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HEY THERE, SANTA — And Santa Claus is winning a lot of popularity contests at this time of year, especially with little children like these. And it's mighty "serious business" right now for Christie and Mike Brady, left and a pretty little miss who happened to step into the picture just

as the camera clicked. And why not, whenever there's Santa, there's just going to be lots of pretty "little misses." Russell Lucas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas, steps up for attention and he's all business, too. Christie and Mike are children of Mr. and Mrs. John Brady. (Staff Photo)

It's Christmas Magic At Goodfellow Time

Hearts and purses opened this week, with clothes, gifts and money pouring in to the Goodfellow Fund.

"It's just wonderful the way people have contributed to the Goodfellows this year," said chairman, Mrs. Mary Mosier. "We did not put on a drive, for we believed that the people would feel the magic of Christmas in their hearts, and give for the good of giving, and they did."

Mrs. W. R. Cypert, this year's co-chairman said that donations in gifts from civic clubs and school class parties far outnumbered any gifts previously to her knowledge. "The packages are wrapped attractively," she said, "and are ready for distribution."

Special recognition was given to Mrs. W. H. Leamon and her doll committee, who repaired and dressed dolls contributed for the children.

"Some of the dolls are on display in the Goodfellow headquarters window," said Mrs. Cypert, "and people are invited to stop by and see them."

The poor know that Christmas is coming — perhaps better than the wealthy, according to letters addressed to the Merkel Goodfellows.

These letters point to need and want by the young and the aged. For instance one mother wrote: "I have five children, all boys . . . need clothing . . . ages 4, 7, 9, 12 and 15. Please food or anything you can give them."

The pleas from mothers for their children is most often heard.

But there is also the aged: "I'm writing to see if I could get some groceries for Christmas. For this I would be very thankful for without you we won't have a Christmas dinner. I live on checks. I am 74 years old."

Mrs. Mary Mosier reports that the donations "are coming along fine. You'd be surprised how people are beginning to respond."

Plans are for the Goodfellow Store at 135 Kent St., to be open Thursday and Friday from 9:30 to 4 p.m. to minister to the needs of those who have applied for aid.

"There are 67 children — not counting the mothers and daddies," said Mrs. Mosier. "Of course lots of the children don't have daddies."

And Goodfellows were remembered at Christmas parties held this year.

The Christmas party for the employees of "pathology consult-

ants," held in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Jarrett Williams, saw toys exchanged and then given to the Goodfellows for distribution.

They were divided between the Abilene and Merkel Goodfellows.

They received two large boxes.

At the Beta Sigma Phi Christmas party held Dec. 9, members and guests also brought toys for Goodfellow distribution.

Members attending the Fortnightly Study Club meeting Dec. 12 also brought toys to be given to the Goodfellows.

The list of those who have given at this time include:

Anonymous . . . \$ 5.16
W. S. J. and P. L. Brown . . . 25.00
R. L. Buchanan . . . 10.00

Comrades Sunday School Class, First Methodist Church	20.00
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Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fisher	25.00
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Mrs. J. A. Horton	10.00
Merkel Duplicate Bridge Club	50.00
Merkel - Trent Barracks	10.00
Ted and Hazel Pargament	10.00
Charles Lynn Russell	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Claud Warren	5.00
Total This Week	\$264.16
Balance Forwarded	173.00
TOTAL TO DATE	\$447.16

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTIES ARE HELD

Members of the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes of Merkel High School completed their annual Christmas parties this week.

A roundup of the class parties follows:

Members of the sophomore class of Merkel High School held their Christmas party at the Merkel Country Club Monday night.

Forty-four members plus nine parents and four class sponsors attended.

Christi Lucas proved her athletic ability while playing "drop the keys." Terry Doan and Ja Nell Lassiter put their spelling knowledge to use during the "alphabet game." It was agreed that Terry Wade should receive a medal for his poetry reading.

A special message of appreciation to the room mothers for the refreshments and to the sponsors for permitting the party to be enjoyable was expressed.

Members of the Freshman Class observed the "true meaning of Christmas Monday night when they brought gifts for the Goodfellows.

