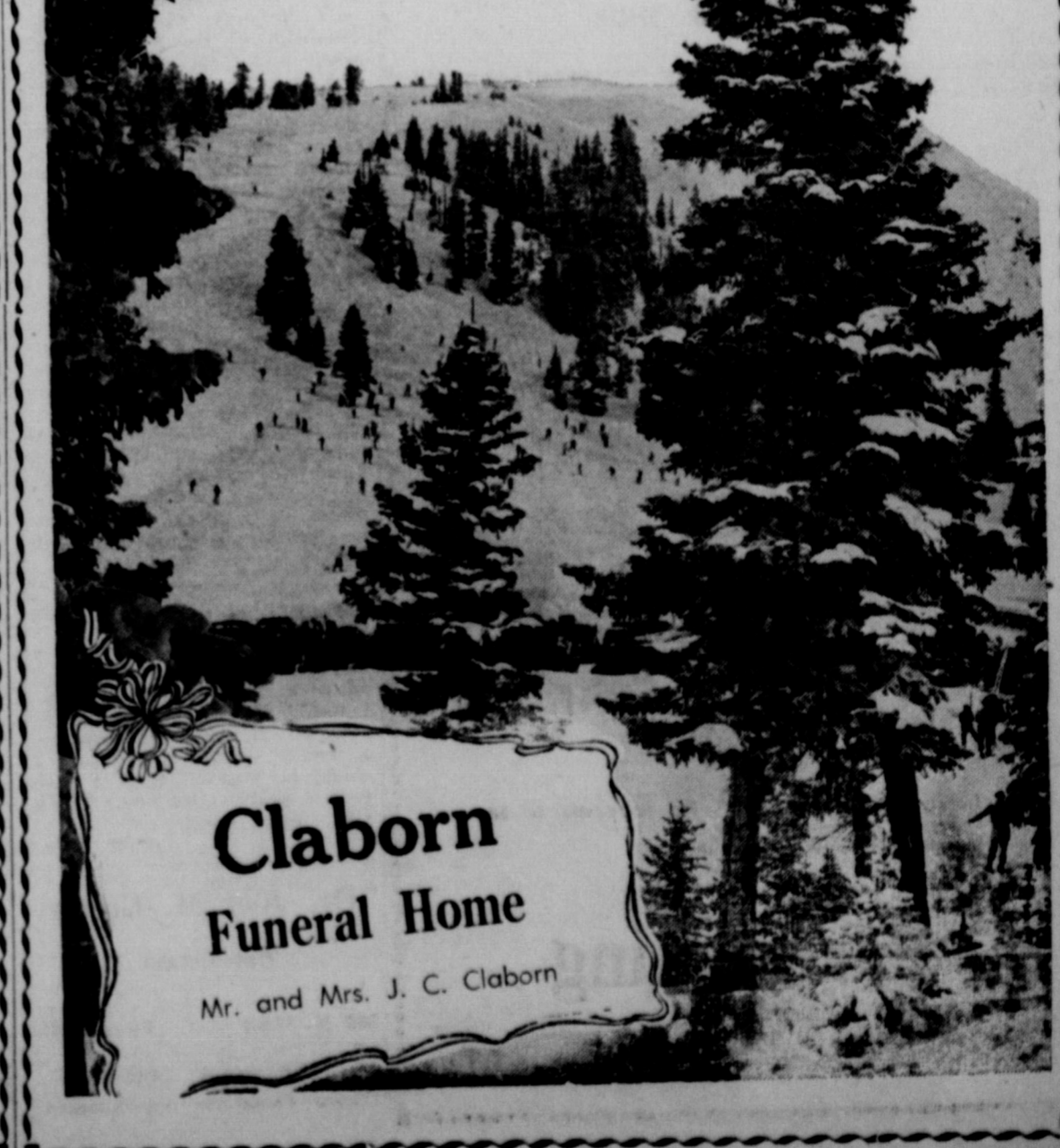


OUR YULETIDE WISHES

Now, as in ancient times, may the guiding light of Christmas be yours.
Blue and White
Laundry
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bragg

Merry Christmas

May this Christmas Season be forested with an ever-green bounty of happiness for each of you.



Claborn Funeral Home

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Claborn

The crackling of holly leaves.
mistletoe over the door....
caroling voices of children
what could this mean but Christmas?

The crackling of holly leaves, mistletoe over the door, caroling voices of children . . . what else could this mean but Christmas? Yes, that joyous day is here and we of this organization wish you the most delightful one anybody could have.
Mead's
Fine Bread
Lewis Martin, Local Distributor

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Editorial

We wish that we could think of some way different to say what we want to say at this time. But maybe the old way of saying it is still the best way. So . . . a Merry, Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Happy New Year to each and

Greetings

It's the season of open hearts, when warm wishes glow on the open hearth of friendship!



Smoky Price

CITY BARBER SHOP



To wish you joy...

May yours be filled with the happiness of an old-fashioned Merry Christmas!

Harris King

Your Oldsmobile Dealer

LES TALK

By LESTER

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, Please bring to all of us the wisdom which will enable us to better understand our fellow man; the knowledge which will open our eyes to the strength and comfort which lies in faith in God; the strength which can come only thru His hand; the power to bring peace and good will on this earth; the happiness, contentment, joy, and peace of mind to which every child born on this earth is entitled to. These things I ask for are not impossible, dear Santa, and I realize that it may take you some time to bring all of them. But I, along with millions of other people on this earth, want them, more than power and greed and riches. We will all be expecting you Christmas morning. Your ever believer, The Editor

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am five years old, and of course I have tried to be a good boy. Would you please bring me a basketball and net, pop-gun, a cattle truck, tool chest, knife, and Santa, would you think I was a sissy if I asked for a doll? I just want it to sleep with. If not, please tell daddy. Remember all the other little boys and girls and bring us lots of nuts, and candy. Your pal, Donnie Clemmons

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a little girl four years old. My mama (grandma) says I have been pretty good for a whole week, and would you please bring me a doll, doll house, and a great big little wagon, and anything else you think I should have. You see I have a double celebration; I have a birthday, too. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Love, Tricia Lynn Pardue (Westfall)

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little four-year-old girl and have tried to be good, but my temper gets away sometimes. I want a little doll with pig tails and a record player. Also I want some fruit, nuts, and candy. Please remember all the other little boys and girls. Love, Martina Giesler

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a little girl almost four years old. Would you please bring me a doll with hair to comb, also some house shoes and dishes. I have been a pretty good girl. Don't forget my new baby sister Rhonda Ann, who is three and one-half months old. Also remember I have a big sister, Jacqueline. Leave our toys in Lawton, Okla., as I will be visiting my uncle and aunt. Oh, yes, don't forget the nuts, candy, and all the other little boys and girls. I love you. Jana Gay Davis

McLean, Texas

Dear Old Santa, I am a big girl 10 years old and in the fifth grade. I haven't been a good girl this year, but please bring something this year and I will promise to be good next Christmas when you come. Please bring me a house coat, gown, and a set of glass dishes, and I ask for one more thing, and that will be all, and it will be a silver wall set. Do not forget my mama and daddy and my uncle who is staying with us, and my Granney Mommy who lives in Odessa, and my Granny and Paw at Haskell. Bring my teacher and my class and everyone else candy, nuts, and fruit, and I hope you and Mrs. Santa and the brownies at your shop at the North Pole have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love, Alice Cunningham

P. S.—Santa, don't forget Leon and Maudie. Bring them lots of nuts and candy, and tell Rudolph I said hello and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Santa, please hurry up and come. Bye-bye to everybody at the North Pole.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, Will you please bring me a bicycle, a drum, electric train. I am eight years old. Of course, I would like to have a lot of toys, but if you could bring me a few of what I write about I would be glad. I think I have been a pretty good boy. Thank you. Yours truly, Paul Pierce

Dr. Joel M. Gooch
Optometrist

307 N. Wall Phone 800
Shamrock, Texas
Please Phone for Appointments

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I want a doll that I can wash her hair, and I want some doll clothes, and lots of nuts. Bye, Santa. LaVon

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am in the second grade. I want an electric football game, a battery car, and a bicycle. Be sure and remember all the other boys and girls. Love, Joel David Meacham

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I would like a bicycle and a .22 rifle, a box of shells for my Christmas. Your friend, Ben

Nancy Hawks was the mother of Abraham Lincoln.



A wish for all on this happy day—for all good things to come your way!

Mrs. W. M. Rhodes

Your Avon Representative



SEASON'S Greetings

Ever appreciative of your friendship and patronage, we extend to one and all our friendly greetings that you may enjoy a bright and merry Christmas . . . And, may this Holiday Season mark a happy beginning that foretells happiness and contentment . . . not only at Yuletide, but forever . . . and ever more.

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The Home of

Gunn Bros. Stamps expresses to each of you sincere gratitude for your support in the past. May your Christmas be all you desire, and your New Year happy and prosperous.

Man of Bethlehem

Christ is a God whom we approach without pride, and before whom we may abase ourselves without despair.—Pascal.

As the print of the seal on the wax is the express image of the wax itself, so Christ is the express image—the perfect representation—of God.—Ambrose.

The devotion to the person of Christ that steers clear of the doctrines and precepts of Christ, is but sentimental rhapsody. — Herrick

This is part of the glory of Christ compared with the chiefest of servants that He alone stands the absolute center of humanity, in one completely harmonious unfolding all which was in humanity, equally and full on all sides, the only one in whom the ideal met and were absolute one. He is the absolute and perfect truth, the highest that humanity can reach; at once its perfect image and supreme Lord.—



ACTIVITY SCENE . . . This scene is repeated on thousands of lawns of private homes and public buildings in the home towns of the nation during the Christmas season.

Christmas 'Open House' Has Early Saxon Custom

AT CHRISTMASTIDE, the great hall of the Saxon lord was open to peasant and noble alike—all mingling democratically exchanging gifts and hearty cheer during a great feast and festivity composed of dance and song. With a tremendous burst of singing, the Yule Log was dragged into the hall and placed in the open fire pit. These democratic Christmas festivities lasted till the last dying embers of the

Original Place of Santa Claus Said to Be in Italy

SANTA CLAUS, otherwise St. Nicholas, otherwise the one-eyed bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, died in Bari, Italy. His body was stolen from its original tomb by Italian sailors, who thought it in 1087 that a saint's body brought prosperity and good luck to their town.

St. Nicholas, who was tortured and imprisoned for his faith during the reign of Emperor Diocletian, had no rest in his first tomb at Bari. Always some expedition was attempting to remove his remains. However, once buried again in Bari, the saint's body was credited with curing 30 people of distemper and performing other miracles. So Bari became a place of pilgrimage, and the legends about St. Nicholas multiplied apace.

We owe our notion of Santa Claus to a secret dispenser of gifts to a boy that St. Nicholas once saved from a life of prostitution by throwing purses of gold through a window in Patara, thus relieving a poverty stricken man to give his daughters suitable dowries as custom demanded.

In addition, St. Nicholas was credited with restoring life to some who had been slain and discovered by a wicked innkeeper in Myra—hence the occasional stained glass windows in which the saint is shown beside three lads in a tub.



THE OUT . . . Santa Claus uses in his Christmas Eve to sometimes to pick up a dog and ice cream cone at night hamburger stand.

SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy eight years old and I am in the third grade. I want two Roy Rogers guns and holsters. Please remember every little boy and girl on Christmas Day. Thank you very much. I love you.
Robert McDonald
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl three years old, and have been a good little girl, and please don't forget me. I would like a great big doll, and any other kind of toys you want to bring me; also candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget my two brothers, Bill and Jimmy Ray, and all my little cousins; also remember Granny and Paw, and my mother and daddy. Now I will be looking for you, so don't disappoint me. I love you lots. Your friend,
Judy Margaret Kingston
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a tool set. Please bring me a gun set.
Ricky Don Gull
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a Toni doll? Bring my brother a football. I love you very much. Your friend,
Sherry Biggers
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a boxing bag, a B-B gun, a sled, and a knife for Christmas. Your friend,
Johnny Glass
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa Claus. Do you love me? I want you to bring me a doll; also I would like you to bring my little brother a gun and my big brother a football and basketball. Your friend,
Sue Adams
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I would like a gun and holster, also a drum. Santa, I also want a football, and a pair of boots. I love you, Santa. I have been a good boy. Your friend,
Douglas
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a 30-30 rifle, also a B-B gun, and an electric clock for Christmas. Your friend,
Clyde Allen Windom
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the third grade. I want a doll, doll buggy, and candy. Bring my little sister a doll and doll buggy, too. Love,
Linda McCurley
McLean, Texas

Yule Tree Business Figured in Millions

CHRISTMAS TREES are a multi-million dollar business. Throughout the nation, some 15 million trees are supplied to the holiday demand. Prices range from \$1 to \$5, and that adds up to real money.

