



LETTERS TO SANTA

LOCAL AND HOME NEWS

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy two years old. Will you bring me a trike, a gun and lots of candy and fruit. Bring my big sister, Linda Kay, a bride doll, a buggy and a watch. We both have been pretty good. I love you.
Ross Allen Lisman

Dear Santa,
We are two little girls ages 8 and 4 years. We have tried to be pretty good this year so would you please bring us a plastic nurse set, a wind up train, a doll and anything else you think we would like. Don't forget all our

little friends and our big sister, Jacqueline. Lotsa love.
Rhonda and Jana Gay Davis
P. S. Don't forget the nuts, candy and fruit. Bye, bye, Santa.

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to leave me a doll, guns and holster and a cowgirl suit on Christmas morning.
Please leave my brother, James, a wagon, truck and tractor. Leave oats for my horse and some

house manners for my puppy.
My three cousins from La-Marque will be here Christmas so leave them something special under the tree. Please don't forget to fill our socks with goodies.
Jenny Everett

Dear Santa,
Judy wants a doll and I want some guns and holsters and a radio station, too. From Judy and Keith, love.

Keith Watson
P. S. We will leave 4 dollars and 25 cents under the Christmas tree.

Dear Santa,
My name is Janice Barker. I want a bride doll and some other clothes for it and I want a sewing machine and I want a wagon. Thank you, Santa.
Janice

Dear Santa,
My name is Jimmy Barker. I want a steam shovel. I want a gun. I want a bow and arrow. Goodbye, Santa.
Jimmy

School Bus Drivers Consistently Set Best Safety Record

Texas' 7,500 school bus drivers, who, in driving 82,000,000 miles annually, consistently set the state's best safety record, drew a salute in Austin this week.

The Texas railroads adopted a resolution lauding the diligence and good judgment with which the drivers protect the lives of Texas children.

Pointing out that the school bus drivers' record is seldom accorded the recognition it is due and that it is a wonderful example for



It's time out for Christmas tree fire safety in the heart of the Christmas tree country near Missoula, Montana. Local Junior Fire Marshals Mark Borgerson, Barbara Barriek and John Barmeyer tie "Yule Rule" fire prevention reminders to one of more than 150,000 Christmas trees distributed each year by William Coupanger (standing), Elmore, Minnesota, nurseryman. Tags listing ways to protect Christmas trees against fire are being tied to Christmas trees from coast to coast by some 3,000,000 Junior Fire Marshals. The year-round Junior Fire Marshal program is sponsored as a public service by the Hartford Fire Insurance Company through local agents, schools and fire departments. The American Association of Nurserymen whose members produce a large part of 30 million Christmas trees sold each year in the United States is cooperating in the gigantic Christmas safety project.

other persons using the highways, 3,280 times around the equator. It was also noted that in more than half of the accidents listed that the bus actually was not involved in the collision; that cars and trucks were hit either behind the school buses or in going around them.

The Texas law requires that when school buses are loading or discharging passengers, all vehicles approaching from either direction come to a full stop.

They annually traveled 82,000,000 miles, a distance equal to the resolution set out that a bus is listed in an accident report only on an average of once in every 410,000 miles. That is a distance equal to 16 times around the world at the equator.

That record has held for the last five years, during which the school buses have traveled 410,000,000 miles in transporting children to and from school.

Christmas Joy

TO YOU, OUR FRIENDS

In the days ahead may you come to know the joys of the New Year. May health, peace and prosperity be yours. May we take this opportunity to express our thanks for your favors during the past year.

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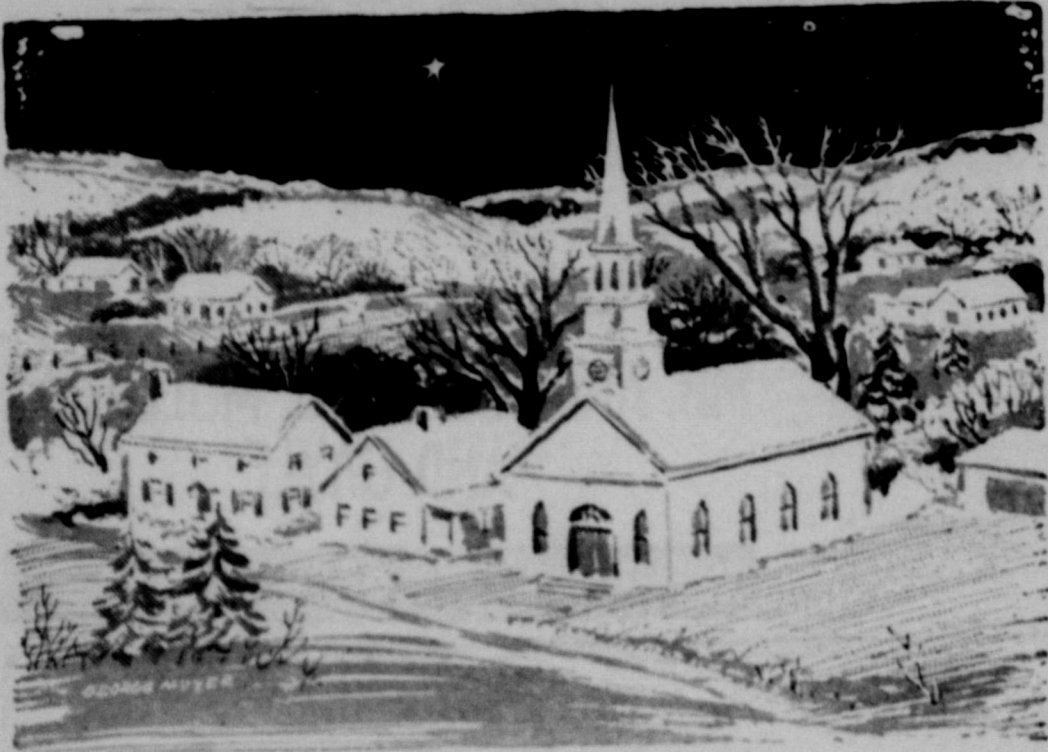
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Constable, Precinct 5

SILENT NIGHT... HOLY NIGHT...



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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**Blessings
at
Christmas**

At this season of the year we would like to offer our thanks for a world at peace and a nation free from tyranny. A very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year to you and yours.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
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SANTA GETS ORDERS FIRST HAND AT HOSPITAL



When the little patients at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital at Dallas sent word for Santa they got their greatest wish this week. Hospital President John McKee (above right) surprised them with Old Saint Nicholas in person who carefully took their individual orders and promised to be back with a full sack on Christmas Eve.

**LETTERS
TO SANTA**

Dear Santa,
I am real excited over you this year. I would like a doll and a doll buggy small enough for me to push. Be good to all the little children everywhere.
Bye, and I love you,
De Anne Sargent

Dear Santa,
My name is Mike Haynes and I have tried to be a good boy this year. I would like an electric train, a fire truck with real rubber hose, and a safe.
Davey would like to have a fire truck, some kind of a small train and a squeaky duck.
We now have a new baby sister, Sheri Lee, and if you can, please bring her something to play with.

Mike
Davey
Sheri

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy five years old. I have tried to be real good this year, so you will bring me some new toys. I would like an electric train and new gun and just anything you think I might like to play with. Don't forget Stanley, he's my baby brother not quite two, and he would like a rocking horse, some blocks and just anything else. We hope to see you soon so hurry by our house.
Love,
Melvin Ray and Stanley Simpson

**Professor's Poem
Is Real Beginning
Of Today's Santa**

A flowing white beard, twinkling eyes, cherry red nose and a round belly like a bowlful of jelly.
This right jolly old elf, of course, is our beloved Santa Claus. Almost any kid today could tell you that.
But a little over a century ago children went to bed on Christmas Eve without visions of sugar plums dancing in their heads or thoughts of eight tiny reindeer pulling a miniature sleigh full of toys.
The reason? Nobody could agree as to exactly what St. Nicholas looked like. That is, until Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, a professor at Columbia University in New York, wrote his now famous poem that starts "Twas the Night Before Christmas..."
Up to that time, St. Nicholas was anything a parent might wish to impose on his child—a figure tall or short, fat or thin, happy or stern.
But Dr. Moore changed all that with his portrait in words entitled "A Visit From Saint Nicholas."

Written for Own Children
He wrote it on Christmas Eve, 1822, for his own children. And it might have sunk into obscurity had not Harriet Butler heard it read at the Moore home. She was the daughter of the rector at St. Paul's Church in Troy, N. Y.
She asked permission to read it to the children of her father's parish. She also sent the poem, minus the author's name, to the editor of the Troy, N. Y., Sentinel. It appeared there for the first time on December 23, 1823.
The editor, Orville Holley, wrote: "We do not know to whom we are indebted for the following description of that unwearied patron of children, that homely but delightful personification of parental kindness—Santa Claus, his costume and his equipage, as he goes about visiting the fire-side of his happy land, laden with Christmas bounties, but from whomsoever it may have come, we give thanks for it."
Pictures Come Later
It didn't appear with the author's name attached until 1837 when it came out in a book entitled "The New York Book of Poetry."
In 1850 the Sentinel employed

ing Santa first appeared in 1869. From this beginning the Santa Claus we know today has spread all over the world. The poem has been translated into dozens of languages—creating everywhere the same picture of joy and generosity, the same feeling of unbounded good fellowship represented in its final words: "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night."



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You've heard this before, we know. But how else can we wish you the best of holiday cheer than to say, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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over and see us soon!