Sponsoring the Yuletide party in the Merkel Community Center, the class room mothers served a Christmas dinner, with table decorations of red candles, greenery, and Christmas colors.

Room mothers are Mrs. Billie Tarpley, chairman; Mrs. Mamie Steck and Mrs. Lonell Teaff.

The tree decoration committee, with Mike Warren as chairman, placed gifts for friends and for

the Goodfellows under the tree prior to the party. Following the party, members took five large boxes of clothing to the Waymon Adcock home for distribution to the Goodfellows.

It was beginning to look a lot like Christmas when the Merkel High School seniors staged their Christmas party at the Taylor Electric Cooperative Monday evening. O'le St. Nick didn't make his appearance, but the seniors played the role of Santa's helpers and brought toys to be given to the Goodfellows for distribution.

In lieu of party games, the seniors discussed plans for their senior trip. They are planning some money raising projects in order to finance this trip, and each senior present promised to support the projects with work and effort.

Holiday refreshments of punch, sandwiches, potato chips, homemade candy and cookies were served from a festive table centered with red carnations and holly flanked by red candles.

The party was attended by thirty-one class members, nine parents, and three sponsors.

The junior class had their Christmas party Monday at the school cafeteria.

Games were played and members brought gifts for the Goodfellows.

Junior class sponsors are Mrs. Edwin Read, Bob Beyerly, Mrs. Sue Wiggins and Glenn Reed.

Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSOM



Well, it's almost unbelievable that we can have about a week of ice and snow, making it almost impossible to get feed to the livestock, and then turn around and have such pretty weather as we are having this Tuesday afternoon. We had one pasture where we were two days getting in feed to our cattle, and then had to get there with tractor and trailer. When it would shower on the ice and snow, it was just like pouring oil on it. As for driving to get to places, I believe it was the worst I have ever seen.

As for the livestock, I think they took a real beating, with so much ice on their backs, and believe it will be several days before they will gain their strength back.

Spells like this was a hard blow, but this spring is when the payoff will perhaps come, speaking in terms of underground moisture.

In some areas around Merkel and we understand, north of Merkel, grain fields are getting away from livestock. That means with a little hay conditions will be fine.

Due to the bad weather last Friday night, the regular Third Friday Night Singing at Victory Baptist Church in Merkel, was not held. But this Friday night all who love good singing are invited to meet at the church for singing. John Crain, Trent, is president. W. G. Richardson invites all to come out and "have a good singing."

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

Third Friday Night Singing

Third Friday Night Singing will be held this Friday, Dec. 22, according to the Rev. W. G. Richardson, pastor of Victory Baptist Church.

"Since the weather canceled our singing last Friday evening, we are having it this Friday evening," said Rev. Richardson.

Area people are invited to and hear "some real good singing."

CLEANERS SS CLASS HAS ANNUAL FETE

The Gleaners Sunday School Class of First Methodist Church met Thursday, Dec. 14 in Fellowship Hall for their annual Christmas Luncheon.

Table decorations were miniature Christmas trees and holly.

The Rev. Newton Daniel asked the invocation, and Mrs. Minnie Howard, class president, gave the Christmas Story, "Christmas In Many Lands." Members and guests sang Christmas carols.

Gifts were exchanged. Mrs. Newton Daniel closed the social with the benediction.

Guests attending were the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Starbuck, Mrs. Jarret Pinkney and Mrs. Dave Brumbeau.

Members attending were Mmes. Harold Odum, Forest Gaither, Herbert Patterson, Dee Grimes, Dee Moore, Edna Brown, W. S. J. Brown, and W. W. Toombs.

Also Mmes. O. R. Douglas, Leon Toombs, Johnnie Cox, E. M. Dean, J. C. Walton, Ross Ferrier, E. P.

Farmer and M. L. Douglas.

Also Mmes. John Shannon, Winnie Cypert, O. E. Harwell, Mary Click, Roy Baccus, Bill Stockbridge, Chester Cox and Minnie Howard.

Also Mmes. Sally Moore, Lee Tipton, Louise Hudson, and Miss Mabel McRee.