A Christmas tree, in the lake states, is usually a balsam or a spruce. The same is true in New England and the Appalachian section. Elsewhere in the country, virtually all kinds of evergreens are used.

The lodgepole pine and Douglas fir are frequently used in Colorado. On the Pacific coast, it is principally Douglas fir.

In Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D. C., a scrub pine takes a trimming.

In other localities, white pine, southern pine, hemlock, red and white cedar and redwood are used.

The business of harvesting this annual crop begins in the fall, when cutters go into the woods after trees. It continues as truckers bring huge loads to metropolitan markets.

Many land owners manage their swamps to make them yield a crop of trees year after year. Thinning operations are another source of Yule trees.

Farmers have discovered that they can get a cash crop from eroded acres by harvesting Christmas trees 10 or 15 years after they are planted.

'Hansel and Gretel' Join the Procession

The original score of "Hansel and Gretel" was composed by Engelbert Humperdinck as a Christmas piece.

The musical fairy tale created a sensation.

Since Humperdinck was one of Wagner's most intimate assistants, his harmonies have been dubbed "Wagnerian" and since fairy tales and nursery rhymes are appropriate at Christmas, "Hansel and Gretel" has joined the procession of traditional Christmas music.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl in the third grade. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a toy telephone operator set; also some candy, and nuts. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Please remember my cat Fluffy. Love,
Doris Van Huss
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Will you please bring me a monopoly set, a new doll, and a new bicycle, and a telescope? I would also like a pair of moccasins. I hope I have not told you too much. Your friend,
Cinda Pugh
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a walking doll, an electric toy range, a play tent, also table and some chairs for Christmas. Your friend,
Donna Sue G.
McLean, Texas

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl nine years old. I want a doll and I want some doll clothes. Please bring me plenty of candy and nuts. Your friend,
Joy May Richardson
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a boy 11 years old and I hope I have been good. For Christmas I would like a wagon, gun and holsters, and also a zipper notebook of cowhide. Please don't disappoint me and my brother and sister, my mother and daddy, and my Granny and Paw. Also my brother wants a

notebook, too; he forgot to put it in his letter to you. Fill my stockings full of candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget us. Your friend,
Bill Kingston Jr.
P. S.—Please don't forget my teacher, Miss Bledsoe. I think she has been good.
Janice Page
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I would like a duster and a pair of moccasins. Please bring mother and daddy a new stove. Daddy would like a new shirt. My brother wants a toy car. Good-bye you, dear old man, merry Christmas to you. Your friend,
Janice Page
McLean, Texas

McLean Flower Shop
Verna Burris

Christmas Greetings
May good health and happiness provide the background for your Holiday.

66 Service Station
C. D. Giddiens

Dear Santa,
My name is Marilyn. I am seven years old. Please bring me a doll and a table and chairs. I would like a house coat, nuts and candy. Don't forget my sister and brother and other boys and girls. Thank you, Santa, and I hope you have a merry Christmas.
Marilyn McIlroy
McLean, Texas



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Season's Greetings

For your kind thoughts . . . for your friendly support . . . for the many courtesies and hearty cooperation which you have given us during the past year, we thank you sincerely.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Season's Greetings

From the more than 1800 men and women who are Your Public Service Company. May the spirit of Christmas live in your home on every day, and all your bright hopes and dreams for the new year become happy reality.

SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a road grader, a bulldozer, a dump truck, and a van truck, some books and an archery set. Please, Santa, I have been a pretty good boy. Your friend,
Ricky Dean Smith

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Will you please bring me a football, an electric train, a horse, two guns, and a B-B gun. Love,
Owen Pixler

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a good boy. I wish you would bring me a gun, candy, and a horse. Don't forget the other children. Love,
Bobby Lee Gilbreath

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a boy nine years old. I want you to bring me a crow shoot, a tool set, a truck, candy, and nuts. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Love,
James Watson

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl nine years

old in the third grade. I would like for you to bring me a doctor set, and a doll. Would you please bring my little brother a gun and a truck. He is four years old and he likes toys very much. Love,
Helen Smith

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a doll set, a radio for my room, and also a billfold. My stocking will be hanging by the door. Please don't forget Skipper (my dog). Thank you.
Nancy Jean Dickinson

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a boy in the third grade. I want a truck, a car, a gun, and a tractor. Love,
Gary Riley

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I would like a Cub Scout ring and bracelet, two guns and holsters, house shoes, robe, and a Hopalong Cassidy radio and a city football game. I hope you remember my brothers and sister. I hope we are awake to see you Christmas. Love,
Robert Barker

Egyptians Made Elaborate Dolls For Children

No one knows for sure who made the first doll, but it can be assumed the earliest figures were sacred-gods and ancestor images. These doll-like forms were not toys for the delight of children, but solemn religious figures that preserved the tribe from harm.

Then, somehow, somewhere, a change took place. Dolls became a toy for girls and the most popular Christmas toy of them all.

Dolls have been discovered in Egyptian tombs and ruins, some even had real hair; some were ivory, carved by craftsmen for a king's daughter; others were made of straw by an overworked mother in a peasant's hut.

In ancient Greece dolls were played with and cherished by little girls until they were ready to be married. Then (their dolls were taken to the shrine of a favorite goddess) and, often with tears, presented to her. The Roman children played with dolls, too, but after the fall of the Empire there came a long period in which there is no record of dolls.

Not until the thirteenth century when dolls were made in Nuremberg and dressed in the fashions of the times did little girls again play with dolls. They were here to stay.

By and by in Europe, the French fashion dolls became all the rage, not for children to play with but as models from which fine ladies could pattern their own modish costumes.

In America, the Indian children had dolls of their own made of rawhide and feathers and wood. Pioneer children had dolls much like these, and some were made of braided cornhusks, or nuts, or corncobs, or rags, and were dearly loved in spite of their plainness.

Much later, lifelike dolls were imported from Germany, where the doll industry had reached enormous proportions. These dolls had fine china heads with carefully painted faces and kid bodies that were jointed at the arms and legs. Later there came the Japanese-made dolls, which were inexpensive enough for almost any child to own. Then the American-made dolls began to appear—the special dolls, the kewpies, billikens, Buster Browns, teddy bears, Patsy dolls and Shirley Temples and phonograph dolls, with all the host of others that have followed and which are still to come. For dolls always will be part of childhood and part of Christmases as long as there are little girls and boys to play with them, and parents and fond kinfolk to buy.

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle, watch, and a doll, too. Love,
Mary Ann Smith

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy eight years old. I want a Bible, a doctor set, and a Roy Rogers carbine rifle. Love,
Eddie Kunkel

Pampa, Texas, Star Rt. 2
Dear Santa,
I've been a pretty good boy for the last few days. My mother says you have so many children to see that you can bring me only one thing. Let it be a dump truck. Then tell my grandpa to bring me some trucks; also I'd like a few old nails and more scrap lumber. I have a new brother since last Christmas. Please bring him some toys with all the wheels on them. Bring my grandmother a new book. The "Nurse's Rhyme Book" is about gone. If you have any rain or snow at the north pole, please bring some with you—my daddy would like it. My mother needs a new hair brush. Do you have any with a nice soft brist? Remember my friends, Clay, Rocky, Thacker, Mikey, Mr. Body, and Mr. Cool. Thank you, and I promise to be a good boy at least until the 26th. Love,
Billie Felton Webb

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a wagon, gun, and holster. Also my little sister wants a doll. I love you very much. Your friend,
Jimmy Ray Kingston

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun, also some spurs and a croquet set. Would you please bring my little brother a gun, some candy, a train, and a puppet set, also a coffee pot for my mother. Your friend,
Michael Nicholson

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a telescope, and a basketball for Christmas. Also I want some bazuka bubble gum. Your friend,
James R. S. J.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I would like a Toni doll. My little sister wants a color book. My brother wants a bicycle. I have been a good girl. Your friend,
Gloria Jean Foley

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a walking doll and a pair of skates and a monopoly set? I have a little brother. He wants a tractor and a gun that shoots shells. I want a Cinderella watch also. Your friends,
Pamela and Johnny Mann

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy, and I would like to have a chemistry set, also two boxes of shells, a gun and a holster. I wish you would also bring me a train and a truck, and that is all. Your friend,
Charles

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like to have a .22 rifle and a box of shells. Also bring my brother a B-B gun with some shells. I love you. Your friend,
Truitt

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want you to bring me a wagon and a jeep with real lights. Don't forget to bring everyone else, too. Love,
Jimmy Butrum

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like to have an electric train, and a cap gun. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Your friend,
James Stewart

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a girl in the third grade. I would like for you to bring me a panda bear. Please do. Love,
Mary Ann Carter

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a good girl in the third grade. I would like a doll, a pair of skates, and a dress. Please bring them to me for Christmas. Don't forget the other boys and girls in other countries. Love,
Mary Pearson

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl in the third grade. I would like for you to bring me a walkie-talkie set, a doll, and some doll clothes. Love,
Karen Ann Day

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I would like a gun and holster, also a drum. Santa, I want a football, also a pair of boots. I love you, Santa. I have been a good boy. Your friend,
Douglas

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl eight years old. I have been a good girl, I hope. I want a walking doll, and a pair of roller skates. Will you please bring them to me for Christmas? I would like a new accordion, too. Don't forget the little boys and girls in other countries. Your friend,
Betty Ruth Dilbeck

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy. Please bring me a road grader, and two cap guns. Your friend,
Jimmy Don Anders

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a sled, a road grader, two guns, and shells to go in my guns. Love,
David Jenkins

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy six years old, and go to school and like my teacher. I have been a good boy. For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a road grader or a wind-up train. Be sure and don't forget my little brother Donald. He will be one year old

December 26. He would like a little teddy bear or a little doll. Don't forget my teacher and the other boys and girls. Your friend,
Millard Smith

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy five years old. I would like for you to bring me a gun that shoots sparks, a steam shovel. Please remember all the other boys and girls, especially my little cousins, and Tommy, and my big cousin Jim. Love,
Joe Fred

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby doll clothes, sewing machine, a ruler. My little sister wants a doll house, high chair and bed. We have both tried to be good. Santa, how are you doing? Are you working hard? Love,
Toni Mc

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I would like to have a walking doll, also a bicycle. My little sister wants a diamond bracelet and some earrings. Your friend,
Emmie Green



JOY
to the world...

Our wish to you this joyful Holiday Season is as old as St. Nick and as sincere as the spirit of his smile—
Merry Christmas!

Johnnie F. Mertel Shoe Shop
Men's and Boys' Boots, Handmade
Ladies' Hand-Tooled Bags




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C. J. and Bill Cash
Magnolia Products

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy nine years old. I want a six shooter, and some cars. Please remember every boy and girl on Christmas Day. Thank you very much. Love,
Lloyd Boydston

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I will be five years old two days after Christmas and I have tried to be a good boy even when I go to the dentist. Please bring me a wagon, with sideboards, and a punching bag. Don't forget my two big sisters. Love,
Joe Lynn Magee



IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDLINESS AND GOOD CHEER, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY FAVORS AND SINCERELY WISH YOU AN OLD-FASHIONED YULETIDE

Lewis M. Goodrich
District Judge



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**Churches to Have
'Watch' Services**
 Two churches plan watch night
 services at their respective church-
 es on New Year's Eve night,
 December 31.
 The First Baptist Church will
 have a service at the church be-
 ginning at 7:30 o'clock.
 The young people of the Mc-
 Lean Methodist Church are plan-
 ning a similar service at their
 church the same evening. Time
 for the Methodist program to
 start was not announced.

Hot Water Heater Fire Does Little Damage in Local Church

What could have been a dis-
 astrous fire was discovered in
 the McLean Methodist Church at
 about 6:30 o'clock Friday morn-
 ing, and little damage resulted.
 The fire was in the water heater
 in the kitchen of the church, and

the gas, with a high pressure, was
 flaming high out of the heater
 when discovered by S. A. Cousins,
 who lives immediately west of
 the church.
 The high pressure on the gas

line was caused when the gas
 regulator near the meter froze
 during the night. Automatic
 heating stoves in the church cut
 out, leaving a high pressure on
 the heater. When this pressure
 overcame the thermostat on the
 water heater, the flames became
 high and were in danger of ig-
 niting the building itself.
 The high flames were noticed
 when Mrs. Cousins was awakened
 by a peculiar sound coming from

the Cousins kitchen. Their home
 is on the same gas line, and the
 pressure became high there, too,
 causing the pilot light on the
 kitchen range to make the range
 hot and also causing the porcelain
 finish to crackle.
 Cousins then remembered that
 the church is on the same line,
 and looked toward the church and
 saw the red glow coming from
 the church kitchen. He called
 for the fire department, but the
 siren alarm was also frozen, and
 the telephone operator on duty
 had to notify fire department
 members by telephone. W. W.
 Boyd, a neighbor, was summoned,
 and the Cousins' and Boyds
 thawed out the gas regulator
 and then went to the church. By
 the time other firemen arrived,
 the fire had been quenched.
 The high pressure on the gas



'Twas the Night Before Christmas--

(Texas Style, That Is!)