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A FRIENDLY GREETING

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old. I try to be very good. My name is Donna Lou Hall. I want very few things for Christmas. Here are the thing I want, a doll, a book, a toy skunk, and some clothes. Love you always,
Donna Lou Hall

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy and will you please bring me a black and gold football helmet, real football, a bow and 25 arrows and a leather case to put them in, a pair of boots. Love,
Dave Gull

P. S. Please bring my mommy something pretty.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Billy Felton and I am 6 years old. I have tried to be a good boy this year. For Christmas I wish you would bring me a filling station, an airport, and an army car set.
My brother Kirk is 4 years old and he would like a Robin Hood castle, some army trucks, and a Mickey Mouse pirate ship. He is about as good as a 4 year old boy usually is.
We thank you very much, Santa Claus, and wish you a Merry Christmas. Love,
Billy Webb

Dear Santa,
I am six years old and I live at Northfork, Texas. I have tried to be a good boy and I would like a "Tusty" suit and a little electric train. Don't forget any of the other little kids, especially the Democrats. Merry Christmas.
Samuel Thacker Haynes

Dear Santa,
My name is Jenny Haynes and I am three years old. I have tried to be a good girl, but it's hard with grandparents like mine. I would like a walking doll and a baby stroller. Thank you very much.
Jennifer Lynn Haynes

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 2 years old. Please bring me a doll, doll clothes and a suit case. I am trying to be good. Thank you.
Jill Page

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 5 years old. Please bring me a red bicycle, house shoes, and basketball. I will try to be better. Thank you.
James Page

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a holster set, with a canteen and a rifle like my Daddy's. I would like to have a cowboy suit and some cowboys and horses, and Santa, don't forget Uncle Friday is home from Germany and brought Aunt Erika. And don't forget all the other children. I love you, Santa.
Jerry Don Dwyer

The stars neither rise nor set at either of the two poles.



THE OLD TIMER

"The more you know, the more you ought to know!"

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

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

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

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

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

Christmas Carols Herald Yuletide Immemorally

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

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

Christmas carols are of two main types—religious and convivial. The religious offer praise to the newborn and celebrate the birth of Christ. The convivial exalt mirth and the traditional feasting.
The latter is almost an invention of our modern civilization and few "popular" Yuletide songs manage to return year after year.

"Jingle Bells" is one notable exception.
"Silent Night," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," and "O Come, All Ye Faithful" seem destined to last forever.

Washington Irving, the author, was named for George Washington.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Editorial

YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

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

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

New York, N. Y.
 September 8, 1897

Dear Editor:

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

Yours truly,
 Virginia O'Hanlon

"Yes, Virginia, yes, indeed!

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they see—they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

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

"You might get your Papa to hire a man to watch all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even in they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus—the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's not proof that they are not there—nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

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

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

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

A PART OF CHRISTMAS

Holly branches are part of the Christmas scene. Even before there was a Christmas the ancient Romans found that the shiny, prickly green leaves and red berries of the holly tree were ideal as festive adornment for the halls where they celebrated their feasts of Saturnalia.

Holly came to be considered sacred by many because its beauty was greatest at a time when most other trees were barren. Evil spirits and witches hold powerful sway in the legends and folklore of all peoples and they account for holly's present position as a doorway decoration. It was placed over entryways and windows in the belief that its thorns would ward off these unwanted visitors. Regardless of legendary spirits, one thing is sure, Christmas holly is here to stay as an expression of the friendliness, good will and joy of the season.

THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS



A LIVING THING

We hear much of racial discords and injustices. We should hear more of the opportunities this country offers to people of diverse colors, creeds, and nationalities

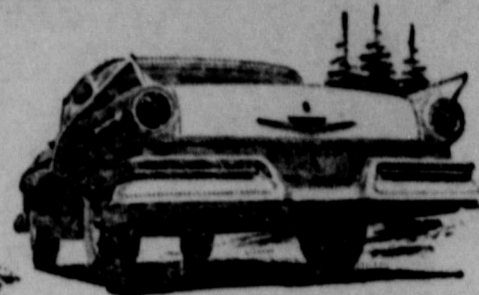
The other day a Hindu, born in India, was elected to Congress. One may approve or disapprove of his particular partisan allegiance and his views on government. But what the Chinese World, published in San Francisco, said of this occurrence is of much greater importance:

"In the United States, any loyal citizen who devotes himself to public service has an equal chance with other Americans to attain public office." It added that the new Congressman is making a trip to India "... to inform the peoples of Asia that in America democracy is a living, active thing, and not just a theoretical device to serve propaganda purposes."

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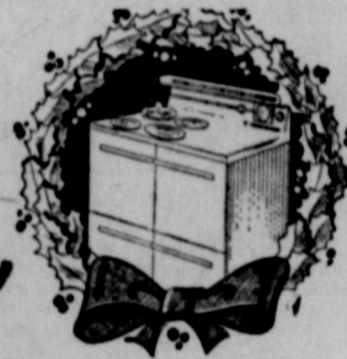
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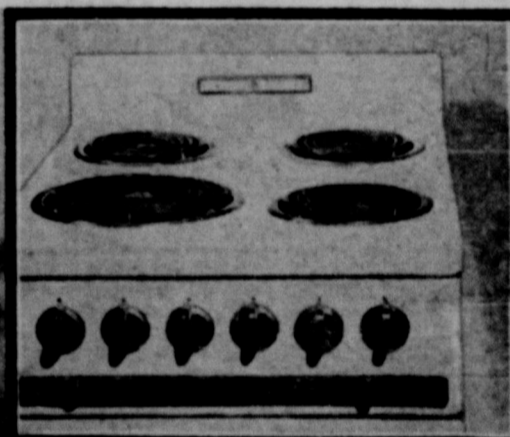
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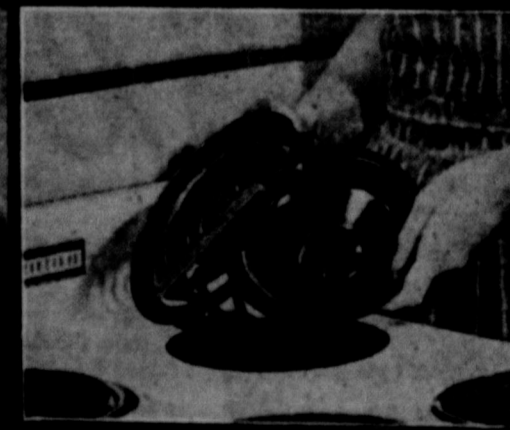
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Santa Claus "Takes The Cake!"

"Dear Santa" Cake is both party table decoration—and dessert! To make this CHRISTMAS CAKE, you'll need:



- 1 rectangular cake, 13x9x2-inches
 - Seven-minute frosting
 - Red food coloring
 - Red-tinted sugar or "sprinkles"
 - 1 can Baker's Angel Flake Coconut
 - Red gumdrops and blue crystal mints
- The top picture shows "Dear Santa" cake... completed.

STEPS TO FOLLOW:

1. Bake a 13x9x2-inch cake... use your favorite recipe or one of the new instant cake mixes.
 2. Cool the cake, then cut as follows:
 - a. (See Figure 1 at left). From one end of cake cut a crosswise strip 4-3/4 inches wide. This is for Santa's face.
 - b. Divide rest of cake in two by cutting off a triangle which measures 7-1/4 inches on two sides. This triangle is for the hat; the other piece will be the beard. (See Figure 2). Arrange pieces on large plate or tray.
- Steps in decorating "Santa":
- a. Tint about half the frosting pink with red food coloring. Spread pink frosting over face, making deep swirls for cheeks. Spread rest of pink frosting on hat, leaving an open strip for hat band. Then swirl white frosting on hatband and make a mound of it at peak of hat for tassel. Spread rest of white frosting on beard, right down to the point of Santa's chin.
 - b. Scatter red "sprinkles" over hat. Sprinkle flaked coconut on beard and on white frosted band and tassel of hat. Use red cinnamon drops or gum drops for mouth and nose and blue crystal mints for eyes. Sprinkle a little coconut above eyes for bushy eyebrows.



Figure 1



Figure 2

My Favorite Recipe

DIVINITY CANDY

By Mrs. Anna Scott

- 2 1/3 cups sugar
 - 2/3 cup white Karo
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - Whites of 2 large or 3 small eggs
 - 1 teaspoon flavoring
 - 1 cup chopped nuts (optional)
- Beat egg whites until they stand in stiff peaks. Cook sugar, Karo, salt and water to a thread stage. Pour one-half of syrup slowly over beaten egg whites, beating continuously. Return remaining half of syrup to fire and cook to a hard ball stage. Pour over first mixture, beating well. Add flavoring and nuts and continue beating until mixture loses its shine and is stiff. Drop by teaspoon onto waxed paper or pour onto well buttered pan and cut in squares when cool.
- This recipe may be varied as follows:
- For peppermint divinity, use 1/2 teaspoon of peppermint extract and color a delicate green with food coloring.
 - For orange divinity use 1 teaspoon orange extract and 2 tablespoons grated orange rind.
 - For cherry nut divinity drain a 4 ounce jar of maraschino cherries and use 1/2 cup juice in place of water. Chop cherries fine and add with 1/2 cup chopped nuts.

ISN'T IT FUNNY...

...that so many business men get up in the morning... shave with an advertised razor and wash with advertised soap... put on advertised underwear, socks, tie, shoes and suit... eat advertised breakfast food and drink advertised coffee... put on an advertised hat... light an advertised cigarette... go to their place of business in an advertised automobile... and on their arrival at their office... turn down an advertising plan on the ground that advertising doesn't pay?

Wall Street in New York was so named because it follows the line of the palisaded wall or stockade built in 1652 across the southern end of Manhattan Island.

Average life of a milk bottle is 34 deliveries.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
My name is Bill. I'm three years old. I've been doing just what I'm told. I'd like a train, a truck and gun for with these toys I'd have lots of fun. My brother, Phil, is one. Not big enough yet for a gun. But he'd like a train and some horse shoes, too. He says he's been good for me to tell you. Help the people remember tonight, so look for the star's beautiful light, remember that on this holy day, the Christ child came to show us the way. Please remember the other girls and boys and take them lots of Christmas toys. Guess that's all I have to say except have a happy Christmas day.
Bill Parmenter
Kelton, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 21 months old. Please bring me a truck, noise makers, some candy and a doll. Bear, my dog, would like a red rubber ball. Much love,
Dennis Kevin Roan

Dear Santa,
My sister Diana would like a ballerina doll with lots of clothes. My baby sister Carol would like whatever you would like to give her.

I would like a high heel walking doll with lots of clothes and a pearl necklace. We have been pretty good girls. Love,
Vicky Gail Bunch

Dear Santa Claus,
I have moved to Amarillo. My address is 3716 Lenwood. I want you to bring me a tiny terry lee doll and lots and lots and lots of clothes, and a bathnet, and bring my little brother Jay a teddy bear. Your friend,
Chris Campbell

Dear Santa,
My name is Randy. I am 7 years old. I would like an army set and candy and gum in my stocking.