Turkey Shoot This Saturday

Merkel Optimist Club is sponsoring a Turkey Shoot this Saturday, Dec. 23 at the Max Murrell Chevrolet house. The shoot will be held from 2 until 6 p.m., according to Optimist member, Connie Mack Seymore.

Seymore said that 22 caliber rifles will be furnished for the shoot, or "participants may bring their own."

SAFETY TIPS GIVEN HOLIDAY DRIVERS

Santa's sleigh may be the safest vehicle around this holiday season from all indications. The Texas Department of Public Safety predicts that 55 motorists will lose their lives on Texas highways during the Christmas holidays which will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 22, and end at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 25.

Another 45 are predicted to lose their lives during the New Year holidays which begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 29, and end at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 1, 1968.

The following tips from Southwestern Insurance Information Service, Inc., of Austin can help make this holiday season happier for your friends and loved ones and at the same time, help cut down on this tragic loss of lives.

First of all, make sure your car is safe. No driver can consider himself a safe driver if the car he drives is not safe. Mechanical failures and human errors are the two major causes of highway accidents.

Next, obey all traffic laws. Between 90 and 95 per cent of all traffic accidents occur because someone thought they could get

away with breaking some well-established and recognized safety rule. This year saw Texas take a giant step forward by passing new and needed traffic laws, but what good are laws if motorists don't abide by them.

Leave your bottle at home over the holidays. If you do drink, sober up before getting behind the wheel. Sure, the holidays are a time for fun and relaxation. For many, this includes the use of alcoholic beverages. Don't forget that in order to enjoy this festive season, there is one vital ingredient — life! Over 50 per cent of all traffic deaths occur because someone mixed alcohol with an already deadly weapon — the automobile.

If you're planning an out of state trip, be sure and check on the traffic laws and the laws concerning the reporting of accidents in that state. The difference in the state laws can involve out of state motorists in serious difficulties.

Be sure and start on your trip early enough so you won't have to rush or speed to get there. Drive defensively and enjoy the holidays.

Beta Sigma Phi Holds Annual Christmas Party

The Beta Sigma Phi Christmas party was held Saturday, December 9, at the Asteroid Restaurant. Members brought toys to give to the Goodfellows.

Attending were Messrs. and Mmes. Dan Allen, John Brady, Bob Garner, Bobby DuBose, Jimmy Leverich, Billy Lucas, Glenn Teaff, Edgar Tipton, W. J. Roddy and Larry White.

Also Mmes. Lawrence Hewitt, Horace Hargrove, Val Patterson and Jackie Doan.

Study Club Hears Rev. H. Morris

Guest speaker for the Fortnightly Study Club meeting Dec. 12 was the Rev. Harold Morris, pastor of the Anson Methodist Church, who spoke to members and guests on his trip to the Holy Lands.

A question and answer period followed the discussion.

Attending were Mmes. Ray Wilson, president; Don Dudley, W. R. Cypert, Mack Fisher, Comer Haynes, David Gamble and Andy Shouse.

Also Mmes. J. Lynn Knight, Ed. die Glenn Sandusky, Newton Daniel, H. B. Robertson, Johnny Cox, Ben Hicks, John Byrd, Dave Brumbeau and Miss Christine Collins, and guest, Mrs. Harold Morris.

Christmas Plants Prove Poisonous

AUSTIN — A sprig of mistletoe tacked above the doorway at Christmastime is a good excuse for stealing a kiss, the Texas Safety Association noted today, but warned homemakers that there's a potential danger in having mistletoe and some other Christmas plants around the home.

Although it is not commonly known, the waxy, white, sticky mistletoe berry is highly poisonous and fatal if swallowed, the Safety Association pointed out. Adults as well as children have died from tasting these harmless-looking berries.

But mistletoe is not the only poisonous Christmas plant. The leaves of the poinsettia can also be deadly if eaten and one leaf can be enough to kill a child.

Onis Grahams On Holiday Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Onis Graham of Trent will be leaving Thursday, Dec. 21 for Furfreesboro, Tenn., to visit their daughter and son in law, Capt. and Mrs. Fred Kolpin.

Capt. Kolpin is a C130E pilot, and is stationed at Sewart Air Force Base near Nashville.