'Twas the night before Christmas
 In Texas, you know,
 'Way out on the prairie
 (Without any snow).

The driver in Levis
 And shirt that was red,
 Had a ten-gallon Stetson
 On top of his head.

Asleep in their cabin
 Were Buddy and Sue
 A dreamin' of Christmas
 Like me and like you.

As he stepped from the buckboard
 He really was a sight,
 With his beard and mustaches
 So curly and white.

Not stockings, but boots,
 At the foot of their bed,
 For this was in Texas—
 What more need be said?

As he burst in the cabin
 The children awoke
 And both, so astonished,
 That neither one spoke.

When all of a sudden
 From out of the still night,
 There came such a ruckus
 It gave me a fright!

As he filled up their boots
 With such presents galore,
 That neither could think
 Of a single thing more.

And I saw 'cross the prairie
 Like a shot from a gun,
 A loaded-up buckboard
 Come on at a run.

When Buddy recovered
 The use of his jaws,
 He asked, in a whisper,
 "Are you Santa Claus?"

The driver was "Geein' "
 And "Hawin' " with a will;
 The hosses (not reindeer)
 He drove with such skill.

"Am I the REAL Santa?
 Well, what do you think?"
 And he smiled as he gave
 A mysterious wink.

"Come on there, Buck, Poncho,
 And Prince, to the right!
 There'll be plenty of travelin'
 For you-all tonight."

Then he leapt in his buckboard,
 And called back in his drawl,
 "To all the children of Texas,



Turkey Pie

Make post-holiday cooking easy with Turkey Pie.
 Your family will be convinced you're still pampering them!

Cover creamed turkey with biscuit cubes—so the king of the
 Christmas feast may reign a second day in regal splendor!
 You'll agree that hot, tender biscuits make turkey taste even
 better. Accompany this second-day treat with spiced crabapples. For
 dessert, buy chocolate brownies and ice cream and serve with lots of
 coffee.

This meal is a double treat for you, the cook. That's because it is
 quick and easy to prepare. And you certainly deserve a rest after
 the holiday cooking and baking.

To make the main dish even more simple, use a can of condensed
 mushroom soup and 1/2 cup milk instead of the mushrooms and white
 sauce.

Turkey Pie rates high nutritionally. The turkey is protein-rich
 and the biscuits, when you use enriched flour, contain extra B-vitamins
 and iron.

Turkey Pie is as easy on the food budget as it is on the busy cook.
 Each serving, sans the turkey, costs but 12 cents.

TURKEY PIE
 1 cup coarsely chopped, cooked turkey
 1/2 cup mushrooms
 1 cup chopped, cooked celery
 2 cups medium white sauce
 Salt and pepper to taste
 Biscuits

Mixing ingredients and pour into greased 1 1/4-quart casserole. Ar-
 range biscuits on top.

BISCUITS
 2 cups sifted enriched flour
 3 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 to 3/4 cup milk
 1 teaspoon salt
 2 to 4 tablespoons shortening

Mix together flour, baking powder
 and salt. Cut or rub in shortening.
 Add milk to make a soft dough.
 Roll out on lightly floured board
 and knead gently 30 seconds. Roll
 out 1/2 inch thick. Cut with floured
 biscuit cutter or knife and place
 on top of turkey mixture. Bake in
 hot oven (450° F.) 15 to 20 min-
 utes. Makes 4 servings.

Merry Christmas

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

O. L. Tibbets
 Commissioner-Elect

Merry Christmas, You-All!"

The McLean News

Lester . . . Martha . . . Eunice . . . Lydia . . . Harold

Does Jesus Believe in Santa Claus?



When Patsy asks this question, "Does Jesus Believe in Santa Claus?" Her parents like millions of other parents are brought face to face with the necessity of making clear that Christmas is more than a holiday—it is a Holy Day.

A plan to make Christmas a Holy Day by special observance in the home, and one that every parent can follow, is suggested by J. Manning Potts, editor of The Upper Room, Nashville, Tennessee. The reading of the story of Jesus' birth from the Bible is a Christmas custom that has been followed in some families for generations. Dr. Potts says that if the family will have a time of carol singing, meditation and prayer along with the reading of the Christmas story, it may mark the

beginning of family devotions. He adds, "What better time than the birthday of Jesus to begin such an observance?"

"Does Jesus Believe in Santa," is a quotation from the radio program "Christmas is a Holy Day" which will be heard on hundreds of stations across America on Christmas Day. It is a public service program of the radio stations and The Upper Room which is the world's most widely used devotional guide.

Every family is urged to have a real family worship service on Christmas Day. Suggestions for such an observance can be found in The Upper Room and other devotional guides. If a devotional guide is not available, Dr. Potts says, "Your Pastor will be glad to help you."

40 Years Ago—
IT HAPPENED HERE

Taken from the Files of The McLean News, 1912

Christmas Merry

Christmas in this vicinity was a merry one, indeed, and many entertainments and dinners were enjoyed. There were Christmas trees at the Methodist and Presbyterian churches on Tuesday evening, and both were not only beautifully decorated but laden with numerous and handsome gifts. There were also specially pleasing programs rendered at both churches.

The population in general seemed to enjoy the glad season and proceeded to celebrate in more ways than one. Quite a few limbed of the joy water rather freely, and the midnight hours were made to resound with the overplus of their exuberance.

Now that it is all over, business has again settled down to its normal swing and prosperity still stalks unafraid in the land.

Methodists Get Communion Set

In the communion set contest, which closed at the Vannoy Jewelry establishment on Christmas Eve night, the Methodist church was the winner by a majority of 133 votes. The Baptist church was second in the race.

This beautiful set is of quadruple silver and is a most valuable gift.

Christmas Dinner

The News man and wife were one of a happy party that enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Cooke on Christmas Day. Mrs. Cooke has an enviable fame as a caterer and on this, as on previous occasions, she added laurels to her crown. Everything the heart could wish and the appetite crave was there in great abundance, and the big party of friends gave themselves up to the task of destroying it with a right good will. Mr. and

Mrs. Cooke were the recipients of several beautiful gifts. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Upham, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver and family, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Vannoy and small daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, A. A. Callahan, and Miss Tommie Cooke.

Baptist S. S. Class Christmas Party In Church Parlor

The Willing Workers Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church met Thursday night, December 18, for its annual Christmas dinner and party in the church parlor, with Mrs. Blanche Giddens as hostess.

The decorative appointments featured the Christmas theme.

The program was as follows: Devotional, Mrs. Edna Price; prayer, Mrs. Margaret Massay; "A Christmas Story," Mrs. Margaret Wells; reading, Mrs. Giddens; Christmas carols were sung by the group, and gifts were exchanged.

Those attending were Mesdames Faye Wiggins, Fern Johns, Rae Simpson, Pauline Guthrie, Bonnie Edwards, Olene Brown, Thelma Nicholas, LaHoma Herron, Hazel Smith, Edna Graham, Odie Claiborn, Mary Joyce Boyd, Mildred Giesler, Lydia Smith, Louise McDonald, Una Newsom, Price, Massay, Wells, and Giddens; Misses Margaret Glass and Marjorie Fowler; and Martina Giesler and Bobby Gail McDonald.

Baculine punishment is flogging with rods.

Grooving the edges of coins is called "milling."

Early Yuletide Thought Pagan By Christians

CHRISTMAS, like any other blessed institution has had to fight its battles. The first great enemy of Christmas was the Roman empire whose pagan emperors determined to blot out all kinds of Christian rites.

Then when Roman Emperor Constantine Christianized the empire other enemies of Christmas arose. One course of contention was: Is December 25 really Christmas? Some said Christ was born on January 6; others held for March 29. Some set April 21 as His birthday. Nobody knew with complete confidence just when to celebrate Christmas. At last, in the fourth century, Pope Julius I settled the matter in favor of our present date. His decision was accepted.

From the first there had been among Christians a certain hostility toward the Christmas festival. The celebration of birthdays in general was considered heathenish and something taken over from the pagans. Nor did the enemies of Christmas fail to observe that many pagan customs had crept into the feasting of the day. Christmas and the days of Advent that go before it occur at the time of the winter solstice, when the days cease to grow shorter, and begin to lengthen—when the sun, having declined its furthest from zenith, begins to climb again. The period was one of festival in many parts of the world, and was held sacred by many religions. Then occurred the Roman Saturnalia, with its wild excesses, and the people of the north, too, had a great midwinter feast with days of hearty eating and deep drinking.

From the Saturnalia came banquets and dancing and rioting in masks and the giving of gifts. Our Christmas dinner and Christmas presents and Christmas cards and the wearing of Christmas masks in various parts of the world date back to the Saturnalia. The mid-winter feast of the northern peoples was called Yule, hence our Yuletide and Yule log. The burning of the Christmas log descends from northern tree worship. So does the Christmas tree.

Santa Claus seems to date from later Christmas times. He is good St. Nicholas, of course. The hanging of stockings comes from the legend that the saint, among his other charities, used to provide doweries for poor girls. The older form of the Christmas stocking custom was for poor girls to hang up stockings in the hope that benevolent St. Nicholas would place marriage portions in them.



SANTA'S ROLL CALL . . . In a big city Santa needs a platoon of helpers to make the rounds. Here he checks up in New York to see if all of his aides are on hand for the big Christmas Eve delivery.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a Toni doll, and a set of dishes? Also bring my little sister a Toni doll. Your friend,

Nona Ruth

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I would like to have an electric toy range, also some candy and nuts. I have been a good girl. Your friend,

Nancy Jean Hess

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl in the third grade, and I want a doll for Christmas, a watch, and also a bicycle. Love,

Virginia Louise Cobb

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy nine years old. I want you to visit me. I want you to bring me a B-B gun, some nuts and candy. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Love,

Kenneth Willingham

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a boy nine years old and in the third grade. I would like to have a pair of boxing gloves, and a punching bag. Please remember every boy and girl on Christmas Day. Thank you very much. I love you.

Robert Pharis

**Donley County—
SOIL NEWS**

Best wishes for the holiday season to all farmers and ranchers are extended by the district supervisors and the soil conservation service employees.

To improve your chances for a prosperous 1953 and years to come, a few New Year's resolutions are suggested:

1. Seed to grass all idle or unproductive cropland.
2. Include soil protecting and soil improving crops such as legumes and grasses in your cropping system.
3. Maintain or build up old terraces that have worn down and are no longer adequate to control erosion.
4. Construct additional terraces, dams, or waterways needed for erosion control on your farm.
5. Leave ample crop residue on the land to aid in preventing blowing and washing.
6. Control sage, mesquite, and other undesirable plants in your pastures to improve their carrying capacity.
7. Provide better distribution of grazing where needed by constructing farm ponds, windmills, etc.
8. Begin a pasture improvement program with an ultimate goal of higher carrying capacity.

We, the district supervisors, SCS employees, and other agencies, have resolved for the coming year to try to be of more help to you in planning and applying the conservation measures needed on your farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bohannon of Gainesville, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Reedy of Wichita Falls are here spending the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Massay.

Dr. and Mrs. Buell Wells and children are spending the holidays in Kentucky.

In the Great Seal of the United States, the stripes or pales represent the states of the union.

The McLean News

Birthday Party Given in Honor of Johnnie Anders

Johnnie Anders was entertained with a birthday party Tuesday, December 16, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Anders. He was 12 years old. Games were played and favors of candy canes and blowers were given the children.

Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served by Mrs. Anders to the following: Ronnie Smith, Jerry Biggers, Melvin Butrum, Billy Crockett, Hershel Smith, Donald Foley, Jimmie Don, Jennie, and Johnnie Anders.

Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party In Shadid Home

The Presbyterian Ladies Auxiliary met Tuesday afternoon, December 16, in the home of Mrs. W. W. Shadid for the annual Christmas party. The beautiful decorations carried out the Christ-

mas theme throughout the house.

Mrs. H. E. Franks led the following program: hymn, "Joy to the World"; prayer, Mrs. J. E. Kerr; "The Story of the Nativity," Mrs. Shelton Nash; "The Ragged Cloak," Mrs. W. W. Boyd; solo, "There Is a Song in the Air," Mrs. Jess Kemp.

Gifts were exchanged from a lighted Christmas tree.