My sister Becky would like a doll house and candy and gum, too, in her stocking.
My sister Kathy would like a baby doll. She likes candy, too. Yours sincerely,
Randy Scott McDonald
125 Arlington Dr.
Libertyville, Ill.

Dear Santa,
I want a football helmet like this, blue with a white stripe and a football, too. Love,
Herby Butrum

Dear Santa,
You will find me in Cheyenne, Wyo., this year. We have a fire place so I'll hang my sock up on it. I would like to have a fiddle, Indian chief set, guns and holster and a doctor kit. I have tried to be good. Remember Joe, Jan and Suzie. They have been good, too. Love,
Tommy Gipson

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an electric football game and jig saw. And a month's supply of BB. Santa don't forget that Uncle Friday is home from Germany. Santa, don't forget all of the other children. Love,
Arthur James Dwyer, II

Dear Santa Claus,
Do you bring little girls almost nine years old toys? I don't want much this year because I want you to bring Linda Lowe lots of things to play with because she is sick.

I would like a cowgirl suit and boots, I wear size 2, and 10 in my cowgirl suit. And a wrist radio. Guess I better go now. Your little friend,
Marilyn Kay Williams

P. S. I will probably be at Canyon at my sister's house.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 5 1/2 years old and my name is Richard Craig Fuller.

We have a new baby girl at our house, so be sure and put her on your list. Her name is Carla Ann Fuller and she is 3 months old. Please bring her a "nitty-nite" doll and a cradle gym.

I would like a mobile loud-speaker sound truck, a radar rocket cannon and a big red wagon.

Please see that all the little boys and girls all over the world have a merry Christmas. Love,
Richard Craig Fuller

Dr. Joel M. Gooch

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Shamrock, Texas
Please Phone for Appointments



Best wishes for a
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

At this Christmas time, I greet you with the prayer that for you, now and forever, the day breaks and the shadows disappear.

LADY BRYANT, LIBRARIAN

SOCK IT AWAY!



Greetings of
the Season
TO OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS!

MRS. W. C. SHULL & NEIL

GREETINGS of the SEASON

May all the joys of this Holiday
be with you throughout!

THE NEW YEAR
American National Bank In McLean

Member F. D. I. C.
Officers, Directors, and Employees

J. L. McMurtry, President	Clifford Allison, Executive Vice President
J. L. Hess, Vice President	T. Eimo Whaley, Cashier
J. Alfred McMurtry	Milton Carpenter
Conald Cunningham, LaVerne Hutchison, Grace Glenn	

THE Spirit of Christmas
BELONGS TO EVERYONE

At this season of the year it is our sincere hope that
happiness and prosperity find their way into the homes of
all our friends, and remain with them throughout the year.

Cal and Marie Fraser



It's In The Bag



Merry Christmas

We're glad of the chance to wish our many patrons and friends a holiday season filled with good luck, cheer and happiness.

McLEAN HARDWARE AND FURNITURE
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Meacham

THE COMING OF THE KING



THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS has inspired children for centuries... and the Scriptures are never more moving than when they describe the birth of Christ. This beautiful drawing of Mary and the infant Jesus, by William Moyers, is one of many colorful illustrations from "The Coming of the King," a re-telling of the story of the Nativity by the Rev. Norman Vincent Peale. Following his recent visit to the Holy Land, Dr. Peale wrote this Christmas book especially for children. His simple and reverent description of the Nativity inspired Don Gillis to compose a newly recorded cantata, "The Coming of the King."

An American Santa Claus?

(Reprinted from Town Journal Magazine)

Is there a Santa Claus? An American Santa Claus?

Does some mysterious spirit grant gifts and blessings to the people of the United States in which most of the rest of the world does not share?

One cannot doubt it. And that there is an American Santa Claus we do verily believe.

Again this Christmas the children in every home will delight in armfuls of new toys and joys. Generous groups will make it part of their holiday pleasure to see that children, in orphanages and hospitals are well-remembered. The grown-up folks, too, will be recipients.

How does it come that Christmas giving can be so lavish? And how is it that through all the year Americans can have so much — so much that few of humankind outside our country can

enjoy?

Here we are only 6% of the world's population. Yet we produce two-thirds of the world's manufactured goods. We use most of the world's telephones. We drive two-thirds of the world's motor vehicles.

We have jobs, good paying jobs, for nearly every able bodied person who wants to work. We carry more insurance than anybody; fewer people each year need to look forward to a destitute or dependent old age.

With fewer hours of work than anywhere else we can buy the necessities which make us better fed, better clad and better housed. Our homes are enriched with unprecedented conveniences and we have more free time in which to enjoy them.

Thanks to the American Santa Claus, we can spare what it takes to produce the world's most powerful military defense. We have been able to give away fifty or sixty billions to help allies and friends and to assist the less fortunate nations.

Nowhere else on earth do so many of the people give so freely of their money, time and personal effort in organized or individual endeavor to help others and their communities. We support vast works of research to reduce disease and suffering. We have the money and energy to improve the present and to build the future.

Yes, there is an American Santa Claus, a very special Santa Claus from where these bounties flow. But he is not a mysterious Santa Claus. He is written into

the American Constitution. The great fact of the individual's liberty is our Santa Claus. Here, unhampered by governmental tyrannies, untrammelled by tyrannies of ancient customs, each person may work where he pleases at the job he chooses, and do as he likes, after taxes, with the money he earns. He may speak, print and worship as he pleases. Because of this personal freedom, Americans produce more, and have more to enjoy for themselves and with which to help others.

The ideals of Christianity, and the idea of the soul itself, link to the dignity of the individual person. Without liberty of choice, man becomes a subject of compulsion and is deprived of his full natural dignity.

Our American Santa Claus has thus grown out of those same basic concepts of man's moral worth that were expressed by the Christ whose birth Christmas celebrates. They are basic, too, in the season's eternal message: "Peace on Earth, Good Will To-Morrow Men."

Special TURKEY DINNER

with all the trimmings
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

Come out and enjoy
Sunday dinner with us.

We will be closed Tuesday,
December 25

We wish you a very
Merry Christmas!

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Meador
MEADOR'S CAFE



CONSUMERS SUPPLY



Amid the gaiety of the holiday season may we pause and remember the true meaning of Christmas.

MEAD'S BAKERY
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Martin
Joe and Gay



Peace on Earth

WILLIAMS APPLIANCES



Joy to you...

WITH BEST WISHES

for a Merry Christmas

TEXAS FURNITURE CO.

"QUALITY HOME FURNISHINGS"

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PAMPA, TEXAS



Greetings

Best wishes to you,

for Christmas and the New Year

Stubblefield's Department Store

Merry Christmas



DON CAIN
County Attorney



God Bless Us Every One

May this Yuletide be the merriest ever for you, your family and friends.

RUFÉ JORDAN
Sheriff and Department

EDITOR'S LONG CAMPAIGN FOR U.S. HIGHWAYS ENDS IN VICTORY FOR HEARST NEWSPAPERS



William S. Lampe, Editor, Pittsburgh, Pa., Sun-Telegraph (left) and William R. Hearst, Jr., Editor-in-Chief, Hearst Newspapers.

Editor's Note: This special article on a newspaper's contribution to American life, was written by John O'Brien, of the Detroit Times, who for the past four years, has been assigned to the one task of informing the American public what could and should be done about the Highway program.

By John H. O'Brien

Gathering the news, reporting it impartially and delivering it promptly to the public is the basic objective of American newspapers.

But that's not all. Rendering a public or community service often is uppermost in the editor's mind. This sort of project sometimes occupies him to the exclusion of nearly everything else. And if the job takes days, months or even years, it is not important. The point is to get it done.

A few years from now when a mobile American public is crisscrossing the nation on super highways built for speed, comfort and safety and when the economy of the country is bolstered by a highway system of communication undreamed of only a few short years ago, some may remember that what started it all was this message from an editor:

Memo

TO: William S. Lampe
FROM: W. R. Hearst, Jr.
"The inadequacies of the highways in this country have become America's No. 1 problem but nobody seems

to know about it . . . "So will you please . . . organize a staff from among our best people everywhere, and make a thorough study of the highways—a research job if you please.

as soon as you are ready, start a nationwide campaign for better roads. Use all our facilities and all our resources. Our object is not to build them, but simply to acquaint everyone with the seriousness of the road problem.

"Most important, let's not relax the campaign until we get better roads, no matter how many years it may take."

Became Experts

This memorandum from Mr. Hearst to Mr. Lampe was dated early Spring 1952. The 17 Hearst newspapers at that time, like all other newspapers, were very busy reporting world events—a Korean war, for example. Yet the extensive editorial staff marshaled by Mr. Lampe at Mr. Hearst's request found time to learn about American highways. Not just enough to awaken the country to its real highway needs but everything. They became, in fact, the real experts.

The preliminary study by the Hearst newspaper editors revealed several fundamental conclusions and notably pointed out the one that was the reason for William Randolph Hearst, Jr., undertaking the campaign. It

was expressed this way in May 1952 by Albert Bradley, member of the National Highway Users Conference, and now Chairman of the Board of General Motors Corp.

"Although a highway problem exists, well recognized by the public, well understood by experts in the field, and dealt with from year to year by state and national legislators, there is no single voice discussing the problem that is powerful enough to be heard."

"Who is going to do the talking?"

One Voice, One Goal

Thus on the first Sunday in October 1952 the Hearst Newspapers started to do the talking, simultaneously, with one voice and one goal.

Almost four years later, June 1956, to be exact, President Eisenhower signed the Federal-Aid Highway act of 1956 and brought to full fruition one of the most notable public service campaigns ever conducted by an editor.

What happened from October 1952 to July 1956 is an almost unbelievable contribution of energy, effort and devotion from Mr. Lampe's staff of Hearst reporters and editors.

In this period Hearst newspapers printed nearly three million lines on the highway problem—enough to fill 1,229 full newspaper pages. Or enough to fill the columns of an average size metropolitan daily paper with nothing but stories and editorials on highways for 76 consecutive days.

Means Prosperity

What the road program means to America economically is fantastic. Apart from the thousands upon thousands of jobs the construction program will create, there are millions of tons of material, machinery, fuel, etc., which will be needed to complete the job. Enough, in fact, to boost employment to an all-time high and to impose an equally high degree of stability and prosperity on hundreds of varied lines of business and industry which will benefit from the gigantic road building program.