Mrs. Graham, who has been with the Merkel Independent School District 18 years, said they would spend Christmas holidays with the Kolpins.

NOTICE

The Bookmobile will not run Saturday, Dec. 23 as per regular schedule, due to the Christmas holidays.

Miss Telma Andrews, head librarian at Abilene Public Library, said that the next schedule for the Bookmobile would be January 13, 1968.



THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS — The Christmas Story was told by members of Beta Sigma Phi with their float entry in Merkel's recent Christmas Parade. The sorority was second place winner in the float entries. (Photo Courtesy Taylor Electric Cooperative)

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Barbara Cluck, Defendant,
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-
MANDED to appear before the
Honorable Domestic Relations
Court of Taylor County at the
Courthouse thereof, in Abilene,
Texas, by filing a written answer
at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of
the first Monday next after the expiration
of forty-two days from the date
of the issuance of this citation,
same being the 15th day of
January A.D. 1967, to Plaintiff's
Petition filed in said court, on
the 25th day of November A.D.
1967, in this cause, numbered 3783
on the docket of said court and
styled Dewayne Curtis Cluck,
Plaintiff, vs. Barbara Cluck, De-
fendant.

A brief statement of the nature
of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Plaintiff and defendant were mar-
ried September 6, 1965 and be-
came permanently separated in
April, 1967. Plaintiff sues for
divorce on grounds of harsh and
cruel treatment as is more fully
shown by Plaintiff's Petition on
file in this suit.

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(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS,
Domestic Relations Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
39 4tc

Stith News

By MRS.
FRITZ HALE



We are sure glad to have this
sunshine this Monday morning,
after such miserable weather last
week.

And we are thankful that all
the Stith folks came through it
and no one was hurt. It seems
that everyone who didn't have to
get out, just stayed home.

The Community was out of
electricity for awhile Sunday
morning. One of the lines broke
here in Stith, due to the ice, but
due to the quick action of the
Taylor Electric Cooperative men
the line was soon repaired.

Members from the Stith Home
Demonstration Club attending the
County - Wide HDC party, held
at the Lions Club House in Anson
Wednesday were Mrs. Vernon
Hudson, Wade Shaw, Roy Mash-
burn, and Curtis C. burn.

Those on the sick list are Mrs.
J. E. Swindell and Mike Edwards.
Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely and
children visited in Rising Star
Sunday with her parents, Mr.
and Mrs. G. C. Bond, and also a
brother, L. D. Bond and family.

The Orval Ely family and Mrs.
Roy Mashburn and Mrs. Brenda
Hardin and James attended a
candlelight Christmas service at

the Tye Methodist Church Sunday
night. They visited later in the
home of Mrs. Ely's mother, Mrs.
M. H. Ely in Tye.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

Star Nursing Home News

By MARY OUTLAW

We wish to thank the Merkel
Garden Club for bringing the
cookies to our patients for Christ-
mas.

Hettie West is better at this
writing, thanks to Dr. Sadler and
the good care the nurses gave
her.

The patients are enjoying the
Christmas cards they are receiv-
ing. Thanks to everyone so much
for your thoughtfulness.

Lucille Burleson visited in the
home of Mrs. E. P. Stevens last
week. We were happy that she
could go.

The employees had their Christ-
mas party Monday night. There
were thirty five to attend. Games
were played and refreshments
served.

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er of Trent, for the nice rags you

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brought the home.

Mr. Spurlock's son, Austin, from
Pecos, visited him Monday and
took him out for the day.

Donnie Melton, who is serving

in the Armed Forces in Vietnam
has been visiting his aunt, Sal-
lie Campbell.