Lovely refreshments were served by Mesdames C. E. Corts, C. O. Goodman, T. E. Crisp, and Haskell Smith to the following: Mesdames Claude Powell, C. E. Cooke, E. J. Windom, J. M. Payne, Kid McCoy, Elizabeth Major, J. R. Glass, Arthur Erwin, Bill Glass, Mattie Graham, Clyde Brown, E. J. Windom Jr., John B. Rice, S. R. Jones, T. C. Stokes, F. E. Ham-bright, K. E. Windom, Ike Kesse, Kerr, Franks, Kemp, Nash, and Shadid.

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 28—C. J. Magee, Kenneth Messenger, Vickie Mae Child, Odessa Preston, A. L. Morgan.
Dec. 30—Delma Butrum, Betty Putman.
Dec. 31—Mrs. C. J. Cash, L. Ann Smith, Mrs. J. H. Boone, Lee Wilson, Roy Lee Bonner.
Jan. 1—Glenda Rae Seberry, Betty Milam, Mrs. Joe Hodges, Mrs. W. R. Clark, Mrs. W. Floyd.
Jan. 2—Clyde Allen Wood, Velma Pearl Baker, Cula McClellan, Louise Dwight, Patterson, Norman Grigsby.
Jan. 3—Pat Miller, Glibreath, Allen Wilson, Kenneth L. Goodman.

Vic Vet says

WORLD WAR II VETERANS WITH TERM NSLI POLICIES THAT REQUIRE HIGHER PREMIUM PAYMENTS EVERY 5 YEARS STILL MAY CONVERT THEM TO PERMANENT PLAN NSLI POLICIES FOR WHICH THE PREMIUMS DO NOT CHANGE



For full information contact your nearest VETERANS ADMINISTRATION office

... and all good wishes for the season.

PATTERSON
Magnolia Station

Season's Greetings

OUR GIFT
TO YOU IS
A HEARTY WISH
for A HAPPY
HOLIDAY
SEASON!

Bill Day Furniture
Bill . . . Vernene . . . Karen

Greetings

May the road leading to your Christmas be paved with the stepping-stones of our sincere friendship.

From All of Us at
PUCKETT'S
★ GROCERY & MARKET ★

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Big Enough for the Whole Town



McLean, Texas

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
 I would like to put in my say, if I may. I want a basketball, football, tractor and games. Please don't forget any little girls and boys, especially LaDonna and Denny. Since we have no chimney, you will have to use the door, but I will be sure Mom doesn't lock it. Hoping you have a Merry Christmas, Santa. Bye,
 Danny Sutton

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I want a pair of house shoes, a shirt and cowboy boots.
 Billie David Matthews

Dear Santa,
 It's been a long time since I have seen you. I go to school now and like it fine. When you come to McLean this Christmas, please bring something nice for Mrs. Hauck and all the first grade. For me, I want several things, but most of all I want a bicycle (with 20-inch wheels). Charles wants a .22 rifle. Hoping to see you soon. With love,
 Larry Williams

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
 I'm a little red-headed boy five years old. I've been pretty good, so I hope you come to my house again this year. I would like a cowboy suit, a gun, and holster set with three bullets. I'm sending you a picture of the gun I'd like, but if you just don't have one when you get to my house, I'll not be unhappy at you. 'Cause I know other little boys have to get guns at Christmas, too. I have a bird dog named Rex to play with, so please bring him some dog food, or a nice bone. Please don't forget any boys or girls this year. I'll be looking for you. Oodles of love,
 Terry Don Bidwell

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a pretty doll, a doll house, and a nurse set. I would like some clothes. I am trying to be a good girl.
 Janice

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
 I have been a good boy. Please bring me a bicycle, and bow and arrows, some candy and nuts. I am seven years old. Your friend,
 Gary Clawson

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
 Please bring me a toy water tower, a football, and football suit, and some candy, nuts, and fruit. Good-bye.
 Jimmy Edwards

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
 Please bring me some records, a football and football suit, tractors, cars, and lots of toys and eats. Good-bye.
 Eddy Jay Windom

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
 Please bring me a cement mixer, water truck, water tower, and a two-wheel caterpillar, lots of nuts, candy, and fruit. Don't forget my little sister. Good-bye now,
 Jimmy Kritzer

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
 Please bring me a doll and some toys for my brothers and sisters. Thank you,
 Coline Lee

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a bulldozer, skates, and doctor set, blackboard, BB gun, and some BB's. Good-bye,
 Freddie Smith

Christmas Greetings

Be merry...
 and may you all have
 the sparkling ingredients
 for a full cup
 of happiness!

Bailey
 Welding Shop

Christmas Greetings

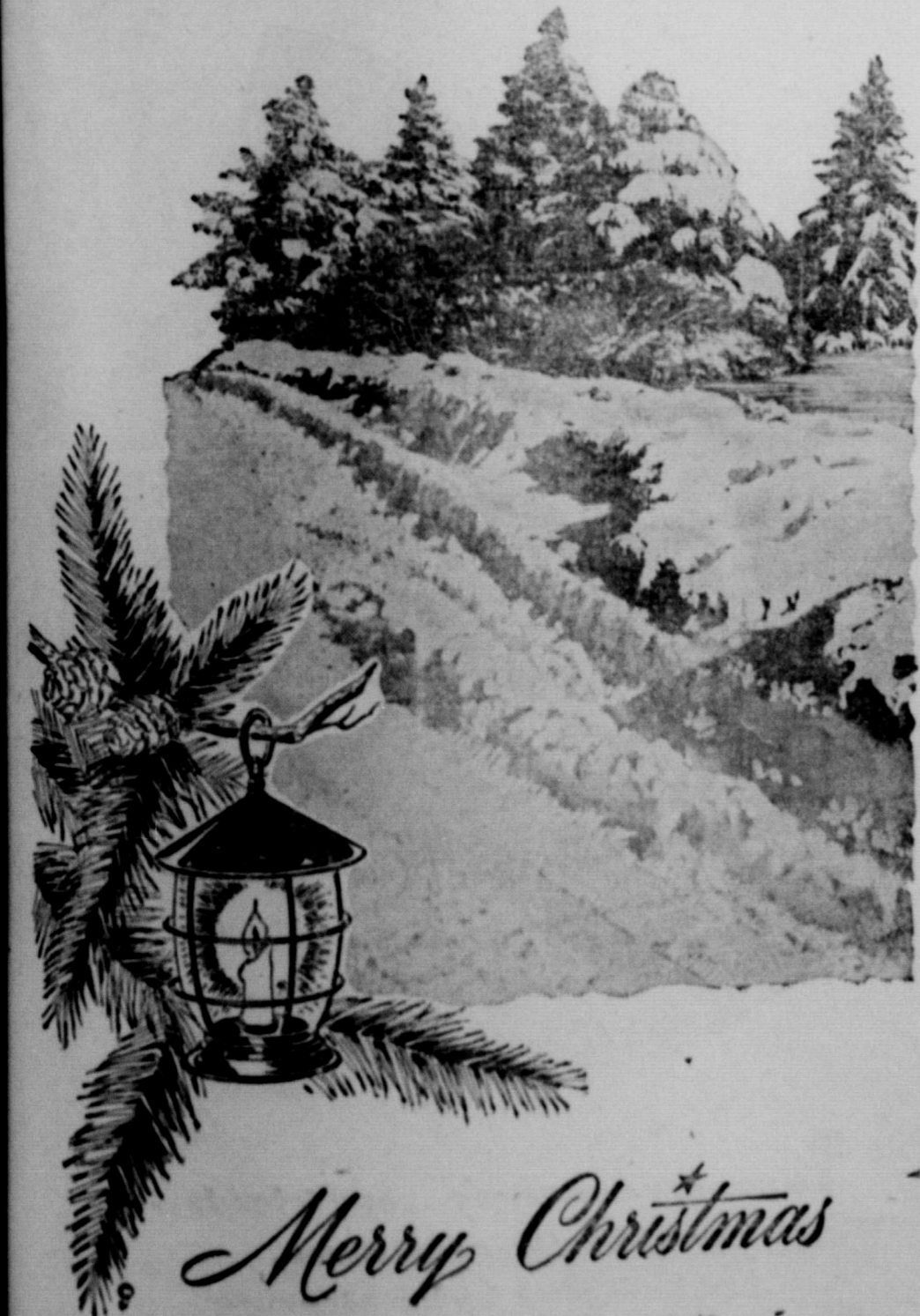
May each and every one
 of our customers and friends

find this a very

HAPPY HOLIDAY!

Gulf Service Sta.

Sherman Crockett



Merry Christmas

May our best wishes light your way to
 the happiness of the Holiday Season.

Hibler Truck & Implement Co.

Dodge-Plymouth



No greater wish could be ours than this:

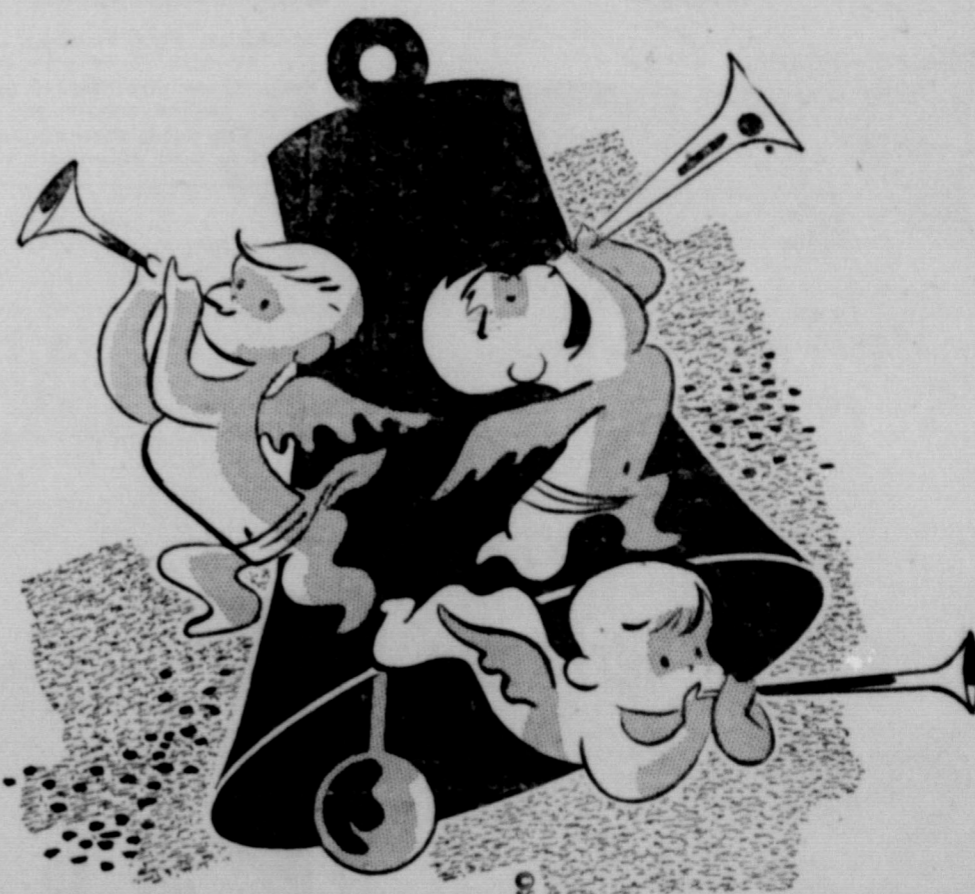
MAY CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR BE
 THE MOST GLORIOUS OF YOUR
 LIFE AND THAT THE NEW YEAR
 MAY BRING YOU HEALTH, GOOD
 FORTUNE AND GREAT HAPPINESS.

We very much appreciate the opportunity you have given us
 to serve you in the past and even more do we appreciate you
 as a friend.

May we deserve this friendship always.

Master Cleaners

Emory Crockett



Christmas Greetings

Let the trumpets resound with the joys we wish
 for our many fine friends — that this Christmas
 season be truly the happiest time of the year!

Andrews Equipment Co.

Clyde Andrews

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll house, a doll high chair, a doll bed, some dishes, a play ice box, and washing machine. I would like to get some clothes, too. Remember Mother and Daddy, and my sisters and bring them something nice. Please bring me some candy and nuts. Remember the needy.
Janelle Hall

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a six year old boy and I have been pretty good. I go to Sunday School and church, help Daddy and Mother. I would like to have a tourna hopper, roller coaster, a loop-a-loop, also a

thunder gun that shoots ping pong balls. A merry Xmas. Thank you,
Anthony Fobes

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a racer, a dump truck, and a gun. I would like some candy, fruits and nuts. Thank you,
David Lee Hauck

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a nice little girl and I would like for you to bring me a permanent bride doll, blue bassinet, jewelry box, and a black board and chalk. Maybe a set of dishes. Thank you,
Shirley Ann Bybee



To you, our friends, in many ways,
We wish you Happy Holidays!