This, of course, was above and beyond a newspaper's daily task of gathering the news and reporting it impartially and promptly to the people.

This was unselfish public service of the highest order.

Capt. Blackwell Asks Support to 'Back Attack on Accidents'

Captain J. W. Blackwell, commanding officer of the Amarillo district of the Texas Highway Patrol, this week called on every motorist and pedestrian in the Panhandle to support the program, "Back the Attack on Traffic Accidents."

This takes on added significance as we approach the Christmas and New Year holiday season.

Captain Blackwell recalls that during the 11-day Christmas holiday period in 1955 there were 57 rural traffic accidents investigated in the Amarillo patrol district. These were broken down as follows: 3 fatal accidents, 16 personal injury accidents, and 38 property damage accidents. Of the three fatal accidents, one occurred on Christmas Day and one on New Year's Day.

During the entire year of 1955 there were 78 fatal accidents in the 26 counties of the Amarillo district resulting in 100 fatalities. As of noon on December 13, 1956, there have been 72 fatal accidents with 92 deaths in the same area.

The primary violations found in the accidents during last year's holiday season were: (1) Speed-



Dani Crayne, of Warner Brothers Studios, gives top billing when she decorates for Christmas to the one she considers the most important of all her gifts—the U. S. Savings Bonds.

ing, (2) Driving while intoxicated, (3) Failure to grant right-of-way, and (4) Following too closely.

To "step up the attack against accidents," Captain Blackwell has assigned his men to extra duty during the period from December 21 through January 1. In addition to extra hours of assignment, the use of split-shifts, and the use of radar, personnel from other divisions of the Department of Public Safety will work with highway patrolmen to provide additional manpower.

For a safe and joyous Christmas period, the captain offers the following suggestions to all

drivers:

1. Stay alert to extra dangers. Don't allow preoccupation with holiday concerns to divert your attention.
 2. Slow down in bad weather and adjust your speed to the prevailing conditions at all times.
 3. Don't drink and drive. If you drink, don't drive—if you drive, don't drink.
 4. Slow down at night. Remember darkness doubles danger.
 5. Obey all traffic laws.
 6. Follow other vehicles at a safe distance. Allow at least one car length for every 10 mph speed under perfect conditions.
 7. Stay on your side of the road at intersections, grade crossings, no passing zones, and on hills and curves.
 8. Drive with courtesy.
 9. Watch for pedestrians.
 10. Accept your responsibility.
- In conclusion Captain Blackwell said, "We must not let last year's tragic history repeat itself on our public highways."

Red cedar wood is used most commonly in making lead pencils.

Horace Mann is the father of the American public school system.

Maryland has the only state flag bearing a coat of arms.

Christmas



OLA GREGORY
County Treasurer

Peace on Earth



Good Will Toward men

May we give thanks for the progress made in furthering peace and brotherhood

among men
BRUCE L. PARKER
County Judge

A Joyful Christmas
And everything good in the
New Year

HELEN SPRINKLE
District Clerk

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOURS?



CHRISTMAS SEALS fight TB

Christmas Greetings
and every good wish for
A Happy New Year

May you and your loved ones enjoy the blessings of peace throughout the year.

JACK BACK
Tax Assessor and Collector

GAS-TOONS

By
ERNEST WATSON



"Watch that hood, Ernest...
IT SLIPS!"
We watch for the little things
that need our attention.

**WATSON'S
GULF SERVICE**

We Give TOP Stamps
Phone 104
McLean, Texas

Teen-Age Investors Cheer 36,000,000th Chevrolet



Tommy Ramlow, 14, chairman of Class of '60 Stock Co., student investment company at Washington Irving High School, Tarrytown, N. Y., congratulates E. N. Cole, general manager of Chevrolet Motor Division, on completion of 36,000,000th Chevrolet at North Tarrytown plant. Cheering are other members of the freshman class who invested 77 cents each in one share of General Motors common stock as class project in corporate management.

the sole purpose of making children all over the world happy is a lovely and logical idea to youngsters.

Occasionally, parents worry over telling their children "what isn't so," lest their children lose faith in them when they discover the truth. Encourage your child to believe in Santa Claus. He will grow up to understand that Santa is not a real man. The disillusionment comes slowly and painlessly when the child is mature enough to accept it.

The myth isn't a falsehood, but rather a lovely game to be played. The spirit of the game is something that lasts through life—the kindly giving spirit that causes people to enjoy making others happy.

French is the official diplomatic language of the world.

Mrs. Norris Cunningham

has been appointed

Agent for

The Pampa Daily News

If you do not receive your paper by 6:00 p. m. daily and 9:00 a. m. Sunday, Phone 286W

Greetings
To All of You from All of Us!
**THE HAROLD BUTRUMS
CHILDREN'S SHOP**

"It's This Way, Daddy!"



"They aren't ready to taste yet, Daddy! Wait 'til they're baked." Looks like papa Sid Caesar got those orders from his 9 year old daughter Shelly. Since she got her very own copy of the new *Mary Alden Cake and Cookie Cook Book for Children*, Shelly has become self-appointed chief cookie baker in the Caesar household. For Sid Caesar's first lesson in cookie baking, Shelly has chosen from her cook book a favorite of hers called Hawaiian Hulas, made with rolled oats and coconut. Published by Wonder Books, Inc., the cook book is written by Mary Alden of The Quaker Oats Company and is available in food and drug stores. Here is the recipe from the *Mary Alden Cake and Cookie Cook Book* which Shelly Caesar has used to make her Hawaiian Hulas.

**HAWAIIAN HULAS
(Makes 3 dozen cookies)**

- 1-1/4 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, soft
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup quick oats
- 1 cup coconut
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Sift together flour, baking powder, soda and salt. Add brown sugar, butter, granulated sugar and egg. Mix well and add quick oats, coconut and vanilla. Shape into 36 balls and place on greased cookie sheets. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) about 12 minutes.

**SANTA CLAUS
REAL PERSON
TO CHILDREN**

The jolly, fat old man with the long white beard and the red fur-trimmed suit is the personification of the Christmas spirit to children. Some children become interested in Santa Claus at the tender age of two, and between three and five most children believe in him implicitly.

The joy and excitement of Christmas are some of the most precious landmarks of childhood.

During these years you need have little fear that the child will find out Santa is just a myth. He loves the story and wants to believe it.

Flying Reindeer Make Sense

To him, Santa is a very real person who lives in a real house and even likes oatmeal for breakfast. Santa riding through the sky with a team of reindeer seems just as sensible to him as planes flying overhead. The story of his yearly trip around the world for



Merry
Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

**JOHN SCOTT
FEED STORE**

TO YOU!!!
We're sending our Best
Wishes for a happy holiday... and may
every good thing come your way!
**McLEAN GROCERY
AND MARKET**
Mrs. T. E. Anderson - - Mrs. Ted Glass

Joyous

Greetings
TO OUR MANY FRIENDS
MASTER CLEANERS
Marye - - Emory - - Cleo

CHRISTMAS
Greetings
May yours be a Christmas of hope and peace
and may you have a prosperous New Year!
**TO ALL
OUR
FRIENDS
&
NEIGHBORS**
THE TEXAS COMPANY
Custer and Ruth

*Our
Sincerest
Wish for the
Holiday
Season*
**SMOKEY'S
BARBER SHOP**

Merry Christmas
**to
All**

We're beating a drum 'cause we want
everyone to hear this Yuletide wish... May
you have boundless cheer and much happi-
ness all thru' the coming year!

CICERO SMITH LUMBER CO.

Greetings
*To wish you a
Joyful Christmas*

G. & G. Automotive Supply

PLAIN TALK

By BILL PERKINS

Here is your annual Christmas edition of The McLean News crammed full of greetings from your friends and neighbors and lots and lots of letters to Santa from young folks you know.

Another year is fading into history and it has been a good year for McLean. Although we didn't get as much rainfall as we think we need and even though some of us lost some votes this election year, when you look back over the last 12 months things were pretty good in general for all of us.

Things that are easiest to recall include the new library building across from the city hall, and the new hospital building a block north of that wasn't here a year ago.

Also during during the last year we have seen an empty building changed into a manufacturing site which in a few short weeks will be in operation producing garments which will be sold all over the nation.

Additional drilling operations and construction of a natural gas gathering system in this area are not at all unlikely in the earlier part of the new year.

Yes, 1956 has been good to McLean and most of us, and things look even better as the old year begins to fade and the new one approaches.

Only three more shopping days until Christmas!

McLean Lions Get Ready for Christmas at Tuesday Meeting

President George Saunders called the regular meeting of the McLean Lions Club to order at noon Tuesday at the Methodist church basement.

Lion Ralph Thomas of Pampa was the only guest present other than those on the program. Lion Thomas stressed the importance of the Christmas Day program to be by a membership drive. McLean's quota for this year is seven. Last year's members were for the McLean club campaign.

Chairman S. A. Cousins telegram over to Lion Amos who presented the FFA string and brought the program.

Following the program the date for the next regular meeting was discussed. It was decided to have the first meeting of the new year on January 8 since the regular meeting would fall on the New Year holiday. It was voted by the club to have Ladies' Night January 29.

Lion Boyd Meador, membership chairman, appointed team captains to serve during the Founder's Day program. The club was divided into two sections with Lion Lamb heading one team and Bill Perkins heading the other.

W. C. Simpson gave a Christmas tree sales and a wassail cupper. It was noted that the tree sales had been good but Mrs. Shull still has a few left to sell for the club. All of the holiday fruit cakes purchased by the club have been sold.

Volunteers were asked to help Lion Amos Page at the theatre Saturday when he and the club will present a free movie for the children. Also preparations were made to sack the candy Friday afternoon that Santa will distribute when the club presents him in town Saturday morning following the movie.

Lions brought gifts to the meeting to fill baskets for needy persons again this year.

Most McLean Stores To Be Closed Next Tuesday, Wednesday

Most McLean business establishments will be closed next Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 25 and 26, for observance of the Christmas holidays.

Cooper's and Puckett's food stores have announced in their advertisements this week that they will observe both holidays.

Brown's Rexall Drug will be closed all day Tuesday and Wednesday morning. The drug store will be open from 1 to 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Marie Johnson, who is attending Abilene Christian College, is in McLean spending the holidays with her family and friends.