Jimmy Brown from Africa, has
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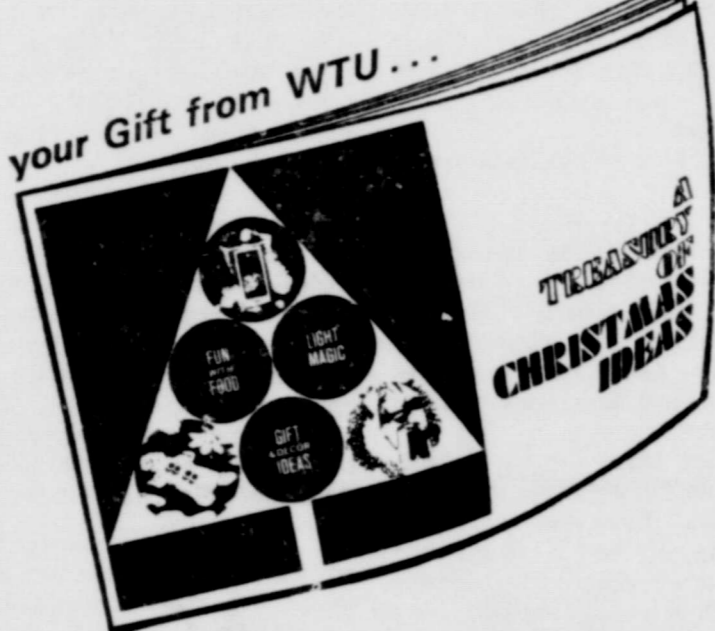


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CARD OF THANKS

WE ARE THANKFUL beyond measure for all of our good friends who helped us so much during our recent sadness. For the food, floral offerings, cards, and words of sympathy, may we offer our humble thanks for your comfort and love.

The Doc Vaughn family

BADGER TALES

By DEBI CORDER

This is that wonderful time of the year when we hang our stockings, write to Santa, go to class and Sunday School parties, and last but not least, get out of school for about a week and a half.

Last Friday put that extra touch on a "longed for" weekend. The band not only called off the band's trip to the Pecan Bowl game, Saturday, but also the Christmas Concert set for Sunday afternoon. However, the concert was not called off for good — it will be held Thursday afternoon for the

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Student Body and anyone who wants to attend. We have been practicing for weeks on this concert and we would like to have a large crowd attend.

Joe Dudley, and a few other authorities, can give expert advice on how to have fun on the ice.

Monday night the seniors had a gala time at their Christmas party. The Taylor Electric Cooperative building was our meeting place, where we ate and discussed our senior trip to the HemisFair in San Antonio. Money making projects were discussed and suggestions were made concerning various places we could visit.

LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

By MAIL STAFF

The Goodfellow Box in the Elementary School was filled nicely this year. We would like to see this time to thank everyone who contributed to the unfortunate at Christmas. We also hope that this year will be the best Christmas ever for these people.

School was officially let out Dec. 21, 1967 for another Christmas Season. It will resume Jan. 2, 1968.

Merkel Badgerettes lost a close game to Tye. But remember, it's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game. We really played a good one!

The Elementary building really carried out the Christmas theme this year. The display windows, doors, and bulletin boards looked great. Special recognition should be made to Mrs. Mack Fisher and Mr. Mack Davis on their door decorations. They really looked great.

The eighth grade had their Christmas party at the school cafeteria, Tuesday, Dec. 19. We all had a good time, thanks to Mrs. Norman Winter and Mr. Mason Martin, our eighth grade home room teachers.

And, of course, everyone in Merkel Schools wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. (And don't forget your New Year's Resolutions!)

EX-FFA Members Hurt in Vietnam

Tuesday an article appeared in the Abilene Reporter-News concerning the serious injury of Sp. 4 Robert W. Cooper in Vietnam on Dec. 16.

Sp. Cooper is the son of Mrs. W. W. Cooper of Colorado City, and the grandson of Mrs. M. L. Jones of Trent, and Mr. Jones, who is a patient at the Starr

Memorial Hospital. His grandmother, Mrs. W. M. Cooper also lives in Trent, as well as several aunts and uncles.

Cooper, a member of a tank crew, is said to have suffered a severe head injury while on a combat operation in the area known as the "Iron Triangle."

He attended Colorado City High School and was an outstanding member of the Future Farmers of America. He had won in several livestock shows in Texas with his calves.