Simmons Texaco Station



**Margaret's
Gift Shop**
Margaret Glass

Blessings at Christmas



**Ola Gregory
County Treasurer**

'Lord of Misrule,' 'Hodening Horse' Make Noel Jollier

A DIFFERENT playtime observance for your Christmas festivities is the game "Lord of Misrule."
When your guests have all arrived and have been greeted by the music of the minstrels and the song of the carolers, it is time for the most honored guest of the evening to arrive. With much fanfare the "Lord of Misrule" is announced. He enters with great pomp and ceremony and takes his place as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

The Lord of Misrule comes to us from the Tudor courts where he was elected annually to reign over the Christmas festivities. His word, during the festivities, was law, and the ridiculous commands he laid upon the guests had to be obeyed.

At your party, the Lord of Misrule will command each guest to do his bidding. He may call for singing, dancing, panomime, imitations and stunts of all kinds. Failure to do the bidding of the Lord of Misrule results in the payment of a forfeit. And here another unusual note may be injected. The forfeit, instead of being paid to the Lord of Misrule may be paid to another Christmas character, the "hodening horse."

It was the custom in Kent, England, for young men to go from house to house with the hodening horse, an imitation of a horse's head attached to a long stick. Two lads, forming the body of the horse, were hidden from view by a covering of cloth resembling horse's skin. The hodening horse was accompanied by paraders who rang the bells throughout the town and begged for money or food.

Chemical Solution Protects Christmas Trees From Flames

To fireproof your Christmas tree, which is still a hazard even with electric lights, select your tree four to six days before you intend to decorate it. Then weigh the tree and buy one-fourth as many pounds of ammonium sulphate as the tree weighs. This chemical is available in most stores that sell seeds and fertilizers.

For each pound of ammonium sulphate use 1 1/2 pints of water to make the fireproofing solution. Mix the solution in something tall and narrow that will hold the tree upright. Then saw off the tree diagonally so as to give a large cut surface. Set the tree in the solution in a cool place, away from the direct sunlight, and leave it there until most of the solution is absorbed.

You Can Make a Big Christmas Candle

You can make a big, long-burning candle to fit into your Christmas decorations if you have a number of odds and ends of partly burned candles around the house. Melt them and pour into cardboard containers and remold. Use ice cream cartons, oatmeal containers or others. Use plain cord for a wick. When the wax is beginning to set, tie the wick to a pencil and suspend it in the wax. Let set hard, remove carton and there is a nice candle for your table.

1 B. C. and 1 A. D. Were Not a Year Apart

According to our calendar, one would naturally assume that between the year 1 B. C. and the year 1 A. D. there should be a year called zero. As a matter of fact, no such year exists, as far as historians are concerned, and the year 1 A. D. follows directly after the year 1 B. C.
A person born in 3 B. C. would not be five years old at 2 A. D. but would be four years old when one is calculating data in that period. When adding B. C. and A. D. years, it is necessary to always subtract one to compensate for the year zero omitted between 1 B. C. and 1 A. D.

Why Christmas Candles?

On Christmas Eve the Christ Child wanders all over the earth seeking deserving people—people who are kind and thoughtful of others, and people who have loving hearts. Lighted candles are placed in the windows by such people so that He may not stumble and fall. In the course of His search He visits every castle and hut, no matter how rocky and rough His path may be.



ALLERGIC TO WHISKERS . . .
Not all little boys who love Santa Claus this time of year have a sublime trust in the old gent. This young man obviously wishes he were somewhere else.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl in the first grade, and have been a pretty good girl this year. For Christmas, will you please bring me a Toni doll, a doll buggy, a teddy bear, and some little dishes. I would like also to have some nuts, fruit and candy. Thank you, Santa.
Molita Back

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I will be glad when Christmas comes. I want you to get me a doll and doll bottle. Bring me a doll house and a set of plastic dishes. I want a doll buggy and a table and two chairs. Please send me an ironing board and an iron. Don't forget to send me some fruits and nuts. Thank you,
Barbara Ann Smith



A Joyous Holiday to All

**F. E. Leech
County Tax Assessor-Collector**



CHRISTMAS FEAST . . . The toys have been opened and church services are over. Now, it's time for that Christmas feast and a turkey drumstick.



- To keep your Christmas a truly merry one, keep these don'ts in mind:
- DON'T give children dangerous toys, or toys with sharp points. If they operate with electricity, be sure you supervise their use.
- DON'T decorate the tree with lighted candles unless it's absolutely unavoidable.
- DON'T place the tree near a stove or fireplace.
- DON'T leave lighted tree unguarded at any time.
- DON'T use a rickety, unsafe ladder in decorating the tree.
- DON'T place Christmas candies near the tree, curtains, paper wreaths or other decorations.
- DON'T overlook the opportunity to make your tree fire-resistant.
- DON'T leave toys exposed where people can trip on them.
- DON'T allow steps and sidewalks to become icy in cold weather.
- DON'T drive recklessly.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I would like for you to please bring me a bicycle, blackboard, cowboy hat, a big box of crayolas, and nuts and candy. Your friend,
Edgar Lee Billingsley



May joy and happiness be wrapped up for you — at this joyful time . . .
Vera Back Agency

Vera F. Back
LaJune Chilton
Jane Simpson
Mary Emma Woods



Merry Christmas

**B. R. Nuckols
County Superintendent**



To you our customers . . . our friends . . .
We wish good health, good cheer,
And look ahead with pleasure
To serving you through the year!

**Stubblefield's
Dept. Store**

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas

Santa, please bring me a baby doll, some clothes for her, and a machine. Thank you, Barbara Louise Dwight

McLean, Texas

Santa Claus, I am six years old and go to school. I like school fine. Have me a pair of cowboy boots, a bicycle, some candy nuts. I have a little sister, who is four years old—bring her a pair of cowboy boots, a tractor, and candy

and peanuts. See you soon. Love, Max Coleman
P. S. We have moved to the old school house in the country.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I want a grader for Christmas; also would like something for my little three-year-old sister. I close with love, Loyd Morgan

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a six year old boy and this is my first year in school. I would like to have a bicycle and some games. Thank you, Santa, Jerry Michael Johnson

History of Christmas Seals

When you see the Christmas seal do you ever wonder how it started? It was born in Denmark, home of the fairy tales of Hans Christian Anderson.

Einar Holboell, a Copenhagen postal clerk, was sorting mail one snowy afternoon before Christmas, 1903, when he thought of the idea of a penny stamp to swell a fund for children's hospitals.

Authorized by King Christian, the first Christmas seals were sold in Copenhagen in 1904.

Holboell's scheme outgrew his wildest imaginings, for before his death in 1927, he lived to see it spread to 45 countries.

The seals found their way to America on letters and packages and first attracted the attention of Jacob Riis who wrote an article about them. Few people, however, were interested in the idea.

Then, in the autumn of 1907, Emily Bissell, a public health worker, concerned about the fate of a small sanatorium, recalled the article and sat down to sketch America's first Christmas seal, a wreath of holly encircling the words "Merry Christmas."

With 50,000 stamps printed and nowhere to sell them, Miss Bissell at last enlisted the aid of a columnist on a Philadelphia newspaper. The idea caught and within a few weeks \$3,000 was collected.

The first nation-wide sale was held the following year and was backed by newspapers all over the country, religious and civic groups, and sponsored by the American Red Cross and the National Tuberculosis association.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a little girl four years old. Please bring me a doll, a doll house, table and two chairs, and a necklace, and a bracelet. Bring my dog Sparkie a bone. Don't forget fruit, candy, and nuts. Your little friend, Linda Kay Lisman

Alanreed, Texas

Dear Santa, Please send me an electric train, a log truck, and a bulldozer. Also a gun with play bullets, and a big airplane, and a ship, a basketball and goal, an army set, and lots of fruits and nuts. I have tried pretty much to be good. Your little friend, Ronnie McCracken



PRAYER . . . "O come let us adore him", these children pray on Christmas eve. Their prayer is the true and greatest gift of all.

'Silent Night' Hymn Is Often Called Song From Heaven

"Silent Night" is often called the "Song from Heaven" because the story of its inspiration and composition is one of the most beautiful Christmas stories in existence.

On December 24, 1818, in the Austrian village of Hallein, as Father Joseph Mohr sat reading his Bible, there was a knock at his door. It was a peasant woman who wanted the priest to visit a poor charcoal-maker's wife to whom a child had been born. The parents had sent her to ask the priest to come and bless the infant.

Father Mohr was strangely moved by the visit to the mother. And that evening as he returned to his home saw that the dark slopes of the Alps around the village were



alight with torches of the mountaineers on their way to church. To him it was a Christmas miracle.

Later, as he tried to put down on paper his feeling and experience, the words kept turning into verse. When dawn came he found he had written a poem—a beautiful and moving poem.

On Christmas Day his friend, Franz Xaver Gruber, music teacher in the village school, composed music to fit the verses.

Village children heard the priest and teacher singing the song and learned it. From there it spread throughout the world. Today, it is regarded as the greatest Christmas hymn and wherever there are men of good will they sing:

"Silent night, holy night—
All is calm, all is bright,
Round you Virgin, Mother and Child;

Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace—
Sleep in heavenly peace."

Two railroad lines are owned and operated by the United States. They are the Alaskan Railroad and the Panama Railroad.

Greetings



To our friends and patrons:
May your days be filled with notes of good cheer . . .

ARTHUR ERWIN

INSURANCE



With our sincere good wishes for a Holiday full of happiness and joy!

CORINNE'S STYLE SHOP

Corinne Trimble



Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year

... FROM YOUR JOHN DEERE DEALER

McLean Implement Co.
The Joe B. Taylor Family



There's no place like home when Christmas comes . . .

and there's no time like Christmas to wish all you folks the merriest holiday ever.

G. and G. Automotive Supply

The Gibsons



Merry Christmas

To express our appreciation of long-established friendships is our greatest privilege at Christmas. We take pleasure in wishing you, our many loyal customers, all the happiness you have brought to us through the years. May your holiday be a merry one, laden with the blessings of the season.

Cicero Smith Lumber Co.

Carl Jones, Mgr.

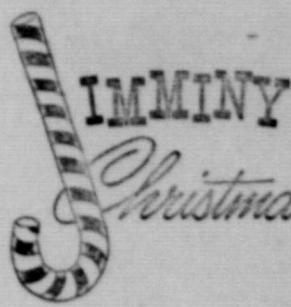
SEASON'S GREETINGS



From all at our friendly store... we send Holiday Greetings right to your door!

Don's Studio & Cleaners

Mr. and Mrs. Don Clemmons

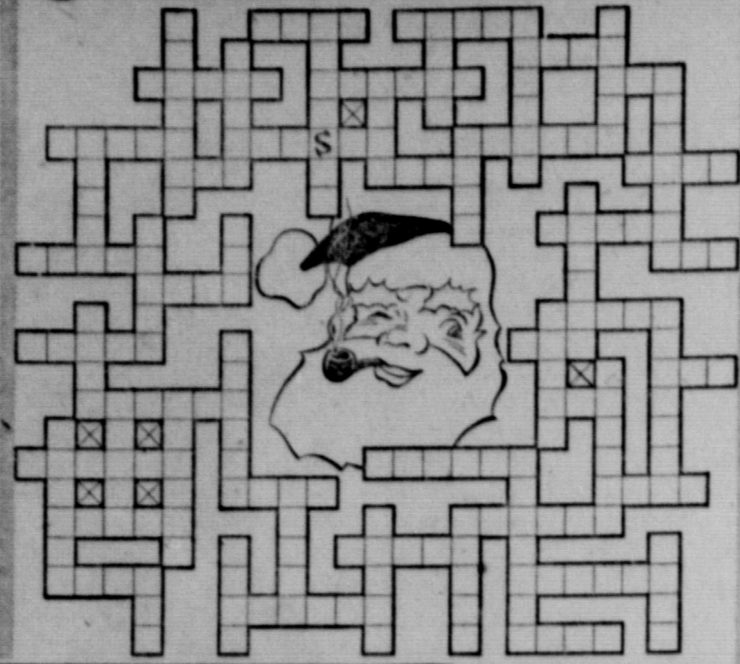


... We sure hope that your Holiday Season will be the merriest ever!

The Children's Shop

Delma Butrum

Christmas criss-cross



Here is a Christmas puzzle that will be fun for all the family to work in a single. Fit the words into the right spaces. One letter "X" is given as a starting point. The completed puzzle is at the lower right. Don't peek!