LOCAL AND HOME NEWS

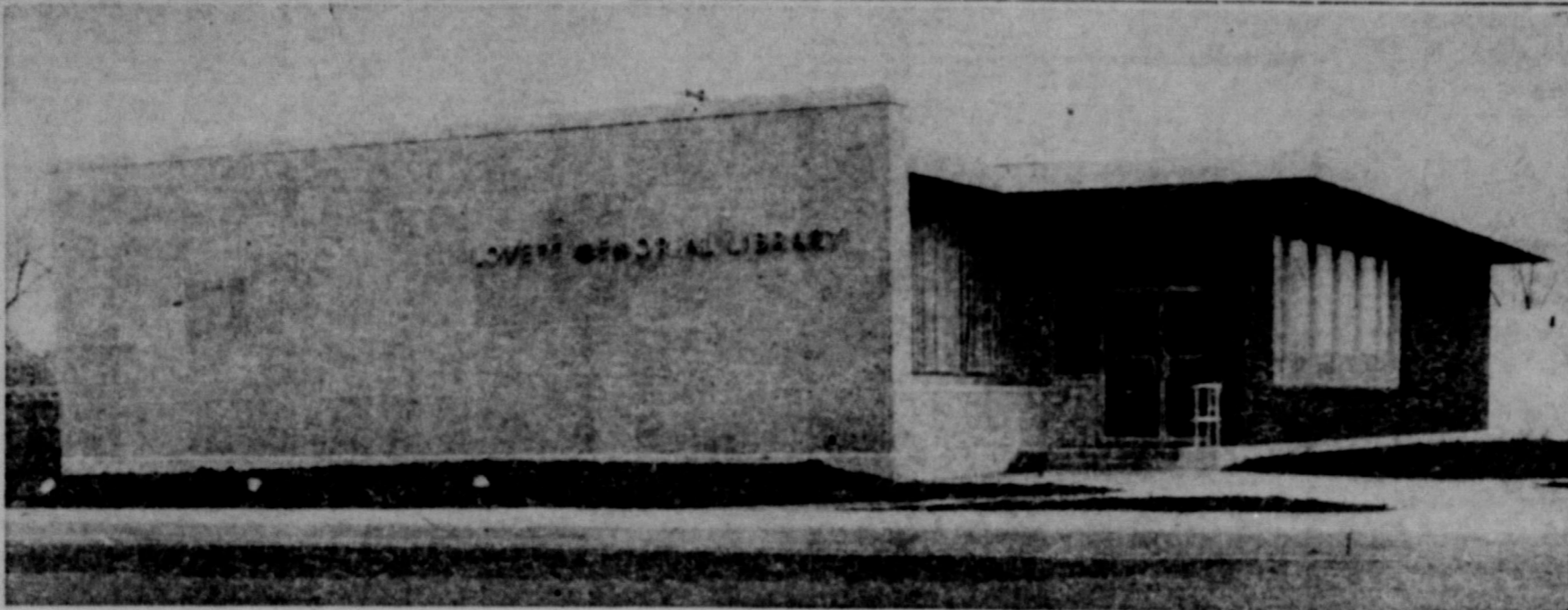
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THE LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY which was recently completed here stands out as the biggest Christmas gift of all for the people of McLean. The beautiful \$51,000.00 library building was donated to the City of McLean by the Gray-Pampa Foundation, Inc. The

trustees of the Gray-Pampa Foundation who made the library possible for McLean are M. K. Brown, C. P. Buckler, V. Purviance, J. E. Murfee, Jr., and Hugh Burdette, all of Pampa.

—Photo Courtesy J. M. Payne

McLean Goes Over Top in Fund Drive To Help Hungarians

The generosity of McLean residents was shown again this week when they oversubscribed the Hungarian relief fund quota designated here by the American Red Cross.

Although McLean's part of the quota was only \$85, Boyd Meador announced Tuesday that \$110 had already been raised here.

Those active in the Red Cross emergency fund drive locally included Meador, Cliff Day and J. W. Meacham. The group was well pleased with the reception that McLean people gave the fund drive. It was pointed out that the local funds along with the others raised throughout the United States will go a long way toward aiding the Hungarians who are fighting for freedom with their bare hands.

McLean Library Progress Is Noted

McLean was indeed fortunate to have members of the Fifth Tuesday Council, a federated group of church women, interested in civic activities, for in the summer of 1940 this progressive group voted to have as their project a free public library. The ladies had one important asset when they decided to organize a library—Mrs. Catherine Patterson Belk, a trained librarian holding an M. A. degree in library science, was spending the summer in McLean with her parents, the M. H. Pattersons, and she gave much help and valuable advice in making their plans work. It was through the tireless efforts of these ladies that the project made progress.

After the first plans were drafted, individuals and other groups came through with donations of books, magazines and money. The Lions Hall was offered as a temporary location for the library. Though it now had a home, the library could not be run on faith alone; the ladies' council funds at that time was a mere \$250, making it necessary to canvass the town for books. They received a generous contribution of books, text books, and magazines, and money, too. Two magazine subscriptions were given for one year: Hygeia from Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Meador and Colliers from Cecil and Mildred Dyer. One of the three books from the first book order—*I Married Adventure*, by Osa Johnson—is still on the library shelves.

Right from the start book cards, book card pockets, date due slips were put in the books and catalog cards made. The library volunteers helped mend, clean and classify the books to ready them for the shelves. Now that the work was well organized and the books ready for circulation, ladies from different clubs volunteered to work each day to keep the library open to the public. This did not prove satisfactory, and the need for a librarian was eminent. A librarian meant a salary—the church women needed some regular financial support for their project.

The McLean city council took over the financial part of the library and automatically became its sponsors, thus releasing the Fifth Tuesday Council from this project. The Gray County commissioners court offered to share equally the expenses, and the library became a city-county institution. With the exception of seven months when Mrs. Leo Gibson served as librarian, Mrs. Lady Bryant who was trained for the work was named librarian, a position she holds today.

The first library board was appointed by the city council and consisted of Mrs. H. E. Franks, chairman, Mrs. Don Alexander, Mrs. A. B. Christian, Mrs. H. C. Ripley, Mrs. Ola Worley, and Rev. Leroy M. Brown, Methodist pastor. This board met regularly every second Friday afternoon in each month. The library was

(Continued on back page)



LADY BRYANT, LIBRARIAN of the McLean Public Library, since its beginning in 1940, stands in front of the old library and anxiously awaits the official opening of the new Lovett Memorial library which is located across from the City Hall.

VILLAGE



GOSSIP (More or Less)

Rev. R. R. Gilbreath of Amarillo will speak at the 11 o'clock hour next Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church. There will be no evening services.

Noble Touchstone was awarded \$92 in merchandise certificates at the Appreciation Day activity last Saturday.

Dr. Joe Suderman will be out of town Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and until noon on Wednesday of next week for the Christmas holidays. His office will be closed.

David Woods and Jackie Don Bailey were named co-captains last week of the McLean Tigers 1956-57 basketball squad.

Vesper Services Sunday Afternoon At Methodist Church

Sunday afternoon, December 23, at 5:00 p. m. the McLean Methodist Church will begin a series of Vesper Services which will continue through the winter season.

There will be various types of services held: hymn singing, discussion groups, guest speakers, and preaching.

Rev. Jack Riley, pastor, says, "at the sound of the chimes you are welcome to come and worship in the house of the Lord."

Parrots have no wishbones.

At Home—

NEW BOSS

Mr. and Mrs. George Terry are the parents of a daughter born Wednesday, December 12, in the Shamrock Hospital. The new arrival weighed 8 pounds and has been named Virginia Gail. She has a sister, Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Haynes are the parents of a girl born Friday, December 14, in the McLean Hospital. The new arrival weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces, and has been named Sheri Lee. She has two brothers, Mike and Davey. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Smith and Mr. and Mrs. John C. Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Everett are the parents of a boy born Saturday, December 15, at the McLean Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds and has been named Perry Marshall. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Peb Everett of McLean and Mrs. Lucille Gaines of Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Reimer of Pampa are the parents of a girl born December 5. She weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces, and has been named Rebecca Rae. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith of McLean and Mrs. Lucy Reimer of Pampa.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bruner of Abilene Sunday, December 16. She was named Janet Lynn. Mrs. Bruner is the former Norma Joyce Mercer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Nallon of Tulsa, Okla., are the parents of a boy born November 24. He weighed 7 pounds and has been named Robert William. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Victor Cliett of McLean.

Joe Howard Named To All-Tournament Team at Shamrock

Joe Howard, McLean High School basketball star, was named to the all-tournament team at Shamrock last week-end.

In the girls' division, June Dorsey of McLean was named to the all-tournament team.

In the first session the Tigers were defeated by Samnorwood, then the Tigers came back to win over Estelline. In their third encounter the Tigers lost to the Shamrock Irish.

The McLean Tigerettes beat Texola in their opener but were later defeated by Wellington.

McLean grade school teams went to Lefors Monday night when the boys' team lost to the Pirates. McLean's girls were victorious over the Lefors sextet.

In the third game played at Lefors the McLean B team defeated the Pirates B squad.

Tonight at 7 o'clock the Shamrock teams will come to McLean. Both boys and girls will play.

Tigers Defeated, Tigerettes Win In Shamrock Tilts

The McLean Tigers basketball quintet lost their Tuesday night game to the Shamrock Irish, 61 to 55, in Shamrock.

High point men for the Tigers were David Woods and Charles Crockett.

The McLean Tigerettes brought home another victory, defeating the Shamrock sextet 72 to 60.

Laura Mae Switzer was high scorer for the Tigerettes Tuesday night.

Electric Train to Be Given Saturday By Brown's Drug

Hickman Brown, McLean Rexall druggist, will make some youngsters happy Saturday when a free drawing will be held at his store for a 24-piece complete Lionel electric train as part of his gifts galore Christmas promotion.

The set is now on display at the Southwestern Public Service Company office and tickets are still available at Brown's Drug. The handsome train will be given away at 3:45 p. m. Saturday, December 22, following the appreciation day activity.

Mayor Ed Lander will draw the winning ticket. The contest is open to everyone and there are no purchase requirements to enter the drawing.

McLean P-TA Meet Set January 9th

The next regular meeting of the McLean Parent-Teacher Association will be held January 9.