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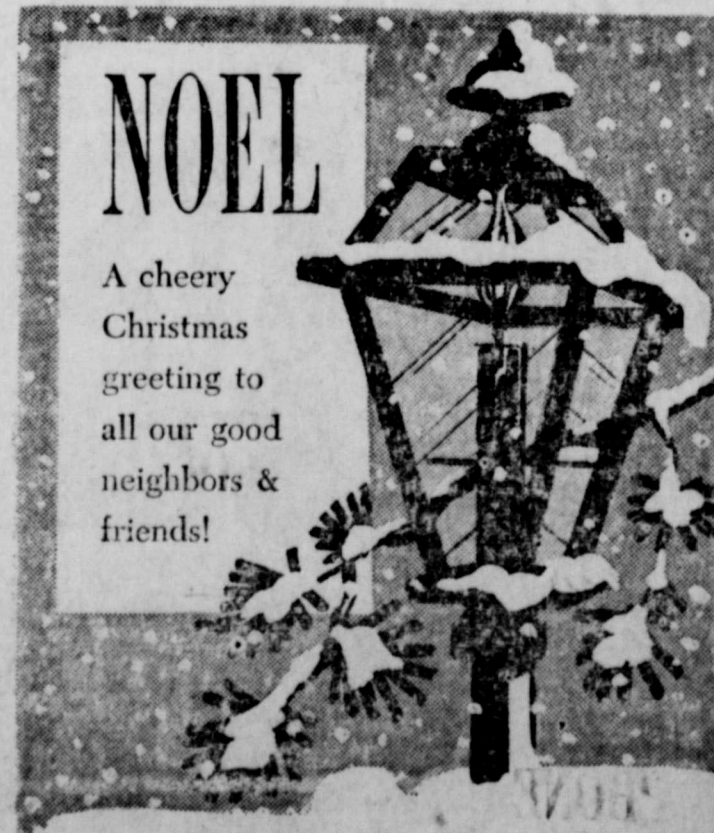
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Former Resident Dies in Arizona

A Merkel native, A. J. Tucker, 66, died Saturday night, Dec. 16, in Prescott, Ariz.

Born and reared in Merkel and a graduate of Merkel High School, Tucker had been a resident of Arizona for the past 25 years. He was the son of the late J. L. and Etta Tucker of Merkel.

In Prescott, Tucker was a painter and was a former funeral director.

Surviving are his widow; four sons, Jim of Flagstaff, Don of San Francisco, Roger of the United States Navy, and Tom of the same home; two brothers, the Rev. C. A. Tucker of Denver City, Texas, and J. M. of Plainview, Texas; and two sisters, Mrs. Mary

Tankersley of Fort Worth and Mrs. Elma Burris of Dallas.

Funeral services were held in Prescott and a memorial service is planned in January when it is anticipated that the Navy son can receive leave and arrive in the United States from a present ship-board assignment.

Jerry Williams On Kitty Hawk

S-A Jerry D. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Williams, was recently assigned to the U.S. Aircraft Carrier Kitty Hawk, now in Subic Bay in the Philippines.

A news release, appearing in the Abilene Reporter-News, announced that a fire broke out Monday, Dec. 18 on the Kitty Hawk, "but was quickly brought under control."

Six serious cases of smoke inhalation were reported, but Mr. Williams said that since they had received no word concerning this, they assumed that their son was all right.

The Williams' also have another son in the service. He is 2nd Lt. Donald Wayne Williams, and is stationed with the Army Signal Corps in Germany.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus:
I am glad that you have sent me all those gifts. I will appreciate some this year. I want a Baby First Step. That's all I have to say.

Love,
JANIE LINDSEY

Dear Santa:
I want a Tearful - Tearful (editors note: just in case you don't know, be assured that Santa will, that this young lady wants a Cheerful - Tearful doll) for Christmas.

And bring Scottie, my little brother, a wagon and a car.

I love you very much,
KRISTI ALVES

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl almost four years old. Will you please bring me a Baby - Tubsy doll and a tractor. I would like a Play House and please fill my sock with goodies.

I love you,
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It's time for us to chime in with best wishes for your merriest Christmas ever! Happy holidays!