ALL	LOVE	CHILD	SPELL	INFANT
DOWN	NOEL	COMET	TRAIN	MANAGER
EVERY	NOISE	CURRY	WREN	SEASON
FUN	KAPT	GLORY	WHITE	SILENT
SAY	KING	MISTLE	SEIGN	NOISE
BAW	SOUP	LIGHT	ANGELS	TUNNEL
RED	SNOW	MYSTERY	CARDS	WEALTH
AWAY	WHALE	PIGMENT	CRIMINAL	NOODLE
DOLL	TULE	PEACE	BASHER	HOLIDAY
EGG	WHALE	PIGMENT	BOONER	FRAGILE
GOLD	CANDY	SANTA	FLOCKS	FRANCE
HALL	CHEEK	SHEEP	GOOSE	TRINGS

Answer

The Mystery of God's Firmament

THE "STAR" which signaled the First Christmas may be interpreted in many ways. In all such interpretations we must put ourselves as nearly as possible into the social and psychological frame of mind of those whom we try to understand. The astronomer knows that through the ages the word "star" has been used to indicate almost any celestial phenomenon. We still speak of "falling stars" or "shooting stars" which we know quite well are not stars at all. In more ancient times the comet was called a "hairy star" and was derived from the Latin word coma, meaning hair. The planets were the "wandering stars" as opposed to the "fixed stars," and from the Greek word for wanderer we derive our word "planets."

The Star of Bethlehem could have been any of these. It could even have been a "new star" or nova which suddenly burst forth with a many-thousand-fold increase in brilliance, due to some great stellar catastrophe. These are all explanations of what the "star" could have been. Had it been any of the above, it would have been seen by many peoples, and in literature would have been found references to the appearance of the object which attracted attention. But nowhere in the literature or in the folklore of any of the peoples noted as astute observers of celestial phenomena do these references exist. From this we are forced to conclude the appearance of the star was a sight given only to the Wise Men to see.

In France adults exchange gifts on New Year's Day.

Far-Off Lands Come to Life In Yule Toys

GEOGRAPHY comes down the chimney on Christmas Eve.

In the flood of toys soon to spill out into the nation's living rooms will be the touch of many different lands. Beside a teddy bear, replica of Australia's marsupial furred koalas, perhaps will stand a carved wooden farm scene from German Bavaria, a South American gaucho doll, or a miniature pagoda made in Japan.

Similarly, the United States, now the world's leading toy maker, sends abroad its wild west costumes, its shiny playtime trucks and cars and earth-moving equipment, its small-scale railroads and sky scrapers to delight children all over the globe.

Toy industries in Germany and Japan are on the upswing again. Germany was among the first nations in the world to make tin horses on wheels, engines that ran, animals that walked, birds that sang. Now U.S. buyers go back to cities such as Nurnberg for the output of ingenious middle-aged inventors.

New toys that startle the world often come from Europe. One such is a German duck which, when set on an incline, proudly walks down the slope. Another is a recent gadget from Denmark called a "tippe top," a wobbly sphere about the size of a small apple that suddenly flips upside down and continues spinning on its stem.

Winston Churchill was intrigued by the top when he first saw it. In Stockholm, the King of Sweden, a cabinet minister and an atom physicist, a Nobel Prize winner, got down on their hands and knees at a banquet to study the mysterious flip-flop action.

As a mirror of mankind's culture, toys reflect the progress of civilization. Yet an amazing similarity can sometimes be seen between the toys of long-forgotten eras and the playthings of today.

Copra is the dried meat of coconuts, from which the oil has been extracted.

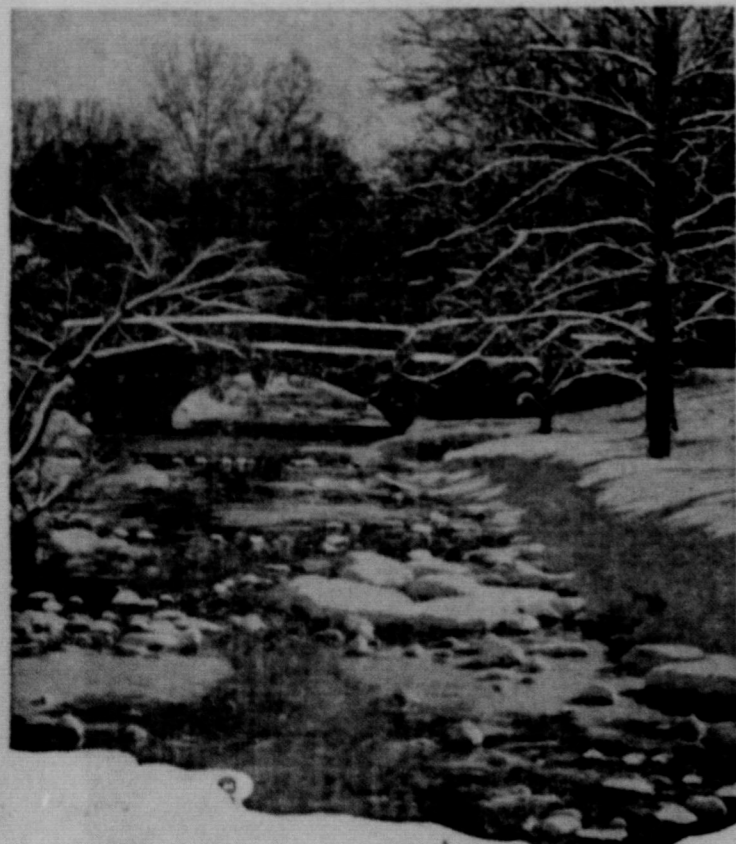
Let never day nor night unhallowed pass but still remember what the Lord hath done.—Shakespeare.



May you and yours enjoy this Yule season is our wish to our friends and customers.

McLean Auto Supply

Ed Henley, Mgr.



Season's Greetings

IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDLINESS AND GOOD CHEER, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY FAVORS AND SINCERELY WISH YOU AN OLD-FASHIONED YULETIDE

Lee's Grocery

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lee



ings
the bells
Christmas
ring out to wish
you the many blessings of
The Happy Holiday Season.

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

Joyeux Noël

In appreciation of your patronage, may we wish our many loyal customers a very Merry Christmas, with all the joys of the season.

Dysart Motor Co.
Your Friendly Ford Dealer

THIS IS... CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a tree with bright lights and tinsel and the Star atop. It is a bangle of gifts, wrapped with pretty ribbon, beneath its green boughs. The lights and faith in little children's eyes on Christmas morning. It is the feeling of joy in mother's heart as the packages are opened. It is the smile that wells in dad's eye and he tries to hide it with a grin. It is the remembrance of many other Christmases by grandmother and grandfather, remembered by golden time.

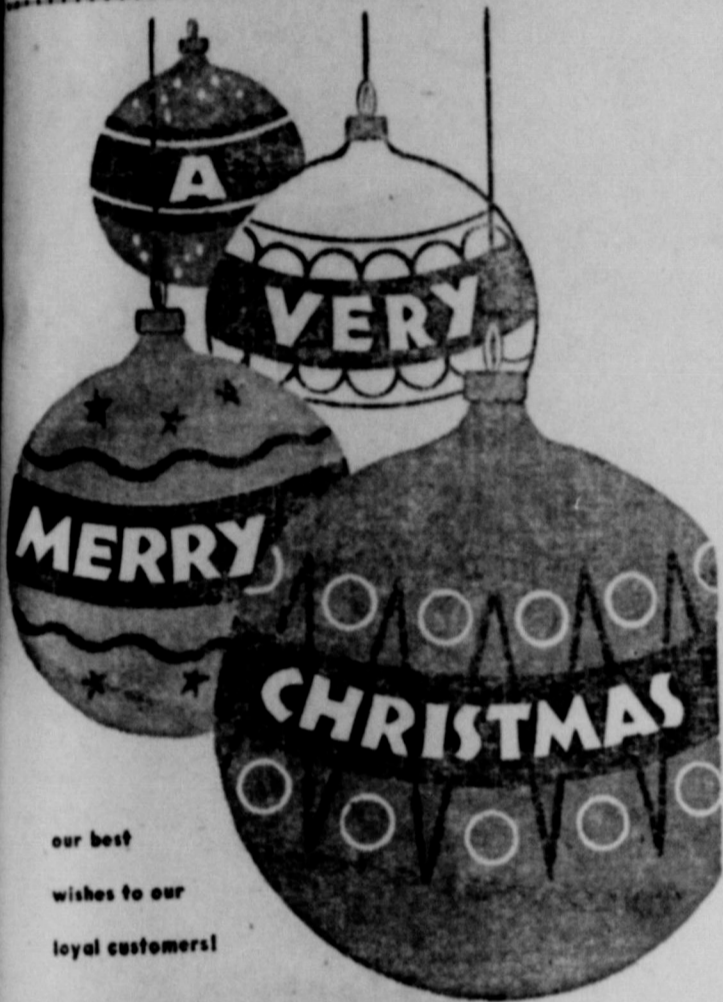
It is the sermon of the Story of Bethlehem. The hymns of the choir, the midnight service, the softness of children's voices, the peace and goodwill that can come into men's hearts.

It is the big tall tree in school, the only tree some of the children call their own. It is the striped candy cane.

It is the joyful music of chimes and church bells, the carols from the record shop, the spirit of the season that makes strangers friends.

It is the garland and the candle in the window, the cards on the mantel, the wreath on the door, the mistletoe hung for Sis. It is sincerely in a handshake, the wishes of glad tidings, the vocal meaning in the bells from neighbors.

Christmas is a light. A light that vanquishes darkness: the light of charity.



our best wishes to our loyal customers!

McLEAN CAFE
Al and Orien Fuqua

The day before Christmas



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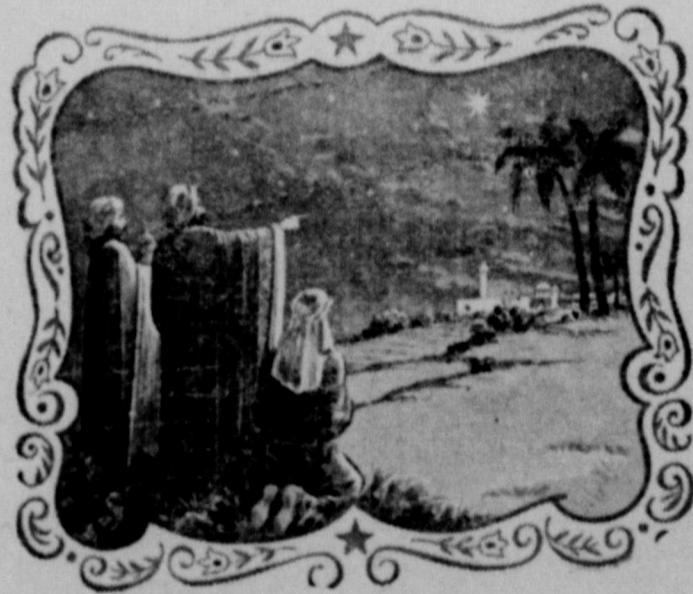
LETTERS TO SANTA



Dear Santa,
I'm not old enough to write very plain yet, so please read this letter that my Aunt Shirley has written to you for me. I have tried to be a good boy all of the year 'round. My mother and father may not think that I have been perfect, but a small boy of four can't be perfect all of the time. Well, Santa, let's get down to my main reason for writing to you. I would love to have a shotgun, oil well set, and a cowboy set for Christmas. That's all I want, Santa. Santa, please tell everyone Merry Christmas for me when you stop at their house on Christmas Eve night. Well, Santa, I guess that I had better close. Tell Rudolph, the "red nose reindeer," hello for me. Merry Christmas, Santa.
H. L. Waldrop
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
This is my first Christmas. I've tried hard to be a good boy all my life. I'm living at Grandma Burch's house. It's been a long time since a little boy has hung his sock there, but I bet you still know the way. I would like a rocky horse or teddy bear. If you have anything that would help Ike bring peace to the world so Daddy can come home, I would like that better than all the toys in your sack. Don't forget my half-cousins, Joe and Jan, Pete and Paula, Roy and Cheryl; along with all the other boys and girls all over the world. Love,
Tommy Gipson

Wintertime may come, but this lovely will be favoring on sunny Southern beaches in her Anlee Sun-tog swimsuit of cotton seersucker. Winter vacationers may find seersuckers, cotton plisses, cotton chiffons and many other cottons that unpack without a wrinkle, never need ironing, says the National Cotton Council.



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

Consumers Supply
Ted Glass . . . Arthur Dwyer

Merry Christmas



We're overflowing with good wishes for all our many friends for a happy, carefree holiday filled with many blessings!

McLEAN HARDWARE CO.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Meacham



merry Christmas

... may your holiday celebration be filled with much gaiety and happiness

CHEVRON GAS STATION
Odell Mantooth



Season's Greetings

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

Harrell's 5c and 10c Store



BEST WISHES FOR A

...and all the joys of the Holiday Season to our friends!