Rev. Jack Riley will be the guest speaker at the January meeting.

The meeting had been previously set for Wednesday, January 2, but has been changed to the following Wednesday.

Santa Is Coming Here Saturday

Saturday morning is the time most McLean young folks have been waiting for and it promises to be a wonderful day for them.

That's when Santa Claus comes to town.

To start things off right the Avalon Theatre, in cooperation with the McLean Lions Club, will present a free movie and cartoon beginning at 9:30 a. m. "The Courage of Lassie" in Technicolor, plus a color cartoon, will be offered the young folks, Theatre-man Amos Page said.

Shortly after the movie Santa Claus is due to arrive on Main Street in person. The Lions Club, which is making his visit here possible, has announced that there will be plenty of candy for all the children and many of his Lion helpers will pass out the sacks of candy while Santa finds out first hand what each fellow and girl wants for Christmas.

For a full morning of excitement and entertainment for the young folks, parents are urged by the Lions to make arrangements for their children to be in town for the holiday event.

From the time the doors at the Avalon open at 9:30, until the last sack of candy is passed out and Santa is on his way, every minute promises to be gay and exciting for the youngsters of the McLean area this Christmas season of 1956.

\$243,000 Highway Improvements Slated For Gray County

The Texas Highway Department will spend \$243,000 for improvements on highways in Gray County during 1957, D. C. Greer, state highway engineer, has announced. This is in addition to the regular construction and maintenance program.

The state highway commission has approved this appropriation of \$243,000 to improve already existing highways in this county, and there will be little or no additional right-of-way requirements, Greer said. At the December meeting of the highway commission, \$30 million was allotted to 196 Texas counties for road improvement during 1957. The \$30 million is being spent for shoulder widening, seal coat jobs, additional surfacing, and for widening of structures and highways in these counties.

The project in Gray County will be under the supervision of the local highway district personnel.

"We should have this program moving by spring," Greer said. "We believe the \$243,000 spent in Gray County will go a long way toward bringing these highways up to date."

The \$243,000 in Gray County will be spent on the following projects:

On State 70 from US 60 in Pampa, south, widening, reconditioning, and resurfacing, a distance of 6.5 miles.

BIRTHDAYS

- Dec. 23—Mrs. Milton Carpenter, Mrs. Edwin Howard, Mrs. Ercy Cubine, Curtis Lynn VanHuss, Alton Carpenter, Patsy Cunningham.
- Dec. 24—Carol Goughly, Marion Edwards.
- Dec. 25—Mrs. J. W. Kibler, Ted Simmons, Mrs. Pat Carmichael, Carlin Scott, C. E. Corts.
- Dec. 26—Donald Ray Patterson, Hershel Nicholson, Martiese Cunningham, Doine Word Constar.
- Dec. 27—Mrs. W. E. Bogan, Joe Magee, Mary Erwin, Mrs. Frank Simpson, Terry Himes.
- Dec. 28—Carl Watson, Mrs. Jess Kemp, C. J. Magee, Odessa Preston, Vickie Mae Christie.
- Dec. 29—Margaret Jean West.

Stinnett and Hondo Meet in Sweetwater

Stinnett's Rattlers defeated the Eastland Mavericks 55-20 Saturday and went into Class A state finals for the second straight year.

The unbeaten Rattlers, who lost out to Deer Park 7-1 in Berger last December, are favored to take the Hondo Owls in their title game at 7:30 in Sweetwater Saturday night.

Hondo, also unstoppped in 14 outings this season, landed a final berth with a 20-13 win over Humble last week.

Stinnett has chalked up 535 points (the state's highest total) while holding opponents to a mere 104. Hondo has tallied 450 points while limiting their foes to 122 points.

Society

**Jo Ann Turner,
Bobby Joe Boyd
United in Marriage**

In a ceremony by candlelight at the First Baptist Church Friday evening, December 14, Miss Jo Ann Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Turner, became the bride of Bobby Joe Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boyd of Kellerville.

Dr. Buell T. Wells, pastor, read the double-ring service at 6:30 o'clock. The altar was draped in pink, and featured the open family Bible flanked by 21 lighted candles and arrangements of white mums tied with white streamers. Few markers were of white satin and pink carnations.

Mrs. Paul Miller, organist, played "Indian Love Call," "Melody of Love" and "Stardust," and accompanied Miss Barber Carter who sang "True Love" and "Because." Mrs. Miller also played the traditional wedding marches.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a wedding gown with bodice of lace over taffeta with low scooped neckline and long sleeves tapering to points at the wrists. The neck was outlined with seed pearls, and the buttons were of pearl. The skirt was of nylon net over taffeta and featured a train. Her veil was of tulle, and she wore a tiara of seed pearls. She carried a colonial bouquet of garmelia with a cascade of stephanotis on white satin.

Miss Rosie Lee Smith, cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid. She wore a pink crystalline dress made princess style. She carried a fan of silver overlay on net with pink fringed carnations and cascade of pink ribbon tied with carnations. Glenda Turner, sister of the bride, served as flower girl. Her dress was of pink nylon and she wore white slippers and gloves.

Candlelighters were Bobby Jean Turner and Billie Smith, sister and cousin of the bride. Their dresses were identical to that of the bridesmaid, and they wore tiaras of pink roses with white backing tied with pink.

Charles Boyd of Amarillo Air Force Base served his brother as best man. Ushers were J. W. Elliott of Kellon and Butch Turpen of Turkey.

Mrs. Turner, mother of the bride, chose a sheath dress of orchid with matching accessories. The groom's mother wore a blue suit with matching accessories. Both wore corsages of white pompons.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the parlor of the church. The bride's table was laid with white linen. Pink streamers lettered in gold tied in the pink candles in silver holders. A fan arrangement of ivy and roses, the tiered wedding cake and punch service completed the table. Mrs. Howard Williams served the cake and Mrs. James Massay poured the punch.

For a wedding trip to Mexico and New Mexico, the bride chose a navy blue sheath dress with white and navy blue accessories, and a pink carnation corsage.

The bride is a graduate of McLean High School and is presently employed in the office of the Gray County treasurer.

The bridegroom also graduated from McLean High School and is serving with the U. S. Air Corps in Bermuda.

The young people plan to be at home in Bermuda after February 1, 1957.

Hipparchus invented trigonometry.

**Merry Melodies
Music Club
Meets Friday**

The Merry Melodies Music Club students of Mrs. Frank Rodgers met Friday, December 14, at the McLean Methodist Church.

Honor rolls were named as follows:
A plus—Dorothy Beasley and Vicky Bunch.

A—Joyce Beasley, Teresa Mertel, Toni Mertel, Vickie Kunkel and Marilyn Magee. All others made A minus.

Repertoire players were Toni and Teresa Mertel, Marilyn and Janiece Magee.

Others playing were Donna Lou Hall, Norma Page, Vickie Kunkel, Dorothy Beasley, Vicky Bunch, Ann Terry, Jan Bailey, Suzanne Rogers, Wayne Morris, Pat Jenkins, Janelle Hall, Joyce Beasley, Michal Massay, Penny Rogers, Marsha Andrews, Peggy Sharp and Flonelle Crockett.

Refreshments of cookies and pop were served to the members and 13 guests.

Mrs. Longino's honor roll is as follows:

A plus—Gary Hester, Linda Guill, Nona Ruth Beck, LaVon Watson and Elaine Mellroy.

A—Jimmy Hester, Keith Morris, Janice Barker, Marilyn McIlroy, Mary Ann Carter, Helen Farren and Christa Carol Rodgers.

A minus—Janice Page.

**Junior Music Club
Has December
Meeting Saturday**

The Junior Music Club met in Mrs. Boyett's studio Saturday, December 15, at 7:00 p. m. for the December meeting.

Mike Tindall and Amanda Beth Dalton played repertoires.

Roll call was answered with the Christmas story taken from the books of Luke and Matthew.

The program opened with group singing of "Away in a Manger," accompanied by Martina Giesler on the piano and Betty Ruth Dilbeck on the accordion.

Betty Ruth also accompanied on the accordion for the carols, "Deck the Halls With Ivy," played by Nancy Jean Hess, Ruth Pakan and Douglas Crockett; and "Silent Night," played by Margie Raiback, Judy Glass and Alta June Watson.

The group sang "White Christmas," played on the accordion by Betty Ruth.

All members were present, and each played one or two numbers.

On the A plus honor roll was Betty Ruth Dilbeck. Those making the A honor roll were Elaine Baker, Sarah Coleman, Nancy Jean Hess, Nancy Dickinson, Martina Giesler, Margie Raiback, Mike Tindall and Amanda Beth Dalton.

The following made A minus: Douglas Crockett, Judy Glass, Ruth Pakan, Janice Saunders, Sharon Sitter, Alta June Watson and Eddy Windom.

Refreshments of Christmas cookies and pop were served to 56 members and guests by Mrs. Tindall and Mrs. Dalton.

**Methodist WSCS
Has Christmas
Program and Tree**

The WSCS of the McLean Methodist Church met at the regular time Tuesday afternoon for a Christmas program and tree.

The program was held in the church parlor. The hymn, "Silent Night," was played on the chimes

for the program opening and then it was sung by the group. Mrs. Carpenter brought the devotional and Mrs. Bogan led the prayers.

Mrs. Foster told a Christmas story and Mrs. Riley led the group in several Christmas carols. The Christmas tree was held in the Fellowship Hall, and gifts were handed out by Mrs. Page and Mrs. Herron.

The hostesses, Mrs. Page, Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Hess, served fruit cake with whipped cream, and coffee.

Mrs. Rish Phillips and Mrs. Faris Hess and Nancy Jean were in Amarillo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Williams of Amarillo visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Williams, Sunday.

**Centennial Club
Christmas Party
Is Held Friday**

The Centennial Club met for their Christmas party Friday, December 14, in the home of Mrs. Anos Thacker, with Mrs. James Clayton Peabody, Homer Abbott and Vigna Franks as assistant hostesses.