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By ARNEAL SCOTT

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We pay tribute to Houston Tiner, C. C. Jacobs, J. G. Wilkes, Morris Smith, A. G. and Robert Stephens, A. E. Hohertz, Joe McDuff, Kenneth Duncan, R. L. Dudley, W. J. McNeill, L. G. Rhodes, Tom Fussell, W. A. Daniels and Comer Haynes as outstanding land and water conservationists in the Merkel area. Their goals are to hold that raindrop where it falls and grow grass instead of brush. This foresight will help our younger generations enjoy plentiful times as we have.

Conservation is emphasized in the Bible and it is specified that man should be a Steward of the Soil. Dr. W. C. Lauder milk, past assistant chief of the Soil Conservation Service presented a talk during 1939 in Jerusalem. It was later referred to as an "Eleventh Commandment," as follows:

Thou shalt inherit the Holy Earth as a faithful Steward, conserving its resources and productivity from generation to generation. Thou shalt safeguard thy

fields from soil erosion, thy living waters from drying up, thy forests from desolation, and protect the hills from overgrazing by thy herds, that thy descendants may have abundance for ever. If any shall fail in this stewardship of the land, thy fruitful fields shall become sterile stony ground and wasting gullies, and thy descendants shall decrease and live in poverty or perish from off the face of the earth.

The Abilene Work Unit Staff of the Soil Conservation Service join together in wishing you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

ARNEAL SCOTT — Work Unit Conservationist
CHARLES K. BLACK — Soil Conservationist
DOUGLAS V. SELLERS — Range Conservationist
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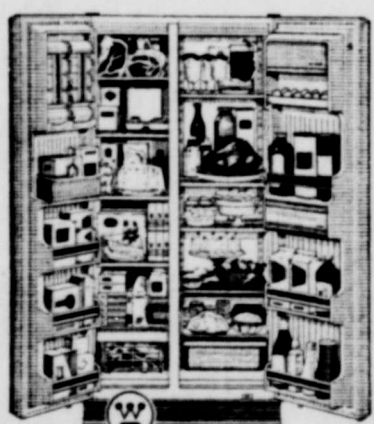
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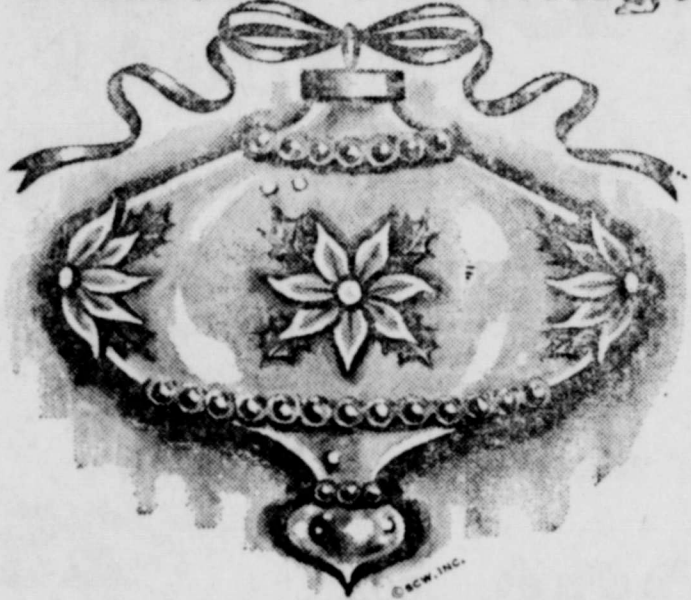
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NO. 6275
R. L. YOUNG INSURANCE
VS.
WOODROW GIBSON
IN THE COUNTY COURT
AT LAW
OF
TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, by virtue of an execution issued out of the County Court at Law, Taylor County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in

said Court on the 17th day of October, 1967, in favor of the said R. L. Young Insurance and against the said Woodrow Gibson, No. 6275 on the docket of said Court, I did, on the 20th day of November, 1967, at 10:20 o'clock A.M., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, and belonging to the said Woodrow Gibson, to-wit:

Lot No. Sixteen (16), Block No. Two (2), J. B. Collins Subdivision of part of Block No. 23, North Park Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas;

and on the 2nd day of January, 1968, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., on said day, at the Courthouse door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Woodrow Gibson in and to said property.

Dated at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 20th day of November, 1967.

s—JOHN W. THOMAS
Constable, Taylor County, Texas
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