TEXAS CAFE
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore
Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Plum

Merry Christmas



We're painting the town with our bright and gay wishes to our friends!

MR. AND MRS. W. C. SHULL AND NEAL

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

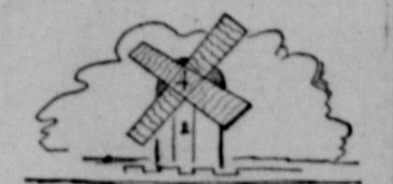
UNITED STATES (Merry Christmas)—Christmas tree, mistletoe and Santa Claus.



BRAZIL (Boas Festas)—A family dinner is first on the list of festive celebrations in Brazil. Christmas trees, gift exchanges and other typical U.S. holiday customs are being adopted in South America.



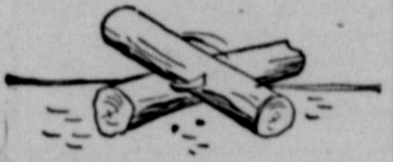
HOLLAND (Hartelijke Kerstgrooten)—Land of old St. Nicholas, forerunner of our Santa Claus. In former years, the Dutch celebrated for a month. St. Nick scattered his gifts about the floors of Dutch homes as early as December 6.



ITALY (Bono Natale)—Shepherds gather in villages on Christmas Eve to play musical instruments as townfolks sing sweet Nativity songs. Thousands flock to St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Day.



GREECE (Kala Xristouyeha)—Decorated trees, greeting cards and gift exchanges are season highlights. New Year's Eve is really the top holiday, with big dances, parties and other celebrations for young and old.



PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (Maligayang Pasko)—Church services, singing and dancing are Yuletide favorites in the islands.



McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, Please bring me a blue bike, a greyhound wagon, and some cars and guns. I have been a good boy some of the time. Your friend,

Terry Stevenson

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a little boy four years old. For Christmas I want a gun that pops, dump truck, and a Donald Duck doctor set, and a bath robe if you have one that will fit me. Don't forget my sisters and cousins, and little friends, and don't forget Don. Santa, bring me some candy, nuts, and fruit, too. I will have you some coffee and cake on the table. Your friend,

Ronnie McIlroy

KEEPING CHRISTMAS
by Henry Van Dyke



Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance; to your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that you are going to the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book on complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.



FULL REHEARSAL FOR THE BIG DAY . . . Robert wanted Nick, the dog, to have dinner with him at his private table, but Dad and Mom were not enthusiastic until Robert demonstrated that Nick's table manners are impeccable. He did it with a dress rehearsal, which you see here. Nick seems to be enjoying nonchalantly an after dinner cigarette.

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas

I think I have been nice enough to have you bring me a space suit for Christmas, and I want some shirts with brands on them. I would like to know what your house is made of? Are you real? Don't forget Joyce Beasley, she is not here, and don't forget the other boys and girls. Good luck,

Larry Pat Andrews

Amarillo, Texas

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a crib for my doll, a cash register, and a walkie-talkie set. I've been a good girl. Love,

Jeannine Dorsey

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a big doll buggy, and a high chair for Toni. Bring me some candy and nuts, too. I will try to be a good girl. I love you. Your friend,

Anna Jo


P. S. I would like a red bike, too.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus, I am six years old and in the first grade. I have been a very good girl. I have been studying hard. I would like for you to bring me a doll buggy and some doll clothes for my walking doll. Since I have a big doll, I would




McLean Electric Co.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams



May All the Blessings of Christmas be yours at this, the happiest time of the year!

CALLAHAN'S
Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Callahan

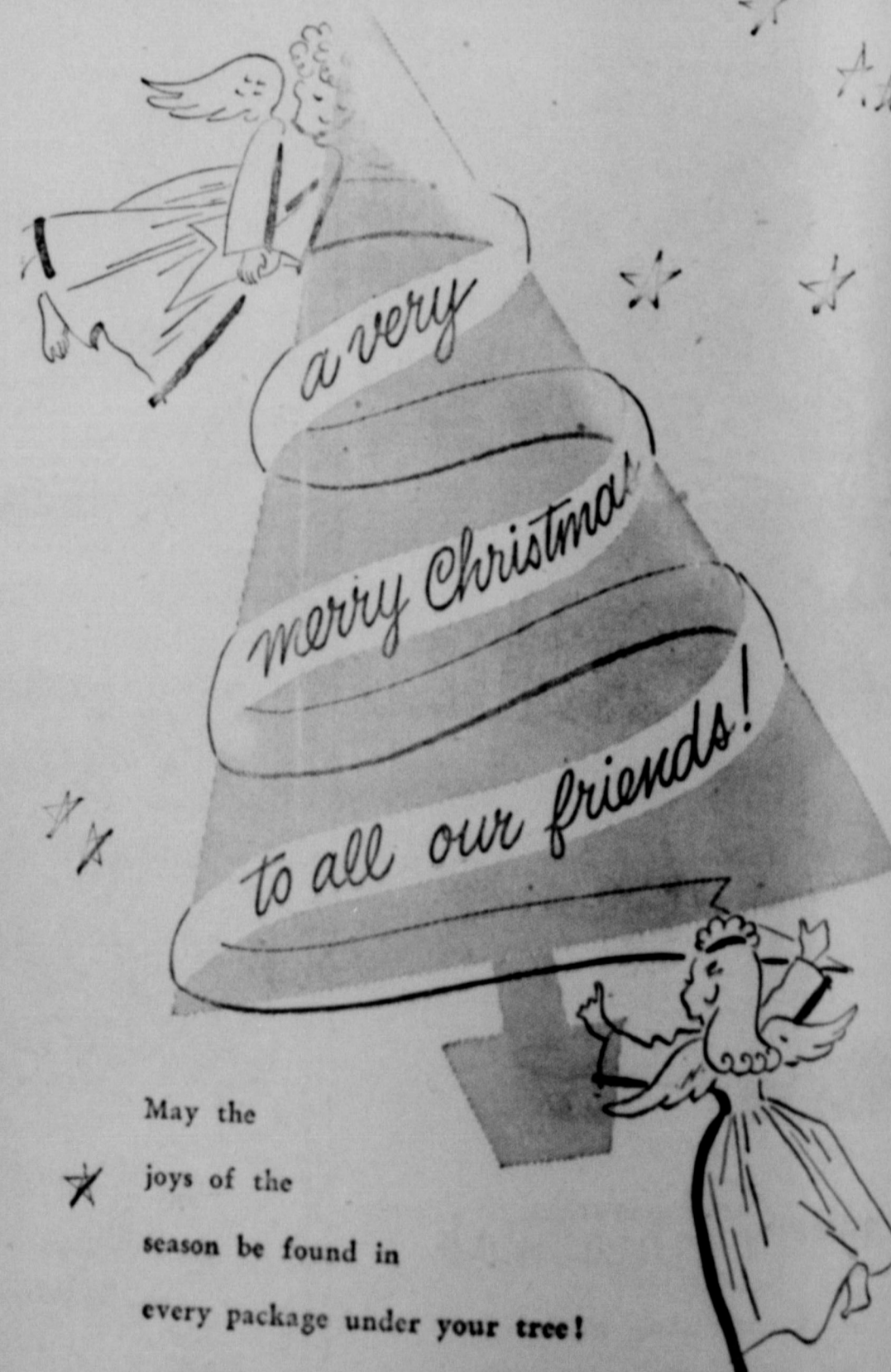


Season's Greetings



To our many friends we extend our heartiest wishes for all the joys and blessings of this, the happiest season of the year.

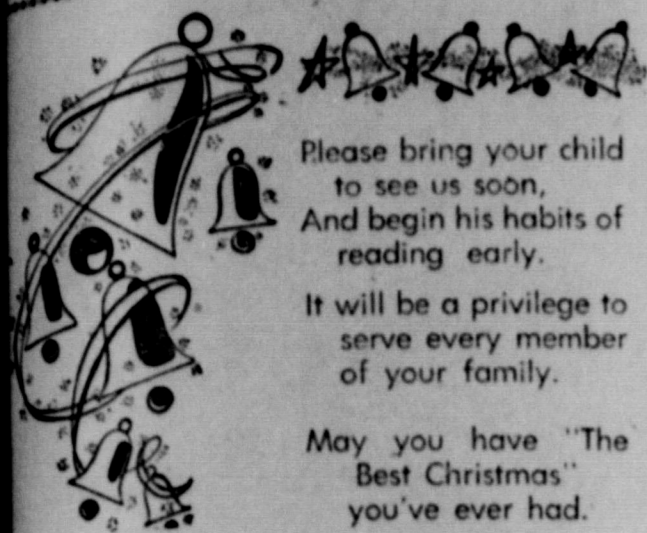
Cliett Cleaners
Victor . . . Jewel . . . Jimmy



May the joys of the season be found in every package under your tree!

Dr. J. H. Kritzler and Staff

Lefors, Texas months old. Please bring her a little doll that cries. I hope you will bring me some candy, nuts, and fruit, too. Thank you, Santa, and I hope you have time to come over to my house in Lefors. Love,
James and Linda Taylor



Please bring your child to see us soon, And begin his habits of reading early.

It will be a privilege to serve every member of your family.

May you have "The Best Christmas" you've ever had.

Lady Bryant, Public Librarian

McLean Public Library



TO YOU, AT CHRISTMAS

May the merry-go-round of the season make

Christmas the most joy-full whirl you've ever had!

Graves Jewelry

Bethlehem Rites Feature March To Nativity Cave

CHRISTMAS is observed in Bethlehem on December 25 by the Roman Catholics and Protestants, on January 6, by the Greek Orthodox and affiliated churches, and on January 18 by the Armenians.

All Bethlehem, however, turns out on December 24 for the arrival of the Patriarch of Jerusalem—Cardinal of the Holy Land—who each year brings an ancient effigy of the Infant Jesus to Bethlehem which he lays in the manger within the cave where Christ was born.

Dramatically the procession approaches: heralded by a single horseman, his banner streaming aloft. A corps of native police mounted upon fiery Arabian horses follow and then another single horseman upon a prancing black steed carrying the cross on high; the Patriarch in his cardinal and ermine, mitred bishops, clergy in embroidered vestments and white robed acolytes—swinging golden censers—precede the jeweled pavilion of the Holy Child. Magnificent corteges of government officials, foreign embassies, bands, religious organizations follow, and finally, American made automobiles mingle with native two-wheeled carriages.

The procession enters the Church of the Nativity. The public is not permitted to witness the actual placing of the effigy, as that part of the Church—built above the Cave of the Nativity—is under the jurisdiction of the Greek Orthodox church.

The grotto-like Cave of the Nativity in no way conforms to the modern conception of a "stable;" in biblical times, however, shelters for man and beast were hewn into rocky ledges—thus, the Stable of Bethlehem.

On Christmas Eve, members of all denominations assemble to sing carols above the birthplace of the Holy Child before midnight mass is solemnized in the Church of the Nativity.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a good boy. I would like a gun, candy, and nuts, and a dog. Love,
Donald Gilbreath

Pago Pago is pronounced pango pango. It is the capital of the island of Tutuila in the American Samoa.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR... Junior members of a church choir lift their voices in song during the annual Christmas candlelight service. Truly, they represent the spirit of Christmas.

Quaint Rehearsal Of Christ's Birth Found in Old Carol

"Auld Lang Syne" has become such an integral part of our modern New Year's eve that no celebration, however gay, would be complete without it.

The music sheets for those nostalgic strains simply say "Robert Burns—Scotch Air," and Robert Burns generally is supposed to have written it after he had settled down on a farm and taken himself a wife, following the sweeping success in 1778 of the second edition of his "Poems." Well and good, but Auld Lang Syne was not exclusively a Burns' product, nor did he claim it to be.

In a letter to George Thomson, a publisher, Burns explained: "It is an old song of olden times, which has never been in print. I took it down from an old man's singing."

Modern scholarship has discovered that Burns was wrong when he told Thomson "Auld Lang Syne" never had been in print. Its refrain, at least, was printed obscurely long before Burns heard his "old man singing."

Further, the original song often has been credited to Sir Robert Aytoun (1570-1638). Aytoun was one of the earliest Scots to use the lowland dialect as a literary medium. Multitudes of Americans descended from non-British stock are perpetually mystified by this dialect, nor does it seem to make much sense in the standard English translation.

Regardless of its original author and origin, it was Burns who gave "Auld Lang Syne" its immortality. And though the bells now welcome the New Year with joyous peals, symbolizing mankind's hope for a bright future, the nostalgic of "Auld Lang Syne" summarizes an

adherent reluctance to leave the security and friendship of the past and embark upon a future which, however promising, may not be more pleasant. Thus, it remains a part of the English speaking heritage to "Drink a cup of kindness yet For Auld Lang Syne."