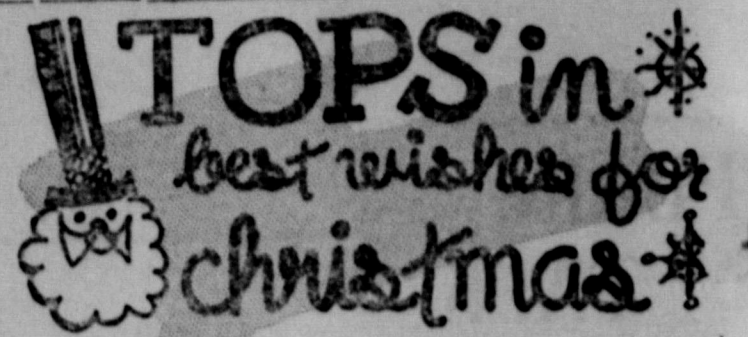
The home was tastefully arranged with the holiday motif from the tiny candles to the gorgeous mantel with a madonna surrounded by fragrant pine branches topped with a star. Real holly "from down east" caused much comment, and the table which was the center of interest was covered with a cloth of red satin and net beautifully embroidered with sequins of many

colors. Gifts were exchanged and a refreshment plate consisting of fruit cake topped with cream, molded ice cream Santas, dainty edible trees, and coffee was served.

Those attending were Mesdames Pearl Bogan, Grace Carpenter, Myrtle Guill, Carrie Kirby, Annie Reeves, Sue Patterson, Alice Corta, Mary Massay, Georgia McDonald, a guest, Mrs. Bohannon from Florida and the hostesses, Vera Thacker, Vigna Franks, Eva Peabody and Orna Abbott.

The anniversary meeting will be held January 11 in the home of Mrs. Pearl Bogan.

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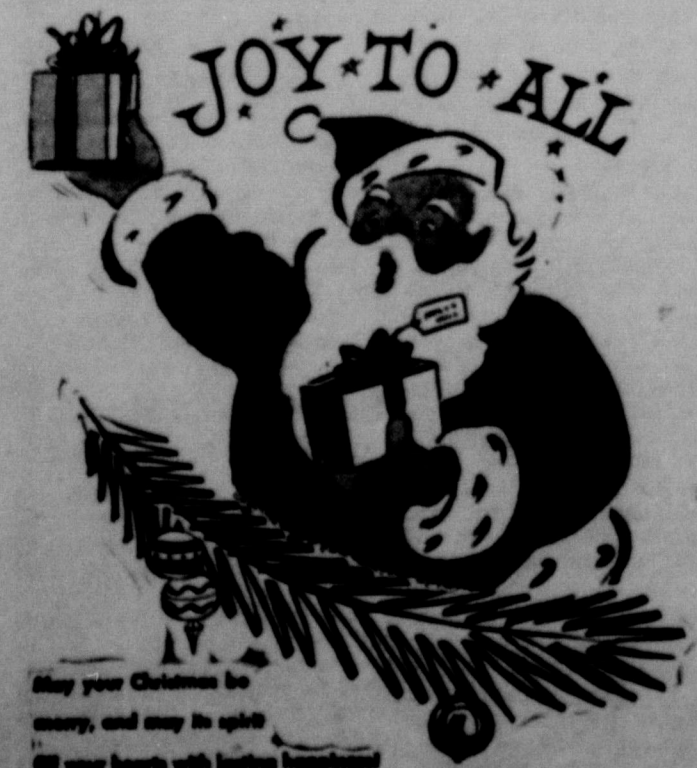
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SOCIETY

Regular Meetings Of Baptist Circles Are Held Tuesday

The Oleta Snell circle of the Baptist WMS met Tuesday in the home of Mrs. L. H. Nicholson for mission study on Japan. The study was taught by Mrs. Creed Lamb.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Oscar Tibbets, Leroy Williams, Raymond Smith, R. L. McDonald, Clarence Voyles, Creed Lamb, and the hostess.

The Helen McCullough circle met in the home of Mrs. Paul Miller. A Christmas story and a report on a missionary's Christmas in Gaza were given by Mrs. E. L. Price.

Christmas gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served to Mesdames Boyd Reeves, Bob James, Howard Williams, E. L. Price, Lona Jones, Frank Howard, Gene Herron, and the hostess.

The Lena Lair circle met in the home of Mrs. Ellis Wyatt, with the chairman, Mrs. Joe Taylor. Mrs. J. M. Stevens led the opening prayer.

The mission study, "Government and God," from the book, "Japan Advances," was taught by Mrs. Frank Simpson.

The hostess served refreshments to Mesdames Joe Willis, Morris Brown, F. E. Stewart, Luther Petty, Taylor, Stevens and Simpson.

The next circle meeting will be held January 8 for Bible study in the home of Mrs. Morris Brown.

Pre-Nuptial Shower Given in Honor Of Barbara Carter

Miss Barbara Carter, bride-elect of Don Trew, was honored with a shower Saturday, December 15, in the parlor of the McLean Methodist Church.

Hostesses were Mesdames J. W. Meacham, Frank Rodgers, Guy Beasley, S. A. Cousins, Wilson Boyd, H. A. Longino, Clyde Magee, J. L. Andrews, and Sinclair Armstrong.

The honoree, her mother, Mrs. Wheeler Carter, and Mrs. Trew were presented with white carnation corsages.

Miss Donna Magee, Miss Janiece Magee and Mrs. Frank Rodgers furnished music during the show.

Miss Rolena Chase registered the guests and Miss Sammie Wood served iced tea, cookies and mints from a silver tea service.

The refreshment table was laid with a white linen cloth and decorated with a blue net umbrella tied with blue satin ribbons surrounded with white carnations.

There were 185 registering and sending gifts.

McLEAN LIONS CLUB
1st and 3rd Tuesdays
12:05 p. m.
McLean Methodist Church
Visitors Welcome

Personal

Mrs. Olive Babb of Amarillo visited Mrs. Maud Powell and other relatives here over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Graham of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Milton Carpenter over the week-end. Emma Lou returned home with them after visiting in McLean several days.

J. E. Knight and Ralph Taylor of Friona visited Smokey Price Sunday and went quail hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Blankenship of Stinnett visited his brother, O. R. Blankenship, and Mrs. Blankenship Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Chase visited in Mobeetie Sunday.

Those visiting in the home of Mrs. Susie Trout over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cooper and Ronnie, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Fobby Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cooper and Butch Pierce of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Trout and Donnie, and Cecil Ferguson of Dumas; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Chock Smith and family and Mrs. Minnie Erwin and girls of McLean. Mrs. Julia Cooper of St. Jo is visiting in the Trout home for two weeks.

Mrs. W. M. Pharis has moved to McLean from Lela.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scott visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rigdon and Rosemary in Borger Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Williams and girls from Phillips visited Mr. and Mrs. Harold Butrum and sons Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Page and daughter, Iris Lee, of Pampa visited Mr. and Mrs. Amos Page and family and Mrs. Madge Page Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Mounce were in Pampa Monday.

Custer Lowary and Ruel Smith attended the Stinnett-Eastland football game in Childress Saturday.

Miss Bonita Bailey of Amarillo visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bailey, over the week-end. Mrs. Bailey and Bonita will leave early Saturday morning by plane for a visit with friends and relatives in Los Angeles, Calif.

Sunday visitors in the Sam Bruner home were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Keetch of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bruner and son and Mrs. Harold Stephens and children, all of Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Reeves visited over the week-end with their sons, Joe, and family at Abernathy and Eddie, and wife at Amarillo.

Mrs. Jim Simpson visited in Amarillo and Pampa over the week-end.

Amos Page and J. W. Meacham were in Wichita Falls on business Saturday. While there they attended a ball game.

Miss Ola Gregory of Pampa attended the wedding of Jo Ann Turner and Bobby Boyd Friday night.

Mrs. Foster Burgin and children of Groom visited her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wheeler, Sunday.

William Jennings Bryan ran for president four times.

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- Supreme **Hi Ho Crackers** 1 lb 33c

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For Sale—Two-bedroom house we are now living in. Carpets in living room, one bedroom and hall. See George Terry. 49-tfc

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'Back the Attack on Traffic Accidents' Postmaster Urges

Postmaster John Back today urged his postal family to join President Eisenhower's "Back the Attack on Traffic Accidents" campaign which began December 1.

On Christmas week-end last year, the postmaster recalled, the nation had a record of 609 immediate traffic deaths, 126 of whom were pedestrians. This year Mr. Back is appealing to local postal employees and the public to help make this a safer Christmas.

Speed was the main cause of fatal accidents last year, the postmaster pointed out, calling attention to the National Safety Council statement that speed was a factor in 85% of the fatalities as compared to the annual average of 35%.

"It is important," he cautioned, "not only to slow down in bad weather but to adjust your speed to conditions at all times, particularly at night. Right-of-way violation also is a major cause of accidents," he said, urging the public, as well as postal employees, to stay on the right side of the road on hills and grade crossings, at intersections and in no-passing zones. "It is also necessary to yield right-of-way to pedestrians in crosswalks, and never pass a car that has stopped for a pedestrian."

Other safety tips to drivers included following at a safe distance—one car length for each ten miles of speed per hour—observing intersection signs and keeping alert at all times to extra dangers. And he reiterated a well worn but wise word of caution, "If you drive, don't drink—if you drink, don't drive."

The postmaster had a few words of advice for pedestrians, too. "Obey traffic signals, cross at intersections only, wait for the green light on the sidewalk and not in the street, watch traffic both ways. Don't obscure your own vision with a bundle or umbrella when crossing the street."

"Hundreds of adults, and many more children, are killed or injured each year by walking into the street from behind a parked car," he said. "I hope no one in McLean will make this mistake."

As further warning to those who walk on the roadway, the postmaster urged the pedestrian to face the traffic and at night wear or carry something white or reflective.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl four years old. I would like to have a big doll, a Mickey Mouse band, a stove and refrigerator, and a sewing kit.

My little sister is 1 1/2 years old. She would like a rocking horse, a doll, a Mickey Mouse train, and a teddy bear. Thank you.

Jamie Lynn Brown
Susan Baker Brown

Dear Santa,

My name is Hickman. I have been very good. I would like a Mickey Mouse news reel, a guitar, a loudspeaker, and a push-button car. Love,

Hickman

Christmas Trees Grow Into Big Holiday Business

Growing and selling Christmas trees has rapidly become a multi-million-dollar business.

For instance, the men who get the trees to market—the lumbermen, shippers and salesmen—this year will take in \$60,000,000 from the sale of some 30,000,000 trees.

Moreover, the trend now indicates that both the number of trees and the amount of money realized will be even bigger next year.

About 75% of America's Christmas trees are grown in states bordering Canada. The trees come in many varieties—douglas fir, balsam, black spruce, red cedar, white spruce, and scotch pine.

Whatever the type of tree, though, families yearly remain content just to carry on a 12-century-old tradition of decorating evergreens commemorating the birth of Christ.

The Star of Bethlehem

The star that appeared before the wise men, to guide them to the Prince of Peace.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea 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 heard these things he was troubled, and gathered all the chief priests and scribes together and demanded of them to tell him where Christ should be born, and they said, "In Bethlehem, in the land of Judaea; for it is written by the prophets."

Then he called the wise men apart and asked them what time the star appeared. Then he sent them on 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 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. Not over a king's mansion, nor any royal palace, but over the humble abode of a carpenter.

And there in that humble place they found Jesus, and they fell down before him and worshiped him, presenting to him their most precious gifts.

An old feud trown in a stock barn, became the first new testament altar erected on earth when the shepherds bowed down around it and worshipped Jesus Christ their Lord, and praised God for His only begotten son.

Now! how are we going to spend this Christmas? Are we going to follow that bright star to the Prince of Peace; or travel the broad highway at 90 miles an hour, running all stop signs, and danger signals; and crash head-on in destruction and fall to reach the altar to worship the Prince of Peace as did the wise men of the East?

Lloyd's of London writes all forms of insurance except life insurance.

One horsepower is the power required to lift 33,000 pounds one foot in one minute.

Library

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 moved to a room in the City Hall building formerly occupied by the Federal Dam Project. This move was made possible by the assistance of our Gray County commissioner, Mr. Charlie Carpenter, and the Boy Scouts on September 18, 1940. Now the library seemed to have a definite home of its own. Furniture at that time included one 7-foot bookcase, a small table that was used for a desk, one fruit crate, and a cane-bottomed chair with the cane bottom out. A loan service from the Texas state library at Austin of several hundred books, besides friends who graciously loaned sets of fiction for children, were all placed on this shelf with room to spare.

In moving to its new location of need to acquire its own tables, but this problem was solved when the late M. H. Patterson offered to build the tables if the library could furnish the lumber. Enough material was purchased to make three 3x5 tables, one large rack and one 7-shelf magazine rack. In addition to the new furniture, the library owned three bookcases and a verticle file box. Things were in proper order and everyone was invited to visit the library in its new location.

The doors of the library were open from 12 until 5 p. m. daily except Sundays and holidays. No deposit was required for use of the library materials, but a fine of 2c per day was charged if books were not returned in one week, fine to be paid before the borrower could check out books again. One person could take out two books, at one time. The librarian, Mrs. Bryant, began working on a clipping and picture file—a helpful addition to any up-to-date information needed by readers—and she announced that the library would appreciate people bringing in magazines they had read which could be used by school students for clipping illustrated work.

Board members who have served in the past and have contributed much of their time and efforts to the success of the library to date are Messdames H. W. Finley, H. C. Rippey, Don Alexander, H. E. Franks, J. B. Hembree, Bob Black, Leo Gibson, E. J. Lander, Charles Cousins, Alva Christian, Paul Pierson, Monte Montgomery, Logan Cummings, June King, Ola Worley, W. J. Foster, Tom Hefner, Frank Rodgers, Wilson Boyd, Willie Shadid, Guy Hibler, Fred Bentley, Bill Day, S. A. Cousins, and Raymond Guyton; and Rev. Leroy M. Brown.

Present board members are Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, chairman, and Mesdames Elsie Earles Louise Johnson, Mary Groves and Gladys Stewart.

When the library board first heard of the Lovett family's plans to build libraries from their memorial fund it asked Mayor Ed Lander to meet with them and discuss ways and means of asking for funds to improve the McLean library from this fund. It is believed that this first move on the part of the board, which was then struggling to maintain an effective library on a budget that was strained to the breaking point because of increased costs, started the ball rolling toward what has developed into a beautiful new brick building all the library's own.

Ten years after the McLean Public Library moved to its location in the City Hall building, the City of McLean raised its allotment from \$75.00 to \$90.00 per month, in March, 1950. In August, 1951, the Gray County commissioners court voted to give it a check in the amount of \$726.40 in addition to the regular allotment, to be used for building much needed shelves and for buying books or necessary supplies. Nine new chairs for the library were bought from this check. In April, 1953, the City of McLean painted and re-wired the City Hall building, including the library rooms.

The library has had several nice collections donated by patrons. These included a pretty butterfly collection caught and mounted by Mrs. Wallace Rainwater. The Centennial Embroidery Club in May, 1953, presented a doll collection to the library; members dressed dolls from different nations, doing much research work in their efforts to dress the dolls authentically. These dolls are housed in shelves of their own and add color to the library. Countries represented are Africa, China, France, Hawaii, India, Italy, Jamaica, Scotland, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Mexico, Vienna, Japan, Mexico, Matador, Colonial America, and American girl.

The local chapter of the Red Cross gave a ceiling projector and microfilm book service on June 4, 1949. The list of books was selected by Mrs. Bryant, librarian. It includes a wide range of subject matter: novels, car-

toons, classics, and a complete copy of the King James version of the Bible. The books are made by a non-profit organization known as Projected Books, Inc., and the price is reasonable because many writers of popular books have waived copyrights. This is a wonderful aid to the bedridden or shut-in patrons, for it projects the pages on the ceiling and the patient can enjoy many hours of pleasant reading—a wonderful service for the community.

Mrs. Bryant set aside a memorial section of shelves to which many patrons have contributed excellent books in memory of loved ones and friends. Two redwood shelves for window plants were presented by the late Mrs. Mattie Graham. One 4-door 36x21x34 cabinet was given by Mr. Thomas Robinson, minister of the Church of Christ.

In addition to the projector, helping the blind or disabled to read, the library has other helpful services, such as mending old keepsake books and Bibles, giving magazines to rural families who find it hard to get in often or to buy magazines for their families; and sometimes Mrs. Bryant even includes child-sitting for a hurried, busy mother who leaves a young reader in the library for a few minutes shopping. Miscellaneous maps, newspapers, pictures, references of all kinds, and magazines are kept on file. Books are ordered from graded lists and dependable publishers.

What about "weeding" a book collection? Every library accumulates, by gift or purchase, books which must be considered for removal from the shelves when their usefulness is past. Book collections are always cumulative, never static. In small libraries shelf and storage space is limited, and the need for keeping only usable up-to-date collections presents a problem. No library can claim that it meets standards of efficiency by offering evidence figures to show the total books added each year and the total number of volumes. It is a sign of a wise administration of the book fund and a healthy condition of the book collection when the library's annual report reveals books regularly purchased and the number of books regularly discarded.

Each time a book is handled in the library, if time permits, it should be examined for discarding or for future use. Each book that returns from circulation should be checked for accuracy in slipping, or need of mending or binding, or discarding. This takes care of books in use, only; so at least once a year the entire collection should be examined (1) to remove books which no longer justify their space on the shelves because of infrequent circulation; (2) to find those worn-out books missed in the process of circulation; and (3) to consider the need of replacing books in poor editions or out-of-date editions with newer and better editions as funds permit. The McLean library reg-

ularly uses book lists and information from the National Council of Teachers of English, American Library Association Catalog, and Children's Catalog, the H. W. Wilson Publications, etc.

The people of the town of McLean and its surrounding area are grateful for the untiring efforts of its librarian, Mrs. Lady Bryant, known to everyone affectionately as "Lady." Since almost the very beginning of the library she has served loyally and regularly, through many lean years while supporting herself and her children and educating them. Her first thoughts are in service for her patrons both old and young; many times she has urged board members to go with her to Pampa to ask for funds with which some need had to be met to keep the library working efficiently.

Short Snorts

There'll be a several months delay, Land Commissioner Earl Rudder has told some 13,000 veterans applying to purchase land. Money from the additional \$100,000,000 bond program voted in November will not be available until some time between April and June. . . . USDA has upped its forecast of Texas' 1956 cotton crop to 3,610,000 bales—a 10,000-bale increase over the November estimate. . . . The Texas farmer is becoming a big operator, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. From 1948-54 the number of farms decreased 12%, but total area under cultivation jumped by

a half million acres. Result: fewer farms, but more in the \$25,000 a year bracket. . . . Austin school authorities may ask the legislature to establish a special school for the teen-age boys who serve the lawmakers as pages. In the past, pages have missed a semester of work. . . . Newly-elected prosecuting attorneys came to Austin for a short course in state codes and procedures. Sponsors were the University of Texas School of Law and the attorney general's department. A course for incoming sheriffs and deputies was held simultaneously by the department of public safety.

Second Woman Governor

To Mrs. Neveille Colson of Navasota went the distinction of being Texas' first woman governor since Mrs. Miriam Ferguson.

Mrs. Colson's senate colleagues had named her interim president pro tempore, an office second in line to the governorship. Gov. Shivers and Lt. Gov. Ramsey gallantly left the state so Mrs. Colson could have the traditional "governor for a day" honors. She proclaimed State Highway Day in recognition of her primary legislative interests.

McLEAN LAUNDRY

Will Be Closed
December 24 and 25



Greetings
TO EACH ONE OF YOU
FROM EACH ONE OF US!

JOE, ROSALIE, RACHEL, LAURA
AND EVELYN GRACE SUDERMAN



Songs of Christmas fill our hearts as we extend to you our profound wishes for the happiest Yuletide you've ever had!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thursday:

Ray Milland, Maureen O'Hara
"LISBON"
Naturama - Trucolor

Friday, Saturday:

Mickey Rooney, Virginia Welles and Francis, the talking mule
"FRANCIS IN THE HAUNTED HOUSE"

Sunday, Monday:

Jeff Chandler, Dorothy Malone
"PILLARS OF THE SKY"
CinemaScope and Technicolor

Wednesday, Thursday:

Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly, Frank Sinatra, Louis Armstrong and His Band
"HIGH SOCIETY"
VistaVision and Technicolor

AVALON THEATRE

Greetings
 May the spirit of Christmas fill your heart in these festive days.

RICHERSON-LAMB FUNERAL HOME
 Wanda and Creed Lamb,
 Eva Mae and Glenn Richerson