Christmas Eve Memory Check

Did You Remember... to take home a few extra toys? If you are expecting two or three neighborhood small fry to drop in, you can be sure six will show up. And three toys and six children do not enhance "Peace on Earth."

Did You Remember... to check the Christmas tree lights? Not day before yesterday. Not last week. We mean right now. A few stores are still open and you can supply new ones.

Did You Remember... that you told all those people to drop in for refreshment tonight? Better check on the cake, cookies, soft drinks, and other goodies.

Did You Remember... those last minute Christmas cards? If not, you can send telegrams to friends too far away for cards to reach them by December 25. You can even have a messenger call at your house while the guests you invited in for snacks are there, and probably everybody will remember someone far away who should have a Christmas greeting.

Did You Remember... to hang some kind of Christmas decoration outside the house, so passing strangers may enjoy some of the Christmas glow that is in your home and reflect it around your town? Remember, everyone has a part in this Christmas cheer, not just your small circle, and the more cheer you scatter, the more you will gather.

First Christmas Card Was Created in 1842

Over 250 years ago English school children wrote Christmas expressions of good will called "Christmas pieces." From this school chore came the gracious custom of sending Christmas cards.

The first known Christmas card was created in 1842 in London by a young etcher named William Egley.

In the United States, Louis Prang published the first Christmas cards. During the 1870's and 80's Prang produced thousands of beautiful cards and has become known as the grandfather of the business.

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl six years old and this is my first year in school. I want you to bring me a doll, dishes, blackboard, and school bag, also some clothes and robe, and house slippers. I want some candy, nuts and fruits. Santa, come and see all my classmates and teacher. Don't forget my mother, daddy, and sister. Shirley Ann Turner

Lubbock, Texas

Dear Santa, Since this is my very first Christmas, I really do want a lot of things. Most of all, though, I want a high chair. (I do need it now that I'm so big), and dear Santa, please don't forget my little chestnut mare, Lady. She's a good pony so will you please leave her a bundle of fresh hay at the ranch. After you have filled all the good boys' and girls' stockings, and if you have anything left, leave it at my house for my two old gwanys and gwanpas. Love to you, Jack Shadid (Shad) Brooks

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a little boy six years old and in the first grade. I would like a shotgun and electric train and plenty of nuts and candy. Don't forget the other boys and girls throughout the world. Your friend, Kennie Smith

McLean, Texas

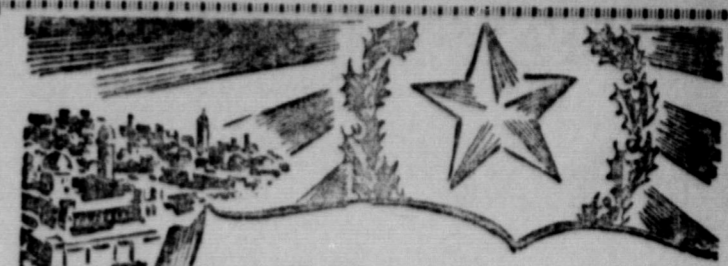
Dear Santa, Please bring me an electric train, an air rifle, a football helmet, suit, and football, as I have tried to be a real good boy all the year. Sincerely yours, Roy Earl Thomas

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus, Will you bring me an air rifle and electric football game, and my little brother Joel a tricycle. We have been good boys. James McCarty

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. I learn my lessons at school. I say my prayer at night. Please bring me a walking doll with long blond hair, and a new pair of shoes. Love, Patricia Jenkins



Christmas Greetings

To you and yours, this Christmas season, I extend my sincere wishes for happiness that will long outlast the tinsel and the tree... and live on in your hearts through all the days and years to come.

E. L. Peirce



Yuletide Greetings

In spirit of the herald angels who caroled "Glory to the New Born King," we extend our sincerest Christmas wishes to you and those you hold dearest.

Your Home & Auto Store

O. L. Barr, Mgr.



Wishing You A Very Merry Christmas

All of Us With the Avalon and Derby Theaters

For Your Christmas Entertainment December 24-25-26

"David and Bathsheba"

Truly a Great Religious Picture, With Gregory Peck and Susan Hayward Color by Technicolor

Sat., Dec. 27	Sun., Mon., Dec. 28-29	Tues., Wed., Dec. 30-31
Jane Nigh, John Archer	Anne Baxter, Macdonald Carey	Ray Middleton, Bill Shirley
in "RODEO"	in "MY WIFE'S BEST FRIEND"	in "I DREAM OF JEANIE"



An armload of good wishes for a Merry Christmas, filled with the joys of the season, to all our wonderful friends!

Brooks Dry Goods

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a big doll house, washing machine, doll with clothes, some nuts and candy. I love you.
Ann Terry
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll house, washing machine, housekeeping set, and a toy dish washer, lots of nuts and candy. Good-bye.
Linda Tindall
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old.

and go to the kindergarten school. I want a doll, nurse set, set of dishes, and snow boots. Be good to other children. Good-bye, from Jennifer Turner
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl four years old. I have been a pretty good little girl sometimes. I want a doll, wagon, scooter, and sewing machine. Mommie is going to bake a cake and you and I can lick the pan, but don't get any on your red suit. Don't forget I have a little brother this year, too. His name is Jimmy. I love you.
Janice Lynn Barker
McLean, Texas



Greetings

It's nice to extend warm and friendly greetings to all you wonderful people!

Rufe Jordan and Deputies



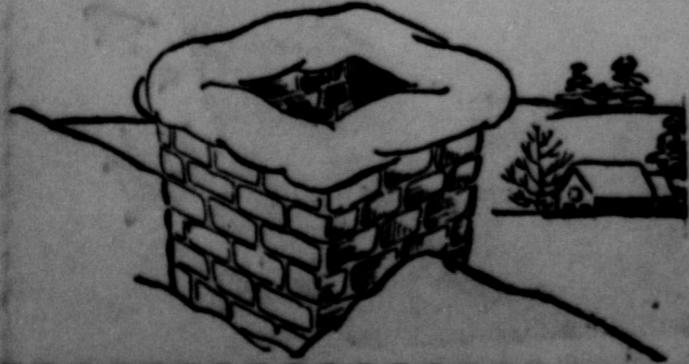
It won't be long until old Saint Nick will be knocking at your chimney, bringing you loads of happiness and joy. But before he arrives, we want to drop in for just a little visit to wish you a

JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

Boyd Meador

GENERAL INSURANCE

Boyd and Viola Meador . . . S. A. Cousins



The Santa Legend Should Be Explained, Psychologist Says

CHILDREN enjoy Santa Claus more when they know what he really is," Duke University psychologist Dr. Gelolo McHugh says. "No one enjoys finding out that he has been kept in the dark," says the specialist in child psychology, "and children are no exception." The real meaning of Santa Claus is the joy of giving to make others happy, says Dr. McHugh, and no child should be deprived of this privilege.

Later parents have the difficult job of explaining that there is no jolly old Christmas man, Dr. McHugh points out. When the truth comes out the parent has placed himself in the position of being responsible for Santa's disappearance.

Santa should be a part of Christmas, however, Dr. McHugh believes, but from the very beginning, he should be treated as a wonderful pretend game. This method has proved successful with many children, the specialist says, including his own two young boys. Children, who love to make-believe, are perfectly capable of enjoying Santa, reindeer, chimneys and all, while knowing in their hearts, when they stop to ask themselves, that he is a pretend person, he says.

The child who takes part in the Santa game doesn't have to wonder on Christmas morning why Santa didn't like him well enough to bring the expensive toys that were ordered from the North Pole, the psychologist points out.

The young Indianapolis mother who recently wrote a Christmas letter for her 5-year old son just before her death in an airplane crash, had wonderful understanding, Dr. McHugh says. She ended her letter by telling her little son that "anyone who loves and gives is real Santa."

Here's How To Choose Your Christmas Tree

NEARLY 30,000,000 Christmas trees will be sold in the U. S. this year. Select one which will retain its needles well indoors. A simple treatment will keep the needles from drying out, make the tree less flammable and keep it green longer.

Choosing the tree: Select a balsam or Douglas fir. Their needles will last two or three weeks indoors. A balsam is easily identified by its fragrance, rigid branches and two thick rows of needles which do not stab the hand. Douglas fir, the best of the firs, has long pointed red buds. Other firs have globose buds. All have soft needles. A spruce drops its needles soon after it's placed in a warm room. A Norway spruce, however, makes an ideal community Christmas tree outdoors. A white spruce is better than a Norway spruce for indoor use. Pines recognized by extra-long needles can be used. Hemlocks and junipers are of little value as Christmas trees.

Preventing needle drop: Cut at a slant an inch off the base and set the tree in a bucket of water or wet sand 24 hours before bringing it in the house. Then anchor tree firmly in a holder that contains water or moist sand. Do not place it near a radiator.

Fire precautions: (Internally)—No tree can be made completely flame-proof. Government experts suggest reducing flammability by standing tree in a solution of either ammonium sulfate, ammonium phosphate, calcium chloride or ammonium sulfamate four to six days. First weigh tree and divide by four. That will be number of pounds of material required. To each pound add one and a half pints of water. During treatment, keep tree in cool, dark place. (Externally)—Mix nine parts water glass (soluble sodium silicate) with one part water containing teaspoon of wetting agent (such as solvent soap) per quart. Dip tree into solution or spray it on tree. This will give shiny finish to needles.

Christmas Greens: Measure height of ceiling before buying tree. If branches must be trimmed from tree, use them for door spray, mantel piece or swag for newel post.



INFLATION . . . Santa supervises while one of his helpers inflates a doll. The benevolent old gent looks on with interest. Perhaps he is thinking inflation is not confined to economics.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Amarillo, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good girl. Would you please bring me a doll, doll bed, and rocking chair. Thank you.
Kaye Ayers
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am four years old and would like to have you bring me a doll, piano, and a doll house. I have been a pretty good girl all year. May you have a "good trip. Don't forget any other children. Love,
Jean Ann Giddiens
P. S.—Bring my sisters something, too. Patsy would like a teddy bear; she's just six months old.
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl two years old. I would like to have a doll, piano and a baby bed. I have tried to be a good girl all year. Bring Jean and Patsy something, too. Love,
Virginia Giddiens
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like an ironing board, a doll and a billfold. Please, Santa, don't forget my brother Charles who has gone to the Air Corps in San Antonio.
Jan Bailey
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl five years old, and go to kindergarten. I want a doll, nurse set, house shoes, and snow boots. Be good to other children. Good-bye,
Sharon Smith
White Deer, Texas

Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl three years old. I would like a doll with real hair, a cabinet, an ice box. I have a new home in White Deer on Horn St. You will find cake and cookies on the table for you. Love,
Jan Burch
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 9 years old. I would like for you to bring me a doll, and a toy switch board. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring the other boys and girls things they want, too. Love,
Christa Rodgers
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I hope you come to see me. I want a Negro doll that wets its pants, and a doll buggy. And I want a jack-in-the-box. And I want a new color book and a funny book. I want a little doll with a sweater and bonnet on it. I want some cowboys and horses and Indians like Billy Ed's. And I want a nurse's set. I love you,
Chris Campbell
P. S.—I try so hard to quit sucking my thumb.
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you please bring me a Toni doll for Christmas? I have been a good girl, so don't you forget me. I love you very much. Your friend,
Margie Ruth Railsback
Amarillo, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Remember, Santa, I lived with my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty, at McLean all my life before this year, but now I am in the third grade at McKinley school in Amarillo, and living with my mother, Mrs. Zora Kennedy. I am eight years old. I would like you to bring me some road equipment like they are using on Highway 66. Please leave them at my grandparents' under our nice Christmas tree and I will thank you. Yours with love,
Vernon Luther Kennedy
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a car, a gun, a holster, and a train for Christmas? I would like a pair of spurs. Also my little brother wants a car and some candy. Your friend,
Melvin
McLean, Texas



FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU . . .

Merry Christmas

It's a Busy Season for LONG DISTANCE

Like Santa Claus, Long Distance telephone lines will be mighty busy on the Christmas week-end.

Friends and relatives all over the country will want to exchange greetings. Most of these calls will go through promptly...but there will be some delays, particularly on calls to distant points.

Thank You

Carrying Fees in Arizona, Oklahoma, Louisiana



Our Christmas message to you:
a happy holiday season filled with festivity and bright prospects for the future.

-- City of McLean --

Mayor E. J. Lander; Councilmen Jess Kemp, C. P. Callahan, Ruel Smith, Guy Hibler, Odell Mantooth; City Secretary D. A. Davis; Clerk Nadine Lee; Supt. Pete Fulbright, and Charlie Morgan, Ernest Erwin, and Harlan Pool